

# STARKS

Annual Report 2017



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## **Cover:**

Photo taken by citizen John Hull during peak mid-October foliage with his drone, looking down Chicken Street toward the Starks Village.

The 2017 Annual Town Report is dedicated to

# KERRY D. HEBERT

December 5th, 1955 - November 14th, 2017



Kerry was born to Beula and Carlton Hebert, was educated at the Starks school (now the upstairs portion of the SCC) and Madison, and graduated from the Univ. of Maine in Orono with a degree in forestry. Like his father, he was drawn to working in and around the woods, and like his mother, he was drawn to community service. Carlton accumulated several hundred acres of woodlands which represented a gratifying hobby for him. Beula was the town's exacting and flawless Treasurer for decades. Kerry carried on much of both of those traditions, though perhaps not as flawlessly as his mother. In 1999 he began serving on the board of the Somerset County Soil and Water Conservation District, and in 2002 was elected chair where he served for 16 more years until his passing. He was at various times a Selectman for several years in the 1980s, a member of the fire department for 20 or more years from the '70s to the '90s, member and chair of the Planning Board for over 20 years, and member and chair of the Board of Assessors for the entire 20 years from its inception as a separate board until his death. He was involved with and usually intimately knowledgeable about all matters and activities which affected the town.

While his home office in the basement has been reported to have been intractably cluttered and in disarray, his mind was not. Kerry owned and operated Mt Hunger Forestry which he started in 2002. It's been estimated in his work as a professional forester, he was providing oversight for over 200,000 acres of forest land in usually small to mid-size lots owned by hundreds of in-state and out-of-state landowners throughout a large swath of central Maine. As to these lots he knew the cutting history, cultural history and in many cases, the social history of the owners. Those woodlots had conservatively over 1,000 miles of boundary as to which it often seemed Kerry knew, with particularity, every pin, blaze, piece of intermittent stone wall and objectionable abutter. From his knowledge of the laws surrounding timber trespass, he became the go-to consultant for those cases such that after only a few sessions of defendants' attorneys trying to break down his testimony, they learned to settle- early on.

Above all, he loved his wife Jennie and their two boys Eddie and Josh. Beginning in 2001 Kerry and Jennie, together with his lifelong friend Joe Hayden, labored for the better part of a year on the construction of a home. As befitted him, he took great pride in the planning and architecture: Much of it, particularly the floors, of timber harvested from his woodlands; the fireplace and hearth fashioned of stones from abutting stone walls; and the beautiful birds-eye maple cabinets fashioned by his dad. His home was his refuge, to be shared with his friends. Kerry was an active, loving father and husband, known for being in the stands at every football game for Eddie, and every Lego event for Josh. He made time for everyone. Kerry loved canoeing and fishing -and he particularly loved showing his boys and their cousins all his secret fishing holes. He took them on adventures all over the greater central Maine area and shared the woods lore he had amassed throughout his too-short life. He was a great citizen, a great professional and a great friend, replete with stories such as to regale, teach and inspire. We'll miss him.

## MUNICIPAL OFFICERS TERMS

### Selectmen - 3 year

Ernest Hilton 3-2018  
Paul Frederic 3-2019  
Joseph Hayden 3-2020

### Assessors - 3 year

Cathleen Horner 3-2018  
Kerry Hebert 3-2019  
Joseph Hayden 3-2020

### Tax Collector - 3 year

Jenn Zweig Hebert 3-2018

### Town Clerk - 3 year

Jenn Zweig Hebert 3-2019

### Registrar of Voters - 2 year

Jenn Zweig Hebert 1-2019

### Treasurer - 3 year

Erin Norton 3-2020

### Planning Board - 5 year

Claire Nelson 5-2018  
Joe Hartigan 4-2019  
Gwen Hilton 4-2020  
Ken Lust (Alt.) 4-2020  
Irene Fenlason 4-2021  
Kerry Hebert 5-2022  
Stephen Hopkins (Alt.) 5-2022

### CEO/Plumbing Inspector - 1 year

Leo Mayo 3-2018

### Fire Chief - 1 year

William Pressey 3-2018

### Town Fire Warden - 1 year

William Pressey 3-2018

### GA Administrator

Jenn Zweig Hebert 3-2018

### Animal Control Officer - 1 year

Briana Erb 3-2018

### Health Officer - 3 year

Leo Mayo 5-2020

### Building Superintendent - 1 year

William Pressey 3-2018

### Town Sexton - 1 year

William Pressey 3-2018

### Warrant Officer - 3 year

Jerry Brackett 3-2020

### RSU # 9 School Board Director - 3 year

Jenn Zweig Hebert 7-2018

### Appeals Board - 5 year

Carol Coles 9-2017  
Maryanne Gawlinski 9-2017  
Jared Norton 9-2019  
George Martikke 9-2020  
Sara Brusila 9-2021

### Budget Committee – 1 year

Carol Coles 3-2018  
Maryanne Gawlinski 3-2018  
Dave Johnson 3-2018  
Ken Lust 3-2018  
Katie Desjardins 3-2018

### Water District - 3 year

Jared Norton Operator  
AnnMarie Simone 11-2017  
Robin Melancon-Quimby 11-2017  
Jared Norton 11-2017  
Ashley Hayden 11-2018  
Erin Norton 11-2019



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### **OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN**

March, 2018

During 2017, the major Community Center renovations were largely completed with the installation of new flooring throughout the downstairs area this past December, thanks to the efforts of Carol Coles, Ken Lust and other members of the Building Committee. The Town is very fortunate to have the Community Center as a place for government affairs and for social gatherings. Thanks also to Bill and Danielle Pressey who do an outstanding job cleaning and maintaining this cherished facility. Further efforts will be undertaken to improve building efficiency in coming years.

The biggest capital projects were a major culvert replacement and a bridge replacement. With both these projects accomplished, we now have no more major bridge work to be done anywhere in town. The culvert replacement on the Sawyers Mills Road utilized a \$45,000 DEP grant for fish passage improvement on Watson Stream at Watson Corner. The project was completed largely with town staff, most notably Bill Pressey and John Atwood, with Joe Hayden directing the effort, and some hired equipment, primarily Bill Lynds and Keith Dillon with their excavators, and Steve Rackliff with his truck. The project utilized a concrete arch culvert design developed by Blaine Miller of Dirigo Timberlands of Anson. See photos below.



*Joey Hayden, Bill Pressey and John Atwood with Bill Lynds in the excavator (above)*



*Joe Hayden, Ernie Hilton and Alex Abbott of USFWS*



The project shut down the Sawyers Mills Road from August 21<sup>st</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup>, a remarkably short time given the amount of work accomplished. The section of road being worked on was one laid out in the late 1790s as the road from Hiltons Mills to West Mills which went over Mt. Hunger. Pieces of what appeared to be a section of corduroy road was dug up, an early effort to get across the stream. Not only did we achieve much better fish passage, but we have a piece of infrastructure that won't require repair for perhaps a century, as opposed to the near-annual work on the perched culverts which has been required for many years to deal with washouts. This winter we will be applying for a grant to replace a perched culvert on the River Road which carries Smith Brook.

On May 11<sup>th</sup> we received word from a DOT bridge maintenance engineer recommending closure of the Leeman Bridge over Joshua Brook - DOT No. 1054- on the Branns Mill Road. This bridge had been rebuilt in 1988 with then-new concrete abutments using a used piece of honeycomb decking off a bridge which spanned the Kennebec in Hinckley which had then-recently been torn down.



On or about November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> town staff and equipment with the assistance of Bill Lynds and his excavator replaced the bridge with a pre-manufactured steel bridge from Big R Bridge out of Colorado. While the bridge was shut down from May 11<sup>th</sup> until November 13<sup>th</sup>, the replacement itself only took two days using the existing abutments.



Because of these major projects and general re-grading efforts, other work during 2017 was limited to culvert replacement on Chicken Street in anticipation of a re-paving which we propose to take place this summer. If the culvert grant for Smith Brook is successful, that project would likely take place in 2019.

On the agenda for this year's meeting is an article to see what the citizens would like to see happen to the former town office at 10 Locke Hill Road. The town moved out of it in about 2011 after RSU 59 turned the town's school back over to the town in July, 2010 which is now the Community Center. Since then the former town office has housed a number of stores. Following an inquiry posted on-line, a number of interested people have stepped forward with ideas, often involving food processing combined with various other activities. That building, along with the former Presbyterian Church and Memorial Hall represent a very visual hub of the village, so we would like to get some input into what to do next.

Also on the agenda is approval of a Road & Utility Structures Ordinance, to be voted on by secret referendum ballot on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup>, as well as a so-called Food Sovereignty Ordinance which will be discussed and voted on at the town meeting.

A project which has the potential to greatly affect our tax base is a proposal by CMP to build a 1200 MW DC power line from Quebec to Lewiston and on to Massachusetts, which would use the existing power line corridor which runs past the Gray Farm, then continues west across northern Starks. It represents a potential multi-million dollar increase to our tax base. If the CMP proposal is approved by Massachusetts regulators, the project would be built sometime in 2020 or so.

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- as vice-president for part of the year), 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. The town has continued with the maintenance and improvement of this wonderful building. This past year, new flooring was installed. The majority of the cost has been covered by the grant we received from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation. Our Community Center continues to be the site of many private and public events. As the clerk, my duties include scheduling, ensuring access, collecting fees and serving on the Building Committee. 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.

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**, as my Deputy she has covered for me when I have been out of the office. 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 experienced Election Workers got me through the busy elections in 2017 including 4 school budget votes. I want to thank the following election workers: **Valerie Comstock, Maryanne Gawlinski, Cathleen Horner, Billie Jo Krebs, 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 2017 were as follows:

| <u>Births</u> | <u>Deaths</u> | <u>Marriages</u> |
|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| <b>3</b>      | <b>5</b>      | <b>3</b>         |

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 myself 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: 2017**

**As of: December 31, 2017**

| Status | Acct | Name                           | Original Tax | Payments/<br>Adjustments | Amount Due |
|--------|------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|------------|
|        | 1    | Abbott, Brandi S.              | 114.40       | 0.00                     | 114.40     |
|        | 18   | Ames, Peter E.                 | 380.56       | 3.70                     | 376.86     |
|        | 19   | Anger Jr., Robert K.           | 879.38       | 202.70                   | 676.68     |
|        | 26   | Atwood, John T. & Meader, Twil | 80.40        | 0.00                     | 80.40      |
|        | 14   | Ayotte, Pierre                 | 250.25       | 0.13                     | 250.12     |
|        | 779  | Bay Communications II LLC      | 4,271.25     | 0.00                     | 4,271.25   |
|        | 783  | Bay Communications II LLC      | 4,271.25     | 0.00                     | 4,271.25   |
|        | 629  | Bellefleur, Eileen M.          | 360.80       | 0.64                     | 360.16     |
| *      | 324  | Bellefleur, Sarah              | 381.90       | 0.00                     | 381.90     |
|        | 611  | Bessey, Craig J.               | 1,071.67     | 0.00                     | 1,071.67   |
|        | 471  | Brann Jr., David A.            | 199.66       | 0.00                     | 199.66     |
| **     | 63   | Brown, Harry H.                | 827.95       | 0.00                     | 827.95     |
|        | 644  | Carle Trust, Matthew F.        | 347.73       | 1.03                     | 346.70     |
| **     | 77   | Cassidy, Christine M           | 1,144.53     | 0.00                     | 1,144.53   |
|        | 87   | Churchill, Caleb               | 532.65       | 0.00                     | 532.65     |
|        | 88   | Churchill, David N.& Craig A   | 150.75       | 0.00                     | 150.75     |
|        | 89   | Churchill, William C.Sr.       | 1,848.36     | 0.00                     | 1,848.36   |
|        | 416  | Clark,Kelly D                  | 618.75       | 0.00                     | 618.75     |
| **     | 337  | Coconis, Michael               | 1,106.17     | 0.00                     | 1,106.17   |
|        | 98   | Colburn, Gary                  | 1,140.51     | 500.00                   | 640.51     |
|        | 111  | Costigan, Julie L.             | 521.09       | 0.00                     | 521.09     |
|        | 409  | Costigan, Kenneth              | 841.35       | 0.00                     | 841.35     |
|        | 112  | Cotton, Dennis L.              | 813.88       | 0.00                     | 813.88     |
| *      | 115  | Cowan, Edward                  | 834.82       | 0.00                     | 834.82     |
|        | 118  | Crockett, Stephen & Diane      | 546.05       | 0.00                     | 546.05     |
|        | 120  | Curran, Thomas & Jennifer      | 275.37       | 0.00                     | 275.37     |
|        | 136  | Deming, Roi A.                 | 434.50       | 0.00                     | 434.50     |
|        | 145  | Denis, Emanuel T.              | 280.73       | 0.00                     | 280.73     |
|        | 146  | Denis, Emanuel T.              | 192.79       | 0.00                     | 192.79     |
|        | 266  | DeRosa, Christopher            | 334.16       | 0.00                     | 334.16     |
|        | 619  | Desjardins, Thomas R.          | 1,865.45     | 0.00                     | 1,865.45   |
|        | 455  | Donovan, Gregory J.            | 265.82       | 0.00                     | 265.82     |
|        | 167  | Dube, Brad A                   | 1,467.97     | 0.00                     | 1,467.97   |
|        | 172  | Duley, Richard                 | 231.15       | 0.00                     | 231.15     |
|        | 173  | Duley, Richard                 | 442.20       | 0.00                     | 442.20     |
|        | 176  | Dyke et Al, Darrell A.         | 855.76       | 303.89                   | 551.87     |

