

2018

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF

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MAINE

INCORPORATED 1809
POPULATION 1053

STATE VALUATION	1980	\$10,850,000
STATE VALUATION	1990	\$26,450,000
STATE VALUATION	2000	\$38,950,000
STATE VALUATION	2010	\$84,750,000
STATE VALUATION	2015	\$90,650,000
STATE VALUATION	2017	\$92,200,000
STATE VALUATION	2018	\$93,100,000
STATE VALUATION	2019	\$96,500,000

YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2018

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Cover Picture: Bald Eagles in a tree off the River Road

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

The Town Office will be closed on all Monday holidays.
The office will also be closed on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

TOWN OFFICE

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

8:00 AM TO 12:00 PM & 1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

WEDNESDAY 6:00 PM TO 7:45 PM

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS & OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

WEDNESDAY 7:30 AM TO 12:00 PM

1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM 6:00 PM TO 7:45 PM

GENERAL ASSISTANCE WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

PLANNING BOARD

2nd & 4th TUESDAY every month at 7:00 PM in the
Town Office Conference Room

LIBRARY

TUESDAY 11 AM TO 6:30 PM

THURSDAY 10 AM TO 6:00 PM

(with possible changes for summer hours)

The Library is at 17 South Main Street

TRANSFER STATION

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 8 AM TO 4 PM

WEDNESDAY 10 AM TO 2 PM

The Transfer Station is at 1483 River Road and we do recycle!

OLON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

4th Monday of the month at the Historical Society, 28 South Main Street at 7 PM

OLON FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY

3rd Thursday of the month at the Fire Station Conference Room at 7 PM

FACE BOOK PAGES

Connect with Your Community ONLINE!!!

With the busy schedules of today, a great way to stay connected with your community is to interact with them using the channels they frequent the most. Nearly 75% of adults access the internet and/or social media sites at least once a week – 55% at least once a day. Social media gives you the opportunity to share information where your citizens are, instead of making them come to you.

Want to know what is going on around the area? Here are some of websites and Facebook pages that are used in our community!

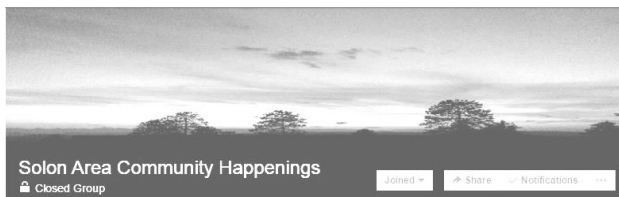
Official Town Website: www.solon.maine.gov



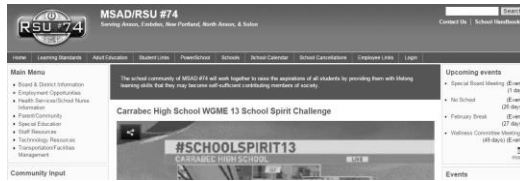
Official Town Facebook page: www.facebook.com/SolonMaine



Solon Area Community 'Goings-on' on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/SolonAreaCommunityHappenings



RSU/MSAD #74 Website: www.msad74.org



Solon Fire Department Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/Solon-Fire-Department



Solon Fire Auxiliary Facebook page: www.facebook.com/SolonFireAuxiliary



Coolidge Library Facebook page: www.facebook.com/CoolidgePublicLibrary



Solon Historical Society Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/SolonMaineHistoricalSociety



2018 TOWN OFFICIALS

ELECTED OFFICIALS

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS & OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

ELAINE ALOES, SELECTMAN, CHAIR (2019)
SARAH DAVIS, SELECTMAN, VICE CHAIR (2020)
KEITH GALLAGHER, SELECTMAN (2021)

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

LESLIE GIROUX resigned 10/3/18 CHRISTINE JABLON appointed 10/3/18

ROAD COMMISSIONER

GARY BISHOP

RSU #74 DIRECTORS

DERON WHITTEMORE (2019) LAURA LAYMAN (2020)
ROBERT LINDBLOM (2021)

OFFICIALS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN

TREASURER

SHARON BEGIN, resigned 7/1/18 CHRISTINE JABLON, appointed 7/1/18

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

SHARON BEGIN DANIKA RIGGS CHRISTINE JABLON

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

JEFFREY SPROUL

DEPUTY TREASURER

LESLIE GIROUX SHARON BEGIN LINDA HOLLOWAY

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

LESLIE GIROUX
SHARON BEGIN, DEPUTY CHRISTINE JABLON, DEPUTY

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

PAT NELSON, 474-6465
ELIZABETH GIROUX, DEPUTY BLIN ROLLINS, III, DEPUTY

PLUMBING, CODE ENFORCEMENT & HEALTH OFFICER

KEN HOGATE 474-8865

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

STATE OF MAINE

SOLOM WATER DISTRICT TRUSTEES

MICHAEL FOSTER, CHAIRMAN (2020)

ARTHUR ROGERS (2021)

DEREK DELLARMA (2022)

COOLIDGE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

RICHARD ROBERTS, CHAIRMAN (2020)

JANE OUDERKIRK (2019)

LIEF BULL (2019)

VALMORE VIGUE (2019)

STACY ROBINSON (2019)

SANDRA LONG (2020)

ALLYN FOSS (2020)

MARY FARRAR (2021)

VACANT

BOARD OF APPEALS

STEVEN STEWARD (2019)

LIEF BULL (2020)

L. BRUCE HILLS (2021)

MARY LOU RIDLEY (2021)

BUDGET COMMITTEE

MICHAEL GOLDEN (2019)

BARBARA JOHNSTONE(2019)

DONALD KENERSON (2019)

ELEANOR POOLER (2019)

JOSEPH ALBUI (2020)

LOIS MILLER (2020)

ANN PADHAM (2020)

JEREMY GIBSON (2020)

JEFFREY POMELOW (2020)

GEORGE WILLIAMS (2020)

FRANKLIN RIDLEY (2021)

L. BRUCE HILLS (2021)

CAROL WHITE (2021)

ALBERT STARBIRD (2021)

SHERRY ROGERS (2021)

BEVERLY GEPHARDT, 1st Alt. (2020)

ALLYN FOSS, 2nd Alt. (2020)

PLANNING BOARD

MICHAEL GOLDEN, CHAIRMAN (2020) 643-2219

FRANK EVANGELISTA, VICE CHAIRMAN (2020)

DIANNA ROLLINS, (2020), SECRETARY

ALBERT STARBIRD (2019)

KERRI EVANGELISTA (2021)

SOLOM YOUTH RECREATION COMMITTEE

KEVIN LACROIX (2021)

LESLIE GIROUX (2021)

LAURA LAYMAN (2019)

DERON WHITTEMORE (2021)

ALICIA GOLDEN (2019)

MICHAEL GOLDEN, JR (2020)

ROBERT PEABODY (2020)

DANIEL J.ROBINSON (2019)

LUKE TEWKSBURY (2019)

BILLI JO LAWRENCE (2021)

DEB TEWKSBURY (2020)

CARRIE PEABODY (2021)

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM DIRECTOR

RICHARD ROBERTS (2020)

ROUTE 201 SCENIC BYWAY COMMITTEE REP.

ALBERT STARBIRD (2019) MARY LOU RIDLEY (2021)

FIRSTPARK COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

ELAINE ALOES (2019) SARAH DAVIS (2019)

HISTORICAL SOCIETY TRUSTEES

JEFF MCALLISTER (2020) CHRISTOPHER SHAW (2021)
RANCE POOLER (2019)

TOWN HISTORIAN

LOIS STARBIRD 643-2275

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

RICHARD KELLY (2019) DUAYNE ROLLINS, ASSISTANT (2019)

OLON FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY

ARYKE COOMBS, PRESIDENT

ELIZABETH GIROUX, VICE PRESIDENT

JANET LACROIX, SECRETARY

DIANNA ROLLINS TAMIKA LACROIX

KATIE LACROIX JOANN WALLS

ISAIAH WALLS MORGAN WALLS

NELLIE KELLEY EBONY WALLS

OLON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

DUAYNE ROLLINS, CHIEF

BRIAN COOMBS, 1st ASSISTANT CHIEF

TODD DIXON, 2nd ASSISTANT CHIEF

KEVIN LACROIX, 3rd ASSISTANT CHIEF

RICHARD KELLEY, EMA DIRECTOR

JENNEY ROLLINS, SECRETARY/TREASURER

DIANNA ROLLINS, BASE RADIO MONITOR

THOMAS COURTNEY, MECHANIC

DEREK DELLARMA TIMOTHY POMELOW

JOSEPH TYRELL BLINN ROLLINS III

BRIAN LIVINGSTONE ALEX TAYLOR

NICK ROLLINS FRANK EVANGELISTA

ZANE BROWN RONALD BROWN

***WE THANK ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO SERVE
OUR TOWN. THEIR SERVICE IS TRULY APPRECIATED.***

DEDICATION

The Selectmen dedicate this Town Report to

Michael Sackett

1953 - 2018

Michael moved to Maine in 1973 and was a Licensed Land Surveyor and a Licensed Forester. He did Tree Growth Plans for many landowners in Solon and the surrounding towns. He was a co-founder of Sackett and Brake Survey, Inc. He and his wife Nancy raised their two daughters in Solon. He also found the time to be an active member of the town. His involvement and support for our town was greatly appreciated.

He served on the Fire Department from 1982 to 2000 and was Fire Chief from 1985 to 1999. He was on the Fire Station Building Committee from 1990 to 1991 and was a major factor in the planning and building of our “new” fire station on South Main Street.

He was a long-time member of the Planning Board. He joined the Planning Board in 1988 and continued serving on it until 2017. He served on the Solon Budget Committee from 2003 until 2017. He also served on the Comprehensive Plan Committee from 1989 to 1992.

Michael was recognized at our 2017 Annual Town Meeting for his community service to our town with the 2017 Solon Spirit of America Foundation Tribute. He passed away this year but he will always be remembered for all he did to make his town a better place to live.



SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Luke Tewksbury

1970 -2018

Father, husband, son, brother, friend, hunter, fisherman, whitewater guide, coach, neighbor, community member... these are only a few of the ways we knew Luke Tewksbury. Sadly, this past October, Luke passed away unexpectedly after a short battle with his health.

Over the years, we have had some incredible volunteers raising funds and coaching our town's youth with the Solon Community Recreation Department. Luke was one such member. Luke spent so much of his time coaching kids not only in Solon but also in surrounding communities. Though he spent many seasons coaching recreational basketball, baseball was his forte. Coaching elementary students from Solon Elementary to junior high baseball regular season and All-Star teams in both the Madison and Carrabec School Districts, Luke was well known throughout the community. His intensity on the field or court stemmed from his passion for the sport and love for his wife and 'his boys'. Doing what he did allowed Luke the ability to raise and guide his sons, Hunter and Fisher, both on and off the field.

Sending love and hopes of healing to Luke's family and friends, the Town of Solon and the Solon Recreation Committee would like to take this opportunity to give special recognition for all that Luke has done for the children in this community. ~ He will never be forgotten. ~



Luke with the 2015 Solon Seadogs. They had an undefeated season.

SPECIAL THANKS

Leslie Giroux



Leslie started working for the town in 2012 as the Deputy Clerk/Tax Collector. When Barbara Maden retired in 2013, Leslie was elected Clerk/Tax Collector. She served in this position until October 2018 when she left to take a job in the private sector. She also served as Register of Voters and Deputy

Treasurer. She has agreed to remain on as our Deputy Clerk/Tax Collector so you will continue to see her sometimes at the town office. She also agreed to continue managing our “Solon Area Community Happenings” and our “Town of Solon Maine” Facebook pages. She has also been on the Recreation Committee since 2006 and will continue on as Chair of the committee. She is also continuing to help with the 4th of July Parade and Events. We thank Leslie for all she has done and for all she is continuing to do to make our town a great place to live.

Sharon Begin



Sharon was hired to be our Deputy Treasurer/Tax Collector/Clerk in the spring of 2013. When Judy Robertson retired in 2014, Sharon was elected Treasurer. In June, when her daughter graduated from high school, Sharon decided to move to Waterville and to resign as Treasurer. She was a pleasure to work with and did a great job as

treasurer. We thank Sharon for her service to our town and wish her the best in her “big city” life in Waterville.

BOSTON POST CANE



CAROLYN WAUGH

Carolyn was awarded the Boston Post Cane in May 2014. Carolyn was born in Solon at the Pierce Homestead on July 1, 1915. She was the fourth of the twelve children of John and Edith Waugh. Her family bought the farm on French Hill in 1934 where she still lives today.

In 1931 Carolyn, along with her brothers Malcolm and Coburn, graduated from Solon High School. She then went to Farmington Normal School and graduated from there with a Certificate of Proficiency in 1933. She taught school in Embden, Cornville, and Chesuncook. After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, she joined the Women's Army Corps in 1942 and served in Florida and at the Pentagon. She worked in Military Intelligence. After the war she went to George Washington University and graduated with a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in education. She was homesick for Maine and returned and taught young teachers at the University of Maine in Presque Isle. After that she taught school in Silver Springs, Maryland until she retired in 1974. She then moved back to the family farm in Solon.

She turned 103 this year and is stilling on her family farm. She loves to have visitors so if you have time stop by and visit with her.

Two other family members have also held the Boston Post Cane: her father, John (1984); and her brother, Coburn (2006-2014).

SPIRIT OF AMERICA AWARD

2018 Solon, Maine Spirit of America Foundation Tribute

Solon Fire Department

The Solon Fire Department Firefighters are recognized for the protection they provide to our Town and for their community service to our community with the 2018 Solon Spirit of America Foundation Tribute.

Our Firefighters respond at all hours of the day and night and in all sorts of weather conditions to the emergency and fire calls in our town and neighboring towns. They also attend training sessions and meetings so they can be prepared to serve our town in case of an emergency.

They participate in their Fire Department fund raising events to help raise funds for equipment so there is less burden on the taxpayers in our town.

They also serve our community by doing Fire Safety training for the students at the Solon School every year during Fire Prevention Week.

And then in their spare time they attend and participate in community functions to support our town, give food baskets out at Christmas and Thanksgiving, they put on an Easter Party, a Halloween Party and a Christmas Party for the children in our town every year, they go Christmas Caroling and they put on an awesome firework display for the Town on the 4th of July. This is a picture from great the Community Barbecue they put on this summer at the Fire Station.



The Spirit of America Foundation Tribute is presented in the name of Maine municipalities to local individuals, organizations and projects for commendable community service. For more information about the Spirit of America Foundation, visit their website at www.spiroaf.com.

NOTICES

TAXPAYER'S NOTICES

In accordance with Title 36, M.R.S.A. Sec. 706, as amended, the Municipality of Solon hereby gives notice to all persons liable to taxation in Solon that the Assessors will be in session at the Town Office on the first Wednesday in April during normal office hours for the purpose of revising the lists of polls and estates taxable in Solon. All persons liable to taxation in Solon and all Personal Representatives, Trustees, etc. of all estates taxable in Solon of such persons are hereby notified to furnish to the Assessors true and perfect lists of all their estates, real and personal, not by law exempt from taxation, of which they are possessed on the first day of April 2019 and be prepared to make an oath to the truth of the same and to answer all proper inquiries in writing as to the nature, situation and value of their property liable to be taxed. When estates of persons deceased have been distributed during the past year or have changed hands from any cause, the Personal Representative, and/or other persons interested are hereby warned to give notice of such change, and in default of such notice, will be held liable under law to pay taxes assessed, although such estate has been wholly distributed and paid for. Any person who neglects to comply with this notice is hereby barred from his rights to make application to the Assessors or any appeal there from, for any abatement of his taxes, unless he offers such list with his application and satisfies them that he was unable to offer it at the time appointed.

In accordance with Title 36, M.R.S.A Sec.841, abatements for overvaluation of property may be granted only within one year from commitment and taxpayers must apply within 185 days from commitment.

- **REAL ESTATE:**

All property tax is assessed to the owner of the property on April 1. If you sell your property after April 1, you will still receive the tax bill. You are responsible for that year's property taxes. If you have constructed, altered or moved any buildings since the previous April 1 and on or before April 1 of the current tax year, notify the Assessors by April 1st.

- **BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY:**

A list of all business equipment and its value **must** be filed with the Assessors by April 1st every year. If you have started a new business, you need to notify the Assessors to obtain forms for filing a list of your business equipment. In accordance with Title 36, Section 706 of the Maine Revised Statutes, failure to furnish lists of taxable property or any of the aforementioned changes on or before the dates requested will bar one's right to an abatement of taxes. If this business equipment qualifies for the Business Equipment Tax Exemption, the business is not taxed for the property and the town is reimbursed by the State for 50% of the lost tax revenue.

- **PERSONAL PROPERTY**

Certain motorized vehicles, on which excise tax has not been paid by April 1, will be assessed as personal property.

- **EXEMPTIONS:**

Taxation is the rule and exemption is the exception. If you think your property should have an exemption, and you are not already receiving it, you have an obligation to make the Assessors aware of the legal category of the exemption that the property may qualify for. All notifications and applications for exemption must be made no later than April 1, of the current tax year.

- **VETERANS:**

All Veterans who will be 62 years of age on or before April 1, any totally disabled Veteran or any widow, widower or minor child(ren) of Veterans who would have been 62 years of age on or before April 1 should contact the Assessors to see if they are eligible for a tax exemption. Applications for Veteran's exemptions must be received in this office on or before April 1. You do not need to reapply every year.

- **BLIND:**

Any person who is declared blind by the Department of Human Services should notify the Assessors' office on or before April 1 to see if he or she is eligible for the exemption. You do not need to reapply every year.

- **HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION:**

This exemption is for resident homeowners on their primary residence. You must apply for it on or before April 1 at the Assessor's Office. You do not need to reapply every year.

- **TREE GROWTH CLASSIFICATION:**

All new owners of land that is classified tree growth have one year from date of purchase of the property to file a certified tree growth plan. All tree growth plans need to be recertified every ten years. Failure to have your certified plan submitted to the assessors by the appropriate date will result in the removal of the land from the tree growth classification and the assessment of a removal penalty.

- **FARM LAND AND OPEN SPACE:**

Certain parcels of land might qualify for these two programs. See the Assessors regarding the qualifications.

- **PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS**

Property tax payers have 185 days from the Date of Commitment to apply for a tax abatement. Contact the Assessors if you have an abatement request.

TOWN MEETING AND ELECTION NOTICES

Nomination Papers for the various elected positions in town are available at the Town Office starting in December and are due back in the beginning of January. Contact the Town Clerk for more information about running for an elected position and for the nomination paper dates for the current year.

The Selectmen prepare the Town Budget and Warrant Articles for the upcoming Town Meeting and presents them to the Budget Committee for their review at their Annual Budget Meeting the 3rd Saturday in January at 8 am at the Town Office. If you want to have an article considered at the Annual Town Meeting it must be presented to the Selectmen no later than the Wednesday before the Annual Budget Meeting in January.

DOG OWNERS' NOTICE

Everyone must license their dogs!! The fee for licensing your dog is \$11 for males and females and \$6.00 for spayed/neutered dogs. You must have your rabies certificate and, if applicable, spay/neuter certificate with you when you



purchase your license. All licenses expire on December 31. Dogs not licensed by January 31st will have an additional fee of \$25.00 per dog! Those with Kennel Licenses need to have the Animal Control Officer inspect the kennel yearly prior to the issuing of a kennel license. This is a State of Maine law. Our town has a barking dog ordinance so do not allow your dogs to bark while outside. State law forbids dogs from being allowed to roam at large. The Animal Control Officer may pick up dogs roaming at large. If your dog or cat is lost, call our ACO because it might already have been reported as found. Our ACO is Pat Nelson and she can be reached through the Somerset County Dispatch at 474-6465. Our stray animals go to the Franklin County Animal Shelter, 350 Industry Rd., Farmington, 778-2638.

***State of Maine Dog Licensing Online Purchasing & Renewal Service*

Now you can register your dog ONLINE... anytime by going to: www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/dog_license/index.pl

What you will need: Credit Card; License/Tag number (Renewal only); State of Maine Rabies certificate; Veterinarian's name and phone number; and Spay or Neuter Certificate (if your dog has been "fixed")

All dog renewals must be completed by January 31st. If you are licensing a wolf hybrid, service/search or rescue dog or obtaining a kennel license please contact your municipal office.

PLANNING BOARD NOTICES

BUILDING PERMITS REQUIRED!!



In 1977 the Town of Solon enacted a building ordinance. This ordinance also provided for a fine, not to exceed \$100.00 per day that a violation of the ordinance continued. In 1989 & 2003 the voters amended the ordinance, requiring that a building permit be issued by the Solon Planning Board *PRIOR* to the construction or placement of any structure that exceeds 200 square feet of floor space and for an addition that exceeds 100

square feet. Building permit applications are available at the Town Office or from any member of the Planning Board. Planning Board members will offer any assistance to anyone needing help in completing an application. The Board meets each 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 PM in the conference room at the Town Office.

ATTENTION LANDOWNERS AND WOODCUTTERS HARVESTING TREES IN SOLON



In July 1974 the Town of Solon enacted its Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is to protect environmentally sensitive areas within the shoreland zone. This is an area within 250' of any great pond, stream or inland wetland, as described in the ordinance. The ordinance requires that anyone harvesting timber in the shoreland zone to obtain a permit before any harvesting operation begins. Shoreland zone timber harvesting permits are issued at no cost by the Solon Planning Board. The ordinance also provides for a fine of not less than \$100.00 and not greater than \$2500.00 to be assessed for each day a violation exists. We appreciate your cooperation in complying with the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance.

