

2019 ANNUAL REPORT of the Town of ATHENS, MAINE



VETERANS MEMORAL AREA AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

Elections: March 13, 2020 • 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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NEW PLAQUE TO GO ON THE SMALLER STONE
AT THE VETERANS MEMORIAL AREA

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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

of the town of

ATHENS,
MAINE

Year Ending December 31

2019

TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

MARK COURTEMANCHE

TOWN CLERK

TRACEY ROTONDI

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF POOR

MARK O. MUNN

CHARLES G. ROTONDI

GUY C. ANTON

TREASURER

JEAN BUSSELL

TAX COLLECTOR

TRACEY ROTONDI

ROAD COMMISSIONER

Tim Small (appointed)

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

TRACEY ROTONDI

ATHENS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTORS

Alan Linkletter

Chad White

Victoria Avery

Kate Cooley

Sean Boyd

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mark Munn

Jean Bussell

Tim Small

Brett Strout

ONE YEAR

Cindy Foss

Cheryl Seamans

TWO YEARS

Erald Corson

Earland Lake

THREE YEARS

Beverly Lake

Cory Bussell

FIRE CHIEF

Brett Strout



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

Dear Friends,

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

At the beginning of this term, the House passed H.R. 7, a comprehensive package of reforms I cosponsored to get big money out of politics and fight corruption in Washington. And in December, I helped pass H.R. 5, the *Lower Drug Costs Now Act*, which would limit out-of-pocket prescription drug costs paid by seniors, limit the expansion of Medicare coverage to include dental, vision, and hearing, and lower prescription drug prices for thousands of Mainers. Additionally, as a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I worked to ensure our annual defense authorization bill supports America's national security and Maine's shipyard workers, National Guardsmen, manufacturers, and universities.

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

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

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

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

Respectfully,


Jared Golden
Member of Congress

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United States Senate

January 1, 2020

Dear Friends,

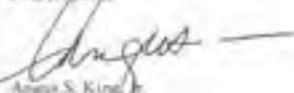
The beginning of a new year provides the opportunity to reflect on the progress of the past 12 months. If you've been watching cable TV, you might think that every waking moment of 2019 in Washington has been consumed by divisive, partisan issues—and while there's no shortage of those debates, there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

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

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

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

Best Regards,



Angus S. King Jr.
United States Senator

United States Senate

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Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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

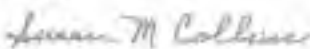
Significant federal funding was approved for work at Bath Iron Works and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Funding appropriated by Congress will pay for three new destroyers, make a down payment on an additional ship, and finance infrastructure improvements at PMSB.

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

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

At the end of 2019, I cast my 7,262nd consecutive vote. In the New Year, I will keep working to deliver bipartisan solutions to the challenges facing Maine and the nation. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact one of my state offices or visit my website at www.scolins.senate.gov. May 2020 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
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A Message from Senator Paul T. Davis, Sr.

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Let me begin by thanking you for allowing me the privilege of serving you in the Maine Senate. I am honored that you have put your trust in me and can assure you I will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf.

Maine is in the midst of one of the greatest periods of prosperity in its history and has led the nation in a number of economic categories over the last several years. Unemployment is at record low levels, wages are up, and state government has had seven straight years of surpluses. The number of children living in poverty is in a steep decline, and Maine now leads the nation in equality for women in the workplace and politics.

Though we have accomplished a great deal in the past year, there is still much more to be done. Maintaining the prosperity that you have built over the last several years tops the list. We can do this by holding the line on government spending, doing our best to stay out of the way of local businesses so that they can thrive as a result of their own hard work, and making sure that government is the most fiscally responsible steward of your tax dollars. These will be a few of my priorities this coming year.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. The 129th Legislature certainly has a great deal more work to do, but I believe that if we come together, there is nothing we can't accomplish. Please feel free to contact me at (207) 343-0258 or Paul.Davis@legislature.maine.gov if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,



Paul T. Davis, Sr.
State Senator, District 4



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January 2020

Dear Friends & Neighbors:

The Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature began on Wednesday, January 8. Along with the 280 carryover bills and papers from the First Regular Session, there are more than 400 new pieces of legislation to be deliberated over the coming months. My colleagues and I will need to be efficient and sensible in order to complete our work by the statutory adjournment date of April 15.

Also in April, I am happy to report that Maine's homestead property tax exemption will increase by \$5,000, allowing residents to reduce up to \$25,000 from the value of their home for property tax purposes without any negative impact on local municipalities. If you have not already applied for the exemption, the application process is quick and easy. After answering a few questions about your home and how long you have lived there, you send the form to your town officials by April 1. To the extent you apply after April 1, the exemption is applied toward the next tax year. Once you have applied, you should not have to apply again unless you move.

The budget passed by lawmakers last year, which set in motion the previously mentioned tax relief, may be supplemental due to revised economic forecasts. An additional \$116.9 million in revenue, with potentially more to come, has left my colleagues and I even more determined to meet pressing needs, including our roads, nursing homes, direct care workers, and people with disabilities on waitlists. With the budget already 11% higher than the previous one, it is imperative that restraint be exercised by not instituting new programs that could potentially create future financial strain.

Thank you for the ongoing privilege of serving the good people of Athens at the State House. If you have an interest in receiving my regular e-newsletter, please send me your e-mail address.

Sincerely,

& Cornville, Embden, Harmony, Jackson, Moose River, Muscom

Wellington and continues to include, Lemmington, Highland, Kingsbury, Pleasant Ridge, The Forks and West Forks, plus the unorganized territories of Concord, Lexington and Wymen Townships, Northeast Somerset (including Rockwood Strip, Northwest Somerset and Sebasmoot Lake



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SOMERSET COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2019 Annual Communication



Dave W. Lancaster
Sheriff

As your Sheriff, it is an honor and privilege to serve the citizens of Somerset County. The men and women of the Somerset County Sheriff's Office work diligently every day endeavoring to make Somerset County a safer place to live. The Sheriff's Office is responsible for the operation of the County Jail, law enforcement, court security, and civil process. Somerset County is approximately 4,000 square miles. The County is comprised of 27 towns, 6 plantations, and 83 unorganized townships. In 2019, I was elected as 2nd Vice President for the Maine Sheriff's Association.

Law Enforcement

The patrol division is comprised of 11 rural patrol deputies. One Deputy is dedicated to patrolling the unorganized townships. The patrol division is overseen by a Lieutenant. The Detective division is comprised of three detectives and is overseen by a Lieutenant. In addition, the Sheriff's Office has partnered with MDEA (Maine Drug Enforcement Agency) to hire an agent assigned to the Detective division.

In June 2019, the man who murdered Corporal Eugene Cole in the Town of Norridgewock was convicted of murder by a jury in the Cumberland County Superior Court. In September 2019, the man was sentenced to life in prison. In August 2019, the 2nd Annual Corporal Cole Memorial 5K & Half Marathon was held in the Town of Norridgewock. Hundreds of people participated in this fundraiser.

On October 18, 2019, a memorial stone was erected in front of the Sheriff's Office for Deputy Charles Baker, Sr. who lost his life in the line of duty on December 28, 1999.

On June 8, 2019, Michael G. Mitchell joined the Somerset County Sheriff's Office as the Chief Deputy. Chief Deputy Mitchell has three Masters Degrees, is a combat veteran, and has 35 years of police experience that he brings to the agency.

In 2019, two deputies graduated from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy Basic Training Program; Deputy Racheem Wood and Deputy Brandon Lambert.

The Sheriff's Office coordinated two Drug-Take Back Days for Somerset County in 2019. 743.34 pounds of expired and/or unwanted prescription drugs were collected and properly disposed.

On December 22, 2019, deputies were involved with a police shooting that originated in Waterville where a Waterville Police Officer was shot. The case culminated with the shooter being wounded and taken into custody in the Town of Capen.

Throughout 2019, the Sheriff's Office Detective Division executed drug search warrants which culminated in numerous individuals being charged. The type of illegal drugs confiscated in Somerset County include heroin, fentanyl, cocaine, oxycodone, and crystal meth.

In 2019, the Crimes Against Persons Detective investigated 40 sex crimes. 28 of those cases involved child sexual abuse where forensic interviewing was utilized. Detective Jeremy Leal is a Children's Advocacy Center forensic interviewer. The Somerset County Sheriff's Office Criminal Division tracked 149 individuals who are required by law to register as sex offenders.



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SOMERSET COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Jail

The Somerset County Jail, when operating at full capacity, operates with 36 budgeted Correctional Officers, 8 Shift Supervisors, 2 cooks, 12 program and support staff, and 9 administrative staff to include Major Cory Swepe, who is the Jail Administrator.

- The County Jail is nationally accredited through the American Correctional Association and is operating under nationally accepted best practice standards. The County Jail is also PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) certified.
- In 2019, the Somerset County Jail processed 3,566 bookings, a slight decrease from 2018.
- A facility-wide project was initiated to transition to interior and exterior LED (light-emitting diode) lighting. LED lights are extremely efficient, and have a lifespan far exceeding incandescent or fluorescent lights. The Sheriff's Office and Jail are already seeing thousands of dollars being saved in electrical expenses.
- Refurbishment was completed in one of the two 64-bed male General Population housing units.
- An agreement was solidified to house inmates for Waldo County wherein Waldo is leasing up to 35 beds from the Somerset County Jail. This was accomplished without having to increase staffing levels or having to open an additional housing unit, and with no additional cost to Somerset County taxpayers.
- A MAT (Medication Assisted Treatment) program was developed and implemented for prisoners with substance use disorders being detained at the jail in an effort to combat recidivism. One of my primary goals is to reduce recidivism. As defined by SAMSHA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration), MAT "is the use of FDA-approved medications, in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies, to provide a "whole-patient" approach to the treatment of substance use disorders." Simultaneously with the implementation of MAT, the Somerset County Jail entered into an agreement with Redington-Fairview General Hospital, who was awarded grant funding to provide Community Case Management Services for offenders as they re-enter the community. Designated hospital nurses work in collaboration with inpatient providers, primary care providers, home care agencies, and tertiary care facilities to identify and manage complex/high risk patients who have been identified as needing intensive case management and follow-up across the continuum of care. This partnership is already proving to have a positive impact by continuing to provide treatment and programming initiated in the jail for offenders after release.

Civil Process

In 2019, the Somerset County Sheriff's Office Civil Deputies received 2,453 papers to process and serve.

Calls for Service

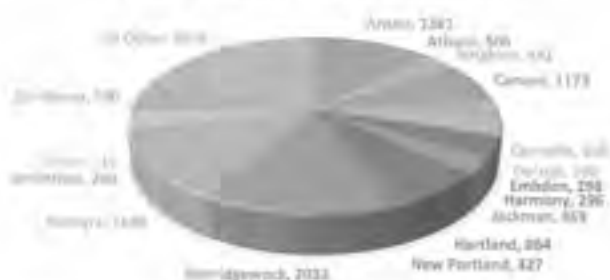
- In 2019 the Sheriff's Office received 35,090 calls for service from our citizens. This represents a 2.6% increase over 2018.
- During 2019 the Sheriff's Office responded to 506 calls for service from the Town of Athens, which is an 8.8% increase over 2018. These calls included 40 motor vehicle stops, 40 motor vehicle accidents, 20 calls requesting citizen assistance, 4 domestic disturbances, as well as calls for burglary, theft, criminal threatening, harassment, welfare checks, and requests for other police services.

The Somerset County Sheriff's Office remains committed to our core values: INTEGRITY-RESPECT-FAIRNESS-DEDICATION. The following graph represent our calls for service:

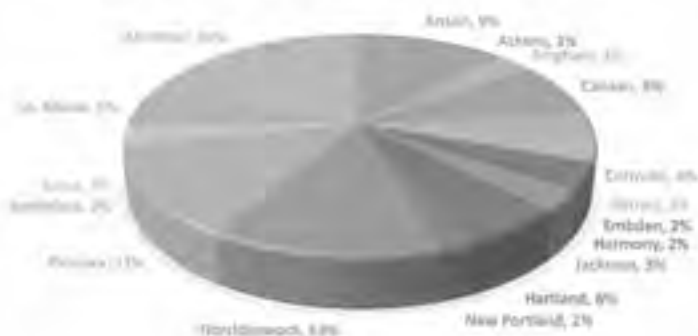


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SOMERSET COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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CALL VOLUME - BY JURISDICTION

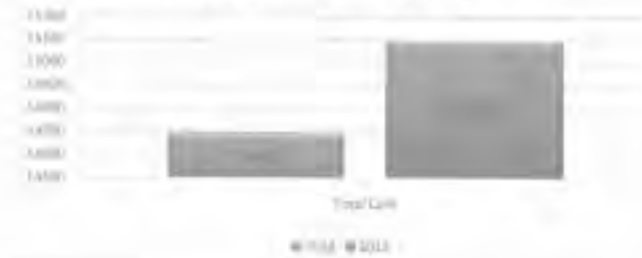


SOMERSET COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
CALL VOLUME - BY JURISDICTION PERCENTAGE





Somerset County Sheriff's Office
Call Volume 2018 v 2019



TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Number of Births Recorded
January 1, 2019 to December 31,
2019

_____ 9

Number of Deaths Recorded
January 1, 2019 to December 31,
2019

_____ 11

Number of Marriages Recorded
January 1, 2019 to December 31,
2019

_____ 7



By Maine Law, dogs six (6) months or older must be licensed on January 1st of each year or at such time as they reach six (6) months of age. You are given a grace period until January 31st. After January 31st, there is a \$25.00 late fee for each dog license.