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|    |     |                                |          |        |          |
|----|-----|--------------------------------|----------|--------|----------|
|    | 180 | Elfahel (Waite), Katrina.      | 162.81   | 0.00   | 162.81   |
|    | 181 | Elfahel (Waite), Katrina.      | 522.94   | 0.00   | 522.94   |
|    | 283 | Esposito, Maureen H.           | 1,415.21 | 0.00   | 1,415.21 |
|    | 648 | Esposito, Robert               | 662.46   | 0.00   | 662.46   |
|    | 109 | Esposito, Robert M.            | 2,253.38 | 0.00   | 2,253.38 |
|    | 292 | Esposito, Robert M.            | 961.45   | 0.00   | 961.45   |
|    | 185 | Evans Jr., William A.          | 847.55   | 500.00 | 347.55   |
|    | 678 | Farrell, Donna M.              | 1,307.00 | 0.00   | 1,307.00 |
| ** | 749 | Fields Jr., Bruce W.           | 335.00   | 200.00 | 135.00   |
| ** | 174 | Flaherty, Paul                 | 260.63   | 0.00   | 260.63   |
|    | 461 | Flaherty, Paul                 | 1,269.82 | 0.00   | 1,269.82 |
|    | 157 | Forever Green MP Homes         | 1,115.55 | 0.00   | 1,115.55 |
|    | 205 | Friend, Tara M.                | 746.05   | 0.00   | 746.05   |
|    | 207 | Frith, Monica L.               | 566.99   | 0.00   | 566.99   |
|    | 209 | Gaeta, Lorraine A.             | 648.90   | 0.00   | 648.90   |
|    | 210 | Gaeta, Lorraine Ann            | 396.98   | 0.00   | 396.98   |
|    | 156 | Glidden, Eric                  | 1,248.88 | 96.96  | 1,151.92 |
|    | 434 | Gordon-Taylor, Lisa M.         | 1,737.48 | 133.24 | 1,604.24 |
|    | 231 | Greenleaf, Scott               | 262.31   | 0.00   | 262.31   |
|    | 561 | Gulnick, Sandra L.             | 291.45   | 0.00   | 291.45   |
|    | 238 | Hall, Leslie E. & Suzanne T.   | 787.42   | 1.14   | 786.28   |
|    | 240 | Hamilton, Thomas H. & Laura J. | 140.20   | 0.00   | 140.20   |
|    | 241 | Hand, Roger & Carolee          | 379.72   | 0.00   | 379.72   |
|    | 245 | Harris, Nelson N               | 222.44   | 0.00   | 222.44   |
|    | 746 | Hartigan, David                | 589.60   | 0.00   | 589.60   |
|    | 747 | Hartigan, David                | 422.10   | 0.00   | 422.10   |
|    | 748 | Hartigan, David                | 422.10   | 0.00   | 422.10   |
|    | 249 | Hartigan, Dennis P.            | 939.84   | 12.37  | 927.47   |
|    | 32  | Hartigan, Joseph W.            | 413.73   | 0.00   | 413.73   |
|    | 703 | Hayden, Joseph P.O.            | 1,203.32 | 0.00   | 1,203.32 |
|    | 735 | Hayden, Joseph P.O.            | 417.08   | 0.00   | 417.08   |
|    | 256 | Hayden, Lorraine P.            | 1,013.54 | 0.00   | 1,013.54 |
|    | 262 | Henckel, Troy L                | 481.40   | 0.00   | 481.40   |
| ** | 634 | Henri, Allan                   | 190.95   | 0.47   | 190.48   |
| ** | 269 | Hill, James. P                 | 825.78   | 400.00 | 425.78   |
|    | 280 | Hogg, Mark E.                  | 738.17   | 0.00   | 738.17   |
|    | 281 | Holmes, Eric G                 | 495.30   | 0.00   | 495.30   |

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|    |     |                                  |          |          |          |
|----|-----|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
|    | 285 | Horelick, Estate of, Walter      | 562.80   | 0.00     | 562.80   |
|    | 299 | Irvine, Carl H Jr.               | 196.31   | 0.00     | 196.31   |
| ** | 600 | Jacyssin, Kyle E.                | 231.15   | 0.00     | 231.15   |
| *  | 601 | Jacyssin, Kyle E.                | 703.50   | 0.00     | 703.50   |
|    | 651 | Johnson, Kyle W                  | 1,706.83 | 0.00     | 1,706.83 |
|    | 386 | Johnson,Christopher              | 544.04   | 0.00     | 544.04   |
|    | 673 | Keach, Marie A.                  | 171.86   | 0.00     | 171.86   |
| ** | 320 | Kennedy, Justin M                | 422.10   | 30.91    | 391.19   |
|    | 739 | Kiger, Nathan A                  | 2,088.39 | 0.00     | 2,088.39 |
| ** | 406 | Kleppinger, Marie                | 190.95   | 0.00     | 190.95   |
|    | 326 | Kozielewicz, Edward & Marilyn    | 339.02   | 0.00     | 339.02   |
|    | 45  | Kozielewicz, Marilyn A.          | 491.11   | 0.00     | 491.11   |
|    | 424 | Lagin-Nasse, Julianna &          | 695.13   | 0.00     | 695.13   |
| ** | 339 | Larouche, John G.                | 1,299.80 | 1,000.00 | 299.80   |
| ** | 688 | Leahy,Barry F                    | 711.54   | 240.91   | 470.63   |
|    | 345 | Leal, Robert J. & Kathleen       | 283.41   | 0.00     | 283.41   |
|    | 760 | Lemay, George E. Jr. and Carlene | 2,122.39 | 0.00     | 2,122.39 |
|    | 357 | Libby, Kevin & Mary              | 394.46   | 0.00     | 394.46   |
|    | 385 | Libby, Timothy D,                | 236.85   | 0.00     | 236.85   |
|    | 365 | Locke Hill Land Trust            | 445.22   | 0.00     | 445.22   |
| ** | 742 | Locke, Duane M.                  | 825.78   | 500.00   | 325.78   |
|    | 637 | Lydon, William                   | 1,385.56 | 0.00     | 1,385.56 |
|    | 383 | Madison Paper Industries         | 3,473.95 | 0.00     | 3,473.95 |
|    | 368 | Mansfield, John Michael          | 601.83   | 0.00     | 601.83   |
|    | 715 | Mansfield, Kelly Jayne           | 57.80    | 0.00     | 57.80    |
|    | 389 | Martikke, George & Rosalie       | 591.28   | 0.00     | 591.28   |
|    | 390 | Martikke, George F& Rosalie      | 929.46   | 0.00     | 929.46   |
|    | 405 | McPherson, Wayne                 | 203.01   | 0.00     | 203.01   |
|    | 407 | Meagher, Brian                   | 3,078.15 | 0.00     | 3,078.15 |
|    | 754 | Melancon Inter Vivos Family Tru  | 430.14   | 21.44    | 408.70   |
|    | 595 | Morey ,Shaun                     | 315.57   | 1.47     | 314.10   |
|    | 421 | Murphy, James F.                 | 2,238.14 | 2,136.61 | 101.53   |
|    | 429 | Newsom, John                     | 322.94   | 0.00     | 322.94   |
|    | 430 | Newton, Kirt                     | 1,367.64 | 0.00     | 1,367.64 |
|    | 675 | Nichols, Michael A.              | 672.68   | 0.00     | 672.68   |
|    | 608 | Nichols, William L.              | 361.80   | 0.00     | 361.80   |
|    | 433 | Nickerson, Deborah               | 217.75   | 0.27     | 217.48   |

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|    |     |                                 |          |          |          |
|----|-----|---------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
|    | 435 | Noble, Debra J.                 | 340.36   | 0.00     | 340.36   |
|    | 436 | Norton, David L.                | 177.55   | 0.00     | 177.55   |
| ** | 690 | Norton, Erin E.                 | 2,777.99 | 360.71   | 2,417.28 |
| ** | 252 | Norton, Jordon David            | 379.72   | 0.00     | 379.72   |
|    | 439 | O'Donald, Gale                  | 184.25   | 0.37     | 183.88   |
|    | 448 | Oliver, Carla J.                | 1,536.65 | 0.00     | 1,536.65 |
|    | 444 | Oliver, Herbert E.              | 176.88   | 0.00     | 176.88   |
|    | 456 | Osgood, Wanda                   | 963.29   | 0.00     | 963.29   |
| ** | 459 | Ouellette, Kenneth W.           | 710.87   | 519.67   | 191.20   |
|    | 460 | Pachedo, David R.               | 622.43   | 0.00     | 622.43   |
|    | 465 | Patenaude, Alan                 | 294.80   | 0.00     | 294.80   |
|    | 466 | Patenaude, Alan                 | 201.00   | 0.00     | 201.00   |
| ** | 470 | Patenaude, Marc                 | 180.90   | 0.00     | 180.90   |
| ** | 452 | Perrone, John                   | 729.46   | 0.47     | 728.99   |
|    | 485 | Peters, Bruce                   | 361.80   | 0.00     | 361.80   |
|    | 486 | Peters, Bruce                   | 472.35   | 0.00     | 472.35   |
|    | 724 | Phillips, Steven A. & Teresa B. | 157.45   | 0.00     | 157.45   |
|    | 492 | Piche, Bradley M.               | 692.11   | 0.00     | 692.11   |
| *  | 498 | Prescott, Daniel E              | 948.39   | 0.00     | 948.39   |
|    | 763 | Prescott, Ellen                 | 307.53   | 0.00     | 307.53   |
|    | 762 | Prescott, Gerald S.             | 307.53   | 0.00     | 307.53   |
|    | 778 | Pressey, Heirs of Ruby          | 412.05   | 0.00     | 412.05   |
|    | 499 | Pressey, Robert M. & Crystal L. | 877.70   | 0.00     | 877.70   |
|    | 500 | Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of         | 487.43   | 0.00     | 487.43   |
|    | 502 | Quimby, Clifton & Florence      | 1,731.95 | 0.00     | 1,731.95 |
|    | 503 | Quimby, Clifton B. Et Al        | 1,256.25 | 0.00     | 1,256.25 |
|    | 510 | Rackliff, Michael A.            | 306.02   | 0.00     | 306.02   |
|    | 517 | Randall, Barbara J.             | 479.05   | 0.00     | 479.05   |
|    | 704 | Randall, Robert M. Sr.          | 105.69   | 0.00     | 105.69   |
|    | 9   | Riley, Megan                    | 171.52   | 12.10    | 159.42   |
|    | 528 | Rioux Family Revocable Trust    | 145.06   | 0.00     | 145.06   |
|    | 529 | Robbins, Gary L.                | 836.66   | 0.00     | 836.66   |
| *  | 362 | Roberts, Sherene                | 1,792.75 | 0.00     | 1,792.75 |
| ** | 142 | Roberts, Sherene R.             | 274.03   | 0.00     | 274.03   |
|    | 70  | Rosie, Crystal                  | 264.15   | 0.00     | 264.15   |
|    | 535 | Ross and Paula A. Day, Edward J | 2,416.19 | 1,500.00 | 916.19   |
|    | 538 | Russo, Diane M.                 | 418.75   | 218.75   | 200.00   |