NEW DRIVEWAY PLACEMENT AND INSTALLATION

No new driveways can be installed without prior approval of the Planning Board and the Road Commissioner. There are site distances and culvert size requirements that must be met. The town will install the culvert, if one is needed, with the landowner paying for the culvert and the gravel needed to cover the culvert. The town will maintain the culvert after the initial installation.

TRANSFER STATION NOTICES SOLON TRANSFER STATION STICKERS NOW REQUIRED ON ALL VEHICLES BRINGING TRASH TO OUR TRANSFER STATION AS OF MARCH 6, 2019

As of March 6, 2019 the Transfer Station will start requiring Solon Transfer Station stickers to be displayed on the windshield of all vehicles bringing trash to the Transfer Station. There will be a grace period between January 1st and March 6th to give people time to pick up their stickers at the Town Office.

Property owners can pick up one free sticker at the town office. If a property owner wants an additional sticker it will cost \$5. Those who live in Solon but do not own property can have 1 free sticker per household after proof of residency and giving their landlord's name and the street address of their rental.

The stickers will only be available at the Town Office. However, they will also be available to be picked up at during the Election portion of the Annual Town Meeting from 8 am to 12:15 pm. The Transfer Station Attendants do not have the stickers, so please do not give them a hard time about it.

RECYCLING HELPS KEEP COSTS DOWN!



The Transfer Station is open on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and

Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please check with the attendant on the proper bins to place your trash in. Also if you have an item that you no longer want but it is still useable, check with the attendant on where to place it. These items are then available to other residents who want them.

We recycle paper, glass, cans and other items. We also accept eyeglasses and cell phones, which will be recycled or donated to charity. For a complete list of recyclable items and their proper disposal method, please see the Transfer Station Report or contact the transfer station attendant. Recycling is mandatory so do not discard recyclables in your household trash. We do not pay the tipping fees for residents who have their trash picked up by private haulers.

Certain items cannot go into the general trash bins and certain hazardous waste items we do not take. Please check with the attendant before disposing of any questionable item. If we do take the item, he will tell you where to place it.

Demolition Debris Disposal Policy: The Town will not pay for the tipping fee for demolition debris resulting from a building, demolition or renovation project. We will not pay for container leases, for transportation costs or for tipping fees.

PUBLIC WAYS NOTICES

We have an ordinance passed in 1977 designating a Parking Ban for the period from November 1st to April 30th. It is unlawful for a motor vehicle or any other vehicle to be parked within the right of way of any public way within Solon during this time in such a manner as to hinder the removal of snow or other road maintenance. Any vehicle parked in violation of this ordinance is subject to towing at the owner's expense. It is also unlawful to habitually park a vehicle with any portion of said vehicle in the traveled portion of any public way. If the vehicle hinders the normal passage of two-way traffic said vehicle will be subject to towing at the owner's expense. Repeat violators will be subject to a fine.

It is also illegal to plow snow across a public way. Plow your driveways inwards and not outwards and across the road. Violators are subject to a fine.

The town is not responsible for damage done to mailboxes while the roads are being plowed. Make sure your mail box is high enough and far enough away from the road to not be damaged. It is not the Town's responsibility to keep access to your mail box clear of snow.

OTHER NOTICES

Please remember that the Town charges a \$25.00 fee for each dishonored check written to the Town of Solon, which is drawn on a bank account with insufficient funds. The Selectmen will require that any further payments from said individual must be per money order, bank check or cash. Also any checks issued by the Town of Solon and not cashed within 90 days will not be honored.

We now accept credit card payments for monetary transactions conducted at the town office. You are charged the transaction fee by your credit card company.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION:

When reregistering a vehicle, please remember to bring in proof of insurance, old registration and mileage. On new registrations bring in bill of sale, title (for vehicles 1995 or newer), proof of insurance and mileage. If vehicle is purchased from a dealer also bring in the green sales tax form, blue title application and window sticker (for new vehicles).



HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES:

When you come in to purchase a hunting/archery license, you must bring in your previous year's license as we need to use that license number on your new one. If it is your first license, we must see your hunter's safety course card. Also check out the lifetime hunting licenses that are available. We do not issue non-resident licenses.

BOAT STICKERS:



ALL boats that have motors on them **MUST** have a valid "Lake and River Protection Sticker" on them before they are put in the water. The sticker and more information are available at the town office.

MARRIAGE LICENSES:



There is no waiting period to file marriage intentions with Town Clerk before picking up your license. If you were previously married you must bring in current divorce papers with the raised seal on it or a death certificate.

NEW ADDRESSES:



The E911 addressing in the town is in effect. Your house number should be clearly posted on your property so that it can be easily seen from the road. This will make it easier for emergency vehicles to locate you in case of an emergency. There is a \$10 fee for any change in a property that requires a new, different or additional physical address.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT:



The Town of Solon has in its possession a number of medical assistance items, which are available to be loaned out to citizens of Solon. If you have need of any of these items, contact someone from the Town Office for arrangements of pick-up or for delivery. The clerk's phone number is 643-2812.

BURN PERMITS:



Burn permits are required before you can burn brush and debris outside at any time during the year. For burn permits call:

Duayne Rollins 643-2973 or 399-9549

Jen Rollins 399-1655 Brian Coombs 399-1632

Kevin Lacroix 446-2474 Todd Dixon 441-5171

Or online at <https://www13.informe.org/burnpermit/public/index.html>

COUNTY, STATE & FEDERAL INFO

2019 COUNTY, STATE & FEDERAL CONTACTS

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663-2257

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U. S. GOVERNMENT WEB PAGE
<http://www.usa.gov>

STATE OF MAINE WEB PAGE
<http://www.maine.gov>

SOMERSET COUNTY WEB PAG
<http://www.somersetcounty-me.org>

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

Our State Representative District is District 111 with the towns of Madison, Norridgewock and Solon.

Our State Senate District is District 3 and takes in most of Somerset County: Anson, Athens, Bingham, Brighton Plt., Canaan, Caratunk, Cornville, Dennistown Plt., Embden, Fairfield, Highland Plt., Jackman, Madison, Moose River, Moscow, New Portland, Norridgewock, Pleasant Ridge Plt., Rockwood Twp., Skowhegan, Solon, Starks, The Forks & West Forks.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT

Our County Commissioner District is District 5 with the towns of Athens, Bingham, Brighton Plantation, Caratunk, Concord Twp, Cornville, Dennistown Plantation, Embden, Harmony, Hartland, Jackman, Lexington, Moose River, Moscow, Pleasant Ridge Plantation, Solon, The Forks, UT Central Somerset, UT Northeast Somerset, UT Northwest Somerset, UT Seboomook Lake Twp, and West Forks Plantation

U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Our Congressional District for our United States Representative is District 2.



The former Caratunk Hall on Pleasant Street.
It was the Mason's Lodge and was also used for public assemblies.
It is now a private residence.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

1968 YEAR IN REVIEW

Cost of Living

USA Yearly Inflation Rate 4.27%	Average Income per year \$7,850.00
Federal Minimum Wage is \$1.60 an hour	Gas per Gallon 34 cents
Average Cost of new house \$14,950.00	Average Monthly Rent \$130.00
Average Cost of a new car \$2,822.00	Movie Ticket \$1.50

Events throughout the Year

- *Redwood National Park is created in California to protect the Giant Redwoods.
- *The first Big Mac goes on sale in McDonalds costing 49 cents
- *The Emergency 911 Telephone service is started in the USA providing a single number for reporting emergencies and is manned 24 hrs per day 365 days per year
- *Air Bags: Allen K Breed invents the air bag
- *First Philadelphia Bank installs the first automated teller machine in the U.S.
- *Dr. Christian Barnard performs the first successful heart transplant.
- *January 14 – The Green Bay Packers win Super Bowl II.
- *January 22 – Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In debuts on NBC.
- *January 23 – North Korea seizes the USS Pueblo, claiming the ship violated its territorial waters while spying.
- *January 30 – The Viet Cong and North Vietnam launch the Tet Offensive against South Vietnam, the United States, and their allies.
- *January 31 – Viet Cong soldiers attack the US Embassy, Saigon.
- *February 8 – A civil rights protest staged at a white-only bowling alley in Orangeburg, SC is broken up by highway patrolmen; 3 college students are killed.
- *February 11 – Madison Square Garden in New York City opens.
- *March 11 – U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson mandates that all computers purchased by the federal government support the ASCII character encoding.[2]
- *March 16 - Vietnam War – My Lai massacre: American troops kill scores of civilians. The story will first become public in November 1969 and will help undermine public support for the U.S. efforts in Vietnam.
- *March 16 - U.S. Senator Robert F. Kennedy enters the race for the Democratic Party presidential nomination.
- *March 18 – Gold standard: The Congress of the United States repeals the requirement for a gold reserve to back U.S. currency.
- *March 19–23 – Afrocentrism, Black power, Vietnam War: Students at Howard University in Washington, D.C., signal a new era of militant student activism on college campuses in the U.S. Students stage rallies, protests and a 5-day sit-in, laying siege to the administration building, shutting down the university in protest over its ROTC program and the Vietnam War, and demanding a more Afrocentric curriculum.
- *March 31 – President Lyndon B. Johnson announces he will not seek re-election.
- *April 4 - Martin Luther King Jr. is shot dead at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee. Riots erupt in major American cities, lasting for several days afterwards.

*April 6 - A shootout between Black Panthers and Oakland police results in several arrests and deaths, including 16-year-old Panther Bobby Hutton.

*April 11 – U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act of 1968.

*May 14 – The Beatles announce the creation of Apple Records in a New York press conference.

*May 15 – An outbreak of severe thunderstorms produces tornadoes causing massive damage and heavy casualties in Iowa and Alabama

*May 22 – The U.S. nuclear-powered submarine Scorpion sinks with 99 men aboard, 400 miles southwest of the Azores.

*June 5 – U.S. presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy is shot at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California by Sirhan Sirhan. Kennedy dies from his injuries the next day.

*July 18 – The semiconductor company Intel is founded.

*July 23–28 – Black militants led by Fred Evans engage in a fierce gunfight with police in the Glenville Shootout of Cleveland, Ohio.

*August 5–8 – The Republican National Convention in Miami Beach, Florida nominates Richard Nixon for U.S. President and Spiro Agnew for Vice President.

*August 21 – The Medal of Honor is posthumously awarded to James Anderson, Jr. — he is the first black U.S. Marine to be awarded the Medal of Honor.

*August 22–30 – Police clash with anti-war protesters in Chicago, Illinois, outside the 1968 Democratic National Convention, which nominates Hubert Humphrey for U.S. President, and Edmund Muskie for Vice President.

*September 24 – 60 Minutes debuts on CBS.

*October 11 - NASA launches Apollo 7, the first manned Apollo mission (Wally Schirra, Donn Eisele, & Walter Cunningham). Mission goals include the first live television broadcast from orbit and testing the lunar module docking maneuver.

*October 14 – Vietnam War: The United States Department of Defense announces that the United States Army and United States Marines will send about 24,000 troops back to Vietnam for involuntary second tours.

*October 20 – Former U.S. First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy marries Greek shipping tycoon Aristotle Onassis on the Greek island of Skorpios.

*October 31 – Vietnam War: Citing progress in the Paris peace talks, U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson announces to the nation that he has ordered a complete cessation of "all air, naval, and artillery bombardment of North Vietnam" effective November 1.

*November 5 - Republican Richard M. Nixon defeats the Democratic candidate, Vice President Hubert Humphrey, and American Independent Party candidate George C. Wallace for President of the US.

*November 14 – Yale University announces it is going to admit women.

*November 24 – 4 men hijack Pan Am Flight 281 from JFK International Airport, New York to Havana, Cuba.

*December 23 – Release of the USS Pueblo crew after spending 11 months in captivity by the North Koreans.

*December 24 - U.S. spacecraft Apollo 8 enters orbit around the Moon. Astronauts Frank Borman, Jim Lovell and William A. Anders become the first humans to see the far side of the Moon and planet Earth as a whole.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

At our 2018 Annual Town Meeting we said “Good Bye” to Mary Lou Ridley who served our town as Selectman from 1998 to 2018. She decided to retire and not run for another term as Selectman. Mary Lou, thank you for your years of service to our town. We miss you.

Keith Gallagher was elected as our new Selectman. It has been a learning year for him. He is doing a great job managing the Transfer Station and our Tree Growth records. He has also brought a fresh perspective to our town management.

Also our Road Commissioner Mike Foster decided to retire and not run for reelection in 2018. Mike, thank you also for your service to our town. Gary Bishop was elected as our new Road Commissioner. He worked with Mike for many years and is working hard at learning his new role as Road Commissioner.

In May our Treasurer, Sharon Begin, decided to resign as Treasurer effective July 1st. She was moving to Waterville and the commute would be too far. We very reluctantly accepted her resignation. Christine Jablon was hired as our new Treasurer and started her training in June and became Treasurer on July 1st. Then in September our Tax Collector/Clerk, Leslie Giroux, was offered a better paying job in the private sector and resigned effective October 3rd. It was a hard decision for Leslie to leave her position but we couldn't match the salary or the benefit package she was offered. We appointed our Treasurer, Christie Jablon, to also fill the vacant elected Tax Collector/Clerk position effective October 3rd and we started another search for a new Treasurer. On October 17th we hired Linda Holloway to be Deputy Treasurer. Christie remained Treasurer till the end of the year and then Linda became the appointed Treasurer. We miss both Sharon and Leslie and thank them for their years of service to our town. Christie is adapting to her new positions and is doing a good job. She was still learning the treasurer's job and now she is training a new treasurer, learning the tax collector and clerk jobs, and continuing the training of our Deputy Tax Collector/Clerk Danika Riggs. Linda is learning the treasurer's job. Please be patient with them as they learn their new jobs.

At the 2018 Town Meeting the townspeople approved a paving project for the South Solon Road and the Meeting House Road. We decided to do a chip seal paving on the roads. We also decided to crack seal and patch the cracks in all the paved roads. The bids came in well under budget, so we did not need to borrow any funds for the project.

The foreclosed property on Ironbound Pond belonging to Henrietta Goldhamer and Michael Walker was offered to and sold to the abutter of the two properties, Victor Bissell. The foreclosed property of Jessica Salisbury was put out to bid

and sold to Bruce Whipple. The foreclosed property of David Gray was kept by the town for a turnaround for the town trucks.

Since December 3rd the Town Office has also been open on Tuesdays. This is an added convenience to the residents and also gives the Clerk/Tax Collector additional paid time to complete her work. There is an additional cost for the Town to be open the additional day. If, at the Annual Town Meeting, the Town decides not to increase the pay for the Clerk/Tax Collector to cover the extra day, we will not have the office open on Tuesdays after March 2nd.

This year State legislation, LD 1629, was passed that will impose additional notice requirements during the real estate tax lien process. The legislation also will establish new requirements for sale of tax acquired property previously owned by elderly taxpayers meeting certain income guidelines. The legislation became effective on Dec. 13, 2018. We will vote on revising our Foreclosed Property Ordinance to match the new legislation at the annual town meeting.

We have not yet reached an agreement with James Farley on the right of way issue on the McQuilken Road. We thought we had a somewhat acceptable agreement but then Mr. Farley changed the terms. We are still working on an acceptable resolution.

We did have another mil rate increase due to the increased school tax assessment. Our RSU 74 tax assessment increased our school payments from \$995,459.00 in 2017 to \$1,077,101.50 in 2018. This was an \$81,642.50 increase over 2017. Very few Solon voters attend the School District Budget Adoption meetings and there is a very low turnout for the Budget Approval Referendum Question. The school assessment accounts for 59.1% of our property taxes.

We continue to fly U. S. flags along North and South Main Street and have limited funds in our reserve account. Anyone wishing to contribute to the Flag Reserve Fund can do so at the Town Office.

The increase in the proposed 2019 municipal budget by taxation, as presented by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee, is a 3.9% increase over the 2018 budget and is below the LD 1 spending cap. Municipalities can vote to exceed or increase the limitation on municipal spending. At our Annual Town Meeting you, the citizens of Solon, decide on complying with our spending cap or, if needed, increasing it to meet the needs of the town. We will discuss this at the Annual Town Meeting. Part of the increase is due to the State Minimum Wage again increasing another \$1 to \$11 per hour. Next year it will increase to \$12 per hour. Topics of interest that will be voted on at the 2019 Annual Town Meeting are: purchasing a LED electronic message for the Town; GIS mapping of the Town; deciding if we want to increase the salary for the Clerk/Tax Collector so the Town Office can continue to be open on Tuesdays; increasing the Town's retained to surplus from \$80,000 to \$85,000; and the McQuilken Road issue. There are also a

revised Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, a revised Foreclosure Ordinance, and a new Home Cultivation of Marijuana Ordinance to be considered. The Shoreland Zoning Ordinance is available to be seen at the Town Office. The other 2 ordinances are included in the Warrant for the Town Meeting. The Public Hearings for the ordinances are on February 27th at 7:00 pm at the Town Office. You can see the Town Meeting Warrant Articles at the end of this town report. Please attend the Annual Town Meeting. This is your chance to participate in deciding on what and how much we spend our property tax dollars and what other actions the town will take on a variety of matters.

The Selectmen are in the Town Office every Wednesday to conduct town business and to meet with citizens. Come see us with any questions, concerns or issues you have regarding town business and issues.

Respectfully Submitted, Elaine Aloes, Sarah Davis, and Keith Gallagher

2018 MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATIONS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Town Charges	\$ 16,500.00	
Town Office Utilities	\$ 3,600.00	
Town Office Maintenance	\$ 1,000.00	
Schools, Dues and Books	\$ 4,000.00	
Town Office Security System	\$ 372.00	
Officers' Payroll	\$ 31,500.00	
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$ 22,750.00	
Treasurer	\$ 13,000.00	
Deputy Clerk	\$ 4,000.00	
Register of Voters	\$ 2,000.00	
Animal Control Officer	\$ 1,800.00	
Code Enforcement	\$ 1,700.00	
Elections	\$ 2,000.00	
Computer	\$ 5,000.00	
McQuilken Road Issue Costs	\$ 3,000.00	
Grounds Maintenance Reserve	\$ 1,500.00	
Town Flags Reserve	\$ 500.00	
Town Records Preservation Res.	\$ 3,000.00	
Municipal Buildings Heat Res.	\$ 7,000.00	
Municipal Buildings Maint. Res.	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>	\$127,222.00

PUBLIC WORKS

Winter Roads	\$105,000.00	
Summer Roads	\$105,000.00	
Road Paving Project	<u>\$730,238.00</u>	\$940,238.00

TRANSFER STATION

Transfer Station		\$ 69,000.00
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LIBRARY

Coolidge Library		\$ 11,810.00
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief	\$ 6,800.00	
Fire Dept.	<u>\$ 30,000.00</u>	\$ 36,800.00

PROTECTION

Street Lights	\$ 9,200.00	
Hydrant Rental	\$ 21,864.00	
Workers Comp Insurance	\$ 10,576.00	
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 5,220.00	
Insurance	\$ 18,000.00	
S.S. & Medicare	<u>\$ 19,000.00</u>	\$ 83,860.00

SOCIAL SERVICES

General Assistance	\$ 15,000.00	
KVCAP Bus Service	\$ 500.00	
KVCAP Head Start	\$ 900.00	
Family Violence Project	\$ 400.00	
Hospice	\$ 600.00	
Senior Spectrum	\$ 760.00	
Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$ 500.00	
Sexual Support Crisis Center	\$ 300.00	
Solon Food Cupboard	\$ 2,000.00	
Crisis & Counseling	\$ 500.00	
Lifeflight	\$ 150.00	
American Red Cross	\$ 125.00	
Community Health & Counseling	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	\$ 21,910.00

LEISURE SERVICES

Recreation	\$ 2,500.00	
Recreation Facility Maint. Reserve	\$ 1,000.00	
Swimming Programs	\$ 1,200.00	
4 th of July Fireworks	\$ 1,000.00	
Baker Mountain Ski Club	<u>\$ 750.00</u>	\$ 6,450.00

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

After School Program		\$ 6,300.00
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CEMETERIES

Cemeteries	\$ 10,800.00	
Cemetery Maint. Res.	<u>\$ 3,500.00</u>	\$ 14,300.00

UNCLASSIFIED

Humane Society	\$ 2,106.00	
Town Line Survey Reserve	\$ 1,000.00	
Somerset Economic Development	\$ 100.00	
KVCOG	<u>\$ 1,621.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,827.00</u>

DEBT SERVICE

First Park Payment	\$ 7,000.00	
Transfer Station Truck Loan	\$ 7,420.00	
Fire Truck Loan	<u>\$ 4,610.00</u>	<u>\$ 19,030.00</u>

CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNTS

Coolidge Library Bldg. Reserve	\$ 3,000.00	
Highway Dept Truck Reserve	\$ 15,000.00	<u>\$ 18,000.00</u>

GRAND TOTAL 2018 MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATIONS \$1,359,747.00

TOTAL RAISED AT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Taxation	\$629,509.00	
Road Paving Project Loan	\$ 98,000.00	
Road Paving Reserve	\$250,854.00	
LRAP Reserves	\$167,000.00	
2017 Real Estate Taxes	\$209,680.00	
Property Tax Interest	<u>\$ 4,704.00</u>	<u>\$1,359,747.00</u>

2018 EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

TOWN CHARGES

Income:

Appropriated	\$16,500.00	
Costs of Liens	\$ 6,432.06	
BETE Admin. Fees	\$ 6.00	
Legal Fee Reimb.	\$ 817.30	
Reimb. & Refunds	<u>\$ 385.12</u>	<u>\$24,140.48</u>

