

2019

ANNUAL REPORT

**OF THE TOWN OF**

**S O L O N**

**INCORPORATED 1809**



**2020 Annual Town Meeting will be held on March 7, 2020**  
See last page of this report for the details

## **TOWN OFFICE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**121 SOUTH MAIN STREET (Rte. 201)**

**P. O. BOX 214, SOLON, MAINE 04979**

**643-2541 or 643-2812 FAX 207-643-2864**

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**Facebook: facebook.com/solonmaine &**

**facebook.com/groups/solon.area.community.happenings**

### **OFFICE HOURS**

**Mon-Tues-Wed-Fri 8 am to Noon & 1 pm to 4 pm Wed 6 pm to 7:45 pm**

**(The Town Office will be closed on all Monday holidays and on the Friday after Thanksgiving.)**

**Selectmen/Assessors are in their office on Wednesday**

**General Assistance is on Wednesday from 9 am to 11 am**

### **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

ELAINE ALOES, CHAIR OF SELECTMEN	643-2319
SARAH DAVIS, VICE CHAIR OF SELECTMAN	643-2555
KEITH GALLAGHER, SELECTMAN	
TOWN GARAGE	643-2349
GARY BISHOP, ROAD COMMISSIONER	643-2231
TRANSFER STATION	643-2941
ANIMAL CONTROL, ELIZABETH GIROUX	474-6465
HISTORICAL SOCIETY	643-2275
PLANNING BOARD CHAIR, MIKE GOLDEN	643-2219
CODE ENFORCEMENT, PLUMBING INSPECTOR & HEALTH OFFICER, KEN HOGATE	474-8865
FIRE DEPARTMENT	643-2291
FIRE CHIEF & FIRE WARDEN, DUAYNE ROLLINS	399-9549
DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS:	
BRIAN COOMBS 592-5607	KEVIN LACROIX 446-2476
TODD DIXON 441-5171	LINDA MARQUIS 399-3820
JEN ROLLINS 399-1655	
COOLIDGE LIBRARY	643-2562
SOLON WATER DISTRICT	643-2473
RSU # 74 DIRECTORS:	
LAURA LAYMAN 643-2593	ROBERT LINDBLOM 431-8551
DERON WHITTEMORE 399-9175	
RSU #74 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	635-2727
SOLON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	643-2491
CARRABEC COMMUNITY SCHOOL	635-2209
CARRABEC HIGH SCHOOL	635-2296
COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	474-9591
MAINE STATE POLICE	474-3359
EMERGENCIES	DIAL 911

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**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
STATE VALUATION	2020	\$100,800,000

**YEAR ENDING**

**DECEMBER 31, 2019**

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**Cover Picture: Rainbow over town**  
Taken by Nova Bri’e Abelin

# **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!

## **SOLON HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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

## **SOLON FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY**

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at the Fire Station Conference Room at 7 PM

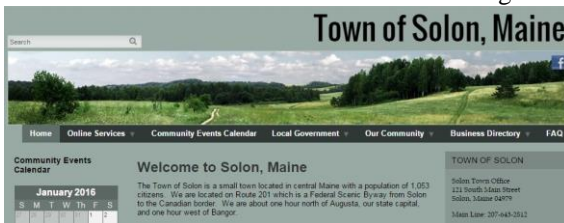
# FACE BOOK PAGES

## *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](http://www.solon.maine.gov)



Official Town Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/SolonMaine](http://www.facebook.com/SolonMaine)



Solon Area Community 'Goings-on' on Facebook:  
[www.facebook.com/SolonAreaCommunityHappenings](http://www.facebook.com/SolonAreaCommunityHappenings)



RSU/MSAD #74 Website: [www.msad74.org](http://www.msad74.org)



Solon Fire Department Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/Solon-Fire-Department](https://www.facebook.com/Solon-Fire-Department)



Solon Fire Auxiliary Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/SolonFireAuxiliary](https://www.facebook.com/SolonFireAuxiliary)



Coolidge Library Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/CoolidgePublicLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/CoolidgePublicLibrary)



Solon Historical Society Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/SolonMaineHistoricalSociety](https://www.facebook.com/SolonMaineHistoricalSociety)





# **2019 TOWN OFFICIALS**

## **ELECTED OFFICIALS**

### **SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS & OVERSEERS OF THE POOR**

ELAINE ALOES, SELECTMAN, CHAIR (2022)

SARAH DAVIS, SELECTMAN, VICE CHAIR (2020)

KEITH GALLAGHER, SELECTMAN (2021) resigned 11/27/2019

### **TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR**

CHRISTINE JABLON

### **ROAD COMMISSIONER**

GARY BISHOP

### **RSU #74 DIRECTORS**

LAURA LAYMAN (2020)

ROBERT LINDBLOM (2021)

DERON WHITTEMORE (2022)

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## **OFFICIALS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN**

### **TREASURER**

LINDA HOLOWAY, January to June

KAYLEE GILSON, appointed in June

### **DEPUTY TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR**

LESLIE GIROUX    DANIKA RIGGS

LINDA HOLLOWAY    KAYLEE GILSON

### **DEPUTY TOWN CLERK**

JEFFREY SPROUL

### **DEPUTY TREASURER**

LESLIE GIROUX

CHRISTINE JABLON

### **REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

CHRISTINE JABLON

LESLIE GIROUX, DEPUTY

### **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

PAT NELSON, Removed 6/26/2019

ELIZABETH GIROUX, appointed 6/26/2019 (2020)

ELIZABETH GIROUX, DEPUTY (till 6/26/19)

BLIN ROLLINS, III, DEPUTY (2020)

**PLUMBING, CODE ENFORCEMENT & HEALTH OFFICER**

KEN HOGATE (2020)

**SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES**

STATE OF MAINE

**OLON WATER DISTRICT TRUSTEES**

MICHAEL FOSTER, CHAIRMAN (2020)

ARTHUR ROGERS (2021)

DEREK DELLARMA (2022)

**COOLIDGE LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

JANE OUDERKIRK, CHAIRMAN (2022)

RICHARD ROBERTS (2020)

LESLIE GIROUX (2022)

MARY LOU RIDLEY (2022)

STACY ROBINSON (2022)

SANDRA LONG (2020)

ALLYN FOSS (2020)

AMANDA SLAMM (2021)

DANNY OLIVER (2021)

RICHARD SEARLES (2021)

**BOARD OF APPEALS**

LIEF BULL (2020)

L. BRUCE HILLS (2021)

MARY LOU RIDLEY (2021)

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

MICHAEL GOLDEN (2022)

BARBARA JOHNSTONE (2022)

DONALD KENERSON (2022)

ELEANOR POOLER (2022)

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)

ALLYN FOSS, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alt. (2020)

BEVERLY GEPHARDT, 1<sup>st</sup> Alt. (2020)

**PLANNING BOARD**

MICHAEL GOLDEN, CHAIRMAN (2020) 643-2219

FRANK EVANGELISTA, VICE CHAIRMAN (2020)

DIANNA ROLLINS, (2020), SECRETARY

ALBERT STARBIRD (2022)

KERRI EVANGELISTA (2021)

RICHARD KELLEY, Alt. (2021)

STEPHEN JOHNSON, Alt. (2022)

**OLON YOUTH RECREATION COMMITTEE**

LESLIE GIROUX, RECREATION DIRECTOR

LAURA LAYMAN, SWIM/CAMP DIRECTOR

ALICIA GOLDEN, 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE DIRECTOR

**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

JENNIFER MELLO (2020)

**ROUTE 201 SCENIC BYWAY COMMITTEE REP.**

ALBERT STARBIRD (2022)     MARY LOU RIDLEY (2021)

**FIRST PARK COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE**

ELAINE ALOES (2022)     SARAH DAVIS (2022)

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY TRUSTEES**

JEFF MCALLISTER (2020)     BUD BOYNTON (2021)  
RANCE POOLER (2022)

**TOWN HISTORIAN**

LOIS STARBIRD 643-2275

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR**

RICHARD KELLY (2022)  
DUAYNE ROLLINS, ASSISTANT (2022)

**OLON FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY**

ARYKE COOMBS, PRESIDENT  
NELLIE KELLEY, VICE PRESIDENT  
JANET LACROIX, SECRETARY  
DIANNA ROLLINS     TAMIKA LACROIX  
KATIE LACROIX     JASMYNE COOMBS  
KARI HOSKINS     CHANTELE LACROIX

**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     BLIN ROLLINS III  
BRIAN LIVINGSTONE     ALEX TAYLOR  
NICK ROLLINS     FRANK EVANGELISTA  
ZANE BROWN     RONALD BROWN  
DESARAE HOWARD

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

Volunteers to serve our town are always needed. If you would like to serve on one of these committees, please contact the Selectmen.

The Recreation Committee is looking for coaches for the various sports. We can't have teams for our kids without coaches.

If you like to join the Fire Department, please contact the Fire Chief.



Lois and Albert Starbird celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary this year. They are prime examples of being a volunteer. Over the years they have volunteered to serve on many committees and for many organizations in our town.

## DEDICATION

The Selectmen dedicate this Town Report to

**Jean Wooster**

1950 - 2019

Jean was the custodian for Solon Elementary School for over 30 years. The students and staff throughout the years loved her and she loved them. They were like her second family.

She worked hard to keep the school clean and neat. She did the preparations for the assemblies and other events at the school. She would also help out in the kitchen or wherever help was needed. She cared about our town, our school, and all the students throughout the years.

She grew up in Solon and graduated from Solon High School in 1969 which was the last graduating class from Solon High School. She raised her 3 children here. She will always be remembered as a kind and loving person with a big heart.



## IN MEMORY OF

### **Mary Jackson**

1929 -2019

Mary was first elected as a town official in 1984 when she was elected our town treasurer. Then in 1985 she was also elected as our town clerk and in 1986 as our town tax collector. She served as treasurer until March 1993. She continued as tax collector and clerk until her retirement in March 2001. Mary worked out of her home on Pleasant Street until the new Town Office was built with office space for the Tax Collector, Clerk, and Treasurer in 1993.

She was also a member of the Town and City Clerks Association and the New England Town Clerks Association. She was the Secretary/Treasurer for the Somerset County Municipal Association.

Mary attended the Solon schools and graduated from Solon High School in 1948. She was a very active member of the Solon Alumni Association and was an important part of organizing the annual July reunions.



## **Odber Andrews**

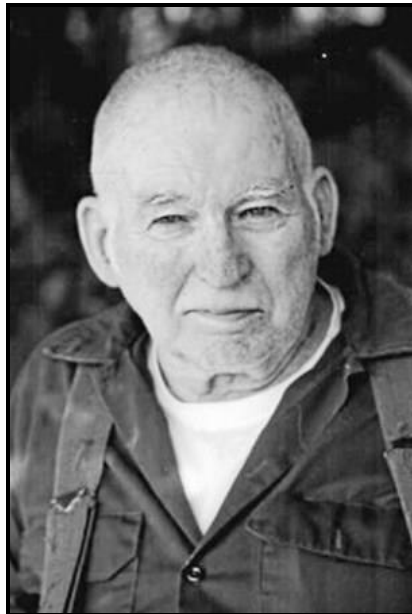
**1931 - 2019**

Odber served on the Solon Budget Committee for 24 years from 1974 to 1999.

He graduated from Solon High School in the class of 1949. In 1958 he graduated from Western National School of Heavy Equipment in Weiser, Idaho. He worked for Scott Paper Company in Bingham as a heavy equipment mechanic for over 30 years. He was also a farmer and those driving past his home on Rt. 201 always admired his gardens.

Since the age of 14, he was been a member of the East Madison Grange and was a member of the Keystone Lodge #80 in Solon as a mason for over 50 years.

He was married to his wife, Mary, for 55 years. They had 4 children. Odber spent much time volunteering as the church bus driver at United Baptist Church of Madison, as well as helping with various projects at Canaan Christian School, where his children attended school.



## **BOSTON POST CANE HOLDERS**



***CAROLYN  
WAUGH  
1915 - 2019***

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 parents later bought the farm on French Hill in 1934.

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 on French Hill in Solon.

Carolyn passed away peacefully at her home on February 28, 2019 at the age of 103.

Her father, John (1984), and her brother, Coburn (2006-2014), also held the Boston Post Cane.



## **HOWARD ROGERS**

### **1921 - 2019**



Howard was awarded the Boston Post Cane in March 2019.

Howard was born on August 1, 1921 in Flagstaff, Maine and was the son of William and Beatrice Rogers. His siblings were Robert, Lee, Guy, Herbert, Frank, and Sally. Howard married Margaret (Peg) on January 13, 1942. Peg passed away in 2008. Howard joined the U.S. Army Air Corps

and served as an aircraft mechanic during WWII from 1942 to 1945. He achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant in the 449<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing and he received many citations, including the Bronze Star.

After the war Howard returned home to Flagstaff and worked in the woods cutting pulp wood with only a bucksaw and an axe. He and Peg lived there until 1949 when the CMP Dam Project forced them to move out of their home when Flagstaff was flooded for the dam project. They moved to Solon where they lived the rest of their lives and raised their 3 sons: Jim, Jeff, and Jon. In 1952 Howard started working for CMP at the Williams Hydro and Wyman Stations. He worked there for 25 years until he retired.

Howard and Peg built their own home on the Brighton Road with no loans and moved into it in 1976. They loved to go exploring the back roads, canoeing, fishing, and dancing. After Peg passed Howard continued exploring the back roads, sometimes alone and sometimes with his sons or grandsons. He also kept busy doing firewood, picking fiddleheads, and doing jig saw puzzles.

Howard passed away peacefully at his home on April 13, 2019 at the age of 97. He leaves behind 3 sons and their wives, 7 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, and 6 great-great grandchildren.

His mother, Beatrice Rogers, held the Boston Post Cane from 1985-1990.



## ***ALICE HEALD***

***December 1, 1922***

Alice was awarded the Boston Post Cane May 22, 2019.

Alice was born in Solon on December 1, 1922. She is the daughter of Isaac and Arra Davis. Her siblings were Harrison, Arlene (Meador), Richard, Beverly (Shaughnessy), and Isaac "Bunky". They lived on the Isaac Davis

Farm across the road from the present Solon Elementary School. Alice graduated from Solon High School in 1940. She then attended Skowhegan Commercial School and graduated from there in 1942. She worked at Depositor's Trust from 1942 to 1946.

On July 11, 1946 she married the love of her life, Roger Heald. After Roger was discharged from the Navy, they purchased a farm on the Meador Farm Road in Solon and worked the farm until 1958. The main part of their house still exists there. They have two children, David and Betty (Price). In 1958 they moved to their home on North Main Street where she presently resided. Roger passed away in 2002. Roger and Alice were married for almost 56 years.

Alice worked with her husband at the D & B Store for about 5 years which was on the corner of Pleasant and Main Street besides the Solon Hotel. She was a clerk at the Solon Post Office for a few years as well. Roger and Alice bought the building where the Solon Post Office is in 1984, selling it a few years ago. Alice was secretary-treasurer of the Solon Village Cemetery for many years. She has been involved in the Solon High School Reunion which she still participates in.

Alice spent most of her life as a homemaker taking care of her family. She has done many crafts throughout her lifetime being a member of the Solon Extension for over 50 years. She enjoys cooking to this very day and spending time with family and friends.

# **SPIRIT OF AMERICA AWARD**

**2019 Solon, Maine Spirit of America Foundation Tribute**

***Linda French***



Linda has served as a Ballot Clerk for many, many years. She has also served as a Library Trustee from 1991 through 1996, and on the Bicentennial Committee from 2006 through 2009.

She has opened up her home and her heart to numerous children in Solon and the surrounding towns and provided them with love, encouragement, and guidance, and sometimes a safe place to stay.

Linda has supported families in our town by volunteering at and then managing the Solon Food Cupboard and Thrift Store for many years.

We thank her for all the years of service to our town and its citizens.

She was awarded with the Spirit of America Foundation tribute at our 2019 Annual Town Meeting.

## **THE BOSTON POST CANE HISTORY**

In 1909 Edward Grozier, editor and publisher of the Boston Post newspaper, sent letters to the Boards of Selectmen of 700 towns in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island asking them to be trustees of the 700 ebony gold topped canes he had made up by the J. F. Fradley & Company of New York. The canes were to be given to the oldest citizen in each town. At the holder's death the cane was to be returned to the town and given to the next oldest citizen. Solon received ones of these canes and we still have our original cane. The cane is on display in our town office. To make sure the cane is not lost, when we present the cane to each recipient we now also give them a certificate of the presentation to keep and we return the cane to the town office.

### **PREVIOUS HOLDERS OF THE BOSTON POST CANE**

Coburn Waugh 2006 – 2014	Mary McDonough 2005
Marie Spearrin 2000 – 2004	Floyd French 1999
Ben Safford 1997 – 1998	Roland Tozier 1996
Beatrice Hall 1991 – 1995	Beatrice Rogers 1985 – 1990
John Waugh 1984	

This is all we can find records of in the Town Reports. If you know of any others, please let the Selectmen know.

## **THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA FOUNDATION**

### **TRIBUTE HISTORY**

In 2012 we were contacted by Spirit of America Foundation and were asked to participate in their tribute to volunteers, organizations and projects. 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.spiroaft.com](http://www.spiroaft.com).

### **PREVIOUS SPIRIT OF AMERICA FOUNDATION TRIBUTES**

Fire Department Firefighters 2018	Michael Sackett 2017
Fire Department Auxiliary 2016	Frank Ridley 2015
Michael Golden 2014	Eleanor Pooler 2013
Albert and Lois Starbird 2012	

# COUNTY, STATE & FEDERAL INFO

## 2019 COUNTY, STATE & FEDERAL CONTACTS

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Lloyd Trafton  
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West Forks, Maine 04985  
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287-3531 Fax 287-1034  
e-mail: [governor@maine.gov](mailto:governor@maine.gov)

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3 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003  
287-1540 or 800-423-6900

State House of Representatives  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0002  
287-1400 or 800-423-2900

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web: <http://king.senate.gov>  
or: 4 Gabriel Drive Ste. F1  
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web: <http://collins.senate.gov>  
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Augusta, ME 04330  
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Washington, D.C. 20515  
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web: <http://golden.house.gov>  
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Lewiston, Maine 04240  
207-241-6767  
Email: [congressman.jared.golden@houseemail.house.gov](mailto:congressman.jared.golden@houseemail.house.gov)

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.



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Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator



## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 1, 2020

Dear friends,

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

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

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

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

Best Regards,



Angus S. King, Jr.  
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**Jared Golden**  
Congress of the United States  
2nd District of Maine

Dear Friends,

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

At the beginning of this term, the House passed H.R. 1, a comprehensive package of reforms I cosponsored to get big money out of politics and fight corruption in Washington. And in December, I helped pass H.R. 3, the *Lower Drug Costs Now Act*, which would limit out-of-pocket prescription drug costs paid by seniors, fund the expansion of Medicare coverage to include dental, vision, and hearing, and lower prescription drug prices for thousands of Mainers. Additionally, as a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I worked to ensure our annual defense authorization bill supports America's national security and Maine's shipyard workers, National Guardsmen, manufacturers, and universities.