At the time of licensing, proof of a current rabies shot must be presented to the Town Clerk. If your dog is neutered or spayed, proof must be presented. The fee for a neutered or spayed dog is \$6.00. If the dog is not neutered or spayed the cost is \$11.00.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Athens

Non Zero Balance on Non Lien Accounts

Tax Year: 2019-1

As of: 12/31/2019

REAL ESTATE		Year	Original	Outstanding
Acct	Name		Tax	Tax
392	R ACKERMAN, JEANNE Y & TROY, JAMES P.	2019	1,039.35	1,039.35
148	R Albertson, Lemley L.	2019	1,316.25	1,316.25
11	R ANTON GUY & VENESSA	2019	87.75	87.75
1076	R ANTON, JEREMIAH	2019	349.05	349.05
996	R Arlon, Scott	2019	296.40	296.40
31	R AVERY, DAVID E	2019	776.10	776.10
25	R AVERY, HARLEY & REBECCA CORSON	2019	321.75	321.75
104	R Avery, Jonathan L. Beth, A.	2019	1,255.80	1,255.80
34	R AVERY, MAYNARD, DONNA M.	2019	735.15	735.15
138	R AVERY, ROGER	2019	733.20	733.20
147	R AVERY, VICTORIA SUE	2019	460.20	460.20
903	R BATES DWAYNE L.	2019	74.10	74.10
1049	R Beshop, Aron L.	2019	1,355.25	1,355.25
57	R BISHOP, SUSAN(ARON LEE)	2019	1,012.05	1,012.05
61	R BLODGETT, BRIAN E & LINUA A	2019	844.35	844.35
1068	R BOHMER, PATRICK & RAYMOND	2019	417.30	417.30
387	R BOUDREAU, DEB	2019	372.45	372.45
697	R BOUDREAU, DEBORAH A.	2019	2,821.65	2,821.65
943	R BOUDREAU, DEBORAH A.	2019	327.60	327.60
71	R BOULAY, ROBERT & PAULINE	2019	889.20	889.20
862	R BOULAY, ROBERT & PAULINE	2019	596.70	596.70
540	R BOYD, SEAN P. MELANIE G	2019	421.20	421.20
413	R Brooks, Kenneth L. & Jane L.	2019	1,008.15	808.15
347	R BROOKSIDE HAYVEN FARM	2019	963.30	963.30
346	R BROOKSIDE HAYVEN FARM LLC.	2019	3,716.70	3,716.70
348	R BROOKSIDE HAYVEN FARM LLC.	2019	37.05	37.05
253	R BROWN SHAWN & NICHOLAS	2019	440.70	440.70
798	R Brown, Franklin T. & Dion, David R.	2019	253.50	253.50
866	R Brown, Franklin T. & Dion, David R.	2019	331.50	331.50
133	R BROWN, RICHARD & BARBARA	2019	748.80	748.80
486	R BROWN, SHAWN	2019	337.35	337.35
196	R BROWN, SHAWN M.	2019	1,131.00	1,131.00
796	R BROWN, SHAWN M.	2019	9.75	9.75
245	R BSOH, LLC	2019	1,101.75	1,101.75
295	R BURNS, LARRY AND REBECCA	2019	604.50	604.50
834	R Butler, Wendy	2019	811.20	811.20
700	R CADAVIO, MAURICIO	2019	1,710.15	1,710.15
151	R CAMPBELL, DAMON D.	2019	2,152.80	2,152.80
1020	R CAMPBELL, THOMAS PHILIP SR	2019	1,236.30	1,236.30
1094	R CARNY, LORDA H.	2019	302.25	302.25

1017 R GAY JR, ROGER E.	2019	631.00	631.00
329 R GARR, SCOTT R. SHARON L.	2019	594.75	594.75
655 R GARROLL, COLIN P.	2019	1,400.10	1,380.58
1165 R CHAMPAGNE, JOSEPH R.	2019	427.05	427.05
102 R CLAVETTE, MATTHEW	2019	551.85	551.85
1119 R CLAVETTE, MATTHEW H. & MEGAN	2019	230.10	230.10
900 R CLUCKY, RAUL H. S.	2019	308.10	308.10
*266 R COBB F. JOHN II	2019	555.75	555.75
198 R COCKER, REBECCA J.	2019	1,092.00	1,092.00
874 R COLLINS, RAYMOND & CARRIE	2019	204.75	204.75
921 R COOLEY, EDWARD A.	2019	805.35	805.35
208 R CORSON, CLEON & MARIA	2019	405.60	355.60
713 R CORSON, DANIEL	2019	475.80	475.80
214 R Corson, Gayland & Carol	2019	249.60	249.60
964 R COX, DAVID H.	2019	797.55	797.55
623 R CUSSON, RICHARD	2019	1,794.00	1,794.00
759 R DAVIS, DANIEL H. & BRENDA R.	2019	477.75	477.75
760 R DAVIS, DANIEL H. & BRENDA R.	2019	446.55	446.55
*1169 R DAWSON, HEIDI L.	2019	79.95	79.95
*1071 R DENNO, TODD R. & DANIELLE Y.	2019	2,363.40	2,363.40
742 R DESROCHIE, DANIEL A. & JENNIFER S.	2019	1,277.25	1,277.25
1174 R DONALD PIERCE, CYNTHIE LAMBERT	2019	89.70	89.70
123 R DOURANT, DARLENE L.	2019	1,279.20	1,279.20
*729 R DOW, MARK E. BETTY E.	2019	727.35	727.35
704 R DRAPEAU, EMELE	2019	372.45	372.45
1135 R DUHME, DAVID & WENDY	2019	601.78	601.78
1136 R DUHME, DAVID & WENDY	2019	339.30	339.17
1073 P DUNTON FAMILY IRREVOCABLE TRUST	2019	1,010.10	1,010.10
258 R EDWARDS, GAIL	2019	1,450.80	1,450.80
1134 R EDWARDS, GAIL FAITH	2019	442.65	442.65
250 R ELLIS, STEVEN H.	2019	520.65	520.65
1099 R EMERY, RONALD T.	2019	2,090.40	2,090.40
1129 R FITZGERALD, JOHN W. & KIMBERLY, M	2019	329.55	329.55
262 R FLANDERS, LORI A. (Mothers)	2019	1,041.30	1,041.30
86 R FLANDERS, CINDY L.	2019	148.20	148.20
264 R FLANDERS, LAMONT H. JR.	2019	869.70	869.70
84 R FLANDERS, LAMONT JR.	2019	631.80	631.80
85 R FLANDERS, LAMONT JR.	2019	212.55	212.55
914 R FLANDERS, LUCAS L.	2019	335.40	335.40
1104 R FLANDERS, MATTHEW L.	2019	89.70	89.70
267 R FLANDERS, ROBYN M	2019	27.30	27.30
1000 R Flanders, Roy C.	2019	234.00	234.00
651 R Flanders, Roy C. & Ruby	2019	908.70	908.70
1137 R FOLSOM, STEPHEN E.	2019	436.55	436.55
87 R FOSS, BRENT & CINDY	2019	1,060.80	1,060.80
273 R Foss, Brent L. & Cindy L.	2019	1,310.75	1,023.40
922 R FOSS, EARL H. & OLIVER, MAYA J.	2019	276.90	276.90
274 R FOSS, ERIC	2019	1,107.60	1,107.60
280 R FOSS, WILSON & DEBBIE	2019	399.75	399.75
1101 R FRANZOSE, JESSICA J.	2019	1,355.25	1,355.25
280 R Froese, Ezra W. & Petrie, C.C., Ctr	2019	1,957.80	1,957.80

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*876 R FRETZ, MAYNARD & MARLENE	2019	429.00	429.00
*877 R FRETZ, MAYNARD & MARLENE	2019	707.85	707.85
830 R Gagne, David F. & Christine L.	2019	347.10	347.10
965 R Gagne, David F. & Christine L.	2019	1,918.80	1,918.80
1082 R GAGNE, DAVID F. JR. & CHRISTINE L.	2019	955.50	955.50
361 R Gagne, David F. Jr. & Christine L.	2019	522.60	522.60
31 R Gagnon, Joel & Amree Beth	2019	259.35	259.35
32 R Gagnon, Joel & Amree Beth	2019	1,534.65	1,534.65
298 R GALLANT, WILLIAM B LYDIA H.	2019	7.80	7.80
1021 R Gardiner, Eric	2019	425.10	425.10
1003 R GARDINER, KENNETH F, TRENTON J.	2019	1,088.10	1,088.10
193 R GAUDREAU, GEOFFREY G.	2019	3,256.50	3,256.50
*328 R GEHA, FARID H.	2019	417.30	417.30
528 R GERVAIS, JASON R.	2019	780.00	780.00
311 R GRIMM, WILLIAM	2019	1,138.80	1,138.80
628 R GUILMETTE, CINDY M.	2019	442.65	442.65
317 R HALL, SALLY	2019	721.50	721.50
320 R HAMPE, HERBERT	2019	93.60	93.60
350 R HARRELL, HENRY M. II & JUNE R.	2019	1,129.05	1,129.05
1090 R HARRINGTON, DEAN E. & BARBARA A.	2019	2,258.10	2,207.14
330 R HARVEY, MAUREEN	2019	368.55	368.55
1115 R HAYWOOD, KATIE (STRANG)	2019	719.55	719.55
343 R HIGGINS, BRIAN R.	2019	508.95	508.95
615 R HILMER, JOHN M.	2019	171.60	171.60
530 R HODGES, CHRISTINA M.	2019	321.75	321.75
38 R HOGAN, WILLIAM M.III JAMES H.	2019	910.65	996.95
1133 R HOLMAN, CRAIG E.	2019	479.70	479.70
101 R HUMPHREY, RANDY D.	2019	510.90	510.90
363 R HUTCHINSON, GARY A	2019	1,329.90	1,329.60
612 R IANNUCILLI, MARK	2019	817.05	817.05
1147 R IRISH, DONNA L	2019	327.60	327.60
24 R JAMES, IAN	2019	446.55	446.55
286 R JUDO, JOAN S. & Woodward, Herland E. Jr.	2019	571.35	571.35
918 R JUDO, KENDALL	2019	434.85	434.85
*378 R KAMELOPOULOS, C.T. & KAREN	2019	312.00	312.00
880 R KEEFE, BETH A	2019	111.15	111.15
95 R KEEFE, BETTY	2019	664.95	664.95
910 R KEEFE, TIMOTHY J.	2019	401.70	401.70
*90 R KENDALL, TAMMY	2019	2,515.50	2,515.50
654 R KNOWLES ANTHONY M.	2019	331.50	331.50
*783 R KNOWLES, TIMOTHY S. CHERYL A.	2019	602.55	602.55
626 R KNOX, ELMER L.	2019	672.75	672.75
1047 R KUMMELMAN, BRANDON T.	2019	1,179.75	1,179.34
937 R LABELLE, DYLAN	2019	2,024.10	2,024.10
873 R LANCASTER III, CARROLL L. & KAREN A.	2019	893.10	893.10
404 R LANDRY, ANDREW & JONATHAN ZELONIS	2019	323.70	323.70
646 R LASHOW, STEVE	2019	503.10	503.10
1098 R LAWRENCE, JOSHUA T.	2019	415.35	415.35
908 R LAWRENCE, TRACY	2019	1,944.15	1,944.15
263 R LECLAIR, MICHELLE S.	2019	495.30	495.30

433 R. LECLERC, JEFFREY	2019	842.40	842.40
126 R. LEBBY, JON L.	2019	477.75	477.75
647 R. LOVEJOY, MARGARET ANNIE	2019	292.50	292.50
76 R. LUSIGNAN, WILLIAM F.	2019	380.25	380.25
925 R. MARQUIS, DOLORES IRREVOCABLE TRUST	2019	421.90	421.90
473 R. MATHESON, ELIZABETH S.	2019	645.45	645.45
474 R. MAYER, LESLIE S.	2019	1,249.95	1,249.95
*499 R. McCLINTOCK, STACIE L. MATTHEW C.	2019	1,062.75	1,062.75
475 R. MOGEE, KEVIN D. & JOANNE F.	2019	1,661.40	1,661.40
501 R. MOKECHAGE, AMIE, PAUL EVAN SUSAN	2019	1,230.45	504.67
503 R. MCKENNEY, CYNTHIA L.	2019	1,212.90	1,212.90
505 R. MCKENNEY, PATRICK D.	2019	906.75	906.75
504 R. MCKENNEY, PATRICK D. & CYNTHIA L.	2019	530.40	530.40
203 R. McLaughlin, Terry & Eyal M.	2019	1,614.60	1,614.60
*1075 R. MEEKER, VIRGINIA	2019	1,922.70	1,922.70
*482 R. MULLAND, JEANNINE L.	2019	1,027.85	227.65
180 R. MILLER, JOTHAM M.	2019	185.25	185.25
491 R. MURIN, DARRELL & NANCY	2019	274.95	274.95
1105 R. MURIN, GWYNAL M. & JUDY A.	2019	126.75	126.75
492 R. MURIN, LARRY & CINDY	2019	508.95	508.95
201 R. MURRAY, ARTHUR PETER II &	2019	733.20	733.20
496 R. MURRAY, CLAYTON	2019	356.85	356.85
508 R. NADEAU, MORRIS P. & MARIE M.	2019	1,226.55	1,226.55
511 R. NICHOLS, WENDY A.	2019	678.60	678.60
502 R. OLLIVIER, PAUL P. II	2019	257.40	257.40
503 R. OLLIVIER, PAUL P. II	2019	620.10	620.10
1184 R. PEACE, SCOTT & BRANDI	2019	89.70	89.70
*526 R. PEREIRA, HORACIO	2019	532.35	479.53
676 R. Pierce, Anthony W.	2019	434.85	434.85
472 R. PLUMMER, KATHLEEN G., THOMAS K.	2019	2,301.00	2,301.00
531 R. POMELOW, JAMES D. & GLENNA L.	2019	2,831.40	2,831.40
243 R. Pomelow, Sean R.	2019	1,086.15	1,086.15
388 R. Pomelow, Valerie S. & Braddon J.	2019	941.85	941.85
924 R. POTTER, JAMES W. WALTER R. & DAVID W.	2019	319.80	319.80
935 R. POTTER, DENNIS E. & DAVID W.	2019	1,054.95	1,054.95
923 R. Potter, James W., Walter R. & David W.	2019	1,066.65	1,066.65
1056 R. Poulis, Kelly J.	2019	304.20	304.20
1126 R. POULIN, ROBERT D. LESLIE M.	2019	335.40	335.40
242 R. Prescory, Brandy, Danielle, & Chad	2019	468.00	418.00
*949 R. QUINN COLIN	2019	526.50	526.50
*479 R. QUINN COLIN R. & BONITA M.	2019	113.10	113.10
*740 R. QUINN, COLIN & BONITA	2019	485.55	485.55
*480 R. QUINN, COLIN R.	2019	302.25	302.25
*1144 R. QUINN, COLIN R. BONITA M.	2019	265.20	265.20
*936 R. QUIRON, LAURIE	2019	1,560.00	1,560.00
88 R. RACKLIFF, MICHAEL A. REBECCA I.	2019	1,249.95	1,239.96
777 R. RAMSDOLL, KENNETH A.	2019	961.35	961.35
*832 R. RAMSDOLL, KENNETH A.	2019	315.90	315.90
597 R. REA, BRIAN	2019	585.00	585.00
469 R. REBAR, VIRGINIA	2019	1,638.00	1,638.00
1054 R. Rebar, Virginia	2019	877.50	877.50

