

An aerial photograph of a town in Maine during winter. The ground is covered in a thick layer of snow. Numerous houses with various roof colors (grey, white, red) and styles are visible, interspersed with bare trees and some evergreens. The overall scene is a quiet, snow-covered residential area.

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of the
Municipal Officers
of the
Town of Union
Maine

For the Municipal Year
2019-2020

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019 Financial Reports
June 2020 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

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DEDICATION

Lyle B. Cramer

We dedicate the 2020 Town of Union Annual Report to Lyle B. Cramer with gratitude, affection, and respect.

It is fitting, in this most strange and unexpected year of the pandemic, that we honor a Renaissance Man such as Lyle.

Anyone who knows Lyle might instantly recall the twinkle in his lake-blue eyes, his quick smile, his assortment of baseball caps. As a member of Union's Board of Selectmen from 2011 through 2019, he became known as a voice of reason with a calm demeanor and a quiet wisdom. A born prankster and an avid outdoorsman with two master's degrees, his life so far has encompassed the roles of family man, Registered Maine Guide, guidance counselor, blueberry grower, politician, and volunteer extraordinaire.



Born here in Union, Lyle was educated at the University of Maine at Orono and the University of Southern Maine. He and his wife Janice Blethen Cramer are the parents of twin sons, Bruce J. Cramer and the late Brian Lyle Cramer. They are grandparents to Abigail Ann and Jack Brian.

From 1968 to 1998 Lyle was the Guidance Counselor at Cape Elizabeth Middle School. His pre-Union political offices include Westbrook City Council member and Cumberland County Commissioner. In addition, he was in the blueberry trade and belonged to the Grange and Local Community Action Program.

In Union, besides serving on the Board of Selectmen, Lyle was a representative on the William Pullen Fund Committee, a Budget Committee member, and an alternate on the Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization.

Anyone who has ever attended or served on the Founders Day Committee likely knows Lyle. He has also been a tireless promoter of the Union Fair, including having served as Volunteer Coordinator. In May 2017 he accepted a Volunteer of the Year Award from the Union Chamber of Commerce on behalf of “the volunteers who make the Union Fair and Maine Wild Blueberry Festival possible... and log up to 10,000 hours during fair week itself” according to Village Soup. In November 2012 he and Ron Hawes accepted the Promoting Agriculture award for the Union Fair Society from Knox-Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation “in recognition of more than 100 years of advancing agriculture in midcoast Maine through the Union Fair and related activities” according to the Boothbay Register.

These accomplishments, built on a foundation of discipline, capability, and hard work, do not capture Lyle in his entirety, however. His cousin Richard Niles, also of Union, was kind enough to spill a few stories from the past. It seems that Lyle, Lyle's brother Keith, and Richard made up quite the trio.



Richard recalled once ice fishing on Ragged Lake. Six inches of water sloshed atop the ice, and a huge trout that Lyle had landed jumped right out of his hands. “You should have seen him chasing that flounder,” Richard said. “He did eventually get it back. It fed four people.”

Another time Richard had a huge three yolker egg, which he had carefully placed in his pocket. He made the mistake of alerting Lyle, who promptly came up and smashed it, proclaiming that Richard now had a three yolker pocket. Not to be outdone, Richard chased Lyle, dug out what egg remains he could, and smeared the goo all over Lyle’s head.

A college joke of Lyle’s involved placing a bucket of water right outside Richard’s dormitory door. Lyle knocked on the door and took off. When Richard opened the door, the bucket toppled over, and five gallons of water flooded the floor.

This more adventurous side was no doubt what led Lyle to become a Maine Guide. He was listed with the Maine Conservation Alliance Network as Master Hunting, Master Fishing, and Master Recreation. For many years he introduced others to our great outdoors through his Maine Guide business, operated in Union from his beloved home on Seven Tree Pond.

In typical Lyle fashion, for many years he combined his passions by leading a canoe tour of Seven Tree Pond sites featured in the Ben Ames Williams novel *Come Spring*, set in Union in 1776 and always a focal point of Founders Day. Lyle would paddle expertly amid the sun glinting off the water, the lily pads, and the timeless scenes of hard work and romance shared by Joel, Mima, and the other *Come Spring* characters.

A few words from the preface of *Come Spring* might serve to summarize the life and times of Lyle Cramer, as applicable to him now in 2020 as to the Union homesteaders of 1776: “The people... were not individually as important as George Washington; the town they founded was not as important as New York. But people like them made this country, and towns like this one were and are the soils in which this country’s roots are grounded.”



SPIRIT OF AMERICA Anita Brown and Travis Brown

The 2019 Union, Maine Spirit of America Foundation Tribute honors Anita Brown and Travis Brown for commendable community service.

Be it Resolved by the Selectmen of the Town of Union as follows:

Whereas, Anita has served on the William Pullen Fund Committee;

Whereas, Anita has served on the Aging in Place in Union Committee;

Whereas, Anita and Travis have served for many years with the People's United Methodist Church;

Whereas, Travis has served on the Board of Selectmen;

Whereas, Travis has served on the Parks and Recreation Committee;

Be it Resolved by the Selectmen of the Town of Union that Anita Brown and Travis Brown are hereby recognized for their great achievements and honors they have brought upon this community with the 2019 Union, Maine Spirit of America Foundation Tribute; and

Be it Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Anita Brown and Travis Brown for appropriate display.



Greg Grotton, Chair, Board of Selectmen and Anita and Travis Brown, Recipients



ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

TOWN MEETING AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MODERATORS

Ronald Hawes, Elmer Savage, and Richard Niles

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Sarah Drickey term expires 2020
 Gregory Grotton, Chair term expires 2020
 Adam C. Fuller term expires 2021
 John Shepard, Vice Chair term expires 2021
 Joshua B. White..... term expires 2022

TRUSTEES OF THE WILLIAM PULLEN FUND (to serve with two Selectmen – four-year term)

Irene Hawes term expires 2020
 Anita Brown term expires 2021
 Paul Gaudreau term expires 2022
 Judith Brogden..... term expires 2023

TRUSTEES OF THE CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS (three-year term)

Lee MacFarland..... term expires 2020
 Joel Wentworth, Sr. term expires 2021
 Keith Hilt term expires 2022

BUDGET COMMITTEE (three-year term)

Dan Day term expires 2020
 Wayne Kirkpatrick term expires 2020
 John Mountainland term expires 2020
 Barry Norris term expires 2020
 Erik Amundsen term expires 2021
 Michael Drickey term expires 2021
 John Gibbons term expires 2021
 Doris Vertz term expires 2021
 Bruce Cobb term expires 2022
 Terry Brackett..... term expires 2022
 Paul Gaudreau term expires 2022
 Lawrence Nash term expires 2022

DIRECTORS OF REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 40 (three-year term)

Robert Williams..... term expires 2020
 Matthew Speno term expires 2021
 Erik Amundsen term expires 2022



TOWN OFFICIALS

ADMINISTRATION

Town Manager, Road Commissioner, General Assistance Administrator and Public Access Officer Jay Feyler
Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Deputy Registrar/Treasurer/General Assistance Administrator Stacey M.Y. Parra
Registrar of Voters, Deputy Clerk/Tax Collector/Treasurer, and Alternate General Assistance Administrator Michelle Clifford
Deputy Clerk/Tax Collector/Registrar/Treasurer Sherry Abaldo
Town Legal Counsel Roger Therriault
Selectmen’s Secretary Sandra Patrick

ASSESSING

Assessors’ Representative James Murphy, Jr.

CEMETERIES

Cemeteries Director Myrna Soule

FINANCE

Treasurer/Bookkeeper Laura Curtis

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Code Enforcement Officer, Local Plumbing Inspector, Building Inspector, and Alternate General Assistance Administrator Grant Watmough
Alternate Code Enforcement Officer, Building Inspector, and Local Plumbing Inspector Melody Sainio

PUBLIC SAFETY

Animal Control Officer Heidi Blood
Emergency Medical Service Chief Jesse Thompson
Fire Chief and EMA Director Kevin Soule
Health Officer Grant Watmough

PUBLIC WORKS

Supervisor Orrin Parker



ELECTIONS

ELECTION CLERKS (May 1, 2020 - April 30, 2022)

DEMOCRATIC

Dorothy Black
Dianne Groce
Debra Hilt
Pamela Jensen
Nancy Johnson
Carol Watier

REPUBLICAN

Tera Corson
Linda Dean
Charlotte Doughty
Barbara Fang
Martha Johnston-Nash
Ruth Leonard

ELECTION WARDENS

Warden Richard Niles
Deputy Warden..... Jay Feyler
Deputy Warden..... James Justice

COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS

AGING IN PLACE IN UNION (three-year term)

Anita Brown term expires 2021
Marcy Corwin term expires 2021
Lorain Francis, Co-Chair term expires 2021
Wanda Gamage-Wyman, Co-Chair term expires 2021
Phil Groce term expires 2021
Clark Hooper term expires 2021
Martha Hooper term expires 2021
Katie Tarbox term expires 2021
Carol Watier term expires 2021
Dorothy Williams term expires 2021
Robert Williams term expires 2021

BOARD OF APPEALS (five-year term)

Charlotte Doughty term expires 2021
William Pagnano, Chair term expires 2021
Neil Pollis term expires 2022
Abraham Knight..... term expires 2023
Judith L. Brogden term expires 2024

COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS – continued



Town of Union, Maine

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE (three-year term)

Janelle Blake.....	term expires 2020
Jordan Cerny	term expires 2020
Aaron Cheesman	term expires 2020
Patrick Hood, Co-Vice Chair.....	term expires 2020
Ashely McKellar.....	term expires 2020
Patrick Mellor.....	term expires 2020
Robert Milliken II	term expires 2020
Allison Moody	term expires 2020
Mitchell Wilson, Chair	term expires 2020
Matthew Wyman, Co-Vice Chair	term expires 2020
James Justice	term expires 2021
Clairlynn Rountree	term expires 2021
Michael Thompson.....	term expires 2021

PLANNING BOARD (five-year term)

C. Dale Flint.....	term expires 2020
Gerald S. Brooks, Jr., Chair	term expires 2021
John Mountainland.....	term expires 2021
Glenn Taylor, Vice-Chair	term expires 2022
Laura Curtis	term expires 2023
Michael Johnson.....	term expires 2024
Robin Milliken	term expires 2024

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (one-year term)

Barbara Fang	term expires 2021
Mary Joyce Grotton.....	term expires 2021
Rebekah Smith	term expires 2021
Rachael Umstead	term expires 2021

TRI-COUNTY SOLID WASTE REPRESENTATIVES (one-year term)

James Bailey, Secretary	term expires 2020
Lyle Cramer, Alternate	term expires 2020
John Shepard, President.....	term expires 2020



UNION & FIRE RESCUE

FIRE DEPARTMENT ROSTER

Chief:

Kevin Soule*

Assistant Chief:

Jesse Thompson

Captains:

Nick Ciasullo

Scot Sabins*

Lieutenants:

Randy Scott*

Adam Simmons

John Willis

Fire Police:

Todd Caverly

James Murphy

Firefighters:

Jason Earl

Jeff Grinnell

Sherwood Hilt*

William Jackson

Maddy Kirkpatrick

Wayne Kirkpatrick

Lewis Merrifield

AJ Naum

Orrin Parker

Ryan Soule

Robert Wheelis

Junior Firefighters:

Gaje Falcon

Michael Simmons

Beth Wheelis

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE ROSTER

EMS Chief:

Jesse Thomspson

Paramedics:

Stephen Barley

Eric Davis

Jeff Grinnell

Justin Ledolce

Mike Poli

EMT Advanced:

Josh Conway

Jason Earl

Cody Hickey

Michelle Robinson

Ruth Wall

EMT Basics:

Harry Ankers

Teresa Ankers

Nicholas Ciasullo

Jamie Dow

Michael Gross

Clarence Keller

Barry King

Tony Leo

AJ Naum

Michael Seeger

Jessica Ward

Drivers:

Alex Audette

Nick Huber

William Jackson

Maddy Kirkpatrick

Wayne Kirkpatrick

Aliah Lovejoy

Robert Sayward

Rebecca Thompson

*20 years or more of service



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Gregory Grotton, Chair
John Shepard, Vice-Chair
Sarah Drickey
Adam Fuller
Joshua White

This year has brought changes, challenges and opportunities for most of us here in our town. As of this writing, we are all coping with the very serious pandemic which has swept the world and caused us all to change our normal life routines dramatically. This unprecedented situation has forced shutdowns for many businesses and schools. Government operations are curtailed. Sports and cultural events are cancelled. Financial uncertainties abound. We are all learning about social distancing, wearing masks and gloves in public, and conducting much of our lives online and through Zoom and Skype. We wash our hands all the time.

In the midst of this crisis we are learning much about ourselves in Maine and especially here in Union. We have not had any panic or riots. There is no evidence of increased crime or hoarding of essential goods, not even precious toilet paper. We are taking this challenge seriously and also in stride as we learn behaviors for the “new normal,” however temporarily or long this may last. We are paying heed to the advice of our health officials and local municipal officers, understanding that this is the best way to protect everyone’s safety. We have great confidence in our local emergency services and recognize that they are true heroes among us in times of need such as this, ready to risk personal safety to help any citizen in trouble. Thanks to Jesse and Kevin and all our first responders, EMTs and firefighters!

There is abundant proof that we are responding to this calamity with great civility and concern for each other. We are donating funds to help our neighbors who are suddenly unemployed. We are volunteering to pick up groceries, deliver meals, check on vulnerable seniors in town. Our local small businesses are now offering free deliveries. We call our neighbors to check in and offer support. We are working together, even while we are shut in and keeping social distance.

There are other things that are happening in town....

It was one year ago when our public works building was badly damaged by fire. Our new building is nearly completed now, after this full year of insurance negotiation, engineering studies and construction delays. Through all of this, our town manager has worked tirelessly to oversee and manage this process and has had to exert “diplomatic persuasion” many times to get things done. Our public works crew has been truly heroic while making do with substandard and frustrating conditions. Our roads were always cleared, sanded and maintained to the highest standard all winter thanks to their outstanding work. Thanks Orrin and crew!

You’ll notice that the new building has photovoltaic solar panels installed and ready to go, thanks to your vote of approval. We look forward to real cost savings in electricity and reduced greenhouse gas emissions with this clean energy improvement.



We are soon to have our streetlamps converted to LED fixtures throughout town. This will improve lighting and safety as well as reduce electricity costs dramatically.

We have two new selectmen this year who have infused the select board with fresh energy and clear thinking. Welcome to Adam Fuller and Josh White.... You have enlivened our discourse, thank you both!

Likewise, we have enjoyed enthusiastic participation from many citizens who've attended our selectmen's meetings this year. We do appreciate your joining the process to share your ideas, concerns and suggestions. This is the essence of representative democracy and it's very healthy.

Moving forward into uncertainty, we ask your patience and understanding as we negotiate the many variables arising from the Covid-19 pandemic. As of this writing it's uncertain that we'll be able to have normally scheduled voting or even town meeting. We haven't been able to meet and craft a budget to present for a vote. We don't know if state government will reimburse any of our losses to lessen financial disruption. We are very much learning as we go along and adapting to circumstance. Meanwhile, we are very fortunate to have a thoughtful, energetic and proactive town manager who is diligently working to navigate these uncertain conditions and mitigate damages which may befall us. Likewise, we have a dedicated staff in the town office working tirelessly to keep town business moving along. It's fair to say that our municipal staff, public works and ambulance service constitute a "dream team," and we're most fortunate to have them all with us. Thanks to all of them!

The one certainty we do have is our beloved town of Union and our wonderful community. We all care about these things. We care about each other and we're willing, even eager, to find ways to help and ensure that we all make it together. We remember that our town was named Union "due to the uncommon harmony and union among the people of the community." Still true. We selectmen and town officials recognize this noble spirit of cooperation and thank you all for being part of this community.



Photo Courtesy of Christine Simmonds, Village Soup



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Jay Feyler, Town Manager

And one day the switch was flipped, and the world changed! As I write this in early April, we are told that we have not seen the worst of COVID-19. By the time you read this, we hope things are better than were predicted.

Needless to say, the first months of 2020 defined us as a community and as individuals. Our lives will change forever, and hopefully for the good.

The past year has been a whirlwind for sure, beginning with the April 2019 fire at the Public Works building. Eventually the insurance people decided we would tear the building down and have it rebuilt. The process has been slow and painful at times, and we expect, hope, and pray that a little over a year later we will be in the building working again.

Major thanks to our Public Works crew for working in the harsh conditions, repairing trucks without any protection from the elements and still somehow keeping our roads clear from snow and ice.