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

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

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

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

Respectfully,

  
Jared Golden  
Member of Congress

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**A Message from Senator Brad Farrin**

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

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

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

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

This year, I was appointed to the Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation to study and recommend funding solutions for the state's transportation systems. I'm especially concerned with the issues rural Maine faces, and this next session it is my greatest priority to find ways to improve Maine roads and infrastructure.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. The 129<sup>th</sup> Legislature certainly has a great deal more work to do; but I believe that if we come together, there is nothing we can't accomplish. Please feel free to contact me at (207) 287-1505 or [Brad.Farrin@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Brad.Farrin@legislature.maine.gov) if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,



Brad Farrin  
State Senator



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January 2020

Dear Friends & Neighbors:

The holiday season has concluded and another year has passed. I hope this letter finds you both well and optimistic about the future of our great state and nation. As one of Solon's legislators, my gratefulness for the opportunity to work on the many pressing issues that require resolve in Augusta is ongoing. Should you wish to discuss any subject matter under scrutiny at the State House, or if you experience an impasse with respect to any State agency, I hope you will not hesitate to contact me.

The Second Regular Session of the 129<sup>th</sup> Legislature began on Wednesday, January 8. Along with the 260 carryover bills and papers from the First Regular Session, there are more than 400 new pieces of legislation to be deliberated over the coming months. My colleagues and I will need to be efficient and sensible in order to complete our obligations by the statutory adjournment date of April 15.

Also in April, I am happy to report that Maine's homestead property tax exemption will increase by \$5,000, allowing residents to reduce up to \$25,000 from the value of their home for property tax purposes without adverse impact on local municipalities. In the event you have not already applied for the exemption, the application process is quick and easy. Associated paperwork, as well as other related details can be found online at <https://www.maine.gov/revenue/forms/property/apps/homesteadapp.pdf>.

Thank you for the honor and privilege of being your voice at the capitol. If you have an interest in receiving my regular e-newsletter, please send me your e-mail address.

Best regards,

Philip A. Curtis  
State Representative



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**SOMERSET COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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**2019 Annual Communication**



Dale P. Lancaster  
Sheriff

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

**Law Enforcement**

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

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

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

On June 3, 2019, Michael O. Mitchell joined the Somerset County Sheriff's Office as the Chief Deputy. Chief Deputy Mitchell has three Masters Degrees, is a combat veteran, and has 35 years of police experience that he brings to the agency.

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

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

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

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

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



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**Jail**

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

- The County Jail is nationally accredited through the American Correctional Association and is operating under nationally accepted best practice standards. The County Jail is also PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) certified.
- In 2019, the Somerset County Jail processed 1,566 bookings, a slight decrease from 2018.
- A facility-wide project was initiated to transition to interior and exterior LED (light-emitting diode) lighting. LED lights are extremely efficient, and have a lifespan far exceeding incandescent or fluorescent lights. The Sheriff's Office and Jail are already seeing thousands of dollars being saved in electrical expenses.
- Refurbishment was completed in one of the two 64-bed male General Population housing units.
- An agreement was solidified to house inmates for Waldo County, wherein Waldo is leasing up to 35 beds from the Somerset County Jail. This was accomplished without having to increase staffing levels or having to open an additional housing unit, and with no additional cost to Somerset County taxpayers.
- A MAT (Medication Assisted Treatment) program was developed and implemented for prisoners with substance use disorders being detained at the jail in an effort to combat recidivism. One of my primary goals is to reduce recidivism. As defined by SAMSHA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration), MAT "is the use of FDA-approved medications, in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies, to provide a "whole-patient" approach to the treatment of substance use disorders." Simultaneously with the implementation of MAT, the Somerset County Jail entered into an agreement with Redington-Fairview General Hospital, who was awarded grant funding to provide Community Case Management Services for offenders as they re-enter the community. Designated hospital nurses work in collaboration with inpatient providers, primary care providers, home care agencies, and tertiary care facilities to identify and manage complex/high risk patients who have been identified as needing intensive case management and follow-up across the continuum of care. This partnership is already proving to have a positive impact by continuing to provide treatment and programming initiated in the jail for offenders after release.

**Civil Process**

In 2019, the Somerset County Sheriff's Office Civil Deputies received 2,452 papers to process and serve.

**Calls for Service**

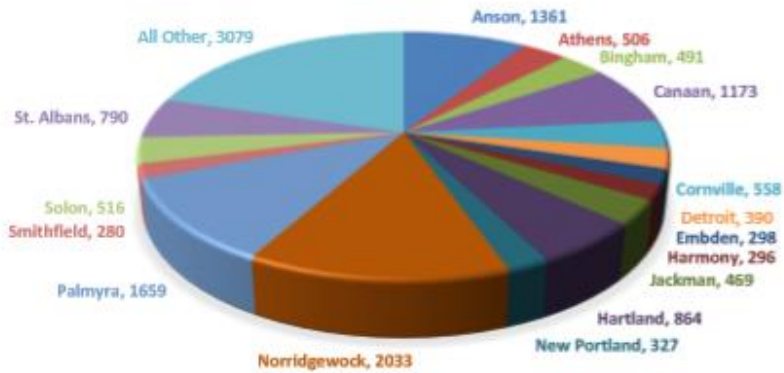
- In 2019 the Sheriff's Office received 15,090 calls for service from our citizens. This represents a 2.6% increase over 2018.
- During 2019, the Sheriff's Office responded to 516 calls for service from the Town of Solon, which is a 10% decrease from 2018. These calls included 59 motor vehicle accidents, 53 motor vehicle stops, 14 calls requesting citizen assistance, 8 domestic disturbances, as well as calls for theft, harassment, burglary, welfare checks, and other requests for police services.

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

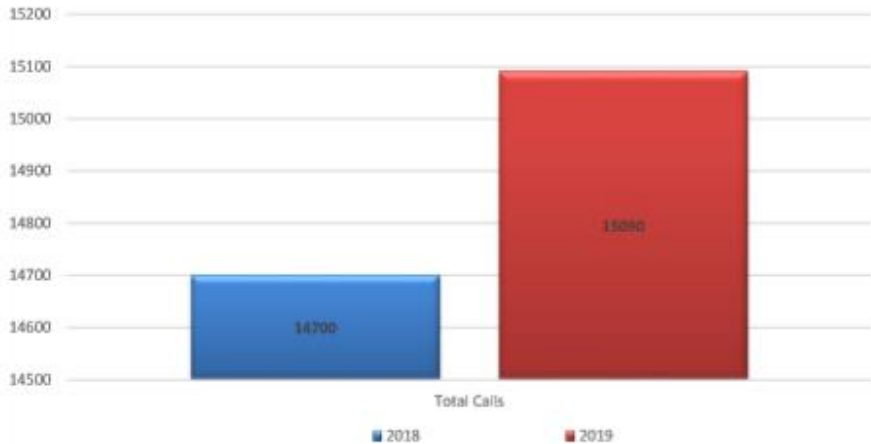


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# NOTICES

## 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 every year 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 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY:** A list of all business equipment and its value **must** be filed with the Assessors by April 1<sup>st</sup> 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 OWNER NOTICE**

*(See page 94)*

## **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***

Solon Transfer Station green stickers are required to be displayed on the windshield of all vehicles bringing trash to the Transfer Station. New red stickers will be required starting January 1, 2021. There will be a grace period between January 1st and March 7th to give people time to pick up their red stickers.

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.

### ***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. 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. We do not pay the tipping fees for residents who have their trash picked up by private haulers.

**Demolition Debris Disposal Policy:** The Town will not pay for the disposal of demolition debris resulting from a building, demolition or renovation project. Contact a private hauler to dispose of it for you.

## **PUBLIC WAYS NOTICES**

We have an ordinance passed in 1977 designating a Parking Ban for the period from November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>. 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. 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. Property taxes can be paid on line at our town website. Just beware that if any additional interest and/or fees are due, they do not show up on the web site. You can contact the Tax Collector to obtain the correct amount prior to making the payment on line.

**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.



they are  
available



**BOAT STICKERS:** ALL boats that have motors on them **MUST** have a valid "Lake and River Protection Sticker" on them before put in the water. The sticker and more information are 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.

911

**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>



# **WHAT TO BRING WHEN:**

## **WHEN REGISTERING A VEHICLE**

Re-registration: old registration, current insurance, & mileage

New registration (Dealer Sale): blue title application form, window sticker, current insurance card, and mileage

New registration (Private Sale): bill of sale, current insurance card, title, release of lien form if applicable, and mileage

New registration & transfer plates: same as above plus registration of the vehicle the plates are being transferred from.

## **WHEN REGISTERING A SNOWMOBILE, ATV, OR BOAT**

Re-registration: old registration

New registration: bill of sale, ME assigned number, serial number, and for the boats the length and the horsepower of the motor

New registration & transfer plates: same as above plus registration of the vehicle registration being transferred from.

## **WHEN REGISTERING A DOG**

Current rabies certificate, spay or neutering certificate

## **WHEN PAYING PROPERTY TAXES**

A copy of the tax bill

## **WHEN PURCHASING HUNTING LICENSES**

You must have proof of a prior hunting license. For those over 16 purchasing their first adult license bring proof that they passed a hunter safety course.

## **WHEN RENEWING TREE GROWTH PLAN**

Please bring the Tree Growth application to the Assessors that is signed by a licensed professional forester with his/her contact information and the property owner and a map showing the location of the different forest types for the land being classified (softwood, hardwood, and mixed wood) as well as a description and location of land not classified in the parcel to at least the nearest whole acre. Tree growth plans must be renewed every 10 years. Also, when purchasing land that is in tree growth, the new owner has 1 year to file with the Assessors a statement from a licensed professional forester that the land is being managed in accordance with the plan prepared for the previous owner with the same expiration date of the previous owner's plan or a new application with all the required information with a new 10 year renewal date.

## **BUILDING AND/OR PLUMBING PERMITS**

Completed building and/or plumbing application forms, sketches of proposed and existing buildings and landmarks (roads, property lines, well, septic) on lot, and for septic systems a septic system design by a licensed professional.

# MAINE VOTES FOR STATEHOOD

## Maine votes for statehood July 26, 1819

Before Maine achieved statehood it was a district in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Maine's original counties were York, Lincoln, and Cumberland. The counties of Hancock, Washington, Kennebec, Oxford, Somerset, Penobscot, Waldo, Franklin, Piscataquis, Aroostook, Androscoggin, Sagadahoc, and Knox split off from the original 3 counties.

Between 1792 and 1819 there were six separate votes by Maine to separate from Massachusetts and become its own state. Finally on July 26, 1819, voters across Maine gathered in their towns and voted overwhelmingly for separation: 17,091 to 7,132. In Solon the meeting was held at Caleb Hobart's dwelling house on the Parkman Hill Road. The house is no longer there. The question they voted on was "Is it expedient that the District of Maine shall become a separate and independent state upon the terms and conditions provided in an Act entitled an Act relating to the separation of the District of Maine from Massachusetts proper and forming the same into a separate and independent state." Solon voters voted 46 in favor and 2 against separation. In a prior vote in 1816 Solon voted 27 to 14 in favor of separation. In October 1819, 247 delegates representing all 236 incorporated towns in the state travelled to the Cumberland County courthouse in Portland to write a new Maine constitution. On December 8, 1819, John Holmes officially petitioned Congress for Maine's admission.

Maine would have been admitted to the Union immediately but statehood was complicated by the national debate over extending slavery into the western territories as they became states. By 1818 the US Senate was evenly divided between slave-holding and free states, and the admission of Maine as a free state would have upset this critical balance. Missouri had petitioned for statehood in 1818, and could have entered as Maine's pro-slave "twin," but northern congressmen, even those from Maine, were unwilling to admit more states with slavery imbedded in their constitutions, and Missouri lay north of the line accepted as the division between free and slave soil.

Southern senators held Maine's petition for statehood hostage to the question of slavery in Missouri. A motion was presented to fix by law a line between free and slave territory at parallel 36 degrees, 30 minutes – the southern boundary of Missouri – and that slavery would be banned in territories lying north of this line, except for Missouri, with the provision for the re-enslavement of fugitives fleeing into territory where slavery was banned. Maine's Congressional delegation was in a moral bind, since statehood would require a vote to allow slavery in Missouri. All seven Maine representatives declined the compromise, and the House passed its own bill restricting slavery. Then a conference committee of House and Senate supporters crafted an amended version – the so-called Missouri Compromise – and this won approval in Congress. Being opposed to slavery, 5 of Maine's 7 representatives voted against this compromise and the anti-slavery movement

became a central issue in Maine politics between 1820 and 1861. With the passage of the Missouri Compromise, Maine became the nation's 23rd state on March 15, 1820.

**THE TOWN OF SOLON'S WARRANT FOR THE  
MEETING TO VOTE ON STATEHOOD FOR MAINE  
July 26, 1819**

To Asa Vickery, one of the constables of the town of Solon

Greetings

You are hereby require in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Solon qualified to vote for governor or Senator to meet at Caleb Hobart's dwelling home on Monday the twenty sixth day of this fore----- month at three if the clock P.M. to give their votes on this question

Is it expedient that the District of Maine shall become a separate and independent state upon the terms and conditions provided in an Act entitled an Act relating to the separation of the District of Maine from Massachusetts proper and forming the same into a separate and independent state.

Given under our hands and seals this tenth day of July, A.D. 1819

Jofiah French, Selectman

Luther Pierce, Selectman

Pursuant to the within warrant I have warned the inhabitants of said Town.  
Asa Vickery, Constable

Agreeable to the above warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Solon met and gave in their votes as follows: there were forty six voters in favor of separation and two votes against separation.

A true copy of record

Attest Josiah French, Town Clerk

**OTHER NOTABLE EVENTS IN 1819:**

\*Alabama is admitted to the U.S. as the 22<sup>nd</sup> state

\*Arkansas Territory is created

\*Spain cedes Florida to the U.S.

\*The U.S. House of Representatives agrees to the Tallmadge Amendment barring slaves from the new state of Missouri. It is the opening vote in a controversy that leads to the Missouri Compromise

# 1919 YEAR IN REVIEW

US Life Expectancy:        Males: 53.5 years        Females: 56.0 years  
US Population: 104,514,000 (330 million in 2019)        US had 48 states

## Cost of Living

1 pound apples 11¢	2 pounds roast beef 38¢	3 pounds steak 60¢
1 pound bread 5¢	1 pound butter 39¢	3 pounds chicken 19¢
A 7 room house with electricity cost \$5,200		tube of toothpaste 20¢
Cost of a first-class stamp rises from 2¢ to 3¢		package of chewing gum 5¢
Oregon is first state to tax gasoline: 1¢ per gallon		average wage \$3,724

## 1919 TRIVIA

- \*Pepperoni: the word was first used to describe the sausage in 1919.
- \*The pop-up toaster, short wave radios, and arc welders were invented in the US
- \*It was true in 1919 that 'The sun never sets on the British Empire'.
- \*The Dutch airline KLM was formed. It is the oldest airline flying under its original name.
- \*The Influenza Pandemic of 1918-1919 is known as the most devastating epidemic in recorded world history and that it killed more people in 1 year than during the 4 years of the Black Plague. It was most deadly for people under the age of 5 and those aged 20-40 and many died within hours of contracting the virus. It is estimated 20 to 40 million people died worldwide. In the US about 675,000 people died.
- \*Florida Keys Hurricane kills 600 people in the Gulf of Mexico, Florida & Texas.
- \*Dial telephones are introduced by the American Telephone and Telegraph Co.
- \*On January 15 a large molasses storage tank (over 2,000,000 gallons) burst in Boston, creating a 35 MPH flood of molasses which killed 21 people and injured 150, it became known as the 'Great Molasses Flood'.

## SPORTS:

- \*NFL team Green Bay Packers is founded by Curly Lambeau and gets their name after the Indian Packing Company gave the team \$500 to buy equipment.
- \*Indians Pitcher Ray Caldwell was struck by lightning on the mound and he subsequently won the game against the Philadelphia Athletics.
- \*Stanley Cup Champs: Montreal Canadians (NHL) vs. Seattle Metropolitans (PCHA), but was cancelled due to the flu epidemic, no champions in 1919
- \*The longest Tour de France was held in 1919 and was 3,455 miles.
- \*The first major scandal in Major League Baseball, and to this day, the worst, nine players from the Chicago White Sox were accused of intentionally losing the 1919 World Series against the Cincinnati Reds in exchange for money from gangsters. It is forever known as the Black Sox Scandal with players, such as



immortal Shoeless Joe Jackson, banned from the game and Hall of Fame forever. The scandal led to the appointment of the first Commissioner of Baseball.

\*Cincinnati Reds pitcher Adolfo Luque becomes the first Latin player to appear in a World Series.

\*Babe Ruth is sold by the Boston Red Sox to the New York Yankees for \$125,000, the largest sum ever paid for a player at that time.

## **POLITICS:**

\*League of Nations is founded

\*The 18th Amendment to the U. S. Constitution, authorizing Prohibition of Alcohol, goes into effect in the United States on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Repealed in 1933.

\*The US Congress approved the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which guaranteed voting for women, and sent it to the individual states for ratification.

\*The Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 26, 1919 and French General Foch declared “This is not peace, this is an armistice for 20 years”. WWII started 20 years and 64 days later. The United States Senate never ratified the Treaty.

\*Adolph Hitler joined the German Worker’s Party in 1919.

\*Michael Keogh stopped an angry mob of men from killing two political agents they were beating up. In 1930 at a Nuremburg rally, Keogh recognized one of the agents he had saved. It was Adolf Hitler.

\*Congress establishes Lafayette National Park in Maine, known today as Acadia National Park and establishes most of the Grand Canyon as a National Park.

\*Following postwar social tensions related to the demobilization of veterans of World War I and competition for jobs among whites and blacks, the first race riot of what became known as Red Summer occurs in Charleston, South Carolina. Race riots in Chicago lasted from July 27 to August 3 when the National Guard was called in to quell the riots. Before the year ended, riots would erupt in 26 U.S. cities through the summer and fall of the year.

\* Eighty three African-Americans are lynched—many of them soldiers returning home from World War I. The Ku Klux Klan is operating out of 27 states.

\* The Red Scare begins when Vladimir Lenin starts a revolution in Russia that changes the Russian government to communism. As a result, the U.S. passed an act that would blacklist anyone thought to be involved with communism.

\*Several bombs are intercepted on April 30 in the first wave of the 1919 United States anarchist bombings. And from May 10 – June 2 eight mail bombs are sent to prominent figures as part of the anarchist bombings in seven cities.

\*The May Day Riots of 1919 were a series of violent demonstrations that occurred throughout Cleveland to protest the recent jailing of Socialist leader Eugene Debs.

\*The first Palmer Raid is conducted on the second anniversary of the Russian Revolution. Over 10,000 suspected communists and anarchists are arrested in twenty-three different U.S. cities.

\*United States deports 249 people, including Emma Goldman to Russia, during the Red Scare.

\*President Woodrow Wilson suffers a massive stroke, leaving him partially paralyzed. The stroke incapacitated the president, his wife controlled access, and he remained in office, though he should have been removed. Essentially, the country ran without a president for nearly 18 months. His wife, Edith, functionally ran the Executive branch of the government for the rest of her husband's term.

\*The American Legion forms in Paris and in November the first national convention of the American Legion is held in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

\*A U. S. Navy seaplane begins the first transatlantic flight on May 8, making stops in Newfoundland and the Azores before touching ground in continental Europe in Lisbon, Portugal on May 27th.