Paid Out :

Supplies & Misc.	\$ 2,693.32
Solon Post Office	\$ 1,976.28
Legal Fees	\$ 1,262.30
Legal Ad Fee	\$ 538.00
Reg. of Deeds	\$ 2,901.00
Town Reports	\$ 1,954.93
Travel & Reimb.	\$ 1,352.50
Tax Bills Print & Mail	\$ 968.51
State Withholding 2017	\$ 511.00

Microsoft 360 Update	\$ 105.49		
Donation	\$ 400.00		
Payroll Services	\$ 1,846.00		
Auditor	\$ 4,150.00		
RCM-Paper Shredding	\$ 107.60		
Town Maps	\$ 616.00		
Copier Maintenance. Fee	\$ 535.00		
Web Site Fee	\$ 475.00		
Post Office Box Fee	\$ 62.00		
Safe Deposit Box	\$ 30.00		
Computer Maintenance	\$ 423.00		
Trio Upgrade	\$ 1,324.98		
Maine Fire Equipment	\$ 115.00		
Eastern Fire Services	\$ 105.00		
Petty Cash	\$ 334.74		
Carbonite Renewal	\$ 289.80	<u>\$25,078.43</u>	(\$937.95)
SELECTMEN			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$31,500.00	\$0.00
TREASURER			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$13,000.00	\$0.00
TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$22,750.00	\$0.00
DEPUTY CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER			
Appropriated		\$4,000.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$5,272.77</u>	(\$1,272.77)
REGISTER OF VOTERS			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$2,000.00	\$0.00
TOWN OFFICE MAINTENANCE			
Appropriated		\$1,000.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 487.24</u>	\$512.76
TOWN OFFICE UTILITIES			
Appropriated		\$3,600.00	
Paid Out			
TDS Telecom	\$ 710.34		
OTT Communications	\$ 920.87		
Electric	\$1,077.52		
Spectrum Internet	\$ 540.00		
Water	<u>\$ 347.36</u>	<u>\$3,596.09</u>	\$3.91

TOWN OFFICE SECURITY SYSTEM

Appropriated	\$ 372.00	
Paid Out	<u>\$ 372.00</u>	\$0.00

TRIO COMPUTER PROGRAMS

Appropriated	\$5,000.00	
Paid Out	<u>\$4,991.54</u>	\$8.46

ELECTIONS

Appropriated	\$2,000.00	
RSU #74	<u>\$ 308.00</u>	\$2,308.00
Paid Out	<u>\$2,432.78</u>	(\$124.78)

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Appropriated	\$1,800.00	
Town Dog Fees	<u>\$ 849.50</u>	\$2,649.50
Paid Out	<u>\$2,649.50</u>	\$0.00

CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH OFFICER

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$1,700.00	\$0.00
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SCHOOLS, DUES & BOOKS

Appropriated		\$4,000.00	
Paid Out:			
Schools & Fees	\$ 701.67		
Travel Reimbursement	\$ 768.00		
Dues	<u>\$2,435.00</u>	<u>\$3,904.67</u>	\$95.33

OFFICE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Balance 1/1/18	\$ 0.00		
Cable Franchise Fee	<u>\$3,044.08</u>	\$3,044.08	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 267.50</u>	\$2,776.58

TOWN RECORDS PRESERVATION RESERVE

Balance 1/1/18	\$ 321.00		
Appropriated	<u>\$3,000.00</u>		\$3,321.00

MUNICIPAL GROUNDS MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Balance 1/1/18	\$1,820.00		
Appropriated	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	\$3,320.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$1,104.00</u>	\$2,216.00

MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Balance 1/1/18	\$16,400.66		
Appropriated	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>	\$19,400.66	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 1,878.83</u>	\$17,521.83

MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS HEAT RESERVE

Balance 1/1/18	\$21,956.03		
Appropriated	<u>\$ 7,000.00</u>	\$28,956.03	
Paid Out			
Town Office	\$2,393.17		
Fire Station	\$3,949.54		
Town Garage	\$2,595.10		
Library	<u>\$1,674.38</u>	<u>\$10,612.09</u>	\$18,343.94

MCQUILKEN ROAD ISSUES

Appropriated	\$3,000.00		
Paid Out:	<u>\$3,696.23</u>		(\$696.23)

PROTECTION**STREET LIGHTS**

Appropriated	\$9,200.00		
Paid Out	<u>\$9,451.19</u>		(\$251.19)

HYDRANT RENTAL

Appropriated	\$21,864.00		
Paid Out	<u>\$21,864.00</u>		\$0.00

WORKER COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Appropriated	\$10,576.00		
Paid Out	<u>\$ 9,239.00</u>		\$1,337.00

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Appropriated	\$5,220.00		
Rebate	<u>\$ 561.00</u>	\$5,781.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$5,220.48</u>	\$560.52

INSURANCE

Appropriated	\$18,000.00		
Rebate	<u>\$ 1,148.00</u>	\$19,148.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$18,098.00</u>	\$1,050.00

SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE

Appropriated	\$19,000.00		
Paid Out	<u>\$19,561.44</u>		(\$561.44)

FIRE DEPARTMENT**FIRE CHIEF**

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$6,800.00		\$0.00
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FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/18 & 12/31/18			\$4,339.32
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriated	\$30,000.00		
F. D. Reserve funds trans.	\$14,651.30		
Fireworks Donat. trans.	\$ 500.00		
Income	<u>\$ 956.00</u>	\$46,107.30	
Paid Out			
Fire Department		\$46,107.30	\$0.00

FIRE TRUCK RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/18	\$1,949.42		
Interest	\$ 26.23		
Trans. from Roads	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	\$2,975.65	

FIRE DEPARTMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/18	\$ 1,323.80		
Income Received	\$19,635.26		
Interest	<u>\$ 142.91</u>	\$21,101.97	
Paid Out		<u>\$14,651.30</u>	\$6,450.67

HEALTH & SANITATION**TRANSFER STATION**

Appropriated	\$69,000.00		
Truck & Tub Reserve	\$ 4,800.00		
Income	<u>\$ 3,449.48</u>	\$77,249.48	
Paid Out		<u>\$80,336.90</u>	(\$3,087.42)

TRANSFER STATION TRUCK & TUB RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/18	\$4,831.77		
Trans. to Transfer Station	<u>\$4,800.00</u>	\$31.77	

PUBLIC WORKS**WINTER ROADS**

Appropriated	\$105,000.00		
Income	<u>\$ 6,562.00</u>	\$111,562.00	
Paid Out			
Winter Roads	\$103,318.82		
Transfer to Equip. Res.	<u>\$ 8,243.18</u>	<u>\$111,562.00</u>	\$0.00

SUMMER ROADS

Appropriated	\$105,000.00		
Income	<u>\$ 2,403.80</u>	\$107,860.10	
Paid Out			
Summer Roads	\$103,257.11		
Transfer to Equip. Res.	<u>\$ 3,602.99</u>	<u>\$107,860.10</u>	\$0.00

ROAD PAVING PROJECT			
Funds Transferred In		\$592,331.15	
Paid		<u>\$592,331.15</u>	\$0.00
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT			
Balance 1/1/18		\$25,217.62	
Appropriated		\$15,000.00	
Funds Transferred In		<u>\$11,846.17</u>	\$51,063.79
LRAP FUNDS			
Balance 1/1/18	\$167,839.27		
Received from State	<u>\$ 41,084.00</u>	\$208,923.27	
Trans to Road Paving		<u>\$167,000.00</u>	\$41,923.27
ROAD NAME SIGNS RESERVE ACCOUNT			
Balance 1/1/18		\$71.14	
Closed Out 3/3/18		<u>\$71.14</u>	\$0.00
SIDEWALK REPAIR RESERVE			
Balance 1/1/18 & 12/31/18			\$9,734.29
ROAD PAVING RESERVE			
Balance 1/1/18		\$250,854.00	
Trans to Road Paving Project		<u>\$210,947.15</u>	\$39,906.85
GARAGE WELL RESERVE			
Balance 1/1/18		\$166.19	
Closed Out 3/3/18		<u>\$166.19</u>	\$0.00
SOCIAL SERVICES			
GENERAL ASSISTANCE			
Appropriated	\$15,000.00		
Reimbursement	<u>\$ 7,914.41</u>	\$22,914.41	
Paid Out		<u>\$12,560.56</u>	\$10,353.85
KVCAP BUS SERVICE			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$500.00	\$0.00
KVCAP HEADSTART			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$900.00	\$0.00
FAMILY VIOLENCE PROJECT			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$400.00	\$0.00
HOSPICE			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$600.00	\$0.00

SENIOR SPECTRUM

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$760.00	\$0.00
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KENNEBEC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$500.00	\$0.00
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SEXUAL SUPPORT & CRISIS CENTER

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$300.00	\$0.00
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SOLON FOOD CUPBOARD

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
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CRISIS & COUNSELING CENTERS

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$500.00	\$0.00
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LIFELIGHT FOUNDATION

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$200.00	\$0.00
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AMERICAN RED CROSS

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$150.00	\$0.00
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COMMUNITY HEALTH & COUNSELING

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$100.00	\$0.00
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DEBT SERVICE**FIRST PARK**

Appropriated	\$7,000.00		
Tax Revenue received	<u>\$4,771.00</u>	\$11,771.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 8,647.04</u>	\$3,123.96

TRANSFER STATION TRUCK LOAN (12/31/18 balance owed \$14,294.86)

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$7,420.00	\$0.00
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FIRE TRUCK LOAN (12/31/18 balance owed \$28,368.57)

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$4,610.00	\$0.00
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LEISURE SERVICES**RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

Appropriated	\$2,500.00	
Paid Out	<u>\$2,457.67</u>	\$42.33

RECREATION DEPARTMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/18	\$2,026.22	
Income	<u>\$ 70.00</u>	\$2,096.22
Paid Out	<u>\$ 50.00</u>	\$2,046.22

RECREATION FACILITY & MAINTENANCE RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/18	\$ 0.00	
Appropriated	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	\$1,000.00

SWIM/CAMP PROGRAM

Appropriated	\$1,200.00	
Paid Out	<u>\$1,200.00</u>	\$0.00

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/18	\$4,032.51	
Appropriated	<u>\$6,300.00</u>	\$10,332.51
Paid Out	<u>\$ 8,195.57</u>	\$2,136.94

BAKER MOUNTAIN SKI PROGRAM

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$750.00	\$0.00
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4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
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4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS DONATIONS

Donations	\$650.00	
Paid Out	<u>\$500.00</u>	\$150.00

SOLON SNOWHAWKS

State Grant	\$9,464.00	
State Registration Reim.	<u>\$ 635.52</u>	\$10,099.52
Paid to Club	<u>\$10,099.52</u>	\$0.00

COOLIDGE LIBRARY RESERVE

Balance 1/1/18	\$ 734.82	
Appropriated	\$11,810.00	
Income	<u>\$ 3,770.00</u>	\$16,314.82
Paid Out	<u>\$15,970.18</u>	\$344.64

COOLIDGE LIBRARY BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1/18	\$26,982.09	
Appropriated	\$ 3,000.00	
Income	<u>\$ 60.00</u>	\$30,042.09

OTHER

FISH & WILDLIFE

Received	\$21,163.25	
Paid to State	<u>\$18,027.25</u>	\$3,136.00

MOTOR VEHICLE FEES

Received & Paid to State	\$81,020.91	\$0.
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STATE VITAL FEES

Received & Paid to State	\$105.20	\$0.00
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GUN PERMITS

Received	\$255.00	
Paid Out	<u>\$ 90.00</u>	\$165.00
Balance still owed to State	<u>\$ 90.00</u>	\$75.00

PLUMBING PERMITS

Received		\$3,020.00
Paid Out		
State Fees	\$ 400.00	
State Surcharge	\$ 90.00	
Plumbing Inspector	<u>\$1,200.00</u>	<u>\$1,690.00</u> \$0.00

2017 REAL ESTATE TAX

Received		\$301,532.83
Transferred to Road Paving Project	<u>\$209,680.00</u>	\$91,852.83

PROPERTY TAX INTEREST

Received		\$18,693.17
Transferred to Road Paving Project	<u>\$ 4,704.00</u>	\$13,989.17

UNCLASSIFIED**DOG LICENSES-STATE FEES**

Received State Fees	\$1,148.00	
Paid State	<u>\$ 886.00</u>	\$262.00

DOG LICENSES-TOWN FEES RESERVE

Balance 1/1/18	\$1,277.87	
Received Town Fees	<u>\$ 636.00</u>	\$1,913.87
Paid Out		
Paid	\$704.23	
Trans to Animal Control	<u>\$849.50</u>	<u>\$1,553.73</u> \$360.14

HUMANE SOCIETY

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$2,106.00	\$0.00
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PLANNING BOARD RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/18	\$15,631.14	
Income	<u>\$ 620.00</u>	\$16,251.14
Paid Out	<u>\$ 347.50</u>	\$15,903.64

VILLAGE CEMETERY RESERVE

Received & Trans to Cemeteries	\$924.30	\$0.00
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CEMETERIES & VETERAN GRAVES

Appropriated	\$10,800.00		
Income	<u>\$ 2,449.40</u>	\$13,249.40	
Paid Out		<u>\$13,249.40</u>	\$0.00

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Balance 1/1/18	\$ 1,875.23		
Appropriated	\$ 3,500.00		
Investment Funds`	<u>\$16,174.90</u>	\$21,550.13	
Paid Out		<u>\$20,850.00</u>	\$700.13

TOWN FLAG RESERVE

Balance 1/1/18	\$518.00		
Donation	\$ 46.00		
Appropriated	<u>\$500.00</u>	\$1,064.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 0.00</u>	\$1,064.00

HISTORICAL SOCIETY RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/18	\$8,318.88		
Interest	\$ 98.35		
Income	<u>\$ 454.24</u>	\$8,871.47	
Paid Out		<u>\$1,642.74</u>	\$7,228.73

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MAINTENANCE RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/18	\$10,022.90		
Interest	\$ 101.89		
Income	<u>\$ 15.00</u>	\$10,139.79	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 2,958.62</u>	\$7,181.17

JONES FUND SCHOLARSHIP RESERVE

Balance 1/1/18	\$6,854.84		
Interest	\$ 120.69		
Income	<u>\$6,405.72</u>	\$13,381.25	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>	\$10,881.25

RUTH CROSS SCHOLARSHIP RESERVE

Balance 1/1/18	\$75.00		
Incinterest	<u>\$ 0.85</u>	\$75.85	
Paid:		<u>\$75.00</u>	\$.85

KENNEBEC VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Appropriated	\$1,621.00		
Paid Out		<u>\$1,619.00</u>	\$2.00

SOMERSET ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$100.00		\$0.00
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MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT INTEREST

Income:			
Account interest		\$9,077.17	
Paid to Dedicated Accounts:			
Historical Society Reserve	\$ 98.35		
Historical Society Maint. Res.	\$101.89		
Fire Department Reserve	\$142.91		
Fire Department Truck Reserve	\$ 26.23		
Ruth Cross Scholarship Reserve	\$.85		
Jones Fund Scholarship Reserve	<u>\$120.69</u>	<u>\$ 490.82</u>	\$8,586.25

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

RSU # 74 SCHOOL TAX

Appropriated &	\$1,077,101.50	
Paid Out	<u>\$1,076,506.00</u>	\$595.50

COUNTY TAX

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$227,056.39	\$0.00
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END OF YEAR TOTALS

Checkbook balance 1/1/18	\$ 15,555.00	
Money Market balance 1/1/18	<u>\$789,651.52</u>	\$ 805,206.52
Income Received in 2018		<u>\$2,554,116.43</u>
Total Income		\$3,359,322.95
Less Money Market Correction	\$.01	
Less Expenditures	<u>\$2,686,370.23</u>	<u>\$2,686,370.24</u>
Balance 12/31/18		\$ 672,952.71

Checkbook balance 12/31/18	\$ 20,000.00	
Money Market Account balance 12/31/18	<u>\$652,952.71</u>	\$672,952.71

Less Total Dedicated Accounts	<u>\$393,874.40</u>	
Total Undedicated Funds (Surplus)		\$279,078.31



Solon Town Office

ASSESSORS' REPORT

VALUATION

Local Taxable Real Estate Valuation	\$85,396,032.00	
Local Taxable Personal Property Valuation	<u>\$ 2,172,202.00</u>	
2018 Taxable Town Valuation		\$87,568,234.00
Total of Homestead Exemption Valuation	\$ 6,184,600.00	
X 0.625		\$ 3,865,375.00
Total of all BETE Valuation	\$10,725,645.00	
Enhanced BETE Reimbursable Valuation		<u>\$ 6,066,517.00</u>
Total Valuation Base		\$97,500,126.00

APPROPRIATIONS

County Tax		\$ 227,056.39
Municipal Appropriation	\$1,359,747.00	
Less allowable deductions**	<u>(\$ 864,026.75)</u>	\$ 495,720.25
RSU #74 Appropriation		<u>\$1,077,101.50</u>
APPROPRIATIONS BY TAXATION		\$1,799,878.14
Plus Overlay		<u>\$ 23,374.22</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS BY TAXATION		\$1,823,252.36

EXEMPTION REIMBURSEMENT FROM STATE

BETE Reimbursement	\$113,443.87	
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	<u>\$ 72,282.51</u>	
LESS TOTAL EXEMPTION REIMBURSEMENT		<u>\$ 185,726.38</u>
TOTAL TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION		\$1,637,525.98

**ALLOWABLE MUNICIPAL DEDUCTIONS

State Revenue Sharing	\$ 51,524.14
Road Paving Reserve	\$250,845.00
LRAP Funds	\$167,000.00
Road Paving Loan	\$ 98,000.00
2017 Real Estate Tax received in 2018	\$209,680.00
2017 R.E. Interest received in 2018	\$ 4,704.00
Surplus Revenues	\$162,264.61
Less Reserve Funds	<u>(\$80,000.00)</u>
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	\$864,026.75

2018 MILL RATE: \$18.70 PER \$1,000 OF VALUATION

2018 Supplements

Real Estate	\$3,253.80	
Tree Growth Penalties	<u>\$1,428.00</u>	\$4,681.80

Abatements Given in 2018

2018 Real Estate	\$5,322.49	
2017 Real Estate	\$1,434.26	
2016 Real Estate	\$1,395.07	
2015 Real Estate	<u>\$1,050.00</u>	\$9,201.82

COMPARISON OF APPROPRIATIONS BY TAXATION

RSU #74	11.05 mills	59.08%	(57.0% in 2017)	(56.5% in 2016)
County Tax	2.33 mills	12.45%	(12.8% in 2017)	(13.4% in 2016)
Municipal	5.08 mills	27.19%	(28.6% in 2017)	(29.4% in 2016)
Overlay	<u>.23 mills</u>	<u>1.28%</u>	(1.6% in 2017)	(0.7% in 2016)
Total Mills	18.7 mills	100.00%		

The largest portion of your property tax bill continues to be the RSU 74 budget. However very few Solon voters attended the RSU budget adoption meeting where the budget was approved to go out to a referendum vote. The School Tax increased by \$81,642.50 (8.2%) this year. The County Budget increased by \$3,148.39 (1.4%). Our municipal budget by taxation decreased by \$4,479.75.

The Maine Revenue Services reviews our property sales and our tax records every year. Our 2018 State Valuation is based on the 2016 property sales. We need to keep our town valuation close to the state valuation because our reimbursement from the State for the Tree Growth Exemption, Veteran Exemption and Homestead Exemption is reduced if we are not close to the State valuation. Our 2018 state valuation is \$93,100,000 and our 2019 state valuation will be \$96,500,000.

The Business Equipment Tax Exemption (BETE Program) started April 1, 2008. All new manufacturing personal property equipment is no longer taxable since that date. However, a complete listing of all equipment, including any new equipment, and its cost must be presented to the Assessors on or before April 1 of each year. In 2018 the state reimbursed us \$113,444.00 for our lost BETE tax revenue.

This year the state increased the Homestead Exemption to \$20,000 with the state reimbursing 62.5% of the lost revenue. We gave 317 homestead exemptions. Exemption recipients received a reduction of \$374.00 on their primary residence tax bill. If you are a new resident homeowner in Solon or if you did not apply for or receive the Homestead Exemption in 2018, please check with the Assessors before April 1st to see if you qualify for 2019. If you received it in 2018, you do not need to reapply.

We had 66 Veteran Exemption recipients who received a reduction \$112.20 on their tax bill. Any new veteran exemption requests must be given to the Assessors by April 1st. If you received it in 2018, you do not need to reapply.

In 2018 we had 16,919 acres receiving reduced assessments for tree growth out of 32,406 acres in our town. If you wish to place your land in tree growth, the

minimum is 10 acres and a tree growth plan prepared by a licensed forester must be given to the Assessors by April 1st. Tree growth plans must be updated every ten years. If you purchased land that is in tree growth, you have one year from the date of purchase to adopt the prior owner's plan or to have a new plan done. Failure to comply with the tree growth laws will result in the removal of the land from the tree growth program and the assessing of a penalty for that removal. Failure to reapply on time can result in late filing penalties up to \$1,000. Please respond to your filing notice letters promptly to avoid penalties. We thank you for your efforts in complying with this law. For more information on the tree growth program or the farm and open space program, contact the Assessors.

All property is assessed based on its condition on April 1st. If you purchase or sell property after April 1st, the owner listed on April 1st will be sent the tax bill and is responsible for the taxes.