81 R RICCIATELLI, ANGELO A.	2019	1,934.40	1,934.40
423 R RICHARDSON, CRAIG	2019	419.25	419.25
153 R Richardson, Craig D. & Lisa C.	2019	735.15	735.15
*50 R RICKER, LARRY	2019	1,205.10	1,205.10
915 R RIDINGS, CECILIA C.	2019	1,920.75	1,920.75
551 R ROMANO, ROBYN	2019	532.35	532.35
571 R SCOTT, LARRY R	2019	2,887.95	2,887.95
374 R Scott, Marjorie & Larry	2019	415.35	415.35
1162 R SHEPARDSON, EARLE H. III	2019	514.80	514.80
641 R SIMONDS, ROBERT A. SR.	2019	485.55	485.55
609 R SMITH, KAY W., Murr, Cynthia, Murr, Vivian	2019	577.20	577.20
63 R Snowy Owl Camp, LTD	2019	8,985.60	8,985.60
861 R Snowy Owl Camp, LTD	2019	2,609.10	2,609.10
*736 R Snyder, Timothy A.	2019	425.10	425.10
596 R STADIG, LEE E. & ALICE M.	2019	196.95	196.95
927 R STEWART, PENNY	2019	142.35	142.35
664 R STEWART, ROBERT D. MILLER, CLARISSA A.	2019	1,472.25	1,472.25
650 R STOCKMAN, SHARON M. & ACKERMAN, CHARLES	2019	278.85	278.85
1150 R STRANG, STEVEN S.	2019	477.75	477.75
279 R Swenson, Ted & Lori Baker	2019	1,062.75	1,062.75
1009 R Swenson, Ted & Lori Baker	2019	228.15	228.15
487 R SWETT, LINDA E	2019	7.80	7.80
498 R SWETT, LINDA E	2019	945.75	945.75
385 R THOMAS, ADAM L. & KIMBERLY A.	2019	976.95	976.95
*750 R THOMPSON, WILLIAM	2019	1,587.30	1,587.30
632 R TICE, DAVID W. & CINDY L.	2019	1,181.70	1,181.70
635 R TODD, DAVID	2019	354.90	354.90
701 R Tolman, Robert J. & Sandra H.	2019	567.45	567.45
*643 R TUTTLE, BETSY L.	2019	473.85	473.85
920 R TUTTLE, BRIAN A.	2019	337.35	337.35
649 R UNDERWOOD, KEVIN L. & SUSAN H.	2019	938.80	938.80
1175 R VIGUE, ROBERT II.	2019	366.60	366.60
685 R WATT ROBERT B.	2019	2,277.60	2,277.60
638 R WALKER, WADE H.	2019	2,677.35	2,677.35
*628 R WALLACE, DONALD A.	2019	432.90	432.90
*821 R Wallace, DONALD A.	2019	604.50	604.50
99 R WATROUS, JR., STEPHEN D. & SOONJIN	2019	1,365.00	1,365.00
335 R Watson, Herbert Lee	2019	1,041.30	1,041.30
1124 R WAUGH, MICHAEL	2019	391.95	391.95
1046 R WEESE, DWAYNE V.	2019	536.25	536.25
1087 R WEESE, DWIGHT	2019	1,144.65	1,144.65
907 R WINTER, ROBERT	2019	1,817.40	1,817.40
813 R WOZNY, JOSEPH E. III	2019	146.25	146.25
814 R WOZNY, JOSEPH E. III	2019	456.30	456.30
*912 R Wright, Scott D., Sr.	2019	1,530.75	1,530.75
706 R YORK, SCOTT & JOY	2019	434.85	434.85
637 R YOUNG TIMOTHY R. ROBERTA J.	2019	780.00	780.00
Total for 239 Accounts:		203,605.35	198,877.61

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Non Zero Balance on Non Lien Accounts

Tax Year: 2019-1

As of: 12/31/2019

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Acct	Name	Year	Original Tax	Outstanding Tax
38	F. Forneloz, James	2019	390.00	390.00
Total for 1 Account:			390.00	390.00


\$195,877.61 - Outstanding Real Estate Tax

5 390.00 - Outstanding Personal Property Tax

\$199,267.61 Total

*Paid in Full after books closed 12/31/2019

Respectfully Submitted,



Tracey H. Rotondi
Athens Tax Collector

OUTSTANDING PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

Athens

Non Zero Balance on Non Lien Accounts

Tax Year: 2018-1

As of: 12/31/2019

Acct	Name	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due
88 P	FAIR CREDIT LEASING SERVICE CORP	2018	55.50	0.00	55.50
Total for 1 Account:			55.50	0.00	55.50

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Non Zero Balance on Non Lien Accounts

Tax Year: 2017-1

As of: 12/31/2019

Acct	Name	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due
77 T	WELLS FARGO VENDOR FINANCIAL SERV	2017	9.13	0.00	9.13
Total for 1 Account:			9.13	0.00	9.13

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Non Zero Balance on Non Lien Accounts

Tax Year: 2016-1

As of: 12/31/2019

Acct	Name	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due
78 P	HARRIS CORP-EXELIS 4058	2016	1,925.00	0.00	1,925.00
47 P	Thompson, William	2016	262.50	0.00	262.50
Total for 2 Accounts:			2,187.50	0.00	2,187.50

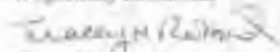
Non Zero Balance on Non Lien Accounts

Tax Year: 2015-1

As of: 12/31/2019

Acct	Name —	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due
3 F	Blodgett, Brian E. & Linda A.	2015	146.25	0.00	146.25
59 F	Rent-Way, Inc.	2015	125.01	0.00	125.01
39 P	Roach, Scott & Jim Scott	2015	312.00	0.00	312.00
47 F	Thompson, William	2015	292.50	0.00	292.50
Total for 4 Accounts:			875.76	0.00	875.76

Respectfully Submitted,



Tracey H. Roberts

Athens Tax Collector

To the citizens of the Town of Athens:

A huge thank you for your continued support of all the childrens' programs here in our town! We would like to especially thank those of you who so generously had donations sent to the Rec Dept. in memory of your loved ones. We are so appreciative that you would do that for us! We continue to use the money that you appropriate and the money we are able to raise plus the donations that come in to provide our children with some fun activities, sports, and other events throughout the year.

We fielded 2 baseball teams (ages 8 and under, 10 and under), 1 tee-ball, and 2 softball teams (ages 8 and under, and 10 and under) during the spring. Thank you again to all our sponsors who help each year with getting the children new hats. We couldn't do this without you. We are always looking for volunteers to help operate the snack shack during games, so if you are interested in helping out please let us know! To all of the businesses that continue to support us through their signs at the baseball field, we thank you. We would love to add your business' sign down there, so if you are interested please contact us!

The swim program we are able to offer was a success again. We had 20 children sign up to go to Lake George's Camp Poodoc. Those who attended learned not only how to swim, but were able to play games, do crafts, and other fun things for the 2 weeks that they are there. Be on the lookout in late May or early June for the registration forms that will be sent home through the school if you are interested in having your child attend.

The town's football field was well used again this past fall, and our snack shack had another successful year. Many thanks to those who volunteered their time and baked goods for the games. Teenagers who need community service hours are more than welcome to volunteer during our football/soccer season. There are plenty of jobs to do each weekend that our town hosts games and during the week when the soccer teams are playing. We had another flag football team for those in Kindergarten-2nd grade, and a tackle team for that age group for those that were interested. Lots of practicing of skills and plays was put in by the youngsters this year and we are seeing the results of all that hard work. There is also a place to advertise your business on the football field. Please call Cory Bussell if you would like your sign added to the field.

We had 3 soccer teams this year. Our 3rd-4th graders and our 5th-6th graders had another fun and exciting season, and we also had a team for Kindergarten through 2nd grade where they could learn some basic soccer skills and have some fun. We were able to host games for all levels including our school's junior high team at the football field. Please continue to show your support by stopping by to watch all the hard work these children are putting in.

During this winter, as in the past, we had one boys and one girls basketball team at the 5th-6th grade level and one boys and one girls team at the 3rd and 4th grade level. There was also a team that was for all of our Kindergarten through 2nd graders that was run during the month of March. We are hoping that these programs continue to be a great start to getting our children ready to play at the junior high and high school levels!

A huge thank you to all the coaches of the various teams who volunteered their time and mostly their patience! We truly appreciate all that you do! Also a huge thank you to the one who volunteers her time and energy to ref these games!

The 8th grade class helped us to put on another Monsters' Ball fundraiser held at the Grange Hall in October that was followed up with a Halloween party the next night for those children in 4th grade and younger.

A special thank you to the businesses in Athens that faithfully support the children and the Rec. Department; we couldn't do it without your help! Thank you also to the Athens Community School for their generous donation again this year with the annual Trash-A-Thon and for putting up with our crazy practice schedules. We are continuing to plan more fundraisers for 2020 and would be interested in any of your ideas. Please direct any questions or concerns to our members. We thank you again for your continued support and are looking forward to another great year of being able to interact and work with the children of our town.

Athens Recreation Department

Cory Bussell Vicky Avery

Karen Clark

Luke Sites Jean Bussell

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2020

ARTICLE	APPROPRIATION	EXCISE TAX	RAISE	SURPLUS
5E	CLERK/TRANSAC.	\$1.75	\$1.75	
7A MISC ACT	\$35,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$20,000.00	
7B INS.	\$22,500.00	\$10,500.00	\$12,000.00	
7C MMA	\$2,056.00	\$2,056.00		
7D SS MED UN	\$22,500.00	\$10,500.00	\$12,000.00	
7E SALARY	\$54,250.00		\$54,250.00	
8 EVCOG	\$1,400.00		\$1,400.00	
9 CODE OFF	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	
10 G/A	\$11,000.00		\$11,000.00	
11 TWN/GRD	\$30,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$5,000.00
13 MT REST	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
14 TAX MAP	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00	
15 COM PRO	\$5,610.00			\$5,610.00
16 SOM HUM	\$1,599.83			\$1,599.83
17 FIRE DEPT	\$33,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$25,000.00	
18 F.D. GEAR	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00	
20 REC. DEPT.	\$27,000.00	\$18,250.00	\$3,750.00	\$5,000.00
21 ROADS	\$221,500.00	\$87,500.00	\$129,000.00	\$5,000.00
22 PAV ACT	\$50,000.00		\$50,000.00	
23 ROAD BND	\$53,843.40		\$53,843.40	
25 MUN WST	\$74,500.00	\$30,000.00	\$41,500.00	\$3,000.00
26 BLD PROJ	*\$44,670.00		*\$44,670.00	
27 AUDIT	\$12,000.00		\$12,000.00	
	\$712,929.23	\$190,806.00	\$495,913.40	\$26,209.83

* potential to raise no recommendation was made by budget committee

<u>Article #</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Breakdown of expenditures</u>
74-AWAC	\$30,000.00	\$30,558.36	(\$558.36)	\$2,347.54 Abatement \$1,890.00 Payroll services \$3,569.28 Dr. Greene \$840.20 Mileage \$2,878.25 Postage \$772.30 Printing/Publish \$1,828.70 Supplies \$10,422.08 Software \$607.50 Bailor clerk \$826.50 Other labor \$3,339.80 Reg of Deeds \$1,236.21 Other (\$59.40 copier lease) \$29.96 911 sign \$46.85 flag(s)
76-Insurance	\$22,500.00	\$28,329.00	(\$5,829.00)	
75-MMA Dues	\$2,004.00	\$2,004.00	\$0.00	
70-Payroll Taxes	\$25,500.00	\$19,898.34	\$6,106.66	
78-Salaries				
A.1st Selectman	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	
B.2nd Selectman	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	
C.3rd Selectman	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	
D.Tax Collector	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	
E.Town Clerk	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	
F.Treasurer	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	
G.Animal Control	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	
H.Fire Chief	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	
I-RCUG	\$1,378.00	\$1,514.00	(\$136.00)	
9-Code Enforce	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
10-Support Pool	\$11,000.00	\$6,616.82	\$4,383.18	
11-Town/Officer	\$30,000.00	\$24,506.28	\$5,093.72	\$2,092.82 Electric \$1,573.46 Telephone \$2,562.22 Heating \$645.00 Mowing \$5,950.00 Portapotty \$764.67 Repairs \$570.45 Building \$9,118.00 Labor \$3,425.86 Equipment/Supply \$204.00 Fuel

Article #	Budgeted	Spent	Balance	Breakdown of expenditures
12-Snowmobile Club	\$688.48	\$688.48	\$0.00	
13-Cemetery	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	
14-Cemetery trees	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	
15-Donations				
A. Food Pantry	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	
B. Family Violence	\$635.00	\$635.00	\$0.00	
C. RV Van	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$0.00	
D. KY Child&Family	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	
E. Hospice	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	
F. PBS	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	
G. Senior Spectrum	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	
H. Somerset Eco Devel	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	
I.Slow Welcome	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	
16-Somerset Humane	\$1,599.83	\$1,599.83	\$0.00	
17-Veto Department				
A. Incidentals	\$6,000.00	\$7,244.16	(\$1,244.16)	\$796.32 Quinn Hardware \$6,390.97 ME Fire Equip \$100.45 Irving \$1,043.68 Hammond Lumber \$53.06 Warren's Office \$70.00 Economy Trophy \$429.95 Wilkerson's \$200.00 Jamie Stafford \$368.52 RFGH \$214.00 Bromar Printing \$274.45 Exigen LLC \$32.00 USPS-Box Fee \$368.93 Positive Promos \$109.00 Polar Bear Oil \$114.88 Old Mill Pub (Credits - \$3,122.05 donations, \$2,000.00 Brighton Plantation)
B. Utilities	\$3,000.00	\$3,737.79	(\$737.79)	\$526.87 electric \$4,219.15 heating \$991.73 fuel
C. Pay	\$7,000.00	\$5,858.00	\$1,142.00	