In addition to the new garage, you can now see that the solar panels you voted for are up on the building. This will generate enough electricity to cover most of the Town's usage and help reduce pollution across the globe.

With our ongoing plan to reduce energy costs and worldwide pollution, we are continuing to upgrade our lighting and heating systems. We are installing additional LED lighting in all our buildings. Each year we have been adding heat pumps to reduce oil usage.

Although a bit delayed in the economic shutdown, you will notice new LED streetlights later this summer. This will save us hundreds of dollars a year in electricity cost and allow for a more visible and safe light.

Kudos to the newly energized Parks and Recreation volunteers for putting together our first ice rink. Many got to enjoy it even though we were late in the season getting it approved. If you have the time, I urge you to become part of this committee.

On the ballot you will see an article about our sidewalks, determining whether we continue the multiple phases of sidewalks, or simply table it. We are now sitting on a \$400,000 grant with \$100,000 of our money to go along with Phase One. This, along with talks we are having regarding donations from private organizations, would allow us to open several miles of additional walking paths.

Also on the ballot this year will be a bond authorization. These funds will be almost exclusively for road infrastructure and the refinance of the previous bond balance. With historic low interest rates, this is a wise move by the Board of Selectmen to help stabilize our tax rate this year.

The Governor has postponed the June elections until July 14. As of this writing, we do not know how that will be accomplished, but it is the first time anyone can remember our election date being changed.



The dates in this Town Report may not reflect the actual final dates of our annual Town Meeting. By the time July rolls around, we may either be delayed further, or have voted by means other than an open meeting.

Our front office staff, led by Stacey Parra, has been working extremely hard in very difficult circumstances since the shutdown. Phone calls and e-mails have tripled. They assist residents the best they can with the limits given to us.

We welcomed two new Board of Selectmen this year with Josh White and Adam Fuller joining our ranks. They – along with Greg Grotton, John Shepard and Sarah Drickey – have been working hard to run the Town of Union in a safe and efficient manner. I want to personally thank them for all the support they have given the staff and myself over the past year, and we look forward to working with any new members elected this season.

Last, our emergency services personnel have been the real heroes this year! With the COVID-19 pandemic running amuck, they are out every day taking calls and keeping us all safe. It has been extremely stressful on first responders, and we owe them a great debt of gratitude for their service.

Difficult times define us all; how we handle this time will tell. Be safe and carry on.



OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK AND TAX COLLECTOR

Stacey M. Y. Parra, Town Clerk and Tax Collector

Michelle Clifford, Deputy Town Clerk

Sherry Abaldo, Deputy Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS	2017	2018	2019
Births	18	27	27
Marriages	16	16	14
Deaths	20	28	20

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>TOWN OF DEATH</u>	<u>AGE</u>
Kenneth Eldredge Wilson, Jr.	January 14, 2019	Rockland	81
Steven Keith Sanner	January 15, 2019	Montville	57
Robert Milton Linscott	January 30, 2019	Union	83
James Miller Packard	January 30, 2019	Rockport	76
Ricky R. Ellis	February 11, 2019	Union	45
Dolores Ann Demuth	May 4, 2019	Togus	66
Gary Frank Escorsio	May 25, 2019	Rockport	66
Barbara Ann Hannan	May 28, 2019	Rockport	72
Harriet Robbins Carroll	June 7, 2019	Rockport	93
Elizabeth Jean Sabins	June 14, 2019	Rockport	84
Michael W. Noyes, Sr.	July 22, 2019	Rockport	73
Deborah Lee Farley	August 6, 2019	Rockport	64
Jeanette Lorraine Emeryton	August 21, 2019	Belfast	76
Jacqueline Elaine Hawes	August 27, 2019	Rockport	89
Paul Anthony Wyman	October 9, 2019	Togus	71
Josephine Landi	October 10, 2019	Rockport	97
Mildred Faustina Goff	October 20, 2019	Rockland	97
Carolyn Clark Brown	October 26, 2019	Rockport	73
Mark A. Leclerc	October 27, 2019	Rockport	64
Kenneth Luther Orne	December 18, 2019	Rockport	92



**LICENSES SOLD, STATISTICS,
REVENUES RECEIVED, AND FEES COLLECTED
January - December 2018**

<u>DOG LICENSES</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Kennel Licenses.....	1	2	1
Male/Female Dogs.....	81	74	85
Spayed/Neutered Dogs	382	93	398

<u>VITAL STATISTICS</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Marriage Licenses Issued	16	11	14
Certified Copies of Birth Records	41	54	43
Certified Copies of Marriage Records.....	35	36	45
Certified Copies of Death Records.....	113	119	66

<u>RECORD OF TOWN REVENUES RECEIVED</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
BMV Excise Tax	\$478,418.04	\$481,721.50	\$483,291.79
BMV Agent Fees.....	\$ 6,454.00	\$ 8,146.00	\$ 9,574.00
Boat Excise Tax.....	\$ 3,358.90	\$ 3,410.70	\$ 3,712.80
Boat Registration Agent Fees.....	\$ 225.00	\$ 252.00	\$ 232.00
ATV Registration Agent Fees	\$ 106.00	\$ 96.00	\$ 112.00
Snowmobile Registration Agent Fees	\$ 109.00	\$ 96.00	\$ 120.00
Hunting & Fishing License Fees	\$ 422.50	\$ 412.00	\$ 327.00
Vital Records Fees.....	\$ 2,219.00	\$ 1,999.80	\$ 1,878.40
Dog License Agent Fees.....	\$ 465.00	\$ 467.00	\$ 486.00
Dog License Animal Control Fees	\$ 774.00	\$ 786.00	\$ 814.00
Late Dog Registration Fees	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 550.00
TOTAL	\$493,601.44	\$498,137.00	\$501,097.99

<u>RECORD OF STATE FEES COLLECTED</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
BMV Registration, Sales Tax and Title Fees	\$ 88,748.50	\$155,828.98	\$157,645.88
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Fees	\$ 18,883.50	\$ 18,186.00	\$ 19,538.00
Sales Tax on Boats, ATV's & Snowmobiles	\$ 3,675.94	\$ 3,790.81	\$ 6,047.72
Dog License Fees	\$ 1,931.00	\$ 1,919.00	\$ 2,074.00
Vital Records Fees.....	\$ 326.00	\$ 315.20	\$ 229.60
TOTAL	\$113,564.94	\$180,039.99	\$185,535.20



WHAT TO BRING WHEN REGISTERING A CAR:

RE-REGISTRATION: Previous registration, current insurance card, and mileage.
NEW REGISTRATION (Dealer Sale): Documentation (Proof) sales tax paid, blue title application form, current insurance card, and mileage. It is MANDATORY to have the monroneys label or window sticker on a brand-new vehicle. This became law on September 19, 1997.
NEW REGISTRATION (Private Sale): Bill of sale and title on vehicle 1995 or newer.
NEW REGISTRATION (Transfer): Same as above PLUS registration of the vehicle the plates are being transferred from.

WHAT TO BRING WHEN REGISTERING A SNOWMOBILE/ATV/BOAT:

RE-REGISTRATION: Old registration.
NEW REGISTRATION (Dealer Sale): Documentation (Proof) sales tax paid, ME-assigned number on used recreation vehicles.
NEW REGISTRATION (Private Sale): Bill of sale, ME-assigned numbers and serial numbers, horsepower & length for boats.
NEW REGISTRATION (Transfer): Same as above PLUS registration of the vehicle the plates are being transferred from.

WHAT TO BRING WHEN LICENSING A DOG:

Current rabies certificate and neuter/spay certificate if applicable (furnished to you by your vet).

WHAT TO BRING/SEND WHEN PAYING TAXES:

Please enclose or bring your tax bill.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Property Taxes Due: Monday, November 16, 2020 and Monday, May 17, 2021
- Dog Licenses Due: December 31
- Boat Registrations Expire: December 31
- Snowmobile Registrations Expire:June 30
- ATV Registrations Expire:June 30

HOLIDAYS – The Town Office Will Be Closed on the Following Dates:

- Monday, July 4, 2021 Independence Day
- Monday, September 6, 2021 Labor Day
- Monday, October 11, 2021 Indigenous Peoples Day
- Thursday, November 11, 2021 Veterans’ Day
- Thursday, November 25, 2021 Thanksgiving Day
- Friday, November 26, 2021 Thanksgiving Friday
- Saturday, December 25, 2021 Christmas Day
- Saturday, January 1, 2022 New Year’s Day
- Monday, January 17, 2022 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Monday, February 21, 2022 Presidents’ Day
- Monday, April 18, 2022 Patriots’ Day
- Monday, May 30, 2022 Memorial Day



OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

Michelle Clifford, Registrar
Stacey M. Y. Parra, Town Clerk and Deputy Registrar
Sherry Abaldo, Deputy Registrar

Union residents who are eligible to vote may register at the town office during regular business hours or at the polls on Election Day. Proof of residency is required at the time of registration. Proof of residency could be a current vehicle registration, lease or rental agreement, utility bill, bank statement, or paystub with your Union physical address on it. Post office boxes cannot be accepted for proof of residency.

If this is your first time registering to vote in Maine, you must also bring proof of identification, such as a driver's license or other photo ID. You may also register to vote at a branch office of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. You may register by mail with a card supplied by the Secretary of State, but you must enclose a copy of your driver's license. Seventeen-year-olds may register and vote in a Primary, as long as they will be 18 on or before the next General Election. In January of 2020 a new law went into effect allowing the registrar to conditionally accept the registration and enrollment of any person who is 16 or 17 years of age and who is otherwise qualified to be a voter. The conditional registration automatically becomes effective on the person's 18th birthday and the registrant is then eligible to vote. Only registered voters may vote at Town Meeting and at the polls. If you move within the Town of Union, please let us know so your address is correct in our voting files. Union has two voting districts, so your move may put you in the other district.

To vote in a Primary election or participate in a Caucus, you must be enrolled in a political party. If you are unenrolled, you may enroll in a party at any time, including Election Day; however, if you are changing parties, you must do so at least 15 days before that party's Caucus or Primary. You may change or withdraw party enrollment only after three months of enrollment in one of the three recognized political parties in Maine: Democratic, Republican, or Green Independent. Please note that although some unenrolled candidates and voters choose to designate themselves as "Independent," there is currently no Independent Party in Maine.

In Maine, a registered voter may vote by absentee ballot for any reason. Absentee ballots are available 30 days before an election. Voters can request an absentee ballot in person at the town office, by mail, by phone, or on the internet from the Secretary of State's website. There is a link to that site at www.union.maine.gov. Immediate family members may request an absentee ballot on behalf of a family member in person or by mail only. Absentee voting stops three days before Election Day except for certain special circumstances.

Our voting takes place at the William L. Pullen Municipal Building Meeting Room (town office, 567 Common Road, downstairs). There is parking and an entrance around back of the building.

REGISTERED VOTERS (as of May 2020)

Table with 2 columns: Category and Count. Rows include Democrats (499), Republicans (668), Green Independents (83), Unenrolled (506), and TOTAL (1,756).



ASSESSING

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

April 2, 2020. The day I wrote my yearly diatribe of all things assessing. Assessing seems unimportant today. This year is like no other for any of us, except for those of the greatest generation, the women and men and children who persevered through World War II. I look to that generation for strength.

I hope that by the time you read this the pandemic is a recent but fading event.

What does this mean for your property valuation? That would be my first question as well. In valuation theory there is a judgment that needs to be made: is this a temporary bump or a permanent downturn? No one knows for sure until history happens.

Currently I view this time as a temporary bump in the valuation era. I will know more in a year or so, as I will look to a long-term trend to conclude if valuation adjustments are necessary. This will be an action based on a set of facts and conclusions, not short-term speculation.

In this town and in every town I work for, I have endeavored to create and manage an assessing system and process that can be adjusted upwards and downwards as needed. I use my skills as a Certified Maine Assessor to have a process that looks to the overall average market historical data, and then use my other skill set as a Maine Certified Residential Appraiser to review each property for individual appropriateness of each valuation.

How do I know this has been working? Simple. There have been at least seven revaluation adjustments to Union's overall valuations. Anyone want to tell me how much that has cost?

Seven revaluations would have cost the town \$75,000 to \$150,000 each depending on what year. Let us use \$100,000 as a low average, roughly \$700,000 over 25 years which is probably on the low side.

Total cost of all of Union's revaluations in 25 years? \$2,000. And that was transferred from another unused account balance.

Which transitions to my next point... There are those in town who say the town office staff is paid too much and imply they are not worth a penny more. No so. Good people with great skills save you, every single taxpayer, money in the long run by having competent skills that they know how to use in the proper manner.

I have worked in this field for over 25 years, and I can repeatedly give you examples of towns that have nearly self-destructed due to bad skills and bad events. It happens more than you think.



When this pandemic is over you will look to those in your local government who did the right things. I will tell you that, from the Board of Selectmen to the Town Manager to the cleaning lady, everyone is sacrificing and doing what they can to keep your town operating properly.

Your local government is the best government. Good people with great skills keep it that way.

For 2020-2021 the Homestead Exemption is \$25,000. This is an increase from last year; however, this action lowers the town's overall taxable value and increases the tax rate. It really is a tax shift to the local businesses and to property owners who do not qualify for the Homestead Exemption. Also available are the Veterans Exemption, Blind Exemption, and other programs that can assist at the town and state level. Please call me if you have a question. I am usually scheduled for the Union Town Office most every Thursday.

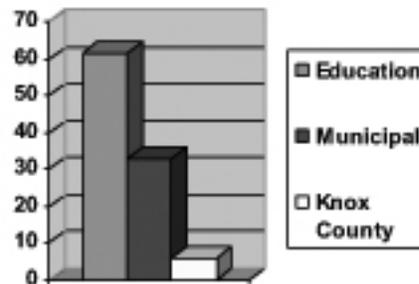
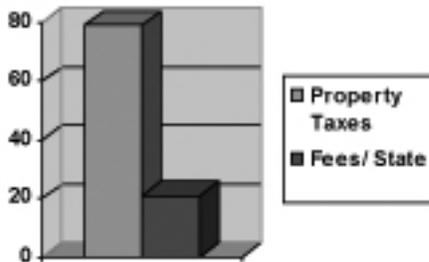
ASSESSMENT STATISTICS FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

Total Taxable Valuation - Real Estate	\$ 230,200,000
Total Taxable Valuation - Personal Property	<u>653,000</u>
Total Taxable Valuation	\$ 230,853,000

Homestead Exemption Valuation	\$ 13,500,000
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Commitment Date	September 3, 2019
Last day to appeal valuation	March 7, 2020
Tax (Mill) Rate	\$18.30 per \$1,000 of taxable value

2019-2020 Tax amount to be raised	\$ 4,224,609.90
2018-2019 Tax amount to be raised	\$ 4,074,446.70
2017-2018 Tax amount to be raised	\$ 3,570,635.68



Revenue received from:

And Expenses for:

Property Taxes	79.23%
Other Fees/State	20.77%

Education	61.3%
Municipal	32.7%
County	6.0%



CEMETERIES

Myrna M. Soule, Cemeteries Director

Just a note to keep you up to date with Union cemeteries...

Lots

We are continuing to monitor for grub and pest damage in all Union cemeteries this year. We are also experiencing some woodchuck damage on lots in Common cemetery. We have tried to trap, but so far have not been very successful. Please be careful of holes when visiting cemeteries. We will continue to try different approaches to this problem.

Fences

We will continue work on East Union, Common, and Sidelinger cemetery fences as time allows and funds permit.

Roads

In Lakeview we are planning and in hopes of having reclaim added to another road in the spring or early summer of 2020, as we did not achieve this in 2019.

We will work on the other Union cemetery roads as needed.

In spring 2020 we will fix the lower yard road in East Union at the back turn of the yard. It just needs smoothing up, possibly some reclaim in that end.

Remember the entrance road into Lakeview is a shared road, so please do not park on the sides nor block it.

Mowing & Upkeep

We will do our best to keep cemeteries mowed and trimmed. Please keep in mind that weather can be a factor in this.

Union Public Works will continue this year with the mowing and trimming in our Union cemeteries. I want to thank Orrin and his crew for the exceptional job they did mowing and trimming last year – appreciating a job well done! Thanks again.

You can always help us by remembering to remove old or faded flowers, wreaths, etc. that you no longer want on your lots. Please remember to keep items close to your stones which makes mowing a little easier. Thank you in advance. Cemeteries usually open for cleanup on April 15 pending weather and conditions.

Please also remember that the trash receptacles in the cemeteries are for lot cleaning only. Do not leave other garbage there such as tires or household trash. If you see misuse of this, please contact me or the town office so we can keep the receptacles in our cemeteries.



