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of the
Municipal Officers
of the
Town of Union
Maine

For the Municipal Year
2016-2017

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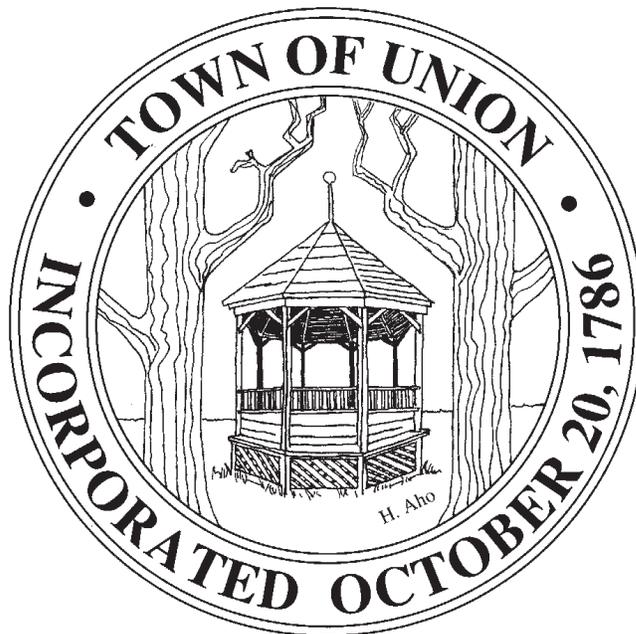


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DEDICATION

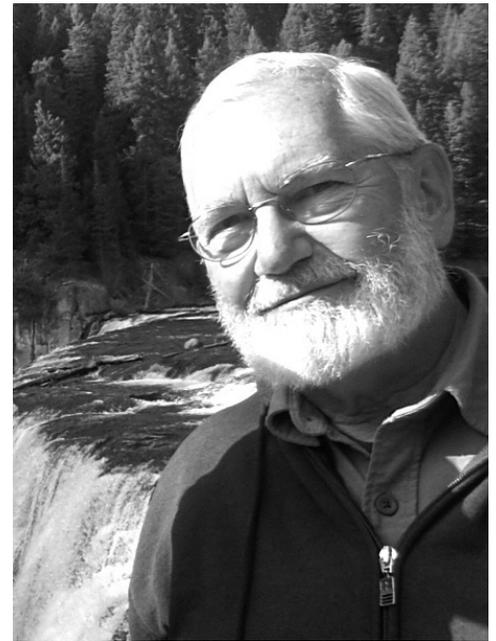
It is our honor and our pleasure to dedicate this year's Town of Union Annual Report to Dan Day.

His life would make a good movie. He might be played by Alan Alda, or some other actor with a spark in his eye and a mischievous grin belying a big heart.

Born in the winter of 1937 in Rockwood, PA to S. Von and Virginia Detwiler Day, Dan was the middle of five children: Nancy Day Thomas now of Richmond, VA; Dick Day of Raymond, ME; our Union Dan; Susan Day Elliott of North Yarmouth, ME; and David Day of Falmouth, ME and Naples, FL. The family moved around a lot, spending time in Newport, ME and finally settling in North Yarmouth, ME.

Dan graduated high school from North Yarmouth Academy, then Colgate University followed by medical school at the University of Vermont, from which he graduated in 1962.

During school, Dan did two destiny-shaping things: he married Connie Brow in June 1958; and he joined the Navy in July 1961.



Many Unionites know Dan today as a retired Navy physician. The prequel to this story is that he served in at least 10 different duty stations. After med school he completed an internship in Charleston, SC, Then it was off to Pensacola, FL for flight surgeon school. From Virginia Beach, VA he was assigned to various ships, from mine-sweepers to aircraft carriers. Next came a residency in Oakland, CA in OB/GYN followed by stints in Taipei, Taiwan; Great Lakes, IL; Pensacola, FL; Newport, RI; and the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD. His last assignment was head of the medical clinic at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD. He retired in January 1995, a Captain.

Dan's first visit to Union, ME was in the summer of 1991. By all accounts, it was love at first sight. He was captivated by the beauty of the town and by the friendliness of the people. He and Connie bought a house on Crawford Pond, moving here for good in 1994. The couple later moved to their current home, Days' End, on Clarry Hill Road.

What Dan has accomplished since retirement constitutes a new career of service and engagement. Some highlights:

He hiked the Appalachian Trail in 1997. After that he joined the AT Trail Crew, responsible for the final stretch of the Trail which of course ends on top of Mt. Katahdin, including Spring Maintenance.

Dan currently serves on the Union Budget Committee. Before that he was on the Planning Board, serving alternately as Chair and Vice Chair. He was also a member of the Ordinance Consolidation and Review Committee. Beyond town government, Dan discovered a myriad of ways to help practically everyone in Union. He has been involved in Founders Day, Union Historical Society (President and Vice President a number of times), and Union Chamber of Commerce. He served on the board of Townhouse Apartments. He even transcribed some of the writings of Dr. Jonathan Sibley (the first physician in Union and the father of John Langdon Sibley, author of A History of the Town of Union, Maine). Most recently Dan began delivering Meals on Wheels.

Both Dan and Connie continue to be active members of the local People's United Methodist Church. Dan has been Lay Leader as well as Vice Chair and Chair of the Administrative Council. He has served on numerous committees. He successfully led major fundraising campaigns, from Save Our Steeple to Charlie's Chariot (a handicap accessible vehicle for a church member). A strong advocate for the Come Spring Food Pantry, Dan is the church representative on that board in addition to being head of Senior Meals. He is also involved with the Methodist Conference Home and review of seminary candidates. Not all Dan's contributions have titles, however; he is known around the church as a perpetually smiling usher, "chief cook and bottle washer and everything in between," and "official unofficial physician" freely called on for general advice.

While these accomplishments look like more than enough for one lifetime, Dan and Connie also raised four children. Their family includes: Rick Day and his wife Tammy, and their two children Brittany and Daniel of Aurora, CO; Cathy (Day) and John Field of Union, ME, their daughter Johnna and granddaughter Fiona of Thomaston, ME; Nancy (Day) Werneth of Union and her daughter Hannah of San Antonio, TX; and Jonathan Day and his wife JJ Laughn of Fort Collins, CO.

How does one sum up Dan Day?

"Grace and humor," one acquaintance said.

Another individual recalls Dan giving away vegetables from his garden – once in the back parking lot of the Town Office on Election Day. He's also known for making lots of maple syrup with son-in-law John Field, generously sharing that as well.

"His eyes kind of always sparkle like he's up to something," observed someone else. "And he usually is."

"He likes staying busy," says his daughter Cathy, "being involved in the community. Volunteering. Gardening. Hiking. The outdoors. Reading, especially history. Travel, to natural and historical sites; on family road trips across the country, he would always keep us entertained with stories of the history of the places we traveled through."

Of course, we Union residents are fortunate that Dan and Connie settled here.

One last anecdote: as Dave Shaub tells it, one day the two of them were volunteer painting the Robbins House. Dan fell from a ladder at rain gutter height. A neighbor rushed to his aid and suggested calling 911. Dan's reply? "I am 911." He ended up surprisingly unhurt, and reminisced about parachute training in the Navy during which he "learned to fall properly."

We, the Town of Union, could not be more proud to dedicate this Town Report to Dan Day with deepest respect and gratitude.



ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS 2016-2017

TOWN MEETING MODERATOR

Ronald Hawes

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Gregory Grotton, Chairman term expires 2017
James Justice term expires 2017
Sarah Drickey term expires 2018
John Shepard term expires 2018
Lyle Cramer, Vice Chair term expires 2019

TREASURER (1 year term)

Laura Curtis term expires 2017

TRUSTEES OF THE WILLIAM PULLEN FUND (to serve with Selectmen – 4 year term)

Anita Brown term expires 2017
Paul Gaudreau term expires 2018
Judith Brogden term expires 2019
Irene Hawes term expires 2020

TRUSTEES OF THE CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS (3 year term)

Lee MacFarland term expires 2017
Joel Wentworth Sr term expires 2018
Keith Hilt term expires 2019

BUDGET COMMITTEE (3 year term)

Lynn Athearn** term expires 2017
Constance Bodine term expires 2017
Dan Day term expires 2017
John Mountainland term expires 2017
Howard Butler term expires 2018
Doris Vertz term expires 2018
Erik Amundsen term expires 2018
Christine Savage term expires 2018
Terry Brackett, Chair term expires 2019
Bruce Cobb term expires 2019
Paul Gaudreau term expires 2019
Lawrence Nash term expires 2019

DIRECTORS OF MSAD #40 (3 YEAR TERM)

Robert Williams term expires 2017
Gail Hawes** term expires 2018
Vicki Harriman(fill unexpired position of Gail Hawes)..... appointed term expires 2017
Erik Amundsen term expires 2019



Fire Department Roster

Chief:

Kevin Soule*

Assistant Chief:

Jesse Thompson

Captains:

Scot Sabins*

Nick Ciasullo

Lieutenants:

Randy Scott*

John Willis

Adam Simmons

Fire Police:

James Murphy

Paul Wyman**

Firefighters:

Robert Linscott*

Lewis Merrifield

Sherwood Hilt

Brian Wright

Chris Packard

Ryan Soule

Miles Paul

Jeff Grinnell

Jeff Kennard

AJ Naum

Jason Earl

Will Jackson

Katherine Denomme

EMS Chief: Jesse Thompson

Paramedics:

Ann Harrison-Billiat

Jesse Thompson

Willis Gammon

Kevin Montoya

Melissa Bond

Mike Poli

Ryan Morton

John Bond

EMT Advanced:

Brian Wright Sr.

Michele Robinson

Deanna Widdecomb

Ruth Wall

Salina Wallace

Stephen Barley

EMT Basics:

Scot Sabins

Barry King

Harry Ankers Jr.

Clarence Keller

Nicholas Ciasullo

Drivers:

Casey Gammon

Steve Olmstead

Robert Sayward

Jason Earl

Katherine Denomme

William Jackson

Teresa Ankers

AJ Naum

Jeff Kennard



APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS 2016 – 2017

Public Works

ForemanOrrin Parker
Team MemberBryan Paparello
Team MemberKevin Kunesh
Team MemberJacolby Leavitt
Town Manager/Road Commissioner/GA Administrator/Public Access Office Jay Feyler
Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Deputy Registrar & Treasurer Marcy Corwin
Selectmen’s Secretary/Dep. Clerk, Tax Collector, Dep. Registrar & Treasurer. Helen Zahn**
Reg. of Voters/Dep. Clerk & Tax Collector/Dep. GA Admin. & TreasurerMichelle Clifford
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax CollectorAnn Dean
Assessor’s Agent..... James Murphy
Town Legal CounselRoger Therriault
Deputy Clerk, Tax Collector, Registrar & Treasurer..... Sherry Abaldo
Selectmen’s Secretary Sandra Patrick
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector Bobbi Oxtan

ELECTION CLERKS (appointed in 2016 for 2 years)

DEMOCRATIC

Dorothy Black
Carol Watier
Dianne Groce
Pamela Jensen
Nancy Johnson
Tera Corson

REPUBLICAN

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

Election Warden.....Richard Niles
Deputy Warden Jay Feyler

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ORGANIZATIONS

DIRECTOR OF CEMETERIES (1 year term)

Myrna Soule.....term expires 2017
Joseph Trombo (alternate)term expires 2017



RECREATION COMMITTEE (3 year term)

- Aaron Cheesman term expires 2017
- Naomi Miller term expires 2017
- Patrick Mellor term expires 2017
- Clairlynn Rountree term expires 2018
- Michael Thompson term expires 2018
- James Justice term expires 2018
- Laurie McDaniels term expires 2019
- Katherine Lunt term expires 2019
- Kenneth Schackford term expires 2019

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

- Dianne Groce term expires 2017
- Alice Lunt term expires 2017
- Barbara Fang term expires 2017
- Irene Hawes term expires 2017

FOUNDERS' DAY COMMITTEE (1 year term)

- | | | |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Kevin Soule | Lyle Cramer | David Shaub |
| Jay Feyler | James Murphy | Marcy Corwin |

TRI-COUNTY SOLID WASTE REPRESENTATIVES (1 year)

- John Shepard
- James Bailey
- Lyle Cramer (alternate)

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE (term expires 2017)

- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Elmer Savage, Chair | Maureen Barnard |
| Barry Norris, Vice Chair | John Shepard |
| Terry Brackett | Grant Watmough (alternate) |
| Charles Huus | April Cloutier |

RECREATION COMPLEX COMMITTEE

- Chris Wellman
- Patrick Mellor
- Ruth Ann Wiemer
- Clairlynn Rountree
- Travis Brown
- Robert Milliken

CONSTABLE / UNION FAIR

- Neil Pollis



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Code Enforcement Officer/Local Plumbing & Building Inspector/

Alternate GA Administrator Grant Watmough

Alternate Code Enforcement Officer/LPI William O'Donnell

PLANNING BOARD (5 year term)

Glenn Taylor, Vice Chair.....term expires 2017

Laura Curtisterm expires 2018

Maria Pease, Chairterm expires 2019

Robin Millikenterm expires 2019

Dale Flintterm expires 2020

John Mountainland.....term expires 2021

Gerald S. Brooks Jr.term expires 2021

APPEALS BOARD (5 year term)

Neil Pollis.....term expires 2017

Abraham Knight.....term expires 2018

Judith Brogdenterm expires 2019

William Pagnano, Chairterm expires 2021

Sarah Gilbertterm expires 2021

Charlotte Doughty.....term expires 2021

PUBLIC SAFETY

Health Officer (term expires 2019) Vicki Harriman

Altenate Health Officer Richard Wiemer

Animal Control William Demmons

Animal Control Officer** Suzanne White**

Alternate Animal Control Officer** Courtland Bennett**

Civil Defense Director Kevin Soule

Sealer of Weights & Measures Robert Wiggin

*20 years or more of service

** Retired



BOARD OF SELECTMEN ANNUAL REPORT

Again this year I am happy to welcome a new member of the Board of Selectmen. Sarah Drickey was elected last June to fill the spot left by Buddy Savage who let go of the reins to concentrate more on his business ventures. It has been a privilege to work with Sarah this past year and I look forward to her insight and assistance in coming years.



Left to right Greg Grotton, John Shepard, Sarah Drickey, Jim Justice, and Lyle Cramer

The Board joins me in saying thank you to the citizens of Union for their support throughout this year. Many issues have been dealt with and through great communication they all have been resolved in a smooth and agreeable manner. Our town is moving forward and adapting well to the inevitable changes that always arise. At our Annual Public Meeting this February we had the largest turnout to date with “0” complaints and respectful, insightful discussions.

We continue to see nice, subtle changes in the town. In addition to the great improvements at Luce Transportation we are enjoying major cosmetic improvements to the Agway store, along with the addition of Castle Builders at the same site. Work has already started on a landscaping business on Route 17 and work should begin soon on the new Dollar General Store. We are doing a good job of managing commercial development in the town, adding value to our tax base while maintaining our village on the Common.

As we continue to face the challenges of growth and development, it is critically important to maintain good communication. The Selectmen are elected to manage the town in your best interest, so if you hear of something that you feel could be detrimental to the town PLEASE bring it to our attention. Communication is the best tool in a town’s management process and we try to do our best through updates on Facebook and through electronic e-mailings. Please join us at: WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/TOWNOFUNION and sign up for email alerts at the Town Website: WWW.UNION.MAINE.GOV

Once again I want to reach out and encourage you to become involved, it’s YOUR town, so be part of it. Volunteers are critical to the success of any town’s business and by design the system works best for everyone when everyone becomes involved.

Our Town Manager continues to do an excellent job of managing the town. We are very fortunate to have him and we are not the only ones who think he is doing a great job! In June 2016, the Board of Selectmen received a solicitation from the Maine Town, City and County Management Association (MTCMA) with an invitation to nominate a public official for one of several awards they offer annually. The board discussed this possibility, and agreed that our town manager, Jay Feyler, really deserved recognition for his great work for Union and the many improvements in town government that we’ve noted in recent years. The board collaborated on this nomination and applied for the MTCMA Leadership Award. This award recognizes a Public Administrator responsible for

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innovative projects or solving unusually difficult problems in town, and providing strong, clear guidance for colleagues and/or town employees. The selectmen felt that Jay was a perfect candidate for the Leadership Award. In July, we learned that Jay was selected to receive the 2016 MTCMA Leadership Award which was presented to him in August, 2016. Union is most fortunate to have Jay Feyler in the town office.

In closing I want to thank the members of the Board of Selectmen for their input and ideas in all matters relating to the proper management of the Town's affairs. With a strong Board, a great Town Manager and an involved community we have the perfect platform to keep Union viable and current, while maintaining our small town atmosphere. Aren't we lucky??