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|    |     |                               |          |        |          |
|----|-----|-------------------------------|----------|--------|----------|
|    | 665 | Russo, Diane M.               | 1,163.62 | 100.00 | 1,063.62 |
|    | 765 | Sanville, Andrew              | 250.25   | 0.00   | 250.25   |
| *  | 130 | Sanville, Robert Sr           | 167.50   | 0.41   | 167.09   |
|    | 547 | Seamon, Daryl O.              | 455.60   | 0.00   | 455.60   |
| ** | 548 | Seamon, Daryl O.              | 983.90   | 0.00   | 983.90   |
|    | 549 | Seamon, Thomas J              | 249.91   | 0.00   | 249.91   |
|    | 654 | Seamon, Thomas J.             | 233.83   | 0.00   | 233.83   |
|    | 708 | Seeley, Donald                | 204.35   | 0.00   | 204.35   |
|    | 463 | Semas Joseph,J                | 872.84   | 600.00 | 272.84   |
| ** | 555 | Shaw, Kenneth                 | 561.80   | 0.00   | 561.80   |
|    | 556 | Sheen, Albert & Jada F.       | 492.45   | 0.00   | 492.45   |
| ** | 557 | Shepard, Stephen C.           | 833.31   | 0.00   | 833.31   |
|    | 558 | Sherrer, Charles R.           | 1,006.51 | 0.00   | 1,006.51 |
|    | 560 | Sherrer, Earskin              | 244.55   | 0.00   | 244.55   |
|    | 562 | Sherrer, John                 | 255.27   | 0.00   | 255.27   |
|    | 563 | Sherrer,Lucy Geneva           | 370.34   | 0.00   | 370.34   |
|    | 521 | Sours, Shane L.               | 367.66   | 0.00   | 367.66   |
|    | 579 | Staph, Mike                   | 999.64   | 0.00   | 999.64   |
|    | 593 | Sterry Earl R. Jr.            | 377.88   | 0.00   | 377.88   |
|    | 574 | Sweetser, Jeff A.             | 671.34   | 0.00   | 671.34   |
|    | 722 | Swisher, John R.              | 221.10   | 0.00   | 221.10   |
|    | 604 | Taylor, Darlene A.            | 1,418.73 | 0.00   | 1,418.73 |
|    | 606 | Taylor, Darlene A.            | 311.55   | 0.00   | 311.55   |
|    | 605 | Taylor, David E.              | 1,192.94 | 0.00   | 1,192.94 |
|    | 615 | Thayer, Erika L.              | 794.79   | 0.00   | 794.79   |
|    | 617 | Theberge, Andre & Patricia    | 2,649.01 | 0.00   | 2,649.01 |
| *  | 319 | Tracy, Alice C.               | 289.78   | 0.00   | 289.78   |
|    | 627 | Tracy, Alice C. and Truman G. | 75.38    | 0.00   | 75.38    |
| *  | 628 | Tracy, Alice C. and Truman G. | 281.40   | 0.00   | 281.40   |
|    | 393 | Tracy, Howard S.              | 482.57   | 0.00   | 482.57   |
|    | 774 | Tracy, Trista A.              | 167.50   | 50.00  | 117.50   |
|    | 631 | Tutt, Dawn                    | 1,347.54 | 6.64   | 1,340.90 |
|    | 635 | Urquhart, Pearl J.            | 569.50   | 0.00   | 569.50   |
|    | 638 | Vessella, David A             | 954.92   | 5.54   | 949.38   |
|    | 639 | Vincent, Edward B.            | 174.87   | 0.00   | 174.87   |
|    | 410 | Vomorde, Carson C.            | 1,289.75 | 0.00   | 1,289.75 |
|    | 352 | Webber, Archie L.             | 177.55   | 0.00   | 177.55   |

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|   |     |                                |                   |                  |                   |
|---|-----|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
|   | 247 | Webster, Robert D.             | 1,938.31          | 0.00             | 1,938.31          |
|   | 781 | Welcome, Jeffery               | 60.47             | 0.00             | 60.47             |
|   | 467 | Whipple, Charles Bruce         | 1,385.39          | 0.00             | 1,385.39          |
|   | 658 | Whipple, Charles Bruce         | 125.63            | 0.00             | 125.63            |
|   | 659 | Whipple, Charles Bruce         | 1,130.79          | 0.00             | 1,130.79          |
|   | 660 | White, Stephen                 | 560.29            | 46.74            | 513.55            |
| * | 580 | Whitmore, Robert               | 428.97            | 0.00             | 428.97            |
|   | 676 | Worthley, Melinda              | 617.74            | 0.00             | 617.74            |
|   | 677 | Worthley, Melinda              | 160.13            | 0.00             | 160.13            |
|   | 663 | Wright, Albert                 | 504.34            | 0.00             | 504.34            |
|   |     |                                |                   |                  |                   |
|   |     | <b>Total for 196 Accounts:</b> | <b>143,163.93</b> | <b>10,523.93</b> | <b>132,640.00</b> |

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| Status | Acct | Name                            | Original Tax | Payments/ Adjustments | Amount Due |
|--------|------|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|------------|
|        | 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     | 0.00                  | 1,945.14   |
|        | 416  | Clark,Kelly D                   | 657.42       | 0.00                  | 657.42     |
|        | 120  | Curran, Thomas & Jennifer       | 278.29       | 0.00                  | 278.29     |
| *      | 136  | Deming, Roi A.                  | 547.81       | 0.00                  | 547.81     |
|        | 455  | Donovan, Gregory J.             | 466.50       | 0.00                  | 466.50     |
| *      | 173  | Duley, Richard                  | 486.13       | 0.00                  | 486.13     |
|        | 181  | Elfahel (Waite), Katrina.       | 627.29       | 0.00                  | 627.29     |
|        | 207  | Frith, Monica L.                | 348.67       | 0.00                  | 348.67     |
|        | 231  | Greenleaf, Scott                | 370.39       | 0.00                  | 370.39     |
|        | 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       | 0.00                  | 465.49     |
|        | 285  | Horelick, Estate of, Walter     | 609.95       | 0.00                  | 609.95     |
|        | 299  | Irvine, Carl H Jr.              | 305.14       | 0.00                  | 305.14     |
|        | 386  | Johnson,Christopher             | 499.09       | 0.00                  | 499.09     |
|        | 385  | Libby, Timothy D,               | 344.97       | 0.00                  | 344.97     |
|        | 405  | McPherson, Wayne                | 238.68       | 0.00                  | 238.68     |
|        | 430  | Newton, Kirt                    | 1,129.79     | 0.00                  | 1,129.79   |
|        | 436  | Norton, David L.                | 232.06       | 0.00                  | 232.06     |
| **     | 252  | Norton, Jordon David            | 485.72       | 374.88                | 110.84     |
|        | 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     | 0.00                  | 1,076.77   |
|        | 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     |
|        | 763  | Prescott, Ellen                 | 349.10       | 0.00                  | 349.10     |
|        | 778  | Pressey, Heirs of Ruby          | 455.17       | 0.00                  | 455.17     |
|        | 499  | Pressey, Robert M. & Crystal L. | 1,242.88     | 0.00                  | 1,242.88   |
|        | 500  | Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of         | 594.26       | 0.00                  | 594.26     |
|        | 502  | Quimby, Clifton & Florence      | 1,329.63     | 0.00                  | 1,329.63   |
|        | 517  | Randall, Barbara J.             | 696.00       | 0.00                  | 696.00     |
|        | 529  | Robbins, Gary L.                | 1,203.88     | 0.00                  | 1,203.88   |
|        | 70   | Rosie, Crystal                  | 372.33       | 0.00                  | 372.33     |

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|     |                               |                  |                 |                  |
|-----|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 765 | Sanville, Andrew              | 358.18           | 99.83           | 258.35           |
| 558 | Sherrer, Charles R.           | 1,047.85         | 0.00            | 1,047.85         |
| 521 | Sours, Shane L.               | 740.16           | 0.00            | 740.16           |
| 574 | Sweetser, Jeff A.             | 774.01           | 0.00            | 774.01           |
| 722 | Swisher, John R.              | 237.31           | 0.00            | 237.31           |
| 606 | Taylor, Darlene A.            | 254.87           | 0.00            | 254.87           |
| 605 | Taylor, David E.              | 1,288.49         | 0.00            | 1,288.49         |
| 635 | Urquhart, Pearl J.            | 608.91           | 565.43          | 43.48            |
| 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 48 Accounts:</b> | <b>31,800.49</b> | <b>1,040.14</b> | <b>30,760.35</b> |

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**Tax Year: 2015**

**As of: December 31, 2017**

| <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              | 469.27                       | 122.63            |
|               | 416         | Clark, Kelly D                | 436.80              | 188.65                       | 248.15            |
| **            | 136         | Deming, Roi A.                | 400.55              | 338.67                       | 61.88             |
|               | 455         | Donovan, Gregory J.           | 537.69              | 0.00                         | 537.69            |
| **            | 173         | Duley, Richard                | 496.76              | 68.08                        | 428.68            |
|               | 181         | Elfahel (Waite), Katrina.     | 732.29              | 0.00                         | 732.29            |
|               | 231         | Greenleaf, Scott              | 461.62              | 427.99                       | 33.63             |
|               | 241         | Hand, Roger & Carolee         | 579.64              | 415.44                       | 164.20            |
| **            | 747         | Hartigan, David               | 475.62              | 72.35                        | 403.27            |
|               | 285         | Horelick, Estate of, Walter   | 623.62              | 536.40                       | 87.22             |
|               | 299         | Irvine, Carl H Jr.            | 402.25              | 84.87                        | 317.38            |
|               | 385         | Libby, Timothy D,             | 443.06              | 0.00                         | 443.06            |
|               | 430         | Newton, Kirt                  | 1,247.12            | 0.00                         | 1,247.12          |
|               | 448         | Oliver, Carla J.              | 1,755.99            | 1,047.62                     | 708.37            |
|               | 444         | Oliver, Herbert E.            | 403.73              | 0.00                         | 403.73            |
|               | 456         | Osgood, Wanda                 | 1,192.53            | 0.00                         | 1,192.53          |
|               | 485         | Peters, Bruce                 | 412.19              | 0.00                         | 412.19            |
|               | 486         | Peters, Bruce                 | 528.47              | 0.00                         | 528.47            |
|               | 500         | Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of       | 880.29              | 0.00                         | 880.29            |
| *             | 517         | Randall, Barbara J.           | 802.70              | 69.00                        | 733.70            |
| **            | 70          | Rosie, Crystal                | 471.09              | 242.34                       | 228.75            |
|               | 558         | Sherrer, Charles R.           | 1,071.98            | 948.89                       | 123.09            |
|               | 521         | Sours, Shane L.               | 757.03              | 0.00                         | 757.03            |
|               | 574         | Sweetser, Jeff A.             | 882.62              | 247.51                       | 635.11            |
|               | 605         | Taylor, David E.              | 1,349.50            | 0.00                         | 1,349.50          |
|               | 658         | Whipple, Charles Bruce        | 174.33              | 0.00                         | 174.33            |
|               | 659         | Whipple, Charles Bruce        | 1,189.87            | 0.00                         | 1,189.87          |
|               |             |                               |                     |                              |                   |
|               |             | <b>Total for 27 Accounts:</b> | <b>19,301.24</b>    | <b>5,157.08</b>              | <b>14,144.16</b>  |

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Tax Year: 2014

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| Status | Acct | Name                         | Original Tax    | Payments/ Adjustments | Amount Due      |
|--------|------|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
|        | 500  | Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of      | 871.25          | -25.59                | 896.84          |
|        | 605  | Taylor, David E.             | 1,328.97        | -25.59                | 1,354.56        |
|        |      | <b>Total for 2 Accounts:</b> | <b>2,200.22</b> | <b>-51.18</b>         | <b>2,251.40</b> |

**Non Zero Balance on All Accounts**

Tax Year: 2013

As of: December 31, 2017

| Status | Acct | Name                         | Original Tax  | Payments/ Adjustments | Amount Due    |
|--------|------|------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|
|        | 500  | Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of      | 874.27        | -25.74                | 900.01        |
|        |      | <b>Total for 1 Accounts:</b> | <b>874.27</b> | <b>-25.74</b>         | <b>900.01</b> |

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## *From the Treasurer's Desk*

Greetings friends! I've been your Treasurer for a decade! Can you believe it? Audit is complete and we're excited about the Warrant and this year's budget. We continue to contribute to some of the recently created accounts. It's great to see these balances grow. It's important and I'm glad to be a part of planning for the future of Starks. 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 55 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. This year will be my last working with Vernice Boyce as she's accepted a position as a Municipal Treasurer in one of the larger cities in Maine. RHR continues 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 fifth 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, Dave Johnson, Ken Lust & Katie Desjardins**. 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 contact me at home or the office.

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.

I'll close with one last heavy thought. You'll probably have noted the dedication to Kerry Hebert in this year's report. The loss of this wonderful man and his contributions to our town over his lifetime, will impact us for years and years to come. His knowledge of Starks as a town father is nearly impossible to replace. Kerry was a large part of my life and I feel lucky to have had the pleasure of his friendship. He was very special to my family, and will be greatly missed.

