

# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT of the Town of NEWCASTLE, MAINE

July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018 Financial Reports  
June 2019 Annual Town Meeting Warrant



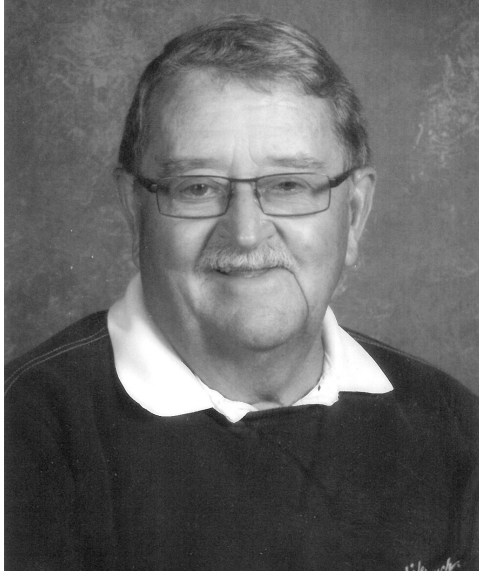
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## Dedication



**Allen Ray**

Though born in New Gloucester, more than fifty years ago Allen moved to Newcastle to raise his family and volunteer for numerous local organizations.

Prior to Allen's arrival in Newcastle, he served two years in the U.S. Army, and we thank Allen for his service to our country. Following Allen's stint in the military, he spent most of his career working for Nash Telephone Company and CONTEL of Maine, both located in Damariscotta.

Allen served as a coach and treasurer for our local Little League for 23 years. He volunteered for Lifeline of Lincoln County installing medical alert systems for 18 years. He is a past President of the Damariscotta Region Chamber of Commerce.

Allen is a Mason and honorary member of the Newcastle / Damariscotta Rotary Club.

He currently serves as a trustee for the Great Salt Bay Sanitary

District, is a long standing member of the Newcastle Veterans Memorial Park Committee and has voluntarily mowed the park since its inception. He has volunteered as a Ballot Clerk for the town for many of our elections.

Even his hobbies show his passion for giving to our community. He loves to build doll houses and the furniture for them. The majority of these homes and furniture are happily donated to Great Salt Bay School for their fund raising efforts. Did we mention that Allen also drives a school bus for GSB and has since he retired some 20 odd years ago?

Dedicating this year's Town Report to Allen is just one way that we are able to show our appreciation to all of his selfless giving to this great community throughout his entire life.

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 Salt Bay, Mills Road, Newcastle*

# Directory of Municipal Officials

## Selectmen and Tax Assessors

	<u>Term Expires</u>
R. Benjamin Frey, Chair, Board of Assessors	2020
Christopher Doherty, Vice Chair, Board of Assessors	2021
Brian Foote, Chair, Board of Selectmen	2019
Carolyn Hatch, Vice Chair, Board of Selectmen	2020
Joel Lind	2021

## Municipal Officials

<b>Town Administrator / Treasurer:</b>	Jonathan Duke
<b>Town Clerk / Tax Collector / Deputy Treasurer / Registrar of Voters / GA Administrator:</b>	Michelle Cameron
<b>Deputy Clerk / Deputy Tax Collector / Deputy Registrar of Voters:</b>	Cheryl "Shelly" Clifford
<b>Board Secretary – Appeals, Planning Board &amp; Design Review:</b>	Marion Mundy
<b>Animal Control Officer:</b>	Lincoln Co. Sheriff's Office
<b>Assessor's Agent:</b>	James Murphy, Jr.
<b>CLC Ambulance Service Representative:</b>	Scott Shott
<b>Code Enforcement Officer / Local Plumbing Inspector:</b>	Ken Vinal
<b>Constable:</b>	Mark Doe
<b>Emergency Management Director:</b>	James Kaler, Jr.
<b>Fire Chief / Fire Warden:</b>	Clayton Huntley
<b>Deputy Fire Warden:</b>	Robert Hatch
<b>Deputy Fire Warden:</b>	Casey Stevens
<b>Harbor Master:</b>	Paul Bryant
<b>Health Officer:</b>	John M. Dickens, MD
<b>Road Commissioner:</b>	Seth Hagar
<b>Shellfish Warden:</b>	Lincoln Co. Sheriff's Office

## Town Boards and Committees

<b>Appeals Board:</b>			
Louis Rector	2019	Scott Brooke	2021
Lydia Crafts	2020	Kensell Krah	2019
Wanda Wilcox	2020	Stephanie Stephensen	2021

**Ballot Clerks - Appointed to Serve 2017-2019**

\*(R=Republican; D=Democrat; G=Green; U=Unenrolled)

Carole Brinkler (R)	Cyndi Brinkler (D)	Scott Brooke (D)
Allen T. Milligan (R)	Nathaniel Bryant (U)	Lynne Campbell (R)
Celeste Carey (D)	Christiana A. Poole (R)	Arlene Cole (R)
Cheryl Crummett (R)	Laura Devin (D)	Lorraine Anderson (D)
Rachel Gallagher (U)	Susan Glueck (R)	Carol Hartman (D)
Margaret B. Padgett (R)	Calvert Hurdle (R)	Charles May (D)
Dorothy Peters (U)	Bonnie Stone (D)	Melanie Tilton (R)
Stephen Ward (D)		

**Design Review Committee:**

Sheepscot Village Representative	Nancy Bagley	2019
Architecture Representative / Chair	Tor Glendinning	2019
Damariscotta Mills Representative / V. Chair	Sharon Morrill	2019
Historical Society Representative	Christopher Rice	2019
Village Center Representative	Deborah Poor	2019
Alternate	2 Vacancies	2019

**Finance Committee:**

Vice Chair	Carole Brinkler	2019
Secretary	Eva Frey	2021
Member	Brian Manns	2019
Member	Louis Rector	2019
Member	3 Vacancies	2019

**Fish Ladder/Alewives Committee Representative:**

James Brinkler 2019

**Great Salt Bay Sanitary District Trustees:**Allan H. Ray 2021  
Clayton Huntley 2019**Harriett Gertrude Bird Playground Committee:**

Chair	Edna Verney	2020
Member	Carol Juchnik	2020
Member	James Mercer	2020
Member	David O'Neal	2020
Member	Christine Wajer	2020

**Damariscotta-Newcastle Harbor Committee:**

Damariscotta Representative	Paul Bryant (Harbor Master)	2019
Newcastle Representative	David Lawrence	2020
Newcastle Representative	Eric Peters	2020
Newcastle Representative	Gisela Heimsath-Rhodes	2019
Damariscotta Representative	Bernie Delisle	2021
Damariscotta Representative	Michael Herz	2020
	(Chair/Deputy Harbor Master)	
Damariscotta Representative	Steven Hufnagel	2019

**Newcastle Historical Society – Selectmen Appointee:**

Arlene Cole 2018

**L. C. Regional Planning Committee Representatives:**

Mal Carey  
George Parker

**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	Lynne Norris
Wanda Wilcox		

**Newcastle Veterans Memorial Park Committee:**

Ellen McFarland, Chair	Betsy Evans	Calvert Hurdle
Jennifer Mitkus	Allan Ray	

**Planning Board:**

Chair	Bonnie Stone	2020
Vice Chair	Rem Briggs	2019
Member	James Brinkler	2019
Member	Nicholas Buck	2019
Member	David Hewitt	2021
Alternate	David Bailey	2020
Alternate	Peter McNaughton	2020
Alternate (1)	Vacancy	2019

**School Committee:**

Member	Joshua Jacobs	2021
Member	Mark Doe	2020
Member	Stephanie Nelson	2019



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## Board of Selectmen

This has been a challenging year for the Town. Following last year's delightfully concise annual Town Meeting where we approved a budget that retired most of the Town's debt, the Board of Selectmen was able to lower the MIL rate for the first time in several years. However, staffing issues in several key town positions, as well as the lack of a complete staff, have made it a difficult year in general.

Following the departure of our Road Commissioner shortly after town meeting, the Selectmen appointed the Town Administrator as interim Road Commissioner and spent several months debating options for how to fill the vacancy. Eventually, and after extensive consideration, the Selectmen appointed Seth Hagar as the town's Road Commissioner and began developing a Roads Maintenance and Capital Roads Improvement program which will be presented at this year's town meeting.

The town office has been operating on a skeleton crew for more than a year. Twice in the past year we have advertised and reviewed applicants for a Deputy Clerk position. We have been unsuccessful hiring anyone for the position, which has led to difficulty maintaining office hours, especially when either the Town Clerk or Deputy Clerk need to attend regular, mandatory, offsite training. Additionally, it has been particularly difficult to provide adequate coverage for town operations in the event of employee sickness or vacation.

Recently, the Selectmen accepted the resignation of the Town Clerk, a process which placed enormous stress on the Deputy Clerk. The Board of Selectmen would like to recognize, with appreciation and gratitude, the dedication, hard work, and long hours that our Deputy, Shelly Clifford, has given in service to Newcastle. Additionally, our thanks to our neighboring towns for all their support during this time.

In April, the Town Administrator, at the direction of the Selectmen, began the search for a new Town Clerk. In May the Selectmen hired Michelle Cameron. Michelle has many years'

experience as a Town Clerk and we are both honored and excited to welcome her to Newcastle.

This past November the town voted against the adoption of the proposed Character Code that the Newcastle Land Planning Committee had been working on for several years. The need for a better zoning ordinance is still present, and the Selectmen have held several workshops to discuss options for how to proceed, however, no decisions have been reached.

Last year at Town Meeting the Selectmen asked for the authority to seek a bond for one million dollars to address road conditions on Academy Hill and North Newcastle roads. However, due to several circumstances, the work was not done, and the bond was not taken. In retrospect, this is perhaps fortuitous as the proposed work plan for Academy Hill in particular, was not adequate to address the rapidly deteriorating condition of the road subsurface or drainage systems. A more comprehensive reconstruction approach will be proposed this year at Town Meeting.

Lastly, the town achieved a major financial goal this year. The past decade of budget planning has to a great degree been fixed on holding back as much as possible an increased tax burden while attempting to rebuild the town's unassigned fund balance, or 'general fund,' to recommended levels after depleting it entirely. This year we have reached the goal of having an audited unassigned fund balance of 1.14 million dollars, exceeding the minimum levels for healthy town operations. Years of dedication to conservative budgeting, minimal spending, and effective revenue management have paid off, and will afford the town greater options and flexibility in the future when considering budgets, maintenance, and infrastructure investments.

NEWCASTLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

## Town Administrator's Report

It has been a challenging year for the Town of Newcastle as we've set our eyes on larger items in the year to come. The November defeat at the polls of the new land use code and the passage of the comprehensive plan in June have put the community in an interesting position as it determines a direction for land use. The Board of Selectmen has been actively attempting to hear the concerns of all sides of this discussion, but there are a wide variety of opinions. There are, however, a series of broad-based goals that supporters and opponents of the November proposal can agree to. I trust our residents will choose a path which builds upon these areas of support and move our community forward.

Secondly, the Town has welcomed two new faces in Road Commissioner Seth Hagar and Town Clerk Michelle Cameron. Seth has worked with our residents for years, and the Board of Selectmen hoped to tap into Seth's experience and vast knowledge to assist the community in maintaining our roads. As you'll notice on this year's annual town meeting warrant, the Selectmen and the Road Commissioner have set a bold course for improving Academy Hill and North Newcastle roads while establishing a construction plan for the town's entire road system. The plan will require the entire community to weigh in and support, but for a community with nearly double number of roads of Damariscotta and 50% more than Nobleboro, investing in Newcastle's roads is a necessity.

Not to be left out, we recently welcomed Michelle Cameron into the Town Office as our new town clerk. Many of you may be familiar with Michelle as she grew up locally and worked in the Nobleboro and Damariscotta town offices. Michelle's knowledge and cheerful disposition will be a great asset to our community, and I invite all of you stop into the office and introduce yourselves.

Lastly, we have a series of vacancies on Town boards and committees and likely even more vacancies with a few new committees which will be established this summer. Please consider putting your name forward and getting involved with Town

government. More voices of varied backgrounds can only improve the results for the community, at large. Feel free to stop by the office any time and we can work together to find a spot where you can give back to your hometown.

JONATHAN DUKE  
Town Administrator

# Annual Town Meeting Warrant and Secret Ballot Election

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

and

Monday, June 17, 2019

To Mark Doe, a resident for the Town of Newcastle, in the County of Lincoln, 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 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 11th day of June, A.D. 2019 at 8:00 am, then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Articles 2 through 4 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. One (1) Selectman/Assessor and Overseer 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?

### **OPEN TOWN MEETING**

**Monday, June 17, 2019 7:00 pm**

For Fiscal Year 2020: July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Lincoln Academy Dining Commons in said town on Monday, the 17th day of June, 2019 A.D., at 7:00 in the evening, then and there to act on Articles 5 through 29 as set out below, to wit:

**ARTICLE 5:** Shall the town utilize remote electronic keypad voting as the method of voting for all articles at this Town meeting, the June 11, 2019, Annual Town Meeting?

**ARTICLE 6:** Shall the Town direct the Board of Selectmen to raise and appropriate two million dollars through a line of credit in Fiscal Year 2020 to enable the maintenance and reconstruction of portions of 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 7:** Shall the town raise & appropriate for Administration & Operations as follows:

<b>Admin &amp; Operations</b>		<b>FY18 Actual</b>	<b>FY19 Budget</b>	<b>FY 20 Selectmen</b>
1	Board of Selectmen	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
2	Board of Selectmen Recording Secretary	537.00	0.00	1,200.00
3	Town Administrator & Treasurer	59,638.25	62,062.52	80,000.00
4	Town Clerk & Registrar & Tax Collector	47,231.25	48,898.22	55,000.00
5	Full-Time Deputy	32,576.01	35,349.60	42,848.00
6	Part-Time Deputy	0.00	21,450.00	41,600.00
7	Election Workers	979.00	800.00	800.00
8	Recording Secretary	806.38	0.00	0.00
9	Overtime Compensation	583.34	1,000.00	1,000.00
	<b>Salaries Subtotal</b>	<b>157,351.23</b>	<b>184,560.34</b>	<b>237,448.00</b>
10	Health Insurance	19,065.86	41,300.20	47,164.00
11	Retirement	1,807.65	1,861.88	22,822.00
12	Short Term Disability	1,526.63	2,100.00	2,000.00
13	FICA (SS &) Medicare	18,392.55	26,000.00	23,000.00
14	Property Casualty Liability Insurance	19,213.00	23,000.00	23,000.00
15	Unemployment	354.15	1,808.00	1,250.00
16	Workers Compensation	12,344.85	10,000.00	6,579.00
	<b>Insurance and Benefits Subtotal</b>	<b>72,704.69</b>	<b>106,070.08</b>	<b>125,815.00</b>
17	Assessors Agent	17,940.00	18,330.00	19,700.00
18	Legal Fees	23,000.00	23,000.00	23,000.00
19	Payroll Company	1,931.88	2,388.00	2,349.00
20	Audit Services	5,700.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
	<b>Contracted Service Subtotal</b>	<b>48,571.88</b>	<b>49,718.00</b>	<b>51,049.00</b>
21	MMA Annual Dues	3,199.00	3,343.00	3,443.29
22	Postage & Envelopes	5,062.98	3,785.00	3,858.75
23	Election Supplies	859.73	700.00	770.00