If you own a camper, tractor, bulldozer, skidder or other piece of equipment, you must either pay excise tax or personal property tax on it. The excise tax is usually less so check with our tax collector prior to April 1st. Everyone is required to list their personal property with the Assessors by April 1st of each year. If you have paid excise tax on a piece of equipment, let us know.

If you have questions about your valuation, see the Assessors who are in the office on Wednesdays. *If you feel you have been over assessed, you must request an abatement within 185 days of the tax commitment date.*



Selectmen, Assessors & Overseers of the Poor
Keith Gallagher, Elaine Aloes, Sarah Davis

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR REPORT

Our hours for General Assistance are on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

INCOME

Appropriated	\$15,000.00	
Client Reimbursement	\$ 1,901.60	
State Reimbursement	<u>\$ 6,012.81</u>	\$22,914.41

EXPENDITURES

Housing	\$ 9,218.00	
Food & Personal Supplies	\$ 846.21	
Utilities	\$ 427.65	
Medicine	\$ 137.66	
Heating Oil	<u>\$ 1,931.04</u>	<u>\$12,560.56</u>
UNEXPENDED BALANCE		\$10,353.85

General Assistance (GA) is a service administered by a municipality for the immediate aid of persons who are unable to provide the basic necessities essential to maintain themselves or their families. The key terms in this definition are: immediate, unable and basic necessities. GA is intended to provide immediate aid, thus assistance must be granted or denied within 24 hours of an application. It is for people who are unable—not unwilling—to maintain themselves or their families. Finally, GA is intended to help people with basic necessities: food, shelter, utilities, fuel, clothing, and certain other items, when they are essential.

GA provides a specific amount and type of aid for defined needs during a limited period of time and is not intended to be a continuing grant-in-aid or categorical welfare program. Despite the stated intent that GA not be an ongoing source of income to an applicant, there is no limitation on the number of times a person may apply for and receive GA. Finally, because GA is not a categorical welfare program, it is not limited to providing assistance to only specific groups or categories of people as is TANF for families with dependent children or SSI for disabled people. Theoretically GA is available to anyone in the state at any particular time that meets the eligibility criteria. GA is the program of last resort—it is the safety net intended to help those people who have no other resources. GA is the only comprehensive program to help people who are not eligible for any other assistance program.

In 2018 Solon's General Assistance Program helped 8 families. Two recipients eventually received SSI benefits and the Town was reimbursed for its expenditures for them.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Check Book Balance 1/1/18	\$ 15,555.00	
Money Market Balance 1/1/18	<u>\$789,651.52</u>	\$805,206.52

MONEY MARKET DEDICATED ACCOUNTS BALANCES 1/1/18

2017 Revenue Sharing	\$ 51,524.14	
LRAP Fund	\$167,839.27	
2018 Pre-Paid R.E. Taxes	\$ 5,243.76	
After School Program Res. Acct.	\$ 4,032.51	
Cemetery Maintenance Reserve	\$ 1,875.23	
Coolidge Library Bldg.Capital Res.	\$ 26,982.09	
Coolidge Library Reserve	\$ 734.82	
Fire Department Reserve	\$ 1,323.80	
Fire Department Capital Res.	\$ 4,338.32	
Fire Truck Reserve	\$ 1,949.42	
Garage Well Reserve	\$ 166.19	
Highway Equipment Reserve	\$ 24,217.62	
Highway Road Paving Reserve	\$250,854.00	
Historical Society Maint. Reserve	\$ 10,022.90	
Historical Society Reserve	\$ 8,318.88	
Jones Fund Reserve Acct	\$ 6,854.84	
Municipal Buildings Heat Res.	\$ 21,956.03	
Municipal Buildings Maint. Res.	\$ 16,400.66	
Office Equip & Maintenance	\$ 0.00	
Planning Board	\$ 15,631.14	
Recreation Dept. Reserve	\$ 2,026.22	
Rec. Facilities & Maint. Reserve	\$ 0.00	
Ruth Cross Schol. Reserve	\$ 75.00	
Sidewalk Repair Reserve	\$ 9,734.29	
Street Name Signs Res.	\$ 71.14	
Town Dogs Reserve	\$ 1,277.87	
Town Flag Reserve	\$ 518.00	
Town Line Survey Reserve	\$ 1,000.00	
T. S. Truck & Tub Res. Acct.	\$ 4,831.77	
Tree Planting Reserve	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	
Total Dedicated Accounts		<u>\$642,941.91</u>
Total of Non Dedicated Funds		\$162,264.61

INCOME:

State Revenue Sharing	\$ 55,609.39	
FEMA/MEMA	\$ 14,713.41	
Local Roads Assistance Program	\$ 41,084.00	
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	\$ 2,330.00	

Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$ 44,068.11
BETE Reimbursement	\$ 0.00
BETE Administration Fee	\$ 6.00
2018 Homestead Reimbursement	\$ 53,185.00
2017 Homestead Reimbursement	\$ 15,337.00
2019 Prepaid Real Estate Tax	\$ 7,424.23
2019 Prepaid Personal Property Tax	\$ 10.28
2018 Real Estate Tax	\$1,416,699.53
2018 Personal Property Tax	\$ 37,249.04
2017 Real Estate Tax	\$ 301,532.83
2017 Personal Property Tax	\$ 2,392.73
2017 Liens	\$ 45,153.91
2016 Liens	\$ 45,268.66
2010 – 2018 Tax Acquired Taxes	\$ 8,737.11
Property Tax Interest	\$ 18,693.17
Costs, Fees of Liens and Notices	\$ 6,432.06
Motor Vehicle Monies	\$ 81,020.91
Inland Fish & Wildlife Monies	\$ 21,163.25
State Vitals	\$ 105.20
State Dogs	\$ 1,148.00
Town Dogs	\$ 636.00
Vehicle Excise Tax	\$ 192,715.81
IF&W Excise Tax	\$ 1,018.00
Town Agent Fees - Dogs	\$ 224.00
Town Agent Fees - Vital	\$ 787.00
Town Agent Fees - BMW	\$ 4,373.00
Town Agent Fees – IF&W	\$ 726.25
Gun Permit Fees - State	\$ 180.00
Gun Permit Fees -Town	\$ 75.00
Cemeteries	\$ 1,525.00
Cemeteries Maintenance Reserve	\$ 16,174.90
Cemetery Reserve - Village	\$ 924.30
Coolidge Library Reserve	\$ 3,770.00
Coolidge Library Building Capital Res.	\$ 60.00
Elections Reimbursement	\$ 308.00
Fire Department	\$ 956.00
Fire Department Reserve	\$ 19,635.26
Fireworks Donations Dedicated Acct.	\$ 650.00
First Park Tax Revenue	\$ 4,771.00
General Assistance, State reimbursement	\$ 6,012.81
General Assistance, Client reimbursement	\$ 1,901.60
Historical Society Reserve	\$ 454.24
Historical Society Maintenance Res.	\$ 15.00
Insurance - Unemployment Rebate	\$ 561.00
Insurance - Property & Casualty Rebate	\$ 1,148.00
Office Equip. Res - Spectrum Franchise Fee	\$ 3,044.08

Planning Board Fees	\$	620.00	
Plumbing Permits	\$	1,600.00	
Plumbing Permits State Surcharge	\$	90.00	
Public Works - Winter Roads	\$	6,562.00	
Public Works - Summer Roads	\$	2,860.10	
Rainy Day Reserve	\$	29,984.33	
Recreation Department Reserve	\$	70.00	
Scholarship Reserve - Jones Fund	\$	6,405.72	
Snowmobile Grant	\$	9,464.00	
Snowmobile Registration Reimbursements	\$	635.52	
Snowmobile Tax Exempt Reim.	\$	0.00	
Town Flag Reserve	\$	46.00	
Transfer Station receipts	\$	3,449.48	
Town Charges - Miscellaneous Income	\$	385.12	
Town Charges – Legal Fees	\$	817.30	
Checkbook interest	\$	38.72	
Money Market interest	\$	<u>9,077.17</u>	\$2,554,116.43
BALANCE 1/1/18	\$	805,206.52	
2018 INCOME		<u>\$2,554,116.43</u>	\$3,359,322.95
LESS			
MONEY MARKET ADJUSTMENT	\$0.01		
2018 WARRANTS TOTAL		<u>\$2,686,370.23</u>	<u>\$2,686,370.24</u>
BALANCE 12/31/18			\$ 672,952.71
Check Book Balance 12/31/18	\$	20,000.00	
Money Market Balance 12/31/18		<u>\$652,952.71</u>	\$ 672,952.71
Less Dedicated Accounts			
: 2018 Revenue Sharing	\$	55,609.39	
LRAP Funds	\$	41,923.27	
FEMA/MEMA Funds	\$	14,713.41	
2019 Prepaid R. E. Taxes	\$	7,424.23	
2019 Prepaid P. P. Taxes	\$	10.28	
After School Program Reserve	\$	2,136.94	
Cemetery Maintenance Reserve	\$	700.13	
Coolidge Library Bldg. Capital Res.	\$	30,042.09	
Coolidge Library Reserve	\$	344.64	
Fire Department Reserve	\$	6,450.67	
Fire Department Capital Reserve	\$	4,339.32	
Fire Truck Reserve	\$	2,975.65	
Fireworks Donations	\$	150.00	
Highway Equipment Reserve	\$	51,063.79	
Highway Road Paving Reserve	\$	39,906.85	
Historical Society Reserve	\$	7,228.73	

Historical Society Maint. Reserve	\$ 7,181.17
Municipal Buildings Maint. Res.	\$ 17,521.83
Municipal Buildings Heat Reserve	\$ 18,343.94
Municipal Grounds Maint. Reserve	\$ 2,216.00
Office Equip & Maintenance Res.	\$ 2,776.58
Planning Board Reserve	\$ 15,903.64
Rainy Day Reserve	\$ 29,984.33
Recreation Department Reserve	\$ 2,046.22
Rec. Facility & Maintenance Res.	\$ 1,000.00
Scholarships - Jones Fund Reserve	\$ 10,881.25
Scholarships - Ruth Cross Reserve	\$.85
Sidewalk Repair Reserve	\$ 9,734.29
Town Dogs Reserve	\$ 360.14
Town Flag Reserve	\$ 1,064.00
Town Line Survey Reserve	\$ 2,000.00
Town Records Preservation Res.	\$ 3,321.00
Transfer Station Truck & Tub Res.	\$ 31.77
Tree Planting Reserve	\$ 1,000.00
Inland Fish & Wildlife	\$ 3,136.00
State - Gun Permits	\$ 90.00
State - Dogs	<u>\$ 262.00</u>

Total Dedicated Accounts	<u>\$393,874.40</u>
Total Undedicated Funds (Surplus)	\$279,078.31

WELLS FARGO INVESTMENT FUNDS

As of 12/31/18

TOWN OF SOLON

PRINCIPALS:

Historical Society Maint. Res.	\$110,000.00
Jones Fund Scholarship	\$ 29,323.29
Ruth Cross Scholarship	\$ 1,270.00
Town Cemeteries	\$108,470.00
Hilton Cemetery	\$ 3,000.00
Library	\$ 87,380.00

AVAILABLE FUNDS:

Historical Society Maint. Res.	\$ 2,949.71
Historical Society Reserve	\$ 17,455.87
Library	(\$ 173.97)
Jones Fund Scholarship	\$ 22,779.52
Ruth Cross Scholarship	\$ 986.59
**Town Cemeteries	(\$ 9,189.97)
Hilton Cemetery	\$ 0.00

****Wells Fargo Town Cemeteries is owed \$15,000 from the Putnam Fund**

PUTNAM INVESTMENT FUNDS – VILLAGE CEMETERY

Principal Balance 12/31/18 \$50,000.00

Available Funds 12/31/18 \$19,381.04

2017 TAX LIENS AS OF 12/31/18

TAX DUE AS OF 12/31/2018

DOES NOT INCLUDE INTEREST AND FEES

THE PROPERTY WILL BE FORECLOSED ON IF NOT PAID BY 10/25/2019

****PAID AFTER 12/31/18 BUT BEFORE 1/31/2019**

ABELIN, ELIZABETH	\$1,279.78
BAUER, REG & ADELA	\$2,181.36
BERBERIAN, ANDREA	\$ 929.00
BOSTIC, ANTHONY	\$ 95.89
BOSTON, BRYAN	\$ 465.14
BROWN, ROBERT & JAMES, D.	\$ 237.90
BROWN, ROBERT	\$ 379.73
DAMON, BILLIE JO	\$1,235.25
ERB, RAY, HEIRS OF	\$1,784.98
FRENCH, JAMES II	\$ 58.39
FULLER, LARRY	\$2,452.20
HANSCOM, PAMELA	\$ 732.00
HEALD, DEBORAH & KIRK	\$1,839.15
HOPKINS, CONSTANCE	\$1,724.78
MACLEAN, JAMES	\$2,316.77
MELILLO, LEO	\$1,098.00
MESSER, STEPHANIE	\$ 404.10
MILLER, KEITH	\$ 740.05
NILE, H. & DUSTIN NICHOLS	\$1,040.36
PADHAM, MICHAEL	\$1,986.10
PADHAM, MICHAEL & WACOME, B.	\$1,182.73
PAPADOPOULOS, JUDITH	\$1,281.00
POMELOW, JEFFREY	\$1,372.50
RICHARDSON, G. & WOODARD, M.	\$ 548.09
RODERICK, JOEY	\$1,592.10
ROGERS, MEGAN	\$ 457.50
ROSSIGNAL, STUART	\$ 154.64
ROSSIGNAL, STUART	\$ 777.75
SCHRADER, MICHELLE	\$ 700.89
SILLARS, JOHN	\$ 271.05**
SILLARS, JOHN	\$1,629.80
SOUSA, ROBERT & MARGARET	\$1,976.40
STICKNEY, MERVIL, HEIRS OF	\$1,171.20
TOLMAN, JOSEPH	\$ 14.32
WHITE, KAREN	\$1,508.04
WILLETTE, ROBBIE	\$ 840.7

PERSONAL PROPERTY:

MARLIN LEASING, 2012 TAX	\$ 79.04
MACLEAN, JAMES, 2018 TAX	\$ 112.20
OLON CORNER STORE, 2018 TAX	\$3,172.64
LYNCH, JOHN, 2018 TAX	\$ 74.80

FORECLOSED PROPERTY

	2016	2017	2018
ERB, RAY, HEIRS OF	\$ 382.71	\$ 392.90	\$ 401.49
OSBOURNE, JASON	\$1,170.53	\$1,203.41	\$1,229.71
VERRILL, W., HEIRS OF	\$ 698.29	\$717.91	\$ 733.60
WEESE, R., HEIRS OF	\$1,150.41	\$1,091.23	\$1,489.08

Respectfully Submitted, Linda Holloway, Treasurer



Linda Holloway, Treasurer and
Deputy Clerk/Tax Collector



Sharon Begin, Treasurer and Deputy
Clerk/Tax Collector

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

2018 TAX COMMITMENT	\$1,637,525.98	
RE TAX SUPPLEMENTS	\$ 3,253.80	
TG PENALTY SUPPLEMENTS	<u>\$ 1,699.80</u>	\$1,642,479.58
LESS 2018 TAX ABATEMENTS		<u>\$ 5,322.49</u>
FINAL COMMITMENT		\$1,637,157.09

COLLECTED IN 2018	\$1,416,699.53	
COLLECTED IN 2017	<u>\$ 5,243.76</u>	<u>\$1,421,943.29</u>
TOTAL DUE AS OF 12/31/18		\$ 215,213.80

2018 UNPAID TAXES AS OF 12/31/18

*IF NOT PAID BY 4/24/19 A LIEN WILL BE PLACED ON THE PROPERTY
THE PROPERTY WILL BE FORCLOSED ON IF NOT PAID BY 10/26/20*

**PAID AFTER 12/31/18 BUT BEFORE 1/31/2019

REAL ESTATE TAX:

ABELIN, ELIZABETH	\$1,383.80
ADAMS, MICHAEL	\$ 198.78
AMODIO, GAIL & A. NUNEZ	\$ 3.92
AMODIO, JAMES & GAIL	\$ 21.74
AMODIO, JIMI & JAMES	\$ 878.58
ANTON, S. & HUDGELL, G.	\$2,253.72
AUSTIN, GERARD & KIMBERLY	\$ 902.56
BAUER, REG & ADELIA	\$2,229.04
BERBERIAN, ANDREA	\$1,949.85
BINGEL, WILLIAM	\$ 282.23
BOSTIC, ANTHONY	\$ 30.11
BOSTON, BRYAN	\$ 504.90
BROWN, ROBERT & JAMES, DEBORAH	\$ 243.10
BROWN, ROBERT	\$ 388.03
BURRILL, T. & DAOUST, S.	\$1,256.45
CANTERBURY, LILLIAN, HEIRS OF	\$ 968.29
CITIFINANCIAL	\$2,138.05
CODY, JAMES	\$1,969.30
CORNELL DU HOUX, P & R	\$1,118.44
CURTIS, NORMA	\$1,963.50
CYR, JEFFREY & ELIZABETH	\$ 219.59
CYR, RANDOLPH	\$ 824.61
DAMON, BILLI JO	\$1,262.25
DANIELS, CINDY	\$ 250.21
DAVIS, DARILYN	\$ 773.43**
DAVIS, ISAAC	\$ 280.50
DENICO, DOUGLAS	\$1,271.60

DICKESS, JESSICA & CARL	\$1,028.50
DICKEY, CRISTI	\$1,299.17
DICKINSON, NORMAN, JR.	\$1,040.28
DOURANT, STEVEN & VERONICA	\$1,078.80
EMERSON, JAMES & BRENDA	\$ 979.20
ERB, RAY	\$1,824.00
FISKE, KELLEY & DAVID	\$ 944.57
FOLCO, ANNETTE	\$ 438.33
FOLCO, ANNETTE	\$ 173.72
FOSTER, DOUGLAS	\$ 514.25
FOSTER, DOUGLAS	\$2,980.41
FRANCK, JOAN, JAMES	\$ 607.75
FRENCH, JAMES	\$ 917.80
FRENCH, LINDA	\$ 16.46
FRENCH, LINDA	\$1,888.70
FRENCH, LINDA	\$1,107.97
FULLER, LARRY	\$2,505.80
GAGNON, NOAH & AMANDA	\$ 355.86
GIBSON, CHARLES & JEAN	\$ 617.10
GILBLAIR, JENNIFER	\$ 77.87
GILBLAIR, JENNIFER	\$1,179.22
GIRESI, SALVATORE	\$1,887.02
HAMILTON, THOMAS & MARGARET	\$1,787.02
HANSCOM, PAMELA	\$1,122.00
HATFIELD, TIMOTHY & ELIZABETH	\$1,755.69
HATHORNE, ALBERT & SHAWN	\$ 204.58
HAYDEN, DOUGLAS & WELCH, GALE	\$ 292.81
HAYDEN, WAYNE & GRETA	\$1,683.00
HEALD, DEBORAH & KIRK	\$1,879.35
HOPKINS, CONSTANCE	\$1,762.48
HUTCHINS, HEATHER	\$4,424.42
HUTCHINS, HEATHER	\$ 81.34
JAMES, LINDA	\$1,666.08
KENERSON, JARED & SUSANNA	\$ 233.75**
KENNEBEC MOTOR SALES	\$3,710.45
LABERGE, SCOTT & JOLINE	\$1,060.71
LAFRENIERE, EDWARD	\$ 199.64
LANTHIER, MARIUS, HEIRS OF	\$ 191.24
LAYMAN, CHRISTOPHER & TANYA	\$2,094.40
LAYMAN, CHRISTOPHER	\$ 691.90
LAYMAN, CHRISTOPHER	\$1,844.76
LAYMAN, CHRISTOPHER	\$ 482.65
LAYMAN, CHRISTOPHER	\$ 470.87
LYNCH, JONATHAN	\$1,589.50
MACLEAN, JAMES	\$3,197.50
MAINE-LY TREES INC	\$ 690.49

MCEWEN, RONALD	\$ 561.00
MCGINNIS, PAULINE	\$1,931.15
MCGINNIS, PAULINE	\$ 247.77
MCGINNIS, PAULINE	\$ 287.61
MCHUGH, STEPHEN & KIMBERLY	\$1,488.44
MELILLO, LEO	\$1,122.00
MERRILL FAMILY LLC	\$2,162.28
MERRILL FAMILY LLC	\$1,181.75
MERRILL FAMILY LLC	\$2,265.13
MESSER, STEPHANIE	\$ 504.90
MILLER, KEITH	\$ 754.92
MORGAN, DEAN & KELLY	\$1,102.15
MORGAN, DEAN & KELLY	\$ 148.10
MORGAN, RYAN & IRIS	\$ 177.09
MUNROE, BRIAN	\$1,178.10
MYERS, MEGAN	\$1,202.75
NILE, HEATHER & NICHOLS, DUSTIN	\$1,309.00
NOYES, DONNA	\$1,272.72
O'BRIEN, SCOTT & HEATHER	\$2,095.91
OLIVER, DANNY & REID, MELINDA	\$1,355.75**
OLIVER, DANNY	\$ 418.13**
O'MEARA, THOMAS	\$ 868.43
PADHAM, MICHAEL	\$1,997.72
PADHAM, MICHAEL & WACOME, B.	\$1,208.58
PAPADOPOULOS, JUDITH	\$1,309.00
PEARSE-CARUSO, MATTEO	\$1,028.50
PLUNTKE, PETER & SUSAN	\$ 277.29
POMELOW, JEFFREY	\$1,402.50
POND, JOSEPHINE	\$ 159.30
QUATTROCCI, JOHN	\$ 888.25
RANCOURT, RANDY	\$ 725.56**
REBER, P. & FINSON, H.	\$ 936.40
REID, MICHAEL & ROSEMARY	\$ 265.35
REID, ROSEMARY	\$1,887.58
RICHARDSON, GLENN	\$ 485.26
RODERICK, JOEY	\$1,626.50
ROGERS, MEGAN	\$ 467.50
ROLLINS, NICHOLAS	\$ 706.19
ROMAN, MARK	\$1,920.30
ROSSIGNAL, STUART	\$ 158.01
ROSSIGNAL, STUART	\$ 794.75
RUTHERFORD, ANNE & BRIAN	\$1,568.03
SCHRADER, MICHELLE	\$ 398.31
SHANNON, ERIC	\$ 234.31
SIDELL, MYLES	\$1,341.92
SILLARS, JOHN	\$ 276.95