\*The Goodyear Blimp catches fire over downtown Chicago and crashed through the skylight of the Illinois Trust & Savings Building in Chicago, killing 13 people: two passengers, one crew member, and 10 people on the ground. Two others were able to parachute to the ground safely.

\*July 7 – September 6 – The First Transcontinental Motor Convoy (80 US Army trucks, cars and motorcycles) from Washington, D.C. to San Francisco, California crosses the country using the incomplete Lincoln Highway. The purpose is to determine how well troops could be moved from one side of the country to the other by motor vehicles. Dwight Eisenhower was part of this convoy. It took them 62 days. After the experience, Eisenhower started building the Interstate Highway System when he later became President.

## **ENTERTAINMENT:**

\*Felix the Cat appears in Feline Follies. He was the first cartoon character.

\*Radio Corporation of America (RCA) was founded.

\*Ripley's Believe It or Not! first appears as a cartoon under this title in "The New York Globe".

\*Charlie Chaplin, D.W. Griffith, Douglas Fairbanks, and Mary Pickford establish United Artists in an attempt to control their own work.

\*Oscar Micheaux releases The Homesteader, starring African-American actress Evelyn Preer, becoming the first African-American to produce and direct a motion picture. For the next 40 years, Micheaux will become one of the most prominent African-American filmmakers by producing and directing 24 silent films and 19 sound films.

\*Harold Lloyd begins holding test screenings of his films and modifying them based on audience feedback, a technique which is still used today.

\*After moving from its southern rural roots, jazz establishes Chicago as its capital. The city will become home to such jazz greats as trumpeter Louis Armstrong and pianist Jelly Roll Morton.

## **SELECTMEN'S REPORT**

At the 2019 Annual Town Meeting the townspeople approved several new projects: an LED electronic sign for at the municipal buildings; GIS mapping for our town maps; surveying the Coolidge Library property; and replacing the furnace at the Fire Station. They also approved the revised Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, the revised Foreclosed Property Ordinance, and the new Ordinance Limiting the Home Cultivation of Marijuana for Personal Adult Use. It was also voted at the Annual Town Meeting to add Tuesday to the days the Town Office is open so the office is now open 4 days a week.

Selectman Keith Gallagher and his family are moving to New Mexico so he resigned as selectman effective November 27<sup>th</sup>. He did a great job and was a great asset to the town. We wish him and his family well in their new adventure. A new selectman will be chosen to complete the year left in his term at the elections at our Annual Town Meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

We had more staffing changes in the Town Office. We hired Kaylee Gilson to be Deputy Treasurer, Tax Collector, and Clerk and on July 24<sup>th</sup> we appointed her to be our Treasurer to replace Linda Holloway. She is a great addition to the Town Office staff. Christie resigned as Tax Collector/Clerk effective January 1, 2020. She has been hired by Embden to be their Clerk/Treasurer. We are sad to see her leave. She did a great job and has agreed to continue as Deputy Treasurer, Tax Collector, and Clerk and to help further train Kaylee. On the plus side we were able to hire Leslie Giroux back as our Tax Collector/Clerk. She missed working for the town and we are so glad to have her back. Danika Riggs and Kaylee are our Deputy Tax Collectors/Clerks.

The foreclosed property belonging to Jason Osbourne was returned to him with the payment of the back taxes. The foreclose property of the Heirs of William and Constance Verrill was returned to his heir with the payment of the back taxes. The foreclosed property of Robert Weese was put out to bid and sold to William and Jessica Coldwell. The foreclosed property of Ray Erb on the north side of Ferry Street was voted to be kept by the town for the time being.

We have not yet reached an agreement with James Farley on the right of way issue on the McQuilken Road. We are still waiting for our survey of the road to be completed before we make any decisions.

We did have another mil rate increase due to the increased school tax assessment. Our RSU 74 tax assessment increased from \$1,107,723 for their 2018/2019 school budget to \$1,146,437 for 2019/2020. This was a \$38,714 tax increase for Solon over their prior tax assessment. We are down to about 600 students in our 4 town school district. Very few Solon voters attend the School District Budget Adoption meeting and there is a very low turnout for the Budget Approval Referendum

Question. The 2019-2020 RSU budget was defeated the first time they presented it for the Referendum Vote. Only Solon voted to approve the first budget. The other towns in our district rejected it with enough votes for it to fail to pass. The School Board reduced the budget and resubmitted it to the voters. Again only Solon voted to approve the budget but this time with enough yes votes (68 -30) to pass it district wide. The school assessment accounts for 58.9% of our property taxes. Over the past 10 years our school tax assessment has increased by 81.6%, our county tax assessment by 23.8%, and our municipal tax assessment by 14.7%. So you can see it is the school tax assessment that has caused the property tax increases over the past 10 years. We urge everyone to attend the School District Budget Adoption meeting.

The Selectmen and the Budget Committee have worked hard to keep our municipal costs down but it gets harder every year. We have kept our budgets as low as possible because we knew the school budgets would have tax increases. For 2020 the Selectmen decided we need to properly fund our departments and that our employees need to be paid competitive wages so you will see an increase in several department budgets. The increase in the proposed 2020 municipal budget by taxation, as presented by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee, is a 7.1% increase over the 2019 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 our budget and on our 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, this time from \$11 to \$12 per hour. When the minimum wage increases the other wage scales need to be adjusted. Topics of interest that will be voted on at the 2020 Annual Town Meeting are: increasing the Tax Collector/ Clerk hours from 30 to 40 hours a week; increasing the roads budget by \$20,000; creating a Gravel Roads Reserve and starting on an ongoing gravel road upgrade project; and the major item topic will be the marijuana "Opt In" votes on the 4 categories of Adult Use Marijuana (recreational) and the 4 categories of Medical Marijuana businesses that the state allows. If the town chooses not to "Opt In" on an option than that option is not allowed in our town. If the town chooses to opt in on any of the options, they can also amend the article to limit the number of businesses allowed in our town.

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 and Sarah Davis

## **2019 MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATIONS**

### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Town Charges	\$ 18,000.00	
Town Office Utilities	\$ 3,800.00	
Town Office Maintenance	\$ 1,000.00	
Schools, Dues and Books	\$ 4,000.00	
Town Office Security System	\$ 400.00	
Officers' Payroll	\$ 32,384.00	
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$ 28,800.00	
Treasurer	\$ 13,000.00	
Deputy Clerk	\$ 10,192.00	
Register of Voters	\$ 2,000.00	
Animal Control Officer	\$ 1,800.00	
Code Enforcement	\$ 1,800.00	
911 Addressing Officer	\$ 150.00	
Elections	\$ 1,500.00	
Trio Computer Programs	\$ 5,142.00	
GIS Mapping	\$ 10,700.00	
LED Electronic Sign	\$ 5,500.00	
McQuilken Road Issue Costs	\$ 5,000.00	
Town Records Preservation Res.	\$ 3,000.00	
Grounds Maintenance Reserve	\$ 1,500.00	
Municipal Buildings Heat Res.	\$ 8,000.00	
Municipal Buildings Maint. Res.	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>	\$159,948.00

### **PROTECTION**

Workers Comp Insurance	\$ 11,000.00	
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 5,300.00	
Insurance	\$ 18,300.00	
Street Lights	\$ 9,600.00	
Hydrant Rental	\$ 21,864.00	
S.S. & Medicare	<u>\$ 21,000.00</u>	\$ 87,064.00

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Winter Roads	\$105,000.00	
Summer Roads	\$105,000.00	
Dump Truck Body	\$ 11,000.00	
Highway Equipment Reserve	\$ 15,000.00	
Sidewalk Reserve	\$ 1,000.00	
Road Paving Project Reserve	<u>\$215,000.00</u>	\$452,000.00

### **TRANSFER STATION**

Transfer Station		\$ 72,000.00
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**LIBRARY**

Coolidge Library	\$ 12,500.00	
Coolidge Library Bldg. Reserve	\$ 3,000.00	
Coolidge Library Prop. Survey	<u>\$ 2,600.00</u>	\$ 18,100.00

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire Chief	\$ 7,000.00	
Fire Department	\$ 30,000.00	
Fire Station Furnace	<u>\$ 11,000.00</u>	\$ 48,000.00

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

General Assistance	\$ 15,000.00	
KVCAP Bus Service	\$ 500.00	
KVCAP Head Start	\$ 1,200.00	
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	
Lifeflight	\$ 200.00	
American Red Cross	\$ 155.00	
Community Health & Counseling	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	\$ 21,710.00

**LEISURE SERVICES**

Recreation	\$ 2,500.00	
Recreation Facility Maint. Reserve	\$ 1,000.00	
Swim/Camp Program Reserve	\$ 1,200.00	
After School Program	\$ 6,300.00	
4 <sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks	\$ 1,000.00	
Baker Mountain Ski Club	<u>\$ 750.00</u>	\$ 12,750.00

**CEMETERIES**

Cemeteries	\$ 12,000.00	
Cemetery Maint. Res.	<u>\$ 3,500.00</u>	\$ 15,500.00

**UNCLASSIFIED**

Humane Society	\$ 2,212.00	
Town Line Survey Reserve	\$ 1,000.00	
Town Flags Reserve	\$ 500.00	
Somerset Economic Development	\$ 100.00	
KVCOG	<u>\$ 1,638.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,450.00</u>

## **DEBT SERVICE**

First Park Payment	\$ 4,000.00	
Transfer Station Truck Loan	\$ 7,420.00	
Fire Truck Loan	<u>\$ 4,610.00</u>	\$ 16,030.00

GRAND TOTAL 2019 MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATIONS      \$908,552.00

## **TOTAL RAISED AT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Taxation	\$878,952.00	
Planning Board Res.		
(GIS Mapping)	\$ 5,000.00	
Building Maint. Reserve		
(Fire Station Furnace)	\$ 11,000.00	
Library Building Capital Res.		
(Property Survey)	\$ 2,600.00	
Highway Equipment Maint. Res.		
(Dump Truck Body)	<u>\$ 11,000.00</u>	\$908,552.00

## **2019 EXPENDITURES**

### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

#### **TOWN CHARGES**

Income:		
Appropriated	\$18,000.00	
Costs of Liens	\$ 4,899.87	
BETE Admin. Fees	\$ 6.00	
Legal Fee Reimb.	\$ 506.07	
Reimb. & Refunds	<u>\$ 1,363.67</u>	\$24,775.61
Paid Out :		
Supplies & Misc.	\$ 3,126.11	
Solon Post Office	\$ 2,503.55	
Legal Fees	\$ 350.00	
Reg. of Deeds	\$ 3,006.00	
Town Reports	\$ 1,851.11	
Travel & Reimb.	\$ 1,535.00	
Tax Bills Print & Mail	\$ 785.35	
Microsoft 360 Update	\$ 105.49	
Payroll Services	\$ 1,950.40	
Auditor	\$ 4,350.00	
Furnace Cleaning	\$ 275.00	
Copier Maintenance. Fee	\$ 578.00	
Web Site Fee	\$ 475.00	
Post Office Box Fee	\$ 64.00	
Safe Deposit Box	\$ 50.00	

Computer Maintenance	\$ 595.30		
Trio Upgrade	\$ 1,324.95		
Eastern Fire Services	\$ 110.00		
Petty Cash	\$ 389.07		
Carbonite Renewal	\$ 283.49		
Fireworks	\$ 50.00		
Foreclosed Property Exp.	<u>\$ 1,003.54</u>	<u>\$24,761.36</u>	\$14.25
SELECTMEN			
Appropriated		\$32,384.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$31,540.00</u>	\$844.00
TREASURER			
Appropriated		\$13,000.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$12,644.73</u>	\$355.27
TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$28,080.00	\$0.00
DEPUTY CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER			
Appropriated		\$10,192.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 7,520.50</u>	\$2,641.50
REGISTER OF VOTERS			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$2,000.00	\$0.00
TOWN OFFICE MAINTENANCE			
Appropriated		\$1,000.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 522.00</u>	\$478.00
TOWN OFFICE UTILITIES			
Appropriated		\$3,800.00	
Paid Out			
TDS Telecom	\$ 740.75		
OTT Communications	\$ 966.55		
Electric	\$1,149.41		
Spectrum Internet	\$ 634.34		
Water	<u>\$ 390.26</u>	<u>\$3,881.31</u>	(\$81.31)
TOWN OFFICE SECURITY SYSTEM			
Appropriated		\$ 400.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 372.00</u>	\$28.00
TRIO COMPUTER PROGRAMS			
Appropriated		\$5,142.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$5,141.28</u>	\$0.72



## ELECTIONS

Appropriated	\$1,500.00		
RSU #74	<u>\$ 836.00</u>	\$2,336.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$1,968.45</u>	\$367.55

## ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Appropriated		\$1,800.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$1,800.00</u>	\$0.00

## CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH OFFICER

Appropriated		\$1,800.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$1,800.00</u>	\$0.00

## 911 ADDRESSING OFFICER

Appropriated & Paid Out		\$150.00	\$0.00
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## SCHOOLS, DUES & BOOKS

Appropriated	\$4,000.00		
Refund	<u>\$ 245.00</u>	\$4,245.00	
Paid Out:			
Schools	\$1,122.36		
Fees	\$ 395.00		
Travel Reimbursement	\$ 526.48		
Dues	<u>\$2,254.00</u>	<u>\$4,297.84</u>	(\$52.84)

## OFFICE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Balance 1/1/19	\$2,776.58		
Cable Franchise Fee	<u>\$3,640.33</u>	\$6,416.91	
Paid Out		<u>\$1,384.99</u>	\$5,031.92

## TOWN RECORDS PRESERVATION RESERVE

Balance 1/1/19	\$3,321.00		
Appropriated	<u>\$3,000.00</u>	\$6,321.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$4,281.00</u>	\$2,040.00

## MUNICIPAL GROUNDS MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Balance 1/1/19	\$2,216.00		
Appropriated	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	\$3,716.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$1,705.00</u>	\$2,011.00

## MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Balance 1/1/19	\$17,521.83		
Appropriated	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>	\$20,521.83	
Paid Out		<u>\$15,015.38</u>	\$5,506.45

## MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS HEAT RESERVE

Balance 1/1/19	\$18,343.94		
Appropriated	<u>\$ 8,000.00</u>	\$26,343.94	
Paid Out			
Jan – May 2019	\$ 8,687.41		
2019-2020 Pre Buy	<u>\$11,245.00</u>	<u>\$19,932.41</u>	\$6,411.53
MCQUILKEN ROAD ISSUES			
Appropriated		\$5,000.00	
Paid Out:		<u>\$ 585.00</u>	\$4,415.00
LED ELECTRONIC SIGN			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$5,500.00	\$0.00
GIS MAPPING			
Appropriated	\$5,700.00		
Planning Board Reserve	<u>\$5,000.00</u>	\$11,700.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 7,000.00</u>	\$3,700.00
<b>PROTECTION</b>			
STREET LIGHTS			
Appropriated		\$9,600.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$9,654.54</u>	(\$54.54)
HYDRANT RENTAL			
Appropriated		\$21,864.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$21,864.00</u>	\$0.00
WORKER COMPENSATION INSURANCE			
Appropriated	\$11,000.00		
Rebate	<u>\$ 529.00</u>	\$11,529.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 8,310.00</u>	\$3,219.00
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE			
Appropriated		\$5,300.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$5,091.88</u>	\$208.12
INSURANCE			
Appropriated	\$18,300.00		
Rebate	<u>\$ 1,168.00</u>	\$19,468.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$18,171.00</u>	\$1,297.00
SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE			
Appropriated		\$21,000.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$20,259.65</u>	\$740.35

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

### FIRE CHIEF

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$7,000.00	\$0.00
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### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriated	\$30,000.00	
Income	<u>\$ 7,427.52</u>	\$37,427.52
Paid Out		
Fire Department	\$37,427.52	\$0.00

### FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/19	\$4,339.32	
Interest	<u>\$ 90.72</u>	\$4,430.04

### FIRE TRUCK RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/19	\$2,975.65	
Income	\$ 80.00	
Interest	<u>\$ 62.32</u>	\$3,117.97

### FIRE DEPARTMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/19	\$ 6,450.67	
Income Received	\$ 5,978.18	
Interest	<u>\$ 182.49</u>	\$12,611.34
Transferred to FD	<u>\$ 2,478.53</u>	\$10,132.81

## HEALTH & SANITATION

### TRANSFER STATION

Appropriated	\$72,000.00	
Income	<u>\$ 3,434.00</u>	\$75,434.00
Paid Out	<u>\$76,076.51</u>	(\$642.51)

### TRANSFER STATION TRUCK & TUB RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/19	\$ 31.77	
Interest	<u>\$ 0.66</u>	\$32.43

## PUBLIC WORKS

### ROADS

Appropriated	\$210,000.00	
Income	<u>\$ 2,283.95</u>	\$107,283.95
Paid Out		
Winter Roads	\$120,531.70	
Summer Roads	<u>\$118,345.08</u>	<u>\$238,876.78</u>
Trans from FEMA & LRAP		(\$26,592.83)
		<u>\$26,592.83</u>

### HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/19	\$51,063.79
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Appropriated		\$15,000.00	
Interest		<u>\$ 1,158.29</u>	\$67,222.08
LRAP FUNDS			
Balance 1/1/19	\$41,923.27		
Income	<u>\$43,158.50</u>	\$85,081.77	
Trans to Roads		<u>\$ 8,936.74</u>	\$76,145.03
FEMA/MEMA FUNDS			
Balance 1/1/19	\$14,713.41		
Income	<u>\$ 2,942.68</u>	\$17,656.09	
Trans to Roads		<u>\$17,656.09</u>	\$0.00
SIDEWALK REPAIR RESERVE			
Balance 1/1/19		\$9,734.29	
Appropriated		<u>\$1,000.00</u>	\$10,734.29
ROAD PAVING RESERVE			
Balance 1/1/19		\$ 39,906.85	
Appropriated		\$215,000.00	
Interest		<u>\$ 2,127.38</u>	\$257,034.23
<b>SOCIAL SERVICES</b>			
GENERAL ASSISTANCE			
Appropriated	\$15,000.00		
Reimbursement	<u>\$ 4,813.30</u>	\$19,813.30	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 2,371.57</u>	\$17,441.73
KVCAP BUS SERVICE			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$500.00	\$0.00
KVCAP HEADSTART			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$1,200.00	\$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
KENNEBEC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$500.00	\$0.00

SEXUAL SUPPORT & CRISIS CENTER		
Appropriated & Paid Out	\$300.00	\$0.00
SOLON FOOD CUPBOARD		
Appropriated & Paid Out	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
CRISIS & COUNSELING CENTERS		
Appropriated & Paid Out	\$500.00	\$0.00
LIFEFLIGHT FOUNDATION		
Appropriated & Paid Out	\$200.00	\$0.00
AMERICAN RED CROSS		
Appropriated & Paid Out	\$150.00	\$0.00
COMMUNITY HEALTH & COUNSELING		
Appropriated & Paid Out	\$100.00	\$0.00

#### **DEBT SERVICE**

FIRST PARK			
Appropriated	\$4,000.00		
Tax Revenue received	<u>\$4,963.00</u>	\$8,963.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$8,702.78</u>	\$260.22
TRANSFER STATION TRUCK LOAN (12/31/19 balance owed \$7,239.39)			
Appropriated	\$7,420.00		
Paid Out		<u>\$7,418.30</u>	\$1.70
FIRE TRUCK LOAN (12/31/18 balance owed \$24,707.38)			
Appropriated	\$4,610.00		
Paid Out		<u>\$4,606.70</u>	\$3.30