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24	Computer Support	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
25	Computer Hardware	2,643.07	500.00	500.00
26	Computer Software	14,947.04	18,222.00	15,812.00
27	Website	731.62	850.00	850.00
28	Tax Maps	3,350.00	4,289.00	4,300.00
29	Town Report	2,488.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
30	Records Restoration	2,402.00	2,550.00	2,550.00
31	Advertising	420.01	2,500.00	2,000.00
32	Mileage	882.94	2,000.00	2,000.00
33	Professional Development & Fees	1,536.57	3,400.00	3,400.00
34	Registry of Deeds Recordings & Printings	1,634.00	3,800.00	3,800.00
35	Office & Other Supplies	6,678.12	7,000.00	7,000.00
36	Copier/Printer Lease & Supplies	415.58	3,930.00	3,930.00
	<b>Administration, Supplies and Equipment Subtotal</b>	<b>47,250.66</b>	<b>60,369.00</b>	<b>57,714.04</b>
37	Town Office – Heating Fuel	1,655.79	2,500.00	2,000.00
38	Town Office – Electricity	1,658.90	1,854.00	1,854.00
39	Town Office – Water & Sewer	658.85	774.00	1,000.00
40	Town Office – Maintenance & Repairs	1,646.95	3,500.00	3,500.00
41	Town Office – Telephone	1,878.21	2,300.00	2,300.00
42	Town Office - Janitorial	3,281.54	3,200.00	3,300.00
43	Harriet Bird Clubhouse – Heating Fuel	0.00	700.00	700.00
44	Harriet Bird Clubhouse – Electricity	313.33	464.00	464.00
45	Harriet Bird Clubhouse – Maintenance & Repairs	2,907.21	1,750.00	1,750.00
46	Cemeteries - Maintenance	400.00	1,000.00	2,500.00
47	Cemeteries - Mowing	13,080.00	12,500.00	12,000.00
48	Veteran’s Park Maintenance	504.83	600.00	700.00
	<b>Building and Grounds Maintenance Subtotal</b>	<b>27,985.61</b>	<b>31,142.00</b>	<b>32,068.00</b>
49	Miscellaneous	0.00	0	0
50	Abatements	5,201.88	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>359,065.95</b>	<b>431,859.42</b>	<b>504,094.04</b>

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

Public Services		FY18 Actual	FY19 Budget	FY 20 Selectmen
1	CEO/LPI Compensation	10,017.30	15,000.00	15,450.00
2	CEO Cell Phone	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	CEO Mileage	882.94	0.00	0.00
4	Development Administrator	0.00	3,000.00	0.00
5	Planning Consultation	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
6	NLPC	20,506.96	0.00	0.00
7	Planning Board	87.50	1,000.00	1,000.00
8	Design Review Committee	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>Planning and Development Subtotal</b>	<b>31,494.70</b>	<b>19,000.00</b>	<b>18,450.00</b>
9	Solid Waste Disposal	93,200.46	91,884.00	91,884.00
10	Septic Waste Disposal	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,300.00
11	General Assistance	1,382.89	3,000.00	3,000.00
	<b>Services Subtotal</b>	<b>96,883.35</b>	<b>97,184.00</b>	<b>97,184.00</b>
12	American Legion	450.00	450.00	450.00
13	CLC YMCA	0.00	0.00	0.00
14	Coastal Kids	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
15	Midcoast Conservancy	3,000.00	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	5,205.00	5,205.00
19	Maine Public Broadcasting	100.00	100.00	100.00
20	Midcoast ME Community Action	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
21	New Hope for Women	830.00	830.00	830.00
22	Skidompha Library	18,641.00	18,641.00	27,612.00
23	Spectrum Generations	1,756.00	1,756.00	1,756.00
24	Adult Education	6,402.00	6,402.00	6,595.39
	<b>Provider Agency Subtotal</b>	<b>34,887.00</b>	<b>35,582.00</b>	<b>51,148.39</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>163,265.05</b>	<b>151,766.00</b>	<b>166,782.39</b>

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

Public Safety		FY18 Actual	FY19 Budget	FY 20
1	Fire Chief	47,173.58	48,898.22	50,365.17
2	Fire Department Officers	3,069.00	3,460.00	3,460.00
3	Firemen	12,110.00	15,100.00	16,950.00
4	Phones	2,502.08	2,300.00	2,300.00
	Dues	0.00	0.00	850.00
5	S.C.B.A	4,837.96	4,290.00	6,290.00
6	Communications	2,494.72	3,200.00	3,200.00
7	Training	3,154.27	3,000.00	2,000.00
8	Dry Hydrant	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	New Equipment	6,010.64	5,000.00	6,000.00
10	Equipment & Vehicle Maintenance	10,013.31	11,356.00	11,356.00
11	PPE - Turn Out Gear	4,267.75	4,500.00	6,500.00
12	Administration & Office Supplies	4,715.29	4,560.00	3,560.00
13	Vehicles Gas & Oil	5,014.34	7,000.00	6,000.00
14	Fire Station – Heating Fuel	4,662.88	5,500.00	5,000.00
15	Fire Station – Electricity	1,864.56	2,500.00	2,200.00
16	Fire Station – Water & Sewer	495.69	1,000.00	1,000.00
17	Fire Station – Maintenance & Repairs	12,158.28	4,000.00	4,000.00
18	Fire Station - Community Room Janitorial	1,077.35	750.00	750.00
19	Sheepscot Fire Station – Heating Fuel	321.89	920.00	1,000.00
20	Sheepscot Fire Station – Electricity	430.20	450.00	450.00
21	Sheepscot Fire Station – Maintenance & Repairs	1,077.35	1,000.00	1,000.00
	<b>Fire Department Subtotal</b>	<b>127,451.14</b>	<b>128,784.22</b>	<b>134,231.17</b>
22	Hydrants	48,313.22	48,660.00	48,660.00
23	Street Lights	6,978.60	7,000.00	7,500.00
24	Traffic Lights	244.96	400.00	400.00
	<b>Infrastructure Subtotal</b>	<b>55,536.78</b>	<b>56,060.00</b>	<b>56,560.00</b>

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25	Ambulance Services	4,420.00	4,653.00	15,000.00
26	Animal Control Services	2,664.64	5,000.00	5,000.00
27	Lincoln County Animal Shelter	1,752.00	1,752.00	1,752.00
28	Wild Animal Control Officer	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>Contracted Services</b>	<b>8,836.64</b>	<b>16,405.00</b>	<b>21,752.00</b>
29	EMA Director	850.00	850.00	850.00
30	Health Officer	100.00	100.00	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>192,774.56</b>	<b>202,199.22</b>	<b>213,493.17</b>

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

<b>Public Works</b>		<b>FY18 Actual</b>	<b>FY19 Budget</b>	<b>FY 20 Selectmen</b>
1	Road Commissioner	33,100.08	35,000.00	0.00
2	Training	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Cell phone	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Mills Road Electricity	445.04	600.00	600.00
	<b>Operations Subtotal</b>	<b>33,545.12</b>	<b>35,600.00</b>	<b>600.00</b>
5	Snow Removal Contract – Roads	242,133.43	252,833.65	265,500.00
6	Snow Removal Contract – Main Street & Downtown	45,620.02	56,000.00	52,686.00
7	Snow Removal Contract Bond	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>Snow Removal Subtotal</b>	<b>287,753.45</b>	<b>308,833.65</b>	<b>318,186.00</b>
8	Winter Salt	55,867.50	35,000.00	84,000.00
9	Cold Patch	616.20	1,500.00	1,500.00
	<b>Winter Maintenance Materials</b>	<b>56,483.70</b>	<b>36,500.00</b>	<b>85,500.00</b>
10	Road Gravel	610.00	7,500.00	8,750.00
11	Grading	21,359.43	17,500.00	29,500.00
12	Roadside Mowing	1,880.00	2,750.00	3,900.00
13	Catch Basin Cleaning	0.00	2,500.00	4,000.00
14	Catch Basin Repair	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
15	Line Striping	5,311.08	4,000.00	4,000.00

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16	Street Sweeping	5,891.52	5,250.00	5,500.00
	<b>Spring Maintenance Materials</b>	<b>35,052.03</b>	<b>40,500.00</b>	<b>55,650.00</b>
17	Tree Work	28,080.00	24,000.00	17,050.00
18	Culverts	483.84	2,000.00	7,100.00
19	General Contractor	49,510.61	50,000.00	95,000.00
20	Technical Assistance	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
21	Public Landing	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>Year Round Maintenance Subtotal</b>	<b>78,074.45</b>	<b>77,000.00</b>	<b>119,150.00</b>
22	E911 Street Signs	299.19	500.00	0.00
23	Traffic Signs	70.40	500.00	2,000.00
24	Roadside American Flags	0.00	280.00	0.00
	<b>Signage and Flag Subtotal</b>	<b>369.59</b>	<b>1,280.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>337,620.25</b>	<b>500,213.65</b>	<b>581,086.00</b>

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

<b>Reserves</b>		<b>FY18 Actual</b>	<b>FY19 Budget</b>	<b>FY 20 Selectmen</b>
1	Harriet Bird Clubhouse	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
2	Veteran's Park	250.00	250.00	1,250.00
3	Highway Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Roads Capital Projects	100,000.00	127,600.00	530,000.00
5	Computer Reserve	8,200.00	6,500.00	2,000.00
6	Municipal Building Reserve	30,000.00	0.00	0.00
7	Revaluation Reserve	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>139,950.00</b>	<b>155,850.00</b>	<b>554,750.00</b>

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

Debt Service		FY18 Actual	FY19 Budget	FY 20 Selectmen
1	Loan Payment – Lynch Road Project	97,251.21	0.00	0.00
2	Loan Payment – Fire Truck	27,083.04	27,084.00	27,084.00
3	Loan Payment – Town Office	54,692.56	0.00	0.00
4	Loan Payment - AH Road Project	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>179,026.81</b>	<b>27,084.00</b>	<b>27,084.00</b>

**ARTICLE 13:** Shall the Town transfer all funds from the Highway Equipment reserve fund, totaling \$26,010, to the Roads Capital Projects reserve account?

**ARTICLE 14:** Shall the Town transfer \$106,000 from the unassigned fund balance to the Roads Capital Projects reserve account?

**ARTICLE 15:** 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 16:** 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, 2019 to June 30, 2020 or act on anything relative thereto?

**ARTICLE 17:** 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 18:** 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 19:** 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 20:** Shall the town allow the Selectmen to establish the dates on which this year's taxes shall be due and payable?

**ARTICLE 21:** Shall the town instruct the tax collector to charge interest at the rate of 6 % 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, 2019 and have made all payments on time and to date?

**ARTICLE 22:** Shall the town authorize the selectmen to fund abatements by expending overlay, and in the event the overlay is depleted, authorize funding abatements through the unassigned fund balance?

**ARTICLE 23:** Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into multi-year contracts on behalf of the Town?

**ARTICLE 24:** 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 25:** 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 26:** 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 27:** 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?

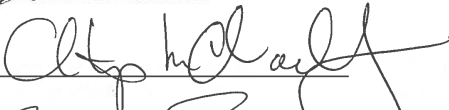
**ARTICLE 28:** Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish and appoint the members of standing and/or ad hoc committees of the Board of Selectmen to advise the Board regarding the administration and operations of the town government?

**ARTICLE 29:** Shall the Town authorize the selectmen to reduce the total amount of taxes to be collected by the FY 2020 total amount of estimated revenue (TBD) including use of surplus.

Given under our hands at Newcastle, Maine this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019.

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:   
Shelly Clifford, Town Clerk



## Assessors

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

Last year I mentioned that the town-wide revaluation had been approved and was under way. What is happening, you ask? Right now, I am prepping the process. The entire town has had property cards (1,200 plus) printed and are being put in inspection order by street and number. That will be the pattern of the operation. Once the on-site front photo is taken and data updated, I will be sending a property card to everyone property owner in town. That could be a year from now.

Once you have a property card, I will ask that you check the data. Historically in other projects the return correction rate is about 5%. Not too bad.

Once that process is completed, I will be sending out new valuations with a deadline for information to be returned. This will be a second opportunity for corrections of any factual errors. This could be completed in the spring of 2021 if all goes to plan.

I plan to use market data up to that point. We will see. The market is a liquid measure and I intend to use the best data possible, as reasonable.

Some general questions include what happens if the Newcastle Land Use code changes. For this purpose, any new land use code will likely have no effect generally. There might be some specific issues. Why no impact? The market will need a number of years, perhaps a decade or more to react, if at all, to zoning changes.

If data presents itself that, let's say, due to a code change, that only 100,000 square foot houses are allowed within 100 feet of Route 1 on the North side, I would expect that there would be few buyers willing to pay for that kind of restrictive use. Market value might be \$12.95 per lot. It is an extreme example, but it might take a long-term market observation to conclude a market impact from a code change.

My point is this. Land use code change, if not dramatic, is a long-

term measure. The market will have little measurable reaction in the short term.

Lastly, is safety, yours and mine. I will always wear a reflective vest and myself or someone working for me will always (almost always) have your property record card with them. If at any time you don't think this is the case, please call 911. I will not leave your property if I know law enforcement is on their way. Bad guys will leave.

I have lots of very good reasons to be at your property including this revaluation and more than likely for a building permit review or a recent sale of the property. I have inspecting properties for either assessing or appraisal purposes for over 30 years.

I knock on doors, look for dogs and try to inspect between the hours of 9 am and 3 pm. I avoid buses and when kids might be home. All for your safety and mine. I look the part of an official on official business. I complete the inspection in the most minimal manner to achieve the best result needed for a competent valuation. Your privacy is important to me. Please keep that in mind when the tax man commeth!!!

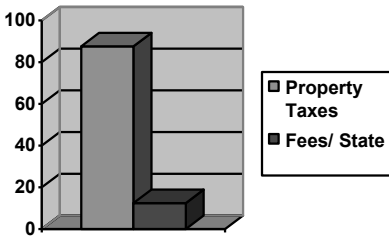
The Maine Homestead Exemption is available by application for those who qualify. Applications are available at the town office or on line through the state web site. Also available is the Veterans Exemption, Blind Exemption and other programs that can assist at the town and state level. Please call me 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](mailto:newcastleassess@roadrunner.com).

ASSESSMENT STATISTICS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

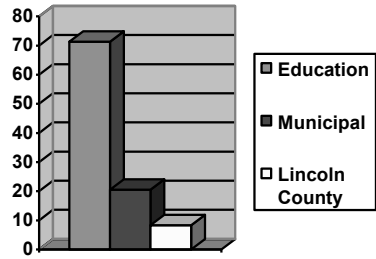
Total Taxable Valuation-Real Estate	\$ 254,410,100
Total Taxable Valuation-Personal Property	<u>1,556,100</u>
Total Taxable Valuation	\$ 255,966,200
2018-2019 Homestead Exemption Valuation	\$ 10,334,100
2017-2018 Homestead Exemption Valuation	\$ 10,454,100
2016-2017 Homestead Exemption Valuation	\$ 7,466,850

Commitment Date	July 24, 2018
Last day to appeal valuation	January 25, 2019
Tax (Mill) Rate	\$17.90 per \$1,000 of taxable value
2018-2019 Taxes to be raised	\$ 4,581,794.98
2017-2018 Taxes to be raised	\$ 4,602,071.32
2016-2017 Taxes to be raised	\$ 4,602,104.71

MUNICIPAL REVENUES



Revenue received from....	
Property Taxes	87.6%
Other Fees/State	12.4%



And Expenses for.....	
Education	71.3%
Municipal	20.4%
County	8.3%

## Road Commissioner

To the citizens of Newcastle,

It is with great pleasure that I present to the citizens of Newcastle the annual Road Commissioner report for this past year. Prior to getting into specifics and details of the accomplishments of the year, I would like to take this time to formally introduce myself and express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve all the taxpayers of Newcastle as your Road Commissioner. My name is Seth Hagar; I am a lifelong resident and community member of the mid-coast region being born and raised in Damariscotta. Currently my family and I reside in Damariscotta, where we enjoy all that this beautiful region has to offer. I am a graduate of Lincoln Academy, moving on to Southern Maine Technical College where I earned an Associate degree in Fire Science. I furthered my education by continuing to the University of Southern Maine where I earned my BS in applied technical leadership. I have over 25 years of experience in building and maintaining roads, serving as the general contractor and sub-contractor on multiple projects of varying sizes and complexity throughout the region and earning multiple credentials, including NETCP certifications for quality control, HMA paving inspector, erosion control, traffic control and numerous others. I hope to put my knowledge to use and utilize my experience to help guide the Town of Newcastle through the challenges of roadway infrastructure needs and development.