SILLARS, JOHN	\$1,665.42
SILLARS, JOHN & MICHAEL	\$ 157.45
SLAMM, AMANDA	\$1,414.84
SMITH, RONALD & LESSIE	\$1,321.90
SOLON CORNER STORE	\$4,983.55
SOUSA, ROBERT & MARGARET	\$2,019.60
STEIKORSKI, F. & HOMINICK, W.	\$1,476.50
STEVENS, CLIFFORD & MICHELLE	\$3,551.88
STICKNEY, MERVIL, HEIRS OF	\$1,196.80
TAYLOR, A. & LAVASSEUR, A.	\$ 75.92
THERRIEN, ROBERT	\$1,196.80
TOLMAN, JOSEPH	\$ 599.90
TOMPKINS, DIANE	\$ 320.33
TURCOTTE, ROSS & ANGELA	\$2,098.14
TUTTLE, CRAIG	\$ 748.00
WEBB, PATRICIA & ALVYN	\$ 907.48
WHEELER, SHANE & ERICA	\$ 280.50
WHITE, CAROL	\$ 345.95
WHITE, CAROL	\$ 420.75
WHITE, CHRISTOPHER & TRINA	\$ 809.90
WHITE, KAREN	\$ 30.48
WHITE, KAREN	\$1,873.37
WHITE, ROBYN, & JONES, WALTER	\$1,391.65
WHITMORE PROPERTIES, LLC	\$ 54.20**
WICKHAM, D, & WINCHESTER, R & B	\$ 325.94
WILBER, SUSAN	\$ 999.00
WILLETTE, ROBBIE	\$ 859.08
WILLETTE, ROBBIE	\$ 124.54
WING, TRAVIS	\$ 957.07
WRIGHT, CHRISTOPHER	\$ 415.00
WYMAN, ERIC & DIANE	\$1,097.88
YORK, ANNIE	\$1,152.48
YOST, ANDREW & HEATHER	\$ 362.40
ZAWALIK, CARRIE	\$1,424.52

PERSONAL PROPERTY

LYNCH, JONATHAN	\$ 74.80
MACLEAN, JAMES	\$ 112.00
SOLON CORNER STORE	\$3,172.64

2018 SUPPLEMENT

REYNOLDS, DEANNA	\$3,253.80
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2018 TREE GROWTH PENALTIES

BOSTIC, ANTHONY	\$ 928.00
GRETHE, ERIC	\$ 500.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

VITAL STATISTICS

	MARRIAGES	BIRTHS	DEATHS
2016	5	3	12
2017	10	13	12
2018	9	10	11

DEATHS JANUARY 1, 2018 -- DECEMBER 31, 2018

John Buzzell	50	Zackery Corson	35
Joyce DiPietro	85	Alma French	97
Mabel Gross	88	Michael Sackett	65
Joan Steikorski	78	Jame Luke Tewksbury	48
Robert Therrien	84	Terrance Whittemore	76
Joseph Wooster	48		

NOTICE

Please remember that if you have a loved one in a nursing home, they are considered a resident of the town in which the home is located UNLESS you specify that they are a resident of Solon. Should that person pass away, Solon would not be notified and we would have no record of the death in our files.

You are now required, by State Law, to fill out an information card if you want a birth, death or marriage certificate and must present your driver's license or two other forms of identification. Certified copies are \$15.00 and \$6.00 for each additional one bought at the same time.

Register and vote! It is your right and privilege as an American to vote for your choice of candidates and /or issues. If you are not registered, please stop in at the Town Office. It is a very simple process.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Jablon
Town Clerk/Tax Collector



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Town Clerk/Tax Collector



Leslie Giroux,
Town Clerk/Tax Collector



Kennebec Lumber on South Main Street

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

WINTER ROADS

INCOME:

Appropriated	\$105,000.00	
Insurance Reimbursement	\$ 5,362.00	
Town of Madison-Plowing	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>	\$111,562.00

EXPENDITURES:

LABOR

Michael Foster	\$ 12,173.25	
Gary Bishop	\$ 19,595.75	
Joseph Kaminski	\$ 18,388.00	
James Quimby	\$ 1,558.00	
Dave Dickey	<u>\$ 116.00</u>	\$ 51,831.00

UTILITIES

Central Maine Power	\$ 743.74	
TDS Telecom	\$ 285.03	
U.S. Cellular	<u>\$ 275.74</u>	\$ 1,304.51

SUPPLIES & MILEAGE

Garage Supplies	\$ 192.99	
Mileage Reimbursement	<u>\$ 1,551.00</u>	\$ 1,743.99

CONTRACTED SERVICES

Road Equipment	\$ 100.00	
Porta Potty	\$ 100.00	
Equipment Rental	\$ 812.00	
Towing	\$ 1,500.00	
River Road Guard Rails	\$ 3,862.50	<u>\$ 6,374.50</u>

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Supplies	\$ 177.30	
Furnace Maintenance	<u>\$ 60.00</u>	\$ 237.30

ROAD MAINTENANCE

Winter Sand	\$ 9,180.00	
Winter Salt	\$ 8,873.24	
White Signs	<u>\$ 237.82</u>	\$ 18,291.06

EQUIPMENT:

Equipment Repair	\$ 1,220.00	
Equipment Parts & Supplies	\$ 3,527.00	
Diesel Fuel	\$ 15,429.39	
Tires	\$ 1,278.90	
Truck Repair	\$ 605.00	
Truck Parts & Supplies	<u>\$ 1,267.20</u>	\$ 23,327.46

TRAINING & DUES

Certifications & Licenses	\$ 209.00	\$ 209.00	<u>\$103,318.82</u>
			\$ 8,243.18
Trans. to Fire Dept. (Ins. Reimb)			\$ 529.00
Trans. to Highway Equip. Reserve			<u>\$ 7,714.18</u>
			\$ 0.00

SUMMER ROADS

INCOME:

Appropriated	\$ 105,000.00	
Sale of Culverts	\$ 2,403.80	
Metal Recycling	<u>\$ 456.30</u>	\$107,860.10

EXPENDITURES:

LABOR:

Gary Bishop	\$ 18,742.50	
Joseph Kaminski	\$ 17,708.00	
James Quimby	\$ 12,574.00	
Olon Burns	\$ 37.50	
Arthur Myers	\$ 2,050.75	
Barry Cushman	\$ 1,787.50	
David Dickey	\$ 594.50	
Eric Peterson	\$ 809.25	
Salvatore Giresi	<u>\$ 534.00</u>	\$ 54,838.00

UTILITIES

Central Maine Power	\$ 291.71	
TDS Telecom	\$ 395.97	
U.S. Cellular	<u>\$ 274.69</u>	\$ 962.37

SUPPLIES & MILEAGE

Garage Supplies	\$ 704.00	
Safety Equipment	\$ 273.45	
Mileage Reimbursement	<u>\$ 2,458.00</u>	\$ 3,435.45

CONTRACTED SERVICES

Bush Hogging/Mowing	\$ 1,500.00	
Porta Potty	\$ 275.00	
Equipment Rental	<u>\$ 6,600.25</u>	\$ 8,375.25

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Supplies	<u>\$ 799.14</u>	\$ 799.14
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ROAD MAINTENANCE

Gravel	\$ 3,660.00	
Culverts	<u>\$ 8,001.20</u>	\$ 11,661.20

EQUIPMENT:

Equipment Repair	\$ 10,203.19		
Equipment Parts & Supplies	\$ 5,369.04		
Diesel Fuel	\$ 4,084.82		
Tires	\$ 286.85		
Truck Repair	\$ 2,281.10		
Truck Parts & Supplies	\$ 823.20		
Vehicle Inspections	<u>\$ 37.50</u>	<u>\$ 23,185.70</u>	<u>\$103,185.70</u>
			\$ 4,602.99
Trans. to Fire Dept. (Pickup Truck Purchase			\$ 1,000.00
Trans. to Highway Equip. Reserve			<u>\$ 3,602.99</u>
			\$ 0.00

ROAD PAVING PROJECT

INCOME:

Trans. from Road Paving Res.	\$210,947.15		
Trans. from LRAP	\$167,000.00		
Trans. from 2017 RE Tax	\$209,680.00		
Trans. from Property Tax Interest	<u>\$ 4,704.00</u>	\$592,331.15	

EXPENDITURES:

Proseal	\$ 87,201.00		
Allstates Asphalt	\$493,429.40		
Fine Line Paving	\$ 8,415.00		
Merrill Gravel	\$ 792.00		
Gary Bishop	\$ 1,984.75		
Joseph Kaminski	\$ 396.00		
Mileage Reimbursement	<u>\$ 113.00</u>	<u>\$592,331.15</u>	\$0.00

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

INCOME:

Balance 1/1/18	\$24,217.62		
Appropriated	\$15,000.00		
Trans. in from Summer Roads	\$ 3,602.99		
Trans. in from Winter Roads	<u>\$ 7,714.18</u>	\$ 50,534.79	

ROAD PAVING RESERVE ACCOUNT

INCOME:

Balance 1/1/18	\$250,854.00		
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EXPENDITURES:

Trans. to Road Paving Account	<u>\$210,947.15</u>	\$ 39,906.85	
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LRAP GRANT RESERVE ACCOUNT

INCOME:

Balance 1/1/18	\$167,839.27		
Received from State of Maine	<u>\$ 41,084.00</u>	\$208,923.27	

EXPENDITURES:

Trans. to Road Paving Account \$167,000.00 \$ 41,923.27

SIDEWALK RESERVE ACCOUNT**INCOME:**

Balance 1/1/18 \$ 9,734.29

FEMA RESERVE ACCOUNT**INCOME:**

Received from FEMA \$ 14,713.41
for windstorm on 10/31/17

Road Commissioner Report

Mike Foster decided to retire this year and not seek reelection. I was elected the new Road Commissioner at the March Town Meeting. I want to thank Mike for his service to our town and for the training he gave me.

In March we had three large snow storms that kept Joe and me busy. In April I hired Arthur Myers, Barry Cushman, and Eric Peterson to cut road side brush on the Hole in Wall Road and the Brighton Road. Then we chipped it all.

We had a road paving project this year for the South Solon Road and the Meeting House Road. We budgeted \$730,238 for the project which included borrowing \$98,000. The Selectmen and I decided to try a chip sealing process instead of the standard asphalt process. The chip seal process lays down an asphalt layer and then a layer of stone chips in an asphalt emulsion. It is less expensive than the standard asphalt process and provides a skid resistant surface. We also crack sealed and repaired the large cracks and put a layer of asphalt shim on the roads. While the crack sealing company was there we had them also do crack sealing and crack repairing on all our paved roads. This will help prolong the life of the pavement on those roads. We ended up not having to borrow the \$98,000 and we still had an unexpended balance of \$39,906.85 that we left in the Road Paving Reserve Account.

Jim Quimby joined the road crew for the summer. We did grading and some gravel work on the gravel roads. We intend to concentrate on gravel road repairs in 2019. We also did some work on the River Road. We ditched and set some culverts lower in an area that was having problems with water in the road. We also repaired the shoulder of the road that was eroding away.

We had to take the backhoe/loader to the dealer for repair and maintenance work. It will go back to the dealer this spring for some more work. We also bought the one ton pickup truck from the Fire Department for \$1,000. They weren't using it

and offered it to the road department. We bought a dump body for it and had it installed and did some repairs to get it running better. It will come in handy for spring time road work. It is only a 2WD so we won't put a plow on it.

We put in for a FEMA grant for the windstorm in October 2017. We received a payment of \$14,713.41 for the federal share so far and should be getting another check for the state share.

Last December a tractor trailer truck had an accident on the River road and damaged the guard rails over Padham Brook. We had to replace the guardrails. We received reimbursement from an insurance company for the damaged guardrails on the River Road and for the Fire Department's costs in responding to the accident.

I would like to thank all who have given me support this year. This has been my first year as Road Commissioner and there is a lot to learn. Thank you so much. I appreciate it!



Thanks again for your great support.
Respectfully, Gary Bishop, Road
Commissioner



Joseph Kaminski, Road Crew



Jim Quimby, Road Crew

TRANSFER STATION REPORT

TRANSFER STATION

INCOME:

Appropriated	\$ 69,000.00	
Fees	\$ 1,026.88	
Steel Recycling	\$ 2,377.80	
Compost Bins	<u>\$ 45.00</u>	\$ 72,449.48

EXPENDITURES:

LABOR:

David Dickey	\$ 11,759.50	
Olon Burns	\$ 2,525.00	
Maurice Vincent	\$ 160.00	
Joseph Madore	\$ 126.00	
George Downs	<u>\$ 156.00</u>	\$ 14,726.50

TRANSPORTATION:

Olon Burns	\$ 3,922.50	
Joseph Madore	\$ 1,912.50	
Ryan Schinzel	\$ 562.50	
Diesel Fuel	\$ 2,262.23	
Truck Parts & Supplies	\$ 922.26	
Truck Repair & Inspection	\$ 1,991.00	
Central ME. Disposal Haul Fee	\$ 600.00	
Tires	<u>\$ 81.95</u>	\$ 12,254.94

CONTRACTED SERVICES:

WMDSM, trash tipping fee	\$ 39,381.09	
Recycling Programs	\$ 1,815.63	
Porta-A-Potty	\$ 300.00	
Bush Hogging/Mowing	<u>\$ 200.00</u>	\$ 41,696.72

EQUIPMENT MAINT:

Parts & Supplies	\$ 673.94	
Equipment Repair	\$ 2,739.90	
Wastequip, new tub	<u>\$ 6,036.00</u>	\$ 9,449.84

UTILITIES:

CMP	\$ 916.37	
TDS Telecom	\$ 529.14	
LP Gas	<u>\$ 142.37</u>	\$ 1,587.88

OTHER:

Certifications & Licenses	\$ 150.00	
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Mileage Reimbursement	\$	95.00		
Property Maintenance	\$	68.00		
Supplies	\$	<u>308.02</u>	\$	<u>621.02</u>
			\$	80,336.90
				(\$ 7,887.42)
Trans. from Truck & Tub Res.			\$	<u>4,800.00</u>
				(\$ 3,087.42)

TRANSFER STATION TRUCK & EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/18	\$4,831.77	
Trans. to Transfer Station	<u>\$4,800.00</u>	\$31.77

SOLON TRANSFER STATION FEES SCHEDULE

RECYCLABLES, NO FEE CHARGED

Glass: Bottles and jars, clear or colored, rinsed

Aluminum: Tin cans, aluminum foil, pie plates & other aluminum containers, rinsed

Plastic: all plastic #1-#7, including jugs, food or rigid containers. Please tie jugs together. No plastic bags (these can be returned to the retailer).

Fluorescents: Bulbs and tubes

Electronics: Computer components, TV's, microwaves, keyboards, etc.

Cardboard: Corrugated or thin (cereal boxes, tissue rolls, milk & juice boxes, etc.), flattened

Paper: office paper, newspapers, magazines, junk mail, scrap paper, window envelopes, Post-Its, etc.

Metal

Other: Waste oil; batteries (rechargeable or automobile); (Please see attendant)

Leaves & Grass Clippings: Take to Skowhegan Transfer Station for no charge

Limbs, Brush & Stumps: Remove soil & rocks; take to Carrier Trucking in Skowhegan for no charge

OTHER ITEMS WITH FEES CHARGED

<u>Tires:</u>	passenger and pick up truck, up to 17", off rim	\$2.00
	passenger and pick up truck, up to 17", on rim	\$5.00
	large truck tires, off rim	\$ 10.00
	large truck tires, on rim	\$ 20.00
	tractor tires	\$100.00

Household items:

Easy chair, mattress or box spring	\$5.00
Sofa and other large furniture	\$10.00
Washer, dryer, stove, water heater, pumps	\$10.00
Refrigerator or freezer, door must be removed	\$12.00
Air conditioner	\$12.00

Lights: Mercury vapor bulbs \$1.50 each

<u>Other:</u> Mercury switches, thermostats and thermometers	\$3.00
<u>Bulky Waste/Asphalt Shingles:</u> Fee charged will be determined by the attendant based on the following:	
Pickup truck load, short bed	\$18.00
Pickup truck load, long bed	\$24.00
Small dump truck or single axle trailer	\$30.00

Fees for other sized vehicles and undersized and oversized loads to be determined by attendant.

DEMOLITION DEBRIS DISPOSAL POLICY

The Town will not pay for container leases, transportation costs or tipping fees for demolition debris resulting from a building demolition or renovation project.

SOLON TRANSFER STATION REPORT

The Solon Transfer Station offers residents many opportunities for recycling. Recycling keeps the cost of trash disposal down and reduces your property taxes.

We hauled 565.83 tons of garbage to Waste Management with a total cost of \$40,000.00 during 2018, which is an increase of 37.51 tons or \$2700.00 over last year, or about 75 pounds more per resident. Our trash costs us a little over \$100 per ton in transport and landfill costs. On the other hand, Solon paid just over \$1185.50 to dispose of cardboard, paper and plastic, plus all of our light bulbs, electronics, glass. We were paid almost \$2,400 for the tin cans, metal and batteries. The more we recycle, the more we save.

Even though most recyclable items are accepted at the Transfer Station for no cost, we do charge a small fee for some. Those fees help cover the extra costs the Town is charged for disposing of those items. Please pay the attendant if you drop off any of the items on the list located on the previous page.

We offer 80-gallon compost bins & counter-top compost pails for sale at the Transfer Station or Town office all year round. If you are looking for a good way to reduce your trash volume and the number of trips you make to the Transfer Station while making some “black gold” for your garden, pick a bin or a pail. The cost for the compost bins is \$45 and the pails are \$10. If you fill a pail with books from the bookcase at the Town Office it’s just \$12, and the extra money goes to benefit the Coolidge Library.

We give away free crushed glass to citizens in need of sharp drainage for construction projects. We also collect waste oil. Returnable bottles are collected to benefit the Solon Recreation Department. And no trip to the Transfer Station is complete unless you bring something back home with you, so stop by the “FREE” table to pick up that special item or book.

On the first Saturday in October Solon can join with neighboring communities to collect hazardous waste and unused medications. If you have hazardous waste or unused medications, please let me know before July 1, 2019 and I will pay the fee to join in.

This year we purchased a new trash tub from Wastequip. It replaced an old tub that shouldn't be used on a regular basis. We have patched the old tub and will use it as a spare only when needed.

Thanks to Dave and Sonny for all of their hard work to make our Transfer Station run so smoothly. Additional thanks go to Road Commissioner Gary Bishop for the Road Crew's frequent help.

REMINDERS

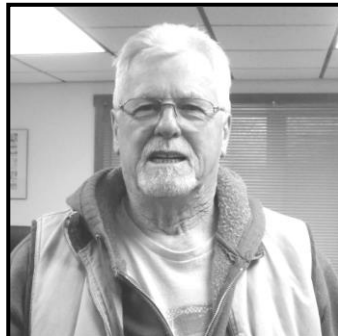
As of March 6, 2019, a transfer station sticker is required to dispose of waste. The stickers are available only at the Town Office. We will also have them available on Saturday March 2nd at our Annual Town Meeting and Elections.

Each household gets one free sticker. An additional sticker can be purchased for \$5. You need to either be a tax payer in Solon or show proof of residency. Non-resident tax payers can only bring trash generated in Solon to the Transfer Station.

The Transfer Station hours are Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Transfer Station will be closed on all legal holidays unless otherwise posted.

Only waste generated within the Town of Solon can be disposed of at the Transfer Station. Please do not bring garbage from other towns.

REMEMBER TO REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE!



Dave Dickey & Olon "Sonny" Burns, Transfer Station Attendants

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Station Phone: 207-643-2291

Emergencies: 911

Radio: 100

OFFICERS:

Duayne Rollins, Chief	399-9549	Solon 101
Brian Coombs, 1 st Assist. Chief	399-1632	Solon 102
Todd Dixon, 2nd Assist. Chief	441-5171	Solon 103
Kevin Lacroix, 3rd Assist. Chief	446-2474	Solon 104
Richard Kelley, EMA Director		Solon 109
Jenney Rollins, Secretary/Treasurer		
Diana Rollins, Base Radio Monitor		

FIREFIGHTERS:

Ronald Brown	Derek Dellarma	Blin Rollins, III
Nick Rollins	Alex Taylor	Joseph Tyrell
Timothy Pomelow	Zane Brown	Brian Livingstone
Frank Evangelista		

FIRE DEPARTMENT

INCOME:

Appropriated	\$ 30,000.00	
Ins. Reimb. for Traffic Control	\$ 530.00	
Donations	\$ 400.00	
Trans. from Fd Reserve Acct.	\$ 14,651.30	
Trans. from Fireworks Donat.	\$ 500.00	
Fees	<u>\$ 26.00</u>	\$ 46,107.30

EXPENDITURES:

UTILITIES

OTT Comm.-Telephone	\$ 416.07	
CMP Electric	\$ 705.30	
Solon Water District	\$ 695.89	\$ 1,853.09

SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT

Safety Equipment	\$ 14,155.17	
Office Supplies	\$ 268.20	
Shop Supplies	\$ 1,532.12	
Radio Communication Equip	\$ 2,696.50	
Flags	\$ 90.00	
Supplies	<u>\$ 441.60</u>	\$ 19,183.59

PROPERTY MAINT.

