

# ANNUAL REPORT 2018



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# 2018

# DEDICATION

## Starks Veterans

This year the town report is dedicated to the veterans of all wars, and especially those who gave "the last full measure", from Benjamin Didson during the Revolutionary War, through all those who served in all the wars and conflicts, declared and undeclared, which have beset us over nearly 250 years. Our Gratitude.

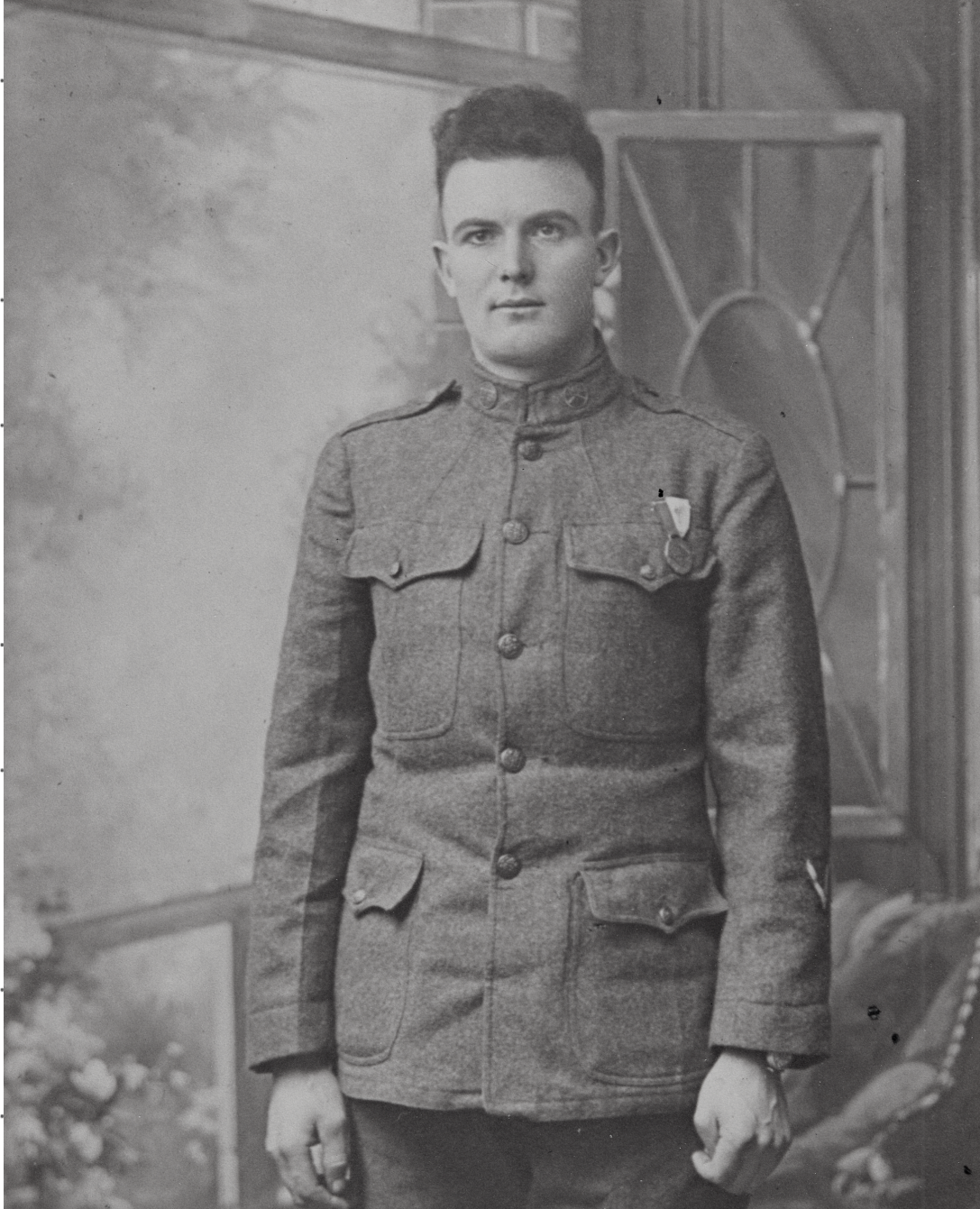
As many of you realize, 2018 was the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I- the war to end all wars- the Armistice being the eleventh day of the eleventh month at the eleventh hour. We know of only seven WWI veterans from Starks as reported by the Adjutant General: Harold W. Duley, Alton R. Gilman, Alton L. Oliver, Thomas W. Simpson, Horace Watson Joseph Watson, and Howard A. Lynds.

Howard A. Lynds (pictured right) came from Mapleridge, New Brunswick with his father, mother and six brothers and sisters in April of 1912. Howard rode in a box car on the train with animals and trunks with belongings. The train traveled from Fredericton to Madison Maine. From there he drove the horses and cattle to the farm in Starks. The Lynds family farm was located down on the Sandy River interval land where Ed & Lorraine Aube now reside. Once established here in Starks, four more brothers and sisters were born making Howard the eldest of twelve children. One died as a child in New Brunswick.

Howard joined the army on June 5th 1917. He did his basic training at Camp Devens in Massachusetts. He served as a machine gun and handgun trainer with the 74th Regiment 12th Division. He served until 1919.

He returned to the farm where he ran it with his mother. He later married Helen Sterry of Starks and together they ran the farm until 1959. They had two children, William (Bill) and Colleen. Bill and his wife Jan still maintain a camp here in town. Bill often aids in the care of our roads with grading and more.

Howard served as Master of the Starks Grange numerous times. He was a very active member until his death in July of 1977 at the age of 81.



Howard A. Lynds

Circa 1918



## MUNICIPAL OFFICERS TERMS

### **Selectmen - 3 year**

Paul Frederic	3-2019
Joseph Hayden	3-2020
Ernest Hilton	3-2021

### **Assessors - 3 year**

Gwen Hilton	3-2019
Joseph Hayden	3-2020
Cathleen Horner	3-2021

### **Tax Collector - 3 year**

Jenn Zweig Hebert	3-2021
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### **Town Clerk - 3 year**

Jenn Zweig Hebert	3-2019
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### **Registrar of Voters - 2 year**

Jenn Zweig Hebert	1-2019
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### **Treasurer - 3 year**

Erin Norton	3-2020
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### **Planning Board - 5 year**

Joe Hartigan	4-2019
Gwen Hilton	4-2020
Ken Lust (Alt.)	4-2020
Kerry Hebert	5-2022
Stephen Hopkins (Alt.)	5-2022
Claire Nelson	5-2023
John Newsom	5-2023

### **CEO/Plumbing Inspector - 1 year**

Leo Mayo	3-2019
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### **Fire Chief - 1 year**

William Pressey	3-2019
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### **Town Fire Warden - 1 year**

William Pressey	3-2019
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### **GA Administrator**

Jenn Zweig Hebert	3-2019
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### **Animal Control Officer - 1 year**

Patricia Nelson	3-2019
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### **Health Officer - 3 year**

Leo Mayo	5-2020
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### **Building Superintendent - 1 year**

William Pressey	3-2019
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### **Town Sexton - 1 year**

William Pressey	3-2019
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### **Warrant Officer - 3 year**

Jerry Brackett	3-2020
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### **RSU # 9 School Board Director - 3 year**

Carol Coles	7-2021
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### **Appeals Board - 5 year**

Jared Norton	9-2019
George Martikke	9-2020
Sara Brusila	9-2021
Carol Coles	9-2022
Maryanne Gawlinski	9-2022

### **Budget Committee – 1 year**

Carol Coles	3-2019
Maryanne Gawlinski	3-2019
David Gray	3-2019
Ashley Hayden	3-2019
Ken Lust	3-2019

### **Water District - 3 year**

Joe Hartigan	Operator
AnnMarie Simone	11-2022
Robin Melancon-Quimby	11-2022
Jared Norton	11-2020
Ashley Hayden	11-2021
Erin Norton	11-2019



## **Town of Starks**

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## **OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN**

March, 2019

2018 was a relatively quiet year for the town as far as capital improvements are concerned. We had a flurry of new water structures in 2017, including the concrete arch culvert over Watson Stream on the Sawyers Mill Road, as well as the new steel deck over Joshua Brook on the Branns Mill Road. With those, along with the bridges over Lemon Stream in 2012 and over Pelton Brook on the Mayhew Road in 2013, we have completed correction of all the major bridge deficiencies brought to our attention by ME DOT several years ago. There is, however, one last stream we still want to address. At its culvert on the River Road, Smith Brook drains over two square miles in an area reaching over a mile north of Rt 43. It's a significant culvert. We had thought we might be doing the replacement in 2018, but the culvert grant program was stymied by our former governor refusing to sign a voter-approved bond. That bond will be signed this year and in April we will be applying for a grant to do the work, perhaps late this summer (2019).

We had a project lined up to completely rebuild a substantial section of Chicken St. from the fire station north. That project was slow to get going – all the culverts were replaced and ditching was accomplished. The final rebuild and repaving will take place in 2019.

We bought a used Volvo wheeler plow truck complete with much of the apparatus used for mounting the plows, and controls, at a DOT auction in May, 2018 for \$13,000. The same rig would have cost upwards of \$200,000 new. We had the frame sandblasted and painted, did some other minor repairs and have found it to be highly reliable- much more so than the wheeler it replaced- and at a total investment of about \$20,000. We're going to do the same thing at DOT's auction this coming May when we replace a small truck which has had operating issues since the town first acquired it new some years ago.



Another item on our agenda is a major re-work of the heating system in the Community Center. We've seen signs of substantial corrosion over the last few years and have generally found the heating system, designed as it was for a school, to be far more complex, and quite inefficient.

You'll note after some years of attempting to find an alternative use for the former Town Office, we've decided to put it up for sale.

The Selectmen serve on a number of out-of-town and regional boards and advisory groups. Ernie is a member of the Somerset County Economic Development Corp., which provides low cost financing and seeks to provide leadership in economic development in Somerset County. Joe is treasurer of the Kennebec Valley Regional Waste Corp. (KVRWC- Recycling) and is on the executive board of the Anson/Madison/Starks (AMS) ambulance service. Paul represents Starks at the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG), and on the First Park Board in Oakland, and is a member of the Somerset County Budget Committee. All three selectmen are on the boards of KVRWC and AMS.

We thank everyone who helped make our town a better place during this past year. This especially includes the road crew, and all the members of the fire department who go to such great and self-less effort to keep us safe. It also extends to the substantial volunteer efforts by so many of our citizens on so many fronts which often go unrecognized.

The Board meets at 7:00 pm on the first, third and fifth Mondays of each month. You are welcome at our meetings.

Board of Selectmen,

Paul Frederic, Ernie Hilton, Joe Hayden

## FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN CLERK

As another busy year wraps up it has once again been a pleasure to serve Starks as Town Clerk!

I'd like to remind you to visit the official Town of Starks website. Check it out at [www.starksme.com](http://www.starksme.com) - it is packed with an amazing amount of information related to our town. Everything from paying your taxes online, tax maps, the annual town report, town adopted ordinances, to upcoming events is at your fingertips. There is also an official Town of Starks Facebook page which I welcome all to "like" as it has current events and happenings.

The Starks Community Center still thrives as the centerpiece of our town. Our Community Center continues to be the site of many private and public events. The town has continued with the maintenance and improvement of this wonderful building. This past year, our playground got a needed face lift thanks to these treasured volunteers: **Carol Coles, Maryanne Gawlinski, Linda LaRose, Ken Lust, Bill Pressey** and **Earl Sterry**. As the clerk, my duties include scheduling, ensuring access, and collecting fees. Owning and maintaining a Community Center is a big responsibility for our small town but it has been a successful endeavor! Building Superintendent, **Bill Pressey's** maintenance, care and cleaning of the building has resulted in a true showpiece! **Danielle Pressey** and **John Robbins** often help out with building cleaning and maintenance as well. **THANK YOU BILL, DANIELLE and JOHN** for all your hard work! Even with our limited budget Starks has a Community Center that is the envy of many surrounding communities.

This year, **Maryanne Gawlinski** trained to be my Deputy for times when I may be unable to work. Maryanne proved to be a quick study and she has served our residents well. I enjoy working with Maryanne and am proud to call her friend. **THANK YOU Maryanne**. You are a great addition to the Town Office team.

Thank you to the Select Board, **Joe, Paul** and **Ernie** for their hard work and dedication to running the town successfully. As always, A *SPECIAL THANK YOU* goes to my office mate **Erin Norton**. We share a similar pride in serving customers. Erin's spirit of teamwork, upbeat attitude and friendship means so much to me!

A fabulous team of new and experienced Election Workers got me through the busy elections in 2018, including a State wide primary and gubernatorial election. I want to thank the following election workers: **Sarah Bessey, Valerie Comstock, Carol Coles, Maryanne Gawlinski, Cathleen Horner, Erin Norton, Danielle Pressey, Vicki Stevens, and Barbara Vischer**.

I also want to thank **Jerry Brackett**, Warrant Officer and **Denis Culley** for serving as Moderator at the Annual Town Meeting.

Vital records for 2018 were as follows:

**Births**

**7**

**Deaths**

**4**

**Marriages**

**4**

The town wide e-mail list continues to be a great way to communicate with citizens quickly and easily. If you haven't given me your e-mail address yet - consider being part of this effective way to be notified of the most current municipal happenings, public events and other important information. Your personal information will not be shared, the messages are sent with the recipient addresses blocked.

Town office hours are **Mondays 10 am-2 pm, Wednesdays 3pm-7pm, and the first Saturday of the month 8 am -11 am**. I understand these limited hours can be frustrating for some - so I am willing to help folks (in a pinch) during off hours. Call me on my home phone (696-3756), cell phone (578-0341) or email me at [mthungermaine@gmail.com](mailto:mthungermaine@gmail.com) and I will do my best to accommodate your needs.