This past year was one of significant accomplishment as the Town moves forward in its efforts to correct some major infrastructure needs. Most notably the correction of a significant drainage problem on Glidden St. was accomplished. This project was engineered to allow for future road construction on Glidden St. and planning for future drainage needs was also accomplished at the same time the area was being repaired. This repair has been a long-standing goal, now realized; we have paved the way for future repairs in the downtown district.

It was a goal of the Town to reconstruct Academy Hill Road, as

many will recall authorization was given last year at Town meeting to begin this process and that goal has taken many steps to becoming fulfilled. Academy Hill is one of the busiest roads in Town, serving a large commuter population in addition to the needs of Lincoln Academy. Gartley & Dorsky, a local engineering firm, has been hired to complete a survey and develop a plan through community-based input. Currently the survey portion of the work is nearly complete and conceptual plans are being drawn with them slated to be produced for the end of May at the last community-based meeting. Construction of this project is scheduled for late summer, early fall of 2019. All community and citizen involvement is encouraged in the project.

Construction of a salt building was undertaken and completed. This shed allows for the storage of salt, which has made the town compliant with state regulations along with providing an enhanced winter service to the motoring public. New lighting was installed on the sand pile site to provide a safer and more efficient use of the location. Salt application on all major commute roads at appropriate times and rates has dramatically improved the driving conditions during the winter months.

Annual activities such as sweeping, catch basin cleaning, crack filling and striping are all currently in the process of being completed or scheduled to be completed in the near future. Road grading of all dirt roads is currently performed once a year; I hope to perform this twice a year in the future as this goal has been implemented in the upcoming budget. Many dirt roads in the town receive substantial traffic and our goal is to achieve a more consistent crown to achieve proper water shed with the additional grading.

Without question positive strides are being taken to establish a work plan that will yield positive results. As illustrated above many large steps have been taken and they have established a path for many more to be taken over the next year. I look forward to continuing to realize these aggressive, yet positive goals, settling into the program and working with staff to deliver the most effective service possible.

Respectfully,  
SETH HAGAR  
Road Commissioner

# Tax Collector's Report

## UNPAID 2018 TAXES — 5/1/2019

Name	Amt. Due	Name	Amt. Due
11 HILLCREST, LLC	1,561.77	CURLEWIS, IAN	1,052.32
AL-CHOKHACY, CAROLYN,TTEE	4.96	CURLEWIS, IAN	1,043.57
ALDEN, RAYMOND SR	2,561.49	CURLEWIS, IAN	1,010.80
ANDERSON, DENNIS & CHRISTINE	3,567.72	CURLEWIS, IAN	1,010.80
ANDERSON, LESTER A SR	1,374.72	CURLEWIS, IAN	1,002.40
BAILEY, DESIREE	46.15	CURLEWIS, IAN	530.67
BARSTOW, CHRISTOPHER R	2,909.64	CURLEWIS, IAN	530.67
BATES, ANNE CHOW	1,270.09	CURLEWIS, IAN	526.26
BEAVIS, ERIC A	813.55	CUSHING, KERRY A	3,456.49
BENNER, NORNAN & ANN	1,316.24	DAIUTE, JESSE	1,576.99
BERGMAN, LARRY V.; TRUSTEE	1.79	DAIUTE, MARK H	3,368.78
BERKOWITZ, GLEN A	764.34	DAIUTE, MARK H	687.36
BERRY, DONNA	1,179.61	DAMIAN, JOHN G	789.39
BILLINGS, PHYLLIS C.; HEIRS	1,915.30	DAVISON-JENKINS, SARAH; HEIRS	461.82
BILLINGS, STANLEY	1,578.78	DERUITER, NORMAN H., JR.	574.59
BILLINGS, STANLEY C	895.00	DERUITER, NORMAN H., JR.	601.44
BOLINT, SETH S	866.36	DINSMORE, LISA	286.96
BRINKLER, MICHAEL J	3,345.51	DODGE, EDWARD T	412.13
BROOKE, SCOTT B	3,452.91	DOHERTY, CHRISTOPHER C	2,484.52
BROOKS, JOHN E	2,663.52	DRURY, FLORA M	193.32
BROWN, STANLEY R	1,384.56	DUMONT, LAWRENCE JR. & JUDITH M.; TRUSTEES	164.68
BUTTERFIELD, RANDY & HUNT, EBEN	447.50	DUMONT, LAWRENCE JR. & JUDITH M.; TRUSTEES	9.84
CAMPBELL, JOSHUA R	1,233.48	DUMONT, LAWRENCE JR. & JUDITH M.; TRUSTEES	3,106.54
CARLSON, MATTHEW	5,156.26	DUMONT, THEODORE J	3,701.72
CARROLL, JOHN O JR	146.78	DUMONT, THEODORE J	98.45
CARROLL, JOHN O JR	1,107.11	DWYER, GLENN	2,826.41
CARROLL, JOHN O., JR.	1,244.94	E & H BREWER LLC	562.56
CARTER, SHAWN W	1,510.76	EDELSTEIN, MONTE	1,640.53
CARVER, DONNA, PERCIVAL, KRIS &	1,919.77	EDGEComb, VICTOR A	1,648.59
CARVER, ELEANORE	1,574.30	EDGERLY, PETER D.; HEIRS OF	1,414.10
CASH, RICHARD M	293.56	ELIZABETH & COMPANY LLC	2,955.29
CASH, RICHARD M	1,126.80	ESLIN, M; HEIRS OF & NELSON, M. & SMITH, G. ET AL	1,050.73
CHAPMAN, HEATHER	2,740.49	ESTEY, JAMES	2,749.55
CHASE, HOLLY, HEATHER &	346.36	ESTEY, JAMES	701.68
CLAUSON, JOANNE M	1,911.72	FEALY, ROBERT L.; TRUSTEE	468.98
CLAYTER, STEPHANIE L	1,066.84	FERRANTE, DAVID J	1,637.85
COBURN, RUTH &	255.07	FERRANTE, DUANE H	1,159.92
COFFIN, GARRETT S	4,854.48	FLESSER, BRIAN D	2,818.35
CURLEWIS, IAN	1,052.32		

<b>Name</b>	<b>Amt. Due</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Amt. Due</b>
FORD, ROBIN	1,763.15	LEEMAN, DAVID M	1,233.09
FORTIER, BERNICE M.; DEVISEES OF	3,343.72	LEFEBVRE, JOEY	289.98
FOWLER, DOUGLAS	3,628.33	LENZYCKI, PAUL R	550.42
FREEMAN, GEORGE M	588.91	LIBBY, DONDRA (LE)	1,455.27
FREEMAN, GEORGE M. &	6,048.41	LIBBY, ELSIE L	-650.00
FREESE, GEORGE W	1,133.07	LIBBY, HARLOW J JR	1,170.66
FREY, R BENJAMIN	776.02	LIBBY, VIVIAN C	1,571.62
FULLER, JASON W. & CALENDRILLO, TERESA L.	875.64	LIBBY, VIVIAN C (cottage)	5,497.09
FULLER, JASON W. & CALENDRILLO, TERESA L.	13.43	LINDSEY, RICHARD	506.57
GAUDET, LORENZO	3.58	LONDON, KARL L	2,272.40
GLASIER, SUSAN E	1,308.49	LUDWIG, DOUGLAS	3,196.94
GLIDDEN, MARIAN, TRUSTEE	2,123.83	LUDWIG, JANE	466.93
GREGORY, SHAWN S	4,231.56	MADDOX, MATTHEW R	2,914.12
HACKETT, E.A. &	937.96	MCCLURE, JULIA	202.27
HAMLIN, ROBERT	3,689.19	MCFARLAND, HARVEY W	2,015.54
HANLEY, TIMOTHY	707.05	MCGRAW, BOBBI JO	1,200.17
HANSON, MICHAEL E	1,435.58	MCLELLAN, KIMBERLY B	3,207.68
HANSON, MICHAEL E	572.80	MINIHANE, KIRK	9,152.27
HART, WILLIAM	3,243.48	MOORE, LEE A	1,176.30
HASSAN, MILLARD	782.23	MORAN, THERESA M	128.88
HERVOCHON, GEORGE F III	3,696.35	MORGAN, TIMOTHY	3,834.18
HINGSTON, SAMUEL R	4,575.24	MORSE, NAHUM	929.01
HINGSTON, SAMUEL R	1,519.71	MUNROE, WESTLEIGH	2,275.09
HODGKINS, MAXWELL A	500.00	NELSON, BETTY J	1,870.82
HOFFMAN, MARK R	5,112.24	NELSON, JOHN W	291.77
HOFFMAN, MARK R	1,066.84	NEWCASTLE VACATION, LLC	8,805.01
HOLTON, ANN K	14.32	NEWCASTLE VENTURES, LLC	11,389.77
HOMAN, JOHN W	1,619.95	NICKERSON, JEFFERY A	376.49
HOURIHAN, THOMAS J	89.50	NICOLL, GORDON	791.18
HOUSE, VICKIE G, HANNAH H.; TRUSTEES	1,788.21	O.W. HOLMES, INC.	3,667.71
HUNT, ROBERT E	71.60	O'TOOLE, DIANA O	3,272.86
HUNT, ROBERT E. & KENDAL J., TRUSTEES	4,548.39	OUELLETTE, CAROLYN	289.08
HUTCHISON, TAMARA M	4.47	PERCE, ROBERT M III	965.13
JANE, THOMAS C	706.15	PERRELLO, DONALD	1,308.49
JOHNSON, CHARLES R	681.99	PHILBRICK, ALLEN	1,192.14
KELLY, MELISSA J	2,754.81	PHILBRICK, ELAINE B	1,914.40
KING, FRANK P	773.28	PINNACLE INVESTMENT PROPERTIES, INC.	8,805.01
KLEENE, EVAN C	4.88	PLOURDE, ROBERT S	2,947.23
KRUK, LOUISE G	895.00	POPP, STEPHEN J	4,117.00
LANIGAN, CHARLES K	630.08	PRINCE, THOMAS (LE)	614.22
LEE, HENRY G	5,097.92	QUINLAN, ALICE D	928.11
LEE, WHITNEY F	1,537.79	REED, JACKLYN D	439.44
LEE, WHITNEY; TRUSTEE	4,836.58	REED, JACOB S	1,020.23
		SANDNER, JEFFREY R	2.81
		SANDNER, JEFFREY R	447.50
		SEAMAN, MICHAEL J	1,954.68
		SHADIS, PATRICIA V	2,203.49

<b>Name</b>	<b>Amt. Due</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Amt. Due</b>
SIDELINGER, DAVID	690.94	TWIN VILLAGE, LLC.	681.99
SKENE, JR., ALEXANDER J.	1,660.22	UBEROI, LAURA J. H.; TRUSTEE	221.96
SMITH, KIMBERLY	1,983.04	UBEROI, LAURA J. H.; TRUSTEE	1,666.49
SPALDING, CHRISTINE H	341.89	UBEROI, LAURA J. H.; TRUSTEE	16.11
SPEAR, MARISHA	1,043.57	UBEROI, LAURA J. H.; TRUSTEE	613.07
STAFFORD, JOHN	0.07	UPTON, ANNE S	3,028.68
STAFFORD, JOHN P	0.26	UPTON, ANNE S	14.32
STAFFORD, JOHN P	0.24	WALLACE, ROBERT	784.02
STANDARD BOATHOUSE, LLC	1,080.26	WANKMULLER, EILEEN ANN	2,663.52
STEVENS, CASEY T.; TRUSTEE	1,584.15	WATLING, LESLIE &	
STEVENS, THOMAS A	1,627.11	RIESER, ALISON; TRUSTEES	3,022.41
STEVENS, THOMAS A	246.88	WEBBER, DAVID &	3.58
STRAW, LEE R	3,882.51	WILSHIRE, TAYLOR G	502.99
SULLIVAN, SR., JEFFERY S.	318.53	WILSON, ROGER L	1,722.87
SUTHERBURG, TERRANCE J., JR.	644.40	WOLLEN, ROSS	2,649.20
SZCZEPANSKI, JOHN E	467.19	WOOD, ERIC M	1,482.12
TAYLOR, JAMES E	1,612.79	YARMEY, ANN	2,507.79
THAYER, JOSEPH T III	680.20	YEATON, JOAN M	1,295.06
THAYER, JOSEPH T III	3,701.72	ZAHNER, DONNA K	1,745.25
TOZLOSKI, DENNIS C	1,769.41		



**Unpaid 2017 Property Taxes as of 05-01-2019**

ALDEN, RAYMOND SR. & LAURIE	2,404.14	HINGSTON, SAMUEL R. & KIM L.	1,632.84
BERGMAN, LARRY V.; TRUSTEE	62.55	HOFFMAN, MARK R. & JENNIE M.	5,326.76
BERRY, DONNA	1,282.51	HOFFMAN, MARK. R & JENNIE M.	1,159.64
BOLINT, SETH S.	953.08	HOUSE, VICKIE G.	1,063.41
BROOKS, JOHN E. & SUSAN C.	2,811.06	KELLY, MELISSA J.	888.07
CLAYTER, STEPHANIE L	1,159.64	LANIGAN, CHARLES K.	709.73
COFFIN, GARRETT S.	5,067.95	LIBBY, DONDRA (LE)	1,566.46
DAIUTE, MARK H. & SHERYL L.	768.74	LIBBY, VIVIAN C.	1,280.53
DOHERTY, CHRISTOPHER C.	2,626.67	LIBBY, VIVIAN C. (cottage)	5,719.50
DWYER, GLENN	2,978.86	LUDWIG, DOUGLAS	3,358.69
EDGECOMB, VICTOR A. & ANN D.	1,758.90	MCCLURE, JULIA	269.06
EDGERLY, PETER D.; HEIRS OF	1,517.35	MCLELLAN, KIMBERLY B.	3,364.90
ESLIN, M; HEIRS OF & NELSON, M. &	1,143.05	MORSE, NAHUM	1,017.66
SMITH, G. ET AL		MUNROE, WESTLEIGH	2,404.25
FORD, ROBIN & MARK	1,883.60	NICOLL, GORDON & MARY E	875.69
FORTIER, BERNICE M.;		PERRELLO, DONALD	1,415.26
DEWISEES OF	3,505.03	PINNACLE INVESTMENT PROPERTIES, INC.	9,315.02
FOWLER, DOUGLAS & RACHEL	3,804.90	POPP, STEPHEN J.	4,301.57
FREEMAN, GEORGE M. &	6,297.80	SANDNER, JEFFREY R & BRENDA	528.37
FREEMAN, GEORGE M. &	674.04	SPEAR, MARISHA	647.83
BRALOVSKAYA, TATIANA		STEVENS, CASEY T.; TRUSTEE	1,699.22
GLASIER, SUSAN E.	1,415.26	STRAW, LEE R. & SCHILLER, BETH A.	2,621.69
GREGORY, SHAWN S. & NELSON, DERILYN C.	4,414.07	SZCZEPANSKI, JOHN E.	502.02
HACKETT, E.A. &	77.56	TAYLOR, JAMES E.	1,722.02
HAMLYN, ROBERT & DEBORAH E.	2,881.18	THAYER, JOSEPH T. III	768.07
HINGSTON, SAMUEL R. & KIM L.	4,780.30	THAYER, JOSEPH T. III	3,880.50

## Town Clerk

### 2018 Births-Our Newest Residents – 10 recorded births

#### Number and Location of Births

Damariscotta - 4; Brunswick - 5; Augusta - 1

### 2018 MARRIAGES – Our Newest Couples

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date of Marriage</u>
Savage, Carolyn Estelle/West, Ronald Wilson	07/15/2017
Butterfield, Bret Joseph/Woodbury, Megan Elizabeth	07/08/2017
Segerstrom, Hana Leigh/Walton, James Bryson	07/21/2017
Adams, Alison Brewer/Kellogg, Edward Spangler	10/21/2017
McArthur, Shea-Leigh R./Diehl, Ryan Alan	09/16/2017
Sylvester, Jessica Laura/Chadwick, Brian Jon	09/30/2017
Hajduk, Scott Matthew/Binette, Jenna Lyn	10/15/2017
Krason, Anthony Edwin/Plummer, Irene Rose	10/21/2017
Winchenbach, Sonya M./Nichols, David Lee Jr	01/05/2018
Alexander, Lauren Elizabeth/Brown, Cody Allen	02/18/2018
Vreeland-Estrella, Jessica/Figueroa, Steven Charles	03/07/2018
Snyder, Sarah Rose/Gagnon, Kyle Peter	05/19/2018
Woods, Free L./Lincoln, Dawn Marie	03/23/2018
Ryan, Charles Joseph/Trott, Sheila Rose	04/17/2018
Krispin, Megan Suzanne/Parker, William Joseph III	04/21/2018
Hilton, Krista Jean/Hatch, Joseph Bradley	05/12/2018
Kaufmann, Cindy Lou/Farnsworth, Earl Charles	04/20/2018
Philbrook, Tuesday D./Courand, Ethan Parker	05/27/2018