Article #	Budgeted	Spent	Balance	Breakdown of expenditures
D. Maintenance	\$5,000.00	\$5,287.84	(\$287.84)	\$519.97 MC Fire Equip \$830.00 Yankee CT \$6,650.00 Industrial \$2,200.00 Spruce Mtn. \$1,050.00 Whittemore's \$800.00 K&T Environmental (Credits - \$1,462.50 grant \$3,500.00 Brighton Plant \$3,177.53 MEMC refund \$623.05 donation)
E. Savings	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	
19 Bar Goph				
A. Swim	\$4,000.00	\$4,410.00	(\$410.00)	\$5,000.00 spent minus \$390.00 fees charged
B. Fire -Swimming budgeted	\$7,500.00	\$8,038.28	(\$538.28)	\$5,733.42 donations \$5,193.14
C. Maintenance	\$8,000.00	\$7,107.97	\$892.03	\$3,079.25 labor \$1,027.05 electricity \$2,891.00 equipment \$110.67 parts
F. Savings	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	
20 Roads				
A. Equip Savings	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	
B.Brush Cutting	\$5,000.00	\$3,973.22		\$2,903.50 Labor \$1,069.72 Supply/Equip
E. Maintenance	\$25,000.00	\$25,268.23	(\$268.23)	\$680.00 Labor \$938.77 Brown's Steel \$329.99 Maine Gwy \$818.00 Hights \$2,616.34 Carparts Dist \$3,266.70 Traction \$3,772.29 Jamar Const \$309.71 Quinn Hardware \$2,862.41 Advance Auto \$1,830.61 HP Fairfield

<u>Article #</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Breakdown of expenditures</u>
				\$728.94 Canadian Chairs \$477.14 Turcottes \$1,625.00 Skow Tire \$175.86 Napa \$241.22 Morrison & Sylvester \$1,250.00 Tim Sauter \$1,320.60 Harry J Smith \$549.18 Denison Lubricants \$743.01 Sworthy Milton \$485.56 Nortrax \$906.90 Misc
D. Sand/Soil	\$45,000.00	\$44,880.87	\$119.13	\$3,205.00 Labor \$39,300.87 Supplies \$2,375.00 Equip Rental
E. Summer Roads	\$65,000.00	\$68,774.81	(\$3,774.81)	Supplies:\$10,027.23 Wages:\$42,077.50 Mileage:\$322.08 Fuel:\$6,348.05 \$1,140.00 Allied Equip \$770.04 Traction \$1,611.53 Jamar Construction \$376.02 Maine Dry \$150.00 Dan Weese \$418.50 Pike Industries \$1,024.00 Maine Salt Co \$414.00 Sherwood Small \$300.00 MB& Auto \$2,580.00 Farrin Bros \$1,630.00 Finesline Paving \$527.00 QJ Municipal \$857.57 Carparts Distr \$6,128.00 Portland Plus \$55.97 Quinn Hardware \$55.55 Morrison's Garage \$480.00 Eagle Rental \$162.41 HP Fairfield \$59.95 Turcottes Garage \$115.90 Advance Auto \$125.21 Campbells Agway \$310.37 Denison Lubricants \$1,889.25 Robert Chavel \$112.30 Canadian Chairs \$660.00 Skowhegan Tire (credits-\$1,398.46)

<u>Article #</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Breakdown of expenditures</u>
F. Winter Roads	\$80,000.00	\$81,069.17 Supplies:\$2,218.71 Wages:\$45,010.50 Fuel:\$13,839.96	(\$1,069.17)	\$174.98 Quinn Hardware \$500.00 C&J Towing \$310.37 Dennison Lubricants \$1,000.00 Morrison Forest \$233.36 Misc
G. Utilities	\$6,500.00	\$6,038.48	\$461.52	\$1,316.84 Electric \$1,186.25 Phone \$3,535.39 Heating
21-Paving Acct	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	
23-Roads Bond	\$49,009.88	\$53,843.80	(\$4,773.54)	
24-Transfer Station A. Station	\$14,500.00	\$13,601.28	\$898.72	\$11,978.00 wages \$180.54 Heating \$455.00 Licenses \$987.74 Supplies
B. Disposal	\$60,000.00	\$57,511.12	\$2,488.88	
25-Building Comm	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	
26-audit	\$12,000.00	\$8,400.00	\$3,600.00	
27-Vet Memorial	\$2,900.00	\$2,248.19	\$651.81	\$503.00 Labor \$1,745.19 Supplies

Municipal Government In Maine

How it works, who pays for it and where the money goes.

This poster shows the many services provided by local government in towns and cities in Maine.

It also shows how the town or city collects money to pay for the services.

Citizen Involvement

Active citizen involvement is necessary for good government. Town people can get involved in many different ways. They can serve on a school or board of education, serve on a board or committee, attend a council or selectmen meeting or attend a town meeting.

Municipal Government



From businesses
Maine Merchants
Trade and more



From people and homes
Mortgage
Land taxes
and more



From car and truck owners
Motor Vehicle taxes
Road and
more



From state and federal governments
Grants
Gifts
and more



Schools

Most towns pay for the school in their communities with the help of the State School System.



Police Department

Town Police help fund the community's public safety. The town's officers, equipped with the cars and equipment they need to keep you safe from crime.



Library

Libraries provide access to the many people who follow with the Maine State Library and Computer that provide and provide the service of books, and more.



Parks and Recreation

Many towns provide a variety of parks and recreation facilities. The money that provides the parks and recreation facilities is collected from the town's residents and the state.



Fire Department

Maine towns have firefighters who are paid to respond to emergencies. They need money to buy trucks and equipment to fight fires and other dangers.



Highway or Public Works

It is important to have good roads and public works. The money that is used to build and maintain the roads and public works is collected from the town's residents and the state.



Recycling and Trash

Recycling and trash services are provided by the town's residents and the state. The money that is used to provide these services is collected from the town's residents and the state.



Animal Control

Animal control services are provided by the town's residents and the state. The money that is used to provide these services is collected from the town's residents and the state.



General Assistance

General assistance is provided to town residents who are in need. The money that is used to provide these services is collected from the town's residents and the state.

Municipal services are different in each town. To find out more about municipal government in Maine, you can visit the Maine Municipal Association's web site at www.mmain.org.

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TREASURER'S REPORT 2019

GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT

Cash on hand, January 1, 2019

\$ 932,187.63

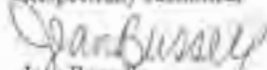
Receipts from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019

Athens Public Schools, withholding taxes	175,338.81
Athens Public Schools, loan payment reimbursement	23,855.47
Athens Recreation & Conservation, donations	6,321.42
Checking account, net interest earned	3,795.15
Concealed weapon permits	105.00
MEMIC, insurance dividends	1,177.53
Refunds/Donations/Grants:	8,706.60
Rental of town buildings or grounds	800.00
State of Maine:	
BETE	389,165.00
Burn permits	20.00
Homestead exemption reimbursement	49,220.00
Local road assistance program (LRAP)	37,784.00
Revenue sharing	57,035.47
Snowmobile refund	688.48
Tree growth reimbursement	19,718.63
Truck excise tax reimbursement	501.97
Veterans exemption reimbursement	959.00
GA Reimbursement	1,063.30
MEMA	1,008.19
Transfer station fees	1,223.00
UBS Financial Services, interest earned	1,083.40
Excise Tax collections	186,467.42
NSF Fees collected	250.00
Miscellaneous income	606.45
Plumbing Permits	975.00
Taxes collected:	
2008-2016 Liens (TA)	18,338.47
2017 Liens	28,656.26
2018 Liens	20,586.43
	67,481.16
Taxes collected continued:	
2018 Personal Property	453.25
2019 Personal Property	19,069.99
	19,523.24
Interest on taxes	9,573.29
Lien costs/fees	6,486.38

Current Taxes collected:		
2018 Taxes	174,949.22	
2019 Taxes	1,059,751.08	
2020 Taxes	384.54	
		1,235,084.84
Town Clerk, Tracey Rotondi:		
Dogs	550.00	
Inland Fisheries & Wildlife	10,378.70	
		10,928.70
Tracey Rotondi		
agent/excise/clerk fees		6,626.50
		<hr/> \$2,323,673.40

	credits	debits
Total receipts reported during 2019	\$2,323,673.40	
Cash on hand January 1, 2019	932,187.63	
Total paid from Selectmen's warrants 2019		<u>2,089,062.33</u>
Balance in account December 31, 2019		\$1,166,798.70

Respectfully submitted,



Jean Bussell

Treasurer, Town of Athens

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Debits

Credits

Highway Maintenance Account

Balance, January 1, 2019	\$ 91,775.44
Interest Earned	326.92
LRAP	17,784.00
Transfer from general checking	<u>50,000.00</u>
Balance, December 31, 2019	\$179,886.36

Equipment Account

Balance, January 1, 2019	\$ 3,398.56
Interest Earned	11.99
Transfer from general checking	<u>8,500.00</u>
Balance, December 31, 2019	\$ 11,910.55

Legal Fund Account

Balance, January 1, 2019	\$ 9,872.78
Interest Earned	<u>34.60</u>
Balance, December 31, 2019	\$ 9,907.38

Somerset Academy Account

Balance, January 1, 2019	\$101,383.37
Interest Earned	<u>405.28</u>
Balance, December 31, 2019	\$101,788.65

Dr. Greene Savings Accounts

Balance, January 1, 2019	\$407,142.94
Interest Earned	<u>2,546.12</u>
Balance, December 31, 2019	\$409,689.06* \$26,229.37 moved to 5 month CD Oct 29th

Marion T. Hall Savings Account

Balance, January 1, 2019	\$ 20,323.66
Interest Earned	<u>8.38</u>
Balance, December 31, 2019	\$ 20,332.04* moved to 5 month CD Oct 29

Dr. Greene Account

Balance, January 1, 2019	\$251,558.28
Interest Earned	<u>623.05</u>
Balance, December 31, 2019	\$252,181.33* moved to 5 month CD Oct 29

Dr. Greene Dividend Capture Account

Balance, January 1, 2019	\$ 3,012.50
Interest Earned	<u>1.24</u>
Balance, December 31, 2019	\$ 3,013.74* moved to 5 month CD Oct 29

Recreation & Conservation Savings Account

Balance, January 1, 2019	\$ 7,005.42
Interest Earned	24.55
Transfer from general checking	<u>500.00</u>
Balance, December 31, 2019	\$ 7,529.97

Fire Department Savings Account

Opening deposit, June 14, 2019	\$ 53,605.40
Interest Earned	47.36
Transfer from general checking	<u>7,000.00</u>
Balance, December 31, 2019	\$ 60,652.76

School Well/Roof Bond

Balance, January 1, 2019	\$ 96,296.94
Interest Earned	34.45
Warrants paid out per Selectmen	<u>95,885.00</u>
Balance, December 31, 2019	\$ 466.39

Non Zero Balance on Lien Accounts

Tax Year: 2017-1

As of: 01/01/2020

Acct	Name	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due
139 L	Avery, Jonathan L. Beth R.	2017	1,293.80	85.50	1,207.30
61 L	BLODGETT, BRAD E & LINDA A	2017	916.87	0.00	916.87
71 L	BOULAY, ROBERT & PAULINE	2017	933.12	88.18	844.94
862 L	BOULAY, ROBERT & PAULINE	2017	846.14	0.00	846.14
874 L	COLLINS, RAYMOND & CARRIE	2017	261.59	0.00	261.59
713 L	Cornet, DANIEL	2017	527.52	415.45	112.07
738 L	DOW, MARK E. BETTY E	2017	773.56	260.70	512.86
262 L	FLANDERS, LEO A.	2017	1,082.35	524.94	547.41
84 L	FLANDERS, LAMONT JR.	2017	687.28	0.00	687.28
914 L	FLANDERS, LUCAS L.	2017	772.41	0.00	772.41
1104 L	FLANDERS, MATTHEW L.	2017	401.25	37.54	363.71
1108 L	FRANZOSE, JESSICA J.	2017	1,390.38	0.00	1,390.38
398 L	GALLANT, WILLIAM & LYDIA M	2017	68.35	0.00	68.35
317 L	HALL, SALLY	2017	768.58	0.00	768.58
350 L	HARRELL, HENRY M. II & JUNE R.	2017	1,168.45	853.56	314.89
328 L	HARRISON, JOSEPH	2017	426.13	346.93	79.20
1115 L	HAYWOOD, KATIE (STRANG)	2017	766.68	0.00	766.68
530 L	HODGES, CHRISTINA M.	2017	74.25	0.00	74.25
1123 L	HOLMAN, CRAIG E.	2017	578.23	0.00	578.23
1147 L	IRISH, DONNA L.	2017	382.12	0.00	382.12
918 L	JACO, KENDALL	2017	487.35	6.87	494.22
880 L	KEEFE, BETH A	2017	169.76	0.00	169.76
937 L	LABELLE, DYLAN	2017	2,053.30	0.00	2,053.30
473 L	LANCASTER III, CARROLL E. & KAREN A.	2017	972.34	173.98	798.36
404 L	LANDRY, ANDREW & JONATHAN ZELOS	2017	628.93	0.00	628.93
1098 L	LAWRENCE, JOSHUA T.	2017	468.22	0.00	468.22
408 L	LAWRENCE, TRACY	2017	1,968.17	887.08	1,081.09
475 L	MCREE, NEVIN D & BOANNE P	2017	1,690.75	0.00	1,690.75
491 L	MUNN, DARRELL & NANCY	2017	580.14	0.00	580.14
496 L	MURRAY, CLAYTON	2017	410.82	311.13	99.69
1114 L	PERKINS, BRUCE & JANGIE	2017	230.97	0.00	230.97
1056 L	Paulin, Kelly J.	2017	359.16	0.00	359.16
515 L	RIDINGS, CECILIA C.	2017	1,945.21	0.00	1,945.21
509 L	SMITH, RAY W., (Mark, Cynthia) Ryan, Vivian	2017	627.01	0.00	627.01
63 L	Society Owl Camp, LTD	2017	8,890.13	0.00	8,890.13
581 L	Snowy Owl Camp, LTD	2017	2,633.96	0.00	2,633.96
632 L	TICE, DAVID W. & GILBY L.	2017	1,226.80	0.00	1,226.80
781 L	Tolman, Robert J. & Sanford M.	2017	617.44	492.11	125.33