The care and support this community has shown me and my family as we've navigated this most difficult time in our lives has been a true blessing. I am honored to be working as the Clerk for the Town of Starks. I hope to continue to serve you well. Feel free to be in touch with any suggestions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer A Zweig Hebert



**Non Zero Balance on All Accounts**

**Tax Year: 2018**

**As of: December 31, 2018**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Acct</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Original Tax</b>	<b>Payments/ Adjustments</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>
	1	Abbott, Brandi S.	137.81	0.00	137.81
	18	Ames, Peter E.	399.87	0.14	399.73
	19	Anger Jr., Robert K.	924.00	0.00	924.00
	711	Ashby, Deborah	270.69	0.00	270.69
	26	Atwood, John T. & Meader, Twil	102.08	0.00	102.08
	14	Ayotte, Pierre	262.94	0.00	262.94
	767	Bellefleur, Brad	50.12	0.00	50.12
	629	Bellefleur, Eileen M.	379.10	0.00	379.10
	324	Bellefleur, Sarah	401.28	0.00	401.28
	47	Belyea, Charles L.	793.76	0.00	793.76
	564	Belyea, Charles L.	218.59	0.00	218.59
	611	Bessey, Craig J.	791.65	0.00	791.65
	54	Bessey, Patty D.	222.99	0.00	222.99
	60	Boucher, Douglas A.	812.94	0.00	812.94
	331	Boucher, Douglas A.	171.07	0.00	171.07
	471	Brann Jr., David A.	227.39	0.00	227.39
**	140	Brawn, Stanley L.	1,152.80	0.00	1,152.80
	319	Brewer, Taylia M.	322.08	0.09	321.99
	149	Brower, Howard S.	285.12	0.00	285.12
	479	Bucciano Daniel	554.75	0.00	554.75
	77	Cassidy, Christine M	1,202.61	0.00	1,202.61
	86	Christen, Pamela	2,318.10	1,000.00	1,318.10
	87	Churchill, Caleb	559.68	0.00	559.68
	89	Churchill, William C.Sr.	1,959.76	0.00	1,959.76
	416	Clark,Kelly D	650.14	0.00	650.14
	337	Coconis, Michael	1,179.90	0.00	1,179.90
	111	Costigan, Julie L.	565.14	0.00	565.14
	112	Cotton, Dennis L.	872.78	0.00	872.78
	115	Cowan, Edward	877.22	0.00	877.22
	120	Curran, Thomas & Jennifer	289.34	0.00	289.34
	136	Deming, Roi A.	474.14	0.00	474.14
	138	Denis, Emanuel	302.02	0.00	302.02
	139	Denis, Emanuel T.	32.03	0.00	32.03
	141	Denis, Emanuel T.	289.34	0.00	289.34
**	145	Denis, Emanuel T.	294.98	0.00	294.98
**	146	Denis, Emanuel T.	202.58	0.00	202.58

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	150	Denis, Emanuel T.	293.57	0.00	293.57
	152	Depetrillo III, Angelo	304.48	0.00	304.48
	266	DeRosa, Christopher	351.12	0.00	351.12
	455	Donovan, Gregory J.	296.91	0.00	296.91
	167	Dube, Brad A	1,560.06	0.00	1,560.06
	173	Duley, Richard	464.64	0.00	464.64
	176	Dyke et Al, Darrell A.	916.78	0.00	916.78
	283	Esposito, Maureen H.	1,487.02	0.00	1,487.02
	648	Esposito, Robert	696.08	0.00	696.08
	109	Esposito, Robert M.	2,367.73	0.00	2,367.73
	292	Esposito, Robert M.	1,010.24	0.00	1,010.24
**	185	Evans Jr., William A.	890.56	800.00	90.56
	678	Farrell, Donna M.	1,390.93	0.00	1,390.93
	190	Fellman, Carl	204.16	0.00	204.16
**	194	Field, Robert J	1,153.68	875.00	278.68
*	749	Fields Jr., Bruce W.	369.60	0.00	369.60
	157	Forever Green MP Homes	1,172.16	0.00	1,172.16
	201	Frederic, Joseph W.	1,589.28	0.00	1,589.28
	205	Friend, Tara M.	801.50	0.00	801.50
	207	Frith, Monica L.	595.76	0.00	595.76
**	229	Gauthier, Carmen	1,376.32	1,148.85	227.47
	156	Glidden, Eric	1,312.26	30.85	1,281.41
	434	Gordon-Taylor, Lisa M.	1,825.65	0.00	1,825.65
	231	Greenleaf, Scott	293.22	0.00	293.22
	561	Gulnick, Sandra L.	323.84	0.00	323.84
	238	Hall, Leslie E. & Suzanne T.	827.38	0.00	827.38
	240	Hamilton, Thomas H. & Laura J.	147.31	0.26	147.05
	241	Hand, Roger & Carolee	421.87	0.00	421.87
	245	Harris, Nelson N	251.33	0.00	251.33
	747	Hartigan, David	443.52	0.00	443.52
	249	Hartigan, Dennis P.	987.54	3.85	983.69
**	32	Hartigan, Joseph W.	434.72	0.00	434.72
	703	Hayden, Joseph P.O.	1,281.98	0.00	1,281.98
	735	Hayden, Joseph P.O.	438.24	0.00	438.24
	256	Hayden, Lorraine P.	1,328.98	0.00	1,328.98
**	261	Hemmingway, Harold & Wayne	275.26	0.00	275.26
	262	Henckel, Peter N.	505.82	3.23	502.59
	607	Hendershot, Damon	696.96	0.00	696.96

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	634	Henri, Allan	200.64	8.31	192.33
*	269	Hill, James. P	867.68	267.68	600.00
	280	Hogg, Mark E.	775.63	0.00	775.63
	281	Holmes, Eric G	520.43	7.96	512.47
	285	Horelick, Estate of, Walter	591.36	0.00	591.36
	299	Irvine, Carl H Jr.	223.87	0.00	223.87
	651	Johnson, Kyle W	1,925.02	0.00	1,925.02
	386	Johnson, Christopher	571.65	0.00	571.65
	673	Keach, Marie A.	198.18	0.00	198.18
	739	Kiger, Nathan A	2,211.97	0.00	2,211.97
**	45	Kozielewicz, Marilyn A.	516.03	406.18	109.85
	424	Lagin-Nasse, Julianna &	748.00	0.00	748.00
*	339	Larouche, John G.	1,383.36	400.00	983.36
*	688	Leahy, Barry F	874.37	328.12	546.25
	345	Leal, Robert J. & Kathleen	297.79	0.00	297.79
	349	Lejoy, Susan L	211.90	0.00	211.90
	348	Lejoy, Susan L.	459.18	0.00	459.18
**	609	Lemay Jr., George	860.64	0.00	860.64
**	350	Lemay, George E. Jr. & Carlene	247.28	0.00	247.28
**	351	Lemay, George E. Jr. & Carlene	1,474.70	0.00	1,474.70
	760	Lemay, George E. Jr. & Carlene	2,230.10	0.00	2,230.10
	357	Libby, Kevin & Mary	414.48	0.00	414.48
	385	Libby, Timothy D,	266.46	0.00	266.46
**	358	Lickteig, John H.	503.71	0.00	503.71
	637	Lydon, William	1,455.87	0.00	1,455.87
	368	Mansfield, John Michael	649.97	0.00	649.97
	715	Mansfield, Kelly Jayne	60.74	0.00	60.74
*	699	Marschall, Martina L.	963.78	0.00	963.78
**	389	Martikke, George & Rosalie	621.28	0.00	621.28
**	390	Martikke, George F& Rosalie	994.22	900.00	94.22
	405	McPherson, Wayne	213.31	16.73	196.58
	407	Meagher, Brian	3,251.95	0.00	3,251.95
	505	Melancon-Quimby, Robin M.	834.24	0.00	834.24
	529	Merrill, Danielle L.	922.06	0.00	922.06
	595	Morey ,Shaun	331.58	5.06	326.52
	171	Napoleon, Alexander G.	411.84	0.00	411.84
	429	Newsom, John	356.93	0.00	356.93
	430	Newton, Kirt	1,437.04	0.00	1,437.04

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	675	Nichols, Michael A.	724.42	0.00	724.42
	608	Nichols, William L.	380.16	0.00	380.16
	214	Niskach, Lauren	221.76	0.00	221.76
	436	Norton, David L.	186.56	0.00	186.56
*	690	Norton, Erin E.	2,936.56	0.00	2,936.56
	565	Norton, Jared M	407.62	0.00	407.62
	439	O'Donald, Melissa	211.20	50.00	161.20
*	442	Olafson Sr., Anders N.	2,518.56	0.00	2,518.56
	448	Oliver, Carla J.	1,632.22	0.00	1,632.22
	444	Oliver, Herbert E.	203.46	0.00	203.46
	456	Osgood, Wanda	1,029.78	0.00	1,029.78
**	459	Ouellette, Kenneth W.	746.94	517.72	229.22
	460	Pacheco, David R.	654.02	0.00	654.02
	465	Patenaude, Alan	327.36	0.00	327.36
	466	Patenaude, Alan	211.20	0.00	211.20
	485	Peters, Bruce	380.16	0.00	380.16
	486	Peters, Bruce	496.32	0.00	496.32
	724	Phillips, Steven A. & Teresa B.	165.44	0.00	165.44
	492	Piche, Bradley M.	727.23	0.00	727.23
**	585	Presbytery of Northern NE	100.67	95.81	4.86
**	586	Presbytery of Northern NE	336.69	0.00	336.69
**	213	Presbytery of Northern NE	206.27	0.00	206.27
	763	Prescott, Ellen	323.14	0.00	323.14
	762	Prescott, Gerald S.	323.14	0.00	323.14
	778	Pressey, Heirs of Ruby	432.96	0.00	432.96
	499	Pressey, Robert M. & Crystal L.	939.84	0.00	939.84
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	529.76	0.00	529.76
	502	Quimby, Clifton & Florence	1,837.44	0.00	1,837.44
	503	Quimby, Clifton B. Et Al	1,320.00	0.00	1,320.00
	504	Quimby, Clinton	17.60	0.00	17.60
	510	Rackliff, Michael A.	339.15	0.00	339.15
	517	Randall, Lewis & Barbara	520.96	0.00	520.96
	527	Riley, Margot	1,992.32	0.00	1,992.32
	9	Riley, Megan	180.22	0.00	180.22
**	362	Roberts, Sherene	2,072.75	0.00	2,072.75
	70	Rosie, Crystal	295.15	0.00	295.15
	777	Ross, Jon A.	1,082.40	0.00	1,082.40
	549	Seamon, Thomas J	262.59	0.00	262.59

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	654	Seamon, Thomas J.	263.30	0.00	263.30
	556	Sheen, Jada F.	517.44	0.66	516.78
	557	Shepard, Stephen C.	875.60	0.00	875.60
	558	Sherrer, Charles R.	1,057.58	0.00	1,057.58
	560	Sherrer, Earskin	256.96	3.55	253.41
	562	Sherrer, John	268.22	0.00	268.22
	563	Sherrer, Lucy Geneva	389.14	0.00	389.14
**	581	Sirois, Robert	417.12	0.00	417.12
**	582	Sirois, Robert J.	313.28	0.00	313.28
**	583	Sirois, Robert J.	704.00	0.00	704.00
	521	Sours, Shane L.	403.92	0.00	403.92
	576	Standley, Charles & Virginia	295.68	0.00	295.68
	579	Staph, Mike	1,050.37	0.00	1,050.37
	593	Sterry Earl R. Jr.	414.66	0.00	414.66
	691	Stevens, Charles L.	849.20	580.00	269.20
	574	Sweetser, Jeff A.	723.01	0.00	723.01
	722	Swisher, John R.	232.32	0.00	232.32
	604	Taylor, Darlene A.	1,508.32	0.00	1,508.32
	606	Taylor, Darlene A.	327.36	0.00	327.36
	605	Taylor, David E.	1,271.07	0.00	1,271.07
	615	Thayer, Erika L.	852.72	0.00	852.72
	617	Theberge, Andre & Patricia	2,801.04	0.00	2,801.04
	734	Thomas, Jason	2,844.69	2,800.00	44.69
**	622	Toothaker, Nona L.	692.56	0.00	692.56
*	627	Tracy, Alice C. and Truman G.	79.20	0.00	79.20
	393	Tracy, Howard S.	507.06	0.00	507.06
	774	Tracy, Trista A.	193.60	0.00	193.60
*	628	Tracy, Truman G.	313.28	0.00	313.28
	631	Tutt, Dawn	1,415.92	1.83	1,414.09
	636	Van Tol, Gary	157.34	0.00	157.34
	638	Vessella, David A	1,236.58	0.00	1,236.58
	639	Vincent, Edward B.	183.74	0.00	183.74
	640	Vogel, Jr. Frederick B	2,320.74	2,191.91	128.83
	641	Vogel, Jr. Frederick B	313.28	298.15	15.13
	410	Vomorde, Carson C.	1,372.80	0.00	1,372.80
	181	Waite, Nicholas P.	567.07	28.93	538.14
	352	Webber, Archie L.	186.56	0.00	186.56
**	782	Welcome, Cordell	17.60	0.00	17.60

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**Non Zero Balance on All Accounts**