**Total 18**

### 2018 DEATHS – Our Losses

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Berticelli, Ralph Anthony	60	Rockport	11/18/2018
Bosworth, Vernon Willis Jr.	58	Newcastle	11/02/2018
Carlson, Albert Frederick	71	Newcastle	02/18/2018
Chase, Audrey Jane	88	Newcastle	10/27/2018
Chippendale, Clifford	85	Bangor	01/03/2018

Church, Dorothy Brooks	93	Damariscotta	05/16/2018
Cowan, Arlene W.	93	Newcastle	08/26/2018
Crisci, Elizabeth Whitney	90	Newcastle	08/03/2018
Dedrick, Paul E.	77	Newcastle	10/06/2018
Duchesneau, Elizabeth M.	88	Brunswick	02/17/2018
Ellsworth, William R.	80	Damariscotta	12/06/2018
Estey, Gladys S.	96	Portland	08/29/2018
Ferrante, Joanne F.	87	Damariscotta	06/12/2018
Hall, Marcia M.	71	Newcastle	04/23/2018
Hanna, Myrtle Ann	86	Newcastle	11/10/2018
Hickey, Paul Joseph	76	Newcastle	01/15/2018
Keoughan, Ken Lee	81	Newcastle	01/13/2018
Kubie, Margaret Louise	98	Newcastle	03/16/2018
Langdon, Norman Eustis	85	Newcastle	07/29/2018
Libby, Alton Leroy Sr.	81	Rockport	07/13/2018
Lochhead, Laurette Clark	96	Newcastle	01/30/2018
Manahan, Isabelle L.	15	Edgecomb	06/08/2018
Meuse, Kim Freeman	63	Scarborough	10/29/2018
Mohr, Celia W.	98	Newcastle	04/25/2018
Riley, Richard B. Sr.	87	Newcastle	11/09/2018
Sperry, Herbert Stephen	91	Newcastle	04/08/2018
Tilton, Edgar Stiger Jr.	94	Damariscotta	05/16/2018
Yereance, Leroy H.	92	Boothbay Hbr	02/08/2018
Zwicker, Elizabeth	83	Newcastle	10/28/2018

**Total 29**



*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, 2018, 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, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Other Matters

#### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information and pension and OPEB information on pages 4 through 11 and 51 through 55 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 MRS §6051, Sub-chapter 1(K) of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The 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 April 8, 2019, 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.

*RHR Smith & Company*

Buxton, Maine  
April 8, 2019

SCHEDULE 1

TOWN OF NEWCASTLE, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1	\$ 1,199,317	\$ 1,199,317	\$ 1,199,317	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Property taxes	4,602,071	4,602,071	4,625,005	22,934
Excise taxes	328,000	328,000	416,958	88,958
Intergovernmental:				
State revenue sharing	80,000	80,000	94,448	14,448
Homestead exemption	94,348	94,348	94,348	-
State education subsidy	-	-	107,310	107,310
Tree growth	30,000	30,000	41,766	11,766
Local road assistance	35,000	35,000	38,612	3,612
Other	6,095	6,095	16,357	10,262
Charges for services	17,960	17,960	25,566	7,606
Interest on taxes	12,000	12,000	15,435	3,435
Interest income	12,000	12,000	39,355	27,355
Miscellaneous revenues	6,000	6,000	47,200	41,200
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>6,422,791</u>	<u>6,422,791</u>	<u>6,761,677</u>	<u>338,886</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	384,067	384,941	386,871	(1,930)
Public safety	204,612	204,612	197,422	7,190
Health and welfare	99,817	99,817	96,883	2,934
Public works	475,645	475,645	497,159	(21,514)
County tax	370,222	370,222	370,222	-
Education	3,151,972	3,323,330	3,387,737	(64,407)
Debt service:				
Principal	129,475	129,475	129,475	-
Interest	63,609	63,609	49,552	14,057
Unclassified	204,105	204,510	62,524	141,986
Transfers to other funds	139,950	139,950	139,950	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>5,223,474</u>	<u>5,396,111</u>	<u>5,317,795</u>	<u>78,316</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	\$ <u>1,199,317</u>	\$ <u>1,026,680</u>	\$ <u>1,443,882</u>	\$ <u>417,202</u>

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, 2018

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
General government:					
Town admin/treasurer/tax coll.	\$ 60,255	\$ -	\$ 60,255	\$ 60,797	\$ (542)
Town clerk/registar	47,476	-	47,476	48,144	(668)
Code enforcement	10,400	-	10,400	10,231	169
Selectmen	15,000	-	15,000	15,000	-
Town office building	10,674	874	11,548	9,248	2,300
Election workers	450	-	450	979	(529)
Recording secretary	1,500	-	1,500	537	963
Planning board	1,000	-	1,000	21,400	(20,400)
EMA director	850	-	850	850	-
Health officer	100	-	100	100	-
Insurance	33,521	-	33,521	31,912	1,609
Fringe benefits	56,526	-	56,526	51,226	5,300
Deputy	34,320	-	34,320	33,236	1,084
Operations and services	88,935	-	88,935	80,990	7,945
Leases	500	-	500	416	84
Independent contractors	21,560	-	21,560	21,222	338
Other administration	1,000	-	1,000	583	417
	<u>384,067</u>	<u>874</u>	<u>384,941</u>	<u>386,871</u>	<u>(1,930)</u>
Health and welfare:					
Septic waste contract	2,300	-	2,300	2,300	-
Transfer station	94,517	-	94,517	93,200	1,317
General assistance	3,000	-	3,000	1,383	1,617
	<u>99,817</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>99,817</u>	<u>96,883</u>	<u>2,934</u>
Public works:					
Snow removal	290,145	-	290,145	287,753	2,392
Roads maintenance	185,500	-	185,500	209,406	(23,906)
	<u>475,645</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>475,645</u>	<u>497,159</u>	<u>(21,514)</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF NEWCASTLE, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Public safety:					
Fire chief	47,476	-	47,476	48,087	(611)
Officers' salary	3,460	-	3,460	3,069	391
Firemen / call pay	15,100	-	15,100	12,110	2,990
Fringe benefits	9,826	-	9,826	10,182	(356)
Phones	2,300	-	2,300	2,502	(202)
S.C.B.A.	4,290	-	4,290	4,838	(548)
Communications	3,200	-	3,200	2,495	705
Training	3,000	-	3,000	3,154	(154)
New equipment	5,000	-	5,000	6,011	(1,011)
Vehicle maintenance	11,356	-	11,356	10,013	1,343
Turn out gear	4,500	-	4,500	4,268	232
Admin	4,560	-	4,560	4,715	(155)
Vehicles/gas and oil	7,000	-	7,000	5,014	1,986
Animal control officer	500	-	500	-	500
Community room	14,197	-	14,197	19,181	(4,984)
Sheepscoot fire station	2,435	-	2,435	1,829	606
Protection	66,412	-	66,412	59,954	6,458
	204,612	-	204,612	197,422	7,190
County tax	370,222	-	370,222	370,222	-
Education:					
Elementary education	2,126,099	-	2,126,099	2,126,099	-
Secondary education	1,019,471	171,358	1,190,829	1,255,236	(64,407)
Adult ed	6,402	-	6,402	6,402	-
	3,151,972	171,358	3,323,330	3,387,737	(64,407)



SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF NEWCASTLE, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Debt service:					
Principal	129,475	-	129,475	129,475	-
Interest	63,609	-	63,609	49,552	14,057
	<u>193,084</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>193,084</u>	<u>179,027</u>	<u>14,057</u>
Unclassified:					
Cemeteries	12,000	405	12,405	14,290	(1,885)
Parks	3,250	-	3,250	3,726	(476)
Not for profit and other orgs	34,887	-	34,887	34,887	-
Abatements	5,000	-	5,000	4,420	580
Overlay	148,968	-	148,968	5,201	143,767
	<u>204,105</u>	<u>405</u>	<u>204,510</u>	<u>62,524</u>	<u>141,986</u>
Transfers to other funds:					
Capital projects funds	139,950	-	139,950	139,950	-
	<u>139,950</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>139,950</u>	<u>139,950</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 5,223,474</b>	<b>\$ 172,637</b>	<b>\$ 5,396,111</b>	<b>\$ 5,317,795</b>	<b>\$ 78,316</b>

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

SCHEDULE C

TOWN OF NEWCASTLE, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses)	\$ -	\$ 1,083	\$ 9,116	\$ 10,199
Interest income	3	-	-	3
Other	4,485	14,580	6,000	25,065
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>4,488</b>	<b>15,663</b>	<b>15,116</b>	<b>35,267</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Other	1,040	73,594	-	74,634
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>1,040</b>	<b>73,594</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>74,634</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>3,448</b>	<b>(57,931)</b>	<b>15,116</b>	<b>(39,367)</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers in	-	139,950	-	139,950
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>139,950</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>139,950</b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>3,448</b>	<b>82,019</b>	<b>15,116</b>	<b>100,583</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES - JULY 1</b>	<b>6,511</b>	<b>156,591</b>	<b>168,067</b>	<b>331,169</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30</b>	<b>\$ 9,959</b>	<b>\$ 238,610</b>	<b>\$ 183,183</b>	<b>\$ 431,752</b>

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

SCHEDULE F

TOWN OF NEWCASTLE, MAINE  
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS  
 JUNE 30, 2018

	Conservation Town Forest	Road Reserve	Alewives Reserve	Park Reserve	Public Works Equipment Reserve	Playground Reserve	Municipal Building	Computer Reserve	Total
ASSETS									
Investments	\$ 19,065	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,065
Due from other funds	1,002	100,810	48,556	1,850	26,010	9,200	30,000	2,117	219,545
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 20,067	\$ 100,810	\$ 48,556	\$ 1,850	\$ 26,010	\$ 9,200	\$ 30,000	\$ 2,117	\$ 238,610
LIABILITIES									
Accounts payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCES									
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Committed	-	100,810	-	1,850	26,010	9,200	30,000	2,117	169,987
Assigned	20,067	-	48,556	-	-	-	-	-	68,623
Unassigned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	20,067	100,810	48,556	1,850	26,010	9,200	30,000	2,117	238,610
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 20,067	\$ 100,810	\$ 48,556	\$ 1,850	\$ 26,010	\$ 9,200	\$ 30,000	\$ 2,117	\$ 238,610

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

## 2018 Land Use (Building) Permits

Date	Permit	Applicant/Owner	Map/Lot	Address	Type/Reason for Permit	Fee
1/16/2018	18-1	Erica Berman	005-044	27 Bailey Ln	Shower/Composting Toilet	\$16.00
1/18/2018	18-2	Suzanne Laurencell	002-006-A	5 Trails End	Dormer	\$50.00
2/2/2018	18-3	Jehovah's Witness	002-030-A	6 Station Rd	New Construction (Bldg/Parking)	\$388.00
2/5/2018	18-4	Barbara Scully	n/a	707 River Rd	DOT Bus Directional Sign	\$180.00
3/5/2018	18-5	Laura Iorio	009-039-1	294 Bunker Hill	Residence	\$437.40
3/15/2018	18-6	Nicole Fordham	012-035	77C Main St	Hair/ Pedicure Salon	\$82.50
3/16/2018	18-7	Louis Doe Inc	005-054-A	92 Mills Rd	Display Greenhouse	\$200.00
3/26/2018	18-8	John Atwood	004-004-A	124 Kings Hwy	Yr Round Use Sun Porch	\$22.40
4/19/2018	18-9	Dan Sullivan	n/a	33 Brenner Rd	DOT Farm Directional Sign	\$30.00
4/27/2018	18-10	Jonathan Blair	009-040-B	327 Bunker Hill	Addition	\$108.00
4/30/2018	18-11	Nicole Fordham	012-035	77 Main St.	Bus Sign - Belle Jolla	\$30.00
4/30/2018	18-12	Jones/Heaberlin	002-050-D	Route 1	Business Sign - Yknot	\$30.00
5/14/2018	18-13	Chelsea Bowers	008-064	625 N. Newcastle Rd	New Construction (Home)	\$408.00
5/14/2018	18-14	Tim Healy	007-005	174 West Hamlet Rd	Enlarge Garage	\$50.00
6/5/2018	18-15	Christopher Barstow	007-023A	65 Kistler Way	Addition	\$114.00
6/5/2018	18-16	Lancelot Ball	003-052	5 Kiln Rd	Modifying Dock/ Pier	\$50.00
7/2/2018	18-17	Jon & Nicola Lewis	005-035D	212 E. Old County	Construct Screen Outbldg	\$14.00
7/2/2018	18-18	Amanda Kras	012-035	77 Main St.	Bus Sign - Beach Plum Co	\$30.00
7/2/2018	18-19	Douglas Beardsworth	012-042	24 Barrow Point	Low retaining wall	\$50.00
7/2/2018	18-20	Alex Landeau	008-018-10	High Ground	New Construction (Home)	\$225.60
7/2/2018	18-21	Stuart Turney	006-007A	South Dyer Neck	Construct Garage/Workspace	\$241.60
7/2/2018	18-22	Dennis Tozloski	017-008	42 Nob Hill	Single-story addition	\$33.60
7/2/2018	18-23	Carolyn Hatch	007-064	211 Academy Hill	Storage Shed	\$18.00
7/16/2018	18-24	Linda Skiff	008-062	638 N Newcastle Rd	Make-A-Wish Shed	\$0.00

7/16/2018	18-25	Dorothy Renda	008-005	184 N. Dyer Neck	Timber Harvest	\$0.00
7/16/2018	18-26	Charles & Debora Colby	003-013	852 Route 1	24x24 Expansion - Garage	\$172.00
7/23/2018	18-27	Kariska Puchalski	004-003	The Kings Hwy	New Construction (Home)	\$115.20
7/30/2018	18-28	Brett Verney	006-017	129 N Newcastle	Enlarge Barn	\$100.00
8/27/2018	18-29	William Walton	013-048	48 Glidden St.	Replace Windows	\$100.00
8/27/2018	18-30	Danny L Cain	013-024	49 Mills Rd	Garage	\$186.40
8/27/2018	18-31	Mike Libby	008-047	305 Jones Woods Rd	Accessory Bldg.	\$57.60
9/6/2018	18-32	George Santa Cruz	006-007	South Dyer Neck	New Construction (Home)	\$236.85
9/17/2018	18-33	Sprint	004-090B	685 Route 1	Equipment Additions	\$150.00
9/17/2018	18-34	Robert & Kimberly Carew	008-033B	67 Hassan Ave	Business License Packet	\$128.50
9/17/2018	18-35	George Faux	007-040	321 Mills Rd	New Construction (Garage)	\$57.60
9/17/2018	18-36	John & Linda Mills	003-061H	95 Castlewood Rd	Accessory Bldg.	\$366.60
9/17/2018	18-37	Frank Frallicciardi	016-001	50 McNeil Point Rd	New Construction (Boat Storage)	\$33.60
9/18/2018	18-38	William Hinkley	009-049	1217 Jones Woods Rd	Ramp	\$16.00
9/24/2018	18-39	Stanley Brown	009-024A	232 Bunker Hill	House / Porch / Deck	\$280.90
10/1/2018	18-40	Jesse Daiute	004-055A			
10/15/2018	18-41	Charles Holmes	007-018A	280 Pond Rd	16x24 Accessory Bldg.	\$38.40
10/15/2018	18-42	Glenn Nutting	008-018-004	2 Hillside Rd	Deck	\$50.00
10/15/2018	18-43	Pamela Ostbye	005-045A	179 Academy Hill Rd	New Construction (Home)	\$317.40
10/18/2018	18-44	Kensell Krah	006-020C	20 Paradise Rd	Addition New Construction	\$50.00
10/15/2018	18-45	Robert Carew	008-033B	67 Hassan Ave	Bus Sign - Coastal Motors	\$30.00
10/16/2018	18-46	Kris Waalen	004-026A	Sheepsfoot Rd	New Construction (Home)	\$264.40
11/26/2018	18-47	George Freeman	003-049	348 River Rd	12x20 Accessory Bldg.	\$24.00
11/27/2018	18-48	David Stackhouse	012-048	46 River Rd	Repair Existing Seawall	\$57.60
12/7/2018	18-49	Centerline Communications	004-090B	685 Route 1	Equipment Upgrades	\$250.00