Greg Grotton



Jay receiving his award.



TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT

TOWN MANAGER

Jay Feyler



Across the country and throughout the world we see much acrimony regarding government and politics. We are fortunate in local government that we do not have such discourse, and for the most part we all work together regardless of political views.

I like to remind everyone that “Local Government Begins with You.” Most of our policies and ordinances come from you, the voters. You can become active, passive or just do nothing, but in all cases you are the ones who shape our local government. We always have openings on our many committees-- some elected, and some appointed. I welcome anyone who wishes, to get involved.

This year we are seeing some major ideas and projects moving forward. Some moving a bit slower than I would like, but moving forward just the same. We are in phase 1 of the multi-purpose track and field as we work on the hundreds of pages of DEP regulations to see if we can get approval for the chosen site. If the site is not suitable, we may have to find alternate sites or create additional wetlands to offset what we may disturb. We need energetic people to begin to raise money and generate a sense of community in this project; you are more than welcome to join us.

We have also begun engineering studies on sidewalks within the Town, including the re-build of the existing sidewalk on the Common Road, a new sidewalk to Ayer Park, Four Corners and the Union school. This project will be a long term infrastructure plan that will have to be done in several phases as funding is available.

Both projects coincide with our “Aging in Place” plans that will help meet the needs of our ever- growing elderly community. This committee is just getting organized and is looking for more active volunteers to join us. There are many tasks to accomplish. It is our hope that we will have resources available to help with our elderly staying in their homes longer and avoiding very expensive long term care facilities. Where this committee goes is up to you and what our elderly need, but it certainly will be rewarding and one of the most interesting projects I have been involved in.

Are times a-changing? At the annual Town Meeting you will be asked to decide on a Marijuana Prohibition of retail sales, social clubs and growing operations. This does not preclude the use of marijuana in your home that is now allowed by Maine law, nor does it pertain to Medical Marijuana which is regulated strictly by the State. I am sure we can have some great discussions at Town Meeting, or you are welcome to come in and talk to me about it at any time.

Elsewhere in this report, you will see the audited financial statements for the Town of Union, that show a very healthy financial picture. Although we only control about 25% of our expenses with the remaining being school, county and other outside entities, we have managed to increase our fund balance to our policy goals. We have made significant improvements to our infrastructures including both roads and physical buildings, which save us in costlier repairs years ahead.



Town of Union, Maine _____

In order for good things to happen you have to have an excellent staff, and I want to thank the entire office staff for their dedication to obtaining our goals and meeting the daily challenges of municipal government.

Our governing body, the Board of Selectmen, has been working hard setting the goals and policies for staff, and I want to thank them for their support and hard work. It takes a special individual to run for an office that can sometimes be a thankless job while working with the various views and opinions of citizens.

The Town of Union is a great place to live and work and we look forward to meeting the challenges ahead.

Regards,

Jay Feyler



Union's Town Mascot Iris



TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

TOWN CLERK

Marcy Corwin



VITAL STATISTICS RECORDED

1/1/2016-12/31/2016

23 BIRTHS

18 MARRIAGES

29 DEATHS

Date of Death	Name	Town Death Occurred	Age
02/11/2016	Wesley Gordon Woodman	Togus	90
02/22/2016	Leatrice C. Burns	Camden	91
03/01/2016	John Patrick Berry	Union	59
03/03/2016	Linda Lee Pollis	Union	54
03/12/2016	Edward B. Chavanne	Rockport	71
03/21/2016	Mary H. Butler	Rockport	74
03/31/2016	Charles Kenneth Lunden, Jr.	Rockport	68
04/04/2016	Patricia Ann Freyenhagen	Brunswick	75
04/17/2016	Reginald Reny Bourque	Rockport	75
04/22/2016	Vaughan R. Smith	Rockport	57
05/02/2016	Georgia Ann Durkee	Rockland	89
05/19/2016	William Kenneth Zalubski	Union	76
05/27/2016	William Peirce Randel, Jr.	Rockport	73
07/17/2016	Walter C. Rich	Topsham	92
08/13/2016	June Potter Durkee	Rockport	88
08/20/2016	Beatrice C. Rochon	Portland	85
09/02/2016	Roland Gerard Watier, Jr.	Rockport	71
09/10/2016	Michael Wayne Hand	Rockport	59
10/02/2016	Aaron Christopher Athearn	Lewiston	41
10/06/2016	William Lafond II	Union	86
10/21/2016	Paul Timothy Obert	Union	72
10/23/2016	Margaret Matson	Rockport	89
10/26/2016	Harold John Rohn	Rockport	95
10/27/2016	Marian Hazel Ginn	Union	99
11/09/2016	Herbert T. Griffin	Union	91
11/29/2016	Roberta Marie Sedgwick	Union	81
12/07/2016	Douglas John Ross	Togus	89
12/13/2016	Paul Lowell Sibole	Togus	76
12/24/2016	Nina Aho	Augusta	96

2016 LICENSES SOLD

DOG LICENSES

Kennel Licenses	1
Male/Female Dogs	81
Spayed/Neutered Dogs	361
Late Dog Registration Fee's	\$950.00

Vital Statistics

Marriage Licenses Issued	20
Certified Copies of Birth Records	47
Certified Copies of Marriage Records	48
Certified Copies of Death Records	75

Record of Town Revenues Received

Town Clerk Fees	\$4,072.15
Motor Vehicle Fees	6,315.00
Boat Registrations	257.00
ATV Registrations	103.00
Snowmobile Registrations	59.00
	<u>\$10,806.15</u>

Record of State Fees Collected

Motor Vehicle Fees	\$ 86,142.50
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Fees	18,322.00
Dog Licenses	1,953.00
Sales Tax	2,959.50
Vital Record Fees	331.60
	<u>\$109,708.60</u>

Registered Voters in Union

Democrats	399
Republicans	660
Green Independents	102
Unenrolled	596
Total as of May 20, 2017	1,760





Paul R. LePage
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
04333-0001

Dear Citizens of Union:

Maine has a long tradition of civil participation in both state and local government, and I thank you for being informed and involved citizens.

My vision for Maine is prosperity, not poverty. For this reason, one of my top priorities continues to be the reduction and eventual elimination of the income tax. Raising the minimum wage is not the path out of poverty; I want Mainers to earn a career wage. Reducing the income tax is the biggest and most immediate pay raise for all hard-working Mainers.

Not only does an income tax cut put more money back in your pockets, but it will also attract businesses that can offer good-paying careers to keep our young people here. It shows the nation that we are serious about wanting people and businesses to come—and stay—in Maine.

Unfortunately, voters approved a referendum question to raise the income tax to 10.15% on successful Maine households and small businesses. Enacting the second highest income tax rate in the country shows the nation we are eager to punish people for being successful. It will drive them out of our state and make it even more difficult to attract much-needed doctors, dentists, scientists, engineers and other professionals to Maine. They can live in neighboring New Hampshire, which takes no income tax from their paychecks. Even worse, there is no guarantee the extra revenue from this tax will go to fund education, as proponents promised.

As successful people leave Maine, state and municipal government will lose the significant amount they pay in property, sales and incomes taxes. This will put even more upward pressure on local property taxes. Municipalities will have to get more creative to provide local services without increasing property taxes. Reforming the tree growth program, collecting property taxes on land in conservation or preservation programs, charging a payment in lieu of taxes on state land that is taken off the property tax rolls and having non-profit organizations pay a two-percent tax on their net revenues are all ways for municipalities to increase revenues.

Such bold measures would take strong leadership and commitment from local officials and residents. If ever I can be of assistance to you or if you have any questions or suggestions, I encourage you to contact my office by calling 287-3531 or by visiting our website at www.maine.gov/governor.

Sincerely,


Paul R. LePage
Governor



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Dear Friends of Union,

Since being sworn into the Senate in 2013, I have made it my mission to address at the federal level the most important issues facing our great state. Working closely with my colleagues in the Maine Congressional Delegation, we've been able to successfully secure a number of legislative victories that support our state's economy, our rich traditions, and the hardworking people I am proud to represent.

In an increasingly polarized Congress, my goal as an Independent is to put partisanship aside, build consensus and further common-sense solutions to address the needs of the American people. To this end, I have co-founded the Former Governors Caucus, a group of former state executives who are frustrated with legislative gridlock and eager to find bipartisan solutions. And as always, I aim to bridge the partisan divide by hosting barbeque dinners in Washington with colleagues ranging from Ted Cruz to Elizabeth Warren. If you know a person's children, then you see them as a mother or father and not a rival vote, and working to further personal dialogue and build relationships can lay the foundation for successful legislation.

One of the accomplishments of which I am most proud is the legislative victory that protects our college students and their families from an expensive hike in student loan interest rates. In 2013, as students faced a significant spike in interest rates that would have taken thousands of dollars out of their pockets, I brought together colleagues from across the political spectrum to broker compromise legislation called the Bipartisan Student Loan Certainty Act. Thanks to this bill, students will save \$50 billion over the next 10 years by lowering their interest rates, which means that a student in Maine will now save between \$3,000 and \$6,000 over the life of their loan.

Being an Independent in the Senate has allowed me to make calls and vote on policies that are best for Maine, but it has also made it possible to play key roles in finding simple solutions and legislative fixes that make good commonsense to both parties. Of course, much of what we do in the Senate doesn't happen on the Senate floor, or even in committee. Instead, it involves working across all levels of government to ensure the State of Maine receives attention and support from the federal government.

Take, for example, the opioid and heroin epidemic devastating communities across our state. While Congress has passed legislative solutions aimed at expanding access to medical treatment, I've also pressed for other changes that can be accomplished more quickly and make a more immediate difference in Maine. For example, I successfully urged the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to increase the number of patients to whom a doctor can provide medication-assisted treatment, and in 2015 brought the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy to Brewer to meet directly with Mainers and hear their stories. I've also engaged law enforcement – including the Drug Enforcement Agency – to crack down on the production of opioids and work to limit their diversion. Together, Senator Collins and I helped pass the Northern Border Security Review Act to combat drug and human trafficking along our border with Canada.

While the opioid epidemic is certainly our biggest public health crisis, job loss in Maine is still our number one economic problem and that's why we need to focus on bringing good paying jobs back to Maine and protecting the ones we still have. As a member of the Armed Services Committee, I teamed up with Senator Collins and Representative Poliquin to successfully secure a provision in the defense bill that can help domestic shoe manufacturers like New Balance. The three of us also worked together with the Department of Commerce to establish an Economic Development Assessment Team, known as an EDAT, to assist Maine's forest industry in the wake of several mill closures. We have an incredible spirit of innovation and ingenuity in Maine and I believe finding ways to invest in that spirit will reignite Maine's forest products sector and our economy. Part of our economic path forward must also include expanding access to high-speed broadband, which can help connect our businesses and communities to information and economic opportunities.



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As a member of the Senate Armed Services and Intelligence Committees, I work to keep Maine and our nation safe. Part of that important work means continuing to work for funding for the construction of Navy ships that will be used to protect American interests across the globe. We all know that “Bath Built is Best Built,” which is why I’ve fought to authorize funding for Navy ships built at BIW. The best way to preserve peace is by deterring war through unassailable strength, and to do that we must support our shipbuilders and our brave service members and invest in our military. I strive to meet this solemn responsibly every day as a member of these committees, which is why I hardly ever miss a hearing and take great care in overseeing the agencies sworn to keep us safe. Armed Services Chairman John McCain called me “one of the most serious and hard-working members” of the Committee, and that’s a humbling compliment from a true American hero.

As always, please call or write me with thoughts or concerns with matters currently before Congress, or if you need assistance navigating a federal agency. As a public servant, it is critical to me to listen and learn from you, which is why staying connected with people from all over our beautiful state remains a top priority for my work in the Senate. Please call my toll-free line at 1-800-432-1599 or one my offices: Augusta: (207)622-8292, Bangor: (207)945-8000, Presque Isle (207)764-5124, Scarborough (207)883-1588, or Washington, D.C. (202)224-5344. You can also write me on our website at www.king.senate.gov/contact. It is an honor and a privilege serving the people of Maine in the Senate, and I look forward to working with you in our search for a more perfect Union.

Sincerely,



Angus S. King, Jr.
United States Senator



Dear Friends:

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

Growing our economy by encouraging job creation remains a top priority. The tax relief bill enacted during this last Congress contains provisions I authored to provide small businesses with the certainty that they need to invest, grow, and, most important, hire new workers. The 2017 National Defense Authorization Act includes a provision the Maine delegation worked together to champion requiring that military recruits be provided with athletic footwear made in America, as is required for other equipment and uniform items whenever possible. This is a great victory for our troops and for the 900 skilled workers at New Balance factories here in Maine.

Maine's contributions to our national security stretch from Kittery to Limestone. As a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, I successfully advocated for critical funding for projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and \$1 billion towards the construction of an additional ship that will likely be built at Bath Iron Works. This funding will strengthen the Navy and our national security, and the additional destroyer will help meet the Navy's goal of a 355-ship fleet.

Maine's growing population of older individuals creates many challenges. That's why, as Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, my top three priorities are fighting fraud and financial abuse directed at our nation's seniors, increasing investments in biomedical research, and improving retirement security.

The Aging Committee's toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for senior citizens to report suspected fraud and receive assistance. Last May, a call to the hotline helped lead to the arrest of a national crime ring targeting seniors, and in June I worked to secure the humanitarian release of a Maine senior who had been imprisoned in Spain after being victimized by an international drug smuggling scam.

The Aging Committee also released an extensive report detailing the findings of our bipartisan investigation into the abrupt and dramatic price increases for prescription drugs whose patents expired long ago.

I advocated strongly for the \$2 billion increase in funding for the National Institutes of Health to advance research on such diseases as diabetes and Alzheimer's. I also championed and authored portions of the 21st Century Cures Act that will further support biomedical innovation and make significant reforms to our mental health system.

The Senate also took steps in the past year to combat the nation's heroin and opioid epidemic by passing the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA), which I was proud to cosponsor. CARA is a monumental step forward in our effort to address the devastating addiction crisis affecting countless families and communities across the country and right here in Maine.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. In December 2016, I cast my 6,236th consecutive vote, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.



I appreciate the opportunity to serve Union and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Augusta state office at (207) 622-8414 or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2017 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Collins
United States Senator





Senator David Miramant
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Dear Residents of Union,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve again as your State Senator in the 128th Legislature. I appreciate the support and enjoy representing your community. As I traveled around the district over the past year, it was a pleasure to meet with many of you and to hear your thoughts. The feedback is invaluable for me to best represent you.

My colleagues and I are working on hundreds of pieces of legislation this year. I have submitted several bills myself, with a focus on putting people first and working to bring good-paying jobs, lower property taxes, and alternative energy solutions for the people of Knox County. I will be also serving on the Transportation Committee during this new legislature.

As part of my effort to bring matters happening in Augusta back home to our district, I am pleased to email a legislative newsletter to share information about ongoing legislative issues and useful resources. Please contact me to join. I can be reached locally at (207) 236-4845 or by email at davemiramant@gmail.com.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to represent you in the Legislature. I look forward to seeing you around town.

Sincerely,

Dave Miramant
State Senator



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CHELLIE PINGREE
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
1ST DISTRICT, MAINE

Dear Friend,

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

As always, the interests of my constituents are what guide my work. There are many things I could talk about in that regard. But I want to focus here on one issue of particular importance—economic development. Having good-paying jobs allows future generations to make this wonderful state their home. With that goal in mind, I'm working to address Maine's economic challenges and capitalize on its opportunities.

One such opportunity is agriculture, where Maine is bucking national trends. The average age of our farmers is actually going down while acreage in cultivation is going up. Consumer demand for local food is driving that growth. I've been successful in reforming federal policies to help farmers and processors meet that demand. My work will continue this year as Congress reauthorizes the Farm Bill.

I'm also working to support jobs in our coastal communities. Last year, I helped block Sweden's proposed ban on the export of Maine lobsters to the European Union. I also introduced legislation to lift unnecessary regulations on seafood exporters and invest in working waterfront infrastructure.

On the House Appropriations Committee, I'm defending federal programs that support jobs throughout Maine. These programs invest in worthy projects that are beyond the reach of private, municipal, or state resources. In our state, they provide loans to small businesses, clean polluted sites for redevelopment, find new marketable uses for Maine's natural resources, build broadband infrastructure, and much more.

Aside from economic development, advocating for Maine veterans is one of my highest priorities. With Congress' current agenda, I'm also fighting to defend Medicare and Social Security, protect clean air and water, and ensure that our communities have the resources to address hunger, homelessness and lack of health care access.