#### **LEISURE SERVICES**

RECREATION DEPARTMENT			
Appropriated	\$2,500.00		
Paid Out		<u>\$1,103.20</u>	\$1,396.80
SWIM/CAMP PROGRAM			
Appropriated	\$1,200.00		
Trans. in from Recreation	<u>\$ 35.00</u>	\$1,235.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$1,235.00</u>	\$0.00
RECREATION DEPARTMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT			
Balance 1/1/19	\$2,046.22		
Paid Out		<u>\$ 0.00</u>	\$2,046.22

**RECREATION FACILITY & MAINTENANCE RESERVE ACCOUNT**

Balance 1/1/19	\$1,000.00	
Appropriated	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	\$2,000.00

**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM RESERVE ACCOUNT**

Balance 1/1/19	\$2,136.94	
Income	\$ 146.00	
Appropriated	<u>\$6,300.00</u>	\$8,582.94
Paid Out	<u>\$5,727.89</u>	\$2,855.05

**MOVE MORE KIDS RESERVE – COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Income	\$1,371.55	
Paid Out	<u>\$1,164.61</u>	\$206.94

**BAKER MOUNTAIN SKI PROGRAM**

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$750.00	\$0.00
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**4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FIREWORKS**

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
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**4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FIREWORKS DONATIONS**

Balance 1/1/19	\$150.00	
Donations	<u>\$300.00</u>	\$450.00
Paid Out	<u>\$450.00</u>	\$0.00

**SOLON SNOWHAWKS**

State Grant	\$13,300.00	
State Registration Reim.	<u>\$ 635.52</u>	\$13,935.52
Paid to Club	<u>\$13,935.52</u>	\$0.00

**COOLIDGE LIBRARY RESERVE**

Balance 1/1/19	\$ 344.64	
Appropriated	\$12,500.00	
Income	<u>\$ 4,374.78</u>	\$17,219.42
Paid Out	<u>\$16,866.87</u>	\$352.55

**COOLIDGE LIBRARY BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE**

Balance 1/1/19	\$30,042.09	
Appropriated	\$ 3,000.00	
Income	<u>\$ 649.29</u>	\$33,698.38

**OTHER****FISH & WILDLIFE**

Received & Paid to State	\$28,272.56	\$0.00
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MOTOR VEHICLE FEES			
Received & Paid to State		\$80,539.15	\$0.00
STATE VITAL FEES			
Received & Paid to State		\$136.80	\$0.00
GUN PERMITS			
Received & Paid to State		\$255.00	\$0.00
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
UNCLASSIFIED			
DOG LICENSES-STATE FEES			
Received & Paid to State		\$1,564.00	\$0.00
DOG LICENSES-TOWN FEES RESERVE			
Balance 1/1/19	\$ 360.14		
Received Town Fees	<u>\$2,370.55</u>	\$2,730.69	
Paid Out		<u>\$2,136.33</u>	\$494.36
HUMANE SOCIETY			
Appropriated		\$2,212.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$1,358.38</u>	\$853.62
PLANNING BOARD RESERVE ACCOUNT			
Balance 1/1/19	\$15,903.64		
Income	<u>\$ 1,063.15</u>	\$16,966.79	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 5,635.50</u>	\$11,331.29
CEMETERIES & VETERAN GRAVES			
Appropriated	\$12,000.00		
Income	<u>\$ 2,064.40</u>	\$14,064.40	
Paid Out		<u>\$14,064.40</u>	\$0.00
CEMETERY MAINTENANCE RESERVE			
Balance 1/1/19	\$ 700.13		
Appropriated	<u>\$ 3,500.00</u>	\$4,200.13	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 153.64</u>	\$4,046.49
CEMETERY INVESTMENT RESERVE			
Received & Trans to Cemeteries		\$1,634.64	\$0.00

# **VILLAGE CEMETERY RESERVE**

Received & Trans to Cemeteries	\$276.12	\$0.00
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# **TOWN FLAG RESERVE**

Balance 1/1/19	\$1,064.00		
Donation	\$ 22.00		
Appropriated	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	\$1,586.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$1,515.10</u>	\$70.90

# **TREE PLANTING RESERVE**

Balance 1/1/19 & 12/31/19	\$1,000.00
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# **TOWN LINE SURVEY RESERVE**

Balance 1/1/19	\$2,000.00		
Appropriated	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	\$3,000.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 0.00</u>	\$3,000.00

# **HISTORICAL SOCIETY RESERVE ACCOUNT**

Balance 1/1/19	\$7,228.73		
Income	<u>\$ 465.59</u>	\$7,694.32	
Paid Out		<u>\$2,478.20</u>	\$5,216.12

# **HISTORICAL SOCIETY MAINTENANCE RESERVE ACCOUNT**

Balance 1/1/19	\$7,181.17		
Income	<u>\$ 146.40</u>	\$7,327.77	
Paid Out		<u>\$1,931.25</u>	\$5,396.52

# **JONES FUND SCHOLARSHIP RESERVE**

Balance 1/1/19	\$10,881.25		
Income	<u>\$ 8,453.32</u>	\$19,334.57	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 7,500.00</u>	\$11,834.57

# **RUTH CROSS SCHOLARSHIP RESERVE**

Balance 1/1/19	\$0.85		
Interest	<u>\$0.02</u>	\$0.87	
Paid:		<u>\$0.00</u>	\$0.87

# **RAINY DAY FUND RESERVE**

Balance 1/1/19	\$29,984.33		
Income	<u>\$24,048.97</u>	\$54,033.30	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 0.00</u>	\$54,033.30

# **KENNEBEC VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$1,638.00	\$0.00
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**SOMERSET ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

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

Income:

Account interest	\$10,314.65	
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Paid to Dedicated Accounts:

Fire Truck Reserve	\$ 62.32		
Fire Department Capital Reserve	\$ 90.72		
Fire Department Reserve	\$ 182.49		
Transfer Station Equipment Res	\$ .66		
Highway Equipment Reserve	\$1,158.29		
Highway Paving Reserve	\$2,127.38		
Highway LRAP Funds	\$ 934.50		
Library Building Capital Reserve	\$ 646.29		
Planning Board Reserve	\$ 328.15		
Historical Society Reserve	\$ 129.43		
Historical Society Maint. Res.	\$ 120.68		
Ruth Cross Scholarship Reserve	\$ .02		
Jones Fund Scholarship Reserve	<u>\$ 147.44</u>	<u>\$5,928.35</u>	\$4,386.30

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS****RSU # 74 SCHOOL TAX**

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$1,127,080.00	\$0.00
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**COUNTY TAX**

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$231,390.34	\$0.00
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**END OF YEAR TOTALS**

Camden National Bank	\$ 672,952.72	
Income Received in 2019	<u>\$2,717,939.85</u>	
Total Income		\$3,390,892.57
Less Adjustments		\$ 113.71
Less Expenditures		<u>\$2,307,221.08</u>
Balance 12/31/19		\$1,087,557.78

Less Total Dedicated Accounts	<u>\$ 671,988.79</u>
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Total Undedicated Funds (Surplus)	\$415,568.99
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# ASSESSORS' REPORT

## VALUATION

Local Taxable Real Estate Valuation	\$87,087,462.00	
Local Taxable Personal Property Valuation	<u>\$ 2,003,143.00</u>	
2019 Taxable Town Valuation		\$89,090,605.00
Total of Homestead Exemption Valuation	\$ 6,321,500.00	
X 0.625		\$ 3,950,937.50
Total of all BETE Valuation	\$10,932,147.00	
Enhanced BETE Reimbursable Valuation		<u>\$ 6,172,965.00</u>
Total Valuation Base		\$99,214,507.50

## APPROPRIATIONS

County Tax		\$ 231,390.34
Municipal Appropriation	\$908,552.00	
Less allowable deductions**	<u>(\$392,731.71)</u>	\$ 515,820.83
RSU #74 Appropriation		
(\$1,107,723 (2018/2019) + \$1,146,437 (2019/2020) /2	<u>\$1,127,080.00</u>	
APPROPRIATIONS BY TAXATION		\$1,874,290.63
Plus Overlay		<u>\$ 40,549.36</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS BY TAXATION		\$1,914,839.99

## EXEMPTION REIMBURSEMENT FROM STATE

BETE Reimbursement	\$119,138.22	
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	<u>\$ 76,253.09</u>	
LESS TOTAL EXEMPTION REIMBURSEMENT		<u>\$ 195,391.31</u>
TOTAL TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION		\$1,719,448.68

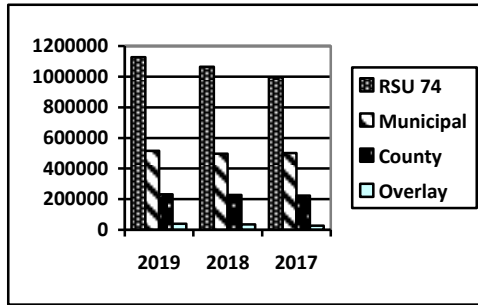
## \*\*ALLOWABLE MUNICIPAL DEDUCTIONS

State Revenue Sharing	\$ 55,609.39
Municipal Buildings Maintenance Res.	\$ 11,000.00
Highway Equipment Reserve	\$ 11,000.00
Library Capital Reserve	\$ 2,600.00
Planning Board Reserve	\$ 5,000.00
2018 BETE Reimb. received in 2019	\$113,444.00
Surplus Revenues	\$279,078.32
Less Reserve Funds	<u>(\$85,000.00)</u>
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	\$337,122.32

2019 MILL RATE: \$19.30 PER \$1,000 OF VALUATION

2019 Supplements	\$0.00
Abatements Given in 2019	
2019 Real Estate	\$3,561.64
2018 Real Estate	\$ 775.49

2017 Real Estate	\$ 392.90	
2016 Real Estate	\$ <u>382.17</u>	\$5,112.20



### COMPARISON OF APPROPRIATIONS BY TAXATION

RSU #74	11.36 mills	58.86%	(11.05 mills in 2018)
County Tax	2.33 mills	12.08%	(2.33 mills in 2018)
Municipal	5.20 mills	26.94%	(5.08 mills in 2018)
Overlay	<u>.41 mills</u>	<u>2.12%</u>	(.23 mills 2018)
Total Mills	19.30 mills	100.00%	

	2019	2018
County Tax	\$231,390.34	\$ 227,056.39
Municipal Appropriation	\$515,820.29	\$ 495,720.25
RSU #74 Appropriation	\$1,127,080.00	\$1,077,101.50

The School Tax increased by \$49,978.50 (5.5%) this year. The County Budget Tax increased by \$4,334 (1.9%). Our Municipal Budget by taxation increased by \$20,100 (3.9%). Solon's budget is a calendar year budget and RSU 74 operates under a fiscal year budget so in 2019 we are paying the last half of our 2018/2019 RSU 74 appropriation and the first half of our 2019/2020 RSU 74 appropriation.

The largest portion of your property tax bill continues to be the RSU 74 Budget. The RSU holds a budget adoption meeting where the budget is approved and then goes out to a referendum vote. Our Municipal Budget is approved at our Annual Town Meeting. The County budget is approved by the County Budget Committee.

The Maine Revenue Services reviews our property sales and our tax records every year. Our 2019 State Valuation is based on the 2017 & 2018 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 2019 state valuation is \$96,500,000 and our 2020 state valuation will be \$100,800,000.

In 2020 the Assessors will do a revaluation of all land and building values. Our last town wide revaluation was done in 2007. If you have made any changes to your property, please let the assessors know by April 1.

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 2019 the state reimbursed us \$119,138.00 for a portion of our lost BETE tax revenue.

In 2019 the Homestead Exemption is \$20,000 with the state reimbursing 62.5% of the lost revenue. We gave 317 homestead exemptions. Exemption recipients received a reduction of \$386.00 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 2019, please check with the Assessors before April 1st to see if you qualify for 2020. If you received it in 2019, you do not need to reapply.

We had 65 Veteran Exemption recipients who received a reduction \$115.80 on their tax bill. Any new veteran exemption requests must be given to the Assessors by April 1st. If you received it in 2019, you do not need to reapply. The widow or widower of a veteran also may qualify for an exemption.

In 2019 we had 14,255.15 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>. Everyone is required to list their personal property with the Assessors by April 1<sup>st</sup> 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.*

# BUDGET COMPARISONS

## MUNICIPAL, COUNTY, AND SCHOOL BUDGETS BY TAXATION FOR PAST TEN YEARS

YEAR	MUNICIPAL	COUNTY	SCHOOL	TAX MILL RATE
2019	\$878,952	\$231,390	\$1,127,080	19.3
2018	\$843,893	\$227,056	\$1,077,102	18.7
2017	\$830,115	\$223,908	\$995,459	18.3
2016	\$826,393	\$224,547	\$943,304	17.8
2015	\$815,856	\$210,251	\$917,759	17.5
2014	\$790,998	\$191,175	\$889,184	16.8
2013	\$791,074	\$196,533	\$829,080	16
2012	\$807,843	\$202,770	\$764,035	15.2
2011	\$797,381	\$188,291	\$711,479	14.5
2010	\$766,080	\$186,902	\$620,472	13.9

### COMPARISON OF 10 YEAR BUDGET INCREASES

\$112,872	\$44,488	\$506,608	5.4
14.7%	23.8%	81.6%	

Property tax on a property valued at \$100,000 in 2010 was \$1,390 and in 2019 it was \$1,930. This is a \$540 increase since 2010



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	
State Reimbursement	<u>\$ 4,813.30</u>	\$19,813.30

## EXPENDITURES

Housing	\$ 300.00	
Food & Personal Supplies	\$ 637.04	
Heating Oil	<u>\$ 1,434.53</u>	<u>\$ 2,371.57</u>
UNEXPENDED BALANCE		\$17,441.73

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 2019 Solon's General Assistance Program helped 3 families.

If you are a repeat GA client, you must bring in receipts showing how you spent all your money in the prior 30 days.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

Money Market & Check Book Balance 1/1/19

\$672,952.72

## MONEY MARKET DEDICATED ACCOUNTS BALANCES 1/1/19

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

\$393,874.40

Total of Non Dedicated Funds

\$279,078.32

2019 INCOME:

State Revenue Sharing	\$ 74,177.26
FEMA/MEMA	\$ 2,942.68
Local Roads Assistance Program	\$ 42,224.00
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	\$ 2,382.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$ 45,248.14
BETE Reimbursement 2018	\$ 113,444.00
BETE Reimbursement 2019	\$ 119,138.00
BETE Administration Fee	\$ 6.00
2019 Homestead Reimbursement	\$ 54,698.00
2018 Homestead Reimbursement	\$ 19,098.00
2020 Prepaid Real Estate Tax	\$ 9,478.19
2019 Real Estate Tax	\$1,496,242.26
2019 Personal Property Tax	\$ 34,193.28
2018 Real Estate Tax	\$ 85,340.13
2018 Personal Property Tax	\$ 3,359.44
2018 Liens	\$ 37,243.57
2017 Liens	\$ 42,125.21
2016 Liens	\$ 3,019.23
Property Tax Interest	\$ 14,396.63
Costs, Fees of Liens and Notices	\$ 4,899.87
Motor Vehicle Monies	\$ 80,501.11
Inland Fish & Wildlife Monies	\$ 25,097.81
State Vitals	\$ 136.80
State Dogs	\$ 1,618.00
Town Dogs	\$ 2,370.55
Vehicle Excise Tax	\$ 191,146.71
IF&W Excise Tax	\$ 17.00
Town Agent Fees - Dogs	\$ 325.00
Town Agent Fees - Vital	\$ 840.20
Town Agent Fees - BMW	\$ 5,087.00
Town Agent Fees – IF&W	\$ 806.75
Gun Permit Fees - State	\$ 165.00
Gun Permit Fees -Town	\$ 72.00
Addressing Fees	\$ 60.00
After School Program Reserve	\$ 146.00
Cemeteries Investment Reserves	\$ 1,634.64
Cemeteries Lot Purchase Reserve	\$ 500.00
Cemetery Reserve - Village	\$ 276.10
Coolidge Library Reserve	\$ 4,366.50
Coolidge Library Building Capital Res.	\$ 10.00
Coolidge Library Investment Reserve	\$ 93,133.43
Elections Reimbursement	\$ 836.00
Fire Department	\$ 4,948.99
Fire Department Reserve	\$ 5,978.18
Fire Truck Reserve	\$ 80.00



Fireworks Donations Dedicated Acct.	\$	300.00	
First Park Tax Revenue	\$	4,963.00	
General Assistance, State reimbursement	\$	4,813.30	
Historical Society Reserve	\$	336.16	
Historical Society Maintenance Res.	\$	25.92	
Insurance –Workman Comp. Rebate	\$	529.00	
Insurance - Property & Casualty Rebate	\$	1,168.00	
Move More Kids – Community Garden Res	\$	1,371.55	
Office Equip. Res - Spectrum Franchise Fee	\$	3,640.33	
Out of Town Excise	\$	10,012.39	
Planning Board Fees	\$	735.00	
Plumbing Permits	\$	2,150.00	
Plumbing Permits State Surcharge	\$	120.00	
Public Works	\$	2,283.95	
Rainy Day Reserve	\$	24,048.97	
Recreation Department Reserve	\$	400.00	
Scholarship Reserve - Jones Fund	\$	8,305.88	
Schools, Books, & Dues	\$	245.00	
Snowmobile Grant	\$	13,300.00	
Snowmobile Registration Reimbursements	\$	635.52	
Snowmobile Tax Exempt Reim.	\$	593.00	
Solon Food Cupboard	\$	1,649.61	
Town Flag Reserve	\$	22.00	
Transfer Station receipts	\$	3,434.00	
Town Charges - Miscellaneous Income	\$	1,363.67	
Town Charges – Legal Fees	\$	506.07	
Checkbook interest	\$	46.45	
Money Market interest	\$	<u>11,130.40</u>	\$2,721,939.85

#### **END OF YEAR BALANCE:**

BALANCE 1/1/19	\$	672,952.72	
2019 INCOME	<u>\$2,721,939.85</u>		\$3,394,892.57
LESS 2019 WARRANTS TOTAL			-\$2,307,221.08
LESS BANK ACCT INTEREST CORRECTION			-\$ 106.61
LESS ACCOUNTING ADJUSTMENT			<u>-\$ 7.10</u>
BALANCE 12/31/19			\$1,087,557.78

#### **RESERVE ACCOUNTS**

2019 Revenue Sharing	\$	74,177.26
LRAP Funds	\$	76,145.03
2020 Prepaid R. E. Taxes	\$	9,478.19
After School Program Reserve	\$	2,855.05
Cemetery Lot Purchase	\$	500.00
Cemetery Maintenance Reserve	\$	4,046.49
Coolidge Library Bldg. Capital Res.	\$	33,698.38
Coolidge Library Reserve	\$	352.55