## 2018 Plumbing Permits

	Customer	Type	Map	Lot	Address
1/8/2018	Erica Berman	I	5	44	27 Bailey Lane
2/2/2018	Richard Huffman	I	17	24	153 Milliken Island Rd
2/2/2018	Richard Huffman	I	17	24	153 Milliken Island Rd
2/14/2018	Suzanne Laurencell	I	2	6A	5 Trails End Rd
3/2/2018	Laurie Knowlton	I	3	77	638 River Rd
3/5/2018	Eric Sandberg	I	13	82	17 Pump St
3/26/2018	Frederick Post	I	17	10	32 Nob Hill Rd
3/30/2018	Shipyard LLC	I	12	35	77 Main St. Unit C
4/9/2018	Curry / Morter	I	13	55	76 Glidden St
4/30/2018	Eric Sandberg	I	13	82	17 Pump St
4/30/2018	Robert Dewitt	I	12	23	St Rt A/A
5/11/2018	Anne Jacobs	I	13	73	10 Glidden St
*7/5/2018	Joe Lefebvre (Actually Issued)	I	5	45A	Academy Hill Rd
5/21/2018	Jehovah's Witness	I	2	30A	6 Station Rd
5/25/2018	William Fogg	S	17	16	10 Nob Hill Rd
5/25/2018	Christopher Hayden	I	13	66	17 Glidden St
6/4/2018	Luke Houghton	S	16	11	58 Lincoln Lane
6/5/2018	Chris Barstow	S	7	23A	65 Kistler Way
7/23/2018	Terri Paiva	I	7	61	171 Mills Rd
7/23/2018	Peter McNaughton	S	7A	7	41 Timber Lane
7/30/2018	Ching Liu	S	7	52K	20 Bayview Rd
7/31/2018	Sherman, Peter *Applied 10/12/17	I	2	4	76 Trails End Rd

8/15/2018	18-22	George Santa Cruz	S	6	7	S. Dyer Neck Rd
8/17/2018	18-23	Karol Clark	I	4	54A	183 W Old County Rd
8/17/2018	18-24	Thomas McIennan	S	6	35	Highland Rd
8/21/2018	18-25	Kariska Puchaski	S			*Not Issued
9/17/2018	18-26	Stuart Tuney	S	6	7A	S. Dyer Neck Rd
10/1/2018	18-27	Kariska Puchaski	S	4	3-001	The Kings Hwy
10/1/2018	18-28	Bill Pearson	I	8	35B	189 Ridge Rd
10/1/2018	18-29	Terrance McCabe	I	13	5C	14 Depot St
10/4/2018	18-30	Augusta Advantaggio	I	12	31	63 Main St
10/4/2018	18-31	Michael Rethman	i	13	25	41 Mills Rd
10/15/2018	18-32	Pamela Ostbye	I	5	45A	179 Academy Hill Rd
11/20/2018	18-33	Steven Searles	I	5	17	81 Sheepscot Rd

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               I      Interior  
               T      Tank

## Newcastle Local Planning Committee

On June 12, 2018 the Newcastle Comprehensive Plan was approved by voters by a 2 to 1 margin.

The NLPC continued to finalize the new Zoning Code throughout the summer. On November 6, 2018 after over 3 years of work by the committee with input from hundreds of Newcastle residents and business owners, the Zoning Code went to a vote. A last-minute anonymous dis-information campaign resulted in the defeat of the Code.

Next steps are in the hands of the Board of Selectmen.

The goal for this committee was always 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.



## Planning Board

The Newcastle Planning Board, as per the Maine State statute, 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 a diverse vocational background which includes construction, engineering, real estate, and business. The members have a 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.

There were no additions to the Board; 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 2018, the Planning Board calendar contained a wide-range of applications. Those projects which were approved include: Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses building and parking lot renovation, Louis Doe Home Center greenhouse installation, Oxbow Brewing Company change of use and expansion proposal, replacement of existing residential pier on Kiln Road, addition of a garage on Route 1, and change of use for garage on Hassan Avenue.

Throughout the year, the Board members continued to participate in the revision process of the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Ordinance facilitated by the town consultants, Maine Design Workshop. Revisions of both were presented to the residents for a vote on Election Day. The Comprehensive Plan was accepted. Although the Land Use Ordinance failed to be approved by the voters, the NLPC will continue to work on modifications based upon the residents' feedback at future workshops in this calendar year. The Board looks forward to working with a new land use ordinance.

As chair, I would like to thank the volunteers for their work on behalf of the town and for the assistance of Code Enforcement Officer Ken Vinal, Tax Assessor Jim Murphy, Town Attorney Peter Drum and to our wonderful staff at the town office.

Respectfully submitted,  
BONNIE STONE, Chair

#### Members

Bonnie Stone, Chair

Rem Briggs, Vice Chair

Nicholas Buck

David Hewitt

Jim Brinkler

Alternates: David Bailey, Peter McNaughton

Marion Mundy, Recording Secretary (Non-Member)



## Design Review Committee

The town of Newcastle shares qualities unique to the mid-coast 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.

The Design Review Committee consists of six (6) 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 Fire Station 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 2018

Permit No.	Applicant	Location	Project Description	Date Reviewed	Approved/ Declined	Referred to Attorney	Project Completed
	David and Brenda Page	Stewart Street Map 13 Lot 50-001	Construction of new home	1/25/18	Declined		
18-1	Louis Doe, Inc.	92 Mills Road Map 5 Lot 54-00A	Display Greenhouse	3/1/18	Approved		
18-2	Kathryn and Michael Rethman	41 Mills Road Map 13 Lot 25	Replace bay window with 2 regular windows	4/5/18	Approved w/ Conditions		
18-3	John Van Siclen	21 Liberty St. Map 11 Lot 42	New screened porch	5/3/18	Approved		
18-4	Brendan Parsons	68 Main Street Map 13 Lot 83	Change fencing and add business sign to current lamp post near Maritime Farms	5/3/18	Sign Approved; Fencing Pending		
	Brendan Parsons	Same	Change fencing and add awning continued	5/10/18	Approved		
18-5	Amanda J. Kras: The Beech Plum Company	77 Main Street Unit B Map 12 Lot 35	New sign for retail store	6/7/18	Approved		
18-6	Nicole Fordham: Belle Jolie	77 Main Street Unit C	New sign for hair salon and spa	6/7/18	Approved		

18-7	Danny L. Cain	49 Mills Road Map 13 Lot 24	Build new detached 2-car garage off side street	8/16/18	Approved w/Conditions		
18-8	William Walton	48 Glidden Street Map 13 Lot 48	Replace existing new windows with new design	8/16/18	Approved		
18-9	Deb Poor	40 River Road Map 12 Lot 46	Build stone retaining wall on river side of house	9/6/18	Approved		
18-10	Annie Avantaggio: Consigning Women	63 Main Street Map 12 Lot 31	New sign for store	9/6/18	Approved w/ Conditions		
18-11	Britani Lavertu	63 Main Street Map 12 Lot 31	Replace a window with a door and add an awning	10/4/18	Approved		
18-12	Peter and Laurie Asche	67 Glidden Street Map 13 Lot 59	Renovate house: new front entry, dormer on back, add 2-car garage, replace windows	12/4/18	Approved w/ Conditions		
18-13	Tor Glendinning	137 River Road Map 11 Lot 15	Bump up the roof over the frame	12/4/18	Approved		

## 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 A WAJER



## Veterans Memorial Park Committee

The Town of Newcastle has a little gem of an oasis right in the town center.

In the spring tulip bulbs brighten the annual gardens. These bulbs are donated by Renys department store each fall. This coming fall we will be participating in the Yellow Tulip Project. The message of this project is to “come together, plant hope gardens, build community and promote mental health.” The bulbs from Renys will be daffodils and crocuses that we will plant in the perennial garden.

The Old Bristol Garden Club supports our Park with a generous grant each year. This year we plan to put the money toward new benches.

We want to thank all the volunteers who have helped in the past and those who continue to help when asked to assist with special projects. If you would like to volunteer in any capacity at the Park, please leave your name and phone number at the Town Office.

After the annuals are planted where the tulips have gone by, we have a mulching party. Louis Doe Home Center delivers the mulch and places the bags strategically about the Park.

We especially want to thank Allan Ray for his meticulous mowing and care of the Park through the years.

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

BETSY EVANS  
ELLEN MCFARLAND  
ALLAN RAY

## **K-12 Education Report**

Kimberly Schaff, Principal, Great Salt Bay Community School

Craig Jurgensen, Superintendent of Schools, AOS 93

Mark Doe, Chair, Newcastle School Board

Stephanie Nelson, Chair, Great Salt Bay CSD School Board

### **Newcastle, Grades 9-12**

Looking back at 2018 (particularly as your new school superintendent), I am reminded that our schools must always be looking forward as we prepare our students to be “21<sup>st</sup> century learners” with the promise of understanding and addressing their aspirations, as well as making them “future ready” lifelong learners. We know that critical thinking, cooperation, communication, and creativity are essential for our students to succeed. To ensure our instructional practice includes these foundational skills, teachers at all levels and throughout all of our schools continually review and revise their curriculum and teaching practices. To oversee and coordinate this important work, the AOS hired Ann Hassett as Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment. Ms. Hassett also coordinates and oversees several state and federal grant programs and is instrumental in our transition to a robust standards-based reporting system. Additionally, Ann has reached out to, and been well received by, the staff and administration at Lincoln Academy. Fostering this relationship is critical to ensure curriculum articulation and an appreciation of the work done by GSB staff to prepare all students for success in high school. Ms. Hassett was most recently the Nobleboro Principal. She brings a wealth of experience in educational leadership, curriculum, and instruction to this important position.

There were 83 Newcastle students attending secondary school programs. These included Lincoln Academy (71), Camden Hills High School, Kent Hill School, Falmouth High School, Waynflete High School, Wiscasset High School, North Yarmouth Academy, and Medomak Valley High School.

School budgets provide the backdrop for telling the story of every

school. How a school appropriates and uses its available funding translates to and defines what is important to the administration, teachers, support staff and the community because it represents what these groups want and need to provide for their students. Budget preparation is a complicated process. From one budget year to another, school administrators work with local officials and community members to ensure that each school budget is adequate, equitable, and predictable and that it is developed with input from all stakeholders in a clear and transparent process. School Board members Mark Doe (Chair), Stephanie Nelson, and Joshua Jacobs have been instrumental in this work. Ms. Nelson's role as Chair of the GSB Board supports the interests of all students and community members.

Our work together in the schools and communities is complex, sometimes challenging, and yet unquestionably essential and rewarding. Together we make a positive difference in the lives of our students, their families, and the communities in which we live and work. We are increasingly coming together as a learning community to engage in expanding our shared commitment for improving the education we provide to our children. I encourage you to visit the AOS 93 website ([www.aos93.org](http://www.aos93.org)) for current news and information about our students and school activities, as well as school policies, School Committee meeting agendas and minutes. This website will also provide you with links to individual school websites and to useful information from numerous resources. Whenever you have a question or wish to become involved in your community school, please call me or a member of the Newcastle School Board.

## Great Salt Bay Community School

Great Salt Bay Community School is a K-8 grade school serving the children of Bremen, Damariscotta, and Newcastle. The mission of the school is to provide a nurturing, safe, and enjoyable environment in which all children are challenged and inspired to pursue excellence in all aspects of their education.

At all grade levels our learning curriculum is guided by the Maine learning standards. As described by the Maine Department of Education, these “academic standards provide a set of clear expectations as to what students should know, understand, and be able to explain as they progress through each K-12 grade level.” These standards include: English language arts, mathematics, science & technology, social studies, health & physical education, and visual & performing arts. In order to ensure the quality of our educational program, our students in grades 3 - 8 participate in the Maine Educational Assessment (MEA). Consistently, our students have performed above the state average in the areas of reading and mathematics at almost all grade levels. On the science MEAs, our fifth and eighth grade students performed well-above the state average.

Seeking to provide our students with an enriching, vibrant, 21st century education, our teachers and staff supplement the classroom experience with outdoor and environmental educational, visiting educators and field trips. Some of the visiting educators have included Mary Cerrullo (3rd grade oyster program), Tim Dinsmore (7th grade archaeology unit), Sarah Gladu (DRA - environmental education), John Meader (myths & astronomy), Belinda Ray (5th grade writing program), and staff from Chewonki and Darling Marine Center. Our students participated in numerous field trips to places like Biscay Orchards, Camden State Park, Farnsworth Art Museum, Maine State Museum, Maine Wildlife Park, and Old Fort Western.

Great Salt Bay School recognizes that co-curricular and extracurricular programs are an integral part of the total educational program. The co-curricular programs include debate team, drama

club, jazz band, math team, robotics club, student council, and yearbook. Our student athletes can participate in archery, basketball, cheerleading, cross country, field hockey, golf, soccer, softball, and track & field. In all of these sports, students have the opportunity to develop good sports skills and attitudes while playing against other schools in AOS 93, as well as the other schools in the Busline League.

Throughout the year the school hosts a number of events to strengthen the sense of community within the school and with the families of GSB. In the fall we gather together for our Open House and PTO sponsored Welcome Back Dinner, the Harvest Fair, and parent/teacher conferences. In the winter we showcase our music and arts programs with the Winter Band and Choral Concerts, the Beginner Band Concert, the Strings Concert, and the Young Artist Showcase. In the spring we encourage families to get involved in Unplug It Week, the Bike Rodeo, spring concerts, and finally our 8th grade graduation.

Recognizing the importance of connecting our students to their community, our school has built strong community educational collaborations. These include the Darling Center, DRA, Farms Kitchen, Hidden Valley Nature Center, Camp Kieve, Miles of Friends, Skidompha Library, the Twin Villages Food Bank and the CLC YMCA. Moreover, we pride ourselves in our efforts to give back to community. Each winter our school community sponsors a food drive, GSB Cares-A-Ton, which helps our local food pantry. These experiences enrich the lives of all those involved, especially our children.

Finally, Great Salt Bay Community School is fortunate to have an active PTO. The mission of the PTO is “to act as an organization that supports GSB students in their many activities and provide assistance to GSB staff in their numerous programs.” The PTO organizes fundraisers, including a Jog-a-thon in September, with all proceeds benefiting the school in the form of school-wide cultural events, classroom tools, student scholarships, and extracurricular events. The PTO provides parents the opportunity to learn more about what goes on at GSB, as well as information on issues and topics that are important to parents and students. In addition to

the PTO, the school community benefits from the Friends of Great Salt Bay. This non-profit organization is specifically dedicated to supporting our school with a mission to “Enhance the Education of GSB students.”

Each year the Great Salt Bay Community School strives to make the educational experience stronger for its students. Our goal is to “Be Better Than Our Best.” Our students are blessed to live in a community that recognizes that supporting its public school is one of the most important investments of all. Together we are making our future stronger as a community and as a nation by educating our children. Thank you for your support of Great Salt Bay Community School.