Just as important as my policy work in Washington is what my office does to help individuals in Maine. Every year, my staff helps hundreds of constituents who have issues with federal agencies or programs. Please call my Portland office at (207) 774-5019 for assistance. It's an honor to serve you.

Take care,

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress



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January 2017

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you for electing me to serve as your State Representative, it is truly an honor. This is a wonderful opportunity for me to make a difference in the community and I am looking forward to the new challenges that await me in the 2017 legislative session.

In order for me to represent you in the best ways possible, I need to hear your thoughts on all the issues that are important to you. Please, don't hesitate to call me anytime you feel you need my assistance. I may not know all the answers, but I will do my best, to help you discover a solution to the problem. Moreover, I encourage you to monitor all legislative proposals being worked on at the State House by visiting the Legislature's website at www.legislature.maine.gov. From here you can browse bill summaries and roll call votes, view session and public hearing schedules, listen to committee hearings or watch live streaming video of the House and Senate.

For the next two years I will be serving on the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources. On this panel, we will discuss many issues in regards to marine fisheries management. These matters are crucial to our community and I hope to hear from the fishermen in our community to discuss ways to improve our industries. Marine resources is a subject that is very near and dear to my heart and I look forward to improving and protecting one of Maine's greatest natural resources.

I am strong proponent of all of the trades that are centered in our towns. Farming, logging, boat building, and any other small businesses all play a huge role in our economy and I want to do everything I can to make sure they stay prominent and successful.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to represent you, the people of District 91. Please call me anytime at **832-6586** or email at Abden.Simmons@legislature.maine.gov to keep me updated on those concerns. If you would like to be added to my email update list, you can do so by emailing me directly with your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abden Simmons'.

Abden Simmons
State Representative





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January 2017

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you for electing me as your State Representative for District 95, which includes Appleton, Hope, part of Union, and Warren. It is an incredible honor and privilege to represent you in The House of Representatives during the 128th Maine Legislature.

Over the course of the legislative session, I will be serving on the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources. With the fishing and shellfish industry being very prominent in our communities, I feel that this committee is a great fit for me. I look forward to being able to work with our local fishermen to help pass meaningful legislation to help make their jobs a little easier. Often times removing a rule or law has a more positive impact than creating one.

In addition to the Marine Resources Committee, I have also been appointed to serve on the Government Oversight Committee. The purpose of this committee is to oversee program evaluation and government accountability matters in state government. The Committee seeks to ensure that public funds are expended for intended purposes, and that programs and activities are effectively, efficiently and economically managed. Increasing the efficiency of government is one of my top priorities as a State Representative.

One of the most rewarding components of the job is being able to help constituents when they get bogged down attempting to navigate the bureaucracy of various government programs and agencies. Feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance in any way. The best way to contact me is via e-mail, at Paula.Sutton@legislature.maine.gov, or by **phone at 380-3406**. I do a weekly State News Update via e-mail which many people find to be useful for learning about state issues that affect their personal and business lives. I would love to add you to the newsletter list, and of course you may unsubscribe at any time.

Thank you again, for giving me the honor of serving you in Augusta!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paula G. Sutton".



ASSESSORS REPORT 2016-2017

Assessors Report 2016-2017

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

Municipal Tax Assessing can be something of a mystery. Taxpayers know when it is going right or wrong but may not know exactly why. Having intuition that, ‘something does not seem right’ sometimes is the best clue as to asking additional questions. I will try to offer some background as to how tax assessing in Maine is administered.

Assessed values are based in property valuation theory created in the 1920’s and 1930’s. Appraisers use the same historical basis for their valuations, albeit for a difference purpose and function. This explains why appraisers and assessors almost always have different values. I will save that concept for another year.

Taxation has been around forever. Many revolutions are based in the process of taxation. In Pennsylvania in 1798 the federal government imposed a tax to pay for a war (that never happened!) with France. The settlers objected to the tax, especially a tax based on the number and size of their windows, the size of the house and the amount of land. When the federal assessors came around to count windows women of the town would pour hot water on the federal assessors from the second floor windows giving an additional name to the protest, “The Hot Water Rebellion”.

In Maine assessors are obligated under the state constitution, specifically Article IX, Section 8, “All taxes upon real and personal estate, assessed by authority of this State, shall be apportioned and assessed equally according to the just value thereof.”

The primary part is ‘just value’. What does this mean? Similar property is required to be valued reasonably the same. Then each type of property is to be valued justly to each other meaning waterfront, non-waterfront, commercial, vacant land and other types are required to reasonably close percentage-wise. This is a usually a statistical standard based on the average of the sale prices against the averages of the assessed values for each property type.

For example, if land is valued at 50 percent of average market and non-waterfront residences are valued at 90 percent of average market this would not be just value and would be in violation of the constitution.

All assessors are direct agents of the state tax assessor and are required to follow Maine law. Towns and cities cannot pass an assessing ordinance or practice that is contrary to the state constitution or to state laws.

There have been a couple of examples of this. Portland a few years ago passed a local ordinance that created a local tax exemption. The Law Court was very quick to strike that ordinance down. In Scarborough recently the assessors had a local practice that reduced by some 95% the value of an abutting, subdivision lot in the same ownership. This local program was in direct conflict to state law Title 36 section 701-A.

The laws for assessing are mostly found in Title 36 of State Statutes. A couple of these are used on a regular basis. Section 841 deals with tax abatements. Sections 651 and 652 outlines property exemptions. Section 701-A is one of the more important laws. This section details ‘Just Value Defined’. Feel free to look this up online. This section includes the highest and best use wording and was the reason for the Scarborough decision by the court.

Also within the statutes are laws for current use laws such as Tree Growth, Working Waterfront, Farm Space and Open Space.

But nowhere in law will you find out how to exactly value property with a perfect number each time for every property. That is left out of law on purpose. There are many values out there, estate, eminent domain, market, insurance, auction and many more. Just value (tax value) is one of those as well. The laws and the court require only that the result is ‘just’, or as fair as possible in comparison with other property.

Only the town tax commitment book is the legal source for values. Every other document is a working paper. A property card is a working paper, the measurements of a building are working papers. The court has repeatedly indicated that only the commitment book values matter.



The last thing for this year is transparency. Transparency does not mean convenient to you on your laptop at home in your bathrobe. Information is available here at the town office for your use and some is on the towns website. I can show you almost all the assessing data, all the property cards, all the assessing records that I have. There are very few records that I cannot show you, Veterans Exemption Applications being one. The Maine Freedom of Access Act (Freedom of Information Act is federal) requires transparency.

For the 2017-2018 tax commitment I am reviewing all valuations in Union. It has been 5 years since the last update and it has been over 15 years since commercial values were reviewed. There will be changes in property value for some property owners. If you have a significant (over 5%) value change you will receive a letter in July that will indicate the valuation for taxation purposes for the next tax commitment. As I have mentioned in years before, periodic updates saves the town from the shock and awe of a revaluation from someone outside of town who has no knowledge of the local market.

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

Also available is the Veterans Exemption, Blind Exemption and other programs that can assist at the town and state level. Please call me at if you have a question. I am usually scheduled for the Union Town office most every Thursday.

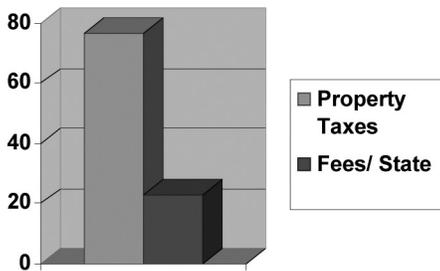
ASSESSMENT STATISTICS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

Total Taxable Valuation-Real Estate	\$211,058,500
Total Taxable Valuation-Personal Property	<u>668,800</u>
Total Taxable Valuation	\$ 211,727,300

Homestead Exemption Valuation	\$ 10,215,000
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Commitment Date	September 6, 2016
Last day to appeal valuation	March 10, 2017
Tax (Mill) Rate	\$16.9 per \$1,000 of taxable value

2016-2017 Tax amount to be raised	\$ 3,578,191.37
2015-2016 Tax amount to be raised	\$ 3,462,093.90
2014-2015 Tax amount to be raised	\$ 3,361,698.84



Revenue received from....

Property Taxes	77%
Other Fees/State	23%

And Expenses for.....

Education	61.4%
Municipal	32.4%
County	6.2%

UNPAID 2017 TAXES

1718 HEALD LLC	2,558.66	BURGESS, MARC	158.22
ABBOTONI, AMBER ROSE	116.29	BURGESS, SARAH & KRISTIAN	615.16
* ABBOTT, CATHY J.	915.98	BUTLER, JOYCE	195.69
ABBOTT, CATHY J.	703.04	BUTLER, PATRICIA	426.50
ANDERSON, SUSAN M.	3,485.91	BUTLER, ZACHARY D.	1,584.37
ANDREWS, THOMAS L.	94.63	BYRD, CHERYL	815.16
ATHEARN, AARON C.; HEIRS OF	3,494.51	BYRD, DAVID AND RUTH	1,529.16
ATHEARN, MARILYN; PERS REP		CALDERWOOD, MATTHEW A. &	1,444.11
BADGREES, LLC	1,766.05	KENNEY -CALDERWOOD,	
BARNARD, MAUREEN	2,184.07	SHANNON M.	
BATTEL, CYNTHIA A. & HEAVEY,	2,112.50	CAMBER, DEAN E. AND	1,711.14
JAMES D		ROXANNE E.	
BATTEN, HAYES	1,649.23	CARON, SHARON	2,576.40
BATTEN, HAYES	42.99	CARTER, EUGENE F. & MANOLA L.	889.11
BATTEN, HAYES	173.69	CARY, RAGAN L.	1,644.37
BAUMGARTNER, ARTHUR G.	439.40	CHAVANNE, BECKY M. &	1,924.39
BEAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	2,978.59	DANIEL P	
GROUP LLC		CHEESMAN, AARON W. & EMILY E.	3,625.21
BEARDSLEY, MICHAEL	2,086.04	* COLLINS, GEORGE P. AND	662.48
BEERS, WILLIAM F., TRUSTEE	2,353.08	ARLINE D.	
BELCHER, ANDREW	233.88	COLLINS, NORMAN, II AND	1,150.89
BELCHER, ROBERT, DEVISSSES OF	1,500.72	JEAN	
BELCHER, SHAUNA M.	6.88	COSGROVE, JANE D., TRUSTEE	1,165.25
BELFAST FARMS	8.45	COSGROVE, PATRICK J.	585.58
BENDTSON, PETER & PATRICIA	2,751.32	COSGROVE, PATRICK J. & JANE S.	1,678.17
BENNETT, BRUCE AND DORINDA L.	2,261.41	CRAWFORD LAKE FARM, LLC	4,222.46
BERNHEIM, ERICA	2,683.72	* CUNNINGHAM, CARL W. JR. &	352.35
BIRD, JOAN L.; TRUSTEE	1,646.90	WAYNE E.	
BISSET, SCOTT AND CAROL	3,379.15	DAUNCEY, CHRISTOPHER L. &	618.75
BISSET, SCOTT AND CAROL	643.89	KRISTI L.	
BLACKINGTON, RALPH A., JR. &	1,913.08	DAVIS, DENNIS W.	4,015.59
STODDER, PATRICIA		DAVIS, DOROTHY L	540.80
BOLES, ELIAS; HEIRS OF	462.61	DEARBORN, ANITA	1,067.23
BOLES, ELIAS; HEIRS OF	2,099.80	DEARBORN, GLORIA	430.95
BOLTON, GREGORY B.ET. AL.	214.60	DEARBORN, GLORIA (LE)	1,221.87
BOYINGTON, JACOB L	1401.85	DEARBORN, ROBERT D. (RI)	
BRINKLER, DAN	1,233.05	DEGREENIA, TERRY & CYNTHIA	713.69
BROOKS, STEPHEN	665.86	(BARAW)	
BROSS, TODD T. & LEE .	565.79	DEGREENIA, WALTER & GAIL M.	858.52
BRUNO, BENJAMIN P.	2,151.39	DEGREENIA, WALTER C.	517.98
BRYCO, INC.	1,953.62	DEMUTH, CRAIG K. AND	540.80
BRYCO, INC.	6,323.48	DOLORES	



DENNIS, C. P. & FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY	1,494.80	HANNAN, DON S.	1,429.10
DIRION, ELEANORE M.	3,374.13	HARDING, PAUL E.	1,260.57
DODGE, FRANK	806.56	* HARRIMAN, HERBERT	327.97
DONNELLY, WILLIAM F.	855.98	HARRIS, CLAUDE A.	1,431.43
DOUCETTE, ROBERT H	1,246.81	HARRIS, JOSEPH P., SR.	2,270.06
* DOUGHTY, PAUL V. & CHARLOTTE	3,131.57	HARRIS, VICKI J.	240.58
DRIES, LAWRENCE W.	657.22	* HART, DARLENE	1,232.01
DRIES, LAWRENCE W.	6.76	HARVEY, KERRY & CARLA J.	3,126.49
EATON, GARY	152.10	HASTINGS, JAMES R.	1,219.33
ELDER, LUCIA C.	1006.05	HILL, DEBORAH E. & FRYE, JAMES P.	587.27
* EYLER, THOMAS M. & AMANDA L.	943.02	HILLS, EMILY AND HEYER, STEVEN D. & CAROL L.	1,184.90
FARRELL, JOHN	715.41	HILT, JR., PHILLIP D.	149.62
FERLAND, MICHAEL L. AND KATHRYN	744.65	HILT, JR., PHILLIP D.	555.48
FERRAILOLO, JOHN AND TAMMRA	4,904.70	HILT, RUTH A. (LE)	1,029.21
* FI & E. LLC	1,024.14	STELZER, AMY M.	
* FIELD, CATHERINE D. & JOHN W.	2,436.98	HILT, SHERRY L. STARRETT	557.20
FINKLE, NANCY; DEVISSSES OF	1,119.62	HOENE COMPANY THE	371.80
FISHER, FRANCES E.	1,463.54	HOFFMAN, JULIE P.	1,137.43
FLANDERS, LAURA E.	1,173.70	HOLLOWAY, NICHOLAS	2,552.09
FLING, JOHN AND JANE	627.71	HOLMES, JULIA M.	1,184.38
FLINT, SARAH	581.36	IMPALLOMENI, ALFONSE & CAROLE ANN	271.72
FORD, DAN	54.92	JACKSON, DEBORAH A. & SMITH, KEVIN C.	951.02
FOWLES, DWIGHT L. & LORI A.	278.85	JACKSON, WAYNE R. & PATRICIA L.	1,993.35
GASBARRE, JOHN A.	68.79	JACKSON, WAYNE R. & PATRICIA L.	26.19
GERMANN, ANDREW & DENISE	446.16	JAMESON, BRUCE AND SHARON	1,017.38
GERMANN, ANDREW & DENISE	1,336.79	JAMISON, CARRIE E.	746.13
GOUDREAU INVESTMENTS, INC.	3,156.73	JARDINE, THOMAS & MARGARET	1985.16
GOUDREAU, JEREMIAH A. & HANNAN, JAMES L.	2,389.30	JETMAX, LLC	536.57
GRAFFAM, KATHERINE R.	4,366.42	JOHNSON, GLENN	159.94
GRAFFAM, KATHERINE R.	3,085.21	JOHNSON, MARK	1,513.39
GRAFFAM, STACY L.	1,458.47	JOHNSON, MARK	9.29
* GRIMMEL, LOUISE	2,022.93	* JOHNSON, PHILIP & NANCY	1,020.76
GRINDLE, SANDY S. & JASON W.	567.51	JONES, KEVIN & KRISTINE	299.97
HALL, GEORGE C., & SONS	722.29	JONES, KRISTINE	260.26
* HALL, GERALD F. & EDNA F. (LE)	618.54	* JONES, LOWELL JR.	1857.31
HAMILL, DOUGLAS AND SUSAN	1,850.49	JUDKINS, RANDY R. & AMY C.	4,048.27
HAMILL, DOUGLAS AND SUSAN	42.99	KENNEDY, ANDREA	2,753.30
HAMILL, DOUGLAS AND SUSAN	173.69	KESICK, HEATHER A.	969.21
HANKINS, KIMBERLEY & STEVENS, CHRISTOPHER	298.28		