Respectfully,

*Erin Norton*

## *2017 Treasurer's Revenue Report*

| #            | Account               | Credit            |
|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 98           | Real Estate Payments  | 753,623.37        |
| 98           | Supplemental Payments | 2,747.60          |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |                       | <b>756,370.97</b> |

### *Revenue Summary*

| #            | Account                                 | Debits             | Credits             | Balance             |
|--------------|---|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 100          | - Excise - Auto                         | \$0.00             | \$94,557.74         | \$94,557.74         |
| 101          | - Excise - Boat                         | \$0.00             | \$605.00            | \$605.00            |
| 102          | - Fees - Agent                          | \$119.60           | \$3,591.17          | \$3,471.57          |
| 103          | - Over Short                            | \$52.60            | \$0.33              | -\$52.27            |
| 104          | - Interest - Real Estate                | \$0.00             | \$466.00            | \$466.00            |
| 105          | - Lien Fees                             | \$47.59            | \$4,446.99          | \$4,399.40          |
| 106          | - Dog Fees                              | \$0.00             | \$429.00            | \$429.00            |
| 107          | - Plumbing Permit Fees                  | \$0.00             | \$1,147.50          | \$1,147.50          |
| 108          | - Building Permit Fees                  | \$0.00             | \$325.00            | \$325.00            |
| 109          | - Copier Income                         | \$0.00             | \$15.00             | \$15.00             |
| 110          | - Homestead Exemption                   | \$0.00             | \$41,445.00         | \$41,445.00         |
| 111          | - Veterans Exemption                    | \$0.00             | \$351.00            | \$351.00            |
| 112          | - First Park                            | \$0.00             | \$1,420.56          | \$1,420.56          |
| 113          | - Tree Growth Reimbursment              | \$0.00             | \$10,627.65         | \$10,627.65         |
| 114          | - Cemetery Interest                     | \$20.35            | \$20.35             | \$0.00              |
| 115          | - Revenue Sharing                       | \$0.00             | \$30,597.78         | \$30,597.78         |
| 116          | - Snomobile Refund                      | \$0.00             | \$0.00              | \$0.00              |
| 117          | - Site Review Fee                       | \$0.00             | \$0.00              | \$0.00              |
| 118          | - Escrow                                | \$0.00             | \$0.00              | \$0.00              |
| 119          | - Miscelaneous Revenue                  | \$116.08           | \$4,266.65          | \$4,150.57          |
| 120          | - General Assistance Reimbursments      | \$0.00             | \$1,880.35          | \$1,880.35          |
| 121          | - Higgins Trust Interst                 | \$0.00             | \$1,796.24          | \$1,796.24          |
| 122          | - Snowmobile Reimbursment               | \$0.00             | \$297.90            | \$297.90            |
| 123          | - MMA Fire Dept. Grant                  | \$1,573.33         | \$1,573.33          | \$0.00              |
| 124          | - Watson Stream Grant                   | \$45,000.00        | \$45,000.00         | \$0.00              |
| 125          | - Local Road Assistance Program LRAP    | \$0.00             | \$28,476.00         | \$28,476.00         |
| 126          | - Builing Rental/donation Fees (to BIF) | \$2,175.00         | \$2,175.00          | \$0.00              |
| 127          | - Helen Reed Scholarship                | \$0.00             | \$4,613.83          | \$4,613.83          |
| <b>Total</b> |   | <b>\$49,104.55</b> | <b>\$280,125.37</b> | <b>\$231,020.82</b> |

Total Revenue Received by Starks **987,391.79**  
*(The Total Sum of Cash Receipts Report and Revenue Summary)*

## *Expense Report 2017*

| Article #     | Description                       | Budget              | Expended            | Balance            | % Spent       |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 17            | Administration                    | \$94,515.00         | \$84,372.95         | \$10,142.05        | 89.27%        |
| 18            | Former Town Hall                  | \$3,000.00          | \$1,325.83          | \$1,674.17         | 44.19%        |
| 19            | CEO                               | \$3,000.00          | \$3,000.00          | \$0.00             | 100.00%       |
| 20            | CEO Legal                         | \$7,000.00          | \$0.00              | \$7,000.00         | 0.00%         |
| 21            | Deputy Clerk                      | \$1,500.00          | \$495.00            | \$1,005.00         | 33.00%        |
| 22            | Elections                         | \$3,000.00          | \$4,195.00          | -\$1,195.00        | 139.83%       |
| 23            | Assessors                         | \$8,750.00          | \$8,750.00          | \$0.00             | 100.00%       |
| 24            | Selectmen                         | \$9,000.00          | \$9,000.00          | \$0.00             | 100.00%       |
| 25            | Clerk                             | \$8,500.00          | \$8,500.00          | \$0.00             | 100.00%       |
| 26            | Tax Collector                     | \$12,000.00         | \$12,000.00         | \$0.00             | 100.00%       |
| 27            | Treasurer                         | \$8,500.00          | \$8,500.00          | \$0.00             | 100.00%       |
| 28            | Building Superintendent           | \$6,000.00          | \$6,000.00          | \$0.00             | 100.00%       |
| 29            | Health Officer                    | \$1,800.00          | \$0.00              | \$1,800.00         | 0.00%         |
| 30            | Sexton                            | \$2,500.00          | \$2,500.00          | \$0.00             | 100.00%       |
| 31            | GA overseer                       | \$500.00            | \$500.00            | \$0.00             | 100.00%       |
| 32            | Appeals Board                     | \$500.00            | \$0.00              | \$500.00           | 0.00%         |
| 33            | Planning Board                    | \$500.00            | \$0.00              | \$500.00           | 0.00%         |
| 34            | Training of outgoing Officers     | \$500.00            | \$0.00              | \$500.00           | 0.00%         |
| 35            | Road Foreman Stipend              | \$7,500.00          | \$7,500.00          | \$0.00             | 100.00%       |
| 36            | Community Center                  | \$20,000.00         | \$19,098.41         | \$901.59           | 95.49%        |
| 38            | Fire Department                   | \$38,500.00         | \$36,726.67         | \$1,773.33         | 95.39%        |
| 39            | Fire Chief Salary                 | \$4,000.00          | \$4,000.00          | \$0.00             | 100.00%       |
| 41            | Animal Control                    | \$1,000.00          | \$969.66            | \$30.34            | 96.97%        |
| 42            | AMS Ambulance                     | \$10,800.00         | \$10,000.00         | \$800.00           | 92.59%        |
| 43            | Road Signs                        | \$500.00            | \$0.00              | \$500.00           | 0.00%         |
| 44            | Street Lights                     | \$1,500.00          | \$1,275.32          | \$224.68           | 85.02%        |
| 45            | Equipment                         | \$45,500.00         | \$43,167.52         | \$2,332.48         | 94.87%        |
| 46            | Garage                            | \$9,000.00          | \$7,011.16          | \$1,988.84         | 77.90%        |
| 47            | Summer Roads Maintenance          | \$63,500.00         | \$63,287.56         | \$212.44           | 99.67%        |
| 48            | Winter Roads                      | \$55,000.00         | \$55,000.00         | \$0.00             | 100.00%       |
| 49            | Town Dump Maintenance             | \$300.00            | \$300.00            | \$0.00             | 100.00%       |
| 50            | General Assistance                | \$3,000.00          | \$3,834.09          | -\$834.09          | 127.80%       |
| 51            | Recreation/Library Reimbursements | \$1,700.00          | \$985.00            | \$715.00           | 57.94%        |
| 52            | Salt Shed                         | \$9,787.00          | \$9,786.48          | \$0.52             | 99.99%        |
| 53            | River Road Bond                   | \$31,109.00         | \$31,108.39         | \$0.61             | 100.00%       |
| 54 assessment | First Park                        | \$4,500.00          | \$4,375.00          | \$125.00           | 97.22%        |
| 55            | Social Organizations              | \$4,480.00          | \$4,480.00          | \$0.00             | 100.00%       |
| 57            | Capital Improvements              | \$20,000.00         | \$20,000.00         | \$0.00             | 100.00%       |
| 59            | Building Improvement Fund (BIF)   | \$5,000.00          | \$5,000.00          | \$0.00             | 100.00%       |
| 60            | Capital Roads Account             | \$10,000.00         | \$10,000.00         | \$0.00             | 100.00%       |
|               | Fire Dept. Capital Reserve        | \$10,000.00         | \$10,000.00         | \$0.00             | 100.00%       |
| Assessment    | County Tax                        | \$113,046.82        | \$113,046.82        | \$0.00             | 100.00%       |
| Assessment    | RSU #9                            | \$369,484.06        | \$369,484.06        | \$0.00             | 100.00%       |
|               | <b>Totals</b>                     | <b>\$888,447.42</b> | <b>\$806,365.36</b> | <b>\$30,696.96</b> | <b>90.76%</b> |

## 2017 FUND BALANCES

| <b>2017 Town of Starks</b>                 | <b>BALANCES</b>      |                      |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
|  | As of 12/31/16       | As of 12/31/17       |
| Skowhegan Savings Primary Checking Account | 628,523.90           | 656,601.39           |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>\$ 628,523.90</b> | <b>\$ 656,601.39</b> |

| <b>2017 Reserve Funds</b>             | <b>BALANCES</b>   |                  |                   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
|                                       | As of 12/31/16    | Due to/Due From  | As of 12/31/17    |
| LRAP - Local Roads Assistance Program | 50,270.43         | 28,476.00        | 78,746.43         |
| Re-Valuation Account                  | 41,241.66         | 0.00             | 41,241.66         |
| Capital Roads Reserve                 | 20,000.00         | 10,000.00        | 30,000.00         |
| Capital Improvement Reserve           | 41,268.25         | 20,000/44,500    | 56,768.25         |
| Fire Department Capital Reserve       | 0.00              | 10,000.00        | 10,000.00         |
| BIF - Building Improvement Fund       | 23,295.40         | 7,175/3,690.40   | 26,780.65         |
| Stephen & Tabitha King Grant          | 7,230.02          | 7,230.02         | 0.00              |
| Helen Reed Scholarship Fund           | 0.00              | 4,610.97         | 4,610.97          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                          | <b>183,305.76</b> | <b>32,071.57</b> | <b>248,147.96</b> |

### Due to / Due From Summary

LRAP Revenue from DOT received in November 29  
 Capital Roads Appropriation from 2017 Annual Meeting  
 Capital Improvement 2017 Annual Meeting/Public Works Sander and Leeman Bridge  
 Fire Dept. Capital Account established at 2017 Annual Meeting  
 BIF rental income & donations/CC Flooring  
 Remaining S&T King balance to CC Flooring  
 Helen Reed Scholarship adopted at 2017 Annual Meeting

| <b>Bank of America / US Trust Account</b> | <b>BALANCES</b> |             |                |
|---|-----------------|-------------|----------------|
|   | As of 1/31/17   | Gain / Loss | as of 10/31/17 |
| John W Higgins Trust Fund Market Value    | 179,725.75      | 19,608.67   | 199,334.42     |

## Cemetery Trust Balance December 31st 2017

**\$10,020.01**

| <b>Frederic Cemetery</b>                             | <b>Total Trust</b> | <b>% of Trust</b> | <b>2016 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>       |
| <b>Locke Cemetery</b>                                |                    |                   |                      |
| 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               |
| Arthur 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>        |
| <b>Tupper or Williamson Cemetery</b>                 |                    |                   |                      |
| 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>        |
| <b>Brake Hill Cemetery</b>                           |                    |                   |                      |
| 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>        |
| <b>Churchill Cemetery</b>                            |                    |                   |                      |
| Arlin L. & Lucinda Chapman                           |                    |                   |                      |
| Justin O. & Sarah T. Chapman                         | <b>\$1,000.00</b>  | <b>10.00%</b>     | <b>\$2.00</b>        |
| <b>Total Trust</b>                                   | <b>\$10,000.00</b> | <b>100.00%</b>    |                      |
| Issued to Frederic Cemetery                          |                    |                   | <b>\$12.80</b>       |
| Issued to Locke Cemetery                             |                    |                   | <b>\$2.40</b>        |
| Issued to Town of Starks                             |                    |                   | <b>\$4.81</b>        |
| Transferred to the General Fund on January 19th 2018 |                    |                   | <b>\$20.01</b>       |
| Prepared by Erin Norton                              |                    |                   |                      |

## PLANNING BOARD REPORT FOR THE 2017 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 public is encouraged to attend all meetings of the Board. Active members of the Board are Gwen Hilton (Vice Chair), Joe Hartigan, Ken Lust, Claire Nelson, and Stephen Hopkins. There are currently vacancies on the Board.

The Board would like to acknowledge the passing of long time Board Chair, Kerry Hebert. The institutional knowledge that he brought to the table is irreplaceable and not only that, he was a pleasure to be around. We mourn his loss and greatly miss his knowledge and leadership.

The following is a list of permit applications considered by the Board during 2017:

- Subdivisions and Site Review Permits: No permit applications were submitted during 2017.
- Shoreland Zoning Permits: No permit applications requiring Planning Board review were submitted during 2017.
- Mass Gathering Permits: No permit applications were submitted during 2017

### 2017 Ordinance Updates

In addition to administering the Town's land use ordinances, 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. All new ordinances and amendments to existing ordinances must be adopted by the town's legislative body (Town Meeting, or by referendum) to become law.

A new ***Road and Utility Ordinance*** to replace the town's existing Road Ordinance, which was passed in 1988, will be on this year's Town Meeting warrant as a referendum vote. This proposed ordinance formalizes the town's existing driveway permitting practices, provides protection for the town's roads, and will dovetail with the town's other regulations.

The Planning Board is also updating the existing Site Plan and Subdivision Ordinance, which was adopted in 1990. The Board plans to present two ordinances to replace this ordinance for the town's consideration later this year or at the 2019 Town Meeting.

Copies of the 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, Vice Chair  
Starks Planning Board

# ANIMAL CONTROL

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*Town of Starks*

2017 was a great year! This was my second year as your Animal Control Officer. I recently attended some additional training hosted by the Maine Department of Animal Welfare in Bangor.

Last year I handled a few stray cat and dog calls that warranted trips to the local shelter. Most of those were unfortunate drop offs. Smaller rural towns have a higher occurrence of abandoned animals, but there were only a few in Starks. After having a rabid skunk on my own farm in 2016, I strongly encourage residents to vaccinate their pets to prevent exposure.