Stone Repair

I will be contacting Stevens Stone Repair and Cleaning to continue to do needed repairs and cleanings in the cemeteries throughout the 2020 season. We ended up with some broken and/or tilted stones in some of the cemeteries this year; we will attend to those first.

Updating Records

We are continuing this year with the input of information into the Crypt Keeper software program. Intern Patrick did an amazing job with this for the last two summers. We will get back into Crypt Keeper again in the summer, along with doing pictures of the stones with GPS coordinates. We will need to continue to do the entries, as we add to the database with new entries. I am hopeful we will be able to put this online for people to access soon.

Another big thank you goes out to Patrick for this huge task he has tackled. Thank you all for being patient.

We are still looking for any older maps out there of Skidmore and Sidelinger cemeteries. If you have one, please consider sharing a copy with us.

Trees and brush

We have had quite a few limbs and a couple small trees come down in the spring storms, which are being cleaned up by Public Works. Thanks again to Orrin and crew.

We will continue to cut dead limbs and some trees in Common and Lakeview that are a hazard and need to be taken due to safety concerns.

We will also have some dead and older damaged trees removed in spring/summer 2020.

Miscellaneous

At this time we also would like to say thank you to Bob Sukeforth for cleaning the brush off the steep bank by the tomb at the front of Common cemetery. This was a huge undertaking and of course much appreciated. Thank you, Bob, for a job well done!

We would also like to thank the Scouts and Jim Murphy for placing the flags in our cemeteries each year, in honor of our veterans who have served. We appreciate this great service for the town and for our Veterans. Thanks also to all who have helped to pick up the flags in the fall and return them to Jim at the town office for proper disposal.

Thanks to Jay, Stacey, and the girls at the town office as well as Grant for helping me out whenever needed. All their continued support and help, given whenever asked or needed, is so much appreciated. Thanks also to the selectmen for their continued support.

We will continue to do our best in the Town of Union's cemeteries. Please call and let us know if you have questions, comments, or concerns.

Phone: 785-4117 or 601-3081



**REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES
UNPAID AS OF MAY 19, 2020**

Unpaid 2020 First Half Real Estate Taxes

1718 Heald, LLC	\$4,242.79	Gracie, Christopher & Cristine	\$997.29
1980 Heald Highway, LLC	\$3,217.74	Greif, Daphne	\$67.00
Baker, Virginia L.	\$6.70	Grierson, Todd E.	\$1,271.02
Barnard, Maureen	\$1,311.21	Grindle, Sandy S. & Jason W.	\$315.84
Battel, Cynthia A. & Heavey, James D.	\$2,392.73	Hall, George C., & Sons	\$401.98
Beardsley, Michael	\$987.72	Hankins, Kimberly & Stephens, Christopher	\$355.09
Bennett, Bruce & Dorinda L.	\$111.65	Hannan, Don S.	\$747.49
Bentley's Café, LLC	\$1,656.73	Harding, Paul E.	\$701.55
Bonin, Thomas M., Jr.	\$885.31	Harriman, Herbert & Vicki	\$49.56
Bozicnik, Ray & Amelia	\$392.41	Harris, Joseph P., Sr.	\$1,263.36
Brown, John P., Jr.	\$152.99	Harris, Vicki J.	\$132.71
Bryco, Inc.	\$1087.25	Harvey, Kerry & Carla J.	\$1,874.94
Bryco, Inc.	\$4,542.35	Hemp Americana, Inc.	\$38.28
Burgess, Marc	\$88.05	Herbal Revolution Farm & Apothecary, LLC	\$1,588.77
Butler, Joyce	\$223.96	Hills, Emily & Heyer, Steven D. & Carol J.	\$828.84
Byrd, Cheryl	\$597.22	Hilt, Philip D., Jr.	\$83.27
Byrd, David & Ruth	\$329.34	Hilt, Philip D., Jr.	\$309.15
Camber, Richard E.	\$586.70	Holloway, Nicholas	\$1,482.54
Carter, Eugene F. & Manola L.	\$494.82	Holmes, Charles W. & Blair E.	\$800.13
Cornerstone Investment Properties, LLC	\$1,538.05	Jackson, Deborah A.	\$481.42
Davis, Dennis W.	\$1,295.97	Johnson, Glenn	\$89.01
Dearborn, Anita	\$1,185.84	Jones, Patti S., Trustee	\$535.97
Degreenia, Terry & Cynthia (Baraw)	\$390.49	Judkins, Randy R. & Amy C.	\$2,061.57
Dinsmore, Ethan W.	\$0.96	Kennedy, Andrea	\$1,374.38
Dodge, Frank	\$980.06	Langelier, Katheryn	\$1,626.10
Doucette, Robert	\$728.35	Lanphere & Son, LLC	\$944.65
Farrell, John	\$398.15	Lunt, Katherine R. Graffam	\$2,238.64
Fenton, Dennis & Regina	\$207.11	Lunt, Katherine R. Graffam	\$1,717.02
Ferland, Michael L. & Kathryn	\$366.57	Matson, Todd W. & Christy	\$904.46
Ferraiolo, John & Tammra	\$2,725.67	Matthews, Meyric E. & Morrison, Carol M.	\$291.92
Finkle, Nancy, Devises	\$1,268.15	Mercier, Audrey	\$1,633.76
Fowler, Zachary	\$1,048.97		



Merrifield, Michele.....	\$635.51	Senff-Wiemer, Ruth Ann.....	\$1,045.92
Mic Mac Lane, LLC	\$5,799.97	Silverman, John R. & O'Brien, Joan M.	\$1,696.93
Miller, Maurice.....	\$966.66	Slader, Wilfred B. & Janet L.	\$312.97
Moody, Paul W.	\$55.51	Slader, Wilfred B. & Janet L.	\$1,247.09
Morgan, Richard P.	\$671.88	Smith, David.....	\$733.13
Morgan, Richard P.	\$1,271.98	Snow, Jeffrey B. & Kimberly J. ...	\$1,141.81
Morgan, Richard P.	\$79.44	Starr, Kenneth J.	\$2,652.10
Nickles, Jody	\$545.07	Taylor, Leslie M.	\$4,160.48
Ott, Terry A.	\$398.15	Thomas, Stephen D. & Suzanne B.	\$2,070.19
Patten, Jedediah J.	\$621.16	Thompson, Tracy, Trustee.....	\$795.35
Pease, James M. & Maria L.	\$9.03	Ulmer, Susan G.	\$904.46
Pendleton, Kyle	\$728.35	Union Fair Auto, LLC	\$611.12
Phifer, Steven, Jr. & Heather.....	\$345.51	White, Joshua B.....	\$613.50
Pieri, Michael F.	\$473.76	White, Joshua B.....	\$777.16
Reiner, Charlotte Louise; Devises of	\$594.36	Widdecombe, Marilyn A.	\$525.45
Reuillard, Roger C. & Joanne J. ...	\$2,516.19	Williams, Pauline M.	\$326.37
Rich, David.....	\$1,614.62	Wooster, Glenn E. & Jones, Gail B. W.....	\$1,677.78
Sawyer, Victoria M.	\$1,661.51	Young, Douglas, Trustee.....	\$40.14
Seekins, Kenneth B. & Gloria L. ..	\$1,416.49		
Seekins, Kenneth B. & Gloria L.	\$45.94		

Unpaid 2019 Real Estate Taxes

1980 Heald Highway, LLC	\$6,582.75	Jackson, Deborah A. & Smith, Kevin C.	\$1,046.91
Burgess, Marc.....	\$243.02	Johnson, Glenn	\$238.17
Butler, Joyce	\$511.61	Jones, Patti S., Trustee.....	\$593.10
Camber, Richard E.	\$1,246.64	Kennedy, Andrea.....	\$2,176.44
Degreenia, Terry & Cynthia (Baraw)	\$849.08	Langelier, Katheryn.....	\$3,356.86
Dodge, Frank	\$522.56	Matson, Edward, Jr. & Christina M. ..	\$19.24
Farrell, John.....	\$871.39	Matthews, Meyric E. & Morrison, Carol M.....	\$109.84
Ferland, Michael L. & Kathryn	\$800.12	Mercier, Audrey	\$3,375.13
Hall, George C., & Sons.....	\$872.21	Merrifield, Michele.....	\$691.28
Hannan, Don S.	\$1,116.58	Ott, Terry A.	\$876.91
Harding, Paul E.	\$1,410.05	Pieri, Michael F.	\$760.94
Harvey, Kerry & Carla J.	\$2,878.39	Reiner, Charlotte L., Devises.....	\$1,275.76
Hills, Emily & Heyer, Steven D. & Carol J.	\$1,385.56	Slader, Wilfred B. & Janet L.	\$691.98
Hilt, Phillip D., Jr.	\$162.82	Slader, Wilfred B. & Janet L.	\$2,591.61
Holloway, Nicholas	\$2,942.65	Smith, David.....	\$1,536.75
Holmes, Charles W. & Blair E.	\$1,677.78	White, Joshua B.....	\$35.05



Widdecombe, Marilyn A.\$1,201.07
 Williams, Pauline M.\$719.13

Wooster, Glenn E. & Jones,
 Gail B. W.\$2,757.48

Unpaid 2020 First Half Personal Property Taxes

A + B Welding.....\$47.85
 Bentley’s Café, LLC.....\$5.74
 Cornerstone Investment Property\$9.57
 Four Corner Variety\$287.13
 Lanphere & Son, LLC\$957.09

Maine’s Best, Inc.\$86.14
 Mason, Mark.....\$9.57
 Mic Mac Campground, Inc.....\$7.66
 Mic Mac Market\$287.13

Unpaid 2019 Personal Property Taxes

A + B Welding.....\$96.97
 Bentley’s Café, LLC.....\$11.63

Maine’s Best, Inc.\$174.54

Unpaid 2018 Personal Property Taxes

A + B Welding.....\$91.69

2020 Supplemental Taxes

Field, Catherine & John.....\$3,569.06
 Houghton, Leland J. P.\$2,705.93

Lombardi, William J. & Holly M. ...\$435.90

2019 Supplemental Taxes

Campbell, Brian & Deborah J.\$8,103.60
 Evangelos, Ethan & Jennifer\$5,585.63

Gamage, Frank & Rhoda B.\$324.10



**FUND AND TRUST BALANCES
AS OF APRIL 30, 2020**

Aging in Place in Union	\$16,994.21
Ambulance Equipment Reserve	\$14,404.98
Ambulance Reserve.....	\$88,533.16
Bicentennial Fund.....	\$495.04
Bridge Reserve	\$33,098.12
Cemetery Stone Repair.....	\$22,450.62
Cemetery Trust Funds	\$251,093.27
Fire Department Equipment Reserve	\$32,308.22
Fire Truck Reserve	\$377,319.33
Frank D. & Gertrude Rowe Scholarships.....	\$15,583.93
Gilbert Doughty Memorial Scholarship	\$12,593.33
Highway Equipment Reserve	\$77,907.40
I & C Thurston - Worthy	\$89,273.43
Joseph Pullen Investment	\$43,111.35
Joseph Pullen Recreation.....	\$9,270.40
LED Lights	\$8,114.62
Office Equipment Reserve	\$2,505.13
Parks & Recreation Reserve (Tennis & BB Courts/Ayer Park).....	\$4,868.64
Paving/BB/Tennis.....	\$3,725.74
R. Thurston/B. T. Kinnison	\$73,334.26
Robert H. & Eleanor S. Heald Scholarship	\$80,041.85
Sidewalks.....	\$50,383.18
Town Office Building Reserve.....	\$4,914.15
Union Alumni Scholarship	\$15,651.71
William Pullen Fund.....	\$449,510.38
TOTAL	\$1,777,486.45





Proven Expertise and Integrity

February 9, 2020

Board of Selectmen
Town of Union
Union, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Union, Maine and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Union, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2019 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, is available for inspection at the Town. Included herein are:

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds	Statement C
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	Statement E
Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund	Schedule 1
Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund	Schedule A
Combining Balance Sheet - Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule B
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule C

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STATEMENT C

TOWN OF UNION, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2019

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,322,324	\$ -	\$ 2,322,324
Investments	-	83,878	83,878
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	260,615	-	260,615
Liens	47,297	-	47,297
Other	115,033	-	115,033
Tax acquired property	2,200	-	2,200
Due from other funds	120,283	1,808,887	1,929,170
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,867,752	\$ 1,892,765	\$ 4,760,517
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 146,597	\$ -	\$ 146,597
Accrued payroll	15,984	-	15,984
Due to other governments	17,610	-	17,610
Due to other funds	1,808,887	120,283	1,929,170
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,989,078	120,283	2,109,361
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Prepaid taxes	8,075	-	8,075
Deferred tax revenue	144,401	-	144,401
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	152,476	-	152,476
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable - tax acquired property and principal	2,200	48,415	50,615
Restricted	-	1,076,783	1,076,783
Committed	-	761,133	761,133
Assigned	19,450	6,434	25,884
Unassigned	704,548	(120,283)	584,265
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	726,198	1,772,482	2,498,680
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 2,867,752	\$ 1,892,765	\$ 4,760,517



STATEMENT E

TOWN OF UNION, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2019

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 4,059,173	\$ -	\$ 4,059,173
Excise	480,301	-	480,301
Intergovernmental revenues	329,084	-	329,084
Charges for services	217,589	-	217,589
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses)	25,905	28,666	54,571
Miscellaneous revenues	9,408	131,506	140,914
TOTAL REVENUES	5,121,460	160,172	5,281,632
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	517,987	-	517,987
Public safety	373,484	-	373,484
Health and sanitation	60,468	-	60,468
Highways and bridges	972,239	-	972,239
Recreation and library	7,752	-	7,752
Education	2,424,638	-	2,424,638
County tax	249,524	-	249,524
Unclassified	249,074	85,550	334,624
Debt service:			
Principal	125,643	-	125,643
Interest	15,955	-	15,955
Capital outlay	-	28,535	28,535
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,996,764	114,085	5,110,849
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	124,696	46,087	170,783
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	13,000	165,500	178,500
Transfers (out)	(165,500)	(13,000)	(178,500)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(152,500)	152,500	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(27,804)	198,587	170,783
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1, RESTATED	754,002	1,573,895	2,327,897
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 726,198	\$ 1,772,482	\$ 2,498,680



SCHEDULE 1

TOWN OF UNION, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1, Restated	\$ 754,002	\$ 754,002	\$ 754,002	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	4,006,687	4,074,447	4,059,173	(15,274)
Excise taxes	400,000	400,000	480,301	80,301
Intergovernmental revenues:				
State revenue sharing	98,000	98,000	117,351	19,351
Homestead exemption	148,330	148,330	148,330	-
Local road assistance	52,000	52,000	52,436	436
General assistance	4,900	4,900	1,971	(2,929)
Other	-	2,240	8,996	6,756
Charges for services	74,544	-	82,009	82,009
Ambulance revenue	201,400	201,400	135,580	(65,820)
Investment income	13,500	-	25,905	25,905
Miscellaneous income	14,930	52,974	9,408	(43,566)
Transfers from other funds	13,000	119,903	13,000	(106,903)
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>5,781,293</u>	<u>5,908,196</u>	<u>5,888,462</u>	<u>(19,734)</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	578,368	578,368	517,987	60,381
Public safety	409,744	409,744	373,484	36,260
Health and sanitation	62,300	62,300	60,468	1,832
Highways and bridges	807,650	807,650	972,239	(164,589)
Recreation and library	12,000	12,000	7,752	4,248
Education	2,424,638	2,424,638	2,424,638	-
County tax	249,524	249,524	249,524	-
Debt service:				
Principal	130,000	100,000	125,643	(25,643)
Interest	-	-	15,955	(15,955)
Unclassified	243,567	438,470	249,074	189,396
Transfers to other funds	217,500	165,500	165,500	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>5,135,291</u>	<u>5,248,194</u>	<u>5,162,264</u>	<u>85,930</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$ 646,002</u>	<u>\$ 660,002</u>	<u>\$ 726,198</u>	<u>\$ 66,196</u>
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	<u>\$ 108,000</u>	<u>\$ 94,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (94,000)</u>