KINCAID, WARREN L. & CLEMENT, SANDRA L.	1,086.67	MOODY, PAUL W.	99.74
KILPATRICK, RICHARD	1,224.40	MORGAN, RICHARD P.	2,371.52
KLEIN, KAREN S.	2,770.50	MORGAN, RICHARD P.	1,521.97
KUNN, MICHAEL & CANDACE	655.72	MORGAN, RICHARD P.	142.74
KUUSIO, KAARLO K. AND OLGA	4,218.52	MOTCHKAVITZ, RUSSELL	522.21
LACROIX, RICHARD & JEAN	326.20	MUNROE, JAMES A. JR.	507.32
LANGELIER, KATHERYN	1,004.33	NICKLES, ALBERTA & JODY	587.27
LANPHERE, BRADLEY D. & RYAN	1,707.70	NOYES, RICHARD, E., JR.	43.94
LANPHERE, RYAN D & ERICA J	821.04	NOYES, RICHARD, E., JR.	42.25
LEIGHTON, GARY L. & WINONA	1,752.53	OTT, TERRY A.	691.43
LEIGHTON, WINONA	363.65	PACKARD, TROY A.	737.77
LERMOND, ROBERT F. AND MARJORIE A.	2,507.38	PACKARD, WILLIAM F. & KATHLEEN R.	3,245.15
LEVENSELER, JON	908.02	PACKARD, WILLIAM F. & KATHLEEN R.	443.69
LITTLEHALE, ROBERT	5,291.64	PAGANO, ALLEN P.	572.06
LORENTZEN, MICHAEL P. & AMANDA, R.	1,144.97	PAGNANO, CLAIR & BAKER, MATHEW R.	1,956.17
LORRAINE, MARC H.	636.66	PAYSON, PAUL	691.34
LUCE, WAYNE & MOLLY	1,470.30	PAYSON, PAUL G.	2,189.23
LUNT, ALICE	1,601.27	PEASE, DANIEL W.	1,152.58
MANK, MATTHEW & BROCIIOUS, MELISSA	734.30	PEASE, EDWIN S. JR. & NORMA	1,848.72
MANSON, ROBIN; TRUSTEE	961.61	PEASE, JAMES M. & MARIA L.	1,658.95
MARCOTTE, SHEL & JEFFERY	2,285.53	PEASE, JAMES M. & MARIA L.	673.46
MARQUIS, DANIEL P.	1,150.04	PELKEY, JOSEPH L. & REBECCA D.	1,657.89
MARTIN, DAREN C.	519.67	PFIRRMANN, JAMES A.	766.41
MASON, MARK	1,269.19	PHIFER, STEVEN, JR. & HEATHER	620.83
MATSON, EDWARD JR. & CHRISTINA M.	938.98	PIERBROOK, LLC	272.09
MATTHEWS, MEYRIC E. & MCCOMB, HAROLD R.	524.51	PIERPONT, WILLARD	739.49
MCCOMB, HAROLD R.	63.37	PRATT, BRENT A.	854.29
MCCOMB, HAROLD R.	708.95	PRESCOTT, ROBERT A. AND MARLENA L.	540.80
MCCOMMIC, BETTY ANNE	536.57	RACKLIFF, SCOTT	2,185.79
MCDANIELS, LAURIE	2,462.67	REINER, CHARLOTTE LOUISE; DEVISS OF	1,067.96
MCKEE, ROBERT	21.12	REUILLARD, ROGER C. AND JOANNE J.	4,390.49
MCKEE, ROBERT	85.34	RICH, DAVID AND SUSAN	3,434.32
MERCIER, AUDREY	3,021.58	RINTZ, STANLEY J.	49.01
MERRICK, JACQUELINE M.	4,209.79	RINTZ, STANLEY J.	1,345.24
MERRIFIELD, JUDITH D. & MERRIFIELD, MICHELE	2,675.91	RIVERDALE ASSOCIATES, LLC	1,528.85
MERRIFIELD, MICHELE	1,141.91	ROSS, ARLENE	984.42
MIC MAC LANE, LLC	10,421.62	ROY, PHILIP R.	235.75
MILLER, ALBERT, HEIRS	77.39		
MILLER, MAURICE	1,822.92		



SAFE CARE	5,190.17	VENTI, ANTHONY B.	1,318.20
SANTORINEOS, KAY I.	581.27	VINCENT, CHARLES M., III	3,124.77
SAVAGE, MELANIE A. P.	1,601.08	* VOSE, DAVID A. AND	1,386.64
SAWYER, VICTORIA M	1,036.81	PAMELA W.	
SAYWARD, ROBERT W., II	1,254.82	WADSWORTH, DENNIS	272.09
SEEKINS, KENNETH B. & GLORIA L.	2,736.11	WADSWORTH, DENNIS &	11.83
SEEKINS, KENNETH B. & GLORIA L.	82.55	TRISHA	
SHED SOLUTIONS, LLC	673.89	* WALDRON, ANGELA &	1,017.38
SHORTEN, KARINA	8.60	LIGHTCAP, JAMES	
SHORTEN, KARINA	3,203.87	WATTS, BRENDA L.	1,318.36
SIBOLE, KARL D.; DEVISESS OF	1,055.40	WEED, TRACY & MICHAEL	2,744.56
SILVERMAN, JOHN R. & O'BRIEN,	1,582.68	WHEELIS, LARRY E. AND	1,040.44
JOAN M.		KAREN L.	
SLADER, WILFRED B. & JANET L.	562.35	WHITE, ANDREW	2,338.85
SLADER, WILFRED B. & JANET L.	2,326.81	WHITE, JOEL A. & APRIL D.	1,534.93
SMITH, DAVID	1,317.32	* WHITE, JOSHUA B.	622.76
SNOW, JEFFREY B. AND	2,051.65	WHITLOCK, DALE R.	1,810.98
KIMBERLY J.		WHITTIER, DANIEL P.	1,319.89
SNYDER, HARRIOTT D.	2,644.00	WIDDECOMBE, MARILYN A	1,047.32
STARR, KENNETH J.	3,903.81	WILLEY, WANDA	1,918.21
SWETNAM, DAVID & SAWYER,	1,085.82	WILLEY, WANDA & JAMES	816.77
JACQUELYN		WILLIAMS, GEORGE N., JR.	992.29
TALBOT, JAMES A. & HEIDI R.L.	1,551.20	WILLIAMS, PAULINE M.	672.42
** TAYLOR, DAVID, RONALD &	130.11	WILLIAMSON, CHARLES P. JR. &	1,771.12
GLENN		BEVERLY C.	
** TAYLOR, DAVID, RONALD &	486.08	WINCHENBAUGH, ALLEN &	1,666.25
GLENN		DAWN	
TAYLOR, ERIKA	825.56	WINCHENBACH, AARON &	1,939.27
* TAYLOR, GLENN B. & PELKEY,	727.54	WHITE, JENNIFER	
DANIEL J.		** WOOSTER, GLENN E. & JONES,	1,590.07
TAYLOR, LESLIE M.	7,561.69	GAIL, B.W.	
THOMPSON & COSGROVE, LLC	1,476.21	WYLLIE, ROBERT & AMY	1,731.40
THOMPSON, TRACY; TRUSTEE	1,606.24	YORK, DAVID AND CINDY O.	1,470.10
THORNDIKE, DONNA (LE) &	1,591.98	YOUNG, DOUGLAS; TRUSTEE	1,335.10
ROBBINS, DARREN			
TOLMAN, NELSON M.	408.05		
* TUCKER, BRENDA L. & BONIN,	632.06		
THOMAS M.			
TUTTLE, VIRGINIA G.; TRUSTEE	2,975.24		
ULMER, SUSAN G.	1,711.14		
UMSTEAD, DAVID & RACHEL	1,044.42		
UMSTEAD, DAVID & RACHEL	74.36		
VALLE, FORRESTER B. & DEAN,	431.15		
JOAN C			

* paid in full after 5/15/17

** partial payment made after 5/15/17



UNPAID 2016 TAXES

ANDERSON, SUSAN M.	2,410.88	PAYSON, PAUL	775.92
BEARDSLEY, MICHAEL	2,206.23	PAYSON, PAUL G.	2,305.58
BELCHER, SHAUNA M.	76.03	PEASE, EDWIN S. JR. & NORMA	1022.84
BROSS, TODD T. & LEE .	640.49	PIERPONT, WILLARD	771.66
BURGESS, MARC	222.73	REINER, CHARLOTTE LOUISE;	765.34
BYRD, CHERYL	991.08	DEVISS OF	
CAMBER, DEAN E. AND	1,903.47	SAVAGE, MELANIE A. P.	1,787.25
ROXANNA E.		SLADER, WILFRED B. & JANET L.	637.18
CHAVANNE, BECKY M. &	2,135.10	SLADER, WILFRED B. & JANET L.	2541.32
DANIEL P.		** SMITH, DAVID	1387.36
DAVIS, DENNIS W.	1,763.95	TALBOT, JAMES A. & HEIDI R.L.	891.38
DEGREENIA, TERRY & CYNTHIA	792.38	THOMPSON, TRACY; TRUSTEE	1157.99
(BARAW)		ULMER, SUSAN G.	994.85
FARRELL, JOHN	389.06	WIDDECOMBE, MARILYN A	1255.63
FERLAND, MICHAEL L. AND	924.78		
KATHRYN			
FERRAILOLO, JOHN AND TAMMRA	226.85		
GASBARRE, JOHN A.	142.19		
GRINDLE, SANDY S. & JASON W.	353.21		
HAMILL, DOUGLAS AND SUSAN	104.56		
HAMILL, DOUGLAS AND SUSAN	238.60		
HARDING, PAUL E.	1,134.23		
HARRIS, JOSEPH P., SR.	2,392.71		
HILLS, EMILY AND HEYER,	1,281.78		
STEVEN D. & CAROL J.			
HILT, JR., PHILLIP D.	213.90		
HILT, JR., PHILLIP D.	125.44		
HILT, RUTH A. (LE)	165.95		
STELZER, AMY M.			
HILT, SHERRY L. STARRETT	638.36		
HOLLOWAY, NICHOLAS	2,182.72		
JOHNSON, GLENN	224.49		
KENNEDY, ANDREA	2,781.58		
MARCOTTE, SHEL & JEFFERY	2,480.77		
MCDANIELS, LAURIE	2,786.93		
MERCIER, AUDREY	3,253.83		
MERRIFIELD, MICHELE	1,238.00		
PACKARD, TROY A.	823.41		
PACKARD, WILLIAM F. &	3,483.11		
KATHLEEN R.			
PACKARD, WILLIAM F. &	410.57		
KATHLEEN R.			



UNPAID 2017 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

COME SPRING CAFÉ	6.76
MIC MAC CAMPGROUND, INC.	13.76
FOUR CORNER VARIETY	253.50
MIC MAC MARKET	515.92
GOUDREAU APARTMENTS	8.49
PACKARD, KATHLEEN	79.11
MAINE'S BEST, INC.	154.78
UNION SQUARE LAUNDRY LLC	227.01

UNPAID 2016 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

CIT TECHNOLOGY FINANCING	10.58
MAINE'S BEST, INC. SERVICES	5.11
PACKARD, KATHLEEN	81.12
HARRIS HILL ORGANIC DAIRY	871.24
UNION SQUARE LAUNDRY, LLC	174.37

UNPAID 2015 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

PACKARD, KATHLEEN	84.83
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UNPAID 2014 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

PACKARD, KATHLEEN	85.48
TIMEPAYMENT CORP.	46.46

UNPAID 2013 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

KUSTOM AUTOMOTIVE RESTYLE	93.72
PACKARD, WILLIAM	187.44
PACKARD, KATHLEEN	86.22

UNPAID 2012 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

KUSTOM AUTOMOTIVE RESTYLE	47.43
THE VIDEO SHOP	215.25
REGIONAL ACTIVITIES GUIDE OF ME	11.38

UNPAID 2011 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

BROODER HOUSE ANTIQUES	29.23
MT. PLEASANT FARM	175.42
DOUCETTE, ROBERT H.	97.46

UNPAID 2010 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

BROODER HOUSE ANTIQUES	30.66
MT. PLEASANT FARM	183.97
DOUCETTE, ROBERT H.	102.21

UNPAID 2009 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

BROODER HOUSE ANTIQUES	32.55
MT PLEASANT FARM	195.31
DOUCETTE, ROBERT H.	108.50

UNPAID 2008 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

DOUCETTE, ROBERT H.	115.87
MT. PLEASANT FARM	208.56

UNPAID 2007 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

DEARBORN'S SAW MILL	116.62
MT. PLEASANT FARM	262.41
DOUCETTE, ROBERT H.	145.78
RICHARD P. MORGAN	98.20



**FUND AND TRUST BALANCES
30-APR-17**

	Current Balance
Frank D. & Gertrude Rowe Scholarships	\$15,339.11
Gilbert Doughty Memorial Scholarship	\$13,454.82
Union Alumni Scholarship	\$15,025.89
Robert H. & Eleanor S. Heald Scholarship	\$48,350.51
Ambulance Reserve	\$140,974.35
Ambulance Equipment Reserve	\$6,713.58
Fire Truck Reserve	\$279,754.94
Fire Department Equipment Reserve	\$24,820.80
Bridge Reserve	\$17,086.69
Parks & Rec. Res. (Tns&BB Courts/Ayer Park)	\$4,692.51
Highway Equipment Reserve	\$51,560.56
Joseph Pullen Investment	\$41,553.26
Joseph Pullen Recreation	\$8,935.22
Tennis Court Paving Reserve	\$8,976.86
Bicentennial Fund	\$477.07
R. Thurston/BT Kinnison	\$75,950.95
Office Equipment Reserve	\$7,046.48
Clara Thurston-Worthy	\$63,512.00
William Pullen Fund	\$418,136.55
Cemetery Trust Funds	\$231,891.36
Cemetery Stone Repair	\$23,460.87
Town Office Building Reserve	\$4,736.32
Aging in Place	\$20,004.76
	\$1,522,455.46





Proven Expertise and Integrity

April 14, 2017

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, 2016. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2016 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, is available for inspection at the Town. Included herein are:

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Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule C

RHR Smith & Company

Certified Public Accountants



STATEMENT C

TOWN OF UNION, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2016

	General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,735,977	\$ -	\$ 2,735,977
Investments	-	59,344	59,344
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	267,656	-	267,656
Liens	66,050	-	66,050
Other	30,609	-	30,609
Tax acquired property	10,654	-	10,654
Due from other funds	2,476	1,558,246	1,560,722
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 3,113,422	\$ 1,617,590	\$ 4,731,012
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 16,629	\$ -	\$ 16,629
Accrued expenses	12,139	-	12,139
Due to other governments	7,205	-	7,205
Due to other funds	1,558,246	2,476	1,560,722
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,594,219	2,476	1,596,695
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Prepaid taxes	9,258	-	9,258
Deferred revenue	113,300	-	113,300
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	122,558	-	122,558
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	10,654	48,415	59,069
Restricted	43,506	948,397	991,903
Committed	-	615,228	615,228
Assigned	323,122	5,550	328,672
Unassigned	1,019,363	(2,476)	1,016,887
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	1,396,645	1,615,114	3,011,759
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 3,113,422	\$ 1,617,590	\$ 4,731,012



STATEMENT E

TOWN OF UNION, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2016

	General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 3,607,816	\$ -	\$ 3,607,816
Excise	427,248	-	427,248
Intergovernmental revenues	226,270	-	226,270
Charges for services	202,652	-	202,652
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses)	25,671	40,592	66,263
Miscellaneous revenues	44,232	68,328	112,560
TOTAL REVENUES	4,533,889	108,920	4,642,809
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	432,454	-	432,454
Public safety	308,826	-	308,826
Health and sanitation	48,357	-	48,357
Highways and bridges	645,765	-	645,765
Recreation and library	8,597	-	8,597
Education	2,033,004	-	2,033,004
County tax	218,083	-	218,083
Unclassified	187,133	56,740	243,873
Debt service:			
Principal	122,803	-	122,803
Interest	19,017	-	19,017
Capital outlay	-	949,461	949,461
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,024,039	1,006,201	5,030,240
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	509,850	(897,281)	(387,431)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Note proceeds	-	1,000,000	1,000,000
Transfers in	3,037	124,000	127,037
Transfers (out)	(124,000)	(3,037)	(127,037)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(120,963)	1,120,963	1,000,000
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	388,887	223,682	612,569
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	1,007,758	1,391,432	2,399,190
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 1,396,645	\$ 1,615,114	\$ 3,011,759