I found the residents of Starks to be very helpful when dealing with dogs and cats found around town. All those that belonged to folks locally, were reunited with their families. I look forward to meeting more of you as I tackle the work load of ACO in Starks.

I've been a resident here in town for many years. I grew up in Chesterville and was a graduate of Mt. Blue High School. I've spent the better part of my life in the area.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any Animal Control related concerns and I'll do my best to help!

Respectfully,  
Briana Erb



**Briana Erb**  
Animal Control Officer  
207-897-8904  
brianaerb2426@gmail.com  
**Farmington Animal Shelter 778-2638**

Skowhegan Animal Shelter 474-6493  
Waterville Animal Shelter 873-2430  
Starks Town Office 696-8069  
Animal Poison Control 1(888) 426-4435

**brianaerb2426@gmail.com | 207.897.8904**

Town of Starks  
2017 LPI/CEO Report

There were nine plumbing permits issued; four complete septic systems; one tank replacement, one mobile home hook up; one disposal filed; and two internal plumbing and inspections for compliance as required.

Site reviews and issuance of thirteen permits for construction included mobile home; additions to existing buildings; garages; out buildings; and a cell tower with equipment shelter.

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

Please remember that before you start any construction you should contact the Code Enforcement Officer to see what is required.

The Code Officer hours are the first and third Wednesdays 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Leo Mayo

## **BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

**The Community Center has seen a lot of activity this year and continues to be a hub for activities of all kinds. It is a great place for our town to meet to socialize, pay tributes, entertain, and conduct town business.**

**The new flooring looks great and should last for many years.**

**An area of wall across from town office has been painted and now holds many of the awards and certificates the town and citizenry have received. Thanks to Danielle and John for that.**

**I am sure the Building Committee Report will have details for you, so I will end by saying that the building is in good running condition and ready for your use.**

**Respectfully,**

**Bill Pressey**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Pressey", written over the printed name.

## SEXTONS REPORT

The town maintained cemeteries are in fair condition. As with all things, time is having negative impact on them and we are experiencing damage from falling trees. It is my intention to have at least one stone repaired this spring, by a professional, and see what we can learn from this so to make good repairs on our own. There has been interest expressed from community members about becoming involved with this and I will set up a meet day for those interested.

The front part of Greenleaf Cemetery fence has been removed and new fencing purchased. This will be installed as soon as weather permits. Other fencing issues will be addressed this year.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Bill Pressey

# *Starks Water District*

P.O. Box 599 ♦ Anson, Maine 04911 ♦ 866-696-6491

## **Starks Water District Annual Report**

The Starks Water District hours of operation are 4-7PM on the third Wednesday of every month at the Starks Community Building, we are also available by phone and email. If you need to make a payment or arrangement outside of office hours, someone is available to do that, just call ahead. 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 2018 will be as follows:

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

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 2017 was \$11,016.62 (with \$1,047.86 in receivables at the end of the year), and our total expenses were \$11,879.04, resulting in a net loss of (\$862.42). We have received a loan to repay the state for road work in 2015. This has significantly increased our annual expenses. 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:

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

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

# **FIRE CHIEFS REPORT**



## ***STARKS FIRE CALLS - 2017***

***STRUCTURE FIRES - 1***

***CHIMNEY FIRES - 2***

***WILDLAND FIRES - 2***

***WIRES DOWN W/FIRE - 5***

***TREE DOWN IN ROADWAY - 9***

***MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS - 4***

***ASSIST CITIZEN - 1***

***ASSIST AMS AMBULANCE - 2***

***MUTUAL AID (ALL CALLS) - 20***

It has been a busy year for the department. Aside from the time spent on calls, we spent many hours in training and meetings. Also, a significant amount of time in community activities. The 2018 calendar year schedule reflects even more scheduled classroom and hands-on training. We have scheduled a variety of trainings at our Community Center with PINE POINT FIRE TRAINING. As of this writing, we have completed one of those trainings with PINE POINT. It was very informative for the 16 members of your Starks Fire in attendance as well as the approximately 40 members of our mutual aid communities (Anson, Madison, Industry, New Sharon, Farmington) firefighters who attended. I believe our training is reflected in the response that we have been able to give when the tone drops.

With the increased amount of training and ever increasing regulations from the Bureau of Labor Standards, comes the increased cost of doing business. The safety of your firefighters (who are your friends and neighbors) is of utmost importance and we cannot skimp on items that are necessary to ensure that when the fire is out, the powerlines are repaired, the trees have been cleared from the roadway, the water is out of the roadway, and the wrecked vehicles are hauled away, that each and every one of them can go back to their families, unscathed and ready to answer the next call.

In the past year, we have been able to purchase some equipment through grants from Maine Municipal Association and Maine Forest Service and we also were able to buy firefighter gloves because of the very generous donation of one of our community members. We are in the process of meeting standards that will enable us to apply for larger grants.

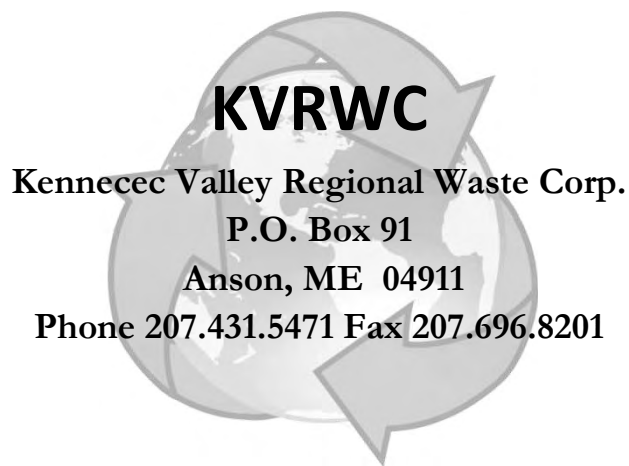
At this time, the trucks we have have been sufficient to fit our needs. One will always wish for the ability to carry more water, but mutual aid has covered us when needed. The goal of replacing Engine 92 (our main pumper) with a new(er) pumper/tanker in the near future is one that needs to be looked at by the town. Ideally, a grant would be obtained to help with this.

On a final note, I will share word that this is my final report as your Fire Chief. Your department has been notified as well as your selectboard. Effective March 1 of 2019, I will surrender the reins. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve with this dedicated group and to serve a very supportive community. I have made known my intentions far in advance to ensure that a smooth transition can occur and I am confident that the progress that your department has made will continue and even improve. I cannot put into words the pride I have to wear the badge of Chief of Starks Fire and to work beside the amazing group of folks that sacrifice themselves in service to your community.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Bill Pressey

Chief - Starks Fire



# **KVRWC**

**Kennebec Valley Regional Waste Corp.**

**P.O. Box 91**

**Anson, ME 04911**

**Phone 207.431.5471 Fax 207.696.8201**

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

The recycling plant is located on route 201 in Bingham where more than one hundred twenty tons of recycled materials generated by Anson and Starks residents, is processed each year. There are a little over one hundred participating residents from Anson/North Anson and around one hundred participating residents from Starks. In 2018 we plan to circulate a postcard to all residents encouraging participation. Increased participation will reduce operating costs and increase revenue. Additionally it's great for the environment!

In early 2017 it was determined that our only truck was finally beyond reasonable repair. The board made the decision to purchase a new three quarter ton truck at municipal cost from the local Dodge dealership in Farmington. Shortly thereafter Rusty Sterry of Starks was hired as head collector. He maintains the facility in Bingham and performs all the regular pickups. Rusty has been an asset to KVRWC and really enjoys the work. He's transformed the warehouse into an organized functional facility.

Last year the price of cardboard increased creating a slightly larger revenue stream from the bails generated by the two towns. The purchase of the new truck lead to a reduction in maintenance costs and pickups in both towns have also increased.

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 2017 Annual Report

We responded to total of 1,723 calls in 2017, 45 more than that of 2016. 28 of those calls were in Starks. The number one reason for calls was breathing problems followed by weakness and pain.

The service received an AFG grant for new heart monitors worth almost \$100,000 in 2017. Our old monitors were over 12 years old and new ones were needed, and greatly appreciated! Receiving this grant allowed the service to upgrade our ability to treat patients without extra cost to the tax payers.

We are again asking all citizens to make sure your house or box number can be easily seen from the road. This is the number one problem that slows our response to emergency calls.

There will be no increase in the town assessments for the cost to operate the ambulance service in 2018.

I hope you all have a Great year!

George Demchak AMS Ambulance Director



# Starks Food Cupboard

A Program of East Parish Housing Ministry, Inc.

## Annual Report 2017

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 4 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       | \$758.45          |
| FEMA                    | \$901.00          |
| Miscellaneous Donations | \$2,275.00        |
| Town of Starks          | \$900.00          |
| <b>Total Income</b>     | <b>\$4,834.45</b> |

| Expenses               |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Good Shepard Food Bank | \$150.00          |
| Save A Lot             | \$919.00          |
| Hannaford              | \$345.00          |
| Insurance              | \$1,279.00        |
| CMP                    | \$528.00          |
| Oil                    | \$348.00          |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>  | <b>\$3,569.00</b> |

**Ending check book balance \$1,265.45**

## **Budget Committee**

### **Annual Report for 2017**

The Budget Committee works with the Board of Selectmen, as well as with the Town Treasurer and the Board of Assessors, on a variety of issues related to current and predicted future town expenses.

The five-member committee is elected each year at the Starks Town Meeting and is advisory only and is not charged with final decisions. All decisions are the responsibility of the Board of Selectmen.

Elected members of the 2017 Budget Committee, in order of their vote totals at the March 2017 Town Meeting, are as follows:

- Ken Lust
- Dave Johnson
- Carol Coles
- Maryanne Gawlinski
- Katie Desjardin

In our work with the Board of Selectmen we refer often to the Starks Comprehensive Plan and its recommendations as a guide. It is our goal that decisions recommended and made by the committee in collaboration with the Selectmen and the Assessors are in the best fiscal interest of the town now and in the future.

The Budget Committee members met for a joint meeting with the Selectmen and members of the Board of Assessors on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to review revenue projections and expected major expenses as work proceeded on property taxes.

A second joint meeting was held on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 to review the town budget and make recommendations for the upcoming year. We, the Budget Committee and the Selectmen, achieved consensus on all budget amounts and expenditures and this will be demonstrated in the articles at our March Town Meeting.

Starks benefits from citizen participation on its boards and it is our hope that others will consider serving on town boards and committees.

This report is respectfully submitted, at the request of Town Treasurer Erin Norton, by Committee Member Carol Coles on behalf of the Starks 2017 Budget Committee.

## **Starks Community Center Standing Committee Annual Report for 2017**

Members of this committee are volunteers who are appointed by the Starks Board of Selectmen to make recommendations related to the functioning of the Building.

Current members include:

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

The financial help that the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation (STKF) grant has provided cannot be overstated.

The final remaining funds of \$12,089.60 of the STKF grant were supplemented by an expenditure of \$3,690.40 from the capitol account for the Starks Community Center. This expenditure was approved at a Special Town Meeting held August 23, 2017. With the final approved amount of \$15,780 we were able to have waterproof vinyl plank flooring professionally installed throughout the library area and the entire pathway to the doorway as well as in the public area/desk area of the Town Office. In addition, commercial quality carpet modules were professionally installed in the Selectmen's Room and in the Town Office.

Ongoing work of the Committee will be to assure that the Community Center is well maintained and utilized by our whole community as this beautiful building belongs to the whole town. We now meet quarterly at 5pm on the second Thursday. Our next three meetings are on April 12th, July 12th, October 11th 2018 and the public is invited.

We remind everyone that the Library in our Community Building is amazing. There is something for everyone on its shelves from children's picture books, to do-it-yourself manuals to the latest fiction. Come visit! Events, such as the well-attended annual Christmas Celebration would be impossible without this building.

Bill Pressey, our Building Superintendent, has continued to not just maintain our center but has been proactive in suggesting cost effective solutions to any and all problems. A big thank you is due to Bill from the Committee. With Bill's help we continue to follow the recommendations of the energy audit as well as those from the Comprehensive Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Riemer Coles, Chairperson  
Community Center Building Committee

## **KENNEBEC REGIONAL DEVELOPMENTAL AUTHORITY/FirstPark**

### **Fiscal Year 2016-17**

#### **Financial Overview**

At fiscal year-end 2016-2017, KRDA's government funds reported a positive fund balance ("net equity") of \$787,151, an improvement of \$323,171 from the previous fiscal year. The last several fiscal years have continued to build our net worth. We reduced our long-term debt principal by \$234,824. We are still on target to pay off our long-term debt in fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. The total long-term debt for the organization stands at approximately \$747,689. We project adequate cash flow for operations and debt service through the coming fiscal year without additional borrowing or increasing the municipal assessments, which have remained unchanged at \$587,000, since 2007. Annual revenue distributions to member communities totaled \$259,038. Funds held at various local banks, are comprised of a business checking account, plus certificates of deposits totaling \$354,945, a money market account of \$70,128 in, and a savings account totaling \$248,952. Some of these cash allocations represent designated funds, toward an operating reserve, and a growing infrastructure reserve. Our audited financial statements should be available at the Town Office.