# School Enrollment

## AOS 93 Enrollment - October 2018

ELEMENTARY ENROLLMENT											
	Pre-K	Kdgn.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	TOTAL
Bristol	14	20	16	19	21	15	25	17	19	23	189
Open Enrollment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<b>Bristol Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>190</b>
Bremen		4	6	3	5	5	12	5	7	6	53
Damariscotta		20	20	19	20	21	13	14	24	16	167
Newcastle		13	10	10	19	16	22	23	28	25	166
Open Enrollment		3	0	3	3	1	3	6		2	21
Superintendent's Agree						1	1	1		1	2
Public Tuition		1	0	2	3	2	4	5	6	8	31
<b>GSB, CSD Total</b>		<b>41</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>442</b>
Jefferson		17	17	19	15	29	16	23	22	19	177
Open Enrollment								1		1	2
Superintendent's Agree		3	2	1	4	0	1	1	2	0	14
<b>Jefferson Total</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>193</b>
Nobleboro		15	6	14	14	12	14	17	17	18	127
Open Enrollment		0	3	1	0	3	0	2	3	2	14
CAL (from out of NCS)											
Public Tuition											
Superintendent's Agree											
<b>Nobleboro Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>141</b>
South Bristol		3	3	4	5	4	11	3	6	7	46
Superintendent's Agree											
Open Enrollment		2	2	2	3	1	6	0	3	1	20
<b>So. Bristol Total</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>TOTAL ELEMENTARY</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>1032</b>

## SECONDARY ENROLLMENT and home school

	9th	10th	11th	12th	TOTAL
Bremen	11	10	5	10	36
Bristol	20	18	24	20	82
Damariscotta	22	17	20	34	93
Jefferson	25	23	30	24	102
Newcastle	17	15	27	24	83
Nobleboro	18	16	15	24	73
South Bristol	10	4	7	6	27
<b>TOTAL SECONDARY</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>496</b>
AOS No. 93 Total K-12					1528

## Lincoln Academy

To the Residents of Newcastle:

Greetings from Lincoln Academy, where our second trimester is in full swing. Classes are about halfway through their academic year, and winter sports season is at its peak. My name is Nancy Starmer, and I am currently serving as Lincoln Academy's Interim Head of School. After working for many years first as a public school teacher then as an independent school teacher and administrator in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, I came out of retirement to serve as a consultant and now Interim Head at LA. The experience has been fascinating and rewarding. This is a wonderful school, full of dedicated teachers who are not only committed to serving our wide range of students well but who are also active citizens of their local communities. Those connections, and the clear investment the local communities have in the success of our school, are qualities I've come to appreciate most about Lincoln Academy. Students, faculty, staff, alumni, and parents share a deep love for this place, and that shines through every aspect of the school.

Our biggest news of 2018-19 is that after an extensive national search the LA Board of Trustees has hired Jeff Burroughs to be Lincoln Academy's next Head of School. Jeff, who is currently the Assistant Head of School for Academics at St. Johnsbury Academy in Vermont (also a Town Academy) will take the reins on July 1, 2019. Before moving to St. Johnsbury, he and his wife Melissa spent several years at the Hyde School in Bath. Thanks to these roles Jeff has experience in both the Town Academy model *and* life in midcoast Maine, and all are looking forward to having him here at LA.

In the meantime, we are having a full and active year. In September we welcomed a large freshman class of 151 students from 21 sending towns and 14 countries around the world, bringing our total student population to 560. Our new students came in on a high note: 2018 was an excellent year for LA sports, arts, academics, and extracurriculars. The girls tennis team won their first ever state championship, and the boys lacrosse and boys cross country



teams were both state runners up. Many teams were also honored with Good Sportsmanship Awards this year, demonstrating that LA athletes continue to uphold a tradition of excellence both on and off the field.

LA students also excelled in the arts in 2018, and this year continue to do so. The Wind Ensemble won Gold at New York City's WorldStrides Heritage Festival in April, and 67 student musicians this year--a record number--have qualified for District, All-State, and All-State Jazz Honors Festivals. Though the 2019 season is just beginning, LA's theater program has won the Regional One Act Competition 11 out of the last 12 years, including in 2018. In visual arts students have over a dozen courses to choose from in drawing, painting, ceramics, metal sculpture, printmaking, and more, and in June 2018, as in previous years, a significant number of graduating seniors continued on to major or minor in visual or performing arts at universities, art schools, and conservatories.

Each year more than 150 students take at least 1 AP course at LA, many taking multiple courses and sitting multiple exams. 2018 was no exception. Our teachers mentor students wishing to do independent studies in a wide variety of subjects. This year independent studies include sustainable agriculture; multivariable calculus; bassoon, piano, and a number of other instrumental studies; journalism; woodworking; and physics. About half of LA students participate in at least one sport and many are two- and three-sport athletes. Other extracurricular activities include State-Champion Debate and Math Teams, Model United Nations, Outing Club, Special Olympics, and a wide variety of service and student-interest clubs.

Our residential program has brought students from the US and the world to the LA dorms and added significant geographic diversity to our student population. This has been apparent in every aspect of school life, from class discussions to celebrations of world holidays. Our international students benefit tremendously from their experience at LA as well, enjoying the beauty of the area, making friends with local students and being invited into their homes, volunteering at Pumpkinfest (a true cultural experience!) and sharing Thanksgiving with the staff at Camp Kieve.

Though our student population has changed over the last six years, Lincoln Academy remains deeply rooted in the local community. At LA, we are committed to providing a top-notch education for *all* students who come through our doors, whether they take vocational or Advanced Placement courses, participate in one of our Alternative Education or special education programs, or a combination of the above. This I hope is evident in the variety of paths our graduates choose after LA. In the Class of 2018 there were 139 graduates, 96 of whom went on to four-year colleges, 13 to two-year educational programs and community colleges, 28 of whom went straight into the workforce, and 2 of whom joined the military.

Along with our academic, athletic, arts, and extracurricular programs, we continue to uphold many long-standing traditions that some of you probably remember from your days as students or parents at LA: every Friday we gather for an all-school Community Meeting in the gym. Students meet daily with the same academic advisor during all four years at LA. We held our annual Homecoming celebration in September, complete with the parade through downtown Damariscotta, and as I write this letter we are planning for our 2019 Winter Carnival in February.

We are deeply appreciative of the support of local sending towns. Your children are the lifeblood of Lincoln Academy. Please know that you are always welcome to attend a sporting event, concert, or Parents' Association meeting, or to stop by for a tour. We invite you to follow Lincoln Academy News on social media if you would like to know more about day to day activities on our busy campus.

Thank you for being part of a long tradition of independent education at Lincoln Academy.

Sincerely,  
NANCY STARMER  
Interim Head of School

## **Adult and Community Education**

CLC Adult & Community Education provided services to over 850 people in 2018. We offered the HiSET (formerly GED) high school equivalency diploma program, basic literacy & math instruction, college preparation classes in mathematics and English language arts, college placement testing, college and career advising, medical certificate programs (in partnership with LincolnHealth) and community enrichment classes for all ages. Except for our community enrichment classes/courses, all of our programs and services are free to students.

During the 2017-2018 school year, we had 28 students enrolled in our high school equivalency program. Before the year was out, 11 of them completed the program and earned their diploma. A graduation ceremony was held on May 31<sup>st</sup> that celebrated the commitment and efforts of these remarkable honorees. We hope to expand our hours of operation to include summer programming in 2019. This will enable students to stay engaged and on track with their goals throughout the summer months. Anyone who is 17 or older and out of high school and who wants to earn a diploma or improve basic skills should contact us to explore options and develop a plan. Our dedicated staff is ready and eager to provide support and encouragement to help our students reach their goals.

During the 2017-2018 school year, 36 people accessed our college transition courses and services. Anyone seeking support in navigating the college transition process, meeting the academic placement requirements for college acceptance, determining college and career goals, or understanding and completing college related paperwork should contact us. Our college transition coordinator and instructional staff are ready to help!

Approximately 800 community members accessed one or more of our low cost, high impact community enrichment offerings in 2017-2018. Our partnership with the RSU 40 Adult & Community Education Program enables us to provide a single point of access for information about classes throughout the Lincoln County area. From

creative writing classes to crossbow safety, from a field course in old barns to learning to make homemade pasta, from pottery, dance and music courses to free classes about retirement health care options and resume writing, your Adult & Community Education program provided approximately 200 enrichment classes to the residents of the Lincoln County area.

I have now served a full year as your new Director and can honestly say that Adult Education makes a difference! A BIG difference! The students who seek our services have come to a place in their lives where they are seeking something more – a high school diploma, a college education, assistance with determining the best career path for their individual strengths and needs, or support with navigating the complicated waters of financial assistance. They have hopes and dreams – the desire for a better life for themselves and their families. Without our support, those dreams might simply remain dreams that never get realized. Adult Education helps make dreams come true.

For more information about any of our programs, please visit our web site: <http://clc.maineadulted.org> or call us at 207-563-1403.

Respectfully submitted,  
PAMELA J. SPERRY  
CLC Adult Education Director

## Skidompha Library

Because of your continued generosity and support, many Newcastle residents enjoyed all Skidompha Library has to offer. At the end of 2018, 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 in 2018 had a busy year. The Fire Company responded to 129 calls for service or an emergency. The breakdown is as follows:

Assist CLC-1, Auto Accidents-24, Auto Fires-3, Chimney Fires-2, CO Calls-4; Electrical Fires-1, Fire Alarms-16, Fire Prevention/ Training-5, Flooded Boilers-1, Flooded Buildings-1, Fuel Spills-3, Haz Mat-1, LP Spills-2, Other Rescues-1, Outside Fires-6, Road Washouts-0, Roadway Hazards-12, Searches-1, Service Calls-10, Smoke Investigations-3, Structure Fires-18, Trees on House-1, Trees on Wires-6, Water Rescues-2, Wires Down-5.

Training is 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 841 hours of training which includes over 100 hours of driver training alone. Joint training with our mutual aid fire companies is going well. Newcastle Fire and Damariscotta Fire share 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 six Fire Prevention programs in 2018 at our schools and assisted living facilities.

The fund-raising efforts of the Newcastle Fire Company Inc. are always on-going. The fund-raising efforts for the year 2018 were for monies to pay down the debt incurred with the purchase of a 2016 half ton utility vehicle and the purchase of 1,000 feet of Four Supply Line at a cost of over \$4,000. Our goal was reached, and the supply line has been purchased and is in service on the 2012 Pumper. Replacement of outdated equipment is always ongoing.

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 1993 pumper truck required three valves to be

repaired or replaced and along with an annual pump service and pump test; this brought the pumper back up to Standards. The cost of this service alone was a little over \$3,500.

The Fire Company has Two FEMA Grants pending, totaling \$328,093. These grant requests are for funds for various types of emergency equipment including the replacement of the 1974 Ford Pumper and one for replacement of fire fighter turn out gear. We are watching these closely.

The Fire Company can, upon request, offer 911 address signs to our community. These signs are blue reflective backing with reflective numbers one or two sided to be mounted on a post or building. There is charge of \$10.00 for each sign in an effort to recuperate the cost of them. These signs on your house or business greatly help the fire department, police officers and ambulance to locate the address in need of assistance.

Burn Permits are available weekdays at the Fire Station at 86 River Road or online on the State of Maine Forestry Site. Call ahead to be sure someone will be at the station.

After a good response to the invitation of stopping 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 the town folks who support us in our efforts to respond to an emergency in the Town of Newcastle and our mutual aid neighbors with the appropriate tools, equipment and training needed to do the job.

Newcastle Fire Chief  
CLAYTON HUNTLEY





## 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 1,428 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 1,600 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 consists of three aerated lagoons with a capacity of eight million gallons.

The lagoons were cleaned, aeration system upgraded and the lagoon liners inspected in 2012. In 2016 an upgrade to the Main plant's electrical and blower system was completed.

In 2018 the District began an upgrade to seven of its nine pump stations. This began at the Municipal Parking Lot by replacing 30-year-old centrifugal pumps with Homa grinder pumps. These pumps are run by power saving VFDs (variable frequency drives) housed in a new stainless control panel. Final completion of the station will be

the summer 2019 with approximate cost of \$48,884.

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 Allan 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 7:00am – 3:00pm. 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 2018 our household waste, construction, demolition and bulky waste all went to Waste Management in Norridgewock, Me. 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)

I would like to recognize our employees Barry Howell-Manager, Brandon Achorn-Assistant Manager, Linwood Rideout and Glenn Daiute transfer station attendants. They do a great job in keeping the facility clean and organized. You will see them out and about helping people with their trash and encouraging people to recycle anything they can. I hope they make your trip to the Transfer Station a positive experience

In 2018 we lost some of the market for some of the plastic to be recycled. Now we can only accept #2 plastics and rigid plastics. We do have programs for recycling paint, food, waste (organic), metals, electronics, paper and cardboard.

The outlook for 2019 is to continue our efforts to recycle as much as possible. We would like to see more people separating their food waste so we can compost this. It would take a lot of weight out of our mainstream waste. Everything you recycle helps reduce the amount it costs to put items into the mainstream trash.

For 2019 we were able to hold the cost of the five towns the same as in 2018. With the way the economy is I feel Barry has done a great job in keeping the budget to a 0 % increase. This in return is a help to all Towns.

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.

Respectfully submitted,  
RICHARD SPEAR  
Transfer Station Agent

## **Nobleboro-Newcastle Fish Agent**

As it was everywhere along the Maine coast, 2018 was a good year for harvesting alewives in Damariscotta Mills. We were able to take fish 15 days this year, which resulted in harvest of 1,822 bushels of fish--the most harvested since 2008. Sixteen bushels were widow's orders, while all others were sold commercially. As in the past several years, we sold alewives to the Fishermen's Co-ops in South Bristol and Tenants Harbor, the latter continuing their program of freezing alewives for use beyond springtime. Hopefully other bait suppliers will start similar programs and alewives will become a source of local bait for the lobster industry for use well beyond the spring fishery. Our largest market continues to be lobstermen who travel from as far as Orr's Island, Islesboro, Trenton and elsewhere up and down the coast to buy their bait from us. Damariscotta Mills alewives have a reputation of being large throughout the run and for fishing well, in part because they are harvested in salt water, which is why folks are willing to travel from near and far to get them.

Last spring a local resident raised a concern that we might be harvesting more fish than we had markets for. That was not, and has never been, the case during the years I've been involved in the harvesting of alewives. The goal of the harvest is to take only enough fish to fill the orders in hand. We take great care to this end. If we feel that using the dippers would take more fish than needed, we dip them by hand with a net so as not to end up with any dead fish we are unable to sell.

In 2017, we worked with state and federal agencies (MDMR, MIFW, USFW) to come up with a plan to place netting on top of the fish ladder pools to protect the migrating fish from the thousands of gulls that descend on the pools as the fish make their ascent to the lake. We included the netting in the 2018 harvesting plan, which the Towns submit to the state for approval each year. The Netting Plan includes a time table for the netting to be installed and removed, mesh size specifications, locations where the netting must be installed, and training related to bird entanglement and proper

release methods. I'm pleased to report that no bird entanglements were reported in 2018, and would like to thank Deb Wilson, Kurt Oehme, and Leigh Morrill for taking on the role of the bird rescue crew.

The alewife harvest lasts a few very busy weeks each year, and without the help and dedication of harvesters Kurt Oehme, Jim Brinkler, JB Smith, and Richard Powell, it wouldn't possible. Chores at the fish stream start well before the harvest and continue long after the last fish are sold. The list of tasks beyond the actual harvest of fish includes setting up and removing the bird netting; maintaining and repairing harvesting gear; dealing with high water events and low lake levels; keeping the fish ladder clear of debris; and the general work that the fish ladder needs to be successful. It's a long list. While some of us pitch in whenever we can, there are a couple of guys who take on the lion's share of the work, including repairing pools and dealing with clogged drains all winter long. If you run into Kurt Oehme while he's counting fish at the dam, or Leigh Morrill cutting and hauling brush from around the walkway and fish house, take a moment to thank them for their commitment to keeping things working and looking good around the fish ladder. I personally thank them and all the others who make the harvest work smoothly each year. What a special part of life in Damariscotta Mills!