SCHEDULE 1

TOWN OF UNION, MAINE

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – BUDGETARY BASIS
BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1	\$ 1,007,758	\$ 1,007,758	\$ 1,007,758	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	3,462,094	3,462,094	3,607,816	145,722
Excise taxes	375,000	375,000	427,248	52,248
Intergovernmental revenues:				
State revenue sharing	181,927	181,927	96,095	(85,832)
Homestead exemption	115,162	115,162	62,297	(52,865)
Local road assistance	51,748	51,748	52,280	532
General assistance	5,000	5,000	3,845	(1,155)
Other	1,710	1,710	11,753	10,043
Charges for services	4,000	4,000	26,908	22,908
Ambulance revenue	159,921	159,921	175,744	15,823
Investment income	-	-	25,671	25,671
Miscellaneous income	44,036	44,036	44,232	196
Transfers from other funds	2,924	2,924	3,037	113
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>5,411,280</u>	<u>5,411,280</u>	<u>5,544,684</u>	<u>133,404</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	450,774	450,774	432,454	18,320
Public safety	339,958	339,958	308,826	31,132
Health and sanitation	44,300	44,300	48,357	(4,057)
Highways and bridges	939,950	839,950	645,765	194,185
Recreation and library	10,000	10,000	8,597	1,403
Education	2,076,510	2,076,510	2,033,004	43,506
County tax	218,084	218,084	218,083	1
Debt service:				
Principal	33,000	122,803	122,803	-
Interest	-	10,197	19,017	(8,820)
Unclassified	237,716	237,716	187,133	50,583
Transfers to other funds	124,000	124,000	124,000	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>4,474,292</u>	<u>4,474,292</u>	<u>4,148,039</u>	<u>326,253</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$ 936,988</u>	<u>\$ 936,988</u>	<u>\$ 1,396,645</u>	<u>\$ 459,657</u>
Utilization of committed fund balance	\$ 56,000	\$ 56,000	\$ -	\$ (56,000)
Utilization of assigned fund balance	14,770	14,770	-	(14,770)
	<u>\$ 70,770</u>	<u>\$ 70,770</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (70,770)</u>

SCHEDULE A

TOWN OF UNION, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
General Government -					
Administration	\$ 70,500	-	\$ 70,500	\$ 69,236	\$ 1,264
Building maintenance	30,000	-	30,000	25,946	4,054
Office personnel	174,724	-	174,724	174,491	233
Cable TV	2,000	-	2,000	1,722	278
Stipends	8,050	-	8,050	7,652	398
Assessor	28,500	-	28,500	28,646	(146)
Insurance	137,000	-	137,000	124,761	12,239
	<u>450,774</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>450,774</u>	<u>432,454</u>	<u>18,320</u>
Public Safety -					
Fire department	61,540	-	61,540	49,115	12,425
Ambulance	192,600	-	192,600	181,216	11,384
Plan/code enforcement	46,305	-	46,305	42,975	3,330
Animal control	25,513	-	25,513	24,334	1,179
Hydrant rental	14,000	-	14,000	11,186	2,814
	<u>339,958</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>339,958</u>	<u>308,826</u>	<u>31,132</u>
Health and Sanitation -					
Septic waste	2,300	-	2,300	2,300	-
Tri-County	42,000	-	42,000	46,057	(4,057)
	<u>44,300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,300</u>	<u>48,357</u>	<u>(4,057)</u>
Highways and Bridges -					
Public works	525,150	-	525,150	489,199	35,951
Paving/road construction	400,000	(100,000)	300,000	141,216	158,784
Street lights	5,700	-	5,700	6,250	(550)
Mowing/non-roads	7,600	-	7,600	7,600	-
Bird houses	1,500	-	1,500	1,500	-
	<u>939,950</u>	<u>(100,000)</u>	<u>839,950</u>	<u>645,765</u>	<u>194,185</u>



SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF UNION, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
Recreation and Library -					
Parks and recreation	10,000	-	10,000	8,597	1,403
	10,000	-	10,000	8,597	1,403
Education	2,076,510	-	2,076,510	2,033,004	43,506
County Tax	218,084	-	218,084	218,083	1
Debt Service -					
Principal	33,000	89,803	122,803	122,803	-
Interest	-	10,197	10,197	19,017	(8,820)
	33,000	100,000	133,000	141,820	(8,820)
Unclassified -					
General assistance	10,000	-	10,000	5,244	4,756
Union assistance	5,000	-	5,000	-	5,000
Social security	37,320	-	37,320	32,221	5,099
Cemeteries	35,600	-	35,600	33,116	2,484
Founders Day	1,200	-	1,200	1,177	23
Outside agency	29,221	-	29,221	29,221	-
Budget committee	300	-	300	107	193
Abatements	6,000	-	6,000	53	5,947
Dispatch/RCC	58,919	-	58,919	58,919	-
Retirement expense	14,000	-	14,000	16,719	(2,719)
Common maintenance	5,000	-	5,000	7,846	(2,846)
EMA	7,350	-	7,350	2,510	4,840
Tan interest	500	-	500	-	500
Overlay	27,306	-	27,306	-	27,306
	237,716	-	237,716	187,133	50,583
Transfers to Other Funds -					
Special revenue funds	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-
Capital projects funds	119,000	-	119,000	119,000	-
	124,000	-	124,000	124,000	-
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS	\$ 4,474,292	\$ -	\$ 4,474,292	\$ 4,148,039	\$ 326,253



SCHEDULE B

TOWN OF UNION, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2016

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Investments	-	-	59,344	59,344
Due from other funds	5,550	615,228	937,468	1,558,246
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 5,550	\$ 615,228	\$ 996,812	\$ 1,617,590
LIABILITIES				
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ 2,476	\$ -	\$ 2,476
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	2,476	-	2,476
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable - principal	-	-	48,415	48,415
Restricted	-	-	948,397	948,397
Committed	-	615,228	-	615,228
Assigned	5,550	-	-	5,550
Unassigned	-	(2,476)	-	(2,476)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	5,550	612,752	996,812	1,615,114
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 5,550	\$ 615,228	\$ 996,812	\$ 1,617,590



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, 2016

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses)	\$ 44	\$ 1,294	\$ 39,254	\$ 40,592
Other income	-	8,217	60,111	68,328
TOTAL REVENUES	44	9,511	99,365	108,920
EXPENDITURES				
Capital outlay	-	949,461	-	949,461
Other expenses	-	5,740	51,000	56,740
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	-	955,201	51,000	1,006,201
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	44	(945,690)	48,365	(897,281)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Note proceeds	-	1,000,000	-	1,000,000
Transfers in	5,000	119,000	-	124,000
Transfers (out)	-	-	(3,037)	(3,037)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	5,000	1,119,000	(3,037)	1,120,963
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	5,044	173,310	45,328	223,682
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	506	439,442	951,484	1,391,432
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 5,550	\$ 612,752	\$ 996,812	\$ 1,615,114



REPORT OF THE
UNION SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

2016

Each year the Union Scholarship Committee oversees the awarding of scholarship monies from five scholarship funds. Students may be graduates of any high school, public or private, as long as they are residents of Union. Those who are home schooled are also eligible, as are postgraduate students continuing their education. The monies come from the interest earned on the principle from each of these funds. Because of low interest rates, this year, as well as last year, we have been able to award monies from only four of the five scholarship funds administered by the town. After careful consideration of all applications, the available scholarship monies were awarded to the nine deserving students. Five of these students were graduating seniors. The total amount of money awarded in 2016 was \$47,485. The following scholarships were awarded:

Frank D. and Gertrude N. Rowe Scholarship Loan	\$135
Gilbert Doughty Memorial Scholarship	\$250
William L. Pullen Fund	\$18,400
Robert H. & Eleanor S. Heald Scholarship Trust	\$28,700

The Robert H. and Eleanor S. Heald Scholarship Trust is available to graduating students who have been residents of Union for at least two years. Preference is given to, but is not limited to, those who are seeking higher education in a four year college program. The Gilbert Doughty Memorial Scholarship is also limited to high school seniors.

Interested Union students seeking scholarship information regarding available scholarships, application procedures, eligibility criteria, critical time-lines, 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 you for allowing us to serve the community in this capacity.

Barbara Fang

Alice Lunt

Irene Hawes



**Tri-County
Solid Waste Management Org.**
3368 Heald Highway
Union, Maine
785-2261

To All Residents of Tri-County Member Towns:
Greetings.

Much like the ancient Roman doorpost icon, whose faces observed not only the path ahead, but also the path left behind, this letter endeavors to provide, in rather distilled form, what has recently transpired, and what is expected to be in the upcoming life of Tri-County.

In many ways perhaps most monumental was the sudden and unexpected passing of longtime, loyal employee Russell Costen on 27 August 2016. Many thanks to Hank, Jeff and Leo for their willingness to work expanded schedules to subsequently provide uninterrupted service at the station until a replacement employee, Walt Tillson, was hired.

The great debate as to our “post-2018” destination for municipal solid waste (MSW) is now a thing of the past. After considerable review of viable options, the board voted to enter into a 15 year agreement with EcoMaine, a Portland based waste to energy and recycling facility. EcoMaine shares many of the same waste reduction and recycling values upheld by Tri-County. We look forward to a supportive working relationship with them.

This past year also marked the time of renewal for each town's interlocal agreement as members of Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization. Appleton, Liberty, Somerville, Union and Washington voted in favor of renewing their respective agreements for an additional 18 year period. Palermo voted not to remain a Tri-County member, opting rather to enter into a relationship with the Town of China.

In light of numerous operational issues, a decision was made by the board late in 2016 to alter the weekly transfer station schedule. Effective the week of 8 January 2017, the station will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. The station will no longer be open on Sunday.

19 February 2017 marks the 25th anniversary of the opening day of the transfer station. Over the years, familiar faces and personalities have come and gone. Unchanged, however, is our abiding commitment and dedication to provide you, our member communities, with the best possible waste disposal and recycling services. For your continued support in this, our joint venture, we again extend our sincere gratitude.

Respectfully,

David Stanley, manager



PUBLIC WORKS ANNUAL REPORT 2017

Rain, snow and sleet-- our Public Works crew can't be beat! This past winter, like most, was a challenging season with lots of freezing rain and little storms, but major hours treating the roads. Small, extended storms usually end up being as expensive as larger blizzards. The bottom line is, we can't control Mother Nature and you never know what she is going to throw at us.

This past year we worked on Rabbit Farm Road, Payson Extension, Miller Road, Collinstown and Skidmore, with either paving or chip seals. Our plans for 2017 will focus on Cole Road, Ayer Hill, North Union and Overlock, depending on pricing from our contractors. With continued support from taxpayers and the Board of Selectmen, we will continue to improve our dirt roads according to our road plan, with the eventual goal of paving most of them.

As some of you know, our process for determining which roads receive treatment is not necessarily based on a "worst is first" policy. Pavement preservation is the key to long term savings, and you will see more of the innovative techniques such as chip seal, bonded wearing course and other treatments. By protecting what we have, we can save hundreds of thousands of dollars in years ahead.

Each year we remind those of you with mailboxes taken down by the snow, to give us a call when replacing it. If your box has been taken down more than once, it is likely too close to the road. We will work with you to place it back far enough to satisfy our plow guys and the post office carrier.

Finally, we want to thank all of you for the kind words, goodies during the snowstorms, and your support of the Public Works Department over the years.

Sincerely

Jay Feyler
Road Commissioner

Orrin Parker
Foreman



**UNION FIRE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL REPORT**

Kevin Soule, Chief



The members of the Union Fire Department and the Excelsior Engine Company would like to thank the citizens of Union for their continuing support. Many thanks also to the towns of 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 in the fire department continue to advance our skills to better serve the community. Again this year, each member of the department has given over one hundred (100) hours of their time to attend meetings and trainings. 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 county wide and multiagency training sessions. We continue to work together with the Knox County Emergency Management Agency [KCEMA], and our mutual aid partners around us 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, and please call us at 785-4306.

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

Fire Chief

Kevin P. Soule



UNION AMBULANCE SERVICE

This has been another busy year for Union Ambulance Service. We have done just over 500 calls this year. There are many times when we are having back to back calls that keep the crew real busy. 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 Ambulance services to automatically cover these calls. Northeast, Warren & Waldoboro Ambulance Services to provide back up, and depending on who is the closest to the scene.

We had two long term members of the service retire John Metcalfe and Janet Martucci, both of whom had over 20 years of service to the community.

We have a great crew of dedicated members who respond to emergencies whenever called. Many times they are pulled away from their families or work, and during events they are involved in, but never they complain. Our staff is constantly updating their skills, by attending classes and seminars to increase their knowledge.

Each & every year there are more mandatory trainings required by the State & Federal Government. These new requirements add additional hours necessary for our members so they can respond to emergency calls. This training is above and beyond the necessary training required to keep certified at each license level. I commend each and every member for their dedication to provide the excellent level of care for our community members.

I would like to request is for everyone to try to have large reflective street numbers on either both sides of their mailboxes or on their houses where we can see them. It really helps to reduce our response time for your call if we can find you in a timely manner. There are quite a few people who have their numbers on the door to their mailboxes instead of both sides. This really makes it difficult for us since at times we are responding in inclement weather, and we have to slow down to read each number as we are responding to your emergency call. Remember, you have called us for an emergency and the sooner that we can find you, the sooner we can start the necessary lifesaving care. If you have questions about where to put the numbers so that we can see them call the station and we can help you find a good location.

We also suggest having a list of medications written down for each member of the family. 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 to just take the card with us to the hospital and return it to you there at the hospital. We do not take your medications to the hospital with us, since we do not want to be responsible for it and the hospital only needs a list of any current medications that the patient takes.

I would also like to thank each and every one of the members of Union Ambulance Service 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 and 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. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday's of the month at 6:30 pm

Jesse B. Thompson
EMS Chief, Union Ambulance



ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT

We would like to welcome our new Animal Control Officer to the Town of Union: William Demmons, who became ACO in April 2017. He can be reached at 542-3057.

Suzanne White and Courtland Bennett retired last year. We would like to thank them for many years of dedicated service.

We would also like to thank you for licensing your dogs. Though it may seem like a nuisance, it helps in many ways. First, it's a reminder to stay up to date on rabies vaccinations, a valuable protection against exposure to the deadly rabies virus. Next, registering your dogs helps us return them to you if they happen to get loose. This is a much better option than taking them to the Knox Shelter and costing you money to bail them out. Please keep your contact information up to date with the Town Office, including cell phone numbers, in case we need to reunite you with your pet.

In the event of issues with wildlife, please contact the Inland Fisheries Warden dispatch number 547-5300 in Sidney, ME.



William Demmons – ACO



HEALTH OFFICERS REPORT



Dear Residents,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our community in the capacity of Health Officer. This past year, I've worked collaboratively with the Maine CDC Public Health Dept.; UCIO; ACO; Union Fire & Rescue; & the Knox County EMA.

In this ever evolving role, I am now a member of the Mid-Coast Recovery Coalition and most recently the newly formed Mid-Coast Medical Reserve Corps.

Providing resources, education & support, regarding health related issues, continues to be the focus of this position. Other activities this past year include the following.

I attended the First Open House for Special Needs Residents @ the Union Fire Station.

I was invited by the Delta Kappa Gamma Teacher's Association to talk about Lyme Disease.

I was called in on a health related issue at the Union Fair for the first time.

During last summer's drought, I received several complaints from land owners on Round Pond & Sennebec Pond regarding unusually high fish kills. Specimens were collected & sent in to the State Lab. A follow up report received showed low oxygen levels in the fish. The warm weather and unusually low water levels, was identified as the probable cause. The State asks residents to continue monitoring for this potential issue again in 2017.

It's a pleasure to serve my community in this capacity. A reminder goes out to all residents to PROTECT AND INSPECT to help prevent Lyme Disease and co-infections, when out enjoying our great outdoors.

Dicki B. Harriman, R.N. M.S.N.

Union Health Officer

207-691-0629

207-785-3658



CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS REPORT



GRANT WATMOUGH

Code Enforcement Officer/Local Plumbing/Building Inspector

If you have questions on whether a permit is needed for your construction project please call and tell me about what you are doing, and together we will determine if a permit is needed or not.

With the update of our Land Use Ordinance we added the following in section 1.12.6.1 “Permit required” (page 63): “Exempt from this building permit requirement shall be any building not greater than one story in height and with a footprint no larger than 100 sq. ft. An addition which then makes a building exceed 100 sq. ft. triggers a permit for the entire building. Once a building exceeds 100 sq. ft. any addition requires a permit. Note: This exemption applies only to the permit. All other requirements of the ordinance, including setbacks, apply.

Permit Type	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Single Family Dwelling	4	8	5	4	11
Mobile Home		1	1	1	3
Accessory Structure	24	33	15	18	15
Addition	11	12	10	15	12
Deck	15	11	11	8	12
Home Occupation	3	2	1	0	1
Change of Use/Other	18	12	13	11	8
Agricultural	2	5	3	5	0
Commercial	4	11	9	3	1
Sign	2	4	3	2	1
TOTAL NUMBER OF PROJECTS	83	99	71	67	64

PLUMBING & SEPTIC

sswd (septic)	12	16	13	12	20
Internal plumbing	17	19	14	19	24
TOTAL NUMBER OF PERMITS	29	35	27	31	44

My office hours are: Tues., Wed., and Thurs. 7:30 to 4:00 Mon. & Fri. by appointment.