Non Zero Balance on Lien Accounts
Tax Year: 2017-1
As of: 01/01/2020

Acct	Name	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due
Total for 28 Accounts:			36,876.62	4,587.10	35,291.42

Payment Summary

Type	Principal	Interest	Costs	Total
Paid	3,483.83	444.13	649.10	4,587.10
Total	3,483.83	444.13	649.10	4,587.10

Lien Summary

2017-1	35,291.42
Total	35,291.42

Non Zero Balance on Lien Accounts

Tax Year: 2018-1
As of: 01/01/2020

Acct	Name	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due
21 L	EVERY, DAVID E	2018	831.40	637.32	194.08
104 L	Avery, Jonathan L. Betty, A.	2018	1,307.67	0.00	1,307.67
901 L	BATES-DWAYNE L.	2018	134.42	0.00	134.42
61 L	B. (JOSSELYN), BRIAN E & LINDA A	2018	921.85	0.00	921.85
1068 L	BOHMER, PATRICK & RAYMOND	2018	368.66	0.00	368.66
71 L	BOULAY, ROBERT & PAULINE	2018	943.89	0.00	943.89
802 L	BOULAY, ROBERT & PAULINE	2018	653.29	0.00	653.29
252 L	BROWN SHAWN & NICHOLAS	2018	498.40	0.00	498.40
196 L	BROWN, SHAWN M.	2018	1,189.57	0.00	1,189.57
245 L	BROOK, LLC	2018	1,154.73	0.00	1,154.73
1017 L	Can Jr, Roger E.	2018	688.13	0.00	688.13
900 L	CLARKE, RALPH, S.	2018	173.60	281.60	90.00
198 L	COCKER, REBECCA J	2018	850.96	390.53	460.43
074 L	COLLINS, RAYMOND & CARRIE	2018	270.99	0.00	270.99
713 L	CORSON, DANIEL	2018	533.25	0.00	533.25
964 L	COX, DAVID M.	2018	559.55	0.00	559.55
259 L	DAVIS, DANIEL H & BRENDA R	2018	535.19	0.00	535.19
760 L	DAVIS, DANIEL H & BRENDA R	2018	504.21	0.00	504.21
739 L	DOW, MARK E. BETTY E.	2018	796.70	0.00	796.70
250 L	ELUS, STEVEN H.	2018	577.78	0.00	577.78
1099 L	EMERY, RONALD T.	2018	122.13	0.00	122.13
262 L	FLANDERS, LORI A.	2018	1,094.71	0.00	1,094.71
264 L	FLANDERS, LAMONT H. JR.	2018	924.33	0.00	924.33
64 L	FLANDERS, LAMONT JR.	2018	694.98	0.00	694.98
76 L	FLANDERS, LAMONT JR.	2018	278.73	0.00	278.73
914 L	FLANDERS, LUCAS L.	2018	400.70	0.00	400.70
1104 L	FLANDERS, MATTHEW L.	2018	405.47	0.00	405.47
922 L	FOSS, EARL H. & OLIVER MAYA L.	2018	335.13	0.00	335.13
074 L	FOSS, ERIC & DONNA	2018	1,167.38	0.00	1,167.38
260 L	FOSS, WILSON & DEBBIE	2018	457.74	0.00	457.74
1108 L	FRANZOSE, JESSICA J.	2018	1,406.41	0.00	1,406.41
830 L	Gagne, David F. & Christine L.	2018	412.32	0.00	412.32
965 L	Gagne, David F. & Christine L.	2018	1,976.66	1,236.21	740.45
1082 L	GAGNE, DAVID F. JR. & CHRISTINE L.	2018	1,024.17	0.00	1,024.17
361 L	Gagne, David F. Jr. & Christine L.	2018	586.56	0.00	586.56
298 L	GALLANT, WILLIAM & LYDIA M	2018	68.59	0.00	68.59
1021 L	Gardner, Eric	2018	381.21	0.00	381.21
1001 L	GARDNER, KENNETH J., TRENTON L. &	2018	1,141.17	0.00	1,141.17
328 L	GEHA, FARID H.	2018	430.64	0.00	430.64
317 L	HALL, SALLY	2018	777.19	0.00	777.19
350 L	HARRELL, HENRY M. II & JUNE R.	2018	1,181.83	0.00	1,181.83
1115 L	HAYWOOD, KATIE (STRANK)	2018	782.11	0.00	782.11
530 L	HODGES, CHRISTINA M.	2018	380.30	0.00	380.30

Non Zero Balance on Lien Accounts

Tax Year: 2018-E
As of: 01/01/2020

Acct	Name —	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due
1133 L	HOLMAN, CRAIG E.	2018	574.95	0.00	574.95
1147 L	IRISH, DONNA L.	2018	386.11	0.00	386.11
286 L	JUDO, JOAN E. & Woodward, Marlene E. Jr.	2018	425.08	148.97	276.07
918 L	KIDD, KENDALL	2018	492.59	0.00	492.59
988 L	KEEFE, BETH A.	2018	171.21	0.00	171.21
910 L	KEEFE, TIMOTHY J.	2018	489.68	296.20	163.48
937 L	LABELLE, DYLAN	2018	2,077.33	0.00	2,077.33
823 L	LANCASTER III, CARROLL L. & KAREN A.	2018	956.35	0.00	956.35
484 L	LANGRY, ANDREW & JONATHAN ZELONIS	2018	384.17	0.00	384.17
646 L	LASHON, STEVE	2018	560.35	0.00	560.35
1088 L	LAWRENCE, JOSHUA T.	2018	473.23	0.00	473.23
408 L	LAWRENCE, TRACY	2018	1,991.10	0.00	1,991.10
761 L	LECLAIR, MICHELLE S.	2018	552.61	0.00	552.61
475 L	MC GEE, KEVIN G. & JOANNE H.	2018	1,710.38	0.00	1,710.38
103 L	MILLER, JOTHAM H.	2018	334.88	0.00	334.88
491 L	MUNN, DARRELL & NANCY	2018	333.83	0.00	333.83
881 L	MURRAY, ARTHUR PETER II &	2018	795.66	0.00	795.66
406 L	MURRAY, CLAYTON	2018	415.15	0.00	415.15
508 L	NADEAU, MORRIS P. & MARY H.	2018	1,278.63	0.00	1,278.63
1114 L	PERKINS, BRUCE & JANICE	2018	236.14	0.00	236.14
1056 L	Poulin, Kelly J.	2018	362.88	0.00	362.88
915 L	RIDDINGS, CECELIA C.	2018	1,967.87	0.00	1,967.87
609 L	SMITH, RAY W., Munn, Cynthia; Munn, Vivian	2018	633.92	0.00	633.92
63 L	Slowly Dwl Camp, LTD	2018	8,995.93	0.00	8,995.93
861 L	Slowly Dwl Camp, LTD	2018	2,665.00	0.00	2,665.00
927 L	STEWART, PENNY	2018	302.18	0.00	302.18
664 L	STEWART, ROBERT D. MILLER, CLARISSA A.	2018	885.47	0.00	885.47
632 L	TICE, DAVID W. & CINDY L.	2018	1,234.10	0.00	1,234.10
781 L	Tinkney, Robert J. & Sandra M.	2018	624.24	0.00	624.24
335 L	Wabun, Herbert Lee	2018	1,101.56	0.00	1,101.56
706 L	YONG, SCOTT & JOY	2018	499.44	0.00	499.44
437 L	YOUNG TIMOTHY B. ROBERTA J.	2018	881.74	0.00	881.74

Non Zero Balance on Lien Accounts
Tax Year: 2018-1
As of: 01/01/2025

Acct	Name	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due
Total for 75 Accounts:			65,087.47	2,992.83	62,094.64

Payment Summary

Type	Principal	Interest	Costs	Total
Q - Payment	2,456.05	160.90	375.80	2,992.83
Total	2,456.05	160.90	375.80	2,992.83

Lien Summary

2018-1	62,094.64
Total	62,094.64

There was little change in the Municipal Waste budget for 2019. We budgeted \$60,000 and spent \$57,511.12 the chart shows our total tonnage for MSW (trash) to be 344.67 tons, we pay \$78.40 per ton plus a cost of \$235.64 per haul, and we average 3.5 hauls per month. For the demolition portion we also pay \$78.40 per ton and \$235.64 per haul, we shipped just over 100 tons and average about one haul a month.

The Transfer Station portion which includes wages and miscellaneous costs was budgeted at \$14,500.00 and we spent \$13,601.28 of that. We continue to turn any proceeds from the give and take building and money from donated bottles over to our school for things such as field trips. We hope to make a few improvements at the facility this year and plan on doing more recycling so watch for some things along that line.

Town of Athens, ME - 2019 Tonnage Report

MSW (Trash)				
Month	Tons	\$78.40/ton	Hauls	\$235.64/haul
January	25.51	\$1,999.98	4	\$942.56
February	15.94	\$1,249.69	2	\$471.28
March	29.73	\$2,330.83	4	\$942.56
April	30.04	\$2,355.13	3	\$706.92
May	35.16	\$2,756.54	4	\$942.56
June	33.27	\$2,608.36	4	\$942.56
July	27.4	\$2,148.16	4	\$942.56
August	33.2	\$2,602.88	5	\$1,178.20
September	25.46	\$1,996.06	3	\$706.92
October	36.92	\$2,891.12	4	\$942.56
November	25.76	\$2,018.58	3	\$706.92
December	24.28	\$1,903.55	3	\$706.92
Total MSW Tons	344.67	\$27,022.12	43	\$10,132.52

Demo				
Month	Tons	\$78.40/ton	Hauls	\$235.64/haul
January	7.35	\$576.24	1	\$235.64
February				
March	7.93	\$621.71	1	\$235.64
April				
May	12.36	\$969.02	2	\$471.28
June	6.74	\$528.41	1	\$235.64
July	11.07	\$867.98	2	\$471.28
August	12	\$940.80	2	\$471.28
September	7.82	\$613.08	1	\$235.64
October	15.25	\$1,196.50	2	\$471.28
November	8.34	\$653.85	1	\$235.64
December	6.02	\$471.96	1	\$235.64

Total Demo Tons	100.9	\$7,910.56	total 14	\$3298.96
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July 8, 2019

Board of Selectmen
Town of Athens
PO Box 146
Athens, ME 04912

Dear Board of Selectmen:

Per the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Agreement, dated the 21st day of August 2018 by and between Waste Management Disposal Services of Maine, Inc. and the Town of Athens, Maine, the annual increase will be 2.5%. The new are as follows:

New Rates for Transportation and Disposal:

MSW:	\$235.64 per haul \$78.40 per ton
Construction and Demolition Debris (C&D):	\$235.64 per haul \$78.40 per ton
Rental:	\$56.65 per month per container

New rates will be effective December 1, 2019. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Peter A. Lachapelle', written over a horizontal line.

Peter A. Lachapelle
Waste Management
603-330-2104

Roads Report

The winter of 2018-2019 was very challenging and seemed to go on forever, we ran out of sand but were able to purchase more mid winter, spring was a long time coming and the roads survived one more year. Some of the accomplishments for 2019 included much needed maintenance on the town's equipment. We have 4 trucks in use a 2000 International dump, a 2001 International dump and a 1987 Ford dump all three are equipped with plows and sanders and the 2000 now has wings on both sides. As mentioned last year we purchased a 2001 GMC 4x4 ton with a hopper sander, we use this for town intersections the school parking lot and small sections that would take longer with the larger trucks. We upgraded and repaired both the Cat and Terex loader/backhoes and refurbished the Eager Beaver equipment trailer. We have asked for a \$5,000.00 more in equipment maintenance as there has not been any increase in many years. We did some ditching, installed culverts, we graded and rock raked as much as is possible however we are in serious need of gravel on many of our roads and will be taking a look at this in 2020. The town road crew was able to help on the Veterans Memorial area, the school drainage project, town recreation areas, town and ground projects, the transfer station, and do maintenance at the town garage including finally having a good water source so that we can power wash the equipment. So far this winter has been manageable, the sand looks like it will last and we are hoping for a good summer.

Tim Small	Road Commissioner
Diana Emery	Vehicle Maintenance and road crew
Paul Rotundi	Road crew (part time)
Steve Allen	Transfer Station
Mike Pralitz	Road Crew (part time)
Dalton Bates	Road crew (part time)

Athens
Fire Department
Roster For 2020

#900 Fire Chief Brett Strout

#902 Asst. Chief Travis Thompson

#901 FF Sean Boyd

#911 FF Ernie Corson

#918 FF Aron Bishop

#920 FF Jeremy Farmer

Athens Fire Department would like to thank our community for all the support. We had another busy year, we responded to 66 calls. With a small roster, some of these calls proved to be challenging and they took a toll on the firefighters and our equipment. Thanks to all of our mutual aid departments and all the citizens that gave us a hand this past year.

This year like in the past we worked on upgrading equipment. We were awarded a Maine Municipal Grant which is a 2/3 matching grant. This grant allowed us to buy 3 more light weight carbon fiber cylinders for our S.C.B.A's. We also were awarded a grant from the Maine Forest Service. With this grant we will replace the foam we have used, get a new attack nozzle, foam applicator, and 4 new pagers. This grant is a 50/50 matching grant. In addition to the grants we bought 2 new complete sets of turnout gear. Thanks to Bobs Cash Fuel we were given a 4 gas meter! This meter can recognize up to 4 different gasses, and monitor oxygen levels.

We would like to remind folks that in order for us to help you we need to be able to find you. Please mark your mailboxes or driveways with large reflective numbers so we will be able to locate your house faster you're your emergency happens. Remember to please check smoke detectors and replace the batteries. We are proud to protect and serve such a great community. Any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me or any other member of the department.