Fire Department Reserve	\$ 10,132.81	
Fire Department Capital Reserve	\$ 4,430.04	
Fire Truck Reserve	\$ 3,117.97	
Highway Equipment Reserve	\$ 67,222.08	
Highway Road Paving Reserve	\$257,034.23	
Historical Society Reserve	\$ 5,216.12	
Historical Society Maint. Reserve	\$ 5,396.52	
Move More Kids – Comm. Garden	\$ 206.94	
Municipal Buildings Heat Reserve	\$ 6,411.53	
Municipal Buildings Maint. Res.	\$ 5,506.45	
Municipal Grounds Maint. Reserve	\$ 2,011.00	
Office Equip & Maintenance Res.	\$ 5,031.92	
Planning Board Reserve	\$ 11,331.29	
Rainy Day Reserve	\$ 54,033.30	
Recreation Department Reserve	\$ 2,446.22	
Rec. Facility & Maintenance Res.	\$ 2,000.00	
Scholarships - Jones Fund Reserve	\$ 11,834.57	
Scholarships - Ruth Cross Reserve	\$ .87	
Sidewalk Repair Reserve	\$ 10,734.29	
Town Dogs Reserve	\$ 494.36	
Town Flag Reserve	\$ 70.90	
Town Line Survey Reserve	\$ 3,000.00	
Town Records Preservation Res.	\$ 2,040.00	
Transfer Station Truck & Tub Res.	\$ 32.43	
Tree Planting Reserve	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	
Total Dedicated Accounts		<u>\$671,988.79</u>
Total Undedicated Funds (Surplus)		\$415,468.99

## **WELLS FARGO INVESTMENT FUNDS**

### **HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

#### **PRINCIPAL**

Historical Society Maint. Res. \$110,000.00

#### **AVAILABLE FUNDS:**

Historical Society Maint. Res.	\$ 9,960.63		
Historical Society Reserve	<u>\$ 18,539.37</u>	\$138,500.00	
Transferred to Raymond James Investment Fund		<u>\$138,500.00</u>	\$0.00

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

#### **PRINCIPAL**

Jones Fund Scholarship \$ 29,323.29

Ruth Cross Scholarship \$ 1,270.00

#### **AVAILABLE FUNDS:**

Jones Fund Scholarship	\$ 27,001.02		
Ruth Cross Scholarship	\$ 138.97	\$57,733.28	
Transferred to Raymond James Investment Fund		<u>\$57,733.28</u>	\$0.00

**LIBRARY****PRINCIPAL**

Library	\$ 87,380.00		
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**AVAILABLE FUNDS:**

Library	<u>\$ 5,745.15</u>	\$93,125.15	
Transferred to Raymond James Investment Fund		<u>\$93,125.15</u>	\$0.00

**CEMETERIES****PRINCIPAL**

Town Cemeteries	\$108,470.00		
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Hilton Cemetery	\$ 3,000.00		
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**AVAILABLE FUNDS:**

Town Cemeteries	(\$ 6,274.39)		
Hilton Cemetery	<u>\$ 160.69</u>	\$105,356.30	
Transferred to Raymond James Investment Fund		<u>\$105,356.30</u>	\$0.00

**PUTNAM INVESTMENT FUNDS – VILLAGE CEMETERY**

Principal Balance 1/1/2019	\$50,000.00		
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Available Funds 1/1/2019	\$19,381.04		
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Income	<u>\$ 5,872.50</u>	\$75,253.54	
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Transferred to Raymond James Investment Fund		<u>\$75,253.54</u>	\$0.00
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**RAYMOND JAMES INVESTMENT FUNDS**

As of 12/31/2019

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Transferred from Wells Fargo Investment Fund	\$138,500.00		
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2019 Income	<u>\$ 11,059.39</u>		
		\$149,559.39	

**PRINCIPAL**

Historical Society Maintenance	\$110,000.00		
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**AVAILABLE FUNDS:**

Historical Society Maintenance	\$ 19,626.67		
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Historical Society	<u>\$ 19,932.72</u>	\$149,559.39	
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**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Transferred from Wells Fargo Investment Fund	\$57,733.28		
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2019 Income	<u>\$ 4,606.28</u>		
		\$62,339.56	

**PRINCIPAL**

Jones Fund Scholarship	\$ 29,323.29		
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Ruth Cross Scholarship	\$ 1,270.00		
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**AVAILABLE FUNDS:**

Jones Fund Scholarship	\$ 31,494.88		
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Ruth Cross Scholarship	<u>\$ 251.39</u>	\$62,339.56	
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**COOLIDGE LIBRARY**

Transferred from Wells Fargo Investment Fund	\$93,125.15	
2019 Income	\$ 5,664.78	
Less Transferred to Coolidge Library Reserve	<u>-\$ 4,000.00</u>	
		\$94,789.93
PRINCIPAL	\$87,380.00	
AVAILABLE FUNDS	<u>\$ 7,409.93</u>	\$94,789.93

**CEMETERIES**

Transferred from Wells Fargo Investment Fund	\$105,356.30	
Transferred from Putnam Investment Fund	\$ 75,253.54	
2019 Income	<u>\$ 13,290.84</u>	
		\$193,900.68
PRINCIPAL	\$161,470.00	
AVAILABLE FUNDS	<u>\$ 32,330.68</u>	\$193,900.68

**2018 TAX LIENS AS OF 12/31/19**

TAX DUE AS OF 12/31/2019

DOES NOT INCLUDE INTEREST AND FEES

**THE PROPERTY WILL BE FORECLOSED ON IF NOT PAID BY 10/26/2020**

\*\*PAID AFTER 12/31/19 AND BEFORE 1/31/2020

ABELIN, ELIZABETH	\$1,504.41
BAUER, REG & ADELA	\$2,444.42
BERBERIAN, ANDREA	\$1,229.40
BINGEL, WILLIAM, JR	\$ 223.78
BOSTIC, ANTHONY	\$ 80.59
BOSTON, BRYAN	\$ 581.20**
BROWN, ROBERT & JAMES, D.	\$ 306.20
BROWN, ROBERT	\$ 465.24
BURRILL, TINA	\$1,384.24
DAMON, BILLIE JO	\$1,282.12
DICKINSON, NORMAN	\$1,143.57
DOURANT, STEVEN	\$ 709.98
FOLCO, ANNETTE	\$ 518.08
FOLCO, ANNETTE	\$ 56.68
GIRESI, SALVATORE	\$1,979.09
HANSCOM, PAMELA	\$1,182.19
HEALD, DEBORAH & KIRK	\$2,007.59
HUTCHINS, HEATHER	\$2,828.27
JAMES, LINDA	\$1,821.32
MACLEAN, JAMES	\$2,376.56
MELILLO, LEO	\$1,229.41
MESSER, STEPHANIE	\$ 581.20
MILLER, KEITH	\$ 843.83

MORGAN, RYAN	\$ 243.67
MYERS, MEGAN	\$1,314.23
NILE, H. & DUSTIN NICHOLS	\$ 780.82
PADHAM, MICHAEL	\$2,149.28
PADHAM, MICHAEL & WACOME, B.	\$1,320.36
PAPADOPOULOS, JUDITH	\$1,425.84
POMELOW, JEFFREY	\$1,524.05
REID, MICHAEL	\$ 336.38
RICHARDSON, G. & WOODARD, M.	\$ 567.37
RODERICK, JOEY	\$1,759.76
ROSSIGNAL, STUART	\$ 230.43
ROSSIGNAL, STUART	\$ 899.26
SCHRADER, MICHELLE	\$ 476.04
SHANNON, ERIC	\$ 133.37
SILLARS, JOHN	\$1,093.86
SOUSA, ROBERT & MARGARET	\$2,172.26
STETKORSKI, FREDERICK	\$ 95.68
STICKNEY, MERVIL, HEIRS OF	\$1,307.98
TURCOTTE, ANGELA	\$ 970.52
WHITE, CAROL	\$ 414.24
WHITE, CAROL	\$ 499.61
WHITE, KAREN	\$ 82.87**
WHITE, KAREN	\$2,018.66
WILLETTE, ROBBIE	\$ 758.18
WING, TRAVIS	\$ 55.76

Respectfully Submitted, Kaylee Gilson, Treasurer



Kaylee Gilson, Treasurer and Deputy Clerk/Tax Collector

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

2019 TAX COMMITMENT	\$1,719,448.68
LESS 2019 TAX ABATEMENTS	\$ <u>3,561.64</u>
FINAL COMMITMENT	\$1,715,887.04

COLLECTED IN 2019	\$1,530,435.54	
COLLECTED IN 2018	\$ <u>7,434.51</u>	\$1,537,870.05
TOTAL DUE AS OF 12/31/18		\$ 178,016.99

## 2019 UNPAID TAXES AS OF 12/31/19

*IF NOT PAID BY 4/28/2020 A LIEN WILL BE PLACED ON THE PROPERTY  
THE PROPERTY WILL BE FORCLOSED ON IF NOT PAID BY 10/27/2021*

\*\*PAID AFTER 12/31/19 AND BEFORE 1/31/2020

### REAL ESTATE TAX:

ABELIN, ELIZABETH	\$1,428.20
ALBUI, PAUL	\$ 234.69
ALBUI, PAUL	\$ 210.56
AMODIO, GAIL & A. NUNEZ	\$ 518.96
AMODIO, JAMES & GAIL	\$3,107.19
AMODIO, JIMI & JAMES	\$ 907.10
ANTON, S. & HUDGELL, G.	\$2,316.39
BAUER, REG & ADELIA	\$2,590.06
BERBERIAN, ANDREA	\$2,044.45
BERGMAN, FREDERICK	\$ 95.91
BINGEL, WILLIAM	\$ 353.96
BOSTIC, ANTHONY	\$ 333.89
BOSTON, BRYAN	\$ 617.60
BRIER, JOHN, SR	\$ 3.95
BROOKS, VASSER	\$ 757.72
BROWN, ROBERT & JAMES, DEBORAH	\$ 250.90
BROWN, ROBERT	\$ 400.48
BURRILL, T. & DAOUST, S.	\$1,293.49
CITIFINANCIAL	\$2,225.81
CODY, JAMES	\$1,537.89
CORNELL DU HOUX, P & R	\$1,158.00
CURTIS, NORMA	\$2,026.50
DAMON, BILLI JO	\$1,302.75
DANIELS, CINDY	\$ 285.25**
DAVISON, RUSSELL	\$3,208.43
DICKEY, CRISTI	\$2,387.41
DICKINSON, NORMAN, JR.	\$1,113.61
DOURANT, STEVEN & VERONICA	\$1,124.23
DRISCOLL, CAITLIN	\$ 460.69

EMERSON, JAMES & BRENDA	\$1,011.53
FOLCO, ANNETTE	\$ 744.21
FOLCO, ANNETTE	\$ 163.66
FORSTEN, ROBERT	\$1,017.17
FOSTER, DOUGLAS	\$ 530.75
FOSTER, DOUGLAS	\$3,265.56
FRANCK, JOAN, JAMES	\$ 635.36
FRENCH, JAMES	\$ 952.84
FRENCH, LINDA	\$1,949.30
FRENCH, LINDA	\$1,142.32
FULLER, LARRY	\$2,489.70
GAGNON, NOAH & AMANDA	\$ 307.08
GIBSON, CHARLES & JEAN	\$1,783.10
GILBLAIR, JENNIFER	\$ 737.26
GILBLAIR, JENNIFER	\$1,217.25
GIRESI, SALVATORE	\$1,563.69
GIROUX, LESLIE	\$ 861.49
GORMAN, CRAIG	\$ 333.89
HANSCOM, PAMELA	\$1,254.50
HATFIELD, TIMOTHY & ELIZABETH	\$2,119.14
HAYDEN, DOUGLAS & WELCH, GALE	\$ 811.57
HAYDEN, WAYNE & GRETA	\$ 242.76
HEALD, DEBORAH & KIRK	\$2,229.15
HOPKINS, CONSTANCE	\$1,821.92
HUTCHINS, HEATHER	\$4,350.22
HUTCHINS, HEATHER	\$ 77.59
JAMES, LINDA	\$1,738.54
JOHNSON, JEREMIAH	\$ 618.95
KELLEY, RICHARD	\$1,173.44
KENERSON, JARED & SUSANNA	\$ 254.24**
KENNEBEC MOTOR SALES	\$4,099.71
LABRERGE, SCOTT & JOLINE	\$1,818.06
LABONTE, ROBERT	\$1,514.09
LACROIX, KEVIN	\$ 742.60
LAFRENIERE, EDWARD	\$ 238.16
LANTHIER, MARIUS, HEIRS OF	\$ 191.24**
LAYMAN, CHRISTOPHER & TANYA	\$2,200.20
LAYMAN, CHRISTOPHER	\$ 714.10
LAYMAN, CHRISTOPHER	\$1,925.75
LAYMAN, CHRISTOPHER	\$ 511.64
LAYMAN, CHRISTOPHER	\$ 505.66
LINDBLOM, ROBERT, SR & NICOLE	\$ 143.77
LYNCH, JONATHAN	\$1,640.50
MACLEAN, JAMES	\$3,300.30
MAINE-LY TREES INC	\$ 27.30
MCEWEN, RONALD	\$ 704.45

MELILLO, LEO	\$1,158.00
MESSER, STEPHANIE	\$ 135.10
MILLER, CORY	\$1,821.34
MILLER, KEITH	\$ 783.58
MILLER, SHAWN	\$ 52.30**
MORGAN, RYAN & IRIS	\$ 171.38
MUNROE, BRIAN	\$1,312.40
MYERS, MEGAN	\$1,293.10
NILE, HEATHER & NICHOLS, DUSTIN	\$1,351.00
NOYES, DONNA	\$1,332.28
NYHOLT, JULIET	\$ 114.26**
O'BRIEN, SCOTT & HEATHER	\$2,212.31
OSBOURNE, JASON	\$1,273.22
PADHAM, MICHAEL	\$1,982.88
PADHAM, MICHAEL	\$ 862.71
PAPADOPOULOS, JUDITH	\$1,351.00
PEARSE-CARUSO, MATTEO	\$ 52.30
PLUNTKE, PETER & SUSAN	\$ 713.73
POMELOW, JEFFREY	\$1,679.10
PRENDERGAST, MARK	\$3,075.07
PROVOST, DARYLYNE	\$ 217.70**
QUATTROCCI, JOHN	\$1,127.12
REID, MICHAEL & ROSEMARY	\$ 294.71
REID, ROSEMARY	\$1,948.16
REYNOLDS, DEANNA	\$3,369.78
RICHARDSON, GLENN	\$ 507.01
RODERICK, JOEY	\$1,679.10
RODRIGUEZ, EFTAIN, HEIRS OF	\$ 646.69
ROGERS, DUNCAN	\$1,589.16
ROGERS, MEGAN	\$ 482.50
ROLLINS, NICHOLAS	\$ 775.43**
ROMAN, MARK	\$1,994.63
ROSSIGNAL, STUART	\$ 182.58
ROSSIGNAL, STUART	\$ 826.04
RUTHERFORD, ANNE & BRIAN	\$1,558.96
SAVAGE, EDWARD	\$1,744.72
SCHRADER, MICHELLE	\$ 417.07
SHANNON, ERIC	\$ 222.92
SIDELL, MYLES	\$1,563.30
SILLARS, JOHN	\$1,735.26
SIRANDA STAPLES, ANGELA	\$1,761.51
SLAMM, AMANDA	\$1,464.10
SMITH, RONALD & LESSIE	\$ 982.18
SOLON CORNER STORE	\$5,182.05
SOUSA, ROBERT & MARGARET	\$2,373.90
STADIG, LEE	\$1,671.47



STEIGER, JOHN JR	\$ 359.17
STEIKORSKI, F. & HOMINICK, W.	\$1,930.00
STEVENS, CLIFFORD & MICHELLE	\$2,194.50**
STICKNEY, MERVIL, HEIRS OF	\$1,235.20
TAMSCO, LLC	\$4,459.84
TEWKSBURY, JAME, ESTATE OF	\$1,158.00
TOLMAN, JOSEPH	\$ 613.01
TURCOTTE, ROSS & ANGELA	\$2,454.96
TURCOTTE, ROSS & LOUIE	\$ 664.89
TUTTLE, CRAIG	\$ 772.00
WHEELER, SHANE & ERICA	\$ 308.80
WHITE, CAROL	\$ 357.05
WHITE, CAROL	\$ 434.25
WHITE, CHRISTOPHER & TRINA	\$ 855.18
WHITE, KAREN	\$1,963.20
WHITE, ROBYN, & JONES, WALTER	\$ 616.86**
WILLETTE, ROBBIE	\$ 888.77
WILLETTE, ROBBIE	\$ 132.78
WING, TRAVIS	\$ 992.02
YORK, ANNIE	\$ 995.13
YOST, ANDREW & HEATHER	\$ 414.40

PERSONAL PROPERTY

LYNCH, JONATHAN	\$ 77.20
SOLON CORNER STORE	\$3,154.90
TAMSCO, LLC	\$1,224.92

2018 SUPPLEMENT

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

BOSTIC, ANTHONY	\$ 928.00
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Christine Jablon,  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector



Leslie Giroux,  
Deputy Clerk/Tax Collector & Treasurer

# **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

## **VITAL STATISTICS**

	<b>MARRIAGES</b>	<b>BIRTHS</b>	<b>DEATHS</b>
2016	5	3	12
2017	10	13	12
2018	9	10	11
2019	9	8	18

### **DEATHS JANUARY 1, 2019 -- DECEMBER 31, 2019**

Odber Andrews	86	Fayette Atwood	85
David Braga	66	Joan Chase	84
John Doherty	73	Walter Duplisea	94
Rickey Gobin	65	Edward Hilbert	87
Pauline Mayhew	80	Barbara Merrill	96
Martha Parker	93	Robert Pfeiffer	74
Darrell Roderick	61	Roderick Rodriguez	94
Howard Rogers	97	Dee Ann Thompson	60
Carolyn Waugh	103	Jean Wooster	68

## **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

# ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

## WINTER ROADS

### INCOME:

Appropriated	\$105,000.00	
MMA Safety Grant	\$ 1,083.95	
Town of Madison-Plowing	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>	\$107,283.95

### EXPENDITURES:

#### LABOR

Gary Bishop	\$ 25,463.13	
Raymond Young	\$ 7,047.25	
Joseph Kaminski	\$ 16,611.76	
Michael Gordon	\$ 3,686.00	
Leroy Tillson	<u>\$ 384.00</u>	\$ 53,192.14

#### UTILITIES

Central Maine Power	\$ 725.71	
TDS Telecom	\$ 283.27	
U.S. Cellular	<u>\$ 241.75</u>	\$ 1,250.73

#### SUPPLIES & MILEAGE

Garage Supplies	\$ 1,718.00	
Safety Equipment	\$ 2,049.93	
Radio Equipment	\$ 348.80	
Mileage Reimbursement	<u>\$ 2,015.61</u>	\$ 4,405.34

#### CONTRACTED SERVICES

Porta Potty	\$ 100.00	
Towing	<u>\$ 2,839.75</u>	\$ 2,939.75

#### PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Building Maintenance	\$ 564.00	
Supplies	\$ 23.98	
Furnace Maintenance	<u>\$ 184.45</u>	\$ 772.43

#### ROAD MAINTENANCE

Gravel	\$ 1,152.00	
Calcium	\$ 2,199.90	
Winter Sand	\$ 11,610.00	
Winter Salt	\$ 8,934.68	
White Signs	<u>\$ 301.05</u>	\$ 24,197.63