Grant Watmough



CEMETERY DIRECTORS REPORT

Myrna M. Soule
785-4117 or 691-3081

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

Now to our report.... Wow! It has been a busy year.

Lots:

We are aware we have had some damage to lots in Lakeview & East Union cemeteries due to some kind of pests (not of the human kind). We had the problem determined and treated by professionals @ Turf Doctor in May/June 2016. We will be watching for signs of the Grub pests they identified this year also.

Fences:

Lakeview fence was assessed last year. Pictures of problem sections were taken, and we will be talking to the fencing people to schedule work for this year.

We will continue to work on the East Union cemetery fence until completed and as time permits.

Common and Sidelinger cemetery fences as well have been assessed for repairs needed. We will work on them as funds and time allow.

Roads:

It was an easier year this year on our cemeteries' roads than it was last year.

In Lakeview, fall of 2016, we had Chris Packard's crew add reclaim and roll it, so to keep the main road through the cemetery (to the right of the gate) from washing out so badly. It seems to have worked. Please stop by to see this improvement.

Our Thanks to Chris and crew!

We will continue to work the roads in Lakeview. Our hope is to put reclaim on another road there this year. We will work on other cemetery roads as needed.

Minimal work needed in the other cemeteries as of April of 2017.

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

Mowing & Upkeep:

We will continue to try and do our best in keeping cemeteries mowed and trimmed. Please keep in mind that, as you know, weather can be a factor in this. Our contractor at this time with a new 3-year contract is Stevens Lawn Care Service. Thanks Kitty & crew for keeping us mowed and looking good!

You can help by remembering to remove old or faded flowers, wreaths etc. that you do not want on your lots any longer. Also to keep things close to your stones, so as to make mowing a little easier. Thank you for your



help in advance. Cemeteries usually open for clean up on April 15th (pending weather & conditions).

Also there are trash receptacles in the cemeteries for your convenience for cemetery lot cleaning only! Please do not leave other garbage at these receptacles. Tires and household garbage do not belong at these receptacles!

If you see misuse of this please contact myself or the Union Town Office so we may keep the receptacles in our cemeteries!

Stone Repair:

Tom Stevens Stone Repair and Cleaning has been working in Lakeview cemetery and has completed another section. Stop by and take a look!

This year we will be working on the next section on the left side of the Gate road. I have just spoken to Tom, and we are scheduled for end of April or first of May 2017. He will also be doing some repairs at our other cemeteries to keep up with them. Thanks Tom for making our cemeteries look great!

Updating Records:

As we reported last year, we are continuing this year with the input of information into the “Crypt Keeper” software program.

This is a time consuming project (with some bumps in the road) that we will continue moving forward on. Hopefully we will get most of the data in this year. Skidmore, Sidelinger, East Union, & Lakeview older books are done. Newer entries will be done after we complete Common’s older book, which work is now being done on. Thank you for being patient with our work on this!

A huge thank you goes to Miles Paul for his input on this project!

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

In Spring 2016 we had Orrin and the Public works crew clean the wall between the mid and lower sections of East Union Cemetery.

We also had Waters Edge trim back the back lower section of East Union cemetery by existing lots. This year our goal is to trim back more edges at Common. Thanks to Orrin and crew!

We will be having some dead trees removed this Spring by American Tree in East Union Cemetery before the end of May. Thanks to Paul Barnes also!

Miscellaneous:

We at this time would also like to continue our Thanks to Jim Murphy & the Boy Scouts for placing the flags in our cemeteries each year to honor our veterans that served! We do appreciate this great service you do for the Town of Union! Thank You Again! Thank you also to all who helped pick up the flags in the Fall and return them to Jim at the Town Office for proper disposal.

Again this year we would like to continue to say thank you to Jay, Marcy and the Girls at the Town Office, for all their continued support and help given whenever asked or needed. Thank you, it is truly appreciated!



A sincere thank you goes to the Selectmen for their continued support of Union cemeteries.

We will continue to do our best in the Town's cemeteries. But please if you have questions or comments or concerns, call us and let us know. We will do our best to help!

Respectfully Submitted by,

Myrna M. Soule

Note: ...If anyone has any information on a John Clark who died 1817 or Sarah Barton Clark who died 1822, or where they may be buried in Union, please let us know! We have a descendent of theirs trying to locate the whereabouts of their burials. Their information was found in a genealogy study; they were buried (or at least died) in Union. Note the John Clark we have listed with wife Judith doesn't seem to be the one.



**TOWN OF UNION CEMETERY
Rules and Regulations**

Article 1: Lots or plots are available and may be purchased as follows, by...

Common... (Soule Annex only) residents only of the Town of Union, for a 3-year period following the deed dated July 16, 2006. After which time (July 17, 2009) the lots or plots (1 person grave) may be purchased by residents or taxpayers of the Town of Union for burial of their loved ones.

East Union... residents and taxpayers of the Towns of Union and South Hope, for burial of their loved ones. (The area to be considered as South Hope is that part of Hope, South of the Alford Lake Road Intersection with Route # 235 easterly to the sharp curve on the Gillette Road.

Lakeview... (Robbins/Merrill annexes) residents and taxpayers of the Town of Union for burial of their loved ones.

Skidmore... (Blake Annex only) residents or taxpayers of the Towns of Union, Washington and Appleton, for burial of their loved ones.

Sidelinger... (Full capacity) N/A

Article 2: Sale of lots or plots to be by the cemetery director(s) or their agents. Burial lots may not be resold and or transfers are not allowed without written notification of intent to the Cemetery Director(s) and prior approval of the Cemetery Director(s) and a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen.”

Article 3: Plot (each individual grave) size varies depending on cemetery.

I.E. Common annex, Skidmore annex and East Union are generally 4’x 10’ with some exceptions, Lakeview (i.e. Robbins and Merrill annexes) is 5’x10’. Cost of each individual plot (grave) is \$500.00 to be paid at the time of sale.

Article 4: Money from the sale of lots or plots will be divided 80% for perpetual care of that lot or plot, the interest of which, together with the remaining 20% will be used for general maintenance of the Town of Union cemeteries.

Article 5: “Notification” is “required” for “all” full burials and cremations (i.e. funeral homes or individuals interring cremation remains). All burials and cremations are to be under the direction of the Cemetery Director(s) or their agents.

Article 6: Necessary permits as may be required by the State shall be furnished before burial.

Article 7: With the exception of cremation remains, all burials must be in a concrete, fiberglass or other approved vaults used for such burials.

Article 8: All monuments to be set on cement foundations by a “Monument Setter” and the bottom of the foundation is to be 4’ feet below ground level. All headstones/footstones are to be set by a “Monument Setter” and must have at least 1’ ft of good drainage material (i.e. crushed rock) below ground level for such headstone/footstone to rest upon.



Note: Special Rule that applies to Merrill Annex only, is as follows: All memorial stones shall be set flush with the ground and on a cement foundation as specified above.

Article 9: No wood crosses, wood blocks, cement or composition stones shall be allowed in Town of Union cemeteries, for the purpose of marking said graves (i.e. in the place of headstone/footstone or monuments).

Article 10: To enable location of site boundaries and to avoid damage to existing graves, interments will not occur when the ground is covered by snow in the Town of Union cemeteries. All Town of Union Cemeteries will be closed annually from November 1st to April 15th. During this period burials are not allowed without written notification of intent to the Cemetery Directors(s) and prior approval of the Cemetery Director(s) and a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 11: NO PETS are allowed in the Town of Union Cemeteries! With the exception of service dogs.

Article 12: “Small” Shrubs (under 6’ft. in height) are allowed so long as they are not imposing on other plots or visibly covering the stones or monuments! All shrubs will be the owner’s responsibility to keep trimmed to a neat appearance and the appropriate size. “If they are not kept maintained they will be removed”.

Article 13: Flowers may be placed in the ground, though it is “strongly” recommended to place within 1’ ft. of stone or monument to help facilitate proper maintenance of the cemeteries.

Article 14: All baskets, vases, artificial flowers, and wreaths are to be removed before April 15th annually. After which date they may be removed by cemetery workers to allow for cemetery clean up work to begin.

Article 15: American flags will be placed on each Veterans grave before Memorial Day each year.

Article 16: Trash from cemeteries must be placed in receptacles as furnished by the cemetery or carried out. No Dumping will be permitted within or around cemetery boundaries! Please help to keep our cemeteries neat!

Article 17: These rules, regulations and prices pertaining to all Town of Union cemeteries, may be subject to change by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Union, Maine.

“Thank You for your cooperation with staying in compliance with the above named rules and regulations!”

Submitted for Approval by:

Myrna M. Soule

Janis D. Harriman
Cemetery Directors
Town of Union, Maine
June, 2007

Town of Union Cemetery Rules and Regulations were adopted by the Board of Selectmen on August 7, 2007

Article 2 was revised May 15, 2012 per Board of Selectmen.



THE UNION SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB - 2017

The Union Senior Citizens Club has been meeting now for thirty-seven years. We are grateful that we have been able to meet at the United People's Methodist Church Vestry for so many years. Additionally, it is centrally located for most members and provides us the ability to use their kitchen and dining facilities.

The Club meets the second and fourth Thursday of every month. We have a program consisting of a guest speaker who entertains us with interesting and informative subjects. We normally will have a meal associated with each meeting in which members voluntarily provide themselves. Anyone fifty five or older may join the Club and guests are always welcomed and encouraged.

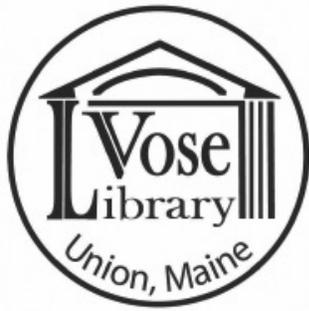
The Club raises money by having food and auction sales. This money is used to pay our guest speakers and two or three short bus tours per year.

The Club sincerely appreciates and thanks the Town of Union for their contribution and support for making it possible for us to meet at the People's Methodist Church Vestry throughout the many years.

Respectfully submitted,

Mildred Brooks,
President





Vose Library

392 Common Rd, Union
www.voselibrary.org
Sue McClintock, Library Director

Mail: PO Box 550
Phone: 785-4733
librarian@voselibrary.org

Open hours: Tuesday 10–8, Wednesday and Friday 10–6, and Saturday 9–12 noon.

News and updates from your library



Alison Metcalfe in the New Arrivals section, where a new plaque reads: "Dedicated to Alison Metcalfe, for her many years of service to Vose Library"

Last year we began our Vose to Home delivery service for those who are unable to come to the library, and it has had a very positive response.

Vose Library was the fortunate recipient of a piece from Joseph Fiore's "Rock Paintings" collection. The artwork was a gift from the Maine Farmland Trust, in collaboration with the Falcon Foundation. We hope the gift will inspire generations to appreciate and learn more about Maine's geological history, rich farming tradition, and natural beauty.

Our long-time volunteer, Alison Metcalfe, moved away this past year, and we were sorry to see her go. In her many years with Vose Library she has been treasurer, secretary, and grant writer and her work made a big difference in our community. She was also very involved with the Historical Society and the Methodist Church. This year we unveiled a plaque in our New Arrivals section honoring her service.

Our garden is flourishing with new volunteers this spring and our Nature Trail project is getting on track thanks to our Open House event this spring. We will have another Open House this summer to solicit ideas from the community and recruit volunteers for all kinds of projects at the library.

Do you have ideas for the library? Stop by and talk to us. See you soon!



Young visitors at our popular annual Halloween Trunk or Treat



Volunteers working in our garden



UNION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This year the Union Historical Society turns 45 years of age! The Charter Members of the Society had all the perseverance and determination that the Founding families of Union had in the 1770s. Their hard work built an organization that flourished and that continues to be a vibrant part of our community's life. Our monthly programs, presented on the first Wednesday of each month (March through November), continue to attract a faithful audience. We also contribute to the annual Founders Day celebration with multiple activities highlighted by the ever-popular narrated Come Spring Bus Tour and the Classic Silent Movie presentation.



Our headquarters, the Robbins House on Union Common, is home to an impressive display of artifacts and also to an ever-expanding archive collection compiled by our Curator and her band of volunteer archivists.

The Old Town House has been renovated and restored inside and out. It is the venue for our “warm weather” monthly meetings and is available at very reasonable rates as a rental for various meetings, events and gatherings

Thanks to the support of the Williams family, we continue to publish and sell both Come Spring and Fraternity Village by Ben Ames Williams. They are also available for purchase through Amazon in both print and e-book editions.

As always, there is more to be done. One of our current objectives is to position our Historical Society well into the Digital Age by enhancing, upgrading and maintaining our Website and Facebook presence on the Internet in order to reach a wider audience and encourage participation.

We stand ready to welcome new volunteers. As little as two or three hours of time a month can make a significant impact on many of our activities. No prior experience is required for many of our ongoing projects, but if you do have an area of expertise, we will find a use for it. Drop by the Robbins House any Wednesday morning, or call the number below and leave a message.

As always, we want to thank our members, the Town of Union and our dedicated Board of Directors for their loyal support in the past and as we continue toward the next 45 years!

Dan Day, President
Union Historical Society
Ph: 785-5444
e-mail: info@unionhistoricalsociety.org



COME SPRING FOOD PANTRY 2016

The Come Spring Food Pantry can be found in the yellow building attached to the Thompson Community Center in Union, in the back U shaped enclosure. It is a 501-C3, non profit, volunteer powered organization. The open hours are 9:30 - 11:30 AM, the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month. In the winter, if there is no school in SAD 40, the pantry is closed, but will reopen the following Wednesday, and then back to the regular schedule.

People who use the food pantry have to meet the USDA financial guidelines, sign a form, and show proof of income. the pantry receives USDA foods 4 times a year and we pick it up at Knowlton Storage in Warren. We also buy food from Good Shepherd and that is delivered to Warren once a month. We buy food and non food items at the Common Market. we receive bread from Borealis Breads. The People's United Methodist Church provides monthly donations to the pantry and some of their members serve on Come Spring Food Pantry Board of Trustees. The Nazarene Church donates regularly also. The Medomak Valley Middle School and the Mail Carrier Food Drives provide a variety of food each year.

Financial donations come from local businesses, organizations, individuals, and bequests. We have received donations from various clubs at the Medomak Valley Middle School, from the employees at the Camden National Bank, United MidCoast Charities, from Bank of America as a matching donation by an employee, Sweetgrass Winery, Deer Foot Farm, the Maine Water Company, FMC, the Damariscotta Bank, and the Maine Amateur Driving Club at the Union Fair.

The primary towns served by the food pantry are Union & Appleton and they provide support. We also have some folks from South Hope.

We have retired, disabled, vets, and seasonally unemployed folks, who come regularly every month needing food. Many of these people ask if they can help us and they help each other, younger people carrying bags for the older ladies, etc.

We also have several individuals that we can call on for help as needed.

The Come Spring Food Pantry is on Facebook.

Donations of food and cash are always welcome. If a family is without food and it is an emergency situation, contact Carol Watier, Manager, 785-4730. Julia Norenberg, my helper for many years, retired last summer, and Joe Marble offered to help. Joe has been making connections and bringing in extra food, and taken on more of the physical portion of this enterprise. Much appreciated!



MINUTES OF THE 2016 TOWN OF UNION ANNUAL MEETING

2016 TOWN OF UNION

WARRANT

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

June 14, 2016 – TUESDAY

8:00 a.m. TO 8:00 p.m.

Wm. Pullen Municipal Building

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

June 20, 2016 - MONDAY

7:00 p.m.

Wm. Pullen Municipal Building

Marcy Corwin, Town Clerk of Union, called the MUNICIPAL Election and Annual Town Meeting to order on Tuesday June 14, 2016. 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.

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

ARTICLE 2. The following is a list of ballots cast:

VOTES

SELECTMEN/ASSESSOR/OVERSEER OF THE POOR (3 YEAR TERM)

Cramer, Lyle B.

254 *

SELECTMEN/ASSESSOR/OVERSEER OF THE POOR (2 YEAR TERM)



DRICKEY, SARAH J.

253*

TOWN TREASURER (1 YEAR TERM)

CURTIS, LAURA J.

255*

DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT #40 (3 YEAR TERM)

AMUNDSEN, ERIK

253*

DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT #40 (2 YEAR TERM)

HAWES, GAIL

16 WRITE-IN VOTES

On Monday, June 20, 2016 at 7 p.m. moderator Ron Hawes called the Annual Town Meeting to order.