SCHEDULE A

TOWN OF UNION, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive/ (Negative)
General Government -					
Administration	\$ 89,300	\$ -	\$ 89,300	\$ 77,265	\$ 12,035
Building maintenance	32,000	-	32,000	40,271	(8,271)
Office personnel	205,971	-	205,971	201,938	4,033
Cable TV	2,000	-	2,000	452	1,548
Stipends	8,050	-	8,050	8,091	(41)
Assessor	32,800	-	32,800	32,998	(198)
Insurance	208,247	-	208,247	156,972	51,275
	<u>578,368</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>578,368</u>	<u>517,987</u>	<u>60,381</u>
Public Safety -					
Fire department	68,844	-	68,844	54,570	14,274
Ambulance	266,400	-	266,400	258,736	7,664
Plan/code enforcement	47,150	-	47,150	37,249	9,901
Animal control	13,350	-	13,350	9,509	3,841
Hydrant rental	14,000	-	14,000	13,420	580
	<u>409,744</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>409,744</u>	<u>373,484</u>	<u>36,260</u>
Health and Sanitation -					
Septic waste	2,300	-	2,300	2,300	-
Tri-County	60,000	-	60,000	58,168	1,832
	<u>62,300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62,300</u>	<u>60,468</u>	<u>1,832</u>
Highways and Bridges -					
Public works	491,950	-	491,950	533,904	(41,954)
Paving/road construction	300,000	-	300,000	420,555	(120,555)
FEMA/MEMA	-	-	-	38	(38)
Street lights	5,750	-	5,750	5,717	33
Mowing/non-roads	8,450	-	8,450	10,525	(2,075)
Bird houses	1,500	-	1,500	1,500	-
	<u>807,650</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>807,650</u>	<u>972,239</u>	<u>(164,589)</u>



SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF UNION, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive/ (Negative)
Recreation and Library - Parks and recreation	12,000	-	12,000	7,752	4,248
	<u>12,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>7,752</u>	<u>4,248</u>
Education	2,424,638	-	2,424,638	2,424,638	-
	<u>2,424,638</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,424,638</u>	<u>2,424,638</u>	<u>-</u>
County Tax	249,524	-	249,524	249,524	-
	<u>249,524</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>249,524</u>	<u>249,524</u>	<u>-</u>
Debt Service - Principal	130,000	(30,000)	100,000	125,643	(25,643)
Interest	-	-	-	15,955	(15,955)
	<u>130,000</u>	<u>(30,000)</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>141,598</u>	<u>(41,598)</u>
Unclassified - General assistance	7,000	-	7,000	1,195	5,805
Union assistance	5,000	-	5,000	-	5,000
Social security	37,320	-	37,320	39,163	(1,843)
Cemeteries	43,850	-	43,850	18,496	25,354
Founders Day	1,400	-	1,400	1,450	(50)
Outside agency	27,692	-	27,692	27,702	(10)
Budget committee	300	-	300	99	201
Abatements	6,000	-	6,000	5,879	121
Dispatch/RCC	66,817	-	66,817	67,012	(195)
Retirement expense	20,000	-	20,000	31,706	(11,706)
Common maintenance	5,000	-	5,000	323	4,677
EMA	7,350	-	7,350	1,979	5,371
TAN interest	500	-	500	1,671	(1,171)
Public works vehicle	-	52,000	52,000	49,899	2,101
Tax map upgrades	-	36,000	36,000	2,500	33,500
Miscellaneous	-	106,903	106,903	-	106,903
Overlay	15,338	-	15,338	-	15,338
	<u>243,567</u>	<u>194,903</u>	<u>438,470</u>	<u>249,074</u>	<u>189,396</u>
Transfers to Other Funds - Special revenue funds	15,000	-	15,000	15,000	-
Capital projects funds	202,500	(52,000)	150,500	150,500	-
	<u>217,500</u>	<u>(52,000)</u>	<u>165,500</u>	<u>165,500</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS	<u>\$ 5,135,291</u>	<u>\$ 112,903</u>	<u>\$ 5,248,194</u>	<u>\$ 5,162,264</u>	<u>\$ 85,930</u>



SCHEDULE B

TOWN OF UNION, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2019

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Investments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 83,878	\$ 83,878
Due from other funds	6,434	761,133	1,041,320	1,808,887
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 6,434	\$ 761,133	\$ 1,125,198	\$ 1,892,765
LIABILITIES				
Due to other funds	\$ 2,906	\$ 117,377	\$ -	\$ 120,283
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,906	117,377	-	120,283
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable - principal	-	-	48,415	48,415
Restricted	-	-	1,076,783	1,076,783
Committed	-	761,133	-	761,133
Assigned	6,434	-	-	6,434
Unassigned	(2,906)	(117,377)	-	(120,283)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	3,528	643,756	1,125,198	1,772,482
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 6,434	\$ 761,133	\$ 1,125,198	\$ 1,892,765



SCHEDULE C

TOWN OF UNION, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses)	\$ 8	\$ 8,869	\$ 19,789	\$ 28,666
Other income	591	16,500	114,415	131,506
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>599</u>	<u>25,369</u>	<u>134,204</u>	<u>160,172</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Capital outlay	-	28,535	-	28,535
Other expenses	15,666	-	69,884	85,550
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>15,666</u>	<u>28,535</u>	<u>69,884</u>	<u>114,085</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(15,067)</u>	<u>(3,166)</u>	<u>64,320</u>	<u>46,087</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	15,000	150,500	-	165,500
Transfers (out)	-	(1,700)	(11,300)	(13,000)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>15,000</u>	<u>148,800</u>	<u>(11,300)</u>	<u>152,500</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(67)	145,634	53,020	198,587
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	3,595	498,122	1,072,178	1,573,895
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 3,528</u>	<u>\$ 643,756</u>	<u>\$ 1,125,198</u>	<u>\$ 1,772,482</u>



CODE ENFORCEMENT

Grant Watmough, Code Enforcement Officer
 Local Plumbing and Building Inspector

Hopefully most of you know how to get to our website and negotiate it. For those of you who might not, our website is: www.union.maine.gov.

Recently we have had some enforcement issues regarding auto graveyards/junkyards. Be aware that three or more unserviceable and/or unregistered automobiles constitute an auto graveyard. A junkyard is a yard, field or other area used to store discarded, worn out or junked plumbing supplies, heating supplies, household appliances or furniture, discarded scrap or junked lumber, old or scrap copper, brass, rope, rags, batteries, paper trash, rubber debris, waste and all scrap iron, steel, or other ferrous materials, and garbage dumps, waste dumps and sanitary fills. The terms are further defined in 30-A M.R.S.A., Sections 3751-3760.

You are always welcome to stop in or call with your questions. It has been and will continue to be a privilege to serve in this capacity.

Permit Type	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Single Family Dwelling	4	8	5	4	11	6	5	12
Mobile Home	0	1	1	1	3	1	1	1
Accessory Structure	24	33	15	18	15	22	32	18
Addition	11	12	10	15	12	20	17	11
Deck	15	11	11	8	12	16	9	8
Home Occupation	3	2	1	0	1	0	2	0
Change of Use/Other	18	12	13	11	8	13	11	17
Agricultural	2	5	3	5	0	2	7	5
Commercial	4	11	9	3	1	7	1	8
Sign	2	4	3	2	1	3	0	4
TOTAL PERMITS	83	99	71	67	64	90	85	84

PLUMBING & SEPTIC

SSWD (septic)	12	16	13	12	20	17	24	24
Internal Plumbing	17	19	14	19	24	20	18	31
TOTAL PERMITS	29	35	27	31	44	37	42	55

My office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Monday and Friday by appointment.



ANIMAL CONTROL

Heidi J. Blood, Animal Control Officer

I look forward to serving the town of Union as Animal Control Officer again this year and encourage all to contact me with any questions, complaints, or concerns regarding Animal Control. I am ACO for Hope and Appleton along with four Waldo County towns. I live in Searsmont with an array of my own pets including dogs, horses, chickens, cats and rabbits.

Just a few quick notes for you:

The Town of Union currently has more than 500 licensed dogs. I'm happy to say that most were licensed in a timely manner this year. In 2019 I have responded to more than 55 calls for assistance and traveled nearly 500 miles.

The Town of Union is contracted with Pope Memorial Humane Society in Thomaston to take in lost/stray animals that I pick up. If your dog gets loose or your cat is found and I cannot identify it, it gets delivered to the shelter for safekeeping until you claim it. If your pet is microchipped, I can scan it before going to the shelter in an attempt to get your pet back home to you. A fee must be paid to the shelter to claim your pet once it enters their care. If your dog is licensed and wearing its tags, I will make every effort to contact you and reunite you with your pet.

Pope Memorial will also take in your unwanted animals, but Animal Control will not handle it. You must call Pope Memorial and arrange to get the animal to them for relinquishing. This helps the shelter by asking you questions about the animal's likes, dislikes, etc. ensuring it is placed in an appropriate new home.

Dog licenses expire each year on December 31 regardless of when they were first done. You can renew your dog's license for the next year anytime after October 15. A state-mandated late fee of \$25.00 is applied starting February 1. This is nonnegotiable as it is state law. You can renew your dog's license at the town office.

It is Maine Law that every dog and cat be currently vaccinated against rabies. If you are unsure of your pet's vaccination status, call and ask the town office or your veterinarian.

Most vaccines are good for three years after a pet's initial rabies vaccination, which is only good for one year. Rabies is currently in every county of Maine including Knox and Waldo. We had two cases of wild animals testing positive for rabies in Union in 2019.

Animal Control does not generally handle wildlife complaints unless it is a wild animal that has come in contact with a domestic animal. I have live traps available for borrowing if you find yourself in need of trapping a nuisance animal. I also have several kennels and other equipment available.

Again, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, complaints or concerns regarding animals in Union or Maine animal laws at 207-322-3237 or hjb04915@yahoo.com.



E-911/ADDRESSING

James Murphy, Jr., Addressing Officer

The Union 911 Addressing Ordinance came into effect in 1995. Little did we know then that nearly every house in Union would have a GPS identification marker linked to satellites. Such is the nature of progress.

I recently read our ordinance in preparation for offering house number signs through Union Fire and Rescue. The ordinance has a requirement of a 4" tall number placed on a contrasting background. Sounds simple enough. I checked my own house first: nope, gold numbers on white.

Touring the town in my other position as Assessors' Agent, I discovered that many house numbers are not as visible as you might think. I saw black numbers on brown houses, numbers missing, numbers too small to see at night. I found numbers carefully attached to houses, but the houses were not visible from the road.

This started a realization that some of us are in danger. The Fire Department recently had a late-night call of an "active structure fire with persons trapped." As the first Fire Department person on scene that dark and very foggy night, I had a difficult time finding the address. The numbers on the mailbox were 2" tall, white on silver, middle number missing. It turned out to be "only" a faulty smoke detector – far different from what we were expecting, fortunately. Still, five mutual aid fire departments were on their way at midnight on a very foggy night, delayed by incorrect and nearly invisible house numbers.

Another problem is that some homes down long driveways and/or on the water have access issues. Your driveway or camp road should be clear of trees and tree limbs to allow emergency vehicles to reach your home. Visualize a space 10-12' wide and 14-18' high. This is the space needed to safely allow a fire truck to pass through. If tree limbs are rubbing the top of your car, there is no way the ambulance or fire truck is going to make it down your road or driveway.

Because of these issues, Emergency Services may not be able to find some of you in an expedited manner. They want to help. Help them by having clear and visible numbers that identify your home, as well as by making sure your driveways and roads can accommodate fire and rescue vehicles.

Our fire department, Union Excelsior Engine Company, is now offering reflective house number signs as a public service at a small cost. The signs are red with white numbers to help Emergency Services find you when you need it most.



HEALTH OFFICE

Grant Watmough, Health Officer

Grant Watmough, whom most of you already know as our Code Enforcement Officer, took on the additional role of Local Health Officer in March 2020 when Vicki Harriman retired after years of service.

From the maine.gov website: “Maine LHOs role began in 1885 and have had a long and proud tradition of serving their communities. The ‘Local Health Officer’ (LHO) is a term established by Maine Statute.

“The local health officer work force has a unique knowledge about how to assist and protect Maine citizens and communities. They are ‘on the ground’ working with public health nurses, other local health officers, environmental health officials, and other professionals who share the common goal of improving and caring for the health of their communities.

“The LHO monitors his or her community through identifying and/or responding to immediate and trends in health risks to individuals or the community through town resident queries and/or the sharp eye of the LHO.”

If you have a complaint, question or concern about health risks, environmental risks, or landlord tenant concerns, contact Grant at 785-3658 or codeenforcement@union.maine.gov.



UNION FIRE
Kevin Soule, Chief

The members of Union Fire & Rescue and the Excelsior Engine Company would like to thank the citizens of Union for their continuing support. Many thanks also to the Appleton, Hope, Waldoboro, Warren, and Washington Fire Departments and their members for assisting us during this last year. As a result of the mutual aid system, we have been very successful over the past year.

We continue to advance our skills to better serve the community. Again in 2019, each member of the department has given over 100 hours of their time to attend meetings and trainings. In addition to training, Union Fire responded to just over 80 calls.

As stated last year, effective fire protection has many major components. The training component is important and ever changing. The department has participated in several countywide and multiagency training sessions. We continue to work together with the Knox County Emergency Management Agency (KCEMA) and with our mutual aid partners to accomplish much of this training. Equipment is a second critical component. We continue to upgrade the equipment necessary to perform the many tasks required of fire departments today.

We continue to offer public fire safety education in the local school and around the community. Please feel free to contact us if we can be of assistance to your group or organization.

We continue to add new members to the department and are always looking for those who would like to serve our community. We have many roles to fill, not only those of interior firefighters. The department meets on the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Please remember should you or someone you know require assistance with smoke or CO detector batteries, please call us at 785-3803.

I would like to ask those of you living on cottage roads or long driveways to take a look at them and ask yourself: can a large fire truck or ambulance get to us should the need arise? The tree canopies tend to grow in and limit access to these large vehicles. If we cannot get to you, our response to your emergency may be limited. Insurance companies have called us to see if we can access certain properties.

It has been a pleasure to serve alongside the members of Union Fire & Rescue in protecting our community.



FIRE FEATURE – TRIBUTE

Robert M. (Bob) Linscott

The Town of Union lost a fixture and a native son when Bob Linscott passed away on January 30, 2019.

While raising a family, working full-time and then some, Bob somehow managed to make the Union Fire Department a focal point of his life. He joined the then all-volunteer fire department in 1957, when he was 22 years old. He continued to serve for 62 years. In 1996 he was named Firefighter of the Year by his peers in the department, and in 2009 had a pump truck dedicated in his honor. He was a lifetime member of the Knox County Firefighter’s Association.



A 1996 article in the Courier Gazette described his work with the fire department as a pump operator. He ran an older pump truck, Engine Four, before working on Engine One which Union acquired in 1993 and which Bob said put out 1,250 gallons of water per minute. “You have to keep the water flowing,” he said. “In winter the lines freeze.”

Doubtless Bob saw many changes in firefighting during his tenure. Like his successors in Union Fire today, he attended many trainings as well as several pump schools to stay on point.

“I’ve always been a volunteer,” he said. “I’ll continue as long as I can.”

Born in Washington, Maine in 1935, Bob graduated from Union High School (the “old yellow school,” now the Thompson Community Center) in 1954. He married Janice Mae Gordon in 1956. They made their home in Union with two sons, Milton and Rick. He worked for many years at Boynton Chevrolet, Fuller Equipment and Fuller Cadillac. After retirement he drove trucks and mowed fields for Allen’s Blueberries in Union. He belonged to the Union Masonic Lodge.

His obituary noted what everyone who knew Bob will remember about him: “a gentle soul, a quick smile, a heart of gold”; how he loved a good story; and how he never passed up the chance to drive a truck or tractor, especially John Deere.

Like the beautiful quilts made from his shirts that his wife Janice (known to many of us as “Sister”) made for family – which now includes grandsons and a great grandson – Bob’s legacy remains. He was honored with a special memorial service held in the Union Fire Station among the trucks he loved. A fund in his name was established accepting donations for Union’s current and future firefighters in the Excelsior Engine Company.



UNION RESCUE

Jesse B. Thompson, EMS Chief

This year I have the honor of writing on behalf of Union Fire & Rescue and not just the ambulance service. As you know, at last year's town meeting EMS merged back with the fire department. We have more members than before who are willing and committed to helping make sure the rescue responds in a timely manner, and that the most highly trained crew is on it.

This has been another busy year for Union Rescue. We have done just over 510 calls for service in 2019. There are increasing times when we are already out on a call and we receive another call. When this happens, we have agreements with local EMS services to automatically cover for these calls. Northeast, Warren, and Waldoboro Ambulance Services provide backup depending on who is the closest to the scene. It is not just us feeling the increase in service calls; many of the services around us are also calling us more than ever. So, if you see us in another town that we normally don't cover, this is the reason why.

In years past we have asked that you put large reflective numbers on your house or mailbox at the end of the driveway. I am still requesting this as it helps us find you faster and more effectively so we can render care. The Fire Department is now selling reflective signs at the town office. We recommend these signs, as they are large enough and colored red so we can quickly identify them as address signs. If you have questions, please see Jim Murphy in the town office; he will help you get one of these important signs.