### EQUIPMENT:

Equipment Repair	\$ 250.00	
Equipment Parts & Supplies	\$ 2,650.82	
Diesel Fuel	\$ 16,551.59	
Tires	\$ 1,586.95	

Truck Repair	\$ 2,500.87		
Truck Parts & Supplies	<u>\$ 8,500.45</u>	\$ 32,040.68	
TRAINING & DUES			
Certifications & Licenses	<u>\$ 15.00</u>	<u>\$ 15.00</u>	<u>\$120,531.70</u>
			(\$13,247.75)
Transferred in from FEMA funds			<u>\$ 13,247.75</u>
			\$ 0.00

## SUMMER ROADS

### INCOME:

Appropriated \$105,000.00

### EXPENDITURES:

#### LABOR:

Gary Bishop	\$ 22,296.50	
Joseph Kaminski	\$ 11,112.75	
Raymond Young	\$ 18,038.63	
James Quimby	\$ 5,316.50	
Arthur Myers	\$ 2,296.00	
Barry Cushman	\$ 1,932.00	
Eric Peterson	\$ 1,498.00	
Danika Riggs	<u>\$ 130.00</u>	\$ 62,620.38

#### UTILITIES

Central Maine Power	\$ 351.58	
TDS Telecom	\$ 496.94	
U.S. Cellular	<u>\$ 318.77</u>	\$ 1,167.29

#### SUPPLIES & MILEAGE

Garage Supplies	\$ 604.95	
Tools	\$ 34.42	
Safety Equipment	\$ 28.62	
Mileage Reimbursement	<u>\$ 1,602.50</u>	\$ 2,270.49

#### CONTRACTED SERVICES

Bush Hogging/Mowing	\$ 2,008.50	
Porta Potty	\$ 125.00	
Equipment Rental	<u>\$ 3,586.25</u>	\$ 5,719.75

#### PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Building Maintenance	\$ 175.00	
Supplies	<u>\$ 256.39</u>	\$ 431.39

#### ROAD MAINTENANCE

Gravel	\$ 3,576.00	
Supplies	\$ 109.99	
Road Signs	\$ 459.77	

Paving	\$ 11,195.00		
Culverts	<u>\$ 3,036.00</u>	\$ 18,376.76	
EQUIPMENT:			
Equipment Repair	\$ 1,010.00		
Equipment Parts & Supplies	\$ 9,198.29		
Diesel Fuel	\$ 2,812.01		
Tires	\$ 1,625.63		
Truck Repair	\$ 5,778.35		
Truck Parts & Supplies	\$ 6,824.74		
Vehicle Inspections	<u>\$ 410.00</u>	\$ 23,185.70	
TRAINING & DUES			
Certifications & Licenses	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	<u>\$118,345.08</u>
			(\$13,345.08)
Transferred in from LRAP Funds			\$ 8,936.74
Transferred in from FEMA funds			<u>\$ 4,408.34</u>
			\$ 0.00

## HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

### INCOME:

Balance 1/1/19	\$51,063.79		
Appropriated	\$15,000.00		
Interest	<u>\$ 1,158.29</u>	\$ 67,222.08	

## ROAD PAVING RESERVE ACCOUNT

### INCOME:

Balance 1/1/19	\$ 39,906.85		
Appropriated	\$215,000.00		
Interest	<u>\$ 2,127.38</u>	\$257,034.23	

## LRAP GRANT RESERVE ACCOUNT

### INCOME:

Balance 1/1/19	\$ 41,923.27		
Interest	\$ 934.50		
Received from State of Maine	<u>\$ 42,224.00</u>	\$ 85,081.77	

### EXPENDITURES:

Trans. to Summer Roads		<u>\$ 8,936.74</u>	\$76,145.03
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## FEMA RESERVE ACCOUNT

### INCOME:

Balance 1/1/19	\$ 14,713.41		
Received from FEMA/MEMA	<u>\$ 2,942.68</u>	\$17,656.09	

for windstorm on 10/31/17

### Paid Out:

Transferred to Winter Roads	\$ 13,247.75		
Transferred to Summer Roads	\$ <u>4,408.34</u>	<u>\$17,656.09</u>	\$ 0.00

## SIDEWALK RESERVE ACCOUNT

### INCOME:

Balance 1/1/19	\$ 9,734.29	
Appropriated	\$ <u>1,000.00</u>	\$10,734.29

## Road Commissioner Report

We have had a long cold winter that lasted nearly to the end of April. There were a lot of snow storms and freezing rain. Freezing rain is a challenge because the sand/salt washes off the road just about as fast as we put it on. We used up all of our winter sand pile and salt and had to replenish them this fall.

This year Arthur Myers, Barry Cushman, and Eric Peterson cut road side brush on the South Solon Road. The road crew then chipped it all. There were issues with people not slowing down in the work areas. We received a Safety Grant from the Maine Municipal Association Risk Management for additional work zone signage and portable speed bumps. Hopefully this helps. If not we will have to hire a flagger to better control traffic and make the work zones safer. Please slow down in our work areas for your safety and the safety of our road crew.

We did grading and some gravel work on the gravel roads. We replaced some culverts on the French Hill Road, Boardman Road, and Hole in the Wall Road in preparation for the 2021 paving project on those roads.

In 2020 we want to start a Gravel Roads Reserve and use the funds to start rebuilding our gravel roads. We plan on starting on some of the worst sections of the gravel roads. We will deep grade the roads, reshape the roads so the water flows off the road and into the ditch, and add surface material. We intend this to be an ongoing project like our paved road project. We will address some of the worst sections first and then we will do it road by road.

We took the backhoe/loader to the dealer for rest of the repair work. We also had to do a lot of maintenance and repair work on all our trucks. It was a costly year for vehicle and equipment maintenance work.

I would like to thank all who have given me support this year. This has been my second year as Road Commissioner. Thank you so much. I appreciate it!

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



Gary Bishop, Road Commissioner



Raymond Young, Road Crew



Joseph Kaminski, Road Crew



Jim Quimby, Road Crew

# TRANSFER STATION REPORT

## TRANSFER STATION

### INCOME:

Appropriated	\$ 72,000.00	
Fees	\$ 786.00	
Sticker Fees	\$ 320.00	
Steel Recycling	\$ 2,233.00	
Compost Bins	<u>\$ 95.00</u>	\$ 75,434.00

### EXPENDITURES:

#### LABOR:

David Dickey	\$ 12,388.50	
Olon Burns	\$ 2,247.00	
Keith Gallagher	\$ 126.00	
Joseph Madore	\$ 1,624.13	
George Downs	<u>\$ 888.00</u>	\$ 17,273.63

#### TRANSPORTATION:

Olon Burns	\$ 229.50	
Joseph Madore	\$ 1,687.50	
Joseph Kaminski	\$ 1,047.75	
Raymond Young	\$ 767.25	
Michael Gordon	\$ 80.00	
Duayne Rollins	\$ 64.00	
Diesel Fuel	\$ 2,028.52	
Truck Parts & Supplies	\$ 1,673.25	
Truck Repair & Inspection	\$ 1,470.00	
Tub Transport Fees	\$ 2,450.00	
Tires	<u>\$ 335.90</u>	\$ 11,833.67

#### CONTRACTED SERVICES:

WMDSM, trash tipping fee	\$ 41,295.05	
Recycling Programs	\$ 749.50	
Porta-A-Potty	\$ 275.00	
Trash Compacting	\$ 100.00	
Bush Hogging/Mowing	<u>\$ 200.00</u>	\$ 42,619.55

#### EQUIPMENT MAINT:

Parts & Supplies	\$ 814.74	
Equipment Repair	<u>\$ 75.33</u>	\$ 890.07

#### UTILITIES:

CMP	\$ 795.28	
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TDS Telecom	\$	580.00		
LP Gas	\$	<u>180.26</u>	\$	1,555.54
OTHER:				
Certifications & Licenses	\$	465.00		
Mileage Reimbursement	\$	83.00		
Property Maintenance	\$	100.63		
Supplies	\$	<u>1,255.42</u>	\$	<u>1,904.05</u>
			\$	76,076.51
				(\$ 642.51)

## TRANSFER STATION TRUCK & EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/19	\$	31.77	
Interest	\$	<u>.66</u>	\$32.43

## 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; mix with metal

**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

<b><u>Tires:</u></b>	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
<b><u>Lights:</u></b> Mercury vapor bulbs	\$1.50 each
<b><u>Other:</u></b> Mercury switches, thermostats and thermometers	\$3.00
<b><u>Bulky Waste/Asphalt Shingles:</u></b> 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.

## **OLON 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 99 loads of garbage totaling 533.2 tons to Waste Management with a total cost of \$41,295 in tipping fees during 2019, which is an increase of \$1,914.00 over last year. Our trash costs us a little over \$100 per ton in transport and landfill costs. Tonnage breakdown is: 349.3 tons household waste, 165.6 tons demolition debris, and 18.3 tons of waste wood.

On the other hand, Solon paid just over \$749.50 to dispose of the cardboard, paper and plastic, plus all of our light bulbs, electronics, glass, and tires. We were paid \$2,233 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 collect waste oil if anyone needs it. 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 the Selectmen know before July 1, 2020 and we can pay the fee to join in.

Thanks to Dave, Sonny, Joe, and George for all of their hard work to make our Transfer Station run so smoothly. Sonny retired this year and we hired Joe to take over on Wednesdays. Joe is also our truck driver. Additional thanks go to Road Commissioner Gary Bishop for the Road Crew’s frequent help.

## REMINDERS

**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 7th 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 & Joe Madore, 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 <sup>st</sup> Assist. Chief	592-5607	Solon 102
Todd Dixon, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Assist. Chief	441-5171	Solon 103
Kevin Lacroix, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Assist. Chief	446-2474	Solon 104
Richard Kelley, EMA Director		Solon 109
Jenney Rollins, Secretary/Treasurer		
Diana Rollins, Base Radio Monitor		
Thomas Courtney, Mechanic		

## FIRE WARDENS (for fire permits)

Duayne Rollins, Fire Warden 399-9549	
Deputies: Brian Coombs 592-5607	Todd Dixon 441-5171
Kevin Lacroix 446-2474	Linda Marquis 399-3820
Jen Rollins 399-1655	

## FIREFIGHTERS:

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

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

### INCOME:

Appropriated	\$ 30,000.00	
Ins. Reimb. for Traffic Control	\$ 2,640.00	
On Line Burn Permits	\$ 38.00	
Trans. from Fd Reserve Acct.	\$ 2,478.53	
MMA Safety Grants	<u>\$ 2,270.99</u>	\$ 37,427.52

### EXPENDITURES:

#### UTILITIES

OTT Comm.-Telephone	\$ 358.77	
CMP Electric	\$ 772.34	
Solon Water District	\$ 962.69	\$ 2,093.80

#### SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT

Safety Equipment	\$ 7,766.70	
Office Supplies	\$ 443.18	
Uniforms	\$ 232.90	

Shop Supplies	\$ 3,902.09		
Radio Communication Equip	\$ 2,306.50		
Activity Supplies	<u>\$ 310.00</u>	\$ 14,961.37	
PROPERTY MAINT.			
Building Maintenance	\$ 280.00		
Grounds Maintenance	<u>\$ 92.41</u>	\$ 372.41	
EQUIPMENT MAINT.			
Equipment Parts & Supplies	\$ 3,393.46		
Diesel Fuel & Gas	\$ 1,038.42		
Tires	<u>\$ 170.00</u>	\$ 4,601.88	
TRAINING & DUES			
Training	\$ 126.71		
Dues	\$ 180.00		
Medical Testing	<u>\$ 387.35</u>	\$ 694.06	
RESERVE FUNDS			
Helmets	\$ 5,345.00		
Fireworks Donation	\$ 500.00		
Solon Fire Auxiliary	<u>\$ 360.00</u>	\$ 6,205.00	
LABOR:			
Duayne Rollins	\$ 1,200.00		
Brian Coombs	\$ 976.00		
Jen Rollins	\$ 998.00		
Kevin Lacroix	\$ 726.00		
Zane Brown	\$ 1,072.00		
Richard Kelley	\$ 1,384.00		
Brian Livingstone	\$ 297.00		
Derek Dellarma	\$ 185.00		
Joseph Tyrell	\$ 205.00		
Blin Rollins III	\$ 185.00		
Frank Evangelista	\$ 79.00		
Todd Dixon	\$ 709.00		
Nick Rollins	\$ 377.00		
Desarae Howard	<u>\$ 106.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,499.00</u>	<u>\$ 37,427.52</u>
			\$ 0.00

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT TRUCK RESERVE ACCOUNT**

Balance 1/1/2019	\$ 2,975.65	
Income	\$ 80.00	
Interest	<u>\$ 62.32</u>	\$3,117.97

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT**

Balance 1/1/19	\$4,339.32	
Interest	<u>\$ 90.72</u>	\$4,430.04

## FIRE DEPARTMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

### INCOME:

BALANCE 1/1/19	\$ 6,450.67	
Donations	\$ 5,978.18	
Interest	<u>\$ 182.49</u>	\$12,611.34

### EXPENDITURES

Trans. to Fire Department	<u>\$ 2,478.53</u>	\$10,132.81
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### ***BURN PERMITS:***

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

*For burn permits call the Fire Warden or one of the Deputies listed above.*

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

Where did 2019 go? Not sure where the year went but what I am sure of is it is my time to brag about the Fire Department.

To start off, I want to say thank you to the Community, Town Officials, Auxiliary, and my Firefighters! Without all of you and your support what we do would not be possible.

We also want to than Foss Enterprise, Moose Alley Riders 4-wheeler club, and, of course, Santa. Thank you to everyone that donated towards the fireworks, and of course, the people who voluntarily stop by our toll booth each year.

This year we were able to purchase 4 new sets of fire gear and our new helmets. The helmets were partially paid for by a safety grant from Maine Municipal Association that we were awarded in 2018. Also, with the help from Keith and another safety grant from Maine Municipal Association, we were able to purchase road cones and 2 LED stop and slow signs that will greatly help keep us save when we are in the roads. We also purchased and installed some new updated door locks for the fire station.

We enjoyed being a part of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. The fire works were very busy and well attended. It is a great way to bring our community and surrounding towns together.

We really enjoy helping the Auxiliary with the spaghetti dinner. We get to wait on the tables and be involved with the community. We have a chance to talk with them and answer questions. We had a great turn out this year.

We go to the Solon School for Fire Prevention Week. We bring a fire truck and go over fire safety with the school children and give out small items to them. It always goes over very well and I think the kids really enjoy it too.

The Haunted House is a lot of work, but we enjoy being able to have that for the community. We had a great time with a lot of kids showing up and were even able to scare some of the parents.

The last thing we do each year is a Christmas party for the Solon School. We go there with treats, the kids can do a craft and games, receive a small gift, and, of course, Santa. We usually wrap up the year with caroling, but unfortunately this year we were unable to have any caroling.

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

*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 Auxiliary getting ready for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade



# **FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY**

Officers: Aryke Coombs, President 643-2064  
Nelly Kelley, Vice President  
Janet Lacroix, Secretary 643-2474

Members: Dianna Rollins Tamika Lacroix Katie Lacroix  
Jasmyne Coombs Kari Hoskins Chantelle LaCroix

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



*They once again joined the Firefighters in our local 4th of July Parade!*

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.

With the fundraisers they hold throughout the year such as a Bottle Drop, Calendar Raffle, Voluntary Toll, Spaghetti Dinner and Raffle, they are able to support the Firefighters in purchasing equipment, supplies, or anything else they may need throughout the year. We are proud of the support they give to our local hometown heroes.

The Auxiliary 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.

# COOLIDGE LIBRARY

## COOLIDGE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

JANE OUDERKIRK, CHAIRMAN (2022)

RICHARD ROBERTS (2020)

LESLIE GIROUX (2022)

MARY LOU RIDLEY (2022)

STACY ROBINSON (2022)

SANDRA LONG (2020)

ALLYN FOSS (2020)

AMANDA SLAMM (2021)

DANNY OLIVER (2021)

RICHARD SEARLES (2021)

## Coolidge Librarian Report

Greetings from the Coolidge Library!

In 2018, according to a recent Gallup poll, visiting the library remained, by far, the most-attended cultural activity Americans engaged in. More Americans visited the library than visited the movie theater.

Here, library visitation was strong, even considering the small population of our area. More than 1,000 people came through the doors of our library. Those lucky patrons got to browse our collection of 5,096 books, covering nearly every topic/genre, our 200+ DVD collection, and dozens of audio books. Of the 1283 total books borrowed, 733 were adults', 489 were children's, and 61 were young adults'.

We participated in the national Collaborative Summer Library Program, "A Universe of Stories." During those summer weeks, kids of all ages learned about various Outer Space-related topics. Because reading is such an important part of learning, no age groups were excluded. We had activities for infants and toddlers, as well as school-age kids and adults. A few things participants of this year's program got to enjoy, were making ultraviolet-reactive bracelets, touching space rocks, building and firing rockets, and listening to real astronauts read stories while snacking on astronaut food. We had an educator from the L.C. Bates Museum give an interactive presentation about space to an enthusiastic and inquisitive group. Mr. Harley, our favorite family-friendly musician, gave another foot-stomping performance on the back lawn.

As in years past, we partnered with RSU 74's Summer Meals Program to feed breakfast and snacks to hungry kids. For senior citizens, we offered a series of free computer literacy classes, "Aging with Technology," taught by the National Digital Equity Center.

I am always open to any ideas for programming that will interest and engage our community. Please let me know if you have written or illustrated a book, or have a special skill or talent that you'd like to share with others, or if there is a subject you'd like to learn more about. I hope you will visit the Coolidge Public Library in 2020!