**Tax Year: 2018**

**As of: December 31, 2018**

**	781	Welcome, Jeffery	81.14	0.00	81.14
	467	Whipple, Charles Bruce	1,455.70	0.00	1,455.70
	658	Whipple, Charles Bruce	132.00	0.00	132.00
	659	Whipple, Charles Bruce	1,188.18	0.00	1,188.18
	660	White, Stephen	588.72	6.33	582.39
	580	Whitmore, Robert	450.74	0.00	450.74
	662	Whittemore, Nicholas	299.20	0.00	299.20
	676	Worthley, Melinda	666.69	0.00	666.69
	677	Worthley, Melinda	168.26	0.00	168.26
	663	Wright, Albert	529.94	42.31	487.63
	692	Zink Jr., George H.	522.72	272.72	250.00
		<b>Total for 199 Accounts:</b>	144,270.13	13,092.23	131,177.90

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**Non Zero Balance on All Accounts**

**Tax Year: 2017**

**As of: December 31, 2018**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Acct</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Original Tax</b>	<b>Payments/ Adjustments</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>
	1	Abbott, Brandi S.	168.55	0.00	168.55
	14	Ayotte, Pierre	311.92	0.00	311.92
	611	Bessey, Craig J.	820.65	299.55	521.10
	87	Churchill, Caleb	610.38	0.00	610.38
	89	Churchill, William C.Sr.	2,006.98	0.00	2,006.98
	416	Clark,Kelly D	701.34	0.00	701.34
	111	Costigan, Julie L.	604.87	0.00	604.87
	120	Curran, Thomas & Jennifer	338.60	0.00	338.60
*	136	Deming, Roi A.	513.40	47.63	465.77
	266	DeRosa, Christopher	400.70	0.00	400.70
	455	Donovan, Gregory J.	341.91	0.00	341.91
	173	Duley, Richard	514.83	53.13	461.70
	176	Dyke et Al, Darrell A.	197.13	0.00	197.13
	283	Esposito, Maureen H.	1,549.40	0.00	1,549.40
	648	Esposito, Robert	754.21	0.00	754.21
	109	Esposito, Robert M.	2,428.13	0.00	2,428.13
	292	Esposito, Robert M.	1,063.36	0.00	1,063.36
	678	Farrell, Donna M.	1,428.39	0.00	1,428.39
	231	Greenleaf, Scott	324.80	4.19	320.61
	561	Gulnick, Sandra L.	355.58	0.00	355.58
	241	Hand, Roger & Carolee	448.83	0.00	448.83
	245	Harris, Nelson N	131.94	0.00	131.94
	747	Hartigan, David	493.60	0.00	493.60
	285	Horelick, Estate of, Walter	600.82	0.00	600.82
	299	Irvine, Carl H Jr.	255.08	0.00	255.08
	386	Johnson,Christopher	622.41	0.00	622.41
	385	Libby, Timothy D,	296.89	0.00	296.89
	430	Newton, Kirt	1,492.45	0.00	1,492.45
	436	Norton, David L.	235.26	0.00	235.26
	448	Oliver, Carla J.	1,670.99	0.00	1,670.99
	444	Oliver, Herbert E.	234.55	0.00	234.55
	456	Osgood, Wanda	1,072.00	0.00	1,072.00
	460	Pachedo, David R.	404.68	0.00	404.68
	485	Peters, Bruce	429.90	0.00	429.90

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**Non Zero Balance on All Accounts**

**Tax Year: 2017**

**As of: December 31, 2018**

	486	Peters, Bruce	546.68	0.00	546.68
	492	Piche, Bradley M.	778.83	0.00	778.83
	499	Pressey, Robert M. & Crystal L.	974.89	0.00	974.89
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	562.61	0.00	562.61
	517	Randall, Barbara J.	553.76	0.00	553.76
	9	Riley, Megan	216.11	0.00	216.11
	70	Rosie, Crystal	326.74	0.00	326.74
*	558	Sherrer, Charles R.	1,117.66	0.00	1,117.66
	574	Sweetser, Jeff A.	756.89	0.00	756.89
*	604	Taylor, Darlene A.	1,553.12	0.00	1,553.12
	606	Taylor, Darlene A.	383.52	0.00	383.52
*	393	Tracy, Howard S.	564.18	147.78	416.40
	639	Vincent, Edward B.	232.43	0.00	232.43
	410	Vomorde, Carson C.	1,410.17	0.00	1,410.17
	467	Whipple, Charles Bruce	1,517.90	0.00	1,517.90
	658	Whipple, Charles Bruce	180.41	0.00	180.41
	659	Whipple, Charles Bruce	1,242.25	0.00	1,242.25
		<b>Total for 51 Accounts:</b>	<b>36,742.68</b>	<b>552.28</b>	<b>36,190.40</b>

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**Non Zero Balance on All Accounts**

**Tax Year: 2016**

**As of: December 31, 2018**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Acct</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Original Tax</b>	<b>Payments/ Adjustments</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>
	1	Abbott, Brandi S.	224.87	0.00	224.87
	87	Churchill, Caleb	578.99	0.00	578.99
	89	Churchill, William C.Sr.	1,945.14	766.76	1,178.38
*	416	Clark,Kelly D	657.42	469.78	187.64
	120	Curran, Thomas & Jennifer	278.29	0.00	278.29
	455	Donovan, Gregory J.	466.50	0.00	466.50
	561	Gulnick, Sandra L.	374.65	0.00	374.65
	241	Hand, Roger & Carolee	478.29	0.00	478.29
	747	Hartigan, David	465.49	32.26	433.23
	299	Irvine, Carl H Jr.	305.14	0.00	305.14
	386	Johnson,Christopher	499.09	0.00	499.09
	430	Newton, Kirt	1,129.79	0.00	1,129.79
	436	Norton, David L.	232.06	0.00	232.06
	448	Oliver, Carla J.	1,374.87	0.00	1,374.87
	444	Oliver, Herbert E.	306.59	0.00	306.59
	456	Osgood, Wanda	1,076.77	35.70	1,041.07
	485	Peters, Bruce	403.58	0.00	403.58
	486	Peters, Bruce	517.08	0.00	517.08
	492	Piche, Bradley M.	733.15	0.00	733.15
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	594.26	204.84	389.42
*	517	Randall, Barbara J.	696.00	175.44	520.56
**	558	Sherrer, Charles R.	1,047.85	1,021.91	25.94
	574	Sweetser, Jeff A.	774.01	0.00	774.01
	606	Taylor, Darlene A.	254.87	0.00	254.87
	410	Vomorde, Carson C.	1,384.66	0.00	1,384.66
	467	Whipple, Charles Bruce	1,421.38	0.00	1,421.38
	658	Whipple, Charles Bruce	171.41	0.00	171.41
	659	Whipple,Charles Bruce	1,162.64	0.00	1,162.64
		<b>Total for 28 Accounts:</b>	<b>19,554.84</b>	<b>2,706.69</b>	<b>16,848.15</b>

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**Non Zero Balance on All Accounts**  
**Tax Year: 2015**  
**As of: December 31, 2018**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Acct</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Original Tax</b>	<b>Payments/ Adjustments</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>
	87	Churchill, Caleb	591.90	443.57	148.33
	299	Irvine, Carl H Jr.	402.25	59.17	343.08
	485	Peters, Bruce	412.19	-25.70	437.89
	486	Peters, Bruce	528.47	-25.70	554.17
		<b>Total for 4 Accounts:</b>	<b>1,934.81</b>	<b>451.34</b>	<b>1,483.47</b>

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## *From the Treasurer's Desk*

Greetings friends! I've been your Treasurer for over a decade! Can you believe it? Audit is complete and we're excited about the Warrant and this year's budget. We're continuing the trend of adding to reserve accounts which is an important piece of planning for the future of Starks! It's great to see these balances grow. Like past years I've included plenty of information for you to mull over before Town Meeting on my Expense, Revenue and other Reports. They can be found just a few pages down from this one. Several cost areas have come in under budget this year. These unexpended balances can also be found on the Expense Report and are accounted for in article 48 in this year's Town Meeting Warrant. This article will help to lower our Town's commitment to taxes.

I successfully completed the audit with RHR Smith in January. We have a well-established relationship with their firm. They always willing to make themselves available when I have questions or concerns at any point in the year. I'm thankful for their commitment to us.

I'm delighted to report that we didn't have to take out a Tax Anticipated Note for the sixth year in a row - the progressive financial direction of our little town is impressive and noted by those around us! The group that I worked with on the Budget Committee this past year was a great one! Thank you to, **Maryanne Gawlinski, Carol Coles, Ashley Hayden, Ken Lust & Dave Gray**. Their commitment to this committee and Starks is commendable. We worked late into the night as usual hashing out the budget set before you in the "Articles of Warrant" section of this report. If you're interested in the budget process, and would consider being nominated, please reach out.

As always I have to extend a HUGE & gracious thank you to **Jenn Hebert**, our Town Clerk and Tax Collector for working as my deputy in the collection of delinquent taxes. She works hard for the Town at satisfying all our needs and is instrumental in all things related to Starks. I lean on her for more things than most people know and I truly appreciate her so much! *Thank you Jennie for your unwavering friendship!*

Each year I note how this role changes with time, and requires more attention from me at different points. I've really come to love my position, and work as Treasurer now in New Sharon and Chesterville as well. Working in three towns has me very busy, but has really helped to hone my skills!

I hold regular office hours Wednesday evenings from 5pm-7pm. If you ever have questions regarding Town finances, expired tax liens or would like to make special payment arrangements on your taxes, please feel free to reach out. I'm happy to meet by appointment and or answer your questions.

The past year was a tough one in town government after the loss of our beloved Kerry Hebert in November of 2017. Navigating the Assessing and commitment process without him was difficult. Working though it was a collective effort on the part of all town officials, with a little outside help from friend and colleague Bill VanTuinen. Kerry was very special to my family, and is still greatly missed.

2019 is off to a good start and I hope to see many familiar faces at Town Meeting!

Respectfully

*Erin Norton*

## 2018 Treasurer's Revenue Report

Account #	Account	Credit
98	Real Estate Payments	825,797.63
98	Supplemental Payments	0.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>825,797.63</b>

### Revenue Summary

Account #	Account	Debits	Credits	Balance
100	- Excise - Auto	\$0.00	\$102,605.38	\$102,605.38
101	- Excise - Boat	\$0.00	\$675.60	\$675.60
102	- Fees - Agent	\$4.00	\$3,377.35	\$3,373.35
103	- Over Short	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
104	- Interest - Real Estate	\$0.00	\$6,202.49	\$6,202.49
105	- Lien Fees	\$0.00	\$2,883.19	\$2,883.19
106	- Dog Fees	\$0.00	\$438.50	\$438.50
107	- Plumbing Permit Fees	\$0.00	\$1,425.00	\$1,425.00
108	- Building Permit Fees	\$0.00	\$325.00	\$325.00
109	- Copier Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
110	- Homestead Exemption	\$0.00	\$41,318.00	\$41,318.00
111	- Veterans Exemption	\$0.00	\$330.00	\$330.00
112	- First Park	\$0.00	\$1,995.00	\$1,995.00
113	- Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$14,095.26	\$14,095.26
122	- Operating Interest	\$0.00	\$0.60	\$0.60
115	- Revenue Sharing	\$0.00	\$29,782.89	\$29,782.89
117	- Site Review Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
119	- Miscellaneous Revenue	\$7.25	\$7,226.92	\$7,219.67
120	- General Assistance Reimbursements	\$0.00	\$2,485.98	\$2,485.98
121	- Higgins Trust Interest	\$0.00	\$2,515.32	\$2,515.32
122	- Snowmobile Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$403.82	\$403.82
130	- FEMA Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$4,157.71	\$4,157.71
231	- MMA Fire Dept. Grant	\$0.00	\$1,915.00	\$1,915.00
232	- Local Road Assistance Program LRAP	\$0.00	\$28,160.00	\$28,160.00
233	- Building Rental/donation Fees (to BIF)	\$0.00	\$635.00	\$635.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11.25</b>	<b>\$252,954.01</b>	<b>\$252,942.76</b>

Total Revenue Received by Starks **1,078,740.39**  
*(The Total Sum of Cash Receipts Report and Revenue Summary)*



# Expense Report 2018

Article #	Description	Budget	Expended	Balance	% Spent
14	Contingency	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
17	Administration	\$94,000.00	\$78,767.13	\$15,232.87	83.79%
18	BMV Software	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	100.00%
19	Former Town Hall	\$3,500.00	\$1,072.54	\$2,427.46	30.64%
20	CEO	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
21	CEO Legal	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	0.00%
22	Deputy Clerk	\$3,000.00	\$1,845.00	\$1,155.00	61.50%
23	Elections	\$4,500.00	\$3,754.50	\$745.50	83.43%
24	Assessors	\$8,750.00	\$8,750.00	\$0.00	100.00%
24	Selectmen	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
24	Clerk	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$0.00	100.00%
24	Tax Collector	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
24	Treasurer	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$0.00	100.00%
24	Building Superintendent	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
24	Health Officer	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	0.00%
24	Sexton	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	100.00%
24	GA overseer	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	100.00%
25	Appeals Board	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	0.00%
26	Planning Board	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	0.00%
27	Training of outgoing Officers	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	0.00%
28	Road Foreman Stipend	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	100.00%
29	Community Center	\$17,500.00	\$17,500.00	\$0.00	100.00%
30	Fire Department	\$41,000.00	\$44,838.57	-\$3,838.57	109.36%
31	Fire Station Maintenance	\$35,000.00	Carry Forward	\$0.00	100.00%
32	Fire Chief Salary	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
33	Animal Control	\$1,000.00	\$398.76	\$601.24	39.88%
34	AMS Ambulance	\$11,000.00	\$12,159.96	-\$1,159.96	110.55%
35	Road Signs	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	0.00%
36	Street Lights	\$1,500.00	\$1,283.65	\$216.35	85.58%
37	Equipment	\$45,500.00	\$45,500.00	\$0.00	100.00%
38	Garage	\$9,000.00	\$8,994.61	\$5.39	99.94%
39	Summer Roads Maintenance	\$63,500.00	\$62,903.08	\$596.92	99.06%
40	Winter Roads	\$55,000.00	\$53,388.25	\$1,611.75	97.07%
41	Town Dump Maintenance	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	100.00%
42	General Assistance	\$4,000.00	\$5,517.50	-\$1,517.50	137.94%
43	Recreation/Library Reimbursements	\$2,000.00	\$730.00	\$1,270.00	36.50%
44	Salt Shed	\$9,787.00	\$9,786.48	\$0.52	99.99%
45	River Road Bond	\$31,109.00	\$31,108.39	\$0.61	100.00%
46 assessment	First Park	\$4,500.00	\$4,606.80	-\$106.80	102.37%
47	Social Organizations	\$5,030.00	\$5,030.00	\$0.00	100.00%
50	Capital Improvements	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
51	Building Improvement Fund (BIF)	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
52	Capital Roads Account	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
53	Fire Dept. Capital Reserve	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
Assessment	County Tax	\$120,966.67	\$120,966.67	\$0.00	100.00%
Assessment	RSU #9	\$471,789.62	\$471,789.62	\$0.00	100.00%
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,144,032.29</b>	<b>\$1,080,991.51</b>	<b>\$28,040.78</b>	<b>94.49%</b>