We also suggest having a list of medications written down for each family member. We have some medication cards that you can put your medications on and keep on your refrigerator. These cards can be picked up at the town office. These cards will save us writing down the medications that you or a loved one may take, and it is easier for us just to take the card with us to the hospital and return it to you there at the hospital. We do not take your medication to the hospital with us, since we cannot be responsible for it, and the hospital only needs a list of any current medications that the patient takes.

I would like to thank each and every one of the members of Union Fire & Rescue for their dedication to the members of our communities, and the privilege to have each and every one of them. We have an awesome team. I am extremely proud to serve with them.

As always, anyone interested in joining the service needs only to stop by the station and fill out an application. Now more than ever we are looking for help as our core group has gotten smaller over the years, even with the merging of the two departments.



PUBLIC WORKS

Orrin M. Parker, Public Works Supervisor

The past year has been anything but typical for public works. As most of you know we had a truck catch fire in the public works garage after a snow event on April 8, 2019. The truck and our garage were a total loss. We thought we would be back in the garage by early winter, but because of multiple delays we still are not in the garage as I write this. We worked out of a small office trailer all winter which created a lot of challenges for us. With any luck we will soon be back in the new garage and back to normal working conditions.

This past winter started in early November and gave us lots of freezing rain and rain early on. We never got a “big” snow event, but we had several smaller storms that kept us busy from November through the end of January when things started to slow down. Our public works crew went out a total of 55 times between November and April.

We have spent many hours cleaning up after our fall and spring storms that brought down many trees and big limbs. There are still branches and smaller limbs in some of our ditches that we haven’t gotten to yet.

Last spring public works took on all the town mowing including the cemeteries. We will also be doing this again during the 2020 season.

We have done preliminary engineering work for eventual paving on Sidelinger, Beote, Townsend and Barrett Hill roads. The timing of this work will depend on the bond article passing this year. Planned paving will include part of North Union Road and Sennebec Road, also depending on the bond passing; these roads will see major ditching and culvert replacement before preparing for paving.

We are hoping to get a bunch of ditching and shouldering done, and in addition hope to replace several culverts on these same roads. We also had a large portion of the North Union Road ditched this spring in preparation for paving on its northern end.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me at 785-3411.



**TRI-COUNTY SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION**

David Stanley, Manager

Greetings to all residents,

Perhaps the most visible endeavor at the transfer station this past year was the completion of the trailer building. Another visible first in Tri-County history was Walt's sunflower garden by the scale shack. These sunflowers, albeit hardy plants, require much encouragement to survive life in the marginal soil. Any contributions of rich soil, compost or the like to this project would be welcomed.

In our ongoing quest to expand our recycling opportunities (many of which are controlled by factors far beyond the realm of Tri-County Solid Waste) we often fail to recognize the reuse efforts that are a continual part of life at the transfer station. Over the year, egg boxes, cases of canning jars, sewing machines, science equipment for school use, household appliances, pumps, auto parts and other reusable metal items have been collected, salvaged and dispersed to station patrons. This list would include: 51 bicycles, 14 lawnmowers and 184 pounds of salvaged outdoor grill grates for state park use. In addition, Tri-County's "free section" disperses an unknown quantity of sundry items far too diverse and mysterious to catalog.

In closing, again this year I wish to thank all our faithful patrons through whom we have purpose and without whom we would not be successful.

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Union, Maine 04862
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Website: www.tcswmo.com



AGING IN PLACE IN UNION

Anita Brown, Secretary	Martha Hooper
Marcy Corwin	Katie Tarbox
Lorain Francis, Co-Chair	Carol Watier
Wanda Gamage-Wyman, Co-Chair	Dot Williams
Phil Groce	Robert Williams
Clark Hooper	

The Aging in Place in Union Committee met monthly during 2019 in the William L. Pullen Municipal Building meeting room on the first Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m.

The mission of this committee is identified as: the ability to stay in your home safely as you age.

The committee vision is: Union is an age-friendly community. We are a community that helps meet the changing needs of its aging residents by connecting them with services and support that allows them to stay in their own homes.

This committee organized and put on three age 55+ luncheons during 2019. A St. Patrick's- themed corned beef meal provided by MCH on March 14th included speakers from AAA and Maine Poison Control. This program included information on how prescription drugs can affect driving, and how to identify pills. Handouts with helpful information and pill cases were distributed.

A barbeque luncheon on August 29th included an opportunity to visit Union's new ambulance. The fire department red reflective house number signs were available for purchase. Attendees could sign up for the "Yellow Dot" program to help emergency responders know how to help.

The holiday luncheon on December 5th was a fun gathering including a bingo game with prizes.

The committee has had a lot of positive feedback from Union residents who attended these events. Our meetings included speakers to help us identify more ways to be helpful including the St. George Neighbor to Neighbor program, our own Union Area Chamber of Commerce President, and our Union EMS Director.

Our 2019 Aging in Place in Union Committee members are listed above. In addition, Town Manager Jay Feyler and Board of Selectman Chair Greg Grotton are ex officio members; Bill and Holly Lombardi of Sani e Felici Farm have been volunteers.

We have scheduled three luncheons for 2020: March 12, June 25, and October 29. We invite all 55+ residents to attend and any drivers they may need to be there.

We are scheduled to continue to meet at 1:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month during 2020.



AGING IN PLACE IN UNION - continued

We continue to seek volunteers who are interested in helping our Union residents with their needs. Please inform the town office if you are interested in this committee and our work.



UNION SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Barbara Fang
 Joyce Grotton
 Rachael Umstead
 Rebekah Smith

Each year the Union Scholarship Committee oversees the awarding of scholarship monies from five scholarship funds. Two of these scholarships, the Robert H. and Eleanor S. Heald and the Gilbert Doughty, are designated for graduating high school seniors only. The William Pullen, the Union Alumni, and the Frank and Gertrude Rowe Scholarships are for any student, graduating high school seniors as well as postgraduate students continuing their education. Recipients may be graduates of any high school, public or private, as long as they are residents of Union. Those who are homeschooled are also eligible. The monies come from the interest earned on the principle from each of these funds. Because of low interest rates in recent years, the three smallest funds continue to be generating very little interest. This year, we have been able to award monies from only three of the five scholarship funds administered by the town. After careful consideration of all applications, the available scholarship monies were awarded to 10 students. Six of these students were graduating seniors. The total amount of money awarded in 2019 was \$46,660. Monies from the following scholarships were awarded:

Gilbert Doughty Memorial Scholarship	\$ 1,700
William L. Pullen Fund	\$16,570
Robert H. & Eleanor S. Heald Scholarship Trust	\$28,390

Interested Union students seeking scholarship information regarding available scholarships, application procedures, eligibility criteria, critical timelines, etc. may direct questions to the Union Town Office or to the Guidance Department at Medomak Valley High School.

The committee members wish to thank the town for allowing us to serve the community in this capacity.



COME SPRING FOOD PANTRY

Come Spring Food Pantry is open on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. We serve an average of 35 families a month, which is about 100 unduplicated individuals. We are located in the Thompson Community Center, back side, in the "Old Yellow School."



We serve many young families, the widowed, the elderly, those without work, and those who work but can't make ends meet along with the disabled members of our community.

We are an all-volunteer organization with many skills to offer – ordering food, drivers who pick up donated and TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program) food, those who stock and pass out food, and the volunteer bookkeepers and organizers. It takes a team to help our neighbors in need. Contact us if you would like to volunteer!

We have wonderful partnerships with Good Shepherd Food Bank, One Less Worry, and Sani e Felici Farm as well as generous support with food donations collected at People's United Methodist Church, Vose Library, and Union Chamber of Commerce Tree Lighting. We are very thankful for the many community members and businesses who donate food and funding to the pantry.



Follow us on Facebook at Come Spring Food Pantry.



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SCOUT TROOP 207/VENTURE CREW 254

James Murphy, Jr., Committee Chair – Scouting BSA Troop 207

The local all-girl Scouting BSA Troop 207 is active and exploring the world. (Well, we were!) We are also Venture Crew 207 for all young adults 14 to 20 years of age.

Our young ladies are doing well achieving and being recognized for their accomplishments. When this health issue passes, we will restart quickly and be up to speed exploring the world.

The Thompson Community Center is our new sponsor and is a great match for the Troop and Crew. As we meet in the center Thursday nights, we have been able to assist the center in a couple of small services. Once the center reopens, we have a painting project in the works to support their mission.

If you have a daughter 11 to 17 years old or a son 14 to 20 who would like to join our group of young adults, we would love to have them. We have participated in a number of activities that expanded our level of fun and respect for each other.

We welcome everyone who would like to experience friendship and laughter in the great outdoors.

Scouting BSA now offers the former boy scouting program in scout troops of just young women. At Troop 207 we have a core group who are going to become the leaders of tomorrow. There are many positive changes that the adults have embraced in order to become more aware of assisting young women in scouting. This troop has a dad as scoutmaster and a core group of adults to make this happen the right way.

Our goal is straightforward: to support every young woman scout to become successful, and to be recognized for that success. If you would like to bring your daughter to our troop meetings, or your son to our venture crew meetings (on the same night, which is very convenient), give me a call at 542-9786. I will show you future leaders growing.



Union Historical Society

Sarah Drickey, Board President

Have questions about your ancestors? Want to know the history of your old house? Our volunteers have been busy reorganizing to make your research easier, and we are open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. We have new displays and more coming! Our website is up, and our programs for 2020 are listed. Our curator Marion Gray has been busy cataloguing our archival records and new donations.

In March we hosted our second Come Spring Tea with goodies from our cookbook, which is published and available.

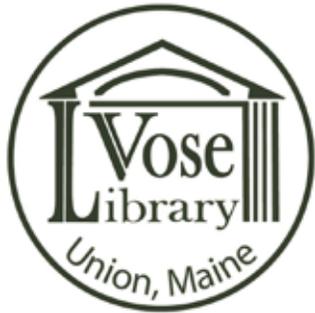
Need a place to host a party or gathering? The Old Town House is available at \$250 for the day – spacious and has a kitchen! Leave us a message or stop at the Robbins House for more information.

This is a big year historically! We could still be part of Massachusetts! We are busy planning our Bicentennial/Founders Day Celebration the weekend of July 17 to 19, 2020. Our Founders Day Committee is: Alice Carroll, Stephanie Turner, Elaine Frost, John Gibbons, Mary Thompson, Sarah Drickey, and Bruce White (Bicentennial state rep).

We have had a big turnover in our board. Dan Day and Wanda Garland stepped down, and Bonnie Packard retired. We welcome Barb Vittum, Holly Deyoung, and Stephanie Turner.

Come see us!





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News and Updates from Your Library

2019 has been a whirlwind! The amazing members of our volunteer team have worked tirelessly to maintain our reputation of being an important resource for the community.



Chloe Keller offers Family Story Time on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.



Thank you, Jane Sigsbee, for your dedication to the Interlibrary Loan process.



Staff members attend monthly training. Special thanks to TEAM VOSE for your professionalism and community service!

Our programs have continued to grow in variety and popularity. Our area youngsters benefited from a Pullen Grant which brought Maine author Matt Tavares to the Library. UMaine 4-H provided insight to students about ticks, botany and the engineer-design process. The Summer Reading Program boasted record high participation, and included Family Story and Craft Time, Science and Nature Trail exploration, and readers logged more than 1,350 hours of reading! The Armchair Adventure Series traveled through Antarctica, Newfoundland, Switzerland and summited Mt. Rainier. Informative programs taught basket-making, how to attract bluebirds, the art of beekeeping, Maine antique spinning wheel basics, fundamentals of passive home design, historical facts about Maine and the Titanic, and how to make rag wreaths and create family lanterns. Our Adult Book Club, Mystery Book Club and “Tech Tuesday” were well attended each month.

Monthly Art Exhibits remain a highlight of the Library, with the hosting of a variety of talented artists. Featured works this year included paintings, fabric arts, baskets, woven fiber, student art, historical posters, and holiday décor.

The Young Adult section has been updated to feature a comfortable work space and career and college-focused reference materials. A jigsaw puzzle table offers the opportunity for quiet time or team building. Patron computers, a new copy machine, an online collection catalog, borrowable hotspot devices, and fast wi-fi services help to meet technology needs. Come Spring Food Pantry now offers a food donation bin in our foyer. Our Interlibrary Loan service allows patrons to locate and borrow items from around the state and beyond.

Vose has benefited greatly from your support of its Annual Appeal, the Annual Plant and Bake Sale, the newly sponsored Pour Farm 5K road race, the Town of Union contribution, and both the Rudman and Pullen Fund grants. Nearly 2000 hours of volunteer work helped to maintain our open hours, and your patronage accounted for over 10,000 visits in 2019. We look forward to your continued support in 2020, and invite you to stop in to share your ideas for another exciting year.



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Dear Friends:

When I took the oath of office to become Maine's 75th governor, I never imagined that we would face a global pandemic. But that is our current reality, and it is my solemn responsibility to guide our state through this unprecedented time to keep Maine people safe and healthy.

COVID-19 is wreaking havoc on our national economy, dealing heavy losses to businesses of all sizes, while millions of people find themselves newly unemployed. Here in Maine it has taken the lives of over 60 people and sickened many more. While we all dream of going back to the way things were, the fact is that our lives will not return to normal soon. Instead, we have to invent a new normal – a different way of doing business, shopping, traveling, and enjoying the Maine outdoors – one that keeps us all safe.

My Administration, in collaboration with public health experts and business leaders across the state, developed a plan to gradually and safely restart Maine's economy, and we recently released a Rural Reopening Plan for those counties where no community transmission is present. My Administration has also formed an Economic Recovery Committee charged with assessing the economic impacts of the pandemic on Maine's economy and providing recommendations for policy changes to deal with these impacts. Together, drawing on the hard work and resilience of Maine people, we will rebuild and strengthen our economy and rise from this unprecedented challenge a stronger state than ever.

I continue to be amazed by the strength and courage of the Maine people and businesses who have found different ways to do business and the brave first responders in your town and in our health care facilities. Thank you to the people of Maine who have demonstrated patience, kindness, and compassion during this difficult time.

Please take care,

Janet T. Mills
Governor

P.S. For the latest information and guidance on Maine's response to COVID-19, as well as resources for assistance during this time, please visit www.maine.gov/covid19/.



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Dear friends,

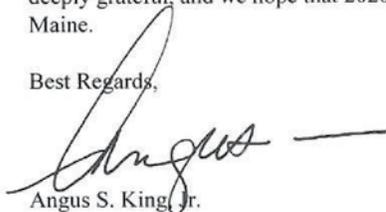
The beginning of a new year provides the opportunity to reflect on the progress of the past 12 months. If you've been watching cable TV, you might think that every waking moment of 2019 in Washington has been consumed by divisive, partisan issues – and while there's no shortage of those debates, there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

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

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

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

Best Regards,



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Dear Friends,

As 2019 ends and 2020 begins, I am pleased to report that Congress made progress on a number of issues important to Maine families despite the polarization in our country.

In a major win for surviving military and retiree spouses to whom we are deeply indebted, I was proud to co-lead the repeal of what is often referred to as the “Military Widow’s Tax,” an unfair offset of survivor benefits that has prevented as many as 67,000 surviving spouses—including more than 260 from Maine—from receiving the full benefits they deserve.

The high cost of health care and prescription drugs continues to be a top issue for families and seniors. To provide continued relief for more lower- and middle-income individuals, I led the charge to extend for another two years the medical expense tax deduction that I included in the 2017 tax law. Without this extension, nearly 20,000 Mainers and millions of Americans with high medical expenses, including many with preexisting conditions, would have faced an increased tax burden. In other good news, the CREATES Act I cosponsored became law. It will prevent pharmaceutical companies from blocking access to a sufficient supply of brand-name drugs needed for the studies that allow less expensive alternatives to enter the marketplace.

Improving people’s health and wellbeing remains my priority. On a per capita basis, Maine has the highest incidence of Lyme disease in the country. In August, I held a Senate hearing at the University of Maine’s Tick Lab on this growing public health crisis. A comprehensive public health strategy to combat this epidemic is needed, and the new law I authored will do just that.

In addition, I helped champion another \$2.6 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health, our nation’s premiere biomedical research institution, including significant boosts for Alzheimer’s disease and diabetes research. Last year, NIH funded more than \$111 million for research at 14 Maine institutions.

To help prepare the graduates of Maine Maritime Academy, I secured \$300 million for a new training ship, which will ensure rigorous instruction for MMA students for decades to come.

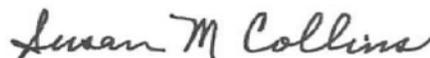
Significant federal funding was approved for work at Bath Iron Works and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Funding appropriated by Congress will pay for three new destroyers, make a down payment on an additional ship, and finance infrastructure improvements at PNSY.