Respectfully,  
Megan Myers, Library Director

## **COOLIDGE LIBRARY RESERVE**

### **INCOME**

Balance 1/1/19	\$ 344.64	
Appropriated	\$ 12,500.00	
Investment Funds	\$ 4,008.28	
Fees and Donations	<u>\$ 366.50</u>	\$ 17,219.42

### **EXPENDITURES**

Megan Myers, Librarian	\$ 9,419.94	
Laura Layman, Librarian	\$ 1,562.00	
Books	\$ 2,120.67	
Post Office Box Fee	\$ 0.00	
Central Maine Power	\$ 626.45	
TDS Telecom	\$ 620.44	
Solon Water District	\$ 219.20	
SSB-Safe Deposit Box	\$ 0.00	
Megan Myers, cleaning	\$ 228.63	
Furnace Maintenance	\$ 291.00	
Activities Costs	\$ 726.34	
Eagle Security	\$ 542.50	
Maine Infonet-E-Book Fee	\$ 150.00	
Grounds Maintenance	\$ 20.00	
Supplies	<u>\$ 339.70</u>	<u>\$ 16,866.87</u> \$352.55

## **LIBRARY BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE**

Balance 1/1/19	\$30,042.09	
Appropriated	\$ 3,000.00	
Interest	\$ 646.29	
Sale of Donation Items	<u>\$ 10.00</u>	\$33,698.38

## **LIBRARY MEMORIAL & INVESTMENT FUNDS**

### **WELLS FARGO INVESTMENT FUND**

Principal \$87,380.00

Investment Value 1/1/19	\$87,208.03	
Investment Change in Value	<u>\$ 5,917.12</u>	\$93,125.15

Less			
Trans. to Raymond James Investment Fund		<u>\$93,125.15</u>	
Balance		\$	0.00

### RAYMOND JAMES INVESTMENT FUND

Principal \$87,380.00

Investment Transfer In	\$93,125.15		
Investment Change in Value	<u>\$ 5,664.78</u>	\$98,789.93	
Less			
Trans. to Library Reserve		<u>\$4,000.00</u>	
Balance			\$94,789.93

***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.***



Megan Myers. Librarian



Coolidge Library

# CEMETERIES & VETERAN GRAVES

## CEMETERIES

### INCOME:

Appropriated	\$12,000.00		
Investment Income	\$ 1,634.64		
Trans In From Cem. Maint. Res.	\$ 153.64		
Trans In From Village Cem. Res.	<u>\$ 276.12</u>	\$14,064.40	

### EXPENDITURES:

Robert Alton, Small Cemeteries	\$ 225.00		
W. Wooster, Evergreen Cem.	\$ 4,00.00		
W. Wooster, Village Cemetery	\$ 3,600.00		
W. Wooster, Pierce Cemetery	\$ 3,400.00		
W. Wooster, S. Solon Cem.	\$ 2,000.00		
A. Rogers, Hilton Cemetery	\$ 50.00		
Flag Holders	\$ 403.48		
Flags	<u>\$ 385.92</u>	<u>\$14,064.40</u>	\$0.00

## CEMETERY MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Balance 1/1/19	\$ 700.13		
Appropriated	<u>\$ 3,500.00</u>	\$4,200.13	
Paid Out:			
Trans to Cemeteries		<u>\$ 153.64</u>	\$4,046.49

## VILLAGE CEMETERY RESERVE

Investment Income	\$ 276.12		
Trans. To Cemeteries	<u>\$ 276.12</u>	\$0.00	

## CEMETERY LOT PURCHASE RESERVE

Income			\$500.00
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## WELLS FARGO INVESTMENTS

	Principal \$111,470.00		
Balance 1/1/19	\$ 99,106.16		
Income	\$6,250.14	\$105,356.30	
Transferred to Raymond James Investment Fund	<u>\$105,356.30</u>	\$0.00	

## PUTNAM INVESTMENTS

	Principal \$50,000.00		
Balance 1/1/19	\$69,381.04		
Income	<u>\$ 5,872.60</u>	\$75,253.64	
Transferred to Raymond James Investment Fund	<u>\$75,253.64</u>	\$0.00	

## RAYMOND JAMES INVESTMENT FUND

Principal \$161,470.00

Transferred in from Wells Fargo	\$105,356.30	
Transferred in from Putnam Inv.	\$ 75,253.64	
Income	<u>\$ 13,291.34</u>	\$193,900.68

Principal	\$161,470.00	
Available Income	<u>\$ 32,330.68</u>	\$193,900.68

The town owns 4 cemeteries: Evergreen Cemetery, Pierce Cemetery, South Solon Cemetery, and Village Cemetery. Lots are available in  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$  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. Village Cemetery is closed to vehicles due to the layout of the cemetery.

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



Kennebec River looking south towards the Solon-Embden bridge

# DOG OWNER NOTICE

## **Dog License - Everyone must license their dog!!**

The State of Maine requires all dogs over the age of 6 months or have been with the family for 10 days, to be registered in the town of residence of the owner. Fees for spayed or neutered dogs are \$6. (*Thank you*) and \$11 if they are NOT spayed/neutered.

All licenses expire on December 31<sup>st</sup>. A \$25 late fee will be added after January 31<sup>st</sup>. This fee is per dog and is non-negotiable (*per State law*)!

Please bring with you... the most recent Rabies Certificate and if applicable Spay/Neuter Certificate

### **Or License your dog Online**

Go to: [www.solon.maine.gov](http://www.solon.maine.gov) then Online Services > Dog Licensing

If you are licensing a wolf hybrid, service/search or rescue dog or obtaining a kennel license please contact the town office for more information.

**Kennel License** - Kennel owners need to have their property inspected annually by Solon's Animal Control Officer. At her discretion, she will be accompanied by a State of Maine Animal Welfare Agent for all inspections to assist her in upholding the highest of standards.

**Dog Ordinances** - Please do not allow your dogs to bark freely while outside. Please keep your dogs on a leash while walking, hooked to a run (3 x its length) or in a spacious fenced in area. State Law forbids dogs roaming at large and is subject to being picked up by the ACO and transported to the shelter for care.

**Lost Pet?** - If your pet is lost please call Somerset Dispatch. The ACO may have already found them. If not, a Lost Pet announcement will go out on the Town of Solon Maine Facebook Page. We have had a very good turnaround time with very few animals brought to the shelter by this new process being put into place.



To contact Solon's Animal Control Officer please call  
Somerset Dispatch at 207-474-6465

Stray animals are brought to the  
Waterville Area Humane Society - 207-873-2430



# ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

Hello, Elizabeth Giroux here, your newly appointed Animal Control Officer!

To those who don't know me I'd like to tell you a little about myself. I am 36 years old, born and raised in Solon. With a strong love for this little town, this is where I grew up and as an adult, where I chose to build my business, my life and my home! From a young age I've held many volunteer positions. Serving my community has always been something I've felt compelled to do. So, with my intense love of animals, it's probably no surprise to anyone who knows me that I've stepped into this position as Solon's ACO.

I completed the state required training in May of 2018. At that time, I was appointed as the Deputy ACO and expected to only cover on occasion. Man was I wrong! The very unexpected departure of the former ACO left me stepping up sooner than planned, as if I was told "tag you're it"! The challenge was accepted.

What was not expected was the mess I walked into just 3 days later. The news coverage of one particular property in Solon this summer, was something not many could fathom. A seizure of well over 100 dogs and growing, plus cats, horses and chickens was mind blowing. How it was allowed to get this bad had to be the question on everyone's mind. It surely was mine! Currently, the case is still under investigation, so my comments will have to be left to a minimum. In my opinion, the ball was dropped by all involved. But this was NOT going to happen on my time! These animals cannot fight for themselves so I will surely do everything in my power to fight for them!

To say 2019 was hard is an understatement. The situations I've encountered are shocking. I've had more emotions throughout this first 7 months in office than I've had in a long time. There are so many situations that you'd never even think would exist in our little town! Although exhausting, I'm going to continue and do everything I can to make it right. We are their voice ♥

I'd like to thank my husband Blin Rollins III for his support throughout all of this. You are not only an amazing partner in life but the best Deputy ACO a girl could ask for! I also want to thank the Selectmen - Elaine, Sarah & Keith, for all their time, patience and support in dealing with this transition. And a huge Welcome back to my sister Leslie Giroux as the Town's Clerk and Tax Collector. I'm beyond excited!

As Bob Barker so wisely reminded his viewers daily, I'd like to do the same!

*"This is Elizabeth Giroux, your Town of Solon Animal Control Officer reminding you to **please help control the pet population** — have your pets spayed or neutered."*





# 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)

RICHARD KELLEY, ALT (2021)      STEPHEN JOHNSON, ALT (2022)

## INCOME:

Balance 1/1/19	\$15,903.64	
Permits	\$ 735.00	
Interest	<u>\$ 328.15</u>	\$16,966.79

## EXPENDITURES:

Bruce Hills, Address Fees, 2018	\$ 90.00		
Supplies	\$ 238.00		
Legal Advertisements	\$ 127.50		
GIS Mapping	\$ 5,000.00		
Dianna Rollins, Secretary	<u>\$ 180.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,635.50</u>	\$11,331.29

## PERMITS:

Residential Permits	6	Residential Accessory Permits	14
Commercial Permits	2	Shore Land Zone Permits	1

In 2019 building activity was slightly ahead of the past few years. Perhaps the result of the improving economy.

We welcomed 2 new board members in 2019: Richard Kelley and Stephen Johnson. Richard is a long time member of our Fire Department and is also our town's Emergency Management Director. Steve is a retired carpenter and I think his experience and knowledge will be an asset to the board.

I am pleased to say that in September we finally received approval of our updated Shore Land Zoning Ordinance and map from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. We thank the town for approving the ordinance at our 2019 Annual Town Meeting.

I would like to remind landowners and timber harvesters that, as a result of the ordinance update, it is no longer necessary to acquire a permit from the town to harvest timber in the Shore Land Zone. The Maine Department of Conservation will now administer the timber harvest regulations for the Shore Land Zone.

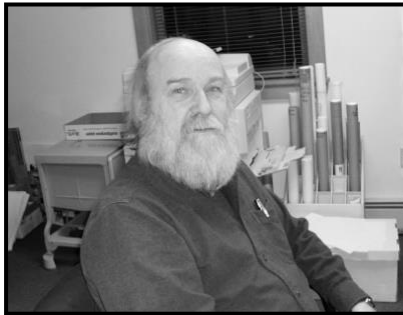
In 2019 the Town of Solon contracted with the Center for Community GIS to update and digitize our tax maps and our new shore land zone map. When the mapping is completed, a property owner or realtor will be able to view their property online on the town's web site and determine what areas, if any, are in the

shore land zone and how it may be designated.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 in the "Notices" and "What to Bring When" sections of this town report.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael R. Golden, Chairman



South Main Street looking north to the center of the town

# 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			
Trans to Swim Program	\$ 35.00		
Supplies	\$ 187.10		
Cal Ripken Baseball	\$ 576.34		
Foss Enterprises	\$ 70.00		
4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade	<u>\$ 234.76</u>	<u>\$1,103.20</u>	\$1,396.80

### RECREATION RESERVE

Income			
Balance 1/1/19		\$2,046.22	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 0.00</u>	\$2,046.22

### RECREATION FACILITIES & MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Income			
Balance 1/1/19	\$1,000.00		
Appropriated	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	\$2,000.00	

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup> Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade***

**July 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 5 pm to 9 pm**

## ***MAINE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION***

**5 pm to 8 pm at the school**

### ***FIREWORKS***

**At dusk at the school**

### **COME JOIN US IN THE PARADE AND BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION!!!**

If your family, community group, organization or business would like to submit an entry to participate in the parade and/or the Bicentennial Celebration, contact one of the following committee members by June 12<sup>th</sup>: And if you want to help in the planning and preparations or have some ideas to expand on this event, contact one of the following committee members by April 10<sup>th</sup>:

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

2019 was a fun year for those participating in our summer recreation/swim program. We had about 30 children participating in our 3-week program.

As always, we had swimming lessons at Embden Pond. We also enjoyed field trips to the L.C. Bates Museum for a program on pond exploration and to the town of Carrabassett Valley's town pool. Another huge hit was going to Madison High School for a New Balance Move More Kids program with UMaine Black Bear athletes. Interacting with the athletes was a great experience for the kids.

Activities were held at the school including some experiments with eggs, planting seeds and tie dye. We also had a visit from Mr. Drew and his animals too with a wonderful presentation of live reptiles. We took advantage of our local resources and helped at the community garden and went to the library to hear musician Mr. Harley.

Special thanks to our RSU 74 districts summer meals program that provides free breakfast and lunch to our 18 and under children.

A big thank you to our volunteers, without which this program would not be possible. Thank you to parent volunteer, Tanya Layman and our student volunteers, Olivia Layman, Jasmyne Pray, Chantelle Whittemore, Lindsey Hamilton, Muriel Layman, Sarah Craig and Bob Lindblom.

Respectfully,  
 Laura Layman, Program Director

Appropriated	\$1,200.00		
Trans In from Recreation	<u>\$ 35.00</u>	\$1,235.00	
Paid Out			
Town of Anson,			
Swim Lessons	\$ 250.00		
RSU 74, Bus Service	\$ 546.00		
Carrabassett Valley Swim	\$ 132.00		
Supplies	\$ 257.00		
L. C. Bates Museum	<u>\$ 50.00</u>	<u>\$1,235.00</u>	\$0.00

# AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

## SOLON AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM RESERVE ACCOUNT

### INCOME:

Balance 1/1/19	\$2,136.94	
Donations	\$ 145.00	
Appropriated	<u>\$6,300.00</u>	\$8,582.94

### EXPENSES:

Jennifer Mello, Director	\$2,400.00		
Samantha Mello	\$1,200.00		
Lindsey Cirell	\$1,800.00		
Supplies	<u>\$ 327.89</u>	<u>\$ 5,727.89</u>	\$2,855.05

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 12/31/19

Jones Fund Principal	\$29,323.29	
Ruth Cross Principal	\$ 1,270.00	
Jones Fund Available Funds	\$27,001.02	
Ruth Cross Available Funds	<u>\$ 138.97</u>	\$57,733.28
Transferred to Raymond James Investments		<u>\$57,733.28</u>
		\$ 0.00



## RAYMOND JAMES INVESTMENT FUNDS

As of 12/31/19

Jones Fund Principal	\$29,323.29	
Ruth Cross Principal	\$ 1,270.00	
Jones Fund Available Funds	\$31,494.88	
Ruth Cross Available Funds	<u>\$ 251.39</u>	\$62,339.56

## JONES FUND SCHOLARSHIP RESERVE FUND

Income:

Available Balance 1/1/19	\$10,881.25		
Interest Earned	\$ 147.44		
Investment Income	<u>\$ 8,305.88</u>	\$19,334.57	
2018 Scholarships Paid Out:			
Katie Dixon	\$ 2,500.00		
Courtney Fuller	\$ 2,500.00		
Evan Holzworth,	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,500.00</u>	\$11,834.57

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 2018 we had 3 applications with the award decision made after December 31, 2018. As of December 31, 2019 the 2019 scholarship awards had not yet been presented to the Selectmen.

## RUTH CROSS SCHOLARSHIP RESERVE FUND

Balance 1/1/19	\$ .85	
Interest	<u>\$ .02</u>	\$ .87
Paid Out:		
2018 & 2019 Scholarships, not awarded yet	<u>\$0.00</u>	\$0.87

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 or the 2019 scholarship. We have not yet taken the funds from our investment funds for the 2018 and 2019 scholarships.



# **SOLON COMMUNITY GARDEN**

## **Garden Committee Members**

Deb Gerry 643-2203

Linda French

Gail Bartlett

Michelle Schrader

Pat Hogan

Nova Bri'e Abelin

Joanne Holt

### **Income:**

New Balance Move More Kids Foundation Grant      \$1,371.55

### **Expenditures:**

Beds and Hardware      \$1,005.55

Soils & Amendments      \$    64.42

Tax and Shipping      \$    86.16

Seeds and Plants	<u>\$    8.48</u>	<u>\$1,164.61</u>	\$206.94
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On a very cold and wintery day early in 2019, about the time when all the seed catalogs came out, a group of like-minded people connected with the dream of starting a Community Garden in our town. Our primary goal was to promote and empower families in the practice of organic gardening by providing them with the education, a location, supplies and assistance needed for them to learn how to grow healthy food, not only for their own family, but also for those unable to garden and provide for themselves. Gardeners of all ages, abilities and experience, including young children, would be welcome in the Solon Community Garden.

Our first-year goal was quite ambitious: enlist participation of children from the Solon Elementary School, provide a garden bed to at least one family in order to educate and support their gardening interest, and provide 300 pounds of fresh produce to our local Food Cupboard.

It was an exceptional first year thanks to the support of the community. We applied for and received a \$1,371.55 grant from the Move More Kids Community Grant program funded by the New Balance Foundation through Somerset Public Health to fund our project. We also approached local businesses, schools and community members for donations and time and we were very fortunate to receive nearly everything we needed to get started. The result was the garden was up and producing food with a total cash investment of only \$216 out of the grant funds. The school children's plants, started in March, did very well and the summer program students did a great job in July helping to harvest and re-plant. We had the pleasure of working with 2 "new gardener" families and many volunteers who were all wonderful in donating their time and effort. Even with the challenges of a late start due to weather, getting the beds constructed and set up, unexpected bug infestation and an early end date due to frost and hard freeze, we exceeded our goals. By end of season the garden provided over 400 pounds of produce to the Food Cupboard. We would like to extend a special thank you to Linda French for her incredible support and extra time and effort spent to accept our harvests on the "off weeks" and get the food to those in need quickly, resulting in no loss of fresh produce!!

A requirement of the grant is that most of the funds must be spent by mid-September. The end of the gardening season was a good time to determine the best use of nearly all of the remaining funds to make the garden even bigger and better for 2020 and the future. Near the end of the season we set up 6 new beds, plus a cold frame bed to get an early start next year. We now have 17 raised beds.

There are numerous supporters who helped our dream garden get “into” the ground; some of whom wished not to be named. We sincerely thank each and every one of you.

We could not have accomplished our goals if it weren’t for Maureen Shaw of Somerset Public Health and her early involvement connecting us with Betsy Richard and Cheryl Curtis both with Maine Snap-Ed, and Carolyn Courtney of Move More Kids, all grant programs out of Somerset Public Health through Redington-Fairview General Hospital. This team’s dedication and guidance was and remains instrumental in ensuring our garden is a success. It was through this team that we learned of the grant opportunity for funding through the New Balance Foundation Move More Kids Community Grant program.

The Town of Solon Selectmen and support staff were also instrumental in our success. They accepted the grant funds and provided us with not only their support and ideas but with a beautiful level public lot for the garden with access to water. Without land and water there would be no garden. In addition they donated trellis material, a composting bin and coordinated with the Fire Department to provide us with space in their storage unit, a location to place it, and more... (Composting bins are available to all town people for \$45. If you don't need compost we will take all clean organic compost for our Community Garden.)

We would also like to express our appreciation to the following people for their support:

Frost Cedar for their wonderful donation of cedar boards for our garden beds.

Richard Mason and the students of Carrabec High School Industrial Arts for using the cedar boards donated by Frost Cedar and constructing beautiful garden beds.

Craig Gerry for donating his time and energy transporting the cedar boards, other materials and finished beds.

David Starbird for loading and delivering compost donated by Juliette Nyholt.

Daryl Partridge for his donation and delivery of yards of garden soil.

Maine Grains for their donation of a ton of oat hull mulch.

Somerset Public Health, Move More Kids and Maine Snap-Ed staff for transporting the oat hulls mulch.

Scott of Griswold's Country Store for taking his time, tractor and ingenuity to get the oat hull mulch off the trailer.

Gail Matlock and Mike Foster for donation and delivery of sea compost.

Limited Edition Farms LLC for donation and delivery of coconut coir compost.

Gary Rogers for moving and cleaning up our piles of soil and compost.

Solon Greenhouse for their donations of potting soil and plants.

Staples Hardware for discounted hardware.

Bait, Bolts and Bullets for their donation of hardware.

Michelle Schrader for donations of seeds and goat compost.

Solon Library for seeds, support and test pots of tomatoes.

Solon Elementary School staff and children for donations of seeds, a great job of starting plants in dead of winter for the garden and coming back to help harvest and re-plant for food cupboard.

Last but not least to the Solon Fire Department for sharing their back lot, moving and cleaning out a large part of their storage unit for us, helping clean up the area and for your support.

We hope to have more gardeners, visitors and volunteers in 2020. Please feel free to stop by or call with your questions, thoughts and ideas. We look forward to gardening with you next year!







# HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

## COMMUNICATIONS

(Based on “Sketches from Solon’s History” published 1959)

**POST OFFICE:** The first Post Office in Solon was established on February 14, 1818 during the administration of President James Munroe. Isaac Rouse was the first postmaster and he was succeeded by Asa Buswell on August 13, 1818. It is not known where the first post office in Solon was located. The first rural route was established May 1, 1903 with Dudley Healey as a carrier at a salary of \$50 per month. A second rural route was established June 28, 1912 with Walter Cross as the carrier. In 1933 the two routes were combined into one route.