## 2018 FUND BALANCES

2018 Town of Starks	BALANCES	
	As of 12/31/18	As of 12/31/19
Skowhegan Savings Primary Checking Account	656,601.39	102,500.83
General Fund Sweep Account		559,651.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 656,601.39</b>	<b>\$ 662,151.84</b>

2018 Reserve Funds	BALANCES		
	As of 12/31/17	Due to/Due From	As of 12/31/18
LRAP - Local Roads Assistance Program	78,746.43	28,160.00	106,906.43
Re-Valuation Account	41,241.66	0.00	41,241.66
Capital Roads Reserve	30,000.00	5,000.00	35,000.00
Capital Improvement Reserve	56,768.25	5,000/23,732.04	38,036.21
Fire Department Capital Reserve	10,000.00	5,000.00	15,000.00
BIF - Building Improvement Fund	26,780.65	5,635.00	32,415.65
Helen Reed Scholarship Fund	4,610.97	4,610.97	4,610.97
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>248,147.96</b>	<b>32,071.57</b>	<b>248,147.96</b>

### Due to / Due From Summary

LRAP - Revenue from DOT receipted in November 28, 2018

Capital Roads - Appropriation from 2018 Annual Meeting

Capital Improvement - 2018 Annual Meeting/New Public Works Truck

Fire Department Capital - Appropriation from 2018 Annual Town Meeting

BIF - Appropriation from 2018 Annual Town Meeting and rental income & donations

Helen Reed Scholarship - Adopted at 2017 Annual Meeting

Bank of America / US Trust Account	BALANCES		
	As of 1/31/18	Gain / Loss	As of 10/31/19
John W Higgins Trust Fund Market Value	199,334.42	-5,791.51	193,542.91

## Cemetery Trust Balance December 31st 2018

\$10,020.01

<b>Frederic Cemetery</b>	<b>Total Trust</b>	<b>% of Trust</b>	<b>2018 Interest</b>
John W. Higgins	\$5,000.00	79%	\$10.11
Frederic Cemetery Trust	\$157.10	2%	\$0.26
Alice Frederic Fields Trust Fund	\$180.27	3%	\$0.38
Sawyer and Trask Fund	\$334.74	5%	\$0.64
M.D. Frederic Trust Fund	\$100.00	2%	\$0.26
Bertha Waugh Smith-Georgia & Clifford Brann Lot	\$59.37	1%	\$0.13
Glen Frederic Trust Fund	\$500.00	8%	\$1.02
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,331.48</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>\$12.80</b>

### Locke Cemetery

Bertha Waugh Smith-Sampson & Mary Duley Lot	\$59.38	6%	\$0.14
Clarence Norton	\$100.00	9%	\$0.22
Calvin Bryant Fish & Herietta Fish Lot	\$200.00	17%	\$0.40
Arthur Morse Trust Fund	\$350.00	30%	\$0.73
David J. Taylor-Milia Taylor Trust Fund	\$100.00	9%	\$0.22
Artthur Buffington Fund-William Gillis Lot	\$40.00	4%	\$0.10
Robert R Bichols & George Nichols Lot	\$100.00	9%	\$0.22
Frank Sterry Fund- Williamson Lot	\$200.00	17%	\$0.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,149.38</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>\$2.40</b>

### Tupper or Williamson Cemetery

Captian Stevenson & George Williamson Lots	\$95.88	18%	\$0.18
Emma J. Frederic Trust Fund	\$139.81	27%	\$0.27
Betsy Wook Trust Fund	\$59.93	11%	\$0.11
Betsy Smith Cemetery Lot Trust Fund	\$79.17	15%	\$0.15
William P. True Fund Lot	\$150.00	29%	\$0.29
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$524.79</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>\$1.01</b>

### Brake Hill Cemetery

Arthur and Susie Morse Lot	\$200.00	22%	\$0.40
Brake Hill Cemetery Lot	\$608.02	67%	\$1.21
Maude Rankin & Anne Ederly Fund-Lovell Lot	\$100.00	11%	\$0.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$908.02</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>\$1.80</b>

### Churchill Cemetery

Arlin L. & Lucinda Chapman			
Justin O. & Sarah T. Chapman	\$1,000.00	10.00%	\$2.00

**Total Trust** **\$10,000.00** **100.00%**

Issued to Ferderic Cemetery	\$12.80
Issued to Locke Cemetery	\$2.40
Issued to Town of Starks	\$4.81
Transferred to the General Fund on January 24th, 2019	\$20.01

Prepared by Erin Norton

## PLANNING BOARD REPORT FOR THE 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

The Starks Planning Board meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 7 PM at the Starks Community Center. Meetings may be cancelled if there is no business on the agenda, so those interested in attending a meeting should call the Chairperson of the Board ahead of time. The Board has instituted a new practice of sending out regular meeting notices via email. The public is encouraged to attend all meetings of the Board. Members of the Board are Gwen Hilton (Chair), Ken Lust (Vice Chair), Claire Nelson (Secretary), Joe Hartigan, John Newsom, and Steven Hopkins (alternate).

The following is a list of permit applications considered by the Board during 2018:

- Subdivisions and Site Review Permits: No permit applications were submitted during 2018.
- Shoreland Zoning Permits: No permit applications requiring Planning Board review were submitted during 2018.
- Mass Gathering Permits: No permit applications were submitted during 2018

### **2018 Ordinance Updates**

In addition to issuing permits, the Planning Board is also responsible for proposing amendments to existing ordinances and developing new ordinances, where needed. Input from other town officials and the public is critical in any of the Board's work on ordinances. Public meetings are always held on proposed changes to the town's ordinances.

The Starks Planning Board has drafted two ordinances for referendum votes on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019. These two ordinances replace the Town's 35+ year-old Site Plan Review and Subdivision Ordinance, which is very outdated. The Board is also working to revise the Town's Mass Gathering Ordinance which will be the subject of a Town vote at a later date.

The proposed ordinances are:

- Town of Starks Site Plan Review Ordinance
- Town of Starks Subdivision Ordinance

The primary goals of the proposed Ordinances are:

- To protect the town, neighborhoods and property owners from activities that could potentially reduce property values, negatively impact town roads and services, harm the environment, or otherwise degrade the quality of life for residents
- To guide and support local business activity
- To contribute to viability of the community

What is the Site Plan Review Ordinance?

- The Ordinance requires a Planning Board permit for most businesses and multifamily housing
- No permit is required for:
  - Home occupations within residences or associated buildings with few impacts on neighbors
  - Agriculture, forestry and sand and gravel extraction activities
- Permitting is designed to fit the size of the proposed project – streamlined for small projects and more thorough for large projects that could have greater impacts on neighbors and the town



- For example, large projects might include large-scale water extraction, a solar or wind farm, or any project that generates an average of 400 vehicle trips per day when open for business
- Public notice and public hearings are required

What is the Subdivision Ordinance?

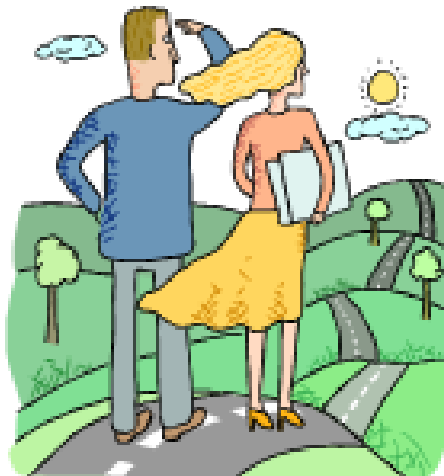
- Towns must regulate the subdivision of land in accordance with state law. A subdivision is the dividing of a property into 3 or more lots/units within a 5 year period (there are some exceptions as to what lots are counted)
- State law requires that the Planning Board evaluate a proposed subdivision with respect to its impact on water quality and other natural resources, traffic and roads, sewage and solid waste disposal, etc.
- Public notice and public hearings are required

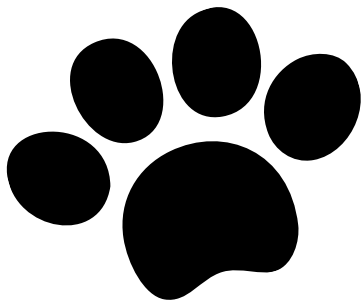
Copies of these proposed ordinances are available at the Town Office and posted on the Town's website. The Selectmen are required to hold public hearing prior to the vote being taken.

Copies of the all Town's ordinances can be obtained from the Town Clerk, and are available on the Town of Starks website at: [www.starksme.com](http://www.starksme.com).

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Hilton, Chair  
Starks Planning Board





# ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT

## Town of Starks 2018

Hi, this is your "new" old ACO, Pat Nelson. I've been an ACO for ten years and was glad to help when asked to fill in for Starks. I was sworn in May 2018. I live just over in Anson, and will try to get out and meet more of you as time allows. I serve as Animal Control Officer for three towns.

I haven't had many calls in Starks -a few stray cats and a couple old dogs. Please, if you don't have the means to care for your dog, find a good home, utilize the shelter or have it put to sleep. Don't dump your pets off in random locations, it's irresponsible.

If you loose a pet, call dispatch and they will get in touch with me. Put up posters, call the shelter and your vet, post on Social Media and other places to reach more people.

I am a stickler about licensing dogs. If you haven't done so, please get proof of rabies and head to the town office to license them. I will be calling or visiting you if your dog is not licensed. Dog Licenses are due by January 31st or a hefty \$25 late fee will be imposed. Look for notification from your town office reminding you when it's time.

I find that most dog bites can be avoided with a little bit of owner training and teaching young children to respect dogs. They are not toys. Dogs have feelings and feel pain just like we do.

Please feel free to call me through dispatch if you have animal related concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

Pat Nelson

Animal Control Officer Dispatch: 207-474-7400  
Franklin County Animal Shelter: 207-778-2638  
Animal Poison Control: 1-888-426-4435  
Starks Town Office: 207-696-8069





# CODE ENFORCEMENT & LPI REPORT

## Town of Starks 2018

There were fourteen permits issued in 2018. Five complete septic systems, no tank replacements. Three mobile home hookups, one private system and four internal plumbing permits and inspections for compliance as is required.

Site reviews and issuance of thirteen permits for construction included mobile homes, and additions to existing structures –family dwellings, garages, and a pole shed.

Enforcement letters and verbal requests were issued to citizens concerning nuisance yards, trash.

Please remember: Before you get start on any construction on your home or property you should contact the Code Enforcement officer to determine requirements for your project.

Code Enforcement hours are the first and third Wednesdays from 3:00PM – 6:00PM at the Town Office.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Leo May

Leo Mayo  
Code Enforcement & LPI  
57 Anson Road Starks, ME 04911

Office: (207) 696-8069  
Home: (207) 566-7341

# BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT REPORT 2018

The Community Center thrives with activities of all kinds. It has been the focal point for many social and town gatherings over the past year. We are looking forward to the center to be used for many more events in 2019.

The playground area was revitalized with safety features and new colorful paint! The area outback was overhauled, leveled off and grass seed planted. A special thanks to Carol Coles and Ken Lust for their part in this process. Trees, donated by Elizabeth Smedburg were planted around the center.

The building continues to be in great running condition.

Respectfully,

Bill Pressey



## SEXTON REPORT 2018

As is with every passing year new damage from fallen trees and weather has impacted some of the fences and stones. We have been in contact with Elias Monuments about repairing damaged monuments and will continue these efforts as soon as weather permits.

The front part of Greenleaf Cemetery fence was recently replaced. Small finishing touches will be done this year.

Signs for each of our many cemeteries in town are being placed over the course of 2019.

All in all our town maintained cemeteries are in fair condition, and we continue to work on and address issues as they arise.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bill Pressey



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# STARKS LIBRARY

## ANNUAL REPORT 2018

The Starks Library Committee and volunteers have been active in supporting a number of activities throughout the year including the SummerKids program, a presentation by the L.C. Bates Museum, book giveaways at Pumpkinfest, books and treats for Halloween's "Trunk-a-Treat" coordinated by Danielle Pressey, arts and crafts, and our traditional Christmas program.

On the upper hall of the building we have a number of new sections: Western section which includes writers Louis L'Amour, James Hendryx, Larry McMurty and others; a new International Crime Writers section with authors Jo Nesbo, PD James, Hakar Nesser, Jussi Adler-Olsen plus many more; a Stephen King section; and gardening, cooking, craft, hunting, fishing, and sports sections.