As Chairman of the Transportation and Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I have led efforts to improve our nation’s crumbling infrastructure and ensure that Maine’s housing needs are addressed. For Maine’s roads, bridges, airports, and seaports, tens of millions in federal funding will help make urgently needed upgrades and improve safety. Funding will also support housing assistance to low-income families and seniors and aid communities in reducing homelessness among our youth. The Community Development Block Grant program will assist numerous towns and cities in our State.

The Aging Committee I chair has continued its focus on financial security for our seniors. A new law I authored will make it easier for small businesses to offer retirement plans to their employees. Our Aging Committee’s Fraud Hotline fielded more than 1,200 calls this year. Congress passed a new law to crack down on robocallers who are often the perpetrators of these scams. And a new law I authored will expand the IRS’ Identity Protection PIN program nationwide to prevent identity theft tax refund fraud.

At the end of 2019, I cast my 7,262nd consecutive vote. In the New Year, I will keep working to deliver bipartisan solutions to the challenges facing Maine and the nation. 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. May 2020 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



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Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. It's a privilege to represent you and your family and I am thankful for the opportunity to update you on my work in Washington and Maine.

In 2019, I was honored to work with my colleagues to pass hundreds of bills that address everything from fighting climate change to raising the minimum wage. And while Congress has become an increasingly partisan place, I was proud to continue my habit of reaching across the aisle, introducing a number of bipartisan bills and cosponsoring even more.

On the House Appropriations Committee, I worked to support programs important to Maine, such as rural broadband investment, Head Start, PFAS clean up, and shipbuilding at Bath Iron Works. Further, I firmly believe we need to make substantial investments in all aspects of our infrastructure, from safe drinking water and modernized schools, to upgraded highways, transit, and rail. From my seat on the Appropriations Committee I advocated for increased funding for the BUILD grants program which funds investments in transportation infrastructure by states, local governments, and transit agencies. I also pushed for increased funding for the Community Development Block Grant program, our national park system, local and organic agriculture, election security, and the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Since my time in the Maine State Senate, lowering the cost of prescription drugs has been one of my top priorities. This year I introduced two bills that would help Americans afford their prescription medications. I also voted for a bill that would allow the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to directly negotiate prices for certain drugs. I look forward to continuing this important work in 2020 so Americans are no longer faced with the choice of picking up prescriptions they desperately need or putting food on the table.

I am sure this coming year holds many challenges and opportunities for our country, and I promise that the interests and principles of Mainers will continue to guide my work. If there is anything my offices in Washington or Maine can do to be of assistance – whether you, your town, or your organization is applying for a grant; you're facing an issue with a federal agency; or if you'd just like to share a thought or opinion – please do not hesitate to reach out.

Best wishes,

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Dear Friends and Neighbors of Union,

I serve in the Maine Senate to work for change that will improve the lives of folks across our state. This session, Democrats and Republicans in the Senate sat beside each other instead of being divided by a partisan aisle. We worked together to pass significant legislation that will benefit Maine people.

Last year, we passed a bipartisan budget that provides \$130 million in property tax relief without raising taxes. That includes a new program that will provide a check for at least \$100 to every household that qualified for the Homestead Exemption by April 1, 2019. We also passed a number of new laws to promote local solar projects, such as those at school districts and town offices; expand Maine's renewable energy portfolio; and set a goal of installing 100,000 heat pumps by 2025. Finally, we worked to make health care more affordable and more accessible by passing laws to require insurance companies to cover hearing aids, protect coverage for those with preexisting conditions and lower prescription drug costs.

This year our work was cut short by the COVID-19 pandemic. However, before we adjourned in March, we passed a series of bills to give Gov. Mills, the Maine CDC and other agencies the flexibility and resources they needed to respond to the crisis. These measures have helped keep Maine people safe and healthy throughout the crisis and insulated our economy from its impacts. We also passed a budget to ensure state government can continue to do its job, and we sent bond measures to voters to fund transportation and broadband projects.

I'm proud of everything we accomplished, but there's more work to be done, and I continue to work hard to advocate for the needs of our state and community. While we may not always agree, I approach every decision by listening to all sides, studying the issue closely and ultimately deciding what I believe is in the best interests of the folks I represent and all Mainers.

If you have any questions or concerns, I'm always available by phone at (207) 287-1515 or by email at David.Miramant@legislature.maine.gov. I also encourage you to sign up to receive my regular legislative updates. Go to www.mainesenate.org to join my mailing list. I look forward to continuing to work with you this year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Miramant".

Dave Miramant
State Senator





State Representative's Report to the Town of Union

A message from State Representative Jeffrey Evangelos

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is an honor and pleasure to represent you in the 129th Maine Legislature. I wanted to take this opportunity to inform you about our efforts to improve your lives.

In my last report to you I said I was hopeful that we would enact proposals to increase municipal revenue sharing, the Homestead Exemption, and aid to education. We were successful in enacting all three. In addition, due to the health of the State's financial picture, a \$104 check was mailed to every resident homeowner this winter, returning some of your hard earned money! We also delivered on another promise, expanding health care to 70,000 more Mainers who were without health insurance. Despite what Washington DC does to undermine your healthcare, I want you to know I will continue to fight for the right of every person to obtain adequate health care.

In my last report I indicated that I co-sponsored a bill to promote and support the use of solar energy which included a provision to eliminate gross metering and adopt a net metering approach. As some of you are aware, solar legislation was defeated in the last legislature in 2018 in a very close vote. We made it over the finish line this time, and these solar reforms are now law.

Two of the biggest challenges facing Maine in 2020 are the deplorable issues around the performance of Central Maine Power and the challenges being faced by the Maine lobster industry.

First, in reference to CMP, last year I testified before the Public Utilities Commission on your behalf in opposition to the proposed rate increase and demanded that CMP refund all the money they overcharged my constituents and other Mainers in their over billing scheme. Both the PUC and



Maine's Public Advocate heard my concerns and are currently investigating these serious matters. I want to be clear that I am in full support of CMP's line workers who put their lives on the line for us everyday. Consequently, I have joined Rep. Seth Berry's proposal that Maine move toward a public power option, along the lines of what Franklin Roosevelt did in the 1930s when he created the Rural Electrification Administration. In that vein, I will also be supporting the same approach for broadband expansion. Every Mainer should have equal access to this critically important technology, so I will supporting all proposals, including bond issues, to make this happen.

In addition, I am opposed to the proposed CMP power "corridor" in western Maine....to Massachusetts. Are you kidding me? You can count on me to oppose this proposal and I look forward to voting in November at referendum to defeat this. Does anyone think Massachusetts would allow Maine to slice through the Berkshires to send power to Maine? Of course not, so I will be forcefully opposing this proposal.

Second, I am deeply concerned about the unjustified and unfair proposals being promoted by the federal agency NOAA, who is blaming the Maine lobster industry for Right Whale deaths despite the fact that they have publicly admitted there is no evidence to back up this claim. I have joined hands with my fishermen and women in my District to fight these draconian proposals and have attended hearings and provided testimony against these proposals. The lobster industry is the lifeline to our local economy and you can rest assured I will continue to fight to protect your interests.

I have enjoyed representing Union, something I also did in the 1980's and 1990's when I served SAD #40, when we all collaborated to build the David R. Gaul School and gymnasium. The people are friendly and I appreciate it. I also wanted to thank the Selectmen and women, Town Office staff, and the Public Works crew who keep your roads safe. I appreciate the work you do.

Sincerely,
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Citizens of Union,

It is an honor and a privilege to serve in the 129th Legislature representing Union. As part of my duties, I have been serving on the Agriculture, Conservation, & Forestry Committee where I have been able to ensure that many of the bills coming out of our committee are focused on making life in rural communities more economically sustainable and care for the land upon which so much of our local economy depends. We have funded \$1,000,000 in the Mainers Feeding Mainers program which creates markets for local farmers while feeding those who need it. We have also freed up regulations allowing schools to donate food waste to farmers for animal feed, and working on legislation to direct our state institutions to purchase 50% of their food from local farmers and fishermen by 2050. We also passed my legislation to ensure that when you see “Raised in Maine” on meat it means that the animal was born, raised, and butchered in the state, protecting our farmers from cheap imports, and ensuring consumers know the Maine steak from the store is actually growing our rural agricultural economy.

The legislature worked hard this year, considered some 2500 bills, passing some bold initiatives, and moved relatively quickly to pass a budget. While I have some concerns about the increase in total spending, I am happy overall because I believe that the budget is fair and provides funding for some key initiatives, like addressing the skyrocketing costs of healthcare, adding direct funds to address the opiate crisis, and delivering a larger commitment in education funding with MVHS receiving an additional \$1,129,646 from the state. I am proud to say that this budget doesn’t increase or create new taxes, and at the same will be providing much-needed property tax relief. For example, if you have filed for a homestead tax exemption, you should soon receive a check for \$104.00. This is a direct action by the Legislature provided to taxpayers across all of Maine’s sixteen counties to provide some relief from rising property taxes.

Also included in this year’s budget are increases in municipal revenue sharing, up from 2 to 3% in 2020, increasing to 3.75% in 2021. With state revenue projections turning out higher than originally expected, we were able to put more money in the State’s rainy-day fund while also being able to provide additional resources for towns to pay for local services like public safety, and road maintenance. Union will be receiving from the state \$164,476 in 2020 and \$216,685 in 2021- this represents an increase of \$51,571 and \$52,209 over the last approved budget in 2017. This is great news!

This next session, there are a lot of big issues and we will need to work to figure out how the government can efficiently and effectively expand our state’s economic potential. Please get in touch with me to share your opinion on pending legislation or if you need help with any government agency. I am at your service and proud to represent our community.

William “Bill” Pluecker
State Representative



MINUTES

**2019
TOWN OF UNION
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
WARRANT**

MUNICIPAL ELECTION
June 11, 2019 - TUESDAY
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
William Pullen Municipal Building

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
June 17, 2019 - MONDAY
7:00 p.m.
William Pullen Municipal Building

Stacey M. Y. Parra, Town Clerk of Union, called the Municipal Election and Annual Town Meeting to order on Tuesday, June 11, 2019. The Warrant was read then and there to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting and to vote by written ballot.

Ronald Hawes was nominated and elected by secret ballot to the position of Moderator for the meeting. The Town Clerk duly swore him into office.

Ronald Hawes appointed Richard Niles as Deputy Moderator. The Town Clerk duly swore him into office.

The Polls were declared open and Article 2, the election of all necessary Town Officers/Officials by secret ballot, began.

ARTICLE 2. To elect all necessary Municipal Officers/Officials and School Committee Members as are required to be elected.

Selectmen/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor (two-year term)

Fuller, Adam C.	148*
Justice, James W.	50

Selectmen/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor (three-year term)

White, Joshua B.	197*
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Director of Regional School Unit No. 40 (three-year term)

Amundsen, Erik	189*
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Moderator Ronald Hawes opened the Annual Town Meeting at 7:00 p.m. and read the results of the Municipal and School Election.



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ARTICLE 3. To choose all other necessary Municipal Officials or act thereon:

One Trustee of the Cemetery Trust Fund (three-year term)
Term of Keith Hilt

A motion and second were made for Keith Hilt. Motion carries.

Four Members of the Budget Committee (three-year term)
Terms of Bruce Cobb, Lawrence Nash, Paul Gaudreau and Terry Brackett

A motion and second were made for Bruce Cobb. Motion carries.

A motion and second were made for Lawrence Nash. Motion carries.

A motion and second were made for Paul Gaudreau. Motion carries.

A motion and second were made for Terry Brackett. Motion carries.

One Trustee of the William Pullen Fund (four-year term)
Term of Judith Brogden

A motion and second were made for Judith Brogden. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town of Union will authorize the Board of Selectmen, with a four-fifths vote, to transfer up to 10% of unexpended balances between accounts as needed or act thereon.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 5. Shall amendments to Article 1 of the Land Use Ordinance regarding Cluster Development be enacted or act thereon.

A copy of changes is attached and available for review at the town office.

A motion and second were made to table for a future town meeting. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 6. Shall amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance regarding Cluster Development, Street Classifications, Street Design Standards and Storm Drainage Construction Standards be enacted or act thereon.

A copy of changes is attached and available for review at the town office.

A motion and second were made to table for a future town meeting. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 7. Shall changes to the Shoreland Zoning Map be enacted or act thereon.



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A copy of changes is attached and available for review at the town office.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 8. Shall the ordinance titled “Town of Union Canine Control Ordinance” be enacted or act thereon.

A copy of changes is attached and available for review at the town office.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,000 for the purchase of an informational sign at the Town Office or act thereon.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS 5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE DID NOT REVIEW**

A motion and second were made. Motion failed 37-50.

A motion and second were made to indefinitely postpone. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town of Union will vote to have the Union Ambulance Department and the Union Fire Department combined into one department titled Union Fire & Rescue.

Approved by Union Fire and Union Rescue.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will accept a parcel of land between Route 131 and Sennebec Pond (part of Map 12 Lot 34) or act thereon.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for fiscal year 2019-2020 for the following or act thereon:

	2019	2020
	<u>REQUEST</u>	<u>REQUEST</u>
A. Union Senior Citizens	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
B. Come Spring Food Pantry	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,000.00
C. Vose Library	<u>\$22,000.00</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
	\$23,700.00	\$26,500.00

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS 5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 9-0**

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.



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ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for fiscal year 2019-2020 for the following or act thereon:

	2019	2020
	<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>AGENCY</u>
	<u>REQUEST</u>	<u>REQUEST</u>
A. New Hope for Women	\$ 995.00	\$1,045.00
B. Midcoast Community Action	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
C. Spectrum Generations	\$1,676.00	\$1,600.00
D. Penquis	\$ 961.00	\$ 805.00
E. Broadreach	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
F. AIO*	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$3,500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$5,382.00	\$8,700.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS	\$5,200	5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	\$5,200	10-0

**AIO requested the amount of \$3,500 which was not recommended by the Board of Selectmen or Budget Committee.*

A motion and second were made in the amount of \$5,200. Motion carries.

Town Manager Jarrett Feyler stated the Board of Selectmen had voted that the \$3,500 requested by AIO will be given through the I. C. Thurston Fund as they have the exclusive authority of this fund and it could be used for this purpose.

ARTICLE 14. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate from the I. C. Thurston Fund,* an amount not to exceed \$5,000, for the Union Assistance Fund or act thereon: (2019-\$5,000)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS	5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	10-0

**This is a non-binding vote as the I. C. Thurston Fund is under the exclusive authority of the Board of Selectmen according to the will.*

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to fix the salaries of the officials appointed by them under provision of MRSA Title 30-A, Section 2601, subsection 1 & 2, or act thereon.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,927 to fund the contract for dispatching services with the Knox Regional Communications Center or act thereon.



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BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS 5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 9-0-1

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate from Fund Balance an amount not to exceed \$6,000 to be used to cover Tax Abatements for the fiscal year of 2019-2020.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS 5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 10-0

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell tax-acquired property, and to give quitclaim deeds thereof. Sales to other than the former record titleholder, his or her heirs, devisees or assigns shall be by the best means available to obtain the maximum price, and to expend such funds as the majority of the Board of Selectmen shall decide, except that the Board of Selectmen shall use the special sale process required by 36 MRSA 943-C for qualifying homestead property if sold to anyone other than the former owner(s).

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes not yet due or assessed and no interest to accrue or act thereon.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 MRSA Section 505 (4), will vote that property taxes shall be delinquent if not paid by November 15, 2019 and May 15, 2020, and that interest at the rate of 9% per annum shall be charged on all delinquent property taxes, or act thereon. If the due date(s) fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, then the due date(s) will fall on the next business day, and interest will start the day after.

NOTE: The Board of Selectmen recommends due dates of November 15, 2019 and May 15, 2020, and interest due dates of November 18, 2019 and May 18, 2020 and interest at the rate of 9% per annum. Taxpayers' names will appear in the Town Report if taxes are not paid by the close of business on May 15, 2020.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS 9% 5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 9% 10-0



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A motion and second were made with an interest rate of 9%. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to set a rate of interest to be paid on the overpayment of abated taxes from the date of overpayment or act thereon (maximum 7% and minimum 3% per annum).