Building Maintenance	\$ 1,428.14
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Grounds Maintenance	\$ 39.75		
Furnace Maintenance	\$ 115.00	\$ 1,582.89	
EQUIPMENT MAINT.			
Equipment Parts & Supplies	\$ 1,502.76		
Equipment Repair	\$ 1,020.63		
Diesel Fuel & Gas	\$ 985.47		
Tires	\$ 5,525.86		
Truck Parts & Supplies	\$ 875.09		
State Inspections	<u>\$ 165.00</u>	\$ 10,074.81	
TRAINING & DUES			
Dues	\$ 205.00		
Medical Testing	<u>\$ 460.95</u>	\$ 665.95	
RESERVE FUNDS			
Donations	\$ 81.00		
Supplies	\$ 1,721.97		
Refund	\$ 201.00		
Radio Communication Equip	\$ 599.00		
Phantom Fireworks	\$ 500.00		
Solon Fire Auxiliary	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	\$ 3,852.97	
LABOR:			
Duayne Rollins	\$ 1,260.00		
Brian Coombs	\$ 1,342.00		
Jen Rollins	\$ 1,046.00		
Kevin Lacroix	\$ 751.00		
Zane Brown	\$ 483.00		
Richard Kelley	\$ 1,128.00		
Brian Livingstone	\$ 465.00		
Derek Dellarma	\$ 155.00		
Joseph Tyrell	\$ 632.00		
Blin Rollins III	\$ 232.00		
Timothy Pomelow	\$ 12.00		
Todd Dixon	\$ 824.00		
Nick Rollins	\$ 478.00		
Alex Taylor	<u>\$ 56.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,894.00</u>	<u>\$ 46,107.30</u>
			\$ 0.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT TRUCK RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/2018	\$ 2,975.65	
Trans. from Hwy. Dept.	\$ 1,000.00	
Interest	<u>\$ 26.23</u>	\$3,087.42

FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/18 & 12/31/18	\$4,339.32
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FIRE DEPARTMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

INCOME:

BALANCE 1/1/18	\$ 1,323.80		
Donations	\$ 14,128.57		
Solon Fire Auxiliary	\$ 3,986.69		
Interest	\$ 142.91		
Joe Wooster Mem. Donations	<u>\$ 520.00</u>	\$21,101.97	
EXPENDITURES			
Trans. to Fire Department	<u>\$ 14,122.30</u>	<u>\$14,122.30</u>	\$6,979.67

FIRE CALLS

	Total Calls	56	
Vehicle Accidents	14	Smoke Investigations	4
Structure Fires	3	Assist EMS	5
Mutual Aid Given	14	Grass/Brush Fires	4
Chimney Fire	1	Electrical Lines/Trees	11

BURN PERMITS:

You are required to have a burn permit before you can burn brush and debris outside at anytime during the year.

For burn permits call the Fire Wardens:

Duayne Rollins 399-9549

Brian Coombs 399-1632

Jenney Rollins 399-1655

Kevin Lacroix 446-2476

Todd Dixon 441-5171

If you have a wood stove or fireplace, remember to have your chimney cleaned every fall and spring. If you do have a chimney fire, call 911 immediately—even if you think you can handle it yourself. Better safe than sorry.

The Fire Department is willing to inspect your chimney for fire safety. Chimney fires are dangerous and a safe chimney is a necessity when burning firewood. Contact the Fire Chief to set up an appointment. They will inform you of any defects they find. However the town accepts no liability and does not certify safety of the chimney. To have your chimney checked by a professional, contact the State Fire Marshall's office at 626-3870 for a list of approved chimney inspectors.

It is a crime to call 911 with a false fire or emergency report. When the fire department responds to false alarms, it could delay their response to a real emergency. The fire department will bill anyone calling in a false alarm for time and expensed incurred in the response to the call. However do not hesitate to call 911 for an emergency. An early response could save lives and property.

The volunteer firefighters put in a lot of time attending training sessions. Training sessions are important for their safety and for learning proper and/or improved

firefighting and rescue techniques. We pay our firefighters \$10 for each training session they attend.

We need volunteers willing to put in the time for the training and meetings and, of course, to respond to emergency calls. Anyone interested in joining the Fire Department or learning more about being a firefighter should contact the Fire Chief.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

I would like to start by saying that the Department was honored to have been selected as the recipient of the 2018 Solon Maine Spirit of America Award.

This past year we suffered a loss of one of our own. Many of us on the department started under the command of this great man and leader, former Fire Chief Michael Sackett. Many present and past firefighters were fortunate to be able to have worked with him. The station that we call home was made possible because of his hard work and dedication to the department. He is greatly missed by the fire department and what he did for the community and the department will never be forgotten.

I also would like to thank a few people for their donations. Sandy Long – thank you for our new flag pole. It looks great. Thank you to Wooster family for the donations in Joe's memory. We used the funds for Fire Prevention Week at the Solon School. Thank you to Moose Alley Riders 4 Wheeler Club for the donation toward our Christmas party for the kids at the Solon School. Thank you to Camden National Bank for the donation of toys for the kids in our town. Thank you to everyone that stops at our toll booth. That is a huge help to our department as it allows us to buy equipment and gear. Thank you to all that donated towards the fireworks.

Now a few things that we do with our community. The Fire Department and Auxiliary start the year with the Annual Easter Party at the station. The Department and Auxiliary had a softball team that was involved in the fund raiser for 1312 Corporal Eugene Cole. We have the coloring contest at the school. This year the question that was given to the children to draw about was "What do you remember about Fire Prevention Week?". We get a great response from the kids and staff at the school. We also get awesome art work! It is always hard to choose just one for the ride in the fire truck. We have the 4th of July Parade we are involved in. Of course we have to mention the fireworks which seems to be a growing event. We are looking forward to it again this year. We also put on a Spaghetti Supper with the Auxiliary. This is a time we really get to talk with our community members and they get to ask questions or express concerns. For Fire Prevention Week we have a few members of the department go into the school and teach the kids about fire prevention. They bring a fire truck so the kids can check it out and also pass out gift bags to the kids. In October we had our 8th

annual Haunted House at the station. This has become a great event for the community. We also do a Christmas Party for the kids from the school. Last but certainly not least we were able to do our Christmas Caroling this year. We decorate our side by side and trailer with lights and this year we added an 8' snowman. We hand out candy canes and sing as we go around the streets of town. As a department we really enjoy this older tradition and have found that the community does as well.

Some of the things we were able to purchase this year were tires for the 2011 truck, some new helmets, and 5 new sets of turn out gear and hope to get 5 more in 2019. Our old gear is outdated and worn out. We were awarded a \$2,000 Safety Grant from Maine Municipal Association Workers Compensation Fund towards more new helmets that we will purchase in 2019.

As you read all that we, the Solon Volunteer Fire Department, have done this year, it is done in conjunction with our monthly meetings, monthly truck checks, training, and emergency calls.

I want to thank my firefighters, town officials, and community for helping make our Fire Department what it is, a Fire Department to be proud of.

Sincerely, Fire Chief Duayne Rollins



Solon Fire Station

The Selectmen would like to thank all our Volunteer Firefighters for all the time and effort they give to serve and protect our town. They put their lives at risk to protect our property and us.

THANK YOU!

The Selectmen would also like to thank all the Auxiliary members for the all the time and effort they give to support our Fire Department and our town.

FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY

Officers:

Aryke Coombs, President 643-2064

Elizabeth Giroux, Vice President

Janet Lacroix, Secretary 643-2474

Members:

Dianna Rollins

Tamika Lacroix

Katie Lacroix

Joann Walls

Isaiah Walls

Morgan Walls

Nellie Kelley

Ebony Walls

The Solon Fire Department Auxiliary was created to support Solon's Volunteer Firefighters in their quest to protect and serve our community.

In March 2018 we teamed up with our Firefighters to give the inside of the Fire Station a new coat of paint. It looks amazing! There are also new tables and chairs to use now, making the wonderful transformation complete.

In May we all got together once again, this time to rebuild our flower garden. The new flower bed is bigger and taller. It looked beautiful this summer!

We joined the Firefighters in our local 4th of July Parade, and we were once again amazed at the wonderful fireworks display put on courtesy of Solon's Fire Department. What a fantastic job they did!

Our annual Easter Party was a success, as well as the Fire Department's Haunted House and Christmas Party for the children at Solon Elementary. We also enjoyed a night out caroling alongside our Firefighters. It was a fun evening spent out in our community.

We held a few fundraisers this year. We had a Bottle Drop, Calendar Raffle, Voluntary Toll, and a Spaghetti Dinner. Altogether, we raised a total of \$5,498.63. With the money raised, the Firefighters will be able to purchase equipment, supplies, or anything else they may need throughout the year. We are proud to support our local heroes in any way we can.

We would love to have more local men and women join our cause. If you are 16 years of age or older, and you have an interest in your community, supporting our Firefighters on their emergency calls, or helping to raise funds for training, technology, or equipment, please give us a call or come to our meetings. Meetings are held every 3rd Thursday of the month, at 7 PM, at the Solon Fire Station conference room.

Respectfully Submitted: Aryke Coombs, President



COOLIDGE LIBRARY

COOLIDGE LIBRARY RESERVE

INCOME

Balance 1/1/18	\$ 734.82	
Appropriated	\$ 11,810.00	
Investment Funds	\$ 3,500.00	
Fees and Donations	<u>\$ 270.00</u>	\$ 16,314.82

EXPENDITURES

Megan Myers, Librarian	\$ 9,557.05	
Laura Layman, Librarian	\$ 390.00	
Books	\$ 3,002.90	
Post Office Box Fee	\$ 0.00	
Central Maine Power	\$ 516.52	
TDS Telecom	\$ 661.23	
Solon Water District	\$ 219.20	
SSB-Safe Deposit Box	\$ 20.00	
Megan Myers, cleaning	\$ 26.66	
Computer Program Fees	\$ 209.00	
Activities Costs	\$ 286.00	
Eagle Security	\$ 372.00	
Maine Infonet-E-Book Fee	\$ 150.00	
Building Maintenance	\$ 108.65	
Postage	\$ 113.00	
Supplies	<u>\$ 337.97</u>	<u>\$ 15,970.18</u> \$344.64

LIBRARY BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1/18	\$26,982.09	
Appropriated	\$ 3,000.00	
Sale of Donation Items	<u>\$ 60.00</u>	\$30,042.09

LIBRARY MEMORIAL & INVESTMENT FUNDS

WELLS FARGO INVESTMENT FUND

Principal \$87,380.00

Investment Value 1/1/18	\$97,071.29	
Investment Change in Value	<u>-\$ 5,405.56</u>	\$91,665.73
Less		
Trans. to Coolidge Library Res.	<u>\$ 3,500.00</u>	
Investment Advisor Fees	<u>\$ 957.70</u>	<u>\$4,457.70</u>
Invest. Funds Balance 12/31/18		\$87,208.03
Available Funds 12/31/18	<u>-\$ 173.97</u>	

COOLIDGE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

RICHARD ROBERTS, CHAIRMAN (2020)

JANE OUDERKIRK (2019)

LIEF BULL (2019)

STACY ROBINSON (2019)

ALLYN FOSS (2020)

SANDRA LONG (2020)

MARY FARRAR (2021)

2 VACANT POSITIONS

Coolidge Librarian Report

2018 was a great year at the Coolidge Library. We had more than 1,000 visitors and lent out 1326 books, audio books, and DVDs. We have a new e-lending service, called the CloudLibrary. This collection gives all Coolidge Library card-holders access to thousands of e-book and audiobook titles, spanning every genre. Stop in anytime to learn how you can become a member of the CloudLibrary. The library currently has nearly 5,000 books in our in-house print collection, as well as 225 videos and dozens of audio books. New items are added to our Adult, Young Adult, and Juvenile collections every month. Stop in regularly to see what we have to offer! While I do occasionally purchase videos, print materials are our highest priority. Your DVD, Blu-ray, and audiobook donations are always graciously accepted.

Our Summer Reading Program was a hit this year. The theme was *Libraries Rock*, and all our stories, activities and events had to do with music or geology. We had a presentation by an expert at the L.C. Bates Museum, called *Rocks in Your Life*. We learned all about, touched, and even smashed, rocks. Everyone in attendance got to choose a rock to bring home. We also hosted a rock painting party, and rocked out with children's musician, Mr. Harley, who performed an afternoon concert to a very enthusiastic crowd. The 2019 Summer Reading Program theme is *A Universe of Stories*. It will be held every Thursday starting June 27 and ending August 1. This year, participants are encouraged to sign up by June 25. Sign up forms will be available at the library beginning in May.

The library needs your help! Our Friends of the Coolidge Library Group is currently looking for members. This group supports the library through various fund raising activities and volunteering. If you are interested in joining, sign up at the library any time. The Board of Trustees is also in need of some new members. If you are interested in becoming a Trustee, please see the Selectmen at the Town Office.

As always, if you have overdue library materials, please don't hesitate to return them. The library is open Tuesdays 11-6:30 and Thursdays 10-6. There is a drop box located outside the building for after- hours drop offs. The library does not charge late fees, but conscience-clearing donations are gladly accepted.

Thanks for visiting and supporting your local library. Hope to see you next year!

Respectfully, Megan Myers, Library Director

THERE ARE BOOK BAGS AND USED BOOKS FOR SALE AT BOTH THE COOLIDGE LIBRARY AND THE SOLON TOWN OFFICE. THE PROCEEDS FROM THEM GO TO THE COOLIDGE LIBRARY BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT.



Solon Elementary 2018 Bookmark Contest Award Winners with Librarian Megan Myers and Chair of Library Board of Trustees Richard Roberts



Coolidge Library on South Main Street

CEMETERIES & VETERAN GRAVES

CEMETERIES

INCOME:

Appropriated	\$10,800.00	
Investment Income	\$ 1325.10	
Donation	\$ 200.00	
Trans In From Village Cem. Res.	<u>\$ 924.30</u>	\$13,249.40

EXPENDITURES:

Robert Alton, Small Cemeteries	\$ 225.00		
W. Wooster, Evergreen Cem.	\$ 3,900.00		
W. Wooster, Village Cemetery	\$ 3,500.00		
W. Wooster, Pierce Cemetery	\$ 3,300.00		
W. Wooster, S. Solon Cem.	\$ 1,900.00		
A. Rogers, Hilton Cemetery	\$ 50.00		
Flags	<u>\$ 374.40</u>	<u>\$13,249.40</u>	\$0.00

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Balance 1/1/18	\$ 1,875.23		
Investment Income	\$16,174.90		
Appropriated	<u>\$ 3,500.00</u>	\$21,550.13	
Paid Out:			
Stevens Cemetery Restoration	\$20,850.00	<u>\$20,850.00</u>	\$700.13

VILLAGE CEMETERY RESERVE

Investment Income	\$ 924.30		
Trans. To Cemeteries	<u>\$ 924.30</u>	\$0.00	

WELLS FARGO INVESTMENTS

Principal Balance 12-31-17 & 12-31-18	\$111,470.00
Withdrew for Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 17,500.00
Available Funds Balance 12-31-18	\$ 0.00

PUTNAM INVESTMENTS

Principal Balance 12-31-17 & 12-31-18	\$50,000.00
Available Funds Balance 12-31-18	\$19,381.04**

**\$15,000 is owed to Wells Fargo Investments from Putnam Investments

The town owns 4 cemeteries: Evergreen Cemetery, Pierce Cemetery, South Solon Cemetery and Village Cemetery. Lots are available in ¼, ½ or a full lot at all of the cemeteries except Village Cemetery. Contact the Selectmen to purchase a lot.

Trees and bushes are not allowed to be planted in any of the cemeteries. Either real or artificial flowers are allowed. Trees, bushes, and flowers will be removed at the discretion of the groundskeeper. No pets are allowed to be buried in the cemeteries. The cemeteries are closed to vehicular traffic from November to April depending on the ground conditions.

All burials and stone placements must be arranged through the groundskeeper for the cemetery. Contact the Town Office for contact information.

In 2018 we completed cleaning and repairing the gravestones in the Village Cemetery. We used the money the town raised and available investment funds to complete the project.



Congregational Church on North Main Street



New Hope Church on South Main Street

PLANNING BOARD'S REPORT

MICHAEL GOLDEN, CHAIRMAN (2020) 643-2219
 FRANK EVANGELISTA, VICE CHAIRMAN (2020)
 DIANNA ROLLINS, (2020), SECRETARY
 ALBERT STARBIRD (2019) KERRI EVANGELISTA (2021)
 2 ALTERNATE POSITIONS ARE VACANT

INCOME:

Balance 1/1/18	\$15,631.14	
Permits	\$ 580.00	
Addressing Fees	<u>\$ 40.00</u>	\$16,251.14

EXPENDITURES:

Bruce Hills, Addressing Fees	\$ 40.00	
Dianna Rollins, Secretary	<u>\$ 347.50</u>	<u>\$ 387.50</u> \$15,863.64

PERMITS:

Residential Permits	4	Subdivision	1	
Accessory Permits, accessory building and additions			3	

In 2018 building activity was similar to the past few years. Also our newest board member, Keith Gallagher, resigned his position in order to accept his new position as Selectman. We appreciated his contribution to the Board. Frank Evangelista assumed the position of Vice Chairman. We also added Kerri Evangelista as a new board member. Richard Kelley is joining board in January 2019. We still need one more person to join our board. Please contact the Selectmen if you are interested on serving on the Planning Board.

Our long term Vice Chairman Michael Sackett passed away this year. He resigned from the Board in 2017 due to health reasons. He was a great asset to our board and the Town. He was a great friend and he is missed.

After several years of work we have finally completed the work on the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance and map revision. We feel they meet the requirements of the Department of Environmental Protection. It provides protection of sensitive Shoreland areas while allowing maximum land use in these areas. The ordinance will be voted on at the 2019 Annual Town Meeting and we are counting on your support. The proposed ordinance is available to be seen at the Town Office. There will be a Public Hearing on the ordinance on February 27th at 7 pm at the Town Office.

We would like to thank the town's people for your cooperation and support during the last year. Also we would like to remind everyone that our meetings are open to the public and we urge you to attend if you have any questions, or feel free to contact a board member if we can be of assistance. We meet on the 2nd & 4th

Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Solon Town Office Conference Room. We look forward to serving you in the upcoming year. Please review the Planning Board Notices on Page 16 of this town report.



Respectfully Submitted,

Michael R. Golden, Chairman



Evergreen Wilderness
Chapel on River Road



The former Methodist
Church on Pleasant Street
which has been used for
many years as the Solon
Food Cupboard and Thrift
Store

RECREATION COMMITTEE

“The mission of the Solon Recreation Department is to provide quality programs, parks, facilities, and a variety of enrichment opportunities with a professional standard of excellence that enhances the quality of life for all citizens and visitors in our community for present and future generations.”

SOLON RECREATION PROGRAM

RECREATION

Appropriated		\$2,500.00	
Paid Out			
Umpires & Referees	\$ 385.00		
Supplies	\$ 524.85		
RSU #74	\$ 65.00		
Cal Ripken Baseball	\$ 589.55		
Foss Enterprises	\$ 170.00		
Logo Logic	\$ 520.25		
4 th of July Parade	<u>\$ 203.02</u>	<u>\$2,457.67</u>	\$42.33

RECREATION RESERVE

Income			
Balance 1/1/18	\$2,026.22		
Fees & Donations	<u>\$ 70.00</u>	\$2,096.22	
Paid Out			
Donation	<u>\$ 50.00</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>	\$2,046.22

RECREATION FACILITIES & MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Income		
Balance 1/1/18	\$ 0.00	
Appropriated	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	\$1,000.00

We couldn’t do it without our volunteers. From committee members to coaches and donors and side-line supporters, a huge ‘Thank you!’ to you all!

\$

Monetary donations can be sent directly to the Town of Solon, c/o Recreation Department, P.O. Box 214, Solon, ME 04979. Also, donating your returnable cans and bottles when you go to the transfer station or the redemption center helps incredibly. Any amount is truly appreciated!!

Email: townofsolon.recreation@yahoo.com



SOLO N COMMUNITY RECREATION DEPARTMENT

ATTENTION COMMUNITY MEMBERS....

***Do you like to work with children?
Give back to our community?
Enjoy sports and youth activities?***

We are in need of volunteers:

***Community Youth Recreation Director
Soccer Coaches
Basketball Coaches
Baseball Coaches***

Community members can help through volunteering as coaches, assistants and in just transporting your children to our practices and games!

Please come and join us to continue to provide the Town of Solon's youth and families with recreation service all throughout the year! Anyone wishing to join our committee and/or help in another way contact Leslie Giroux at 643-2842 or by emailing townofsolon.recreation@yahoo.com.

Respectfully Submitted, Solon Recreation Committee

**Also, check us out (and other community/school groups) on Facebook!!
Solon Area Community Happenings**



Solon's 8th Annual 4th of July Parade

July 4th, 11:00 am

Griswold's Store, South Main St. to the Masonic Hall, North Main St

REFRESHMENTS

At the school – 10:30 am to 12:30 pm and 7 pm to 9 pm

FIREWORKS

At dusk at the school

COME JOIN US IN THE PARADE!