#### **Operations Overview**

In mid-2017 new officers were installed and they are Mike Roy, President; Stephen Monsulick, Vice President; James Jurdak, Treasurer; Doug Eugley, Assistant Treasurer; Peter Mills, Secretary/Clerk; and Howard Mette, Past Immediate President. The Town of Starks is represented on KRDA's General Assembly by Paul Frederick and the alternate is Sterling Doirion. During FY 2016-2017, the organization had a change of leadership. Mr. James Dinkle of Mesa, Arizona become its Executive Director on November 6 following a national search. KRDA was awarded a grant by the Maine International Trade Center to bolster overseas business recruitment efforts. A refresh of KRDA's website commenced late year. The refresh will include a translation feature that will enable visitors to the website to read it in English, Chinese, French, Spanish or German. A late year call trip established KRDA and central Maine with a multinational construction company that performs site selection for its US, Canadian and Japanese clients.

#### **From the Executive Director's Desk**

Much work from 2017 has carried over into 2018 as I get settled in my new position as Executive Director. Strategic planning, marketing, recruitment and outreach to KRDA's 24 member communities are among my priorities. KRDA/FirstPark has a fiduciary responsibility to its member communities and their taxpayers. Accountability to our member communities is of paramount importance to the General Assembly, Executive Board and staff.

Respectfully submitted,

James W. Dinkle

Executive Director

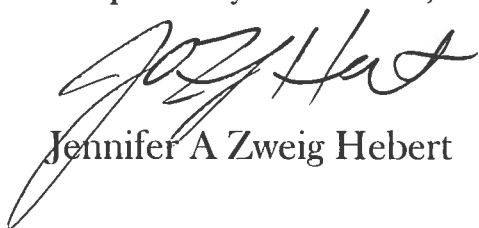
KRDA/FirstPark

## Mt. Blue Regional School District - (RSU #9)

It has been an honor to once again serve as Starks representative on the Mt. Blue Regional School District Board of Directors. In July, I was once again elected Chair of the Board which has added many additional duties to my schedule. There are many challenges facing Mt. Blue Regional School District as we go into 2018. Two of our largest concerns are presenting a budget that passes at the polls this coming summer and providing a proper education to all of the students regardless of their needs. Last summer, for the third year, the initial budget presented did not pass district wide. It took four tries for a reasonable budget to pass. The process did however, make many residents become engaged in the process. Ultimately, the district experienced a wonderful show of support from the voters. Starks voters voted in support of the district each of the four times. I am proud that our town places a high value on education and understands the hard work and careful planning that goes into presenting a budget. As we move forward, the focus of the district and board will be trying to reduce costs and providing a quality education. We will be hiring a new superintendent to replace Dr. Tom Ward who is retiring after a long career in school administration. The last 5 years have been at Mt. Blue. **Thank you Dr. Tom;** your dedication and caring to the staff and students is very much appreciated. The time spent on the Board of Directors has proven to be both challenging and rewarding. I am continually impressed with the quality and dedication of the faculty and staff that make up RSU #9. Due to my family obligations I have decided not to run for another term. I do however, plan to stay very involved with the school system and budget process.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our town and school district. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or ideas.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer A Zweig Hebert

## 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018, from noon until 8pm. The Annual Town Meeting will be held the following day, Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 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 2018 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: 2017 interest rate on unpaid taxes @7.00%*

### Article #8

To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of 2018 taxes from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 to the 2018 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.

### 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, **\$94,000** for **General Administration** and additional administrative expenses in the current year.

| <b>Description</b>      | <b>Taxation/Requested</b> |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Payroll Taxes           | \$9,000                   |
| Workman's Compensation  | \$10,500                  |
| Mileage                 | \$2,000                   |
| Training Workshops      | \$800                     |
| Annual Drug Testing Fee | \$350                     |
| Unemployment            | \$350                     |
| Postage                 | \$1,500                   |
| Books & Subscriptions   | \$200                     |
| Dues                    | \$3,000                   |
| Miscellaneous           | \$3,480                   |
| Audit                   | \$5,000                   |
| Trio Renewal/Upgrades   | \$8,000                   |
| Legal                   | \$8,000                   |
| Town Report             | \$1,000                   |
| Ads                     | \$500                     |
| Xerox Lease             | \$1,620                   |
| Water Rent              | \$3,700                   |
| KVRWC                   | \$8,100                   |
| Large Item Pickup       | \$4,100                   |
| Cemetery Maintenance    | \$1,750                   |
| MMA Insurance           | \$20,000                  |
| TAN Interest            | \$350                     |
| Voice of Starks         | \$700                     |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>\$94,000</b>           |

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #18**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$5,500** for the purchase of the automated **Motor Vehicle** and Blue Book software package through Harris Local Government (Trio).

| Description | 2017 Budget | Taxation/Requested |
|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| MV software | \$5,500     | \$5,500            |

*Explanation: Annual maintenance and support for said package will be \$800*

**Article #19**

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               | 2017 Budget | Taxation/Requested |
|---------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Former Town Hall Building | \$3,000     | \$3,500            |

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #20**

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay the **Code Enforcement Officer**, in addition to allowing the LPI to retain his portion of the collected fees for plumbing permits in the Town's name.

| Description | 2017 Budget | Taxation/Requested |
|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| CEO         | \$3,000     | \$3,000            |

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #21**

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 | 2017 Budget | Taxation/Requested |
|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| CEO Legal   | \$7,000     | \$7,000            |

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #22**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation **\$3,000** for **Deputies** in the instance that the incumbent Clerk is opposed in an election, or there's a need for subs in the Town Office.

| Description | 2017 Budget | Taxation/Requested |
|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Deputy      | \$1,500     | \$3,000            |

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #23**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation **\$4,500** for **Elections** for the current year.

| Description | 2017 Budget | Taxation/Requested |
|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Elections   | \$3,000     | \$4,500            |

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #24**

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

| Description             | 2017 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                  | \$2,000     | \$2,000            |
| GA Overseer             | \$500       | \$500              |

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #25**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$500** for the **Appeals Board** in the current year.

| Description   | 2017 Budget | Taxation/Requested |
|---------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Appeals Board | \$500       | \$500              |

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #26**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$500** for the **Planning Board** in the current year.

| Description    | 2017 Budget | Taxation/Requested |
|----------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Planning Board | \$500       | \$500              |

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #27**

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          | 2017 Budget | Taxation/Requested |
|----------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Training of Officers | \$500       | \$500              |

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #28**

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          | 2017 Budget | Taxation/Requested |
|----------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Road Foreman Stipend | \$7,500     | \$7,500            |

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #29**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$17,500** for the **Community Center** in the current year.

| Description                         | 2017 Budget | Taxation/Requested |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Community Center Operating Expenses | \$20,000    | 17,500             |

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #30**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$41,000** for the **Fire Department** in the current year.

| Description     | 2017 Budget | Taxation/Requested |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Fire Department | \$38,500    | \$41,000           |

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #31**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$35,000** for necessary building reconstruction and maintenance at the **Fire Station** in the current year.

| Description     | 2017 Budget | Taxation/Requested |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Fire Department | \$38,500    | \$41,000           |

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #32**

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

| Description | 2017 Budget | Taxation/Requested |
|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Fire Chief  | \$4,000     | \$4,000            |

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #33**

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    | 2017 Budget | Taxation/Requested |
|----------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Animal Control | \$1,000     | \$1,000            |

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #34**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$11,000** for the Anson Madison Starks **Ambulance Service** in the current year.

| Description   | 2017 Budget | Taxation/Requested |
|---------------|-------------|--------------------|
| AMS Ambulance | \$10,800    | \$11,000           |

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #35**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$500** for **Road Signs** in the current year.

| Description | 2017 Budget | Taxation/Requested |
|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Road signs  | \$500       | \$500              |

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #36**

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   | 2017 Budget | Taxation/Requested |
|---------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Street Lights | \$1,400     | \$1,500            |

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #37**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$45,500** for **Equipment Maintenance** in the current year.

| Description | 2017 Budget | Taxation/Requested |
|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Equipment   | \$45,500    | \$45,500           |

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #38**

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

| Description | 2017 Budget | Taxation/Requested |
|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Garage      | \$9,000     | \$9,000            |

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #39**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$63,500** for **Summer Roads Maintenance** in the current year.

| Description              | 2017 Budget | Taxation/Requested |
|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Summer Roads Maintenance | \$63,500    | \$63,500           |

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #40**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$55,000** for **Winter Roads** in the current year.

| Description  | 2017 Budget | Taxation/Requested |
|--------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Winter Roads | \$55,000    | \$55,000           |

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #41**

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 | 2017 Budget | Taxation Requested |
|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Town Dump   | \$300       | \$300              |

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #42**

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            | 2017 Budget | Taxation/Requested |
|------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| General Assistance     | \$3,000     | \$4,000            |
| GA Reimbursements 2017 | \$1,880.35  |                    |

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #43**

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                       | 2017 Budget | Taxation/Requested |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Rec Sports/Library Reimbursements | \$1,700     | \$2,000            |

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #44**

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 | 2017 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 #45**

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     | 2017 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 #46**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$4,500** for **First Park** in the current year.

| Description | 2017 Budget | Taxation/Requested |
|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| First Park  | \$4,500     | \$4,500            |

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #47**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation **\$5,030** for **Social Organizations** in the current year.

| Organization                      | Taxation/Recommended |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Starks Food Cupboard              | \$900                |
| Franklin County Animal Shelter    | \$1,280              |
| Family Violence                   | \$250                |
| Madison Public Library            | \$350                |
| Kennebec Behavioral Health        | \$400                |
| Memorial Day Fund                 | \$100                |
| Maine Public Broadcasting Network | \$200                |
| KVCAP                             | \$500                |
| Hospice Volunteers                | \$450                |
| East Parish Housing Ministry      | \$500                |
| American Red Cross                | \$100                |
| Total                             | \$5,030              |

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #48**

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 for Received January 2018 \$403.82*

**Article #49**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from **LRAP \$100,000** to pave the upper section of Chicken Street.

| Description           | Total        |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Chicken Street Paving | \$100,000    |
| 2018 LRAP Balance \$  | \$107,382.43 |

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #50**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$40,000** for the **Capital Improvement Fund**.

| Description          | 2017 Budget | Taxation/Requested |
|----------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Capital Improvements | \$40,000    | \$40,000           |

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

*Capital Improvement Account Balance December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 \$56,768.25*

**Article #51**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$5,000** to **Building Improvement Fund (BIF)**.

| Description               | 2017 Budget | Taxation/Requested |
|---------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Building Improvement Fund | \$5,000     | \$5,000            |

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

*Explanation: Building Improvement Fund Balance December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 \$26,780.65*

**Article #52**

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

| Description   | 2017 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>, 2017 \$30,000*

**Article #53**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$5,000** for the **Fire Department Capital Reserve Account**.

| Description                | 2017 Budget | Taxation/Requested |
|----------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Fire Dept. Capital Reserve | \$10,000    | \$5,000            |

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

*Explanation: Fire Department Capital Reserve Balance December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 \$10,000*

**Article #54**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated funds \$30,696.96 to lower the tax commitment. Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

The amount requested in this article represents all the remaining balances from Articles 1-66 at the 2017 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>, 2017 \$363,374*

**Article #55**

To see what action the town wishes to take with regard to the former town office building located at 10 Locke Hill Road.

**Article #56**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a so-called “Local Food & Community Self Governance Ordinance of the Town of Starks”.

**Article #57**

To see if the Town will vote to endorse and support the so-called “Somerset County Rural Cultural Plan”.

**Article #58**

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 they 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 #59**

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 #60**

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 #61**

To see if the Town will vote to close the books on December 31, 2018.

**Article #62**

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.

Given under our hands at the Starks Town Office this 14thth day of February 2018

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Paul Frederic, Selectman Chair

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Joseph Hayden, Selectman

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Ernest Hilton, Selectman

A true copy of the warrant

Attest:

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Jennifer A Zweig Hebert, Clerk of Starks

**Warrant Officer's Return:**

By virtue of the herein warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Starks to be assembled at the time and place, and for the purpose therein named by posting attested copies of the warrant in five (5) conspicuous places within said town, the 21st day of February, 2018. The Starks Town Office inside and out, the Town Garage, the Starks Food Cupboard and Steve's Garage.