EXPLANATION: If taxes are paid and later abated, the Town of Union must refund the abated taxes and pay interest on them.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS 3% 5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 3% 10-0

A motion and second were made with an interest rate of 3%. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to use the proceeds of any payment on insurance claims, for damage occurring to Town property in the fiscal year 2019-2020, to be allocated to the municipal department whose goods or equipment were damaged, and appropriate any such insurance payment to repair or replace the damaged goods or equipment or act thereon.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to approve a Community Development Block Grant Application and/or a Quality Community Grant Application, and to submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development or the Maine Department of Transportation, and if a grant is approved to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept said grant funds and to expend grant funds for the purpose of the grant, and to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as is necessary and reasonable to implement such a program or act thereon.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to submit applications for grants, and if a grant is approved to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept said grant funds and to expend grant funds for the purposes of the grant, and to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as is necessary and reasonable to implement such a program or act thereon.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to disburse money received from the State Snowmobile Refund from the registration of snowmobiles to the Appleton Trail Makers, Inc. (Appleton) and the Hatchet



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Mountain Snowriders Snowmobile Club (Hope) – ½ to each club – for the purposes of maintaining their snowmobile trails in Union, to be open for the use of the public at all times while they are snow covered or act thereon.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to assess the Town of Washington the sum of \$37,963, and the Town of Appleton the sum of \$33,400 for ambulance services for the fiscal year 2019-2020 or act thereon.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Union Ambulance Department and Union Fire Department to expend monies raised by them for equipment and other operational expenses or act thereon.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to carry over and expend into the fiscal year 2019-2020 the unexpended balances plus any additional interest and income, minus any expenses accrued thereon, of the following accounts or act thereon:

A. Animal Control	\$ 4,500.00
B. Ambulance Income	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 6,500.00*

**These are estimated amounts at the time of printing; actual amounts will be presented at Town Meeting.*

Town Meeting Amendment by Town Manager:

A. Animal Control	\$ 4,668.00
B. Ambulance Income	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 6,668.00

A motion and second were made as amended. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 29. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the fiscal year 2019-2020 budget for the following purposes or act thereon:

	2019	2020
	<u>APPROP.</u>	<u>APPROP.</u>
A. Administration	\$ 89,300.00	\$ 93,550.00
B. Pullen Bldg. Maintenance	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 47,200.00
C. Assessors	\$ 32,800.00	\$ 33,650.00
D. Stipends	\$ 8,050.00	\$ 8,050.00



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E. Office Personnel	\$207,787.00	\$216,428.00
F. Insurances	\$208,247.00	\$209,000.00
G. Town Mowing	\$ 8,450.00	\$ 8,450.00
H. Hydrant Rental	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
I. TCSWMO	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
J. Septic Waste Contract	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,300.00
K. Planning Dept./Codes	\$ 47,150.00	\$ 48,226.00
L. Fire Department	\$ 68,843.00	\$ 68,843.00
M. Street Lights	\$ 5,750.00	\$ 5,750.00
N. Common Maintenance	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
O. Budget Committee	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
P. Birdhouses	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Q. Founders Day Committee	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
R. Town Retirement Match*	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 28,000.00
S. Emergency Management	\$ 7,350.00	\$ 7,350.00
T. Social Security	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 42,000.00
U. TAN Interest	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
TOTAL TO BE RAISED AND APPROP.	\$875,727.00	\$901,497.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS 5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 10-0

**The Town Retirement Match increase from \$20,000 to \$28,000 was not voted on by the Budget Committee.*

A motion and second were made to set aside E. and R. Motion carries.

A motion and second were made except E. and R. Motion carries.

A motion and second for E. Office Personnel in the amount of \$216,428. Motion carries.

A motion and second for R. Town Retirement Match in the amount of \$28,000. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 30. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate from Excise Tax, and raise and appropriate from the sources listed below for Public Works Programs for the fiscal year 2019-2020 or act thereon:

PUBLIC WORKS	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Excise Tax	\$400,000.00	\$471,000.00
From Raise and Appropriation	<u>\$135,380.00</u>	<u>\$ 46,050.00</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$535,380.00	\$517,050.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS 5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 10-0

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.



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ARTICLE 31. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate from the sources listed below, and raise and appropriate for paving and road construction for the fiscal year 2019-2020 or act thereon:

PAVING/ROAD CONSTRUCTION	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Appropriated from Local Road Assistance Program	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 52,800.00
Raised and Appropriated	<u>\$348,000.00</u>	<u>\$347,200.00</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00
 BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS		5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS		10-0

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 32. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from the sources listed below for Ambulance Operations for the fiscal year 2019-2020 or act thereon:

AMBULANCE	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Raised and Appropriated for Union's Assessment	\$ 40,026.00	\$ 56,040.00
Appropriated from Washington Assessment	\$ 27,116.18	\$ 37,963.00
Appropriated from Appleton Assessment	\$ 23,857.47	\$ 33,400.00
Appropriated from Ambulance Revenue	\$175,400.00	\$175,400.00
From Carryover	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$266,399.65	\$306,803.00
 BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS		5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS		10-0

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 33. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and appropriate from anticipated revenue for the listed reserve accounts, and to expend as needed for the fiscal year 2019-2020 or act thereon:

	<u>RAISE & APPROP.</u>	<u>ANTICIP. REV.</u>
A. Highway Equipment Reserve	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 0
B. Ambulance Vehicle Reserve	\$ 0	\$25,000.00
C. Ambulance Equipment Reserve	\$ 0	\$ 1,000.00
D. Fire Truck Reserve	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 0
E. Fire Equipment Reserve	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 0
F. Cemetery Reserve	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 0
G. Bridge Repair	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 0



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H. LED Streetlights	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 0
I. Sidewalks	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$197,500.00	\$26,000.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS 5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 10-0

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell surplus Fire, Ambulance, Office, and Highway Department Equipment and appropriate the proceeds from the sale back to the respective departments' Equipment Reserve Account or act thereon.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 35. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and appropriate from the sources listed below, for Animal Control for the fiscal year 2019-2020 or act thereon:

ANIMAL CONTROL	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Raised and Appropriated	\$ 8,318.50	\$ 5,623.00
From Carryover	\$ 5,031.50	\$ 5,487.00
From Fees	\$ 0	\$ 2,240.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$13,350.00	\$13,350.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS 5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 10-0

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 36. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and appropriate from the sources listed below, for Parks and Recreation for the fiscal year 2019-2020 or act thereon:

PARKS & RECREATION	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Raised and Appropriated	\$ 8,000.00	\$11,760.00
Appropriated from Jos. Pullen Invest.	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,300.00
Appropriated from Rec. Reserve Account	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$12,000.00	\$15,760.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS 5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 10-0

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.



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ARTICLE 37. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the sources listed below for General Assistance for the fiscal year 2019-2020 or act thereon:

GENERAL ASSISTANCE	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Appropriated from State of Maine Reimbursement	\$4,900.00	\$4,900.00
Appropriated from the I. C. Thurston Fund*	<u>\$2,100.00</u>	<u>\$2,100.00</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS **5-0**
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS **10-0**

**This is a non-binding vote as the I. C. Thurston Fund is under the exclusive authority of the Board of Selectmen according to the will.*

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 38. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and appropriate from the sources listed below, for Cemeteries for the fiscal year 2019-2020 or act thereon:

CEMETERIES	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Raised and Appropriated	\$41,950.00	\$41,950.00
Appropriated from Perpetual Care	<u>\$ 1,900.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,900.00</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$43,850.00	\$43,850.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS **5-0**
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS **10-0**

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate the sum of \$2000 from Cable Franchise Fees received for fiscal year 2019-2020 to be used for preparation of material for public awareness and/or the Town of Union website or act thereon.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS **5-0**
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS **10-0**

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or otherwise dispose of equipment and Town property with a value less than \$8,000 per item after appraisal for fiscal year 2019-2020 or act thereon.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.



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ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to take the following amounts from income and interest earned on the respective scholarship accounts to fund a scholarship(s) to be awarded in the year 2019-2020 or act thereon:

A. Robert H. & Eleanor S. Heald Fund	\$28,390.00
B. William L. Pullen Fund*	\$16,570.00
C. Raymond Thurston & Belle Thurston Kinniston Fund	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
TOTAL	\$45,160.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS	5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	10-0
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	
PULLEN COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	7-0

**This is a non-binding vote as the William L. Pullen Fund is under the exclusive authority of the Board of Selectmen and Pullen Trustees according to the will.*

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the William Pullen Trust* the following sums or act thereon:

A. Scholarships	\$ 16,570.00
B. Town of Union	\$ 10,000.00
C. Thompson Community Center	\$ 1,000.00
D. Vose Library	\$ 2,881.00
C. Union School	<u>\$ 12,500.00</u>
	\$ 42,951.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS	5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	10-0
PULLEN COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	6-0-1

**This is a non-binding vote as the William Pullen Trust is under the exclusive authority of the Board of Selectmen and Pullen Trustees according to the will.*

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Fund Balance up to \$100,000 to reduce the tax commitment for 2019-2020 or act thereon.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS	5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	10-0



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A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following General Fund revenue sources to be used toward the 2019-2020 budget appropriations of the Town of Union, thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised by property taxes or act thereon.

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
A. State Revenue Sharing	\$ 98,000.00	\$110,000.00
B. Other Revenue fees and interest	<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$148,000.00	\$160,000.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS	5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	10-0

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 45. To see what sum the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate from undesignated funds to cover fiscal year 2019-2020 overdrafts or act thereon.

A. Public Works	\$47,600.00*
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**This figure is an estimate at the time of printing; an updated figure will be available at Town Meeting.*

Town Meeting Amendment by Town Manager:

A. Public Works	\$43,450.00
B. Retirement Fund	<u>\$ 7,392.00</u>
	\$50,842.00

A motion and second were made as amended. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town will vote to permanently increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Union by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

A motion and second were made to indefinitely postpone as article is not needed. Motion carries.

A motion and second were made to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 8:38 p.m. 90 registered voters attended.

A True Copy Attest: s/Stacey M. Y. Parra, Town Clerk



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GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS 7th DAY OF MAY, A.D. 2019

s/Gregory Grotton, Chair
s/John Shepard, Selectman
s/Lyle J. Cramer, Selectman
s/Sarah Drickey, Selectman
s/James Justice, Selectman
UNION BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RESIDENT’S RETURN

**COUNTY OF KNOX
STATE OF MAINE, ss.**

By virtue of the within Warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Union, qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the time and place and for the purpose within named, by posting this Warrant at the following public and conspicuous places within the Town including the Town Office, 567 Common Road; Common Market, 40 Burkett Road; Four Corner Variety, 1718 Heald Highway; Union Farm Equipment, 1893 Heald Highway, and Mic Mac Market, 994 Heald Highway; on the 3rd day of June, A.D. 2019, the same being at least seven days prior to the within named meeting.

Attest: s/Richard Niles, Resident

A True Copy Attest: s/Stacey M. Y. Parra, Town Clerk



MINUTES

**TOWN OF UNION
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
WARRANT
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019
WILLIAM L. PULLEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MEETING ROOM
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Stacey M.Y. Parra, Town Clerk of Union, called the Special Town Meeting to order on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. The Meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

ARTICLE 1. To elect by written secret ballot, a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Ronald Hawes was nominated and elected by secret ballot with four (4) votes to the position of Moderator for the meeting. The Town Clerk duly swore him into office.

Ronald Hawes appointed Richard Niles as Deputy Moderator. The Town Clerk duly swore him into office.

The Polls were declared open and voting on Article 2, 3, and 4 by secret ballot began.

ARTICLE 2. Shall amendments to Article 1 of the Land Use Ordinance regarding Cluster Development be enacted.

Article 2. passed by a secret ballot vote of 205 Yes 159 No.

ARTICLE 3. Shall amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance regarding Cluster Development, Street Classifications, Street Design Standards and Storm Drainage Construction Standards be enacted.

Article 3. passed by a secret ballot vote of 217 Yes 150 No.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the issuance of general obligation securities in an amount not to exceed Seventy-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$78,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing solar panels, with the dates, maturities, denominations, interest rates, place of payment, form and other details of the



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securities and like provisions for the sale of the securities, to be determined by the Selectmen in the best interests of the Town. The proceeds of the borrowing shall be utilized only for the purpose of the borrowing stated above and the Selectmen are hereby authorized to make such assurances and representations as may be necessary, appropriate or convenient for the purposes of the borrowing, to apply the proceeds to the stated purposes of the borrowing, and to conduct such other activities as may be required.

TOWN OF UNION, MAINE
TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Town Indebtedness if Article 4 is approved

Debt outstanding and unpaid:		\$1,818,331.09
* Municipal	\$ 633,156.12	As of September 4, 2019
County	\$ 106,793.86	As of December 31, 2019
Schools	\$ 1,078,381.11	As of June 30, 2019
Debt Authorized and Unissued:		\$ 0
Debt to be Issued if Article 4 is Approved:		\$ 78,000.00
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Total Indebtedness if Article 4 is approved:		\$1,896,331.09

* Municipal Debt includes the road bond and copier lease.

Cost of the General Security Obligation

At an estimated average interest rate of 2.06% over a term of five (5) years, the estimated cost of issuing the general security obligation will be:

Principal	\$78,000.00
Estimated Interest	<u>\$ 4,820.40</u>
Total Debt Service	\$82,820.40

The validity of the debt and of the voters' ratification of the debt may not be affected by any errors in the estimate of the cost of the general security obligation. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the general security obligation issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the



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electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the obligation is not affected by reason of the variance.

Article 4. passed by a secret ballot vote of 251 Yes 139 No.

s/Laura J. Curtis
Laura J. Curtis, Treasurer
Town of Union

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D. 2019

s/Greg Grotton, Chairman
s/John Shepard, Selectman
s/Sarah Drickey, Selectman
s/Adam C. Fuller, Selectman
s/Joshua B. White, Selectman
UNION BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RESIDENT’S RETURN

**COUNTY OF KNOX
STATE OF MAINE, ss.**

By virtue of the within Warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Union, qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the time and place and for the purpose within named, by posting this Warrant at the following public and conspicuous places within the Town including the William L. Pullen Municipal Building (Town Office), 567 Common Road; Common Market, 40 Burkett Road; Four Corner Variety, 1718 Heald Highway; Union Farm Equipment, 1893 Heald Highway, and Mic Mac Market, 994 Heald Highway; on the 24th day of October, A.D. 2019, the same being at least seven days prior to the within named meeting.

Attest: s/Richard Niles, Resident

A True Copy Attest: s/Stacey M. Y. Parra, Town Clerk



**2020
TOWN OF UNION
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
WARRANT**

MUNICIPAL ELECTION
July 14, 2020 - TUESDAY
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
William L. Pullen Municipal Building

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
July 20, 2020 - MONDAY
7:00 p.m.
William L. Pullen Municipal Building

TO: Richard Niles, Resident of the Town of Union, in the County of Knox.

GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Union in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the William L. Pullen Municipal Building in said Town on Tuesday, the Fourteenth day of July, A.D. 2020 at 8:00 a.m. in the morning, then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2 through 17 as set out below;

and to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the William L. Pullen Municipal Building in said Town on Monday, the Twentieth day of July, A.D. 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the evening, then and there to act on Articles 18 through 42 as set out below, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting and to vote by written ballot.

ARTICLE 2. To elect all necessary Municipal Officers/Officials and School Committee Members as are required to be elected.

Polls shall be opened at 8:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for fiscal year 2020-2021 for debt service or act thereon:

A. Road Bond	\$113,000.00
B. Solar Project	<u>\$ 69,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$182,000.00

These funds have already been committed during previous town meetings and these are the payment amounts.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS	4-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	9-0



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ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the issuance of general obligation securities in an amount not to exceed \$1,800,000.00 for the purpose of Clarry Hill Road culvert replacement, road paving, and payment of previous bond, with the dates, maturities, denominations, interest rates, place of payment, form and other details of the securities and like provisions for the sale of the securities, to be determined by the Selectmen in the best interests of the Town. The proceeds of the borrowing shall be utilized only for the purpose of the borrowing stated above and the Selectmen are hereby authorized to make such assurances and representations as may be necessary, appropriate or convenient for the purposes of the borrowing, to apply the proceeds to the stated purposes of the borrowing, and to conduct such other activities as may be required.

This will reduce our interest rate on our current bond. The public works budget below does not have any money allocated for paving and road repair without this bond. Previous municipal bond will be paid off at an expected lower interest rate.

Total Town Indebtedness if Article 4 is approved:

Debt outstanding and unpaid:		\$1,742,166.05
* Municipal	\$ 557,353.62	As of June 30, 2020
County	\$ 106,431.32	As of December 31, 2019
Schools	\$ 1,078,381.11	As of June 30, 2019
Debt Authorized and Unissued:		\$ 0
Debt to be Issued if Article 4 is Approved:		\$1,800,000.00
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Total Indebtedness if Article 4 is approved:		\$3,542,166.05

* Municipal Debt includes the road bond and copier lease.