Sincerely,

Chief Brett Strout

Athens Fire Department

207-399-9967

Athens Fire Department - Calls 2019

STRUCTURE FIRES IN ATHENS	5
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	8
CHIMNEY FIRE	2
BRUSH FIRE	3
TREES DOWN/TREES ON WIRES	12
FIRE ALARMS	14
ASSIST EMS (MEDICAL CALLS)	8
FIRE OTHER (PUBLIC SERVICE)	3
MUTIAL AID (STRUCTURE FIRE)	7
MUTIAL AID (OTHER)	4
TOTAL	66

Meet the Cornville/Athens Food Cupboard

Our local Food Cupboard is truly a community effort. If you count all the volunteers, donors, and clients, probably half the people in Cornville and Athens have something to do with the Food Cupboard.

The Cornville Food Cupboard was founded in the fall of 1993 by Linda Arnold, Angie Towers, Virginia Tozier and Lee Turcotte. Virginia said that at first, she and Angie dug potatoes and picked apples and that was all the food they had to give out. Lee called Virginia one day and said that the two women shouldn't be doing that kind of work and that he would do the digging and picking. Soon, Lee, Angie and Virginia were going to Fairfield and Waterville and picking up free food from grocery stores, adding substantially to the food supplies for the food cupboard!

The first home for the food cupboard was the Cornville Fire Department building. A few years later as the number of people we served grew and Athens joined us, the Cornville selectmen gave us space for at the Town Hall. Lee Turcotte, Russell Savage and others spent many hours readying the space. The town of Cornville gives us the space rent free and pays for our heating and electric utilities. Athens makes an annual contribution.

Our food cupboard has always been supported by donations from residents, the Cornville and Athens schools, churches, Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, and businesses in the area. We are now a non-profit agency through River of Life Church in Athens. We got this status two years ago when we joined the Good Shepherd network. As part of Good Shepherd, we upgraded our storage and revised our accountings systems. The benefits of belonging to Good Shepherd are enormous. We get free or low priced food, training in handling food, and through Good Shepherd we can tap into the local farmer network to get fresh produce.

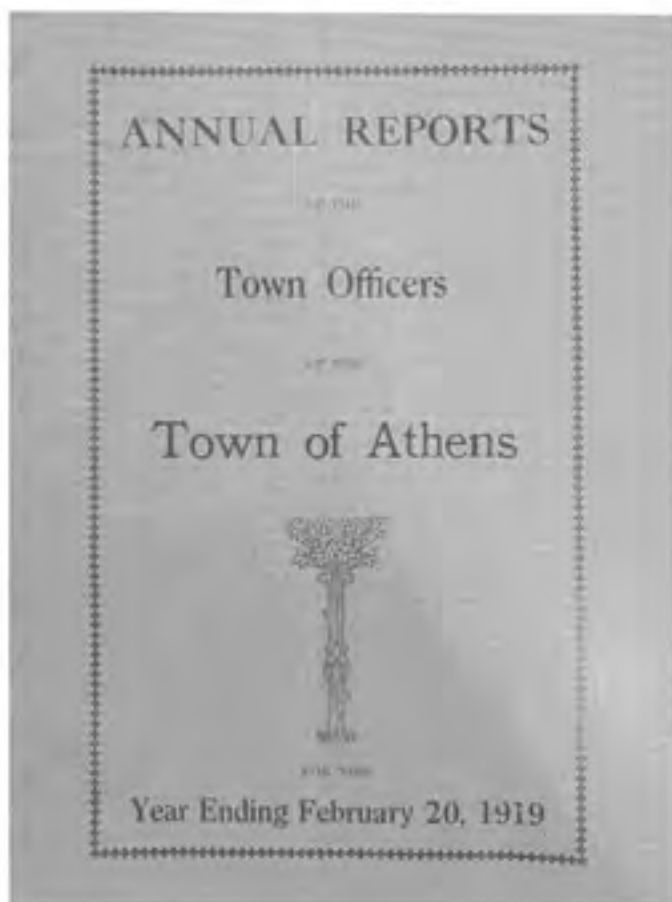
Currently we are open the third Saturday of the month at the Cornville Town Hall from 9 – 11. Low income residents of Cornville, Athens and Brighton are eligible and register at the Food Cupboard. We currently serve 304 individuals providing enough canned food and dry goods for one week, as well as some frozen food, fresh vegetables from local farmers, clothes, and books.

This important resource for our friends and neighbors is supported entirely by volunteer staff. Officers are Bob Mercer, Past President; Rich Ciccone, President; Barbara Winchester, Director; Bonnie Magoon, Treasurer; and Hope Ciccone, Secretary. Faye Chandler from Athens was a long term Director. She died recently. Other volunteers, some of whom have been with the Food Cupboard for many years (Virginia Tozier has been a volunteer for 27 years!) include Richard Ciccone, Anna Court, Joyce Sanville, Barbara Starbird, Jean Tekverk and Fred Underwood. Volunteers usually work two days a month, preparing the Food Cupboard on the third Friday of the month and serving clients on the third Saturday.

How can you help? Volunteer by contacting Barbara Winchester (776-3257 or barbwincvester@hotmail.com); donate money through Bonnie Magoon (send checks made out to Cornville/Athens Food Cupboard to her at 280 Hilton Hill, Cornville, 04976); donate food through Hope Ciccone (423-2211 or hope.ciccone@yahoo.com); donate clothes and books by contacting Anna Court (474-8691 or annaagnesleecourt@gmail.com). Come and visit us to see for yourself. Best time to visit is the third Friday of the month at the Town Hall from 8 – 10 a.m. Clients aren't being served so we are free to show you around.

The Athens Historical Society is again active and our newest members, Melanie Boyd and Hilary White, are helping to get it back up and running. We are currently trying to organize the cataloging process and going digital. If you are interested in joining we meet the 4th Thursday of every month at the Historical Society at 7pm.

Recognize this building? A then and now would be neat for both of these?





Athens Grange Hall post card from the Athens Historical Society, mailed Oct 10 1907 to New York City





Looking up Main Street in Athens over 100 years ago. First building looking up the right side of the street is the Odd Fellows Hall...beyond it is the drug store of L.C. Williams and M. Hights store. First building looking up the left side of the street is a blacksmith shop. Note the utility poles (L.C. Williams had established a telephone company), the sidewalks, tracks left by carriages and wagons.



Postcard from Athens Historical Society mailed November 11, 1910 to Bingham Maine

To the citizens of Athens:—

The school superintendent being called to army service just as schools were opening in the fall, left us without a superintendent at the time when superintendence was most needed and which it would have accomplished the most. It was a month before Mr. Porter was elected to the position and he was therefore at a disadvantage but did, we believe, as well as could be expected under the circumstances. Under the conditions it is difficult to make any satisfactory report regarding the work of teachers or the progress made by pupils. The prevailing sickness has interfered somewhat, though not as seriously with our schools as in many places.

The cost of maintaining schools has increased as has everything else. However, the appropriations were such that we have kept well within the resources for all school accounts. The Washington Schools and the Lincoln School at West Athens have two weeks more to keep in order to make their thirty weeks for the year. If this had been completed the unexpended balance in the Common School Account would have been reduced to about \$25.

A good substantial wall has been put under the village school building. That is all the repairing that has been done besides a few incidental repairs at various places. We had planned to do some painting but the price of material and difficulty of obtaining labor at any price prevented that.

We believe that expenses for maintaining common schools will be about the same for the ensuing year as for the past year and therefore recommend that \$2,250.00 be appropriated for common school purposes, the same amount as was appropriated last year.

School Report from the Annual Year End report of 1919 : I found interesting the \$150 for repairs in comparison to what we are looking at now

STATE OF MINN. BUILDINGS

Paul John V. Smith, labor	14.75
Travis W. Smith, labor	41.50
Edna Brown, labor	7.50
John Smith, labor	10.00
A. W. Smith, labor	1.00
T. J. Smith, agent of labor	1.50
John Smith, labor	2.00
A. L. Smith, labor	1.00
A. H. Smith, labor	14.00
Edna Brown, labor	1.00
John Smith, labor	50
Total	\$124.25
Unexpended	\$200.00
Balance unexpended	\$75.75

STATE ROAD ACCOUNT

Paul John Campbell, labor well and team	437.00
George Mfg. Co., gravel delivery	55.5
W. J. Haines, stone wall	10.00
Geo. F. Olson, gravel	1.00
Mrs. F. J. Olson, straw	1.00
R. D. Doyle, labor well and team	121.25
John Brown, labor	81.00

The Athens Community School was this year's recipient of The Maine Spirit of America Award. This award is given yearly to Maine schools, local individuals, organizations and projects for commendable community service. Receiving the award at a ceremony held in October at The Somerset County Courthouse are lead teachers Beverly Foss and Tammy Schultz. Congratulations and thank you to all those at The Athens Community School for all you do to benefit everyone here in Athens.

Also at this ceremony The Town of Athens received The Gold Award for conscientious actions aiding volunteerism and helping make this a better community



Letter of Transmittal

In the year 2019 we saw a slight increase in our overall budget, some of the contributing factors were a county tax increase, our school commitment amount increased slightly, day to day operations costs were up, and a never ending need to repair buildings and equipment. Our road equipment is old especially our trucks with our newest truck being a 2001, these trucks have served us well but they won't last forever. Our buildings are even older; some of us can remember when the town's only buildings were the old town office which was razed this past summer due to it being unsafe and the old town garage which we now use for storage. Over the past years the town built a new town garage/ sand silo, we were deeded the Grange Hall, then the Wessumasset Valley Fairgrounds and its buildings, and then The Somerset Academy Trustees gave us what is now our Town Office. The school is now a community school and most recently the town voted to take over the fire station and its vehicles. All these buildings require upkeep, this leaves us with a need to prioritize and come up with a plan of how best to proceed, and the question has been asked does the town need all these buildings. The Building Committee made several recommendations that voters will be asked to consider at Town Meeting. This is only a small amount of what really needs to be done and without a plan on how these buildings are to be used it is difficult to move forward. With all that being said we are hopeful and a number of times people passing through Athens have mentioned how good the Football Field and those grounds look and our school is often asked about. The Fairgrounds and the Veterans area with its new plaque have been complimented and we have a new plaque to be mounted on the smaller stone this spring.

We are needing computer upgrades as our old Windows 7 program is no longer being supported by Windows and our Trio system which we use for all our towns assessing, budgeting, taxing, licensing and registrations has to be upgraded, this comes at a cost but we have little choice we can't do the needed work without the upgrades. The town will soon have a completed website! It's been a work in progress and we hope it will be used often. There will be information on town functions, events, contacts and more. The Selectmen feel the Town is in good financial standing and will be able to slowly make changes and improvements and at the same time keep Athens the place we all want to live. The Town Officers would like to thank everyone for continued support.

Mark Munn

Charles Rotondi

Guy Anton

Town of Athens

In accordance with Title 36, Section 706 of the Maine Revised Statutes, the Athens Board of Assessors hereby gives notice to all persons liable to taxation in Athens to file lists of their real and personal property with the Board of Assessors by Tuesday, March 31, 2020. The Board of Assessors will be in session from 7:00PM to 9:00P.M. for the purpose of receiving such lists. Lists may also be sent to the Town of Athens, Board of Assessors, P.O. Box 146, Athens, ME 04912. Under such notice, taxpayers failing to furnish lists of taxable property on or before March 31, 2020 jeopardize their right of any abatement of taxes.

Notice to Athens Residents

Any veteran who will be 62 years old on or before April 1, 2020 or any veteran who is 100% disabled may be entitled to property tax exemption. You must have served during a wartime period to qualify for the exemption: also, any unmarried widow or widower of a veteran that meets the requirements may be eligible. Anyone who is not already receiving a property tax exemption, but feels they would qualify should contact the Athens Assessor's office either by mail (P.O. Box 146, Athens, ME 04912) or phone (654-3471).

The Maine Homestead Exemption: Tax Relief for Maine Homeowners. The Maine Homestead Exemption may lower your property tax bill. It makes it so the town won't count \$25,000 of value of your home for property tax purposes. You can qualify if you have owned your home in Maine for at least 12 months. Contact the Town Office for forms or more information.

Douglas M. Harlow (1949 – 2019)

The town of Athens and the whole Central Maine area lost a long time friend and neighbor when Morning Sentinel Staff Reporter Doug Harlow passed away this past year.

Doug and Mary Lou moved to their farm in Athens in 1987. Over the next 3 decades he lived here, raised a family, and was always involved in the community. Doug was a familiar and welcome face at Athens Town Meetings and the Town Meetings of most of the surrounding towns. Because Doug often already knew the people and issues involved in a story he was able to provide insight into a situation and report on it in a perspective that may not have otherwise been possible. Doug touched the lives of so many as only a good reporter can; his passing has left a void in our community and he will be missed by all of us that knew him.

Picture 1 In a 2018 Ceremony at The Somerset County Court House Doug received The Spirit of America Award for his over 30 years of work in the community.

Picture 2 Doug in front of The Somerset County campus of The Morning Sentinel most likely on his way to cover yet another story.