If your family, community group, organization or business would like to submit an entry to participate in the parade OR if you are interested in the planning and preparations or have some ideas to expand on this event, contact one of the following committee members by June 15th:

Alicia Golden 431-1506

Blin Rollins III 399-4388

Elizabeth Giroux 399-6185

Leslie Giroux 643-2842

Thank you to Alicia, Leslie, Elizabeth, Blin and all the other volunteers for a GREAT 4th of July PARADE!!!

Thank you to Fire Department for another wonderful FIREWORKS display.

Find us on FACEBOOK!! Search

“Solon's Annual 4th of July Parade”

SWIM/CAMP PROGRAM

The summer of 2018 was a lot of fun for the participants in our summer rec/swim program. We had about 25 children that enjoyed the 3 week program.

The first 2 weeks was full of guests and arts and crafts. The State Bee Biologist came and discussed bees and pollination. Our local game warden came with his dog and showed us his dog's skills. We took a trip to Kenerson's Buffalo Farm and the South Solon Meeting House. We also enjoyed doing arts and crafts, making ice cream, baking, and making apple sauce. We attended the Library's summer program with a musician. We had swimming lessons and a trip to the Fish Hatchery in Embden during the third week.

A special thanks to parent volunteer Tanya Layman, student volunteers Jasmyne Pray, Olivia Layman, Hunter Sousa, Chantelle Whittemore, Lindsay Long, and Sarah Craig.

Respectfully,
Laura Layman, Program Director.

Appropriated		\$1,200.00	
Paid Out			
Town of Anson,			
Swim Lessons	\$ 200.00		
RSU 74, Bus Service	\$ 150.00		
Supplies	\$ 500.00		
Counselors' Gift Cards	<u>\$ 350.00</u>	<u>\$1,200.00</u>	\$0.00



Visiting the South Solon Meeting House



Visiting the Kenerson's buffalo farm in South Solon

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

SOLON AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM RESERVE ACCOUNT

INCOME:

Balance 1/1/18	\$4,032.51	
Appropriated	<u>\$6,300.00</u>	\$10,332.51

EXPENSES:

Ellie Howell, Director	\$3,200.00		
Jennifer Mello	\$2,400.00		
Lindsey Cirell	\$2,400.00		
Supplies	<u>\$ 195.57</u>	<u>\$ 8,195.57</u>	\$2,136.94

Three 6 week sessions 2 days a week of the After School Program were held again this year with them doing a wide variety of activities. There are about 30 children participating in each session. Children from Grades K – 5 are welcome to attend these sessions. They do K-3 one day a week and 4-5 on the other day. This allows them to better tailor programs to each of the age groups. Notices about upcoming sessions are sent home with the students' school notices.

TOWN SCHOLARSHIPS

The town manages two scholarship funds, the Jones Fund and the Ruth Cross Scholarships. These scholarships are available to Solon residents who graduate from High School and go on to higher education the year following their high school graduation. Contact the Selectmen or one of our School Board Directors for more information about these scholarships.

WELLS FARGO INVESTMENT FUNDS

As of 12/31/18

Jones Fund Principal	\$29,323.29	
Ruth Cross Principal	\$ 1,270.00	
Jones Fund Available Funds	\$22,779.52	
Ruth Cross Available Funds	<u>\$ 986.59</u>	\$54,359.40

JONES FUND SCHOLARSHIP RESERVE FUND

Income:

Available Balance 1/1/18	\$ 6,854.84
Interest Earned	\$ 120.69
Dominion Resources	\$ 2,739.54

Scana Corporation	\$ 735.00		
J. P. Morgan Chase	<u>\$ 2,856.96</u>	\$13,381.25	
Paid Out:			
AJ Foss, 2017 Scholarship	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>	\$10,881.25

To receive the Jones Fund Scholarship Solon graduates submit an itemized list of all their higher educational expenses, scholarships, and grants for their first semester to the high school principal by the middle of December. He reviews and verifies the information for each applicant. He then gives a list of the applicants and their unmet need to the Solon School Board members. Our school board members then decide on the scholarship amounts.

In 2017 we had only 1 application with the award decision made after December 31, 2017. As of December 31, 2018, the 2018 scholarship awards had not yet been presented to the Selectmen.

RUTH CROSS SCHOLARSHIP RESERVE FUND

Balance 1/1/18	\$75.00		
Interest	<u>\$.85</u>	\$75.85	
Paid Out:			
Sophia Tsimekles, 2017 Scholarship		<u>\$75.00</u>	\$0.85

The Selectmen choose one recipient for the Ruth Cross Scholarship each year prior to graduation. The High School Guidance Department submits the names of students planning on going on to higher education. The selectmen then choose one and the scholarship is awarded at the High School graduation ceremony. The scholarship is paid after the selectmen receive proof of the student attending a school of higher learning and receiving passing grades. We did not receive this information by December 31st so we have not yet paid the 2018 scholarship.



Former Caratunk Hall on Pleasant Street
now a private residence

HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

THE KENNEBEC

(excerpt from "Sketches from Solon's History" published 1959)

The early settlement of Solon depended upon the Kennebec, the only highway before the building of roads. In the winter on the ice and in the summer by canoe and bateau, the early settlers used this highway of nature. As the settlers came up the river year after year, their loads of house-hold goods became heavier. In places, where the current was too swift, poling and paddling would not advance the heavily-laden boats. In these places, someone had to go ashore and pull the boat along by means of a rope. These paths along the shore eventually developed into the roads which parallel the banks today.

The Indians used the Kennebec as their highway before the coming of the white man. The Indian Rocks in the river below the present bridge are covered with pictures probably drawn by an ancient Abenaki tribe. Authorities differ as to whether or not a message is conveyed by these petroglyphs, but agree that they were probably made by the Abenakis.

For Benedict Arnold and his army, the Kennebec was the highway to Quebec. One of the portages to be made was that around Caratunk Falls. The site of their camp at the foot of the falls is marked as Arnold's Landing. Here the boats were drawn ashore and carried around the Falls to be launched again in the river above.

But the river was an enemy as well as a friend to the early settlers. Many were the tragedies of a life lost by drowning, as the old records show.

As roads improved the river became a barrier to travel instead of a highway. Fords and ferries came into existence the whole length of the Kennebec. The Solon-Embden ferry was one of these. This ferry existed in 1828, as is proved by town records, when Moses Thompson received \$7.50 "for Keeping and tending the ferry near Rices." This ferry operated until the building of the bridge in 1910-11.

Caratunk Falls as a source of power has been utilized for many years. One Elijah Grover realized the potential of the falls and built a dam and a bridge there sometime between 1832 and 1840. Grover's bridge was farther down the river than the present railroad bridge, being placed at the narrows. Grover built a sawmill on the Embden side and 3 gristmills on the Solon side of the river. An ice jam took out the bridge and the dam in 1843, according to one authority. Another says that the freshet of 1864 took the gristmill and the bridge down the river and Elijah came near going with them. The sawmill was sold to a man by the name of Stone, who was killed while taking the mill apart. Authorities differ on the fate of the gristmill, some saying it went down river in a freshet, and others that it was moved to Fall Brook where it was afterwards used as a shingle mill.

In 1889 a pulp mill and the railroad bridge were built at the Falls. Williams Station of the Central Maine Power Company is now using this site.

The Kennebec, with its falls and Indian rocks, has been a great benefactor of the people of Solon, from the Indians through the beginnings and growth of the settlement to the present day.

Major reconstruction of the Route 201A Bridge over the Kennebec
2018 – 2019



SOLON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Richard Roberts is continuing to interview some of our long time citizens and recording their memories of growing up and living in Solon. This is an important project and we are grateful to him for doing this work. If you would like to share your memories of Solon, please contact him to set up an interview, 643-2607.

We can also be found on Facebook at "Solon Maine Historical Society". There are a lot of photos on our Facebook page. If you have any photos that you would like the Historical Society please call 643-2275.

Our meetings are at 7 P.M. the 4th Monday each month except December and January at the Historical Society and all are welcome. New members are welcome and are needed to preserve the history of Solon. If you would like to share, contact Richard so he can come scan them or email them to him at solonthistoryhouse@gmail.com.

The History House is open Tuesdays from 10 am to 2 pm, except in December and January, and by arrangement at other times. Visitors are always welcome to see all our displays and information. Also if you have any items you wish to donate to

TRUSTEES:

Trustees: Rance Pooler (2019) Jeff McAllister (2020) Christopher Shaw (2021)

Donations to the society are tax deductible. Solon's history needs to be preserved. Memorial Donations are appreciated and can either be to help pay for the costs to run the Historical Society or to add to the Investment Funds principal.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY RESERVE

Balance 1/1/18	\$8,318.88		
Dues and Donations	\$ 350.00		
Sale of Items	\$ 30.00		
Investment Income	\$ 74.24		
Interest	<u>\$ 98.35</u>	\$8,871.47	
Paid Out:			
Post Office Box	\$ 62.00		
Phone	\$ 704.37		
Electric	\$ 376.40		
Water District	\$ 219.20		
Supplies	<u>\$ 280.77</u>	<u>\$1,642.74</u>	\$7,228.73

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Balance 1/1/18	\$10,022.90		
Donation	\$ 15.00		
Interest	<u>\$ 101.89</u>	\$10,139.79	
Paid Out:			
Heat	\$ 1,781.53		
Security System	\$ 414.35		
Building Maintenance	\$ 162.74		
Grounds Maintenance	\$ 600.00	<u>\$ 2,958.62</u>	\$7,181.17

WELLS FARGO ADVISORS INVESTMENT FUNDS

Balance 1/1/18	\$139,564.36	
Fees	(\$ 1,377.14)	
Change in Value	<u>(\$ 7,781.64)</u>	\$130,405.58
Maintenance Reserve Principal	\$110,000.00	
Historical Society Res. Invested	\$ 17,000.00	
Available Funds	<u>\$ 3,405.58</u>	\$130,405.58



The Historical Society History House on South Main Street

SOLON WATER DISTRICT

PO BOX 131, SOLON ME 04979-0131
 PAYMENT OFFICE: 15 FERRY STREET
 207-643-2473

TRUSTEES:

Michael Foster, Chairman (2020)	Arthur Rogers, Secretary (2021)
Derek Dellarma, Treasurer (2019)	Darrell Roderick, Office Clerk

INCOME:

Residential Sales - Metered	\$27,509.58	
Commercial Sales – Metered	\$20,967.03	
Public Authority – Metered	\$ 1,234.20	
Non-Profit - Sales Tax Exempt	\$ 978.00	
Public Fire Protection Charges	\$21,864.00	
Private Fire Protection Charges	\$ 385.40	
Establishment/Reconnection Fees	\$ 137.80	
Collection Trip Fees & Late Fees	\$ 239.21	
Other Service Revenue	<u>\$ 239.00</u>	\$73,854.22

EXPENSES:

Salaries, labor, trustee stipends	\$22,594.67	
Payroll Taxes	\$ 2,384.61	
Central Maine Power	\$ 4,868.24	
Supplies for Operations	\$ 5,872.76	
Supplies for Administration	\$ 2,792.29	
Contractual Accounting	\$ 3,391.00	
Contractual Testing	\$ 529.70	
Contractual Oher Field Work	\$ 7,693.50	
Rental of Equipment	\$ 335.75	
Transportation Expense	\$ 583.25	
Insurance - Liability	\$ 2,533.00	
Insurance – Workman Compensation	\$ 102.00	
Advertising	\$ 480.48	
Telephone/Cell Expense	\$ 1,303.82	
Trainings/Conferences	\$ 275.54	
Bank Fees & Safe Deposit Box Fee	\$ 161.17	
Dues & Miscellaneous Fees	\$ 1,934.50	
Water Expenses	\$ 54.24	
Other Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 709.19	
Reconciliation Discrepancies	<u>(\$ 122.13)</u>	<u>\$57,107.08</u>
Net Ordinary Income		\$16,747.14
Less Depreciation Expense	\$ 7,051.00	
Less Amortization/Debt Disc/Expense	<u>\$ 833.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,864.00</u>
Net Income		\$ 8,863.14

SOLON SNOW HAWKS

THANK YOU TO THE SOLON LANDOWNERS

To the Citizens of the Town of Solon,

The Solon Snow Hawks would like to say Thank You to all of our very special Landowners at this time, who are very generous in allowing us to have our snowmobile trails cross their property. We all appreciate each and every Landowner we have on our Trail System. Without all of your support, there would be no Solon Snow Hawks. From all of us to all of you a very big THANK YOU!!!. If any Landowner has any problems, issues, or concerns you may contact our President Stephen Paskoski at 643-2551 or the Trail Master Todd Dixon at 441-5171.

We also want to thank the Town of Solon and the Citizens for voting to return Registration monies to our organization. These monies go for trail maintenance, bridges, railing, gravel and whatever else is needed for trails.

As many of you know we have an Advertising Sign on each end of our ITS 87 Trail. The businesses on this sign support our club each year. Please support these businesses as they are all very good to our club.

We continue to do brush cutting, cutting up blow downs, redecking bridges, and putting up stakes and signs to make our trails as safe as possible. We want everyone to have an enjoyable trip when they ride our trails. Every one of our volunteers is very much appreciated and we can't thank them enough. We try very hard to make nice smooth trails coming into the Town of Solon, to bring snowmobilers into town, to help out our businesses in town.

As always we need to have more folks get involved and join the club. Most of our members would like to pass the torch on to the younger generation. Some of our members have been involved since the club was incorporated in February 1977. I personally want to thank our Trail Master Todd Dixon and his assistances for all the time and effort they have put in to preparing and grooming our trails.

We still have our meetings the first Monday of the month from September thru April at the Solon Fire Department at 7:00 p.m. We would like to thank them as well for the use of the building for our meetings. Everyone and anyone are welcome to join. Hope to see you at a meeting or out on the trails.

Ride Safe, Ride Smart and Keep to the Right!

Sincerely, Steven Paskoski, President 643-2551

2018 AUDITOR'S REPORT

RULES OF TOWN MEETING

All comments or questions will be directed to the Moderator. No one may speak until recognized by the moderator.

The article will be read in full and the recommendations of the Selectmen and Budget Committee will be stated. An affirmative motion will be made by an identified voter and seconded by an identified voter. No negatives motions will be accepted. Vote will be by a show of hands. A written ballot vote can be requested and will be done if the Town Meeting votes to do so. The vote will be announced. Vote may be challenged by at least 7 voters.

Any decision by the moderator may be challenged. He may be overruled by a majority vote of the voters.

No smoking is allowed in the building.

General provisions for town meeting are contained in the MSRA Title 30.

GENERAL TOWN MEETING PROVISIONS

THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS APPLY TO ALL TOWN MEETINGS:

1. **QUALIFIED VOTER:** Every registered voter in the town may vote in the election of all town officials and in all town affairs.

2. **MODERATOR ELECTED AND SWORN:** The Clerk, or in the Clerk's absence a Selectman or Constable, shall open the meeting by:

- A. Calling for the election of a moderator by written ballot
- B. Receiving and counting votes for moderator
- C. Swearing in the moderator

3. **MODERATOR PRESIDES:** As soon as he has been elected and sworn, the moderator shall preside over and supervise the voting at the meeting and may appoint a deputy moderator to assist the moderator. If the moderator is absent or unable to carry out the duties, the clerk, or in the clerk's absence a selectman or constable, may call for the election of a deputy moderator to act in the absence of the moderator.

A. All persons shall be silent at the moderator's command. A person may not speak before the moderator recognizes that person. A person who is not a voter in the town may speak at the meeting only with the consent of 2/3 of the voters present.

1. If any person, after a command for order by the moderator, continues to act in a disorderly manner, the moderator may direct that person to leave the meeting. If the person refuses to leave, the moderator may have that person removed by a constable and confined until the meeting is adjourned.

B. When a vote declared by the moderator is immediately questioned by at least 7 voters, the moderator shall make certain by polling the voters or by a method directed by the municipal legislative body.

C. The moderator shall serve until the meeting is adjourned. The moderator is subject to the same penalties for neglect of official duty as other town officials.

4. **VOTES RECORDED BY THE CLERK:** The clerk shall accurately record the votes of the meeting.

A. If the clerk is absent, the moderator shall appoint and swear in a temporary clerk.

5. **WRITTEN BALLOTS:** The clerk shall prepare the ballots. Ballots shall be of uniform size and color and must be blank except that 2 squares with “yes” by one and “no” by the other may be printed on them. The moderator shall ensure that each voter receives only one ballot for each vote taken.

6. **LOCATION OF MEETINGS:** Town meetings may be held outside the corporate limits of the municipality if the municipal officers determine that there is not adequate facility for the meeting within the municipality. The proposed location must be:

A. Within an adjoining or nearby municipality

B. Not more that 25 miles from the corporate limits of the municipality holding the meeting

C. Reasonably accessible to all voters of the town.



Keel Hood, Town Auditor

RESULTS OF 2018 TOWN MEETING

Article 1: Peter Mills was elected Moderator.

Article 2: The following were elected: Selectman: Keith Gallagher; Tax Collector/Town Clerk: Leslie Giroux; Road Commissioner: Gary Bishop; and School Board Directors: Robert Lindblom

Article 3: Approved to cover the overages from 2017.

Article 4: Approved exceeding the property tax levy limit if the budget approved at Town Meeting exceeds the limit.

Articles 5 thru 12: Spending articles adopted as recommended

Article 13: Approved to offer it to the abutter, Victor Bissell.

Articles 14 thru 27: Adopted as recommended.

TOWN MEETING ORDINANCES

BUDGET COMMITTEE ORDINANCE: All warrant articles shall be reviewed by the Budget Committee prior to any Annual or Special Town Meeting. No articles will be accepted after the Budget Committee has met.

ANTICIPATED BUDGET EXPENSE ORDINANCE: The Town will authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the previous annual budget during the period from January 1st of the next year to the Annual Town Meeting.

LONGFELLOW CABLE FRANCHISE FEES ORDINANCE: All franchise fees received from Longfellow Cable Company Inc. shall be placed in an Office Equipment and Maintenance Account. (*Longfellow Cable is now Time Warner Cable*)

APPOINTED OFFICIALS ORDINANCE: All appointed officials of the Town of Solon shall continue in their appointments until reappointments are made.

VACATION ORDINANCE: All full-time employees of the Town of Solon shall have two weeks paid vacation at their normal weekly rate, whether they are appointed, elected or hired at an hourly rate, after one year's employment.

SNOWMOBILE REIMBURSEMENT ORDINANCE

The Town shall give to the Solon Snowhawks Snowmobile Club all monies returned to the Town by the State Treasurer for snowmobile registrations. All monies are to be used on trails and bridges open to the public use within the Town of Solon.

FORECLOSED PROPERTY ORDINANCE

The disposition of foreclosed property in the Town of Solon shall be determined at the Annual Town Meeting by the vote of the people.

The disposition options are:

1. For the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to give the owner of foreclosed property from the date of the town meeting until the third Friday of March to redeem the property by paying all of the back taxes, interest, costs, fees and penalties assessed by the town. Should the owner fail to redeem the property, the Selectmen are authorized to sell and dispose of the property by public bid and execute a quit-claim deed for such property. If the property is sold by public bid a minimum bid of the total of the back taxes, interest, costs, fees and penalties assessed by the town or at least 33% of the assessed value is required, whichever is higher. All excess proceeds will be credited to the Rainy Day Reserve Fund.
2. Or the Town shall retain the property acquired through non-payment of taxes.

EXPLANATIONS OF ARTICLES

EXPLANATIONS OF ARTICLES FOR 2019 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

In 2019 the Selectmen and Budget Committee are again each recommending budgets that are under the state mandated cap. The Selectmen's and the Budget Committee's recommended municipal budget needed to be raised by taxation, after reducing this budget by reserve funds, State Revenue Sharing and available surplus, is \$24,904.04 more than last year. Most of this increase is due to the \$1 per hour increase in the minimum wage, adding Tuesday to the Town Office hours, and the need to hire a Deputy Clerk/Tax Collector/Treasurer.

ARTICLE 3: In 2018 we were overdrawn in several accounts and need the authorization using surplus to cover the overages.

ARTICLE 4: The amount that can be raised by taxation, after deducting available funds, is limited to a certain percentage increase based on new taxable property in the municipality and the TPI that is set by the state. A municipality can vote at town meeting by a written ballot to increase this limit. This article, if passed, will make the budget adopted at the town meeting legal even if it is more than the spending cap limitation. In 2018 this limit was \$561,959 and in 2019 it is \$572,934. The Selectmen's and the Budget Committee's 2019 proposed budget by taxation is under this cap.

ARTICLES 5 THRU 18: Articles to raise money for various purposes. Our Budget Worksheet will be available at the Town Office and at the Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 14: This article will raise funds for GIS Mapping of the Town. GIS mapping is an aerial view of the town with our town maps imposed on it. The Shoreland Zoning map can also be imposed on it.

ARTICLE 15: This article will raise funds to purchase a LED electronic

message sign to replace the wooden one we now have in front of the Fire Station. This will make it much easier to post notices year round for the Town Office and all of its various departments.

ARTICLE 16: This will approve using reserve funds to replace the dump body on the Highway Department's 1995 Ford Truck.

ARTICLE 17: This will approve using reserve funds to replace the furnace at the Fire Station. We will also purchase a separate hot water heater so the furnace does not have to run during the warm weather.

ARTICLE 18: This will approve using reserve funds to have the Library property lots surveyed. This needs to be done to locate the lot lines in preparation for the future expansion of the Library.