Respectfully submitted,  
MARK C. BECKER  
Fish Agent,  
Nobleboro and Newcastle

## Damariscotta Mills Fish Ladder Restoration

How about this? In 2018, 1,395,984 alewives were counted entering Damariscotta Lake to spawn after their ascent of the fish ladder. That's way more than one million! Mind you, it was a good year for alewives all along the Maine coast but, nonetheless, Damariscotta Mills had a banner year—thanks to the restoration of the fish ladder! It now works better than it ever worked in its more than 200-year history.

In another measure of success, Maine Department of Marine Resources personnel, under a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, completed a study of the efficiency of the restored fish ladder in 2018. In that study, 75% of alewives entering the fish ladder made it to the top and entered Damariscotta Lake to spawn. In contrast, only 20% of alewives entering the fish ladder in 2010 made it to the top. Wow, what an increase!

After such amazing counts and reports, one might expect the restoration committee to take a rest and enjoy the success of their hard work. Not so, there was more to do! Working with the Nobleboro selectmen, Wright Pierce Engineering was hired to engineer and permit all necessary repairs to the walkway between the fish house and the harvesting area as well as the collapsing concrete barrier that forms the fish house parking lot perimeter. The engineering study was completed in the spring of 2018 and a bid package was sent out for work on the walkway between the fish house and harvesting area, where the walkway is so undermined that it may eventually collapse. After receiving only one complete bid for the entire project, a decision was made to postpone the project to 2019.

The restoration committee continues to meet and there will be a festival, to be renamed the Alewives Festival, to take place on May 25, 2019 and this year to include a 5K race. David Brydges of Damariscotta Mills will head up the festival committee in my

place. I will continue to work on the revitalization of the fish house complex.

As I have said for so many years, the restoration efforts could not have happened without the help and commitment of so many wonderful neighbors and friends in Damariscotta Mills and beyond. Thanks to one and all for your work, commitment and love for our wonderful place in the world and the great fish... and wildlife... which visit each year!

Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah Wilson  
Fish Committee Member  
Fish Ladder Restoration  
Chairperson



## Lincoln County Television (LCTV)

To the Newcastle Board of Selectmen,

The LCTV community would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for your continued support of the television station, media center and our important mission. Your support and funding, along with Alna, Damariscotta, Edgcomb, Nobleboro, Waldoboro and Westport Island, enable us to continue and improve our overall mission of showcasing town meetings, committee meetings, current events, local history, political changes, senior issues and educational successes. Essentially you are ensuring that local socially active organizations and voices are being heard.

The past several months at LCTV have been transitional due to the sooner-than-expected resignation of our Executive Director, Abby Ingraham. This change was offset by the addition of five new energetic local members to our Board of Directors.

LCTV's Board of Directors has established several important priorities for 2019. They are:

The long overdue installation of an emergency-backup generator

Upgrading our computers, equipment and computer software

The continued creation of locally produced quality broadcasting

More onsite live broadcasting of public events and celebrations

After several years of flat funding, your generous 2018 increase was key in helping LCTV achieve several important goals this past year. Because we understand how economically difficult times are, we are not requesting an increase this upcoming year. More importantly we are requesting your continued support which will enable us to expand our involvement in the communities we currently serve.

To this date we are still unable to obtain any accurate subscriber

figures from the Spectrum Cable company. We have been repeatedly notified that municipalities can formally request figures from Spectrum when needed.

We look forward to working with you in the future as we continue to showcase Newcastle's town government, wonderful history and community events.

STEPHEN J. POPP  
Executive Director LCTV

## Midcoast Conservancy

Dear Community Members and Friends:

Midcoast Conservancy is committed to supporting our mission pillars of 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. On January 1st, we merged with Medomak Valley Land Trust, bringing 13 new towns and 4500 acres of land into the Midcoast Conservancy community.

This year, in Newcastle and the surrounding area, we impacted your land, water and community in the following ways:

### Community & Water

- Continuing Outdoor Adventure & Learning programming on Damariscotta Lake with summer paddleboard camps for local youth.

- Continuing to reduce invasive plant *Hydrilla* populations in Davis Stream and Cranberry Cove. We will continue to be a leader in the fight against invasive plants in 2019.

- Offering paddle and fat bike summer camps for local youth at Hidden Valley Nature Center

- Conducting regular testing of Damariscotta Lake water quality.

- Held the first annual Love the Lake regatta of paddle-powered watercraft from the shores of Rolling Acres, in Jefferson, for over 40 participants.

- MCC Environmental Steward and volunteers removed invasive bittersweet at Marsh



River Preserve.

Land

- Received donation property of Sherman property in Edgecomb.

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](http://www.midcoastconservancy.org). Please be in touch or stop by our office at 290 Atlantic Highway (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 Wednesday, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D. 2019, beginning at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening (7:30 pm) to act on Articles 1 through 16 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: \$2,751,067.61

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

CSD Board Recommends: \$1,258,426.19

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

CSD Board Recommends: \$0.00

**ARTICLE 4:** To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for **Other Instruction.**

CSD Board Recommends: \$154,982.85

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

CSD Board Recommends: \$362,934.95

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

CSD Board Recommends: \$167,296.32

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

CSD Board Recommends: \$355,602.18

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

CSD Board Recommends: \$398,362.19

**ARTICLE 9:** To see what sum the District will be authorized to expend for **Facilities Maintenance.**

CSD Board Recommends: \$591,571.34

**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 **All Other Expenditures.**

CSD Board Recommends: \$59,723.45

**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:**

<b>Town:</b>	<b>Total Appropriated by Municipality:</b>	<b>Total Raised (District Assessments by Municipality):</b>
Bremen	<b>\$637,023.19</b>	<b>\$637,023.19</b>
Damariscotta	<b>\$1,997,141.36</b>	<b>\$1,883,157.89</b>
Newcastle	<b>\$1,968,604.20</b>	<b>\$1,300,782.00</b>
<b>Total Appropriated:</b>	<b>\$4,602,768.75</b>	<b>\$3,820,963.08</b>

*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 \$1,110,196.00**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$1,110,196.00** as required to fund the budget recommended by the CSD Board.

The CSD Board Recommends \$1,110,196.00 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$1,110,196.00:

*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, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020, 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: \$6,099,967.08

*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 2018-2019 Fiscal Year to the Bus Reserve Fund, previously established by District voters?

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

Given under our hands this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

SHARON MARCHI  
MARK DOE  
KATE KESTELEIN  
STEPHANIE NELSON  
ANGELA RUSS  
JOSHUA JACOBS  
JOSHUA PINKHAM  
A majority of the Board,  
Great Salt Bay CSD.

A true copy of the Warrant, Attest:  
Constable, Town of Bremen  
Constable, Town of Damariscotta  
Constable, Town of Newcastle

# Warrant for Special Town Meeting

## Thursday, May 8, 2019

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 Wednesday, May 8th, 2019 at 7:30 pm in the evening to act on Articles 1 through 18, 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 **\$115,631.44** for Adult Education and raise **\$6,595.39** 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	\$6,595.39
Selectmen Recommend	\$6,595.39

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

School Committee Recommends	\$1,113,220.19
Selectmen Recommend	\$1,113,220.19

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

School Committee Recommends	\$190,203.79
Selectmen Recommend	\$190,203.79

**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	\$1,614.41
Selectmen Recommend	\$1,614.41

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

School Committee Recommends	\$31,904.29
Selectmen Recommend	\$31,904.29

**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	\$77,265.04
Selectmen Recommend	\$77,265.04

**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, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020, 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	\$1,414,407.72
Selectmen Recommend	\$1,414,407.72

**ARTICLES 15 THROUGH 16 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

<b><u>School Budget Funding Explanation</u></b>	
Article 15: Required Local (EPS) Raise Amount	\$ 754,957.77
Article 16: Additional Local Raise Amount	\$ 374,523.48
Total Local Funds Raised	\$1,129,481.25
Fund Beginning Balance	\$ 83,037.87
State Subsidy	\$ 201,888.60
Total School Budget Request	\$1,414,407.72

**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 \$956,846.37**) 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	\$757,957.77
Selectmen Recommend	\$757,957.77

*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 \$374,523.48**) which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$374,523.48**, as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee.

The school committee recommends **\$374,523.48** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$374,523.48**:

School Committee Recommends	\$374,523.48
Selectmen Recommend	\$374,523.48

*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:** In addition to the statutorily allowed 5% transfer of funds between budget cost centers, shall the Newcastle School Committee be allowed to transfer an additional 5% (for a total of 10%) between budget cost centers, as necessary, in the best interest of the Newcastle School Department, provided that such transfers will not increase the total budget of the Newcastle School Department?


School Committee Recommends Yes

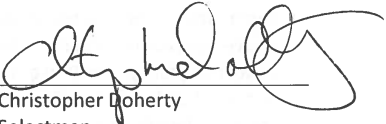
*Explanation: In the event of unexpected and unbudgeted expenditures in a given year, the School Committee has the statutory authority to transfer up to 5% from a cost center (regular instruction, special education, etc.) to a different cost center in order to cover the overage. If the overage is greater or requires funds from other cost centers that exceed the allowable 5%, a special town meeting must be called to allow the School Committee the authority to transfer funds from a cost center in excess of 5% of the cost center budget. This warrant article gives the School Committee authority to transfer up to 10% from within the budget to cover overages without asking for additional funds from the Town. This additional authority reduces the possibility of a special town meeting just to transfer funds.*

**ARTICLE 18:** 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

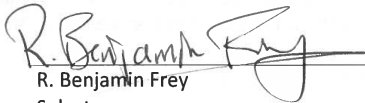
Given under our hands at Newcastle, Maine this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

  
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Brian Foote  
Chair, Board of Selectmen

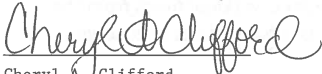
  
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Selectman

  
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Carolyn Hatch  
Selectman

  
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Joel Lind  
Selectman

  
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R. Benjamin Frey  
Selectman

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Cheryl A. Clifford  
Town Clerk  
Town of Newcastle

# Minutes: Annual Town Meeting Warrant and Secret Ballot Election

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

and

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

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

**Don Means was nominated by Cal Hurdle, seconded by Mary White-All in favor**

**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

**Motion to approve by Arlene Cole, seconded by Cal Hurdle. All in favor**

**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?

**Voting by secret ballot in Election.**

**Results from the election were 428 Yes and 144 No.**

**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.*

**Voting by secret ballot in Election.**

**Results from the election were 391 Yes and 180 No.**



## OPEN TOWN MEETING

Monday, June 18, 2018 7:00 pm

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

**The total number of residents who attended were 47.**

**The annual town meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Moderator Don Means.**

**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?

**Motion by Ben Frey, Seconded by Rem Briggs all in favor**

**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?

**Motion by David Bailey, Seconded by Gary Bensen.**

**Vote: 43 Yes-No 2**

**Don Means said there would need to be an amendment on articles 8, 9, 10, and 11 as there was an addition glitch in the Town Report totals. A correct handout was provided at the door of the meeting.**

**Shall the Town amend the warrant articles numbered 8, 9, 10, and 11 to the total indicated on the Town's handout to correctly sum the line items listed in each warrant articles. Vote: 40 Yes, 3 No**

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

Admin & Operations		FY17 Actual	FY18 Budget	FY19 Selectmen
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
	<b>Salaries Subtotal</b>	<b>152,223.35</b>	<b>161,001.00</b>	<b>184,560.34</b>
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
	<b>Insurance and Benefits Subtotal</b>	<b>85,700.86</b>	<b>99,873.00</b>	<b>106,070.08</b>
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
	<b>Contracted Service Subtotal</b>	<b>44,184.90</b>	<b>49,305.00</b>	<b>49,718.00</b>
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
	<b>Administration, Supplies and Equipment Subtotal</b>	<b>51,652.85</b>	<b>57,950.00</b>	<b>60,369.00</b>
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
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
	<b>Building and Grounds Maintenance Subtotal</b>	<b>22,612.43</b>	<b>28,924.00</b>	<b>31,142.00</b>
50	Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
51	Abatements		1,500.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>356,374.39</b>	<b>398,553.00</b>	<b>431,859.42</b>

**Motion by Rem Briggs, Seconded by Gary Bensen.**

**Vote: 40 Yes-No 4**

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

<b>Public Services</b>		<b>FY17 Actual</b>	<b>FY18 Budget</b>	<b>FY19 Selectmen</b>
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
	<b>Planning and Development Subtotal</b>	<b>38,645.67</b>	<b>11,520.00</b>	<b>19,000.00</b>
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
	<b>Services Subtotal</b>	<b>100,578.71</b>	<b>99,817.00</b>	<b>97,184.00</b>
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
19	Maine Public Broadcasting	100.00	100.00	100.00
20	Midcoast ME Community Action	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
21	New Hope for Women	830.00	830.00	830.00
22	Skidompha Library	18,641.00	18,641.00	18,641.00
23	Spectrum Generations	1,756.00	1,756.00	1,756.00
	<b>Provider Agency Subtotal</b>	<b>34,387.00</b>	<b>34,887.00</b>	<b>35,582.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>173,611.38</b>	<b>146,224.00</b>	<b>151,766.00</b>

**Motion by Gary Bensen, Seconded by Rem Briggs.**

**Vote: 42 Yes-No 2**

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

<b>Public Safety</b>		<b>FY17 Actual</b>	<b>FY18 Budget</b>	<b>FY19 Selectmen</b>
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
	<b>Fire Department Subtotal</b>	<b>179,648.08</b>	<b>128,494.00</b>	<b>128,784.22</b>
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
	<b>Infrastructure Subtotal</b>	<b>53,613.48</b>	<b>54,960.00</b>	<b>56,060.00</b>
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
	<b>Contracted Services</b>	<b>6,086.35</b>	<b>16,172.00</b>	<b>16,405.00</b>
29	EMA Director	850.00	850.00	850.00
30	Health Officer	0.00	100.00	100.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>239,347.91</b>	<b>199,626.00</b>	<b>201,249.22</b>

**Motion by Rem Briggs, Seconded by Gary Bensen.**

**Vote: 43 Yes-No 1**

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

Public Works		FY17 Actual	FY18 Budget	FY19 Selectmen
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
	<b>Operations Subtotal</b>	<b>33,520.92</b>	<b>33,950.00</b>	<b>35,600.00</b>
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
	<b>Snow Removal Subtotal</b>	<b>278,288.19</b>	<b>290,144.95</b>	<b>308,833.65</b>
8	Winter Salt	5,607.00	31,500.00	35,000.00
9	Cold Patch	810.70	1,500.00	1,500.00
	<b>Winter Maintenance Materials</b>	<b>6,417.70</b>	<b>33,000.00</b>	<b>36,500.00</b>
10	Road Gravel	3,199.00	5,000.00	7,500.00
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
	<b>Spring Maintenance Materials</b>	<b>32,402.96</b>	<b>37,550.00</b>	<b>40,500.00</b>
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
	<b>Year Round Maintenance Subtotal</b>	<b>96,556.68</b>	<b>57,500.00</b>	<b>77,000.00</b>
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
	<b>Signage and Flag Subtotal</b>	<b>666.24</b>	<b>1,780.00</b>	<b>1,280.00</b>

25	Roads Maintenance	0.00	500.00
26	Salt Storage Building - Mills Road	22,000.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>447,909.69</b>	<b>453,981.95</b>

**Motion by Rem Briggs, Seconded by Gary Bensen.**

**Vote: 38 Yes-No 5**

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

<b>Reserves</b>		<b>FY17 Actual</b>	<b>FY18 Budget</b>	<b>FY19 Selectmen</b>
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
<b>Total</b>		<b>120,841.00</b>	<b>109,950.00</b>	<b>155,850.00</b>

**Motion by Ben Frey, Seconded by Clayton Huntley.**

**Vote: 44 Yes-No 0**

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

<b>Debt Service</b>		<b>FY17 Actual</b>	<b>FY18 Budget</b>	<b>FY19 Selectmen</b>
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
<b>Total</b>		<b>246,394.14</b>	<b>193,084.00</b>	<b>27,084.00</b>

**Motion by Clayton Huntley, Seconded by Joel Lind.**

**Vote: 43 Yes-No 1**

**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?

**Motion by Joel Lind, Seconded by Rem Briggs.**

**Vote: 43 Yes-No 1**

**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?

**Motion by Rem Briggs, Seconded by Gary Bensen.**

**Vote: 43 Yes-No 0**

**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?

**Motion by Rem Briggs, Seconded by Gary Bensen.**

**Vote: 40 Yes-No 3**

**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?

**Motion by Rem Briggs, Seconded by Gary Bensen.**

**Vote: 42 Yes-No 1**

**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.

**Motion by Ben Frey, Seconded by Joel Lind.**

**Vote: 42 Yes-No 1**

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

**Motion by Gary Bensen, Seconded by Clayton Huntley.**

**Vote: 43 Yes-No 1**



**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?

**Motion by Gary Bensen, Seconded by Clayton Huntley.**

**Vote: 42 Yes-No 2**

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

**Motion by Gary Bensen, Seconded by Clayton Huntley.**

**Vote: 40 Yes-No 0**

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

**Motion by Ben Frey, Seconded by Rem Briggs.**

**Vote: 40 Yes-No 3**

**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)?

**Motion by Gary Bensen, Seconded by Rem Briggs.**

**Vote: 37 Yes-No 4**

**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?

**Motion by Gary Bensen, Seconded by Rem Briggs.**

**Vote: 39 Yes-No 3**

**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?

**Motion by Gary Bensen, Seconded by Rem Briggs.**

**Vote: 38 Yes-No 4**

**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?

**Motion by Gary Bensen, Seconded by Rem Briggs.**

**Vote: 40 Yes-No 3**

**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?

**Motion by Carolyn Hatch, Seconded by Chris Doherty.**

**Vote: 42 Yes-No 1**

**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).

**Motion by Gary Bensen, Seconded by Rem Briggs.**

**Vote: 42 Yes-No 1**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:55 PM**

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 eight years as your Governor, my priority has been to make Maine prosperous. I am proud to say that my administration has had some success, but there is more that can be done.