Cost of the General Security Obligation

At an estimated average interest rate of 2.0% over a term of ten (10) years, the estimated cost of issuing the general security obligation will be:

Principal	\$1,800,000.00
Estimated Interest	<u>\$ 187,491.00</u>
Total Debt Service	\$1,987,491.00



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

s/Laura J. Curtis
 Laura J. Curtis, Treasurer
 Town of Union

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$597,880.00 for fiscal year 2020-2021 for General Government.

This includes Insurances, Payroll, Office Personnel, and Building Maintenance. This has been reduced by \$11,988.00 from the previous year.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS 4-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 9-0

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$603,898.00 for fiscal year 2020-2021 for Protection.

This includes ACO, Fire, Ambulance, and Planning Department. The ambulance budget has a total increase of \$155,200.00 but only an additional tax amount of \$31,319.00. ACO is down \$650.00 and Planning up \$229.00.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS 4-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$62,164.00 for fiscal year 2020-2021 for Health and Sanitation.

This includes Septic Waste and Tri-County Solid Waste; this is down \$136.00.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS 4-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$569,450.00 for fiscal year 2020-2021 for Highway and Bridges and Paving.

This has been reduced by \$375,000.00 in paving. The bond article will allow us to pave and do repairs this year.



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BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 7-1

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,500.00 for fiscal year 2020-2021 for Parks and Recreation.

The budget is down \$1,260.00 and is partially funded by a dedicated trust fund and carryovers. Approximate net to raise is \$9,000.00.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS 4-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,707.00 for fiscal year 2020-2021 for Social Security.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS 4-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$59,600.00 for fiscal year 2020-2021 for Cemeteries.

The Cemetery budget is up \$15,750.00 due to mowing cost. Bids for one year were \$55,000.00, so Public Works will continue to do it for \$15,000.00 less! Some cemetery funds come from perpetual care and do not raise taxes.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS 4-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 for fiscal year 2020-2021 for General Assistance.

These funds do not raise taxes but are funded under a dedicated trust fund.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS 4-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$327,006.00 for fiscal year 2020-2021 for Unclassified.

This includes Reserve Accounts, Dispatch, Common maintenance and Emergency Management and Outside Agencies. Reduced accounts include: Outside Agencies -\$7508.00; Reserves -\$59,000.00; Common Maintenance -\$1,500.00; and EMA - \$225.00. Increases include: Dispatch \$3,707.00; and Retirement \$1,000.00. Total budget is down \$63,500.00!



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BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS	4-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	7-1

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following General Fund revenue and dedicated revenue sources to be used toward the 2020-2021 budget appropriations of the Town of Union, thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised by property taxes or act thereon:

State Revenue Sharing	\$ 98,000.00
Ambulance Billing and Assessments	\$ 427,000.00
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$ 5,000.00
Parks and Recreation Pullen Investment	\$ 2,300.00
Animal Control Fees	\$ 2,300.00
Local Road Assistance Program	\$ 50,000.00
Excise Tax	\$ 470,000.00
Scholarship Trust Funds	\$ 45,000.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$ 1,900.00
Other Revenue and Fees	\$ 50,000.00
TOTAL	\$1,151,500.00

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to carry the unexpended balances in the following accounts for the ensuing fiscal year:

- Ambulance
- Parks and Recreation
- Cemeteries
- Animal Control
- Union Assistance Fund

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from fund balance the following overdrafted account:

Paving and Road Construction	\$20,000.00
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This is estimated at the time of printing.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to reduce the amounts to raise by taxes if other revenues become available.

This will enable the Board of Selectmen to use other revenues such as COVID-19 funding to reduce taxes.

ARTICLE 18. To choose all other necessary Municipal Officials or act thereon:

One Trustee of the Cemetery Trust Fund (three-year term)
Term of Lee MacFarland



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Four Members of the Budget Committee (three-year term)
Terms of Barry Norris, Dan Day, John Mountainland, and Wayne Kirkpatrick

One Trustee of the William Pullen Fund (four-year term)
Term of Irene Hawes

ARTICLE 19. Shall the Ordinance entitled “2020 Amendment to Town of Union Land Use Ordinance” be enacted?

ARTICLE 20. Shall the Ordinance entitled “Union Fire & Rescue Insurance Claim and Restitution Ordinance” be enacted?

ARTICLE 21. Shall the Ordinance entitled “Canine Control Ordinance” be enacted?

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment to the Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization Interlocal Cooperative Agreement as appears below in this Article and made a part hereof:

TRI-COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION
INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

Part 4 – FINANCE

Section 4.2 In-Kind Contributions.

- (a) Subject to prior approval by the Joint Board, credit shall be given to the parties for in-kind contributions to the Corporation. Credit amounts shall be based upon actual costs and shall be limited to administrative overhead, office space, telephone, equipment and supplies, and to costs of obtaining real property acquired and provided by a party for a facility site.
- (b) The Corporation agrees to provide an annual in-lieu-of-taxes credit payment to the Member Town in which the Facility is located equal to the amount of property tax revenue lost as a result of the Corporation’s tax-exempt status.

Purpose: The purpose of this proposed amendment to the Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization Interlocal Cooperative Agreement is to change the manner of recognizing in-kind contributions to a Member hosting the facility from an actual payment to a credit.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment to the Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization Interlocal Cooperative Agreement as appears below in this Article and made a part hereof:

TRI-COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION
INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT



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Part 3 – ADMINISTRATION

Section 3.2 Joint Board. The operation and management responsibilities of the organization shall be delegated to Directors designated as the Joint Board. ~~At least one Director from each Member Town shall be a municipal officer. Additional Directors and alternates may be municipal officers or municipal officials.~~ It is desirous, but not required, that Directors and alternates be municipal officers (Selectmen) or municipal officials. The apportionment of Directors among the member communities shall be as follows: one Director from each Member Town with a population of 1,000 or less; two Directors from each Member Town with a population of 1,001 to 2,500; three Directors from each Member Town with a population greater than 2,500. Initial allocation of seats on the Joint Board shall be delegated to Member Towns in accordance with populations reflected by 1988 Maine Department of Human Services census data. Subsequent allocations shall be made based upon United States Census Bureau data, beginning with 1990 reports, or upon population data provided by the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, whichever is more current. Directors and alternates from each Member Town shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen of that town to serve a term of one year. Each Director or alternate may be reappointed to such terms indefinitely. The Board of Selectmen of each Member Town shall appoint one alternate member to the Joint Board. An alternate may be appointed by the chairman of the Joint Board as a voting member of that body at any time a Director from his or her respective Member Town is absent when a vote is taken. Under no other circumstances may an alternate have voting power. Each Director, or voting alternate where appropriate, shall cast one vote.

Purpose: The purpose of this proposed amendment to the Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization Interlocal Cooperative Agreement is to eliminate the requirement that all members of the Joint Board be either municipal officers (Selectmen) or municipal officials. Restricting membership on the Joint Board to municipal officers or officials has proven problematic. This amendment will allow the Selectmen of each Member Town to appoint non-governmental representatives to the Joint Board.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town of Union will authorize the Board of Selectmen, with a four-fifths vote, to transfer up to 10% of unexpended balances between accounts as needed or act thereon.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to fix the salaries of the officials appointed by them under provision of MRSA Title 30-A, Section 2601, subsection 1 & 2, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate from Fund Balance an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00 to be used to cover Tax Abatements for the fiscal year of 2020-2021.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS	5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	8-0



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ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell tax-acquired property, and to give quitclaim deeds thereof. Sales to other than the former record titleholder, his or her heirs, devisees or assigns shall be by the best means available to obtain the maximum price, and to expend such funds as the majority of the Board of Selectmen shall decide, except that the Board of Selectmen shall use the special sale process required by 36 MRSA 943-C for qualifying homestead property if sold to anyone other than the former owner(s).

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes not yet due or assessed and no interest to accrue or act thereon.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 MRSA Section 505 (4), will vote that property taxes shall be delinquent if not paid by November 15, 2020 and May 15, 2021, and that interest at the rate of 8% per annum shall be charged on all delinquent property taxes, or act thereon. If the due date(s) fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, then the due date(s) will fall on the next business day, and interest will start the day after.

NOTE: The Board of Selectmen recommends due dates of November 15, 2020 and May 15, 2021, and interest due dates of November 17, 2020 and May 18, 2021 and interest at the rate of 8% per annum. Taxpayers' names will appear in the Town Report if taxes are not paid by the close of business on May 17, 2021.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS **8% 5-0**

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 MRSA Section 506-A, will vote to set a rate of interest to be paid on the overpayment of abated taxes from the date of overpayment or act thereon (maximum 8% and minimum 4% per annum).

EXPLANATION: If taxes are paid and later abated, the Town of Union must refund the abated taxes and pay interest on them.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS **4% 5-0**

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to use the proceeds of any payment on insurance claims, for damage occurring to Town property in the fiscal year 2020-2021, to be allocated to the municipal department whose goods or equipment were damaged, and appropriate any such insurance payment to repair or replace the damaged goods or equipment or act thereon.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to approve a Community Development Block Grant Application and/or a Quality Community Grant Application, and to submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development or the Maine Department of Transportation, and if a grant is approved to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept said grant funds and to expend grant funds for the purpose of the grant, and to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise



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such authority as is necessary and reasonable to implement such a program or act thereon.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to submit applications for grants, and if a grant is approved to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept said grant funds and to expend grant funds for the purposes of the grant, and to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as is necessary and reasonable to implement such a program or act thereon.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to disburse money received from the State Snowmobile Refund from the registration of snowmobiles to the Appleton Trail Makers, Inc. (Appleton) and the Hatchet Mountain Snowriders Snowmobile Club (Hope) – ½ to each club – for the purposes of maintaining their snowmobile trails in Union, to be open for the use of the public at all times while they are snow covered or act thereon.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to assess the Town of Washington the sum of \$58,174.00, and the Town of Appleton the sum of \$51,666.40 for ambulance services for the fiscal year 2020-2021 or act thereon.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an additional \$3,600.00 for outside agencies or act thereon.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Union Ambulance Department and Union Fire Department to expend monies raised by them for equipment and other operational expenses or act thereon.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell surplus Fire, Ambulance, Office, and Highway Department Equipment and appropriate the proceeds from the sale back to the respective departments' Equipment Reserve Account or act thereon.

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or otherwise dispose of equipment and Town property with a value less than \$8,000.00 per item after appraisal for fiscal year 2020-2021 or act thereon.

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate the sum of \$2000.00 from Cable Franchise Fees received for fiscal year 2020-2021 to be used for preparation of material for public awareness and/or the Town of Union website or act thereon.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

5-0
8-0



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ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to take the following amounts from income and interest earned on the respective scholarship accounts to fund a scholarship(s) to be awarded in the year 2020-2021 or act thereon:

A. Robert H. & Eleanor S. Heald Fund	\$35,269.99
B. William L. Pullen Fund*	\$14,639.85
C. Raymond Thurston & Belle Thurston Kinniston Fund	<u>\$ 1,078.40</u>
TOTAL	\$50,988.24

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS

5-0

***This is a non-binding vote as the William L. Pullen Fund is under the exclusive authority of the Board of Selectmen and Pullen Trustees according to the will.**

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to permanently increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Union by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS 16th DAY OF JUNE, A.D. 2020

s/Gregory Grotton, Chair
 s/John Shepard, Selectman
 s/Sarah Drickey, Selectman
 s/Adam Fuller, Selectman
 s/Joshua White, Selectman
 UNION BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A True Copy Attest: s/Stacey M. Y. Parra, Town Clerk

RESIDENT’S RETURN

**COUNTY OF KNOX
 STATE OF MAINE, ss.**

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and Mic Mac Market, 994 Heald Highway; on the _____ day of June, A.D. 2020,
the same being at least seven days prior to the within named meeting.

Attest: _____
Sherry Abaldo, Resident

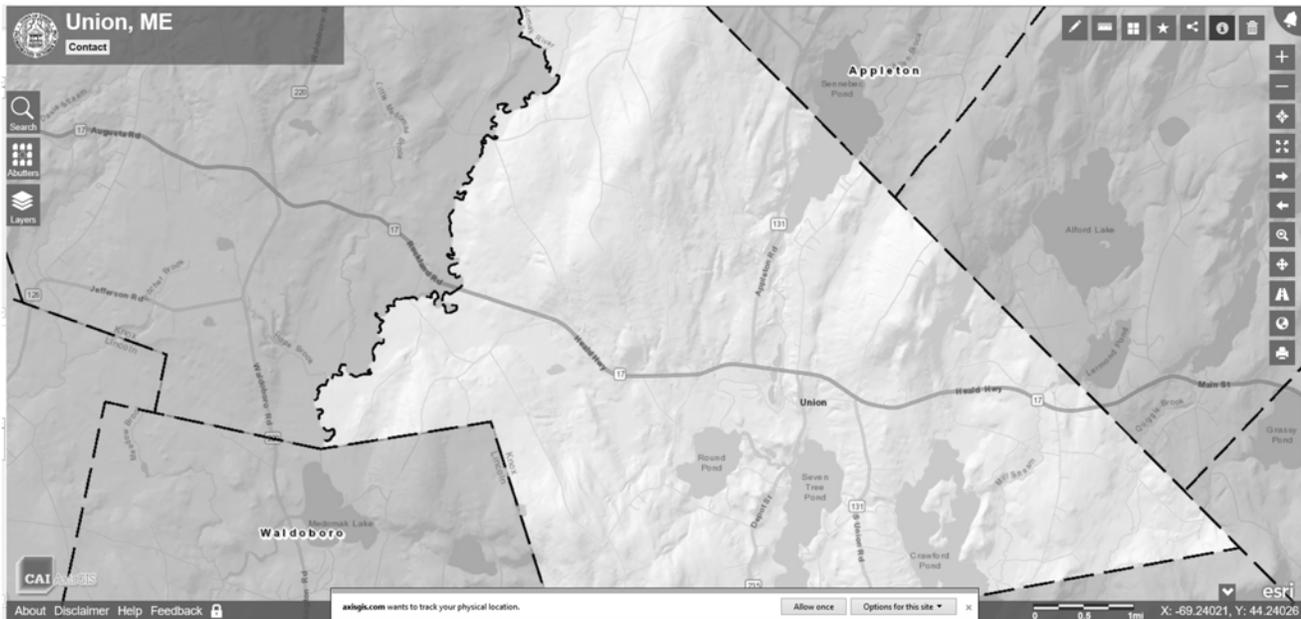


UNION PROFILE

	2018	2019
Population per 2010 Census	2,259	2,259
Registered Voters as of April 8	1,753	1,756
Area in Acres	22,054.54	22,054.54
Area in Square Miles	34.49	34.49
Miles of Town Roads	43.79	43.79
Miles of State Aid Roads	11.65	11.65
Miles of State Highway	6.95	6.95
Property Valuation Base as of April 1	228,901,500	230,853,000
Number of Land Parcels as of April 1	1638	1638
Number of Homestead Exemptions as of April 1	665	677
Number of Acres Classified under Tree Growth Tax Law	1149.41	1174
Number of Acres Classified under Farmland Tax Law	3319.95	3258
Number of Acres Classified under Open Space Tax Law	631.30	644.00
Tax rate per \$1000 of Valuation (mill rate)	17.80	18.30
Certified Assessment Ratio	100%	100%

Online Assessing Data!

<https://www.axisgis.com/UnionME/>



Contact Information Sheet

Town of Union

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Assessors' Rep. Jim Murphy	assessor@union.maine.gov	785-3658
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EMS Director Jesse Thompson	ems.union@roadrunner.com	785-3803
Fire Chief/EMA Director Kevin Soule	fireunion@roadrunner.com	785-4306
Public Works Supervisor Orrin Parker	publicworks@union.maine.gov	785-3411
Treasurer/Bookkeeper Laura Curtis	treasurer@union.maine.gov	785-3658

Emergency/Non-Emergency Numbers

Fire & Ambulance Calls		911
Knox County Sheriff's Office	www.knoxso.com	594-0429
Maine State Police	www.maine.gov/dps/msp	1-800-452-4664
Pen Bay Medical Center	www.penbayhealthcare.org	921-8000
Poison Control Center	www.nnepc.org	1-800-222-1222

School Numbers

Medomak Middle School	www.msad40.org/schools/mms	832-5028
Medomak Valley High School	www.msad40.org/schools/mvhs	832-5389
Superintendent's Office	www.msad40.org	785-2277
Union Elementary School	www.msad40.org/schools/union	785-4330

Other Numbers

Thompson Community Center		975-0352
Tri-County Solid Waste (Transfer Station)	www.tcswmo.com	785-2261
Union Fair Office	www.unionfair.org	785-3281
Union Post Office	www.usps.com	785-3734
Vose Library	www.voselibrary.org	785-4733