SOMERSET COUNTY**MAINE REVENUE SERVICES
PROPERTY TAX DIVISION****PROPOSED 2020 STATE VALUATION**

MUNICIPALITY	STATE VALUATION
ANSON	\$139,700,000
ATHENS	\$90,700,000
BINGHAM	\$81,450,000
BRIGHTON PLANTATION	\$13,400,000
CAMBRIDGE	\$28,550,000
CANAAN	\$127,900,000
CARATUNK	\$39,150,000
CORNVILLE	\$107,000,000
DENNISTOWN PLANTATION	\$10,200,000
DETROIT	\$75,200,000
EMBDEN	\$213,100,000
FAIRFIELD	\$395,300,000
HARMONY	\$55,500,000
HARTLAND	\$138,150,000
HIGHLAND PLANTATION	\$12,100,000
JACKMAN	\$86,550,000
MADISON	\$342,650,000
MERCER	\$68,650,000
MOOSE RIVER	\$35,850,000
MOSCOW	\$102,000,000
NEW PORTLAND	\$81,050,000
NORRIDGEWOCK	\$222,450,000
PALMYRA	\$132,750,000
PITTSFIELD	\$252,050,000
PLEASANT RIDGE PLANTATION	\$116,300,000
RIPLEY	\$37,300,000
SAINT ALBANS	\$174,000,000
SKOWHEGAN	\$1,054,050,000
SMITHFIELD	\$127,600,000
SOLOH	\$104,300,000
STARKS	\$55,050,000
THE FORKS PLANTATION	\$50,000,000
WEST FORKS PLANTATION	\$20,450,000
TOTAL	\$4,616,650,000

Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Commissioners
Town of Athens, Maine

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Athens, Maine, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Athens, Maine, as of December 31, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information and pension information on pages 5 through 11 and pages 25 through 37 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of the financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Athens, Maine's basic financial statements. The other supplementary information described in Schedule 1 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented as required by the laws of the State of Maine and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

Schedule 1 and the schedule of expenditure of federal awards are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, Schedule 1 and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated September 12, 2019, on our consideration of the Town of Athens, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Athens, Maine's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Town of Athens, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Andrew W. Robinson, CPA

September 12, 2019

Town of Athens, Maine
Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) (Unaudited)
December 31, 2018

As management of the Town of Athens, Maine, we offer the citizens of the Town of Athens, Maine's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018. We encourage the citizens to consider the information presented in conjunction with additional information found within the body of the financial statements. This report covers all funds and accounts of the Town of Athens, that by law or other fiduciary obligation, the Town administers in conjunction with its responsibility in providing services.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Town administration is responsible for the accounting structure of the community. This structure includes the establishment of financial controls that protect the Town from loss and misuse. All accounting information is maintained and reported using generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Further, the administration performs a periodic review of all services to promote and ensure optimum utilization of resources to provide the services requested by the community. All services are reviewed using a cost/benefit analysis that considers the need and demand for the service provided balanced against the cost to the community as a whole.

The following is a summary of the financial highlights of the Town for the fiscal year:

- The balance of the Town's cash and cash equivalents as of December 31, 2018 was \$2,274,406.
- The Town's actual revenues exceeded actual expenses by \$329,254. This result was a positive budget variance that increases the budget-cash fund balance which can be used to fund future expenditures.

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The discussion and analysis is an introduction to the Town's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements are prepared and are part of the Town's annual audit. The MD&A serves as a subjective explanation by the Town of the data contained in the audit. The three areas that the financial statements are broken into include: 1. Government-Wide statements, 2. Fund Financial statements, and 3. Notes to the financial statements. Subjective analyses of the statements are also made and other supplementary information to better explain the statements.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide statements are a local overview of the Town's financial status. They include all assets, liabilities, and activities in a manner similar to private sector accounting. The purpose is to show Town financials in a format that is familiar to the common person.

The statement of net position is used to express the financial data required for the government-wide financials. This shows the total assets which now include land, buildings, and other capital assets.

Government-wide statements distinguish business-type activities from governmental activities. Business-type activities are those that are funded through user fees or user-based revenues, no tax dollars being the key separation from governmental activities. It then follows that governmental activities are those that are primarily funded through taxes and governmental fees. The Town of Athens does not currently conduct any business-type activities.

Fund Financial Statements

The Town segregates accounts into three basic funds. Each fund is determined to separate information in order to accurately report specific account activities. The determination of various funds is based upon accounting standards and legal requirements. The funds in the Town are General Fund (Primary Fund), Special Reserves Fund, and Fiduciary Funds.

General Fund

The general fund covers essentially the same data as included in the government-wide statements. The difference is that fund financials focus on yearly inflows and outflows to determine a specific year's accessible resources. Capital assets and depreciation are not included because they do not exemplify a specific year's transactions.

A budgetary comparison which is provided to show budgeted amounts as compared to the actual activity. This information is useful to determine future budgets and community planning.

Special Reserves Funds

The special reserves fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally or contractually restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. This fund includes federal and state grants for specific purposes.

Fiduciary Funds

The fiduciary funds are private purpose trust funds and agency funds for which the Town acts as the fiscal agent.

Notes to Financial Statements

The notes to the financial statements are included in the audit to give specific context to certain items. These are a crucial part of the audit and are closely monitored by Town administration. The reason they are monitored is that they provide additional insight into activities of the Town. These can show areas of strength and weakness for continued success and improvement. The notes to the financial statements are included on pages 20-34.

Other Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning financial performance (budget and actual with variances) and pension information. Required supplementary information can be found on pages 35-37.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE ANALYSIS

Two assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Town, assets exceeded liabilities by \$4,082,136 as of December 31, 2018.

A portion of the Town's net assets reflects its investment in capital assets, less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. The Town uses these capital assets to provide service to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Town's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

The Town's financial position is the product of several financing transactions including the net results of activities, acquisition and payment of debt, the acquisition and disposal of capital assets, and the depreciation of capital assets.

	Governmental Activities	
	2018	2017
Current and other assets	\$ 2,721,842	\$ 2,416,749
Capital assets	<u>2,062,526</u>	<u>2,197,819</u>
Total assets	<u>4,784,368</u>	<u>4,614,568</u>
Deferred outflow	<u>(2,530)</u>	<u>67,586</u>
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and other		
Accounts	12,502	25,984
Long-term liabilities	<u>(735,284)</u>	<u>(698,716)</u>
Total liabilities	<u>(722,782)</u>	<u>(672,732)</u>
Deferred inflows	<u>(28,911)</u>	<u>(21,771)</u>
Net assets		
Investment in capital assets	1,463,180	1,369,050
Restricted	650,983	693,291
Unrestricted	<u>(1,968,022)</u>	<u>(1,624,182)</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 1,146,141</u>	<u>\$ 1,438,159</u>

The following table presents a summary of revenues and expenses for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 and 2017.

	Governmental Activities	
	2018	2017
REVENUES		
Charges for services and other	\$ 2,158	\$ 1,508
Operating grants and contributions	143,781	348,598
Property taxes	1,327,968	1,194,565
Interest and fees charges	18,887	22,566
Excise taxes	178,821	172,812
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific purposes	538,146	500,085
Unrestricted investment income	8,678	3,181
Gain (loss) on sale of assets	-	(8,491)
Miscellaneous and initiatives	<u>(23,446)</u>	<u>(13,390)</u>
Total revenues	<u>\$ 1,941,504</u>	<u>\$ 1,925,443</u>

EXPENSES		
General government	\$ 163,772	\$ 179,062
Public safety	62,487	30,131
Health and recreation	87,081	71,581
Public works	347,700	429,778
Education	673,866	574,704
General assistance	13,214	15,090
Recreation	26,737	22,931
County tax	189,860	175,117
Interest on long-term debt	13,013	8,488
Commissary	3,033	3,000
Total expenses	<u>1,508,862</u>	<u>1,624,822</u>
Change in net assets	<u>434,702</u>	<u>849,817</u>
Net position, beginning of year	<u>3,647,468</u>	<u>3,187,879</u>
Restatement of beginning fund balance	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Net position, end of year	<u>\$ 4,082,170</u>	<u>\$ 4,037,696</u>

Governmental Activities

For the year ended December 31, 2018, the Town's net assets for governmental activities increased by \$434,702. Expenses of governmental activities include depreciation expense of \$215,825. Depreciation expense has been allocated and is included in various function/program expenses of the Town.

General revenues consist of all revenues that are not considered to be program revenues or charges for services. General revenues for the year ended December 31, 2018 totaled \$1,743,566. Of this amount, \$1,425,334 was from local property and excise taxes.

Financial Analysis of the Town's Funds

As noted earlier, the Town uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with financial-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds

The focus of the Town's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financing requirements. As the Town completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$2,623,366 which is \$314,927 higher than the previous year. An analysis of transactions affecting the change in the combined fund balance of the Town's governmental funds is as follows:

Revenues include property taxes totaling \$1,224,395. Excise taxes accounted for \$178,541 of total revenue.

Total governmental fund expenditures for this year are broken down as follows:

	2016	2017
General government	\$ 190,763	\$ 179,062
Public safety	11,612	30,133
Health and sanitation	67,081	71,561
Public works/roads	266,343	255,674
Education	673,521	673,521
Vendors	13,214	16,096
Recreation	26,737	23,831
County fee	196,683	170,117
Committed	8,000	3,000
Debt service	23,655	77,668
Capital outlay	-	370,763
Total governmental fund expenditures	\$ 1,922,929	\$ 1,896,526

Capital Assets

	Balance 12/31/17	Addition	Retire- ment	Balance 12/31/18
Land	\$ 47,600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47,600
Building	2,378,048	-	-	2,378,048
Infrastructure	5,025,901	126,915	-	5,152,814
Vehicles	542,906	10,500	-	553,406
Equipment	96,046	67,104	(23,766)	132,387
Improvements	8,000	-	-	8,000
Total capital assets	8,110,501	204,519	(23,766)	8,279,235
Less accumulated depreciation	(5,920,686)	(215,826)	-	(6,136,512)
Total capital assets net	\$ 2,189,815	\$ -	\$ (23,766)	\$ 2,082,529

Additional information on the Town's capital assets can be found in Note 2.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The Town recognizes revenues and expenditures on a budget basis that differs from how revenues and expenditures should be recognized under generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Additional information about this difference can be found in the notes to the basic financial statements. The amount of the difference is disclosed on page 35 of the financial statements.

The following expenditures were overspent:

- * Public works expense was overspent by \$24,555 due to increase outside services costs and sand and salt.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

During the year, budgeted revenues exceeded actual revenues by \$145,604.

Budgeted expenditures exceeded actual expenditures by \$184,636.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND RATES

This overall budget for 2018 was up slightly from 2017. The Town made another payment on the Roads general obligation bond. An amount of over \$90,000.00 was left in the School bond account and it was decided to carry this amount over to spend on future school projects. Most of the 2018 budgeted articles were completed within the appropriated amounts with the biggest exception being winter roads where costs continue to escalate due to weather changes not easily foreseen. Another major road paving project was completed within budget. At a special Town Meeting the town voted to take over the independent Volunteer Fire Department and accept all its assets including equipment and buildings (therefore making it a Municipal Fire Department). It is not yet fully known how this may affect the budget. There were a few improvements to the town's infrastructure however there is much left to go and a "Town Building Committee" has been formed to study and make suggestions on how to proceed.

There will be a tax increase of perhaps up to 1 mill for the year 2019. The school budget is up an increase in other expenditures especially road maintenance, sand, salt and snow plowing make this increase necessary. There is much to do in our town however we feel confident in our financial future as we move forward.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

The financial report is designed to provide our citizens, customers, investors and creditors with general overview of the Town's finances. If you have questions about this report or need any additional information, contact the Town Office, at 26 Academy St., Athens, Maine 04912.

Town of Athens, Maine
Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2018

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and equivalents	\$ 2,274,806
Taxes and fee fees receivable, net of allowance of \$15,000	238,718
Tax acquired property	11,932
Due from other governments	168,786
Capital assets, net	<u>2,092,626</u>
Total assets	<u>4,786,868</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred outflows related to pensions	<u>72,539</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accrued payroll and other liabilities	80,777
Taxes paid in advance	40
Due to other governmental agencies	1,565
Long-term liabilities	
Due within one year	
Due to MSAD 59 - bond and lease payable	84,860
Capital leases payable	25,745
Bonds payable	66,825
Due in more than one year	
Due to MSAD 59 - bond and lease payable	199,206
Bonds payable	247,237
Net pension liability	81,803
Compensated absences	<u>48,623</u>
Total liabilities	<u>747,801</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred inflows related to pensions	<u>28,911</u>
NET POSITION	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	3,463,190
Restricted for:	
Reserves	550,953
Unrestricted	<u>3,668,023</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 4,082,165</u>

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

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Town of Athens, Maine
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

Function/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	
Governmental activities				
General government	\$ 153,772	\$ 323	\$ 8,144	\$ (147,299)
Public safety	12,487	80	48,593	34,166
Public works	347,700	-	36,840	(310,860)
Health and sanitation	67,081	1,788	-	(65,293)
General assistance	13,214	-	3,293	(9,921)
Recreation	20,737	-	2,880	(17,857)
Interest on long-term debt	13,013	-	-	(13,013)
Education	873,835	-	50,000	(823,835)
County tax	199,863	-	-	(199,863)
Miscellaneous	5,000	-	-	(5,000)
Total governmental activities	\$ 1,506,602	\$ 2,152	\$ 145,758	(1,358,692)
General revenues				
Taxes				
Property taxes, levied for general purposes				1,227,965
Interest and fees charges				18,557
Excise taxes				178,622
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs				335,148
Unrestricted interest				8,578
Miscellaneous				23,840
Total general revenues				1,793,608
Change in net position				434,916
NET POSITION - BEGINNING				3,647,483
NET POSITION - ENDING				\$ 4,082,399

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**Town of Athens, Maine
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2018**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue - Reserves Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
ASSETS			
Cash and equivalents	\$ 1,823,422	\$ 850,984	\$ 2,274,408
Taxes and tax liens receivable, net	238,718	-	238,718
Tax acquired property	11,932	-	11,932
Due from other governments	198,787	-	198,787
Total assets	<u>\$ 2,072,859</u>	<u>\$ 850,984</u>	<u>\$ 2,723,843</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$ 1,885	\$ -	\$ 1,885
Taxes paid in advance	40	-	40
Accrued payroll and other liabilities	10,777	-	10,777
Total liabilities	<u>12,802</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,802</u>
Deferred inflows of resources - property taxes	187,975	-	187,975
Fund balances			
Restricted for:			
Education	96,297	-	96,297
Special revenue - reserve funds	-	850,984	850,984
Unassigned	1,778,088	-	1,778,088
Total fund balances	<u>1,874,385</u>	<u>850,984</u>	<u>2,525,369</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows and fund balances	<u>\$ 2,072,859</u>	<u>\$ 850,984</u>	<u>\$ 2,723,843</u>

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements

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Town of Athens, Maine
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
to the Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2019