Mainers experienced strong, record-setting economic growth in 2018, setting so many new records: a record-high number of employers; a record-high number of private-sector jobs; record-high revenues for the state; record-low unemployment; and the fastest net-earnings growth in New England. Our poverty rate declined to the lowest since 2005 with the fewest number of children in poverty in 17 years. Maine's future is the brightest it has been in decades: there are more new businesses, more money in your paycheck, and better opportunities for our children. And that's what it's all about: the future of our state.

We have brought stability to state finances and implemented pro-business, pro-growth policies across state government. The incoming administration is taking on a state government that is vastly improved—both structurally and financially—from the one I inherited. Therefore, I have suggested to the new administration that now is the time to cut taxes by an additional 20 percent.

My administration lowered taxes by 20 percent for more than half-a-million Mainers. Cutting taxes for our families has proven to be an excellent policy decision. Despite this cut, we are seeing higher revenue in almost every tax category—sales and use tax, individual income tax, and corporate income tax. We must always remember that the revenue we receive in taxes is due to the hard work of Maine's people. Democrats stated they want to use surplus money to fully fund revenue sharing at 5 percent, rather than the 2 percent the towns have received for the past 6 years. **However, there is no guarantee your local government will cut your property taxes by one penny—never mind dollar-for-dollar—if revenue sharing is increased.**

The people of Maine and the municipal balance sheets would be better off if the state cut income taxes and allowed municipalities to collect property taxes or service fees from non-profits to supplement the local property taxes. Everyone should contribute to the operation of local community governments.

I encourage you to pay attention to what happens in your municipality and in Augusta. So many good people have worked much too hard to achieve our current prosperity. We must avoid letting politicians drive Maine's finances and its economy back into the ground. I promise you that I will be watching.

Sincerely,  
PAUL R. LEPAGE  
Governor

## Governor Janet T. Mills

Dear Friends:

It was the highest honor of my life to take the oath of office to become Maine's 75th governor. Over the next four years, I will do everything in my power to make Maine the safe, beautiful, prosperous state we all want for our children and grandchildren.

That is why on my first day in office I directed the Maine Department of Health and Human Services to implement Medicaid expansion as quickly and efficiently as possible. My Administration will ensure that it is paid for sustainably; that the cost of health insurance is controlled; and that the cost of prescription drugs is reined in. In addition to creating a Director of Opiate Response to marshal the collective power and resources of state government to stem the tide of the opioid epidemic, we will make Narcan widely available, increase access to medication-assisted treatment and recovery coaches, and expand drug courts.

We also need a healthy environment. My Administration will embrace clean energy; change our modes of transportation; weatherize homes and businesses; and reach a goal of 50 percent of our energy coming from Maine renewable resources. By reducing the impacts of climate change, we will create good-paying jobs, preserve our environment, and protect our state's farming, fishing, and forestry industries.

We will also develop a world-class workforce starting with Pre-K for every 4-year-old in Maine and more post-high school options that result in a valued credential. Attracting talented young people to move here and make Maine their home will be top priorities of my Administration.

Maine communities, especially rural communities, are confronting a severe workforce shortage and an aging and declining population. It is time for bold, dynamic ideas that will change Maine for the better. That is why I, along with people ranging from small business owners, innovators and entrepreneurs, to economists and

every day, hard-working Mainers, developed an economic plan designed to make it easier for small businesses to grow, for people to come and stay, and for Maine to thrive.

I welcome your ideas. We are all in this together. We all want Maine to have a beautiful environment, happy people, and prosperous communities.

Thank you,  
JANET T. MILLS  
Governor

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

Dear Friends,

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

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

I’ve also worked to strengthen the future of our forest economy. Maine’s forests have powered our state’s economy for generations, especially in our rural communities. So, when rapid shifts in the market led to the closure of many pulp and paper mills and biomass power plants, it required a collaborative approach to support future growth in this important industry. That’s why, together with the other members of the state’s Congressional delegation,

I pushed to establish the Economic Development Assessment Team (EDAT). This integrated, multiagency effort aims to foster innovation and commercialization in Maine’s forest economy, and we’re already seeing the benefits: in recent months, several forest industry businesses have announced significant investments into Maine operations, and in September 2018, the Forest Opportunity Roadmap (FOR)/Maine released an action plan to make sure this industry, and the rural communities it supports, can continue to thrive for generations to come.

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

Best,  
ANGUS S. KING JR.  
United States Senator



## U.S. Senator Susan M. Collins

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.

As Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, I worked to help ensure the well-being of our seniors. The *SeniorSafe Act* I authored became law last year and is empowering banks, credit unions, and other financial institutions to better protect seniors from financial fraud.

Following extensive committee investigations of prescription drug pricing, additional legislation I crafted became law, ending the egregious practice of pharmacy “gag clauses” that prevented pharmacists from informing patients on how to pay the lowest possible price.

This year, I was also successful in securing an extra \$425 million for Alzheimer’s research—the largest funding increase ever—bringing the total to \$2.34 billion. Additionally, the bipartisan *BOLD Act* I authored will create public health infrastructure to combat Alzheimer’s by promoting education, early diagnosis, and improved care management.

More than 40 million Americans—including 178,000 Mainers—are caregivers for parents, spouses, children, and other loved ones with disabilities or illnesses, such as Alzheimer’s. The *RAISE Family Caregivers Act* I authored was signed into law last year, giving caregivers more resources and training to better balance the full-time job of caregiving. Another law I wrote will help grandparents who are raising grandchildren, largely due to the opioid addiction crisis.

In addition to helping seniors, a major accomplishment over the past year is the increased federal investment in biomedical research that is leading to progress in the fight against numerous devastating diseases. Congress has boosted funding for the National Institutes of Health by \$7 billion in just the last three years, bringing total funding

to more than \$39 billion.

One of my highest priorities as Chairman of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee is to improve our nation's crumbling infrastructure and ensure that Maine's needs are addressed. Since the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Grants program, formerly known as TIGER, was established in 2009, I have secured \$160 million for vital transportation projects throughout Maine.

Congress also delivered a Farm Bill last year, which includes many important provisions that will help the agriculture industry in Maine and across the country. Specifically, I secured provisions that will strengthen support for young farmers, improve local farm-to-market efforts, and increase funding for organic research.

Congress took decisive action to address the opioid addiction epidemic. In addition to appropriating \$8.5 billion in federal funding last year, Congress enacted the *SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act*, a comprehensive package that embraces the multipronged approach I have long advocated for this epidemic: prevention, treatment, recovery, and enforcement to stop drug trafficking.

Maine plays a key role in ensuring a strong national defense. In 2018, Congress provided funding for five ships to be built at Bath Iron Works, which will help to keep our nation safe and provide our skilled shipbuilders a steady job. I also secured more than \$162 million for infrastructure projects at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to support their important work to overhaul Navy submarines.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. In December 2018, I cast my 6,834<sup>th</sup> consecutive vote, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact one of my state offices or visit my website at [www.collins.senate.gov](http://www.collins.senate.gov). May 2019 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

SUSAN M. COLLINS  
United States Senator

## **U.S. Representative Chellie Pingree**

Dear Friends,

I hope this message finds you well. I am honored to represent you and your family and am grateful for the chance to offer both an update from Congress and my thoughts on the year ahead.

In Maine, we care less about political parties than about getting the job done. That's why I'm happy to report several recent victories I had reaching across the aisle to address issues important to our state.

Signed into law after months of deadlock, the 2018 Farm Bill contained several provisions I introduced. We were able to boost local food investment and organic research programs that are important to the Maine farmers driving a resurgence in our agricultural economy. The bill also created a pilot program to help doctors write prescriptions and offer vouchers to patients who need to change their diet but can't afford fresh food. Finally, the legislation included several steps I introduced to reduce food waste, a national problem that is not only costly to the environment and economy, but a missed opportunity to help millions of Americans who don't have enough to eat.

At the end of 2018, the President signed into law legislative language I introduced to assist veterans who had been blindsided by debt with the Department of Veterans Affairs. After hearing from several veterans who did not receive mailings about their debt until it was too late to take action, I introduced a bill to require the VA to improve its notification system. The final legislation requires that veterans have the option of getting electronic notifications and that the VA report on the underlying issues.

And on the House Appropriations Committee, I worked to protect programs that our state relies on, such as small business grants, rural broadband investment, effective responses to the opioid epidemic, shipbuilding at Bath Iron Works, and more.

As a new Congress gets underway, I will keep working with

Republicans to make progress on key issues like these. But with Democrats now in the majority, I look forward to having an open debate on problems that have been ignored for too long. This includes the gun violence plaguing our nation, the dangers climate change presents to our country, crushing student loan debt, the influence of big money in politics, and the need for all Americans to access affordable health care and prescriptions.

In Washington and Maine, my offices stand ready to answer your questions, listen to feedback, and assist with federal issues and agencies. My hard-working staff helps many hundreds of constituents every year and I welcome the chance to serve you.

Best wishes,  
CHELLIE PINGREE  
Member of Congress

## State Senator Dana Dow

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

First, let me thank you for reelecting me to represent you at the State House in Augusta. It truly is an honor to serve the constituents of District 13 in the Maine Senate. I am eager to get to work so that Maine becomes an even better place to make a decent living and raise a family. I would like to provide you with a few highlights of the 128th Legislature as well as my vision for the current legislative session.

During my time as a member of the Maine Senate, it has been encouraging to see the significant progress that has occurred. The State of Maine closed the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2018 with a budget surplus of more than \$126 million and a 'rainy day fund' totaling more than \$274 million, allowing our state to have a better borrowing capacity and long-term financial stability. Following years of budget shortfalls and high spending, the significance of these economic achievements cannot be overstated.

Perhaps the most significant action the 128th Legislature took was passing tax conformity. In doing so, we ensured that Maine citizens would not see their tax burden increase as a result of the federal changes to the tax code. Additionally, the tax conformity legislation included a \$300 child credit and increased the property tax fairness credit. Serving as Chair of the Taxation Committee at the time, I was incredibly proud that both sides of the aisle could come together to benefit the people of Maine.

As we head into the 129th Legislature, I have been elected by my colleagues to serve as the Senate Republican Leader. I look forward to listening to all viewpoints and examining critical legislation with a keen eye as we have a responsibility to ensure the best interests of all Maine citizens. I have also been appointed to serve on the Marine Resources Committee, which has jurisdiction over the State's commercial marine fisheries management, including the processing and sale of marine fish, shellfish and aquaculture. Maine is known

around the world for the quality of seafood that comes from our coastline. I look forward to working with my colleagues to promote our marine industry while also taking the necessary steps to protect our natural resources for generations to come.

Thank you again for trusting me to be your voice in Augusta. If you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance with a state-related matter, please feel free to contact me at 287-1505 or [dana.dow@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:dana.dow@legislature.maine.gov).

Sincerely,  
DANA L. DOW  
State Senator

## State Representative Michael Devin

It is an honor to continue my service as your State Representative. For the last several years, I have been working hard on your behalf to provide responsive constituent services, be your advocate in state government and advance legislation that improves life in our district and in our state.

Right now the Legislature is working through over 2,000 separate pieces of legislation covering a wide variety of topics. Already we have made strides to expand health care coverage and are taking steps to bring relief from the opioid crisis. Efforts are also under way to expand access to renewable energy, reduce student debt, fight and deal with the effects of climate change, repair our roads and bridges, increase protections for workers and consumers, get prescription drug costs under control, protect the independence of seniors and make sure we are caring for our neighbors with disabilities.

Lawmakers are also on the way toward balancing the state budget for the next two years in a way that increases revenue sharing funds for all Maine towns and respects the mandate of the voters to properly fund public education.

This year I submitted 40-plus bills, and, through them, my staff and I are working to improve the quality of our oceans, take steps to prepare for and mitigate the effects of climate change, curb our unhealthy reliance on plastic bags and containers and protect our marine and natural resources-based economies.

Whether we are dealing with the above issues or any other topic, our office is working hard to make sure we're doing the best work we can for the people of our district and all the people of Maine.

Please contact me or my aide if I can be of any help or if you want to discuss or testify on any legislation. My email is [mick@mickdevin.org](mailto:mick@mickdevin.org) and my phone number is 975-3132. You can also contact our main office in Augusta at 287-1430.

Respectfully,  
MICK DEVIN, State Representative

# Town of Newcastle Contacts

## *Emergency Calls Fire, Ambulance, Police – 911*

<b>AOS 93 Superintendent's District Office</b>	<i>Aos93.org</i>	563-3044
<b>Animal Control Officer</b>	Lincoln County Sheriff Non-Emergency Number	563-3200
<b>Assessor's Agent</b>	Jim Murphy <i>Assessor@newcastlemaine.us</i>	563-3441
<b>Cemetery Sexton</b>	Tom Stevens	563-1376
<b>Central Lincoln County Ambulance</b>	Non-Emergency Number	563-7105
<b>Code Enforcement Officer/Local Plumbing Inspector</b>	Ken Vinal <i>ceo@newcastlemaine.us</i>	380-6091
<b>Fire Chief</b>	Clayton Huntley <i>newcastlefd@roadrunner.com</i>	563-3888
<b>Great Salt Bay School</b>	<i>Greatsaltbayschool.org</i>	563-3091
<b>Great Salt Bay Sanitary District</b>	Water - Scott Abbotoni <i>water@gsbsd.org</i>	563-3010
<b>Great Salt Bay Sanitary District</b>	Wastewater – LeeAnna Libby <i>wastewater@gsbsd.org</i>	563-5105
<b>Harbormaster</b>	Paul Bryant	563-3398
<b>Lincoln Academy</b>	<i>Lincolnacademy.org</i>	563-3596
<b>Lincoln County Sheriff's Office</b>	Non-Emergency Number	563-3200
<b>Nobleboro – Jefferson Transfer Station</b>	Barry Howell, Manager	563-1610
<b>Road Commissioner</b>	Seth Hagar <i>shagar@hargarenterprises.com</i>	563-8588
<b>Town Administrator</b>	Jon Duke <i>jduke@newcastlemaine.us</i>	563-3441
<b>Town Clerk</b>	Michelle Cameron <i>clerk@newcastlemaine.us</i>	563-3441
<b>Skidompha Library</b>	<i>Skidompha.org</i>	563-5513

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