***elected to office**

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

ONE TRUSTEE of the CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS— (Three-year term).

VOTES

Keith Hilt

4*



SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE Joseph Patricia, Joel Moore, Terry Brackett, Jean Grimord (deceased) (3 Year terms) Lynn Allen (resigned 2 Year term) Ann Donaldson & John Shepard (resigned 1 Year term)

3-Year Term

- 1. Paul Gaudreau 5 *
- 2. Bruce Cobb 5*
- 3. Terry Brackett 5*
- 4. Lawrence Nash 5*

2-Year Term

- 1. Howard Butler 5*

1-Year Term

- 1. Christine Savage was nominated but she is already on the committee.
- 2. Constance Bodine 6*
- 3. Ann Donaldson.....respectfully declined
- 4. Jeff Nims.....respectfully declined
- 5. Dan Day 5*

ONE TRUSTEE of the WILLIAM PULLEN FUND—Irene Hawes’s term expires. (four-year term)

Irene Hawes 5*

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town shall enact an ordinance entitled “ Floodplain Management Ordinance for the Town of Union Maine” and if approved replace the existing “ Floodplain Management Ordinance for the Town of Union Maine” enacted June 22, 1998, or act thereon.

A copy of changes is available for review at the Town Office

A motion was made and seconded. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen, with a 4/5th vote, to transfer up to 10% of unexpended balances between accounts as needed, or act thereon.

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 7-0**

A motion was made and seconded. Motion carries.

A motion and second were made to allow the following non-residents of Union to speak at the meeting: David Stanley, Orrin Parker, Grant Watmough, and Eleanor Snyder.

Motion carries.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 9.1, Duration, of the Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization Interlocal Cooperative Agreement by extending the 25 year term of the original Agreement, which would cause the Agreement to expire on October 17, 2016, for an additional and continuous 18-year term expiring on October 17, 2034 and to provide that all provisions of the Interlocal Cooperative Agreements, as amended, remain in full force and effect. (* This article may not be amended.)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS 5-0

David Stanley spoke on behalf of Tri-County Solid Waste. He explained that the current contract expires October 2016, and they need an answer by July 2016. He advocates a long term contract because a shorter one will in turn lead to higher tipping fees.

A motion was made and seconded. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the following, or act thereon:

	2016	2017
	<u>REQUEST</u>	<u>REQUEST</u>
A. Union Senior Citizens	\$500	\$500
B. Come Spring Food Pantry	\$1,200	\$1,200
C. Vose Library	<u>\$22,000</u>	<u>\$22,000</u>
	\$23,700	\$23,700

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE DOES NOT RECOMMEND 2-3-2

Item C-Vose Library was set aside.



Items A&B were voted on together. A motion was made and seconded to approve B & C as written. Motion carries.

Item C-Vose Library-A motion was made and seconded to approve \$22,000.00 as written. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 8. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the following, or act thereon:

AGENCY REQUEST	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
A. New Hope For Women	\$ 995	\$ 995
B. Coastal Trans.	\$1,100	0
C. Broadreach	\$ 750	\$ 750
D. Midcoast Community Action	\$1,000	\$1,000
E. Spectrum Generations	\$1,676	\$1,676
F. Penquis	<u>0</u>	<u>\$ 936</u>
	5,521.00	5,357.00

SELECTMEN MAKE NO RECOMMENDATION

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 6-0-1

A motion was made and seconded. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 9. 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: (2016-\$5,000.00)

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0



BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 7-0

A motion was made and seconded. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 10. 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 was made and seconded. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE the sum of \$59,486.00 to fund the contract for dispatching services with the Knox Regional Communication Center, or act thereon. (2016-\$58,919.00)

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE DOES NOT RECOMMEND 3-4

A motion was made and seconded. Motion carries, objections noted.

ARTICLE 12. 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 2016-2017.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 7-0

A motion was made and seconded. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell Tax Acquired Property, and to give quit-claim 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.

A motion was made and seconded. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the fiscal year 2018 not yet due or assessed and no interest to accrue, or act thereon.

A motion was made and seconded. Motion carries.



ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. Section 505 (4), will vote that property taxes shall be delinquent if not paid by November 15, 2016 and May 15, 2017, and that interest at the rate of 7% per annum shall be charged on all delinquent property taxes, or act thereon. If the due dates fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or Holiday, then the due date will fall on the next business day, and interest will start the day after.

NOTE: The Board of Selectmen recommend due dates of November 15, 2016 and May 15, 2017 and interest due dates of November 16, 2016 and May 16, 2017 at 7%. Taxpayers' names will appear in the Town Report if taxes are not paid by the close of business on May 15, 2017.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 7% 5-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 7% 7-0

A motion was made and seconded to approve 7%. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 16. 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% Minimum 3%per annum.) *Explanation: If taxes are paid and later abated, the Town must refund the abated taxes and pay interest on them.*

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 3% 5-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 3% 7-0

A motion was made and seconded to approve 3% per annum. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 17. 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 2016-2017, 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 was made and seconded. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town of Union will vote to approve a Community 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, 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 was made and seconded. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town of Union 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, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such a program, or act thereon.

A motion was made and seconded. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to assess the Town of Washington the sum of \$12,465.46, and the Town of Appleton the sum of \$10,744.93 for ambulance services in the coming fiscal year 2016-2017, or act thereon.

A motion was made and seconded. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 21. 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 was made and seconded. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 22. 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) 1/2 to each club – for the purpose 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 was made and seconded. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to carry over and expend into the fiscal year 2016-2017 the unexpended balances plus any additional interest and income minus any expenses accrued thereon of the following accounts, or act thereon:



		<u>AMENDED</u>
A. Ambulance Department Donations	\$ 100.00	100.00
B. I.C. Thurston Fund	\$ 14,226.31	13011.00
C. Ambulance Income	\$ 32,000.00	32000.00
D. Animal Control	\$ 1,400.00	1925.00
E. Public Works	\$ <u>256,000.00</u>	<u>290,000.00</u>
F. TOTAL	\$ 303,726.31	\$337,036.00

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

A question was asked as to why there was so much money left over in Public Works. It was explained that there were funds not yet spent from the Bond Money that did not get used before the end of the year.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the carry over amounts as amended. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 24. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE for the fiscal year 2016-2017 budget for the following purposes, or act thereon:

	<u>2016 APPROP.</u>	<u>2017 APPROP.</u>
A. Administration	\$ 70,500	\$73,700
B. Pullen Bldg. Maintenance	30,000	29,500
C. Assessors	28,500	29,100
D. Stipends	8,050	8,050
E. Office Personnel	169,724	178,461
F. Insurances	137,000	139,000
G. Town Maintenance	7,600	7,600
H. Hydrant Rental	14,000	14,000
I. TCSWMO	42,000	51,935
J. Septic Waste Contract	2,300	2,300
K. Planning Dept./Codes	46,305	49,305
L. Fire Department	61,540	61,540



M. Street Lights	5,700	5,700
N. Common Maintenance	5,000	5,000
O. Budget Committee	300	150
P. Birdhouses	1,500	1,500
Q. Founder's Day Committee	1,200	1,200
R. Town Retirement Match	14,000	17,000
S. Emergency Management	7,350	7,350
T. Social Security	37,320	37,320
U. TAN Interest	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
TOTAL TO BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED	\$ 690,389	\$ 720,211

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 6-1

Items A- Administration, E-Office Personnel, and T-Social Security were set aside to be discussed individually.

A motion and second were made to approve all other items together as written. Motion carries.

Item A. Administration- \$73,700- A question was asked what does this item include.

Jay Feyler stated that this item includes telephone, office supplies, postage, town reports etc.

A motion and second was made to approve \$73,700 for Administration. Motion carries.

Item E-Office Personnel- \$178,461-A question was asked if the increased amount was for an additional person. Jay Feyler stated that this increase was not for an additional person but to bring people up to the average pay in the area.



A motion and second were made to approve \$178,461 for Office Personnel. Motion carries.

Item T-Social Security-\$37,320- A question was asked as to why the amount for Social Security was unchanged but the amount for Office Personnel had increased.

Jay Feyler explained that there was enough extra room to go without raising the line figure.

A motion and second was made to approve \$ 37,320 for Social Security. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$5,000 for the salary of the Treasurer for the fiscal year 2016-2017, or act thereon:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
TOTAL TO BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED	\$5,000	\$5,000

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 7-0

A motion was made and seconded. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 26. 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 2016-2017 or act thereon:

PUBLIC WORKS	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Excise Tax	\$375,000	\$385,000
From Raise and Appropriation	<u>\$150,150</u>	<u>\$149,680.</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$525,150	\$534,680

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5 -0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 7 -0

A motion was made and seconded. Motion carries.



ARTICLE 27. 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 2016-2017, or act thereon:

PAVING/ROAD CONSTRUCTION	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Appropriated From Urban Rural Initiative Program	\$51,748	\$ 52,000
Raised and Appropriated	\$298,252	\$348,000
Other Revenue (Fund Balance)	<u>\$ 50,000</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$400,000	\$400,000

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 7-0

A motion was made and seconded. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 28. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to APPROPRIATE FROM THE SOURCES LISTED BELOW for Ambulance Operations for the fiscal year 2016-2017, or act thereon:

AMBULANCE	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Raised And Appropriated for Union’s Assessment	\$ 17,909.31	\$18,446.58
Appropriated From Washington Assessment	\$ 12,102.39	12,465.46
Appropriated From Appleton Assessment	10,431.97	10,744.93
Appropriated From Hope Assessment	6,086.10	
Appropriated From Ambulance Revenue	131,300.00	147,753.03.
From Carry Over	<u>14,770.23</u>	<u>30,290.00</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$192,600.00	\$219,700.00



SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 7-0

A motion was made and seconded. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 29. 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 2016-2017 or act thereon:

	<u>BY APPROP.</u>	<u>ANTICIP. REV.</u>
A. Highway Equipment Reserve	\$60,000	
B. Ambulance Vehicle Reserve		\$20,000
C. Ambulance Equipment Reserve		1,000
D. Fire Truck Reserve	\$40,000	
E. Fire Equipment Reserve	\$ 5,000	
F. Cemetery Reserve	\$ 5,000	
G. Bridge Repair	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	
TOTALS	\$115,000	\$21,000

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 7-0

A motion was made and seconded. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 30. 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 was made and seconded. Motion carries.



ARTICLE 31. To see what sum the Town will vote to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE AND APPROPRIATE FROM SOURCES LISTED BELOW for Animal Control for the fiscal year 2016-2017, or act thereon:

ANIMAL CONTROL	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Raised and Appropriated	\$14,478.82	\$12,145.75
From Carryover	\$ 2,600.00	6,292.00
Appropriated From Appleton Assessment	<u>\$ 8,434.28</u>	<u>7,075.25</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 25,513.10	\$25,513.00

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 7-0

A motion was made and seconded. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 32. To see what sum the Town will vote to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE AND APPROPRIATE FROM SOURCES LISTED BELOW for Parks and Recreation for the fiscal year 2016-2017, or act thereon:

PARKS & RECREATION	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Raised and Appropriated	\$6,000	\$6,000
Appropriated From Jos. Pullen Invest.	2,300	\$ 2300
Appropriated From Rec. Reserve Account	<u>1,700</u>	<u>\$ 1700.</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$10,000	\$10,000

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0



BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 7-0

A motion was made and seconded. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 33. To see what sum the Town will vote to APPROPRIATE FROM THE SOURCES LISTED BELOW for General Assistance for the fiscal year 2016-2017, or act thereon:

GENERAL ASSISTANCE	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Appropriated From State of Maine Reimb.	\$5,000	\$5,000
Appropriated From the I.C. Thurston Fund	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$10,000	\$10,000

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 7-0

A motion was made and seconded. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 34. 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 2016-2017, or act thereon:

CEMETERIES	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Raised and Appropriated	\$32,676	\$ 37,100
Appropriated from Perpetual Care	<u>\$ 2,924</u>	<u>\$ 2,500</u>
	\$35,600	\$39,600



SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 6-0-1

A question was asked as to why the expected increase in this item. Jay Feyler explained that there is an anticipated increase due to the fact that the current mowing contract expires this year.

A motion was made and seconded. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 35. 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 2016-2017, to be used for preparation of material for public awareness, Town of Union Website, or whatever means deemed appropriate, or act thereon.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 5-0-1

A motion was made and seconded. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 36. 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 \$2,000 per item after appraisal for fiscal year 2016-2017, or act thereon.

A motion was made and seconded. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 37. 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 2016-2017, or act thereon.

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
A: Robert H. & Eleanor S. Heald Fund	\$25,000	\$28,700
B: William L. Pullen Fund	\$16,000	\$18,400



C: Gilbert Doughty Memorial Fund	\$ 0	\$ 250
D: Union Alumni Fund	\$ 100	\$ 135
E: Frank D. & Gertrude N. Rowe Fund	\$ 100	\$ 0
F: Raymond Thurston & Belle Thurston Kinniston Fund	\$ 963	\$ 143
TOTAL	\$42,163	\$47,628

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0, BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 7-0,
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS, PULLEN COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDS**

A correction was noted on this article. Item D, Union Alumni Fund should read 0 and Item E, Frank D. & Gertrude N. Rowe Fund should read 135. This was a typographical error.

A motion was made and seconded. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to APPROPRIATE from the William Pullen Trust the following sums or act thereon:

A: Scholarships	\$18,400.00
B: Vose Library	\$ 2,300.00
C: Union Elementary	\$ 7,040.00
<u>D: Town of Union</u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
	\$47,740.00

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0, BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS
7-0, PULLEN COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 4-0-1**



A motion was made and seconded. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to APPROPRIATE from Fund Balance up to \$ 100,000 to reduce the tax commitment for 2016-2017 or act thereon:

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5 -0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 7-0

A motion was made and seconded. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to APPROPRIATE THE FOLLOWING General Fund revenue sources to be used toward the 2016-2017 budget appropriations of the Town of Union, thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised by property taxes, or act thereon.

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
State Revenue Sharing	\$98,000	\$ 89,000
Other Revenue fees and interest	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$ 53,000</u>
TOTAL	\$148,000	\$142,000

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0, BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 7-0

A motion was made and seconded. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 41. To see what sum the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to APPROPRIATE FROM UNDESIGNATED FUNDS to cover fiscal year 2015-2016 overdrafts or act thereon.

A: Tri County Solid Waste \$4,057.04



**These figures are estimates at the time of printing; updated figures will be available at Town Meeting.*

A motion was made and seconded to approve \$4,057.04 as written. Motion carries.

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.

A motion and second was made to pass over and indefinitely postpone this article as we did not go over the tax levy limit. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 43: To see if the Town will vote to change the Treasurer position from elected to appointed and if enacted will become effective on July 1, 2017, or act thereon. (* This is a request from the current elected Treasurer.)

A motion was made and seconded. Motion carries.

A motion as made and seconded to adjourn at 8:20 PM.

A True Copy.

Attest: _____

Marcy Corwin, Town Clerk



2017 TOWN OF UNION

WARRANT

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

June 13, 2017 – TUESDAY

8:00 a.m. TO 8:00 p.m.

Wm. Pullen Municipal Building

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

June 19, 2017 - MONDAY

7:00 p.m.

Wm. 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 WM. PULLEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING in said Town on TUESDAY, the THIRTEENTH of JUNE, A.D., 2017 at 8:00 a.m. in the morning, then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2 as set out below;

And to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the WM. PULLEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING in said Town on MONDAY, the NINTEETH day of JUNE, A.D., 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the evening, then and there to act on Articles 3 through 43 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. Absentee Ballots will be processed at 2:00 P.M., 3:00 P.M., 4:00 P.M., and 7:00 P.M.

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



ONE TRUSTEE of the CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS—Lee MacFarland’s term expires (Three-year term).

FOUR MEMBERS OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE—Constance Bodine, Lynn Athearn, Dan Day, John Mountainland.

ONE TRUSTEE of the WILLIAM PULLEN FUND—Anita Brown’s term expires. (four-year term).

ARTICLE 4. Shall an ordinance entitled “Town of Union Comprehensive Plan” 2017-2027 (revision 5) be enacted or act thereon. *A copy of which is available at the Union Town Office during regular business hours or online at www.union.maine.gov*

ARTICLE 5. Shall an ordinance entitled “ Prohibiting Retail Marijuana Establishments and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs” be enacted or act thereon. *A copy of which is attached to this warrant and is available at the Town Office during regular business hours, or online at www.union.maine.gov*

ARTICLE 6 Shall an ordinance entitled “Changeable Signs” be enacted or act thereon. *A copy of which is attached to this warrant and is available at the Town Office during regular business hours or online at www.union.maine.gov*

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen, with a 4/5th vote, to transfer up to 10% of unexpended balances between accounts as needed, or act thereon.