Total fund balance, governmental funds	\$ 2,523,309
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and therefore are not reported in fund financial statement, but are reported in the governmental activities of the Statement of Net Position.	2,002,528
Deferred inflows - more specifically, deferred inflows - property taxes will be reported in governmental activities of the Statement of Net Position.	127,972
Certain deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions are not reported in the fund financial statement, but are reported in the governmental activities of the Statement of Net Position.	
Deferred outflows related to pensions	72,539
Deferred inflows related to pensions	(25,811)
Some liabilities, (such as note payable, and net pension liability accrued compensated absences), are not due and payable in the current period and are not included in the fund financial statement, but are included in the governmental activities of the Statement of Net Position.	<u>(735,200)</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Position	<u>\$ 4,062,195</u>

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Town of Athens, Maine
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

	General Fund	Special Revenue - Reserves Fund	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Property taxes	\$ 1,224,388	\$ -	\$ 1,224,388
Erosion taxes	179,541	-	179,541
Interest and fees	18,557	-	18,557
Licenses, permits and fees	78	-	78
Intergovernmental	383,086	-	383,086
Intergovernmental - education	50,000	-	50,000
Charges for services	2,060	-	2,060
Contributions	-	48,593	48,593
Interest income	8,632	3,043	8,575
Miscellaneous	25,040	-	25,040
Total revenues	1,896,290	48,636	1,937,008
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
General government	150,763	-	150,763
Protection	11,812	-	11,812
Welfare	13,214	-	13,214
Health and sanitation	67,081	-	67,081
Public works	335,499	-	335,499
Culture and recreation	20,737	-	20,737
Education	741,461	-	741,461
County tax	199,863	-	199,863
Capital outlay	5,000	-	5,000
Debt service			
Principal	54,688	-	54,688
Interest	13,613	-	13,613
Total expenditures	1,622,929	-	1,622,929
Net change in fund balances, before other financing sources	268,351	48,636	314,987
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Transfers in	77,413	14,500	91,913
Transfers out	(14,500)	(77,413)	(91,913)
Total other financing sources and uses	62,913	(62,913)	-
Net change in fund balances	329,264	(14,277)	314,987
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	1,543,116	665,261	2,208,376
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 1,872,380	\$ 650,984	\$ 2,523,364

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Town of Athens, Maine
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes
in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds		\$ 314,987
Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report outlays for capital assets as expenditures because such outlays use current financial resources. In contrast, the Statement of Activities reports only a portion of the outlay as expense. The outlay is allocated over the assets' estimated useful lives as depreciation expense for the period.		
Capital outlay	\$ 175,731	
Depreciation expense	<u>(215,828)</u>	(40,097)
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. More specifically, this amount represents the change in deferred inflows - property taxes.		3,586
Some deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and these are not reported in governmental funds:		
Deferred outflows related to pensions		4,342
Deferred inflows related to pensions		<u>(7,140)</u>
Governmental funds report bond proceeds as current financial resources. In contrast, the Statement of Activities treats such issuance of debt as a liability. Governmental funds report repayment of bond principal as an expenditure. In contrast, the Statement of Activities treats such repayments as a reduction in long-term liabilities. This is the amount by which repayments exceeded proceeds.		
Principal repaid		154,655
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and these are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:		
Net pension expense		<u>8,762</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities		<u>\$ 434,702</u>

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Town of Athens, Maine
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position -
Fiduciary Funds
December 31, 2018

	<u>Private Purposes</u>	<u>Agency Fund</u>
ASSETS		
Cash and equivalents	\$ 298,095	\$ 42,141
Investments	404,022	-
Total assets	<u>702,117</u>	<u>42,141</u>
LIABILITIES		
Due to school groups	-	42,141
NET POSITION		
Held in trust for benefits and other purposes	<u>\$ 702,117</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

See accompanying notes in basic financial statements.

Town of Athens, Maine
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

	<u>Private Purpose</u>
ADDITIONS	
Interest and dividends	\$ 4,207
Unrealized and realized loss on investments	<u>(3,378)</u>
Total additions	<u>831</u>
DEDUCTIONS	
Administrative and other expenses	1,504
Scholarships	<u>5,400</u>
Total deductions	<u>6,904</u>
Change in net assets	(6,073)
NET POSITION - BEGINNING	<u>708,190</u>
NET POSITION - ENDING	<u>\$ 702,117</u>

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WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

To Marc Courtemanche, a citizen in the Town of Athens, in the county of Somerset.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Athens, in said county, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet and assemble at the Athens Somerset Academy, in said Athens, on Friday the 13th of March, 2020 A.D. at four o'clock in the afternoon to elect all Town Officers. The transaction of other town business will be concluded on Saturday the 14th of March, 2020 A.D. at the Somerset Academy at 1:30 in the afternoon as herein enumerated in the Articles of the Town Warrant. For the election of officers, the polls will be open after the election of a moderator, and will remain open until 8:00 in the evening.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To elect all town officials.

Art. 3. Shall the town vote to accept funds as provided by the Maine State Legislature

State Municipal Revenue Sharing.

Highway Maintenance Funds.

Tree Growth Reimbursement Funds.

Veterans Reimbursement Funds.

Support of the Poor Reimbursement Funds

Snowmobile Registration Refund Funds.

Homestead Exemption Reimbursement Funds

Any state grants that are made available by the State.

Budget Committee recommends doing so.

Art. 4. To choose two members for the Budget Committee.

Art 5. Taxes:

A. To fix the time when taxes are due and collectable:

Budget Committee recommends they be due on receipt of the bill.

B. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to charge interest at the rate of 07% on all taxes not paid by November 30th.

C. To see what rate of interest the Town will authorize the Treasurer to charge on tax liens in accordance with Title 36, M.R.S.A Section 505.4.

Budget Committee recommends 07%.

- D. To see if the Town will set a date when the taxes will be committed to the Tax Collector.

Budget Committee recommends September 30, 2020

- E. To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to retain \$1.75 on each Excise tax application processed.

Budget Committee recommends doing so.

F. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell and dispose of Real Estate acquired for nonpayment of taxes thereon. Any property so acquired will be made available to the former owner for a period of ninety (90) days. If the original owner does not make acceptable arrangements for payment within this period, the property may be advertised and sold by the process of sealed bids and a quit claim deed will be executed for such property. The Town reserves the right to charge an additional fee, not exceeding the delinquent tax, for each year the property is acquired, to the original owner. "Except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by M.R.S.s 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner (\$)." "

Budget Committee recommends doing so.

G. To see if the Town will authorize at the selectman's discretion the return of any or all moneys funds to the party named on a tax lien mortgage at the time of the levy of a tax lien, or that party's successors, heirs or assign after subtracting the tax liens, interest, fees for recording the liens, costs of mailing notices, court costs, taxes that should have been assessed while the property was held by the municipality and any other expenses incurred in disposing of the real estate.

Budget Committee recommends doing so.

- H. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money on behalf of the Town in anticipation of tax receipts

Budget Committee recommends doing so.

- Art. 6: To see if the town will vote to allow appropriation of taxation above the Tax Cap Growth rate set by the State.

Budget Committee recommends doing so.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$139,306.00 for the general management of the Town as follows:

A. Miscellaneous Account: \$35,000.00 (up 5000)

Budget Committee recommends taking \$15,000.00 from Excise Tax and to raise \$20,000.00

B. Insurances: \$22,500.00

Budget Committee recommends to take \$10,500.00 from excise tax and to raise \$12,000.00.

C. Maine Municipal Association dues: \$2,056.00

Budget Committee recommends taking \$2,056.00 from Excise Tax.

D. Unemployment, social security, and Medicare taxes: \$25,500.00

Budget Committee recommends raising \$25,500.00

E. Officer's Salaries: \$54,250.00

A. First Selectman: \$20,000.00

B. Second Selectman: \$5,500.00

C. Third Selectman: \$5,500.00

D. Tax Collector \$6,500.00

E. Town Clerk \$5,000.00

F. Treasurer: \$6,500.00

G. Animal Control Officer \$1,250.00

H. Municipal Fire Chief \$4,000.00

Budget Committee recommends raising \$54,250.00

Art 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$1,400.00 for Membership fees to Kennebec Valley Council of Government.

Budget Committee recommends raising \$1,400.00

Art.9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 to fund a Code Enforcement Officer with an hourly rate to be established and a reimbursement of 45 cents a mile.

Budget Committee recommends raising \$1,000.00

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000.00 for Support of the Poor.

Budget Committee recommends raising \$11,000.00

Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000.00 for Town Grounds and Buildings.

Budget Committee recommends \$9,000.00 from Excise Tax, raising \$16,000.00, and taking \$5,000.00 from surplus

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to pay any money received from the Snowmobile Registration Refund to A.C. Lineriders to build and maintain trails.

Budget Committee recommends doing so.

Art. 13. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$4,000.00 for Mt. Rest Cemetery.

Budget Committee recommends raising \$2,000.00, using \$1,000.00 from surplus and \$1,000.00 from excise tax.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500.00 for tax map updates.

Budget Committee recommends raising the \$2,500.00

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$5,610.00 for community programs as follows:

A. Athens-Cornville Food Pantry: \$3,000.00

Budget Committee recommends \$3,000.00 from surplus

B. Family Violence Project: \$635.00

Budget Committee recommends taking \$635.00 from surplus.

C. K.V. Van Transportation Services: \$225.00

Budget Committee recommends taking \$225.00 from surplus.

D. K.V. Child & Family Services: \$250.00

Budget Committee recommends \$250.00 from surplus.

E. Hospice Volunteers of Somerset County: \$500.00

Budget Committee recommends taking \$500.00 from surplus.

F. Public Broadcasting System (PBS) \$100.00

Budget Committee recommends taking \$100.00 from surplus.

G. Senior Spectrum \$300.00

Budget Committee recommends taking \$300.00 from surplus.

H. Somerset Economic Development Corporation \$100.00

Budget Committee recommends taking \$100.00 from surplus.

I. Skowhegan Area Welcome and Business Center \$500.00

Budget Committee recommends taking \$500.00 from surplus.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,599.83 for the disposal of stray animals at the Somerset Humane Society.

Budget Committee recommends taking \$1,599.83 from excise.

A. To set mileage reimbursement for the Small Animal Control Officers and set a disposal fee for stray animals paid from Misc. Acc.

Budget Committee recommends \$.45/mile and \$25.00 per animal

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,000.00 for the Athens Volunteer Fire Department as follows:

A. Incidental expenses: \$7,000.00

Budget Committee recommends raising \$7,000.00

B. Electricity, phone, and fuel: \$6,000.00

Budget Committee recommends raising \$6,000.00

C. Firefighters Pay (excluding Fire Chief) to include hourly pay for authorized training and when responding to emergency calls.

(\$13.00/hr.) not to exceed \$7,000.00 total (up \$1.00/hr)

Budget Committee recommends taking \$7,000.00 from excise tax.

D. Equipment Maintenance Account: \$6,000.00

Budget Committee recommends raising \$6,000.00

E. Truck and building savings account (Capital Savings Account): \$7,000.00

Budget Committee recommends raising \$7,000.00

Art 18. To see if the town will vote to allow any funds not spent on article 17. A, B, C, D above to be rolled into E. The Truck and Buildings Savings (Capital Savings Account)

Budget Committee recommends doing so.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3000.00 for Gear Extractor equipment for The Athens Volunteer Fire Department.

Budget Committee recommends raising \$3000.00

Art 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,000.00 for recreational purposes as follows:

A. Athens swim program: \$4,500.00

Budget Committee recommends taking \$4,500.00 from excise tax.

B. Recreation and Conservation Commission Account: \$7,500.00

Budget Committee recommends taking \$3,750.00 from excise tax and raising \$3,750.00

C. Recreation Area Maintenance Account: \$10,000.00

Budget Committee recommends taking \$10,000.00 from excise

D. Fairgrounds Recreation Maintenance Savings Account: \$5,000.00

Revenues will be used for ongoing repairs and improvements to the recreation areas ice/skateboard rink, play ground etc.

Budget Committee recommends taking \$5,000.00 from surplus

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$221,500.00 for road maintenance as follows:

A. Town's Savings Account for Equipment: \$10,000.00

Budget committee recommends raise \$10,000.00.

B. Cutting Brush and roadside mowing: \$5,000.00

Budget Committee recommends taking \$5,000.00 from surplus

C. Equipment Maintenance Account: \$30,000.00

Budget Committee recommends \$15,000.00 from Excise Tax and raising \$15,000.00.

D. Stockpiling sand and salt \$45,000.00

Budget Committee recommends \$15,000.00 from Excise tax and to raise \$30,000.00.

E. Summer Roads \$65,000.00

Budget Committee recommends \$26,000.00 from Excise, raising \$39,000.00

F. Winter Roads \$60,000.00

Budget committee recommends \$15,000.00 from excise tax, and to raise \$45,000.00.

G. To set wages for the road crew for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee recommends up to \$18.00 / hour for the Road Commissioner and up to \$17.00 / hour for assistants.

H. Electricity, phone and heating oil, mileage reimbursement \$6,500.00
Budget Committee taking \$6,500 from excise tax.

Art. 22: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 for the Road Paving Account. (Highway Maintenance)

Budget Committee recommends raising \$50,000.00

Art.23: To see if the Town will allow any monies left in all yearly road maintenance accounts to be deposited into The Towns Savings Account for Equipment.

Budget Committee recommends doing so.

Art. 24: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$53,843.40 as the 4th annual payment on a \$250,000.00 General Obligation Road Bond (loan) for borrowing on the 2017 paving project.

Budget committee recommends raising the \$53,843.40

Art.25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$74,500.00 for Solid Waste Disposal as follows:

A. Transfer Station: \$14,500.00

Budget Committee recommends raising \$6,500.00, taking \$5,000.00 from excise tax, and \$3000.00, from surplus.

B. Municipal Solid Waste Disposal: \$60,000.00

Budget Committee recommends raising \$35,000.00 and taking \$25,000.00 from excise.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the following building repair projects:

- | | |
|--------------------|-------------|
| A. Town Gazebo | \$12,000.00 |
| B. Exhibition Hall | \$28,670.00 |
| C. Fire Station | \$4000.00 |

Budget committee makes no recommendations.

Art. 27. To see if the town will raise up to \$ 12,000.00 for the Town Audit.

Budget Committee recommends raising the \$12,000.00.

Selectman:

Mark Munn 1st Selectman

Charles Rondi 2nd Selectman

Gay Anton 3rd Selectman

NOTES