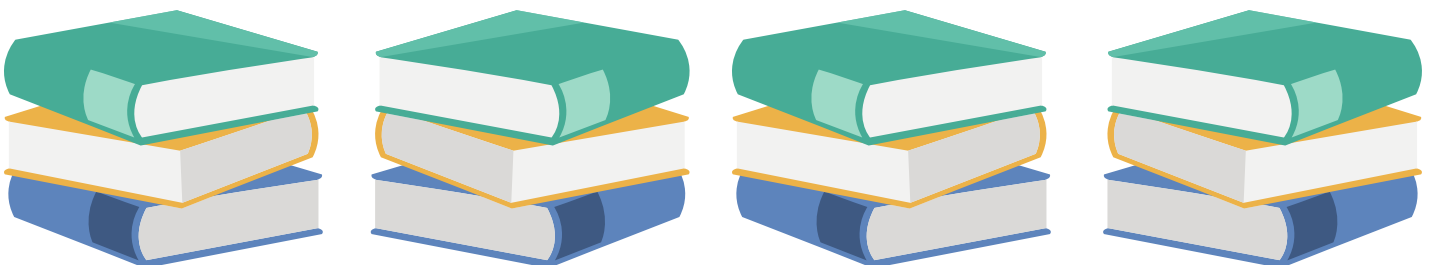
The area downstairs includes books in large print; books by Maine authors for adults, young adults, and children; large adult fiction and non-fiction sections; and a young adult fiction section. The children's section includes picture books, easy readers, and chapter books. In our cozy reading nook we have a children's book display that changes seasonally.

We have two computers that are available for use by all residents: one located in the library and one located in the hall leading to the upstairs.

On the first Saturday of each month we support "Mug Up" – a time to enjoy coffee, tea or hot chocolate along with a treat and pleasant conversation. "Mug Up" hours are the same as the Town Office hours – 8:00 to 11:00 am.

The Starks Library Committee appreciates and thanks all of the people in the community who have volunteered and supported the library over the years.

Starks Library Committee includes Maryanne Gawlinski, Nancy Lagin, and Linda LaRose.





### Starks Fire Calls 2018

Structure Fires - 2  
Chimney Fires - 2  
Wild Fires - 5  
Wires Down W/Fire - 2  
Trees Down in Roadway - 7  
Motor Vehicle Accidents - 7  
Assist AMS Ambulance - 2  
CO Alarm - 1  
Flooding in Roadway - 1  
Lightning Strike - 1  
Stove Fires - 1  
Mutual Aid (All Calls) - 20

### ADDRESS

39 Chicken Street  
Starks, ME 04911

### CONTACT

207-696-1082  
starksfire@yahoo.com

## FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT 2018

Another busy year for Starks Fire. The department responded to a slightly higher volume of calls than last year.

Our training is continuing, and we have asked for a few extra dollars in 2019 to enhance our in house training capabilities.

We continue to apply for grants for various items and hope to have success with these as we have in the past.

As of this writing our roster stands at 20 with some of last year's members gone and new faces in the mix. The safety of all members is of utmost importance and we concentrate heavily on assuring that everyone has the equipment needed to perform to the level of training that they have received.

The equipment is in good running condition and has served us well. We are still exploring different possibilities on funding for the purchase of a new pumper/tanker in the next few years.

I would like to thank all the members for their devotion to the department and thanks to all citizens for their continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Bill Pressey*

### **Starks Water District Annual Report**

The Starks Water District is available by phone on Wednesdays from 4-7PM, by email as needed and in person by appointment. If you need to make a payment or arrangement outside of office hours, someone is available to do that, just call ahead. Payments can also be dropped off at the Town Office and a receipt will be mailed to you. Please note that the Water District is a separate entity from the Town, so payments should always be made out to Starks Water District, and no credit card payments can be taken by the Town. We do take credit card payments by phone or mail.

***If you have a problem with your water service please let us know and we will address it as soon as possible.***

We meet at the Starks Community Building on the third Wednesday of every month at 7PM. The Starks Water District Board of Directors remaining meetings for 2019 will be as follows:

March 20	August 21
April 17	September 18
May 15	October 16
June 19	November 20
July 17	December 18

Any changes to Board meeting dates or times will be posted at the Starks Community Building one week in advance except in the case of weather emergency or illness. If schools are canceled and/or the Town Office is closed due to weather conditions, the meeting will also be canceled.

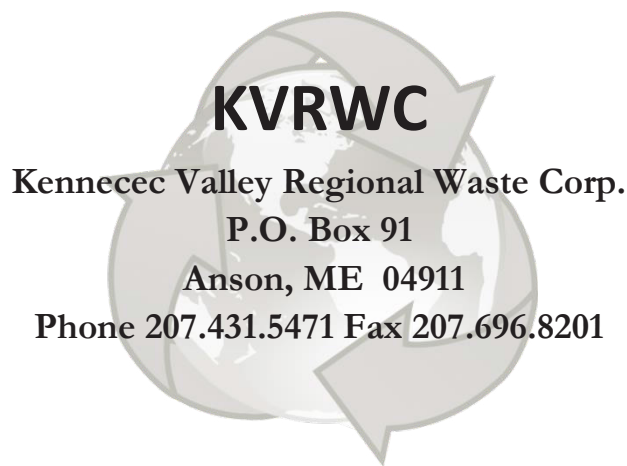
Starks Water District income from water service, fees, and transfers for 2018 was \$9,850.81 (with \$1,242.69 in receivables at the end of the year), and our total expenses were \$9,640.43, resulting in a net gain of \$210.38 (not including an AP balance of \$1,320.48 at year end) We have worked hard to reduce our annual expenses and have lost another customer this year. We would like to encourage customers to pay their water service bills in a timely manner so that we can continue to provide clean, safe drinking water to the community.

We currently have a full Board of Directors/Trustees, appointed for 3 year terms:

Ashley Steward-Hayden, Chair	2021
Erin Norton, Vice-Chair	2019
Ann Marie Simone, Clerk/Treasurer	2020
Robin Melancon-Quimby	2020
Jared Norton	2020

A copy of the Terms and Conditions and current rates and fees are available on request.

Report prepared by:  
Ann Marie Simone, M.Ed., D.D.  
Clerk/Treasurer



Kennebec Valley Regional Waste Corporation is the recycling outfit co-owned by Anson and Starks. Its Board and officers are made up of the Boards of Selectmen in both towns as well as two local citizens.

Over one hundred thirty tons of recycled materials were processed at the recycling plant located on Route 201 in Bingham last year. Tonnage was up because of a slight increase in participation. There are still a little over one hundred participating residents from Anson/North Anson and around one hundred participating residents from Starks. In 2019 we plan to circulate a postcard to all residents encouraging participation. Increased support will reduce operating costs and increase revenue. Additionally, it's great for the environment!

Employee Rusty Sterry is a continued asset to KVRWC and really enjoys the work. He maintains the facility in Bingham and performs all the regular pickups.

Last year the price of cardboard and other recycled materials decreased slightly because of the global market. As a result we had a slight decrease to revenues. As of January 2019 things look to be rebounding. The purchase of the new truck in 2017 continues to keep maintenance costs down.

If you're interested in recycling, a schedule for pick up in your area can be found at the Town Office. If you have any other questions please feel free to call Joe Hayden or Arnold Luce.

Respectfully,

*Joe Hayden*, Treasurer



## Anson/Madison & Starks Ambulance Service

P.O. Box 277  
Madison, Maine 04950  
(207) 696-5332

To the citizens of Starks. The Ambulance service responded to 1628 calls in 2018. The busiest days of the week were Monday, Tuesday and Friday and the busiest time of day was between 9 A.M. and 3 O'clock in the afternoon. Nearly 40% of the total calls were done in this time period.

In February of 2019 we will take delivery of a new ambulance replacing an 11 year old model with close to 250 thousand miles on it. The purchase was made possible with a 50 thousand dollar Grant and low interest loan from the USDA.

Nobody wants to have an emergency, however you can be prepared and help us help you by these simple measures. Make sure your house or box number is correct and visible from the road especially at night. Make sure your driveway and entries are cleared and accessible in the winter, including sand or salted. Time is delayed when we cannot safely reach your residence. Lastly I would like to remind everyone to always give all emergency vehicles the right of way by pulling to the right and stopping. If you approach a scene where emergency vehicles are stopped slowdown be alert and give them plenty of room.

I wish you all a healthy and safe 2019

**George Demchak AMS Ambulance Director**



# Starks Food Cupboard

A Program of East Parish Housing Ministry, Inc.

## Annual Report 2018

We would like to take the time and thank everyone that has made this year another successful year for our Food Cupboard. Because of the selfless generosity of local gardeners and citizens of Starks that donated, we were able to make 45 Thanksgiving Baskets last year and provide assistance to the town's people throughout the year.

Thank you to the citizens at the Annual Town Meeting for your continued support of this much needed program. It's a huge help and is greatly appreciated, at a time when the federal surplus is getting smaller with each delivery.

We were still able to meet the needs of the town's people. We had 6 new clients added to our families and are continuing to grow each year as times are hard for people to get the necessities they need.

We would also like to extend a huge thank you to the volunteers that donate their time to ensure that the boxes are made, deliveries are picked up and shelves are stocked. We couldn't operate without you.

The Starks Food Cupboard is open the first and third Wednesday of each month from 10am to 12pm unless school is cancelled in which case we'll also be closed. In response to emergency requests: please contact Cindy at 696-4337 or Deborah at 399-3137.

Respectfully Yours,

*Cynthia Kimball*, Coordinator

Income	
Beginning Balance	\$4,834.45
FEMA	\$2,000
Miscellaneous Donations	\$2,568.00
Town of Starks	\$900.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$9,802.45</b>

Expenses	
Good Shepard Food Bank	\$150.00
Save A Lot	\$2,344.00
Hannaford	\$422.00
Insurance	\$1,279.00
CMP	\$564.00
Oil	\$686.00
Plowing	\$525.00
Lawn Mowing	\$680.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,650.00</b>

Ending Check book Balance \$3,152.45

## **Town of Starks, Maine Budget Committee Report for 2018**

The Budget Committee is established by town ordinance and consists of five members elected from the floor at the annual town meeting and each member serves a term of one year.

According to the ordinance, “The Committee shall have the following powers and duties;<sup>1</sup>

- A. To review and make recommendations on the annual operation budget as proposed by the selectmen.
- B. To review and make recommendations on annual expenditures as proposed by the selectmen.
- C. To review and make recommendations on supplemental appropriations and expenditures and other budgetary action whenever proposed by the selectmen.
- D. To make such other recommendations on fiscal matters as it may from time to time deem advisable”

Elected members of the 2018 Budget Committee are as follows:


Carol Coles	<a href="mailto:carolrcoles@gmail.com">carolrcoles@gmail.com</a>
Maryann Gawlinski	<a href="mailto:mgawlinski5@gmail.com">mgawlinski5@gmail.com</a>
Dave Gray	<a href="mailto:grayalice@hotmail.com">grayalice@hotmail.com</a>
Ashley Hayden	<a href="mailto:ashleyhayden25@yahoo.com">ashleyhayden25@yahoo.com</a>
Ken Lust	<a href="mailto:kenlust@gmail.com">kenlust@gmail.com</a>

The Committee serves as an advisory body to assist the Board of Selectmen, the Town Treasurer and the Board of Assessors in establishing the mill rate as well as crafting a budget that best serves the people of the Town of Starks. The Budget Committee is advisory only and has no decision-making power.

Budget Committee members met with the Selectmen and members of the Board of Assessors and the Town Clerk and Treasurer on 1 October 2018 to review revenue projections and anticipated expenses as work proceeded on setting property tax rate. All members of the Budget Committee attended that meeting.

A meeting was held on 7 January 2019 to review the proposed 2019 town budget. At that meeting, the Budget Committee, the Selectmen, Town Clerk and Town Treasurer reached consensus on all budget amounts and expenditures for consideration at the March 2019 Town Meeting. All members of the Budget Committee attended that meeting.

This report is submitted by Committee Member Ken Lust on behalf of the Starks 2018 Budget Committee.



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<sup>1</sup> Town of Starks Budget Committee Ordinance enacted November 5, 2002

## **Starks Community Center Standing Committee Annual Report for 2018**

The Starks Community Center Standing Committee is advisory only; making its recommendations to the Starks Board of Selectpersons for their approval and action. Meetings are held quarterly, on the second Thursday of January, April, July and October at 5pm in the Library.

Current members include:

- Paul Frederic
- Maryanne Gawlinski
- Jennifer Zweig Hebert
- Nancy Lagin
- Linda LaRose
- Ken Lust
- Erin Norton
- Carol Coles

During 2018, on the interior of the building, a new rug was purchased for the library area, the rental agreement for building usage was reviewed and rewritten, a combination lock was installed on the pantry door to secure cooking equipment, supplies as well as the new sound equipment, the large classroom upstairs was reorganized, and an inventory was done of the snowshoes/poles/cases.

On the exterior, lighting has been substantially improved. The playground has had a total makeover with the repainting of existing play structures, new swing seats and support chains, removal of the retaining wall, grading of the slope and new surface beneath the play equipment/swings.

Maintenance of the heating, cooling and other systems has been ongoing, as has compliance with recommendations of the energy audit. Bill Pressey and Danielle Pressey have been proactive in cleaning & cost effective repairs. We are grateful to them both for their hard work as well as their suggestions and input.