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0**

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$97,000 from Fund Balance to cover the remaining cost for replacement of a Public Works Truck (\$23,000) and ambulance (\$74,000) or act thereon.

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0**

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$70,000 from Fund Balance to insulate and repair the roof at the public works garage, or act thereon.

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0**

ARTICLE 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE for fiscal year 2017-2018 for the following, or act thereon:

	2018	2017
	<u>REQUEST</u>	<u>REQUEST</u>
A. Union Senior Citizens	\$500	\$500
B. Come Spring Food Pantry	\$1,200	\$1,200
C. Vose Library	<u>\$22,000</u>	<u>\$22,000</u>
	\$23,700	\$23,700

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 6-0-2

ARTICLE 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE for fiscal year 2017-2018 for the following, or act thereon:

AGENCY REQUEST	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
A. New Hope for Women	\$ 995	995
B. Midcoast Community Action	\$1,000	\$1,000
C. Spectrum Generations	\$1,676	\$1,676
D. Penquis	961	\$ 961
E. Broadreach	<u>\$ 750</u>	<u>\$ 750</u>
	\$5,382	\$5,382

SELECTMEN MAKE NO RECOMMENDATION

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0

ARTICLE 12. 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: (2016-\$5,000.00)



SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0

ARTICLE 13. 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 14. To see if the Town will vote to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE the sum of \$61,278.00, to fund the contract for dispatching services with the Knox Regional Communication Center, or act thereon. 2016-\$59,486.00

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE DOES NOT RECOMMEND 7-1

ARTICLE 15. 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 2017-2018.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 7-0

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell Tax Acquired Property, and to give quit-claim 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.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the fiscal year 2019 not yet due or assessed and no interest to accrue, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. Section 505 (4), will vote that property taxes shall be delinquent if not paid by November 15, 2017 and May 15, 2018 and that interest at the rate of 7% per annum shall be charged on all delinquent property taxes, or act



thereon. If the due dates fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or Holiday, then the due date will fall on the next business day and interest will start the day after.

NOTE: The Board of Selectmen recommend due dates of November 15, 2017 and May 15, 2018 and interest due dates of November 16, 2017 and May 16, 2018 at 7% . Taxpayers' names will appear in the Town Report if taxes are not paid by the close of business on May 15, 2017.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 7% 5-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 7% 8-0

ARTICLE 19. 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% Minimum 3% per annum) *Explanation: If taxes are paid and later abated, the Town must refund the abated taxes and pay interest on them.*

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 3% 5-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 3% 7-1

ARTICLE 20. 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 2017-2018, 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 21. To see if the Town of Union will vote to approve a Community 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, 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 22. To see if the Town of Union 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, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such a program, or act thereon.



ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to assess the Town of Washington the sum of \$15,277.00, and the Town of Appleton the sum of \$13,169.00 for ambulance services in the coming fiscal year 2017-2018, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 24. 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 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 Mountain Snowriders Snowmobile Club, (Hope) 1/2 to each club – for the purpose 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 26. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to carry over and expend into the fiscal year 2017-2018 the unexpended balances plus any additional interest and income minus any expenses accrued thereon of the following accounts, or act thereon:

A. Animal Control	
B. I.C. Thurston Fund	\$ 27,000.00
C. Ambulance Income	\$ <u>32,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 59,000.00

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

ARTICLE 27. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE for the fiscal year 2017-2018 budget for the following purposes, or act thereon:

	<u>2018</u> <u>APPROP.</u>	<u>2017</u> <u>APPROP.</u>
A. Administration	\$ 79,200	\$73,700
B. Pullen Bldg. Maintenance	30,000	29,500
C. Assessors	32,200	29,100



D. Stipends	8,050	8,050
E. Office Personnel	191,270	178,461
F. Insurances	144,000	139,000
G. Town Maintenance	8,450	7,600
H. Hydrant Rental	14,000	14,000
I. TCSWMO	62,998	51,935
J. Septic Waste Contract	2,300	2,300
K. Planning Dept./Codes	47,305	49,305
L. Fire Department	61,540	61,540
M. Street Lights	5,750	5,700
N. Common Maintenance	5,000	5,000
O. Budget Committee	300	150
P. Birdhouses	1,500	1,500
Q. Founder's Day Committee	1,200	1,200
R. Town Retirement Match	18,600	17,000
S. Emergency Management	7,350	7,350
T. Social Security	37,320	37,320
U. TAN Interest	500	500
TOTAL TO BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED	\$ 758,833	\$ 720,211

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 6-2

ARTICLE 28. 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 2017-2018 or act thereon:

PUBLIC WORKS	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Excise Tax	\$400,000	\$385,000



From Raise and Appropriation	<u>\$135,380</u>	<u>\$149,680.</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$535,380	\$534,680

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 7 -0

ARTICLE 29. 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 2017-2018, or act thereon:

PAVING/ROAD CONSTRUCTION	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Appropriated From Urban Rural Initiative Program	\$52,000	\$ 52,000
Raised and Appropriated	<u>\$348,000</u>	<u>\$348,000</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$400,000	\$400,000

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 7-0

ARTICLE 30. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to APPROPRIATE FROM THE SOURCES LISTED BELOW for Ambulance Operations for the fiscal year 2017-2018, or act thereon:

AMBULANCE	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Raised And Appropriated for Union’s Assessment	\$ 22,597.00	\$18,446.58
Appropriated From Washington Assessment	\$ 15,277.00	12,465.46
Appropriated From Appleton Assessment	13,169.00	10,744.93
Appropriated From Ambulance Revenue	169,000.00	147,753.03
From Carry Over	<u>14,956.00</u>	<u>30,290.00</u>

TOTAL BUDGET

\$235,000.00 \$219,700.00

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0

ARTICLE 31. 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 2017-2018 or act thereon:

	<u>RAISE & APPROP.</u>	<u>ANTICIP. REV.</u>
A. Highway Equipment Reserve	\$60,000	
B. Ambulance Vehicle Reserve		\$25,000
C. Ambulance Equipment Reserve		1,000
D. Fire Truck Reserve	\$45,000	
E. Fire Equipment Reserve	\$ 5,000	
F. Cemetery Reserve	\$ 2,500	
G. Bridge Repair	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	
TOTALS	\$117,500	\$26,000

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0

ARTICLE 32. 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 33. To see what sum the Town will vote to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE AND APPROPRIATE FROM SOURCES LISTED BELOW for Animal Control for the fiscal year 2017-2018, or act thereon:



ANIMAL CONTROL	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Raised and Appropriated	\$11,818.00	\$12,145.75
From Carryover	\$ 1,932.00	6,292.00
Appropriated From Appleton Assessment	<u>0</u>	<u>7,075.25</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 13,750.00	\$25,513.00

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0

ARTICLE 34. To see what sum the Town will vote to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE AND APPROPRIATE FROM SOURCES LISTED BELOW for Parks and Recreation for the fiscal year 2017-2018, or act thereon:

PARKS & RECREATION	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Raised and Appropriated	\$6,000	\$6,000
Appropriated From Jos. Pullen Invest.	2,300	\$ 2300
Appropriated From Rec. Reserve Account	<u>1,700</u>	<u>\$ 1700.</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$10,000	\$10,000

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 0-0

ARTICLE 35. To see what sum the Town will vote to APPROPRIATE FROM THE SOURCES LISTED BELOW for General Assistance for the fiscal year 2017-2018, or act thereon:

GENERAL ASSISTANCE	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Appropriated From State of Maine Reimb.	\$4,900	\$5,000



Appropriated From the I.C. Thurston Fund	\$2,100	\$5,000
TOTAL BUDGET	\$7,000	\$10,000

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0

ARTICLE 36. 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 2017-2018, or act thereon:

CEMETERIES	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Raised and Appropriated	\$36,950	\$ 37,100
Appropriated from Perpetual Care	\$ 1,900	\$ 2,500
	\$38,850	\$39,600

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 7-0

ARTICLE 37. 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 2017-2018, to be used for preparation of material for public awareness, Town of Union Website, or whatever means deemed appropriate, or act thereon.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 7-0

ARTICLE 38. 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 \$2,000 per item after appraisal for fiscal year 2017-2018, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 39. 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 2017-2018, or act thereon.



	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
A: Robert H. & Eleanor S. Heald Fund	\$23,450	\$28,700
B: William L. Pullen Fund	\$16,350	\$18,400
C: Gilbert Doughty Memorial Fund	\$ 700	\$ 250
D: Union Alumni Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0
E: Frank D. & Gertrude N. Rowe Fund	\$ 0	\$ 135
F: Raymond Thurston & Belle Thurston Kinniston Fund	<u>\$ 963</u>	<u>\$ 143</u>
TOTAL	\$42,163	\$47,628

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0 BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS, PULLEN COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDS**

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to APPROPRIATE from the William Pullen Trust the following sums or act thereon:

A: Scholarships	\$16,353.00
<u>B: Town of Union</u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
	\$36,353.00

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0 BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 5-0
PULLEN COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0**

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to APPROPRIATE from Fund Balance up to \$ 100,000 to reduce the tax commitment for 2017-2018 or act thereon:

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0**

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to APPROPRIATE THE FOLLOWING General Fund revenue sources to be used toward the 2017-2018 budget appropriations of the Town of Union, thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised by property taxes, or act thereon.

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
State Revenue Sharing	\$96,000	\$ 89,000
Other Revenue fees and interest	\$50,000	\$ 53,000
IC Thurston Fund (schools)	\$34,400	<u> </u>
TOTAL	\$180,400	\$142,000

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0 BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0

ARTICLE 43. To see what sum the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to APPROPRIATE FROM UNDESIGNATED FUNDS to cover fiscal year 2016-2017 overdrafts or act thereon.

A: None at time of printing

**These figures are estimates at the time of printing, updated figures will be available at Town Meeting*

ARTICLE 44: To see the Town will APPROPRIATE FROM FUND BALANCE, up to \$10,920 for GIS and Tax Map Conversion or act thereon.

ARTICLE 45. 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 2nd DAY OF MAY, A.D. 2017

UNION BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Greg Grotton, Chairman

John Shepard, Selectman

Lyle J. Cramer, Selectman

Sarah Drickey, Selectman

James Justice , Selectman

A True Copy.



Attest: _____

Marcy Corwin, Town Clerk

RESIDENT’S RETURN

KNOX

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 Selectmen’s Office, at Camden National Bank, Union Common; at the Common Market, Union, Common; at Four Corner Variety, Heald Highway; and at Mic Mac Market, Heald Highway; on the _____ day of June, A.D., 2017, the same being at least seven days prior to the within named meeting.

ATTEST: _____ Richard Niles, Resident



CHANGEABLE SIGNS

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1.10.3.27.2. Content Restrictions

Except for directional signs permitted by the Maine Travelers Information Services Act, or signs on municipal property, all permanent signs shall relate to goods and services available on the premises on which the sign is located.

1.10.3.27.3. Size Restrictions

Maximum allowed size of signs shall be based on the posted speed limit on the street or road on which the sign is located, as follows:

Posted Speed Limit	Maximum Size Allowed
0 to 30 MPH, or not posted	32 sq. ft.
31 to 50 MPH	48 sq. ft.
51 MPH and above	90 sq. ft.

1.10.3.27.4. Safety Restrictions

No sign shall be erected adjacent to any public way in such a manner as to obstruct clear and free vision or where, by reason of its position, shape, color, illumination, or wording, the sign may interfere with, obstruct the view of, or be confused with, any authorized sign, signal or device or otherwise constitute a hazard to pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

1.10.3.27.5. Temporary Signs

Temporary signs shall be allowed for special events only for a period not to exceed thirty (30) consecutive days in a twelve (12) month period and shall require no permit or fee.

1.10.3.27.6. Changeable Sign

See definition

1. Rapidly means more frequently than once per 20 minutes.
2. Display means those portions of the surface area of a changeable sign that are capable of being periodically altered rapidly for the purpose of conveying the same or a different message.
3. A message is altered if the display changes color or appearance; rolls, flashes, scrolls, blends, phases or pulses or its word, numbers, symbols, and / or images change.

The message on the display of a changeable sign is prohibited from being altered more frequently than once every 3 seconds, except a message may pause, pulse, roll, scroll, or blend provided that a full cycle of the message takes at least 25 seconds to complete.

Changeable signs are allowed on property abutting Heald Highway only.

1.10.3.27.7. Existing Signs Grandfathered

Any permitted sign in existence as of the effective date of this Ordinance shall be grandfathered.

1.10.3.27.8. Exceptions to Sign Permit Requirements

Permits are not required for personal occupant signs of two (2) square feet or less of display area, historic designation signs, three (3) temporary real estate signs per lot totaling a maximum of fifty (50) square feet, signs indicating "No Trespassing" or "No

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the same color as the building. Freestanding signs may be lettered on both sides, which constitutes one sign. An inconspicuous support such as a slim post is not part of a sign area.

SIGN, CHANGEABLE: a sign, whether permanent or temporary, which has the capability to alter its message rapidly, but excludes a sign operated by the Town of Union or the State of Maine. State or Town of Union signs are allowed without restriction.



SIGN, ILLUMINATED: A sign which has characters, letters, figures, designs, or outlines illuminated by electric lighting or luminous tubes as part of the sign and, or whose illumination is derived from an external artificial source.

SIGN, OFF-PREMISE: A sign which is not located upon the same real property as the business, facility, or point of interest which it serves.

SIGN, ON-BUILDING: A sign which is attached to the building wall and which extends not more than six (6) inches from the face of the wall.

SIGN, ON-PREMISE: A sign which is located upon the same real property as the business, facility, or point of interest which it serves.

SIGN, TEMPORARY: A sign of a temporary nature, erected less than thirty (30) days, within any twelve (12) month period, exemplified by the following: political signs, charitable signs; fundraising signs, construction signs, carnival signs, garage sales, lawn sales, rummage sales, and all signs advertising sales of personal property (excluding mobile homes), and for rent signs. Any exterior sign displayed by an ongoing business on the business premises on which the written or printed message changes while the structure of the sign remains unchanged will not be considered a temporary sign. For example, chalkboards and signs with removable lettering shall not be considered temporary signs if in place for thirty (30) days or more within any twelve (12) month period.

Ordinance Prohibiting Retail Marijuana Establishments and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs
in the Municipality of **Union, Maine**

Section 1. Authority.

This ordinance is enacted pursuant to the Marijuana Legalization Act, 7 M.R.S.A. c. 417; and Municipal Home Rule Authority, Me. Const., art. VIII, pt. 2; and 30-A M.R.S.A. § 3001.

Section 2. Definitions.

For purposes of this ordinance, retail marijuana establishments, including retail marijuana stores, retail marijuana cultivation facilities, retail marijuana products manufacturing facilities and retail marijuana testing facilities, and retail marijuana social clubs are defined as set forth in 7 M.R.S.A. § 2442.



Section 3. Prohibition on Retail Marijuana Establishments and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs.

Retail marijuana establishments, including retail marijuana stores, retail marijuana cultivation facilities, retail marijuana products manufacturing facilities, and retail marijuana testing facilities, and retail marijuana social clubs, are expressly prohibited in this municipality.

No person or organization shall develop or operate a business that engages in retail or wholesale sales of a retail marijuana product, as defined by 7 M.R.S.A. § 2442.

Nothing in this ordinance is intended to prohibit any lawful use, possession or conduct pursuant to the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act, 22 M.R.S.A. c. 558-C.

Section 4. Effective date; June 20,2017

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon enactment by the municipal legislative body unless otherwise provided and shall remain in effect until it is amended or repealed.

Section 5. Penalties.

This ordinance shall be enforced by the municipal officers or their designee. Violations of this ordinance shall be subject to the enforcement and penalty provisions of 30-A M.R.S.A. § 4452.



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Ambulance Director Jesse Thompson	ems.union@roadrunner.com	785-3803
Public Works Orrin Parker	pw.union@roadrunner.com	785-3411

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Fire & Ambulance Calls		911
Maine State Police	www.maine.gov/dps/msp/	1-800-452-4664
Knox County Sheriff's Dept	www.knoxso.com	594-5656
Poison Control Center	www.nnepc.org	1-800-222-1222
Pen Bay Medical Center	www.penbayhealthcare.org/	921-8000
Penquis	www.penquis.org	596-0361

REFERENCE NUMBERS

Union Post Office	www.usps.com	785-3734
Union Elementary School	www.msad40.org/schools/union	785-4330
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 Fair Office	www.unionfair.org	785-3281
Thompson Community Center		975-0352
Tri County Solid Waste(Transfer Station)		785-2261
Vose Library	www.voselibrary.org	785-4733