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Jerry Brackett, Warrant Officer



*Proven Expertise and Integrity*

February 7, 2018

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, 2017. The following schedules have been excerpted from the 2017 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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Certified Public Accountants

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## TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2017

|   | General<br>Fund   | Other<br>Governmental<br>Funds | Total Governmental Funds |                   |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
|   |                   |                                | 2017                     | 2016              |
| <b>ASSETS</b>   |                   |                                |                          |                   |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | \$ 605,030        | \$ -                           | \$ 605,030               | \$ 596,033        |
| Investments   | -                 | 10,019                         | 10,019                   | 10,019            |
| Accounts receivable (net of allowance<br>for uncollectibles):                 |                   |                                |                          |                   |
| Taxes   | 131,556           | -                              | 131,556                  | 109,845           |
| Liens   | 40,076            | -                              | 40,076                   | 44,690            |
| Other   | 3,214             | -                              | 3,214                    | -                 |
| Tax acquired property   | 5,268             | -                              | 5,268                    | 3,320             |
| Prepaid items   | 1,280             | -                              | 1,280                    | 1,590             |
| Due from other funds  | 10                | 262,480                        | 262,490                  | 233,688           |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>   | <b>\$ 786,434</b> | <b>\$ 272,499</b>              | <b>\$ 1,058,933</b>      | <b>\$ 999,185</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>  |                   |                                |                          |                   |
| Accounts payable  | \$ -              | \$ -                           | \$ -                     | \$ -              |
| Accrued expenses  | -                 | -                              | -                        | 6,302             |
| Due to other funds  | 262,480           | 10                             | 262,490                  | 233,688           |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>  | <b>262,480</b>    | <b>10</b>                      | <b>262,490</b>           | <b>239,990</b>    |
| <b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>  |                   |                                |                          |                   |
| Prepaid taxes   | 219               | -                              | 219                      | 379               |
| Advanced payment of LRAP funding  | -                 | 14,318                         | 14,318                   | 14,158            |
| Deferred tax revenues   | 153,812           | -                              | 153,812                  | 122,719           |
| <b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>                                    | <b>154,031</b>    | <b>14,318</b>                  | <b>168,349</b>           | <b>137,256</b>    |
| <b>FUND BALANCES</b>  |                   |                                |                          |                   |
| Nonspendable - prepaid items and tax acquired property                        | 6,548             | -                              | 6,548                    | 4,910             |
| Restricted  | -                 | 93,381                         | 93,381                   | 67,434            |
| Committed   | -                 | 164,790                        | 164,790                  | 170,115           |
| Assigned  | -                 | -                              | -                        | -                 |
| Unassigned  | 363,375           | -                              | 363,375                  | 379,480           |
| <b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>  | <b>369,923</b>    | <b>258,171</b>                 | <b>628,094</b>           | <b>621,939</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF<br/>RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b> | <b>\$ 786,434</b> | <b>\$ 272,499</b>              | <b>\$ 1,058,933</b>      | <b>\$ 999,185</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, 2017

|   | General<br>Fund   | Other<br>Governmental<br>Funds | Total<br>Governmental<br>Funds |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>REVENUES</b>   |                   |                                |                                |
| Taxes:  |                   |                                |                                |
| Property  | \$ 756,371        | \$ -                           | \$ 756,371                     |
| Excise  | 95,163            | -                              | 95,163                         |
| Intergovernmental revenues                              | 86,870            | 28,476                         | 115,346                        |
| Charges for services                                    | 5,389             | -                              | 5,389                          |
| Miscellaneous revenues                                  | 17,200            | 53,382                         | 70,582                         |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>                                   | <b>960,993</b>    | <b>81,858</b>                  | <b>1,042,851</b>               |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>                                     |                   |                                |                                |
| Current:  |                   |                                |                                |
| General government                                      | 176,804           | -                              | 176,804                        |
| Public safety   | 53,852            | -                              | 53,852                         |
| Public works  | 168,766           | -                              | 168,766                        |
| Community service                                       | 4,819             | -                              | 4,819                          |
| Education   | 369,484           | -                              | 369,484                        |
| County tax  | 113,047           | -                              | 113,047                        |
| Unclassified  | 10,793            | 1,603                          | 12,396                         |
| Capital outlay  | -                 | 96,633                         | 96,633                         |
| Debt service:   |                   |                                |                                |
| Principal   | 37,685            | -                              | 37,685                         |
| Interest  | 3,210             | -                              | 3,210                          |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>                               | <b>938,460</b>    | <b>98,236</b>                  | <b>1,036,696</b>               |
| <b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER<br/>(UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b> | <b>22,533</b>     | <b>(16,378)</b>                | <b>6,155</b>                   |
| <b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>                   |                   |                                |                                |
| Transfers in  | -                 | 45,000                         | 45,000                         |
| Transfers (out)   | (45,000)          | -                              | (45,000)                       |
| <b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>             | <b>(45,000)</b>   | <b>45,000</b>                  | <b>-</b>                       |
| <b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>                      | <b>(22,467)</b>   | <b>28,622</b>                  | <b>6,155</b>                   |
| <b>FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1, RESTATED</b>              | <b>392,390</b>    | <b>229,549</b>                 | <b>621,939</b>                 |
| <b>FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31</b>                      | <b>\$ 369,923</b> | <b>\$ 258,171</b>              | <b>\$ 628,094</b>              |

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TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – BUDGETARY BASIS  
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

|   | Budgeted Amounts  |                   | Actual<br>Amounts | Variance<br>Positive<br>(Negative) |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|
|   | Original          | Final             |                   |                                    |
| Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1, Restated | \$ 392,390        | \$ 392,390        | \$ 392,390        | \$ -                               |
| Resources (Inflows):                        |                   |                   |                   |                                    |
| Taxes:                                      |                   |                   |                   |                                    |
| Property taxes                              | 785,815           | 785,815           | 756,371           | (29,444)                           |
| Excise taxes                                | 92,000            | 92,000            | 95,163            | 3,163                              |
| Intergovernmental revenues:                 |                   |                   |                   |                                    |
| State revenue sharing                       | 30,000            | 30,000            | 30,598            | 598                                |
| Homestead exemption                         | 40,033            | 40,033            | 41,445            | 1,412                              |
| Tree growth                                 | 17,000            | 17,000            | 10,628            | (6,372)                            |
| Other income                                | 1,771             | 3,949             | 4,199             | 250                                |
| Interest income                             | 7,796             | 7,796             | 8,702             | 906                                |
| Charges for services                        | 2,684             | 3,832             | 5,389             | 1,557                              |
| Miscellaneous revenues                      | 1,600             | 1,600             | 8,498             | 6,898                              |
| Transfers from other funds                  | -                 | -                 | -                 | -                                  |
| Amounts Available for Appropriation         | <u>1,371,089</u>  | <u>1,374,415</u>  | <u>1,353,383</u>  | <u>(21,032)</u>                    |
| Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):       |                   |                   |                   |                                    |
| General government                          | 198,565           | 207,713           | 176,804           | 30,909                             |
| Public safety                               | 56,300            | 56,300            | 53,852            | 2,448                              |
| Public works                                | 172,300           | 172,300           | 168,766           | 3,534                              |
| Community service                           | 4,700             | 6,580             | 4,819             | 1,761                              |
| Education                                   | 369,484           | 369,484           | 369,484           | -                                  |
| County tax                                  | 113,047           | 113,047           | 113,047           | -                                  |
| Unclassified                                | 25,602            | 25,900            | 10,793            | 15,107                             |
| Debt service:                               |                   |                   |                   |                                    |
| Principal                                   | 37,685            | 37,685            | 37,685            | -                                  |
| Interest                                    | 3,211             | 3,211             | 3,210             | 1                                  |
| Transfers to other funds                    | 45,000            | 45,000            | 45,000            | -                                  |
| Total Charges to Appropriations             | <u>1,025,894</u>  | <u>1,037,220</u>  | <u>983,460</u>    | <u>53,760</u>                      |
| Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31         | <u>\$ 345,195</u> | <u>\$ 337,195</u> | <u>\$ 369,923</u> | <u>\$ 32,728</u>                   |
| Utilization of unassigned fund balance      | \$ -              | \$ 8,000          | \$ -              | \$ (8,000)                         |
| Utilization of committed fund balance       | 58,195            | 58,195            | -                 | (58,195)                           |
|   | <u>\$ 58,195</u>  | <u>\$ 66,195</u>  | <u>\$ -</u>       | <u>\$ (66,195)</u>                 |

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## TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

|                                    | Original<br>Budget | Budget<br>Adjustments | Final<br>Budget | Actual<br>Expenditures | Variance<br>Positive (Negative) |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| General government -               |                    |                       |                 |                        |                                 |
| Administration                     | \$ 94,515          | \$ -                  | \$ 94,515       | \$ 83,960              | \$ 10,555                       |
| Town hall operating                | 3,000              | -                     | 3,000           | 1,326                  | 1,674                           |
| Code enforcement officer           | 10,000             | -                     | 10,000          | 3,132                  | 6,868                           |
| Deputy clerk                       | 1,500              | -                     | 1,500           | 495                    | 1,005                           |
| Elections                          | 3,000              | -                     | 3,000           | 4,195                  | (1,195)                         |
| Plumbing inspector                 | -                  | 1,148                 | 1,148           | 1,148                  | -                               |
| 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                             | 2,500              | -                     | 2,500           | 2,700                  | (200)                           |
| 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                   | 20,000             | 8,000                 | 28,000          | 19,098                 | 8,902                           |
|                                    | <u>198,565</u>     | <u>9,148</u>          | <u>207,713</u>  | <u>176,804</u>         | <u>30,909</u>                   |
| Public safety -                    |                    |                       |                 |                        |                                 |
| Fire department                    | 38,500             | -                     | 38,500          | 36,727                 | 1,773                           |
| Fire chief                         | 4,000              | -                     | 4,000           | 4,000                  | -                               |
| Animal control                     | 1,000              | -                     | 1,000           | 970                    | 30                              |
| AMS service                        | 10,800             | -                     | 10,800          | 10,880                 | (80)                            |
| Road signs                         | 500                | -                     | 500             | -                      | 500                             |
| Street lights                      | 1,500              | -                     | 1,500           | 1,275                  | 225                             |
|                                    | <u>56,300</u>      | <u>-</u>              | <u>56,300</u>   | <u>53,852</u>          | <u>2,448</u>                    |

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

|                            | Original Budget | Budget Adjustments | Final Budget   | Actual Expenditures | Variance Positive (Negative) |
|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Public works -             |                 |                    |                |                     |                              |
| Equipment                  | 44,500          | -                  | 44,500         | 43,167              | 1,333                        |
| Garage                     | 9,000           | -                  | 9,000          | 7,011               | 1,989                        |
| Summer roads               | 63,500          | -                  | 63,500         | 63,288              | 212                          |
| Winter roads               | 55,000          | -                  | 55,000         | 55,000              | -                            |
| Closure of the Starks dump | 300             | -                  | 300            | 300                 | -                            |
|                            | <u>172,300</u>  | <u>-</u>           | <u>172,300</u> | <u>168,766</u>      | <u>3,534</u>                 |
| Community service -        |                 |                    |                |                     |                              |
| Community center           | 3,000           | 1,880              | 4,880          | 3,834               | 1,046                        |
| Madison recreation         | 1,700           | -                  | 1,700          | 985                 | 715                          |
|                            | <u>4,700</u>    | <u>1,880</u>       | <u>6,580</u>   | <u>4,819</u>        | <u>1,761</u>                 |
| Debt service -             |                 |                    |                |                     |                              |
| Principal                  | 37,685          | -                  | 37,685         | 37,685              | -                            |
| Interest                   | 3,211           | -                  | 3,211          | 3,210               | 1                            |
|                            | <u>40,896</u>   | <u>-</u>           | <u>40,896</u>  | <u>40,895</u>       | <u>1</u>                     |
| County tax                 | 113,047         | -                  | 113,047        | 113,047             | -                            |
| Education -                |                 |                    |                |                     |                              |
| RSU #9                     | 369,484         | -                  | 369,484        | 369,484             | -                            |
|                            | <u>369,484</u>  | <u>-</u>           | <u>369,484</u> | <u>369,484</u>      | <u>-</u>                     |

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

|                                      | Original Budget     | Budget Adjustments | Final Budget        | Actual Expenditures | Variance Positive (Negative) |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Unclassified -                       |                     |                    |                     |                     |                              |
| First Park                           | 4,500               | -                  | 4,500               | 4,376               | 124                          |
| Social services                      | 4,480               | -                  | 4,480               | 4,480               | -                            |
| Snowmobile                           | -                   | 298                | 298                 | 298                 | -                            |
| Contingency                          | 3,000               | -                  | 3,000               | -                   | 3,000                        |
| Overlay                              | 13,622              | -                  | 13,622              | 1,639               | 11,983                       |
|                                      | <u>25,602</u>       | <u>298</u>         | <u>25,900</u>       | <u>10,793</u>       | <u>15,107</u>                |
| Transfers to other funds -           |                     |                    |                     |                     |                              |
| Capital projects funds               | 45,000              | -                  | 45,000              | 45,000              | -                            |
|                                      | <u>45,000</u>       | <u>-</u>           | <u>45,000</u>       | <u>45,000</u>       | <u>-</u>                     |
| <b>TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS</b> | <b>\$ 1,025,894</b> | <b>\$ 11,326</b>   | <b>\$ 1,037,220</b> | <b>\$ 983,460</b>   | <b>\$ 53,760</b>             |