ARTICLE 19: The State reimbursement for the 2018 BETE funds did not come in December as it usually does. Instead we got it in January. We want to use those funds to reduce taxes this year.

ARTICLE 20: This will change the Clerk/Tax Collector position from an elected position to an appointed position.

ARTICLE 21: This will create a Library Building Committee to prepare for the future expansion of the Library.

ARTICLE 22: This will put the Swim/Camp Program funds into a reserve account.

ARTICLE 23: This is an ordinance to limit the home cultivation of marijuana to be allowed only on property on which the grower lives.

ARTICLE 24: This is an ordinance that replaces our current Shoreland Zoning Ordinance and Maps.

ARTICLE 25: This is a revision to our existing ordinance to accept any State changes to the foreclosure process.

ARTICLES 26 thru 29: These give the Selectmen authority and direction on disposing of 4 tax acquired properties.

ARTICLES 30 thru 32: These articles are related to trying to resolve the McQuilken Road right of way issue. The Budget Committee did not make a recommendation because we did not get a quorum at the Special Budget Meeting we held for these three articles. We might table two of these articles and just vote on one of them. We are still trying to reach an agreement with Mr. Farley.

ARTICLE 36-4: This increases our retained surplus from \$80,000 to \$85,000. This is the first time we have increased it in several years and plan on increasing it in \$5,000 increments over the next several years.

ARTICLES 33 thru 39: These articles are either required by Maine law every year or are articles included every year for the reasons stated in the articles.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

WARRANT FOR MARCH 2, 2019 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

To Dianna Rollins, a resident of the Town of Solon in the County of Somerset:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required by law to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Solon, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Solon Elementary School on the 2nd day of March AD 2019 at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there, in accordance with the Revised Statutes of the State of Maine 1964, Title 30, Paragraph 2051 and seq. or as amended, to elect a moderator, and to transact all other business as enumerated in this Warrant.

For the election of officials, the polls will open immediately after the election of a Moderator, and will remain open until 12:15 PM. The Moderator will open absentee ballots at 10:00 AM on March 2, 2019. The transaction of other business as enumerated will begin at 1:30 PM.

Article 1: To choose a Moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

Article 2: To elect all municipal officials and school committee members as are required to be elected.

Nominated Candidates:

Selectman, 3-year term:

Elaine Aloes

Road Commissioner, 1 year term:

Gary Bishop

Town Clerk/Tax Collector, 1 year term:

Christine Jablon

MSAD # 74 School Board Director, 3 year term: Deron Whittemore

Article 3: To see if the town will vote to take the following amount from the 2018 Surplus for overage in the following accounts: Town Charges \$937.95, Deputy Clerk/Tax Collector/Treasurer \$1,272.77, Elections \$124.78, McQuilken Road Issues \$696.23, Social Security/Medicare \$561.44, Street Lights \$251.19, and Transfer Station \$3,087.42.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

Article 4: To see if the town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$572,934, established for the town of Solon by State law, in the event the municipal budget approved under the following articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

Article 5: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

1. TOWN CHARGES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$18,000 plus fees

2. TOWN OFFICE UTILITIES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,800

3. TOWN OFFICE/MAINTENANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,000

4. TOWN OFFICE/SECURITY SYSTEM

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$400

5. SCHOOLS, BOOKS & DUES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$4,000

6. MUNICIPAL OFFICERS SALARIES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$32,384 as follows:

Selectmen	\$10,128.00 each
Chair additional	\$1,250.00
Vice-Chair additional	\$ 750.00

7. TAX COLLECTOR/TOWN CLERK

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$28,080

8. TREASURER

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$13,000

9. DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR/CLERK

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$10,192

10. CODE ENFORCEMENT & PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,800 plus fees.

11. ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,800 plus fees.

12. 911 ADDRESSING OFFICER

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$150

13. ELECTIONS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,500

14. REGISTER OF VOTERS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,000

15. TRIO PROGRAM FEES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$5,142

16. MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE RESERVE
ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,000

17. MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS HEAT RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$8,000

18. TOWN RECORDS PRESERVATION RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,000

19. MUNICIPAL GROUNDS MAINTENANCE RESERVE
ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,500

20. MCQUILKEN ROAD ISSUE COSTS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$5,000

Article 6: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for
PROTECTION.

1. STREET LIGHTS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$9,600

2. HYDRANT RENTAL

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$21,864

3. WORKER COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$11,000

4. UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$5,300

5. INSURANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$18,300

6. SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE

Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends \$21,000

Article 7: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by
taxation for the FIRE DEPARTMENT.

1. FIRE CHIEF

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$6,800

2. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$30,000 plus
reimbursements

Article 8: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for the HEALTH AND SANITATION.

1. TRANSFER STATION

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$72,000 plus fees & income

Article 9: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for PUBLIC WORKS.

1. WINTER ROADS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$105,000 plus reimbursements

2. SUMMER ROADS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$105,000 plus reimbursements

3. HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$15,000

4. ROAD PAVING RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$215,000

5. SIDEWALK REPAIR RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,000

Article 10: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for SOCIAL SERVICES.

1. GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$15,000

2. KVCAP BUS SERVICE (requested \$500)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$500

3. HEADSTART (requested \$1,200)

Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends \$1,200

4. FAMILY VIOLENCE PROJECT (requested \$2,000)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$400

5. HOSPICE (requested \$1,200)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$600

6. SPECTRUM GENERATIONS (requested \$760)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$760
7. KENNEBEC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (requested \$1,000)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$500
8. SEXUAL SUPPORT CRISIS CENTER (requested \$369.25)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$300
9. SOLON FOOD CUPBOARD (requested \$2,000)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,000
10. LIFE FLIGHT FOUNDATION (requested \$527)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$200
11. AMERICAN RED CROSS (requested \$190)
Selectmen recommend \$100 and Budget Committee recommends \$150
12. COMMUNITY HEALTH AND COUNSELING (requested \$302)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$100

Article 11: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for DEBT SERVICE.

1. FIRST PARK
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$4,000 by taxation plus First Park Revenue funds as needed.
2. TRANSFER STATION TRUCK LOAN
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$7,420
3. FIRE TRUCK LOAN
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$4,610

Article 12: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for LEISURE SERVICES.

1. RECREATION PROGRAM (\$2,500 requested)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,500 plus fees.
2. RECREATION FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE RESERVE
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,000
3. SWIM/CAMP PROGRAM (\$1,200 requested)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,200 plus fees.

4. COOLIDGE LIBRARY RESERVE (\$12,500 requested)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$12,500 plus fees and investment income

5. COOLIDGE LIBRARY BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE (\$3,000 requested)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,000

6. AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM RESERVE ACCOUNT (\$6,300 requested)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$6,300

7. BAKER MOUNTAIN SKI CLUB (\$750 requested)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$750

8. 4th OF JULY FIREWORKS (\$1,000)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,000

Article 13: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for OTHER SERVICES.

1. ANIMAL SHELTER
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,212

2. CEMETERIES
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$12,000

3. CEMETERY MAINTENANCE RESERVE
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,500

4. KENNEBEC VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
(requested \$1,638)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,638

5. SOMERSET ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (requested \$100)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$100

6. TOWN LINE SURVEY RESERVE
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,000

7. TOWN FLAGS RESERVE
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$500

Article 14. To see if the Town will raise funds for GIS mapping of the town.
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes and to raise \$5,700 by taxation and \$5,000 from the Planning Board Reserve Account.

Article 15. To see if the Town will raise funds for the purchase and installation of an outside LED electronic sign to be located on the Municipal Building and Fire Station property.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes and to raise \$5,500 by taxation

Article 16. To see if the Town will approve expending funds from the Highway Equipment Reserve Account to purchase a new dump body for the 1995 Ford dump truck.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes and to expend up to \$11,000 from the Highway Equipment Reserve Account

Article 17. To see if the Town will approve expending funds from the Municipal Buildings Maintenance Reserve Account for the purchase and installation of a new furnace the Fire Station and for associated costs.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes and to expend up to \$11,000 from the Municipal Buildings Maintenance Reserve Account

Article 18. To see if the Town will raise funds for a land survey for the Coolidge Library property.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes and to expend up to \$2,600 from the Library Capital Reserve Account.

Article 19: To see if the town will vote to use the \$113,444 from the 2018 Business Equipment Tax Exemption reimbursement received from the State in 2019 to reduce property taxes in 2019.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to change the Tax Collector/Clerk position from an elected position to a position that is appointed by the Selectmen with the effective date of this change being March 7, 2020.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to form a Library Building Committee, with a minimum of 5 members, for the purpose of developing plans to build a Coolidge Library addition and exploring funding options.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

Article 22. To see if the Town will approve creating a Swim/Camp Program Reserve Account with the funds to be used for the Swim/Camp Program.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes and to put this year's appropriated funds in this reserve account.

Article 23. To see if the Town will adopt the

Ordinance Limiting Home Cultivation of Marijuana for Personal Adult Use

WHEREAS, the Town of Solon deems it in the best interest of its citizens to limit the cultivation of marijuana for personal adult use within the Town, without affecting cultivation, use, or distribution of Medical Marijuana as allowed by 22 M.R.S.A. Chapter 558-C;

NOW THEREFORE the Town of Solon does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Legislative authority.

This ordinance is enacted pursuant to the Marijuana Legalization Act, 28-B

M.R.S.A. § 1502,

Municipal Home Rule Authority, Maine Constitution, Article VIII, Part 2, and 30-A M.R.S.A. §3001.

Section 2. Limitation of Home Cultivation.

Home cultivation of marijuana for personal adult use by a person 21 years of age or older is limited to cultivation of three (3) mature marijuana plants, twelve (12) immature marijuana plants, and an unlimited number of seedlings by each person 21 years of age or older who is domiciled on a parcel or tract of land, pursuant to 28-B M.R.S.A. § 1502. No person shall be permitted to cultivate marijuana plants or seedlings on a parcel or tract of land on which he or she is not domiciled.

Nothing in this ordinance is intended to prohibit the lawful cultivation, use, possession, or conduct pursuant to the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act, 22 M.R.S.A. §§ 2421-2430-B.

Section 3. Effective date; duration.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon enactment by the Town of Solon unless otherwise provided and shall remain in effect until it is amended or repealed.

Section 4. Enforcement; violations and penalties.

This ordinance shall be enforced by the municipal officers or their designee.

Violation of this ordinance shall be subject to the enforcement and penalty provisions of 30-A M.R.S.A § 4452.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

Article 24. To see if the Town will adopt the revised “Shoreland Zoning Ordinance” and the Shoreland Zoning Maps.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

Article 25. To see if the Town will adopt this revised

Foreclosed Property Ordinance

Unless otherwise required by State Law:

The disposition of foreclosed property in the Town of Solon shall be determined at the Annual Town Meeting by the vote of the people.

The disposition options are:

1. For the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to give the owner of foreclosed property from the date of the town meeting until the third Friday of March to redeem the property by paying all of the back taxes, interest, costs, fees and penalties assessed by the town. Should the owner fail to redeem the property, the Selectmen are authorized to sell

and dispose of the property by public bid and execute a quit-claim deed for such property. If the property is sold by public bid a minimum bid of the total of the back taxes, interest, costs, fees and penalties assessed by the town or at least 33% of the assessed value is required, whichever is higher. All excess proceeds will be credited to the Rainy Day Reserve Fund.

2. Or the Town shall retain the property acquired through non-payment of taxes.

This repeals all prior Foreclosed Property Ordinances.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

Article 26. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to dispose of tax acquired property belonging to the Heirs of William & Constance Verrill for non-payment of 2016 property taxes. The property taxes for 2016 (\$698.29), 2017 (\$717.91) and 2018 (\$733.60) plus interest and lien costs are owed on the property. The property is located at 1208 South Solon Road, Map R9 Lot 13-1-2.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend giving the heirs of the Verrill's until March 15, 2019 at 3:45 pm to pay the 2016, 2017 and 2018 real estate taxes, interests and costs plus any other associated costs. If this amount is not paid the Selectmen will put the property out to bid, set a minimum bid amount and will sell the property to the highest bidder.

Article 27. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to dispose of tax acquired property belonging to Jason Osborne for non-payment of 2016 property taxes. The property taxes for 2016 (\$1,170.53), 2017 (\$1,203.41) and 2018 (\$1,229.71) plus interest and lien costs are owed on the property. The property is located on the Rowell Mountain Road, Map R6 Lot 5-2.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend giving Jason Osborne until March 15, 2019 at 3:45 pm to pay the 2016, 2017 and 2018 real estate taxes, interests and costs plus any other associated costs. If this amount is not paid the Selectmen will put the property out to bid, set a minimum bid amount and will sell the property to the highest bidder.

Article 28. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to dispose of tax acquired property belonging to the Heirs of Ray Erb for non-payment of 2016 property taxes. The property taxes for 2016 (\$382.17), 2017 (\$392.90) and 2018 (\$401.49) plus interest and lien costs are owed on the property. The property is located at 65 Ferry Street, Map R4 Lot 1-1.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend giving the heirs of Ray Erb until March 15, 2019 at 3:45 pm to pay the 2016, 2017 and 2018 real estate taxes, interests and costs plus any other associated costs. If this amount is not paid the Selectmen

will put the property out to bid, set a minimum bid amount and will sell the property to the highest bidder.

Article 29. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to dispose of tax acquired property belonging to the Heirs of Robert Weese for non-payment of 2016 property taxes. The property taxes for 2016 (\$1,150.41), 2017 (\$1,091.23) and 2018 (\$1,489.08) plus interest and lien costs are owed on the property. The property is located at 1184 South Solon Road, Map R9 Lot 14.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend giving the heirs of Robert Weese until March 15, 2019 at 3:45 pm to pay the 2016, 2017 and 2018 real estate taxes, interests and costs plus any other associated costs. If this amount is not paid the Selectmen will put the property out to bid, set a minimum bid amount and will sell the property to the highest bidder.

Article 30. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to use the funds raised in Article 5-20 to purchase from James Farley, who claims to own property over which a portion of the McQuilken Road currently is located, a triangle of that property with a 10' leg west of the pin set on the southeast corner of James Farley's land (Map R2 Lot 14 on the 2018 Solon Town Maps) by Boynton & Pickett Surveyors and extending to the sideline of said Road at the location of the stop sign and back to said pin for a sum of money, to pay for the associated survey costs, to prepare and execute deeds and related documents therefor, and to pay the costs to record the survey of the new Road right-of-way and the deed(s) for the land at the Registry of Deeds.

Selectmen recommend Yes and paying Mr. Farley \$500 for this portion of his land

Article 31. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to use the funds raised in Article 5-20 to purchase from James Farley, who claims to own property over which a portion of the McQuilken Road currently is located, all of said portion of the property for a sum of money, to pay for the associated survey costs, to prepare and execute deeds and related documents therefor, and to pay the costs to record the survey of the new Road right-of-way and the deed(s) for the land at the Registry of Deeds.

Selectmen recommend Yes and paying Mr. Farley \$1,000 for this portion of his land

Article 32. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to use the funds raised in Article 5-20 to relocate and rebuild the section of the McQuilken Road where it meets the Drury Road with the right of way to extend three (3) rods to the east of the pin set on the southeast corner of James Farley's land (Map R2 Lot 14 on the 2018 Solon Town Maps) by Boynton & Pickett Surveyors to pay to purchase property on the east side of the McQuilken Road, if needed, for the right of way, to pay for the associated survey costs to prepare and execute deeds and related

documents therefor, and to pay the costs to record the survey of the new Road right-of-way and the deed(s) for the land at the Registry of Deeds.

Selectmen recommend Yes

Article 33: To see if the town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to make final determinations regarding the closing and opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A Section 2953.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Article 34: To see if the Town will authorize the municipal officers to apply for, accept and expend grant money available from the State or Federal government or other organization for any public purpose when they deem it to be in the town's best interest and any needed matching funds are available within the current budget and/or reserve funds.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Article 35: To see if the Town will give the Selectmen and/or the Fire Chief permission to apply for, accept and expend any grants to purchase equipment, firefighting equipment and safety equipment for the Fire Department.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Article 36: To see if the Town will accept the following tax related articles:

1. To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to apply any property tax overpayment of less than \$50 to that person's next year's property taxes.
2. To see the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S A Section 506.
3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate from the overlay to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the fiscal year 2019.
4. To see if the town shall use any surplus funds in excess of \$85,000.00 to reduce taxes.
5. To see if the town shall authorize the Selectmen to procure a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) for the purpose of paying municipal indebtedness; such note to be repaid during the current fiscal year from taxes paid during the municipal year.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Article 37: If the Town accepts Article 36-2, what, if any, interest shall the Town pay on these prepaid taxes? (If the Town votes to pay interest, it cannot be more than 8%.)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend 0%.

Article 38: To see if the town shall set September 21, 2019 as the date when all unpaid taxes become interest bearing at the rate to be set by the State. (Rate being 8%)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Article 39: To see if the town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the town on abated taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes and at a rate of 0%.

Given under my hand this 7th day of February A.D., 2019,

Elaine Aloes, Chair of Selectmen
Sarah Davis, Vice Chair of Selectman
Keith Gallagher, Selectman

Attest true copy: Christine Jablon, Town Clerk

Pursuant to within warrant, I have hereby notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Solon, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Solon Elementary School on the third day of March AD 2019 at eight o'clock in the morning then and there in accordance with the Revised Statutes of the State of Maine, 1964, Title 30, Paragraph 2051 and seq. or as amended to act on all articles herein enumerated in this warrant posted at the Solon Town Office, Solon Post Office, Solon Corner Store, Solon Superette and Griswold's Store, conspicuous and public places within Solon, on the 7th day of February AD 2019, which is at least seven days prior to the Annual Town Meeting.
Dianna Rollins, a resident of Solon.

Copies of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance are available to be seen at the Town Office. The map is on display in the Town Office Conference Room.

The Public Hearing on the 3 Ordinances will be on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 7 pm at the Town Office Conference Room.

THE BILL OF RIGHTS

The Preamble to The Bill of Rights

Congress of the United States begun and held at the City of New-York, on Wednesday the fourth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine.

The Conventions of a number of the States, having at the time of their adopting the Constitution, expressed a desire, in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of its powers, that further declaratory and restrictive clauses should be added: And as extending the ground of public confidence in the Government, will best ensure the beneficent ends of its institution.

RESOLVED by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, two thirds of both Houses concurring, that the following Articles be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States, as amendments to the Constitution of the United States, all, or any of which Articles, when ratified by three fourths of the said Legislatures, to be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of the said Constitution; viz.

ARTICLES in addition to, and Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America, proposed by Congress, and ratified by the Legislatures of the several States, pursuant to the fifth Article of the original Constitution.

These amendments were ratified December 15, 1791, and form what is known as:

The Bill of Rights

Amendment I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Amendment II

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Amendment III

No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

Amendment IV

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Amendment V

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

Amendment VI

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defense.

Amendment VII

In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

Amendment VIII

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

Amendment IX

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Amendment X

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

****There are 17 additional Amendments that have been ratified by the States since the original 10 were ratified.**

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 2	2019 Annual Town Meeting, Solon Elementary School Polls open from 8 am to 12:15 p.m.
	Town Meeting at 1:30 p.m.
April 1	Declaration of personal property owned (this includes skidders & tractors) should be filed with the Assessors. Assessors will be in the office on April 3. Any real property sold after April 1 will be billed to the owner of record on April 1. New applications for Homestead and /or Veteran and Veteran's Widow Exemptions must be filed. New Tree Growth Classification plans must be filed. Motor vehicles and motorized mobile equipment not excised before this date will be taxed as personal property.
April 15	Patriots Day. Office closed.
May 27	Memorial Day. Office closed.
June 11	State Referendums (if needed). Polls open 8 am to 8 pm
July 4	Parade at 11 am and Fireworks at dusk.
July 5	Office Closed
July/August	During the month of July or August Property Taxes will be committed and Property Tax bills will be mailed.
Sept. 2	Labor Day. Office closed.
Sept. 21	Unpaid property taxes become interest bearing.
Oct. 14	Columbus Day. Office closed.
Nov. 11	Veterans Day, Office closed
Nov. 5	State Referendums (if needed). Polls open 8 am to 8 pm.
Nov. 27	Office will be open until 12 pm. Selectmen will be in the Office until 12 pm. (Wednesday before Thanksgiving)
Nov. 29	Office closed (Friday after Thanksgiving).
Dec. 1	New Hunting, Fishing & Dog Licenses are available.
Dec. 23	Selectmen will be in the office 8 am to 12 pm & 1 pm to 4 pm on this Monday due to the Christmas schedule
Dec. 24	Office will close at 12 pm for the Christmas Holiday.
Dec. 25	Office will be closed for Christmas Holiday.
Dec. 31	Office will be open until 12 pm. All unpaid taxes not paid by 12 pm will be listed in the Town Report.
Jan. 1	Office closed for New Year's Holiday. All boat registrations and hunting, fishing and dog licenses expire. New dog licenses required by Jan. 1.
Jan. 20, 2020	Martin Luther King Day. Office closed.
Jan. 18, 2020	Town Budget Committee meeting, 8:00 am at Town Office. All article and budget requests for Annual Town Meeting must be submitted to the Selectmen prior to this meeting.

Jan. 31, 2020 **\$25.00 late fee on unpaid dog licenses after this date.**
Deadline for filing Circuit Breaker (Householders Tax & Rent) Refund Application with the State.

Feb. 17, 2020 **Presidents Day. Office closed.**

Mar. 7, 2020 **2020 Annual Town Meeting.**



Old Fire Station on Ferry Street



Old Grange Hall on School Street