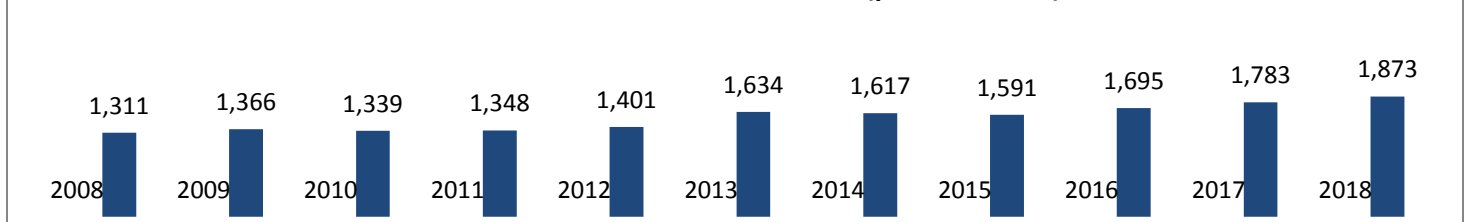
## Kennebec Regional Development Authority - Annual Report: 2017-2018

The Staff, General Assembly, and the 24 member communities of the Kennebec Regional Development Authority are pleased to present this annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

Kennebec Regional Development Authority (KRDA) has continued to improve its financial condition as evidenced by the graphical presentations below.

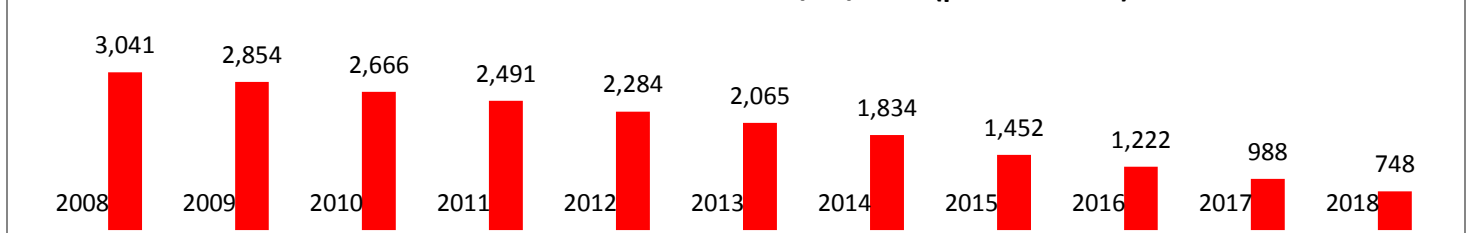
KRDA has grown what we own by sound fiscal management, including level budgeting and reduction of debt. Assessments to municipal members have remained unchanged since 2007.

**KRDA - Net Assets Fiscal Year End 6/30/2018 (per thousand)**



KRDA was formed, by special Maine State legislation, for the specific purpose of bringing economic development and jobs to our region. FirstPark was created on approximately three hundred acres, adjacent to I-95 in Oakland, and was supported by twenty-four towns and cities. The purchase and the subsequent build out of the infrastructure were financed with a \$3,000,000 twenty year bond. This bond was refinanced, at significantly lower interest rates, in 2010 and will be paid off in November 2020. The balance of the bond is \$748,000 plus \$15,000 of associated interest.

**KRDA - Total Debt Fiscal Year End 6/30/2018 (per thousand)**



Currently there are almost 1,000 people employed by the businesses in FirstPark. The Park's property valuation amounts to \$28,900,000, which is comprised of \$7,600,000 of personal property and \$21,300,000 of real estate. Total real estate taxes collected in 2018 totaled \$471,000.

For more detailed financial information please refer to our annual audited financial report. An electronic copy can be emailed upon request. KRDA/FirstPark can be contacted at either (207) 859-9716 or [exdirector@firstpark.com](mailto:exdirector@firstpark.com)

Respectfully Submitted,  
James W. Dinkle  
Executive Director, KRDA/FirstPark



## **Mt. Blue Regional School District RSU 9**

It is our privilege to serve you as your Superintendent and as your School Board Member. Your investment in the education of our students from K-12 and beyond is key to our shared mission of *Implementing a challenging, meaningful, Proficiency-Based Education system that transcends from the classroom into the community and the world.*

RSU 9 students get a unique education of which we should all be proud. Students earn high school credits and can also earn credentials in career and technical programs, college credits, and get placed in internships. In addition, adult education provides a varied and accessible way for adults to find enjoyment in learning as well as a way to gain affordable training and new career skills.

2018-19 has been a year of change. In addition to hiring a new Superintendent, RSU 9 hired Laura Columbia as Curriculum Coordinator. Ms. Columbia previously taught science at Mt. Blue. Laura had served as interim Curriculum Coordinator in 2017-18. Cape Cod Hill School's new principal Lisa Sinclair joins RSU 9 from the Newport Area where she was a principal. John Jones has been hired as Special Education Director. John came to us from the Camden area with just the experience we needed.

Carol is in her first year on the Board. She is serving on the Personnel and Finance Committee, attended the Maine School Board Association's Workshop in October and has volunteered to represent the board on the Drop Out Prevention Committee.

The FY20 budget season has begun. Our priority will be to provide an efficient, transparent, and thorough budget process for our community members. Budget meetings are always open to the public, and all materials will be on our website (<http://www.mtbluersd.org>). If you have questions or feedback during the process, you are encouraged to contact either or both of us at [tmeserve@mtbluersd.org](mailto:tmeserve@mtbluersd.org) and/or [ccole@mtbluersd.org](mailto:ccole@mtbluersd.org). We will respond to all appropriate communications and will share your feedback with the budget committee.

As Helen Keller said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." We feel confident that this will be a year of growth for all of us. Thank you for supporting our schools.

Sincerely,

Tina

Carol

Tina Meserve, Superintendent of Schools & Carol Riemer Coles, RSU 9 School Board

## Articles of Warrant

Greetings, in the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Starks; qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Starks Community Center, 57 Anson Road, in the said Town of Starks on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019, from noon until 8pm. The Annual Town Meeting will be held the following day, Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 beginning at 9 am at the Starks Community Center, 57 Anson Road in said Town of Starks.

### **Article #1**

To choose a moderator to preside over said meeting.

### **Article #2**

To choose by Australian ballot all Town Officers for the current year.

### **Article #3**

To see if the Town will vote to apply available excise taxes, interest, and lien charges toward the 2019 budget.

### **Article #4**

To elect five budget committee members from the floor.

### **Article #5**

To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the annual budget in each budget category of the 2019 annual budget during the period from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 to the 2019 Annual Town Meeting.

### **Article #6**

To see if the Town will vote to make taxes due and payable upon the date of commitment.

### **Article #7**

To set the rate of interest to be charged on unpaid taxes, after the date set in the preceding article. Interest rate cannot exceed 8.00%, to accrue beginning 60 days from the date of commitment.

*Explanation: 2018 interest rate on unpaid taxes @8.00%*

### **Article #8**

To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of 2019 taxes from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 to the 2019 date of commitment.

### **Article #9**

To see if the Town, in accordance with T. 36 M.R.S. § 506, will vote that if a taxpayer pays an amount in excess of their final assessment it shall be refunded in the amount of the overpayment.

### **Article #10**

To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real-estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes; to thereon advertise and accept sealed bids only; and to execute the appropriate deeds for such property. Except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

### **Article #11**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to apply for a tax anticipation note, but only if necessary for operating expenses.

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget committee.

**Article #12**

To see if the Town will vote to apply lien cost revenue to the lien cost expense account.

**Article #13**

To see if the Town will vote to apply overlay to cover abatements.

**Article #14**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$3,000** to pay for **unanticipated expenses** and emergencies.

**Article #15**

To see if the Town will vote to apply all revenues from Community Center donations and any lease revenue from the former Town Office to the Building Improvement Fund.

**Article #16**

To see if the Town will vote to apply all revenues from the sale of tax acquired property to lower the commitment.

**Article #17**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$98,166** for **General Administration** and additional administrative expenses in the current year.

<b>Description</b>	<b>Taxation/Requested</b>
Payroll Taxes	\$12,000
Workman's Compensation	\$6,566
Mileage	\$1,500
Training Workshops	\$800
Unemployment	\$100
Annual Drug Testing Fee	\$350
Postage	\$2,000
Dues	\$3,000
Miscellaneous	\$4,000
Audit	\$5,350
Trio Renewal/Upgrades	\$8,000
Legal	\$8,000
Town Report	\$1,030
Ads	\$500
Xerox Lease	\$1,620
Water Rent	4,000
KVRWC	\$8,100
Large Item Drop Off	\$8,500
Cemetery Maintenance	\$1,750
MMA Insurance	\$21,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$98,166</b>

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

*Explanation: Increase to Large Item is to account for a twice annual drop off in the spring and fall.*

**Article #18**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate from taxation **\$3,500** for **Former Town Hall** operating expenses at the 10 Locke Hill Road building in the current year.

Description	2018 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Former Town Hall Building	\$3,000	\$3,500

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #19**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation **\$7,000** for the **Legal Expenses** of Code Enforcement in the current year.

Description	2018 Budget	Taxation/Requested
CEO/Legal	\$7,000	\$7,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #20**

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation for **Salaries** in the current year.

Description	2018 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Assessor Chair	\$3,250	\$3,250
Assessor	\$2,750	\$2,750
Assessor	\$2,750	\$2,750
Selectman Chair	\$3,000	\$3,000
Selectman	\$3,000	\$3,000
Selectman	\$3,000	\$3,000
Town Clerk	\$8,500	\$8,500
Tax Collector	\$12,000	\$12,000
Treasurer	\$8,500	\$8,500
Building Superintendent	\$6,000	\$6,000
Health Officer	\$1,800	\$1,800
Sexton	\$2,500	\$100
GA Overseer	\$500	\$500
CEO	\$3,000	\$3,000
Deputy-Clerk TC & Treas.	\$3,000	\$3,000
Elections	\$4,500	\$4,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$66,550</b>	<b>\$65,650</b>

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #21**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$1,000** for the **Appeals Board** and **Planning Board** in the current year.

Description	2018 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Planning & Appeals Boards	\$1,000	\$1,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #22**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$500** for the **Training** of an incoming elected official by the outgoing officer. This applies only to Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Treasurer's positions.

Description	2018 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Training of Officers	\$500	\$500

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #23**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$7,500** for a **Road Foreman** Stipend payable at the discretion of the Selectmen.

Description	2018 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Road Foreman Stipend	\$7,500	\$7,500

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #24**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$18,000** for the **Community Center** in the current year.

Description	2018 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Community Center Operating Expenses	\$17,500	18,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #25**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$45,300** for the **Fire Department** in the current year.

Description	2018 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Fire Department	\$41,000	\$45,300

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #26**

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Fire Chief's** Salary in the current year.

Description	2018 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Fire Chief	\$4,000	\$4,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #27**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$1,000** for the **Animal Control Officer** and expenses for the current year.

Description	2018 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Animal Control	\$1,000	\$1,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee



**Article #28**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$12,160** for the Anson Madison Starks **Ambulance Service** in the current year.

Description	2018 Budget	Taxation/Requested
AMS Ambulance	\$11,000	\$12,160

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #29**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$1,500** for the Town's **Street Lights** in the current year.

Description	2018 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Street Lights	\$1,400	\$1,500

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #30**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$46,000** for **Equipment Maintenance** in the current year.

Description	2018 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Equipment	\$45,500	\$46,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #31**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$9,000** for the **Town Garage** in the current year.

Description	2018 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Garage	\$9,000	\$9,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #32**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$72,500** for **Summer Roads Maintenance** in the current year.

Description	2018 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Summer Roads Maintenance	\$63,500	\$72,500

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #33**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$62,000** for **Winter Roads** in the current year.

Description	2018 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Winter Roads	\$55,000	\$62,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #34**

To see if the Town will vote to raise from taxation **\$5,000** and appropriate **\$4,157.71** from FEMA for the purchase of a **Commercial Generator** to be housed between the Town Garage and Fire Department buildings.

Funding Source	Total
Taxation (in lieu of FD Capital Reserve)	\$5,000
2018 FEMA Reimbursement	\$4,157.71
Public Works Budget	\$1,168.29
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,326</b>

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #35**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$300** for the maintenance of the Starks **Town Dump** in the current year.

Description	2018 Budget	Taxation Requested
Town Dump	\$300	\$300

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #36**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$4,000** for **General Assistance**, and to apply all GA reimbursements from the State to the GA account.

Description	2018 Budget	Taxation/Requested
General Assistance	\$4,000	\$4,000
GA Reimbursements 2018	\$2,485.98	

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #37**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$2,000** for **Rec Sports** and **Library Membership** reimbursements in the current year.

Description	2018 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Rec Sports/Library Reimbursements	\$2,000	\$2,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #38**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$9,787** for the **Debt Service** on the **Salt Shed** Bond in the current year.

Description	2018 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Salt Shed	\$9,787	\$9,787

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

*Explanation: Sand & Salt Shed bond pay off date: January 15<sup>th</sup> 2029*

**Article #39**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$31,109** for **Debt Service** on the **River Road Bond** in the current year.

Description	2018 Budget	Taxation/Requested
River Road Bond	\$31,109	\$31,109

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

*Explanation: River Road bond payoff date: November 1<sup>st</sup> 2019*

**Article #40**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$5,000** for **First Park** in the current year.

Description	2018 Revenue	2018 Budget	Taxation/Requested
First Park	\$1,995	\$4,500	\$5,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #41**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation **\$5,000** for **Social Organizations** in the current year.

Organization	Taxation/Recommended
Starks Food Cupboard	\$900
Franklin County Animal Shelter	\$1,408
Family Violence	\$250
Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$542
Memorial Day Fund	\$100
Maine Public Broadcasting Network	\$200
KVCAP	\$250
Farmington Sexual Assault and Prevention	\$250
Hospice Volunteers	\$500
East Parish Housing Ministry	\$500
American Red Cross	\$100
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #42**

To see if the Town will vote to forward the snowmobile reimbursement from the State of Maine, to the Anson-North Anson Snowmobile Club for maintaining the trails in Starks.