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## TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2017

|   | Special<br>Revenue<br>Funds | Capital<br>Projects<br>Funds | Permanent<br>Funds | Total Nonmajor<br>Governmental<br>Funds |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|---|
| <b>ASSETS</b>   |                             |                              |                    |   |
| Investments   | \$ -                        | \$ -                         | \$ 10,019          | \$ 10,019                               |
| Due from other funds  | 41,253                      | 216,613                      | 4,614              | 262,480                                 |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>   | <b>\$ 41,253</b>            | <b>\$ 216,613</b>            | <b>\$ 14,633</b>   | <b>\$ 272,499</b>                       |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>  |                             |                              |                    |   |
| Due to other funds  | \$ -                        | \$ -                         | \$ 10              | \$ 10                                   |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>  | <b>-</b>                    | <b>-</b>                     | <b>10</b>          | <b>10</b>                               |
| <b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>  |                             |                              |                    |   |
| Advance payment of LRAP funding   | -                           | 14,318                       | -                  | 14,318                                  |
| <b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF<br/>RESOURCES</b>                                    | <b>-</b>                    | <b>14,318</b>                | <b>-</b>           | <b>14,318</b>                           |
| <b>FUND BALANCES</b>  |                             |                              |                    |   |
| Nonspendable  | -                           | -                            | -                  | -                                       |
| Restricted  | 12                          | 78,746                       | 14,623             | 93,381                                  |
| Committed   | 41,241                      | 123,549                      | -                  | 164,790                                 |
| Assigned  | -                           | -                            | -                  | -                                       |
| Unassigned  | -                           | -                            | -                  | -                                       |
| <b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>  | <b>41,253</b>               | <b>202,295</b>               | <b>14,623</b>      | <b>258,171</b>                          |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED<br/>INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND<br/>FUND BALANCES</b> | <b>\$ 41,253</b>            | <b>\$ 216,613</b>            | <b>\$ 14,633</b>   | <b>\$ 272,499</b>                       |

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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, 2017

|   | Special<br>Revenue<br>Funds | Capital<br>Projects<br>Funds | Permanent<br>Funds | Total Nonmajor<br>Governmental<br>Funds |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|---|
| REVENUES  |                             |                              |                    |   |
| Intergovernmental                               | \$ -                        | \$ 28,476                    | \$ -               | \$ 28,476                               |
| Interest income                                 | -                           | -                            | 4,634              | 4,634                                   |
| Other   | 46,573                      | 2,175                        | -                  | 48,748                                  |
| TOTAL REVENUES                                  | <u>46,573</u>               | <u>30,651</u>                | <u>4,634</u>       | <u>81,858</u>                           |
| EXPENDITURES                                    |                             |                              |                    |   |
| Capital outlay                                  | 52,133                      | 44,500                       | -                  | 96,633                                  |
| Other   | 1,573                       | -                            | 30                 | 1,603                                   |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES                              | <u>53,706</u>               | <u>44,500</u>                | <u>30</u>          | <u>98,236</u>                           |
| EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER<br>(UNDER) EXPENDITURES | <u>(7,133)</u>              | <u>(13,849)</u>              | <u>4,604</u>       | <u>(16,378)</u>                         |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)                  |                             |                              |                    |   |
| Transfers in                                    | -                           | 45,000                       | -                  | 45,000                                  |
| Transfers (out)                                 | -                           | -                            | -                  | -                                       |
| TOTAL OTHER FINANCING<br>SOURCES (USES)         | <u>-</u>                    | <u>45,000</u>                | <u>-</u>           | <u>45,000</u>                           |
| NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES                     | (7,133)                     | 31,151                       | 4,604              | 28,622                                  |
| FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1                       | <u>48,386</u>               | <u>171,144</u>               | <u>10,019</u>      | <u>229,549</u>                          |
| FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31                     | <u>\$ 41,253</u>            | <u>\$ 202,295</u>            | <u>\$ 14,623</u>   | <u>\$ 258,171</u>                       |

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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.

Maine has the oldest average age in the nation. As Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, my top three priorities for the Committee are fighting fraud and financial abuse directed at our nation's seniors, increasing investments in biomedical research, and improving retirement security. Following the Committee's investigation into skyrocketing prescription drug costs, I authored bipartisan legislation to foster generic competition, which was signed into law. The Aging Committee's toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for seniors to report suspected fraud and receive assistance. To support the 40 million family caregivers in the United States, I am proud to have authored the RAISE Family Caregivers Act to create a coordinated strategy to support family members who make countless personal and financial sacrifices to care for their loved ones.

The opioid crisis touches families and communities across our state. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, I fought for significant increases in funding to support community, law-enforcement, and public health efforts. In April, the State of Maine was awarded over \$2 million to fight this devastating public health crisis. Additionally, I have authored legislation to support grandparents and other extended family members who are raising grandchildren as a result of the nation's opioid epidemic.

Biomedical research has the potential to improve and save lives, and also supports good jobs at research facilities here in Maine. Last year, the Appropriations Committee approved a \$2 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health for the third consecutive year. This includes an increase of nearly 30 percent for research on Alzheimer's, our nation's most costly disease. As founder and co-chair of the Senate Diabetes Caucus, I work to raise awareness of the threats posed by diabetes, invest in research, and improve access to treatment options. My bill to establish a national commission of health care experts on diabetes care and prevention was signed into law in 2017.

We owe our veterans so much. Last year, I worked to secure the authorization of a Community-Based Outpatient Clinic in Portland to support the health care of Maine's veterans in the southern part of our state. I also worked to secure funding extensions to help veterans throughout rural Maine receive health care within their communities. I also worked to secure funding for housing vouchers for veterans to reduce veterans' homelessness.

Maine's contributions to our national security stretch from Kittery to Limestone. I successfully advocated for critical funding for projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for construction of an additional ship that will likely be built at Bath Iron Works. This funding will strengthen our national security and preserve great jobs in our state.

As chairman of the Transportation and Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I worked to increase funding for the TIGER program that has provided Maine with more than \$122 million for vital transportation projects. For housing, I worked to provide \$160 million to help communities protect children from the harmful effects of lead poisoning.

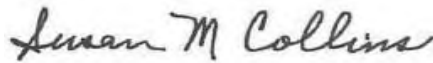
Growing our economy remains a top priority. I supported the comprehensive tax reform bill because it will help lower- and middle-income families keep more of their hard-earned money; boost the economy; and encourage businesses, both small and large, to grow and create jobs here in Maine and around the country. This legislation contains key provisions I authored that are important to Mainers, including preserving the deduction

for state and local taxes, expanding the deduction for medical expenses, and enabling public employees such as firefighters, teachers, and police officers, as well as clergy and employees of nonprofits, to make “catch-up” contributions to their retirement accounts. I led the effort to ensure that the tax cut will not trigger automatic budget cuts to Medicare or any other programs.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. As of December 2017, I have cast more than 6,500 consecutive votes, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Somerset County and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Augusta office at 207-622-8414 or visit my website at [www.collins.senate.gov](http://www.collins.senate.gov). May 2018 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan M. Collins".

Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator

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January 3, 2018

Dear Friends....

Representing Maine in the United States Senate is an honor.

I continue my work on the Senate Armed Services Committee, each year authorizing the funding required to build our military capabilities and ensuring that our service members are trained and equipped to defend our nation. I was pleased to be part of a bipartisan effort to enact a new law to simplify the appeals review process to reduce the backlog our veterans are facing, as well as a new law that provides critical funding to the VA Choice Program, allowing veterans in rural Maine to access services closer to home.

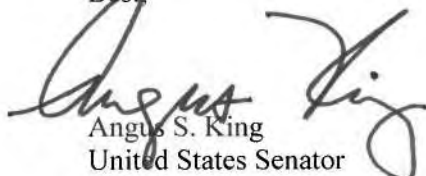
While my committee work is important, working to combat the opioid epidemic is one of my top priorities. Although Congress has made some important strides, much remains to be done to provide additional funding for prevention, treatment and enforcement. I am working with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pressure the Drug Enforcement Administration to reduce the amount of opioids produced and to thwart the flow of fentanyl and other deadly drugs into our country.

I am very optimistic about the integrated, multiagency effort I led with Senator Collins to foster innovation and commercialization in Maine's forest economy. Through the Economic Development Assistance Team (EDAT) we are already experiencing increased federal investments that will strengthen our existing forest products industry and help support job creation in rural communities. Initiatives like Cross Laminated Lumber, Combined Heat and Power, manocellulose, ED printing with biobased materials and other biobased products will mean that Maine's wood-basket will continue to be a major jobs and economic contributor for our future.

Finally, the coming year will continue the work of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in the ongoing investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 election. Our Committee has held seven public hearings and numerous classified sessions, reviewed tens of thousands of pages of documents and conducted hundreds of interviews. I remain focused on the security of our elections and committed to developing strategies to prevent interference by foreign governments in our democracy.

May 2018 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**

A Message from Senator Rod Whittemore

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to represent you in the Maine Senate. It has been an honor to work on your behalf to make our state an even better place to live, work and conduct business.

On August 2, Maine lawmakers finally adjourned for the year, after what proved to be the longest session in recent memory due to a brief government shut down over budgetary disagreements. While no state budget is ever perfect, the end product was a state budget that makes a record investment in our students, supports our communities and will tremendously benefit small businesses and our economy.

Perhaps the most significant action the Legislature took last year, as part of the biennial budget, was the removal of the burdensome, job-killing surtax that was already hurting small businesses, doctors and other professionals that we so critically need. In November 2016, voters sent a clear message that education funding was to be a priority of the 128th Legislature, and we heard that message loud and clear. However, the funding mechanism which was included in the measure – the surtax – presented a serious threat to the state’s economy. This new tax gave Maine the ominous distinction of being the highest-taxed state in the country and primarily impacted small businesses, which are the backbone of our economy, taxing them at a rate that is higher than larger corporations are subject to pay. I am proud to say that after much hard work and negotiating, thanks to our rebounding economy, we were able to support our local schools at a level we have never been able to before – without any additional taxation.

The Homestead Exemption, which provides much-needed property tax relief for homeowners, was also preserved in the budget with an increased exemption of \$20,000.

The Legislature also passed a measure to make Maine compliant with the REAL ID Act. As a result of this important new law, the federal government has granted Maine a waiver, meaning that Maine citizens can continue to use their driver’s licenses to board commercial airplanes and access certain federal buildings.

While we accomplished much, there is still a lot of work ahead of us next session. Again, thank you for putting your trust in me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me if you need help in navigating the state bureaucracy. I can be reached at home at 474-6703 or in Augusta at 287-1505. I can also be reached by email at [rodney.whittemore@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:rodney.whittemore@legislature.maine.gov). Thank you for allowing me to be your senator.

Sincerely,

Senator Rod Whittemore



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January 2018

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It has been an honor to serve the as your Representative in the 128<sup>th</sup> Maine State Legislature. This is a responsibility that I take very seriously. As many of you know we have faced some very substantial issues over the past year in the Legislature and I will continue to represent your interests to the best of my ability.

As we move closer to January, I am starting to get a sense of what will be on the agenda for the second regular session. One important issue that we will be discussing in the upcoming session will be referendum reform. There are many groups from out of state that are coming in and changing the way we have done things for years. Our citizen initiative process is sacred to the Maine State Constitution and I don't want to see out of state groups taking advantage of that process.

It is my hope that I might be a resource to each town, business, school, and individual in our community so that we may all experience economic success. I was elected to the Maine Legislature on the promise to represent you, the people of District 112. If you have any concerns related to State Government, please feel free to call me anytime at **585-2638** or email at [Thomas.Skolfield@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Thomas.Skolfield@legislature.maine.gov) to keep me updated on those concerns. If you would like to be added to my email update list, you can do so by emailing me directly with your request.

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

Sincerely,

Thomas Skolfield  
State Representative

# Notes

### 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

### **2017-2018 Dates to Remember:**

**December 1** - May start purchasing Hunting/Fishing Licenses for the 2018 year. 2017-18 Snowmobile Registrations available.

**December 1** - Nomination Papers will be available for the 2018 Town Election of Officers. 2018 Elections will be for for Selectman, Assessor, RSU #9 School Board Director and Tax Collector (3 year term).

**December 23** - Last day to make **2017 Tax Payments** without incurring interest. (Will accept postmarked date)

**January 10** - 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 9** - Annual Town Meeting opens - voting by Australian "Secret" Ballot from 12 pm - 8 pm.

**March 10** - 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 2015 Taxes will expire and Board of Selectmen will begin foreclosure process.

**September 7** - Projected date for 30 day notice to be mailed for 2017 Lien process.

**October 12** - Projected date for Recording of 2017 Tax Liens.

### **Town Office Closed**

**Dec. 25, 2017 - Christmas**  
**Jan 1, 2018 - New Year's**  
**Feb 19 - President's Day**  
**May 28 - Memorial Day**  
**July 4 - Independence Day**  
**Sept 3 - Labor Day**  
**Dec 24 - Christmas Eve**  
**Dec 31 - New Year's Eve**

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▪ **Reminder: If you pay**  
▪ **your tax bill after Dec.**  
▪ **22, 2017 - 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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