*Explanation: Snowmobile Refund Received January 2019 \$331*

**Article #43**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from **LRAP** up to **\$135,000** to pave the upper section of Chicken Street.

Description	Total
Chicken Street Paving	\$135,000
2019 Anticipated LRAP Balance	\$135,066.43

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #44**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$20,000** for the **Capital Improvement Fund**.

Description	2018 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Capital Improvements	\$5,000	\$20,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

*Capital Improvement Account Balance December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 \$38,036.21*

**Article #45**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to use the balance of the Capital Improvement Fund for the purchase of an additional truck(s) with any proceeds from the sale of older trucks to returned to the Capital Improvement Fund.

*Information: 2019 Cap. Imp. Balance if article 44 (above) passes will be \$58,036.21*

**Article #46**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$15,000** to **Building Improvement Fund (BIF)**.

Description	2018 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Building Improvement Fund	\$5,000	\$15,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

*Explanation: Building Improvement Fund Balance December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 \$32,415.65*

**Article #47**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$5,000** for the **Capital Roads account**.

Description	2018 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Capital Roads	\$20,000	\$5,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

*Explanation: Capital Roads Account Balance December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 \$35,000*

**Article #48**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from **undesignated funds \$28,040.78** to lower the tax commitment. Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

The amount requested in this article represents all the remaining balances from Articles 1-62 at the 2018 Annual Town Meeting, and can be found in detail on the Treasurers Expense Report toward the front of this book.

*Explanation: (Surplus) Undesignated Fund Balance December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 \$308,881*

**Article #49**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to **\$3,000** from the **Building Improvement Fund** for analysis of the estimated remaining life and efficiency of the Community Center's heating system.

Funding Source	Requested
Building Improvement Fund	\$3,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

*Explanation: Building Improvement Fund Balance December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 \$32,415.65*

**Article #50**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following gifts grants and funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature and any other sources and apply the funds to lower the commitment or benefit the town in such other ways as the Selectmen deem reasonable.

Maine Municipal Revenue Sharing
State Aid to Education (including federal pass through funds and property tax relief)
Public Library State Aid
Tree Growth Reimbursements
General Assistance Funds
Veterans Exemption Funds
Homestead Exemption Funds
FEMA Reimbursements
Civil Emergency Funds (Emergency Management Assistance)
State and Federal Grants
Any Other Funds or Gifts

**Article #51**

To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Starks by State law to the extent statutorily allowed in the event the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles resulted in a tax commitment that is greater than the so-called LD 1 property tax levy limit.

**Article #52**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of assets with an estimated value of \$500 or less without having to place legal ads, the details of these assets to be emailed to an available email list and posted inside and outside the Town Office for bids. This does not include tax acquired property.

**Article #53**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to investigate the use of various town properties for generation of electric power using photovoltaic equipment.

**Article #54**

To see if the Town will vote to close the books on December 31, 2019.

**Article #55**

To see if the Town wishes to hold the next Annual Town Meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 2019.



*Proven Expertise and Integrity*

February 13, 2019

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Starks  
Starks, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Starks, Maine and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Starks, Maine as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018. The following schedules have been excerpted from the 2018 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town. Included herein are:

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

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## TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2018

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds	
			2018	2017
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 667,493	\$ -	\$ 667,493	\$ 605,030
Investments	-	10,019	10,019	10,019
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):				
Taxes	131,956	-	131,956	131,556
Liens	45,618	-	45,618	40,076
Other	10	-	10	3,214
Tax acquired property	4,980	-	4,980	5,268
Prepaid items	-	-	-	1,280
Due from other funds	10	313,190	313,200	262,490
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 850,067</b>	<b>\$ 323,209</b>	<b>\$ 1,173,276</b>	<b>\$ 1,058,933</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Due to other governments	\$ 419	\$ -	\$ 419	\$ -
Due to other funds	313,190	10	313,200	262,490
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>313,609</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>313,619</b>	<b>262,490</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
Prepaid taxes	26	-	26	219
Advanced payment of LRAP funding	-	14,318	14,318	14,318
Deferred tax revenues	153,812	-	153,812	153,812
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>153,838</b>	<b>14,318</b>	<b>168,156</b>	<b>168,349</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>				
Nonspendable - prepaid items and tax acquired property	4,980	-	4,980	6,548
Restricted	-	123,455	123,455	93,381
Committed	-	185,426	185,426	164,790
Assigned	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	377,640	-	377,640	363,375
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>382,620</b>	<b>308,881</b>	<b>691,501</b>	<b>628,094</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 850,067</b>	<b>\$ 323,209</b>	<b>\$ 1,173,276</b>	<b>\$ 1,058,933</b>

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## TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND  
BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 825,798	\$ -	\$ 825,798
Excise	103,281	-	103,281
Intergovernmental revenues	94,774	28,160	122,934
Charges for services	5,562	-	5,562
Miscellaneous revenues	21,128	2,551	23,679
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>1,050,543</u>	<u>30,711</u>	<u>1,081,254</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	178,804	-	178,804
Public safety	62,682	-	62,682
Public works	170,206	-	170,206
Community service	6,248	-	6,248
Education	421,790	-	421,790
County tax	120,967	-	120,967
Unclassified	15,374	1	15,375
Capital outlay	880	-	880
Debt service:			
Principal	37,545	-	37,545
Interest	3,350	-	3,350
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>1,017,846</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1,017,847</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>32,697</u>	<u>30,710</u>	<u>63,407</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	20,000	20,000
Transfers (out)	<u>(20,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(20,000)</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(20,000)</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	12,697	50,710	63,407
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	<u>369,923</u>	<u>258,171</u>	<u>628,094</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 382,620</u>	<u>\$ 308,881</u>	<u>\$ 691,501</u>

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## TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1	\$ 369,923	\$ 369,923	\$ 369,923	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	825,798	825,798	825,798	-
Excise taxes	99,617	99,617	103,281	3,664
Intergovernmental revenues:				
State revenue sharing	32,324	32,324	31,983	(341)
Homestead exemption	51,899	51,899	41,318	(10,581)
Local Road Assistance	28,636	28,636	-	(28,636)
Tree growth	10,628	10,628	14,095	3,467
Veterans exemption	331	331	330	(1)
General assistance	-	-	2,486	2,486
FEMA/MEMA	-	-	4,158	4,158
Snowmobile reimbursement	-	-	404	404
Interest income	2,515	2,515	2,806	291
Interest on taxes	-	-	6,202	6,202
Charges for services	3,766	3,766	5,562	1,796
Miscellaneous revenues	15,454	15,454	12,120	(3,334)
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>1,440,891</u>	<u>1,440,891</u>	<u>1,420,466</u>	<u>(20,425)</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	204,050	204,050	178,804	25,246
Public safety	94,000	94,000	62,682	31,318
Public works	173,300	173,300	171,086	2,214
Community service	6,000	6,000	6,248	(248)
Education	421,790	421,790	421,790	-
County tax	120,967	120,967	120,967	-
Unclassified	33,662	33,662	15,374	18,288
Debt service:				
Principal	37,545	37,545	37,545	-
Interest	3,351	3,351	3,350	1
Transfers to other funds	20,000	20,000	20,000	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>1,114,665</u>	<u>1,114,665</u>	<u>1,037,846</u>	<u>76,819</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 326,226</u>	<u>\$ 326,226</u>	<u>\$ 382,620</u>	<u>\$ 56,394</u>
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	<u>\$ 43,697</u>	<u>\$ 43,697</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (43,697)</u>

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## TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
General government -					
Administration	\$ 94,000	\$ -	\$ 94,000	\$ 81,957	\$ 12,043
Town hall operating	3,500	-	3,500	1,073	2,427
Code enforcement officer	10,000	-	10,000	3,000	7,000
Deputy clerk	3,000	-	3,000	1,845	1,155
Elections	4,500	-	4,500	3,754	746
Plumbing inspector	-	-	-	1,425	(1,425)
Assessors	8,750	-	8,750	8,750	-
Selectmen	9,000	-	9,000	9,000	-
Town clerk	8,500	-	8,500	8,500	-
Tax collector	12,000	-	12,000	12,000	-
Treasurer	8,500	-	8,500	8,500	-
Janitor	6,000	-	6,000	6,000	-
Health officer	1,800	-	1,800	-	1,800
Sexton	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	-
General assistance overseer	500	-	500	500	-
Deputy pay	500	-	500	-	500
Planning board	500	-	500	-	500
Outgoing officer to train incoming	500	-	500	-	500
Road foreman stipend	7,500	-	7,500	7,500	-
Community center	17,500	-	17,500	17,500	-
BMV package- TRIO	5,500	-	5,500	5,500	-
	204,050	-	204,050	178,804	25,246
Public safety -					
Fire department	76,000	-	76,000	44,839	31,161
Fire chief	4,000	-	4,000	4,000	-
Animal control	1,000	-	1,000	399	601
AMS service	11,000	-	11,000	12,160	(1,160)
Road signs	500	-	500	-	500
Street lights	1,500	-	1,500	1,284	216
	94,000	-	94,000	62,682	31,318

## TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
Public works -					
Equipment	45,500	-	45,500	45,500	-
Garage	9,000	-	9,000	8,995	5
Summer roads	63,500	-	63,500	62,903	597
Winter roads	55,000	-	55,000	53,388	1,612
Closure of the Starks dump	300	-	300	300	-
	173,300	-	173,300	171,086	2,214
Community service -					
General assistance	4,000	-	4,000	5,518	(1,518)
Community center	2,000	-	2,000	730	1,270
	6,000	-	6,000	6,248	(248)
Debt service -					
Principal	37,545	-	37,545	37,545	-
Interest	3,351	-	3,351	3,350	1
	40,896	-	40,896	40,895	1
County tax	120,967	-	120,967	120,967	-
Education -					
RSU #9	421,790	-	421,790	421,790	-
	421,790	-	421,790	421,790	-

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TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
Unclassified -					
First Park	4,500	-	4,500	4,607	(107)
Social services	5,030	-	5,030	5,860	(830)
Contingency	16,000	-	16,000	3,000	13,000
Overlay	8,132	-	8,132	17	8,115
Lien costs	-	-	-	1,890	(1,890)
	<u>33,662</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,662</u>	<u>15,374</u>	<u>18,288</u>
Transfers to other funds -					
Capital projects funds	20,000	-	20,000	20,000	-
	<u>20,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS	<u>\$ 1,114,665</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,114,665</u>	<u>\$ 1,037,846</u>	<u>\$ 76,819</u>

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## TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2018

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Investments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,019	\$ 10,019
Due from other funds	43,169	265,408	4,613	313,190
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 43,169</u>	<u>\$ 265,408</u>	<u>\$ 14,632</u>	<u>\$ 323,209</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10	\$ 10
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
Advance payment of LRAP funding	-	14,318	-	14,318
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,318</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,318</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>				
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-
Restricted	1,927	106,906	14,622	123,455
Committed	41,242	144,184	-	185,426
Assigned	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>43,169</u>	<u>251,090</u>	<u>14,622</u>	<u>308,881</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>\$ 43,169</u>	<u>\$ 265,408</u>	<u>\$ 14,632</u>	<u>\$ 323,209</u>

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## TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES  
IN FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ 28,160	\$ -	\$ 28,160
Other	1,916	635	-	2,551
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>1,916</u>	<u>28,795</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,711</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Other	-	-	1	1
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>1,916</u>	<u>28,795</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>30,710</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	20,000	-	20,000
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>-</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,000</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	1,916	48,795	(1)	50,710
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	<u>41,253</u>	<u>202,295</u>	<u>14,623</u>	<u>258,171</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 43,169</u>	<u>\$ 251,090</u>	<u>\$ 14,622</u>	<u>\$ 308,881</u>

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



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**SOMERSET COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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**2018 Annual Communication**



Dale P. Lancaster  
Sheriff

In November, 2018, I was entrusted by the citizens of Somerset County to serve another four years as your Sheriff. It is a privilege and honor to be granted the opportunity to lead the dedicated men and women that work for the Somerset County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office is responsible for the operation of the County Jail, law enforcement, court security, civil process, and primary policing for the Town of Madison. Somerset County is approximately 4,000 square miles. The County is comprised of 27 towns, 6 plantations, and 83 unorganized townships. This year, I was appointed to a statewide Court Security Advisory Board and Board of Directors for NESPIN (New England State Police Intelligence Network).

**Law Enforcement**

2018 was marred with the murder of Corporal Eugene Cole in the Town of Norridgewock. In the early morning hours of April 25, 2018, Corporal Cole was attempting to arrest an individual who was involved in drug activity. A struggle ensued, and Corporal Cole was shot and killed. This heinous crime affected not only law enforcement but the citizens of Somerset County. Corporal Cole was an outstanding officer whose leadership and friendship will be greatly missed.

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 3 detectives and is also overseen by a Lieutenant. In addition, the Sheriff's Office has partnered with MDEA (Maine Drug Enforcement Agency) to have an agent assigned to the detective division.

- This year the Sheriff's Office was successful in securing a federal grant, COPS Fast, to add the 11<sup>th</sup> deputy to the patrol division.
- Two deputies have graduated from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy Basic Training Program. Deputy Logan Roberts and Deputy Stephen Armiger.
- This year we were able to complete the installation and upgrade all mobile data terminals in patrol and detective vehicles. This was accomplished with grant and forfeiture money.
- The Sheriff's Office has been able to train and have a State certified accident Reconstructionist to assist in our traffic crashes.
- The Sheriff Office was able to secure \$188,283.48 in grant funding to augment operations.
- In 2018 the Sheriff's Office coordinated two Drug Take-Back days for Somerset County. 622 pounds of expired and unwanted prescription were collected and properly disposed.
- In 2018 the Sheriff's Office executed 30 drug search warrants which culminated with 43 individuals being charged. The drugs that were identified in Somerset County were heroin, fentanyl, cocaine, oxycodone, and crystal meth.
- In 2018 the Crimes against Persons Detective investigated 27 sex crimes. (One individual that was charged was convicted and sentenced to 20 years in prison with a lifetime registration requirement.) Detective Leal is a Children's Advocacy Center forensic interviewer.



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### SOMERSET COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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#### Jail

The Somerset County Jail, when operating at full capacity, operates with 46 correctional officers, 8 shift supervisors, 2 cooks, 12 program and support staff, and 9 administrative staff to include Major Cory Swope who is the jail administrator.

- In 2018, The Somerset County Jail became nationally accredited (American Correctional Association). This was a 2 ½ year-long project. The County Jail is now operated at nationally accepted standards.
- The Jail's body scanner has prevented many cases of contraband from spreading in the facility. Other County Jails in the State have taken advantage of the body scanner to assist them in identifying contraband.
- The Jail has taken advantage of technology by implementing an electronic payroll program called Time-Clock Plus.
- The Jail has a new position in our programs division that assists individuals leaving the facility assimilating them back into the community.
- Administration worked at procuring several federal and state grants to subsidize the new position in programs and enhance the safety of our corrections officers, *i.e.* the purchase of ballistic vests for transport officers and respirators with filters for correctional staff.
- In 2018, the Somerset County processed 1,590 bookings. An increase of 37% over 2017.

#### Civil Process

In 2018 the Somerset County Sheriff's Office Civil Deputies received 2,493 papers to process, a slight decrease over 2017.

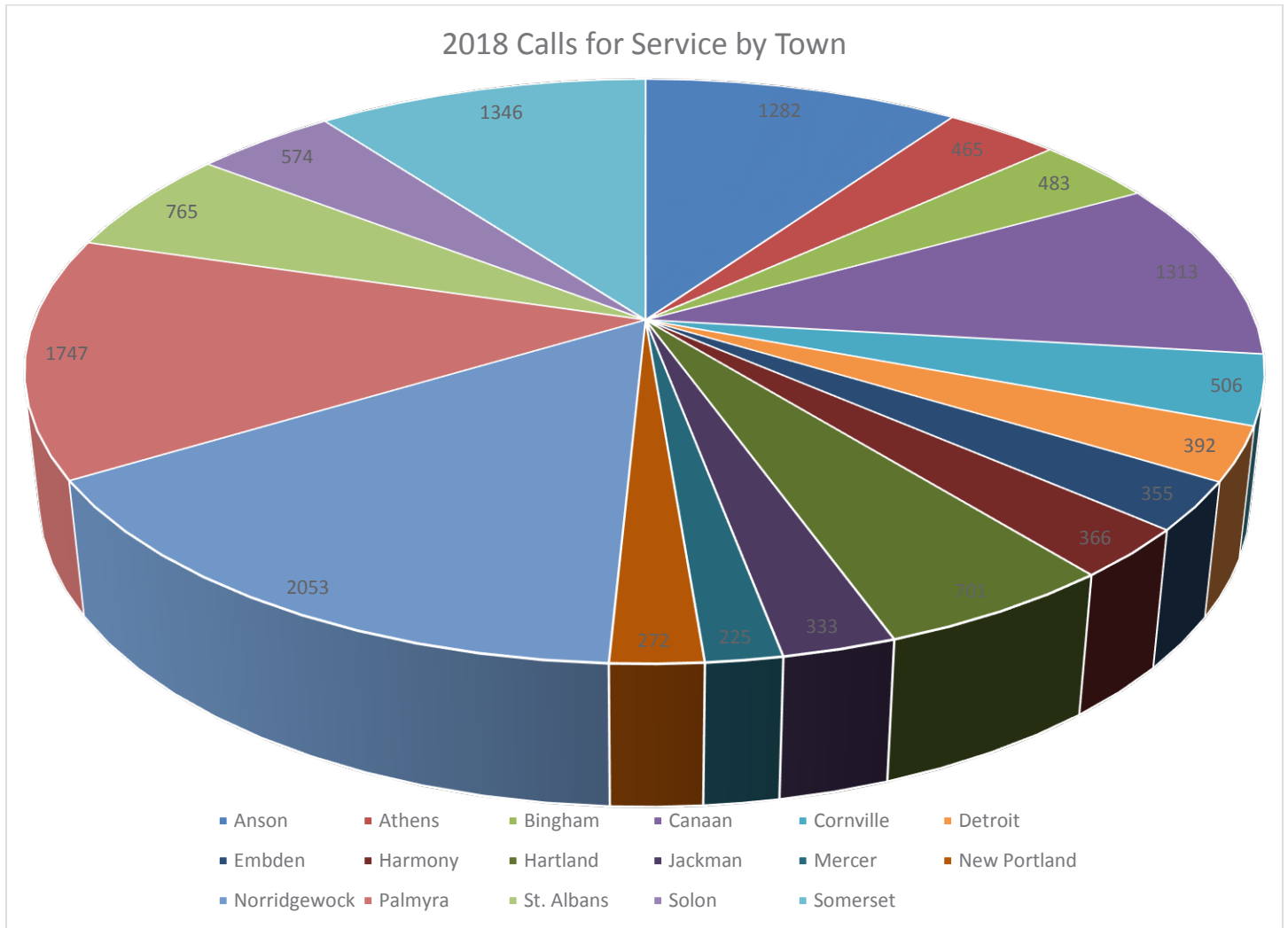
#### Calls for Service

- In 2018 the Sheriff's Office received 14,700 calls for service from our citizens. This represents approximately the same number of calls for service received in 2017.
- During 2018 the Sheriff's Office responded to 168 calls for service from the Town of Starks, which is a 30.4% increase over 2017. These calls included 29 motor vehicle accidents, 9 calls requesting citizen assistance, 3 domestic disturbances, as well as calls for harassment, theft, criminal threatening, welfare checks and other requests for police services.
- The Somerset County Sheriff 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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ON INTELLIGENCE

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

In addition to helping seniors, a major accomplishment over the past year is the increased federal investment in biomedical research that is leading to progress in the fight against numerous devastating diseases. Congress has boosted funding for the National Institutes of Health by \$7 billion in just the last three years, bringing total funding to more than \$39 billion.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator



## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 3, 2019

COMMITTEES:  
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Dear Friends,

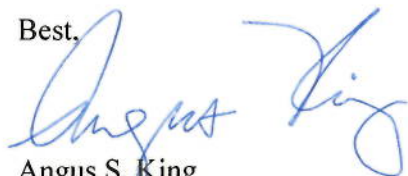
As I travel Maine, I hear from people who live in every corner of our state. I hear about their achievements, their successes, their work to improve their communities – I hear about the hope they have for our state. I also hear about our challenges, and all the work we have left to do. As I see it, that's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

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

I've also worked to strengthen the future of our forest economy. Maine's forests have powered our state's economy for generations, especially in our rural communities. So, when rapid shifts in the market led to the closure of many pulp and paper mills and biomass power plants, it required a collaborative approach to support future growth in this important industry. That's why, together with the other members of the state's Congressional delegation, I pushed to establish the Economic Development Assessment Team (EDAT). This integrated, multiagency effort aims to foster innovation and commercialization in Maine's forest economy, and we're already seeing the benefits: in recent months, several forest industry businesses have announced significant investments into Maine operations, and in September 2018, the Forest Opportunity Roadmap (FOR)/Maine released an action plan to make sure this industry, and the rural communities it supports, can continue to thrive for generations to come.

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

Best,



Angus S. King  
United States Senator



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**Annual Report to the Town of Starks**  
A Message from Senator Brad Farrin

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Let me begin by thanking you for the trust you have placed in me to be your voice in Augusta. It has been an honor serving as a State Representative over the last four years and I am humbled by the opportunity you have given me to represent you in the Maine Senate. I will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf, making sure your interests are heard and well represented in the Maine Legislature.

This past legislative session proved to be the longest in recent memory. After dealing with a number of major policy matters, we finally adjourned September 13.

Perhaps the most significant action the Legislature took last year was the passage of tax conformity. Failing to conform would have been a nightmare for businesses as well as for low-income and elderly Mainers. Maine would have lost \$37 million in one-time repatriated revenue. Due to the Legislature's actions and willingness to work together on the passage of tax conformity, Maine tax filers were unharmed by this policy change.

The 129<sup>th</sup> Legislature has many challenges of its own. The top priorities this session include finding a way to provide affordable and accessible healthcare to all Mainers, tackling the opioid crisis, education reform and funding, and lowering property taxes. I hope the Legislature can come together to tackle the difficult issues facing our state; and as always, I am ready to help.

You have my sincere thanks for allowing me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me at 287-1505 or [brad.farrin@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:brad.farrin@legislature.maine.gov) if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,

Brad Farrin  
State Senator



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January 2018

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I would first like to thank the residents of Starks for electing me to be your State Representative. It is a responsibility I have taken seriously for the last two terms. I look forward to continuing my service in the 129th Legislature. Currently, the State of Maine is facing many critical issues that will require thoughtful action.

I have been proudly serving on the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee, which reviews legislative proposals involving many important topics such as; food and rural resources; animal control and welfare; food safety, inspection and labeling; dairy industry; pesticides regulation; farmland preservation; state parks, historic sites, public lands; geological surveying and mapping and forest management. Starting in January 2019 I will also be serving on the Environmental and Natural Resources Committee discussing legislative proposals concerning; air and water quality; natural resource protection; management and disposal of solid, hazardous, biomedical and special wastes; hydropower and dams; waste-to-energy facilities and general environmental policy.

The most rewarding component of serving as your State Representative is helping you navigate the bureaucracy that is Maine State Government. Should you ever find yourself in need of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at [Thomas.Skolfield@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Thomas.Skolfield@legislature.maine.gov) or feel free to call me anytime at **585-2638**. If you would like to be added to my email update list, you can do so by emailing me directly with your request.

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

Sincerely,

Thomas Skolfield  
State Representative



## Town Office Hours

Mon. 10 am - 2 pm  
Wed. 3 pm - 7 pm  
1st Sat. of the Month  
8 am - 11 am



## Selectmen Meetings

1st, 3rd & 5th Mondays - 7 pm  
Board of Assessors  
Thursdays - 7 pm  
Phone: 207-696-8069  
Fax: 207-696-8201

## **2018-2019 Dates to Remember:**

**November 30** - Nomination Papers will be available for the 2019 Town Election of Officers. 2019 Elections will be for Selectman, Assessor, and Town Clerk (3 year terms).

**December 1** - May start purchasing Hunting/Fishing Licenses for the 2019 year. 2018-19 Snowmobile Registrations available.

**December 17** - Last day to make 2018 Tax Payments without incurring interest. (Will accept postmarked date)

**January 9** - Last day to submit completed Nomination Papers for the 2018 Town Election.

**January 31** - Last day for Dog Licensing without incurring a \$25 late fee. (Bring current rabies and neuter/spay certificate)

**March 8** - Annual Town Meeting opens - voting by Australian "Secret" Ballot from 12 pm - 8 pm.

**March 9** - Annual Town Business Meeting begins at 9 am.

**April 1** - Notifications for Homestead Exemptions, Veterans Exemptions and Tree Growth Applications due to Board of Assessors .

**April 15** - Liens for 2016 Taxes will expire and Board of Selectmen will begin foreclosure process.

**August 26**- Projected date for 30 day notice to be mailed for 2018 Lien process.

**October 1** - Projected date for Recording of 2018 Tax Liens.

## **Town Office Closed**

Dec 24, 2018- Christmas Eve  
Dec 31, 2018 - New Year's Eve  
Feb 18 - President's Day  
May 27 - Memorial Day  
Sept 2 - Labor Day  
Dec 25, 2019 -Christmas Day  
Jan 1, 2019 - New Year's Day

Pay Online -Fees Apply  
[www.starksme.com](http://www.starksme.com)

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■ **Reminder: If you pay**  
■ **your tax bill after Dec.**  
■ **17, 2018 - interest will**  
■ **have started. Call for a**  
■ **payoff amount - or risk**  
■ **leaving a small balance**  
■ **on your account!**  
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**Town Office Address:**  
**57 Anson Road**  
**Starks, ME 04911**

**Don't forget to include**  
**ADDRESS CHANGES**  
**with your tax payment!**

## **STARKS "MUG-UP"**

Join us at the Community Center the first Saturday of each month From 8 - 10:30 AM, hot coffee, hot chocolate and tea will be available for \$1.00 a cup. All proceeds to benefit SEEdS. Donations are always welcomed. Please come....it is informal, unstructured and relaxing. Everyone is welcome!

## **Room Rentals Available**

**The beautiful Starks Community Center**  
**- at 57 Anson Road has rooms, the gym**  
**and the kitchen facility available for**  
**rent for private parties and meetings!**  
**(1/2 day rentals start at \$10 for residents and \$20**  
**for non-residents)**  
**Call the Town Office during regular**  
**hours for more information and**  
**availability.**

## **Starks Town Library**

Have you checked out the town library lately? The book collection has really grown - there is something for every child and adult. The library is open:  
Mondays from 10 am - 2 pm  
Wednesdays from 3 - 7 pm  
1st Saturday - 8 - 11 am  
Stop by and Check it out!!!!

**Stay Informed!** Send your email address to Town Clerk, Jenn Hebert and get regular updates on town events, important dates and deadlines, and any unexpected changes in town office hours.  
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