**NEWSPAPERS:** The first newspaper of record in Solon was the “Solon Advertiser” in the 1870’s. It was a small advertising and news sheet printed by Turner Buswell and there are copies from 1871 to 1874 at the Historical Society. The “Solon Weekly Times”, which existed in the 1890’s, was edited in Solon but published in Fairfield. Since 1900 there has been no local newspaper in Solon.

**TELEPHONE:** Although there was a telephone installed in the old Caratunk House about 1890, the Somerset Farmers’ Cooperative Telephone Company did not start operating in Solon until about 1903. It was organized by Frank Ames of Norridgewock. The first subscriber is said to have been Fred Magoon. Alna Brown set many of the poles and installed many of the phones. The first central office was on Pleasant Street and the first operator was Evie Whitney.



The first phones: How did they work? There were always six or seven on one line. To reach the operator you turned one long crank of the little handle on the side of the phone box, a lady answered and asked who you wanted, and she rang them. No one on your line heard you call the operator, but if a call came to someone on your line, all line members heard. How did they distinguish who the calls were for? There was a system of rings — as two short-one long, one short-one long, etc. — and neighbors soon learned who was being called by the code of rings. If someone wanted to know what was going on at some home, all that was necessary was to listen for the ring, and quietly slip down the receiver off the hook and listen in. This was such common practice that a third party (listener) often joined in the conversation making it three-way, or, at times, four-way, if another decided to join in. It was complicated, inefficient, often out of service, but it did form a link of togetherness that scattered farm families would not otherwise have had.

# **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 to share with the Historical Society, please call 643-2275 to contact Richard so he can come scan them, you can email them to [solonthistoryhouse@gmail.com](mailto:solonthistoryhouse@gmail.com), or you can mail them to the town at PO Box 214, Solon, ME 04979.

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.

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 (2022) Jeff McAllister (2020) Bud Boynton (2021)

President: Chris Shaw

Vice President: Jeff McAllister

Treasurer: Albert Starbird

Recording Secretary: Maureen Shaw

Membership Secretary: Marie Poulin

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 1/1/19	\$7,228.73		
Dues and Donations	\$ 260.00		
Investment Income	\$ 76.16		
Interest	<u>\$ 129.43</u>	\$7,694.32	
Paid Out:			
Post Office Box	\$ 64.00		
Phone	\$ 749.70		
Electric	\$ 481.53		
Water District	\$ 219.20		
Supplies	<u>\$ 963.77</u>	<u>\$2,478.20</u>	\$5,216.12



### **HISTORICAL SOCIETY MAINTENANCE RESERVE**

Balance 1/1/19	\$7,181.17		
Income	\$ 25.92		
Interest	<u>\$ 120.68</u>	\$7,327.77	
Paid Out:			
Heat	\$ 1,250.38		
Security System	\$ 263.40		
Grounds Maintenance	\$ 417.47	<u>\$1,931.25</u>	\$5,396.52

### **WELLS FARGO ADVISORS INVESTMENT FUND**

Balance 1/1/19	\$130,405.58		
Change in Value	<u>\$ 8,094.42</u>	\$138,500.00	
Transferred to Raymond James Investment		<u>\$138,500.00</u>	\$0.00

### **RAYMOND JAMES INVESTMENT FUND**

Transferred in from Wells Fargo	\$138,500.00		
Change in Value	<u>\$ 11,059.39</u>	\$149,559.39	

#### **PRINCIPAL & AVAILABLE AMOUNTS**

Maintenance Reserve Principal	\$110,000.00		
Maintenance Reserve Available	\$ 19,626.67		
Historical Society Res. Available	\$ 19,932.72	\$149,559.39	



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)  
Derek Dellarma, Treasurer (2022)

Arthur Rogers, Secretary (2021)  
Shawna Albert, Office Clerk

The Water District and Town of Solon suffered a great loss this year when our friend and office clerk, Darrell Roderick, passed away from his battle with cancer.

Darrell put his whole heart and soul into his short role as clerk, and took his position very seriously. He spent countless hours improving our billing and accounting system, and the impact he had on our district will never be forgotten or duplicated. He will be missed immensely.

On behalf of the trustees, we would like to thank Tammy Spearrin for taking the position back when Darrell became ill, and staying on until a replacement could be trained.

## **INCOME:**

Residential Sales - Metered	\$38,928.00	
Commercial Sales – Metered	\$ 8,807.82	
Public Authority – Metered	\$ 2,301.27	
Non-Profit - Sales Tax Exempt	\$ 978.00	
Public Fire Protection Charges	\$21,864.00	
Private Fire Protection Charges	\$ 685.40	
Establishment/Reconnection Fees	\$ 137.80	
Collection Trip Fees	\$ 239.21	
Other Service Revenue	<u>\$ 239.00</u>	\$74,181.10

## **EXPENSES:**

Salaries, labor, trustee stipends	\$22,102.01
Payroll Taxes	\$ 1,576.13
Central Maine Power	\$ 5,319.22
Supplies for Operations	\$ 3,765.20
Supplies for Administration	\$ 1,613.34
Contractual Accounting	\$ 3,391.00
Contractual Testing	\$ 529.70
Contractual Oher Field Work	\$ 9,069.22
Contractual Oher Admin/Finance	\$ 3,260.00
Rental of Equipment	\$ 335.75
Transportation Expense	\$ 81.75
Insurance - Liability	\$ 2,535.00
Insurance – Workman Compensation	\$ 398.00

Advertising	\$ 480.48	
Telephone/Cell Expense	\$ 1,303.82	
Trainings/Conferences	\$ 275.54	
Bank Fees & Safe Deposit Box Fee	\$ 161.17	
Dues & Miscellaneous Fees	\$ 1,651.50	
Water Expenses	\$ 54.24	
Other Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 709.19	
Reconciliation Discrepancies	<u>(\$ 2.78)</u>	<u>\$58,609.98</u>
Net Ordinary Income		\$15,571.12
Less Depreciation Expense	\$ 7,228.00	
Less Amortization/Debt Disc/Expense	<u>\$ 1,801.27</u>	<u>\$ 9,029.27</u>
Net Income		\$ 6,541.85



#### IN MEMORY OF DARRELL RODERICK

*“Don’t be dismayed at goodbyes. A farewell is necessary before you can meet again. And meeting again, after moments or lifetimes, is certain for those, who are friends” – Richard Bach*

# **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.

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

Solon Snow Hawks  
PO Box 251  
Solon, ME 04979

# BAKER MOUNTAIN SKI

Baker Mountain Ski Area was established in 1937 and is one of the oldest ski areas in the state and in one of only 14 community ski areas left in Maine. Baker Mountain Ski Tow Club members and volunteers have run the ski area since 1959. Bingham, Caratunk, The Forks, Moscow, Pleasant Ridge, Solon, and Embden donate towards the operating budget so ticket prices can be kept reasonable. There is a 2,140 foot T-bar, one large open slope, and 4 side trails. There are ski and snowboard rentals and free lessons. It is open weekends and school vacations and has night skiing. There is also a snack bar.

In the 2018-2019 it was open 34 days and had 1,067 skiers and snowboarders. It was also used by the Solon PreK for sledding, by the Boy Scouts for overnights, hiking, and survival activities, and for children parties. For more information or to volunteer, call 717-0404.

## INCOME:

Balance 1/1/2019	\$6,222.91	
Town of Bingham	\$4,000.00	
Town of Caratunk	\$ 500.00	
Town of The Forks	\$ 500.00	
Town of Moscow	\$5,000.00	
Town of Pleasant Ridge	\$2,000.00	
Town of Solon	\$ 750.00	
Town of Embden	\$ 500.00	
Food Sales	\$4,019.29	
Day Tickets	\$4,790.00	
K-12 Tickets	\$1,000.00	
Night Tickets	\$1,610.00	
Rentals	\$1,478.00	
Seasonal	\$1,050.00	
Miscellaeuous	\$ 728.00	
SSB Donation	\$2,500.00	
Raffle/Supper	<u>\$2,103.00</u>	\$38,751.20

## EXPEDITURES:

Bank Mortgage	\$7,145.25		
Telephone	\$ 33.60		
Fuel	\$1,243.32		
Repairs	\$1,125.69		
Central Maine Power	\$5,862.56		
Heat	\$3,295.50		
Miscellaneous	\$3,245.70		
Insurance	\$4,529.39		
Inspections	\$2,303.50		
Snowmobile	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$33,350.23</u>	\$5,400.97

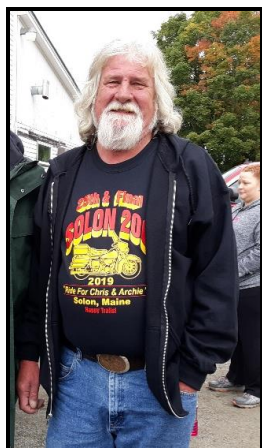
# **SOLON 200 BIKE RUN**

## **25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Bikers have gathered at the Solon Hotel on the last Saturday in September for the past 25 years for a bike run up Rt. 201 to Bingham, across Rt. 16 to Kingsbury Pond and Abbott, then onto Rt. 15 to Greenville, Rockwood, and Jackman then back down Rt. 201 to Solon. They finish up at the Solon Hotel with a Spaghetti Dinner, raffle and live music to raise funds for Hospice. Hotel owner Jim MacLean organizes this bike run and his mother, along with many helpers, puts on the spaghetti dinner. Jim has decided this was the final year. Over the years many, many thousands of dollars have been raised for Hospice.







Jim MacLean



Solon PTO fund raising at Bike Run



Bikers heading out on the Bike Run

# 2019 AUDITOR'S REPORT

KEEL J. HOOD

Certified Public Accountant

PO Box 302 - Fairfield, Maine 04937 - (207)453-2006

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

February 7, 2020

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Solon  
Solon, Maine

### Report on the Financial Statements

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the other aggregated fund information of Town of Solon, Maine, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

### Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

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

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinions.

### Opinions

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the other aggregated fund information of the Town of Solon, Maine as of December 31, 2019 and the respective changes in financial position, and where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information



Management has omitted Management's Discussion & Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. My opinion of the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

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

Statement 1

TOWN OF SOLON, MAINE  
Statement of Net Position  
December 31, 2019

<b>ASSETS</b>	Governmental <u>Activities</u>
Current Assets:	
Cash	\$ 1,087,558
Receivables	
Taxes	179,123
Liens	50,411
Total Current Assets	<u>1,317,092</u>
Noncurrent Assets:	
Capital assets net	3,560,093
Total Assets	<u>4,877,185</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	9,478
Notes payable	11,018
Total Current Liabilities	<u>20,496</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Notes payable	20,952
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>20,952</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>41,448</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	3,528,123
Unrestricted	1,307,614
Total net position \$	<u>4,835,737</u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.  
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TOWN OF SOLON, MAINE  
Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

Statement 2

Function/Programs	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenue
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating grants and contributions	Capital grants and contributions	
Governmental activities:	\$				
General government	191,302	12,544			(178,758)
Protection	144,934	11,007			(133,927)
Public works	453,764	2,294	45,167		(406,303)
Leisure services	41,083	2,072	14,529		(24,626)
Health and sanitation	86,292	3,434			(82,858)
Social services	10,731		4,813		(5,918)
Special assessments	1,358,470				(1,358,470)
Unclassified	32,299	2,696	4,963		(24,640)
Debt service	12,025				(12,025)
Total governmental activities	2,330,900	34,047	69,472	0	(2,227,381)
					<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Net (expense) / revenue					
General revenues:					
Property taxes					1,714,337
Excise taxes					191,164
Interest and costs on taxes					18,404
Intergovernmental:					
State revenue sharing					74,177
Homestead exemption					73,796
Tree growth					45,240
Veterans reimbursement					2,382
NETS					119,144
Loss on sale of assets					24,049
Unrestricted interest					11,063
Miscellaneous					15,184
Total general revenues					<u>2,288,948</u>
Change in Net Position					61,567
Net Position - beginning					4,774,170
Net Position - ending	\$				<u>4,835,737</u>

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TOWN OF SOLON, MAINE  
Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
December 31, 2019

Statement 3

ASSETS	General Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Cash	\$ 1,087,558	\$ 1,087,558
Receivables		
Taxes	179,123	179,123
Liens	50,411	50,411
Total Assets	<u>1,317,092</u>	<u>1,317,092</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable	9,478	9,478
Deferred property taxes	209,000	209,000
Total Liabilities	<u>218,478</u>	<u>218,478</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>		
Fund Balances		
Assigned Revenues	204,850	204,850
Assigned Expenditures	457,661	457,661
Undesignated	436,103	436,103
Total Fund Equity	<u>1,098,614</u>	<u>1,098,614</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>\$ 1,317,092</u>	<u>\$ 1,317,092</u>

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	3,560,093
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-periods expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.	209,000
Long-term liabilities, including notes payable are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.	
Notes payable	(31,970)
Net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 4,835,737</u>

TOWN OF SOLOM, MAINE  
 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances  
 Governmental Funds  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

	General Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Taxes	\$ 1,923,905	\$ 1,923,905
Intergovernmental	384,219	384,219
Interest	11,063	11,063
Charges for services	34,046	34,046
Miscellaneous	39,233	39,233
Total Revenues	<u>2,392,465</u>	<u>2,392,466</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
Current:		
General government	186,324	186,324
Protection	129,237	129,237
Public works	238,877	238,877
Leisure services	41,083	41,083
Health and sanitation	76,077	76,077
Social services	10,731	10,731
Special assessments	1,358,470	1,358,470
Unclassified	32,299	32,299
Debt Service	12,025	12,025
Total Expenditures	<u>2,085,123</u>	<u>2,085,123</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>307,343</u>	<u>307,343</u>
Net Change in fund balances	307,343	307,343
Fund Balances - Beginning	791,270	791,270
Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ 1,098,613</u>	<u>\$ 1,098,613</u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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TOWN OF SOLON, MAINE  
 Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues,  
 Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances  
 of Governmental Funds  
 to the Statement of Activities  
 For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2019

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 397,344
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. While governmental activities report depreciation expense to allocate those expenditures over the life of the assets:	
Depreciation expense	(256,471)
Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position:	
Capital obligation principal payments	10,694
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ <u>61,567</u>

## Statement 6

TOWN OF SOLOW, MAINE  
Statement of Net Position  
Fiduciary Fund  
December 31, 2019

	Private Purpose <u>Trust Fund</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Investments	
Due from general fund	769,775
Total Assets	<u>769,775</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Held in Trust	769,775
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 769,775</u>

## Statement 7

TOWN OF SOLOW, MAINE  
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2019

	Private Purpose <u>Trust Fund</u>
<b>Additions:</b>	
Investment income	141,727
Total Additions	<u>141,727</u>
<b>Deductions</b>	
Libraries	4,728
Scholarship	636
Historical	1,352
Cemeteries	1,637
Total Deductions	<u>8,353</u>
Change in Net Assets	133,374
Change in Net Assets after Operating Transfers	202,755
Net Position - beginning of year	567,020
Prior Period Adjustment	69,381
Net Position Restated	636,401
Net Position - end of year	<u>\$ 839,156</u>

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The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.



Keel Hood, Town Auditor



Solon Railroad Station



# **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.**

# **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.



Eleanor Pooler at Fryeburg Fair with her pair of working steer, Star and Toby.

Eleanor has been showing steer for 70 yrs. and she has been the leader of Solon Pine Tree 4-H Club for 53 years.

# RESULTS OF 2019 TOWN MEETING

Article 1: Peter Mills was elected Moderator.

Article 2: The following were elected: Selectman: Elaine Aloes; Tax Collector/Town Clerk: Christine Jablon; Road Commissioner: Gary Bishop; and School Board Directors: Deron Whittemore

Article 3: Approved to cover the overages from 2018.

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

Articles 5 thru 13: Spending articles adopted as recommended except for Article 7-1 which was amended to increase the Fire Chief salary to \$7,000

Article 14: Approved to raise funds for GIS mapping of the town

Article 15: Approved the purchase of an LED electronic sign. It is now in use.

Article 16: Approved using reserve funds to purchase a dump body for the 1995 Ford truck. We did not replace the dump body. We just did some repairs to it.

Article 17: Approved using reserve funds to replace the furnace at the fire station. This was completed in the fall.

Article 18: Approved using reserve funds to have the Library property surveyed. We are still waiting for the survey to be completed so there is an article for the 2020 town meeting to approve this again.

Article 19: Approved to use the 2018 BETE reimbursed that didn't come until January 2019 to reduce the 2019 taxes.

Article 20: Approved changing the Tax Collector/Clerk from an elected to an appointed position.

Article 21: Approved forming a Library Building Committee.

Article 22: Approved creating a Swim/Camp Program Reserve.

Article 23: Approved the Ordinance Limiting Home Cultivation of Marijuana for Personal Adult Use.

Article 24: Approved the Shore Land Zoning Ordinance.

Article 25: Approved a revision on the Foreclosed Property Ordinance.

Article 26: Approved and the Verrill property was deeded to an heir upon payment of the back taxes, fees, and costs.

Article 27: Approved and the Osbourne property was deeded back to Jason Osbourne upon payment of back taxes, fees, and costs.

Article 28: Approved and the Erb property has been retained by the town.

Article 29: Approved and the Weese property was put out to bid and sold to the highest bidder.

Articles 30 to 32: Approved as recommended. We did not take any action as we are still waiting on the property survey. There is an article for the 2020 town meeting regarding this matter.

Articles thru 33 to 39: These are every year required articles and they were adopted as recommended.

# EXPLANATIONS OF ARTICLES

## 2020 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

In 2020 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 \$39,603.45 more than last year. Most of this increase is due to another \$1 per hour increase in the minimum wage and the need to adjust wages accordingly. Also in the beginning of December our tax collector/clerk was hired by Embden and told us she would be leaving Solon as of January 1, 2020. Without a certified tax collector/clerk we would have to send our citizens to one of our neighboring towns to register our vehicles. It takes about 6 months to be certified. We had discussions with our former tax collector/clerk and with the Budget Committee and we were able to hire Leslie Giroux back with the offer of a 40 hour week. There are also needed increases in our roads and transfer station budgets.

**ARTICLE 3:** In 2019 we were overdrawn in 4 accounts and need the authorization using surplus to cover the overage

**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 2019 this limit was \$572,934 and in 2019 it is \$569,721. The Selectmen's and the Budget Committee's 2019 proposed budget by taxation is under this cap.

**ARTICLES 5 THRU 15:** Articles to raise money for various purposes. Our Budget Worksheet will be available at the Town Office and at the Town Meeting. Items of note in that group are listed below.

**ARTICLE 5:** Salary increases for the Selectmen, Tax Collector/Clerk, and Animal Control Officer. More hours for the Deputy Tax Collector/Clerk/Treasurer.

**ARTICLE 7:** The Fire Department is now required to wash their fire gear clothing after every fire call. To do this we either need to purchase a gear extractor washer or take them to Skowhegan Fire Department to use their washer. A washer is about \$10,000 including hooking up water, drainage, and electrical. This article will raise \$5,000 for the washer. The Fire Department will take the balance of the cost from their reserve account.

**ARTICLE 9:** This is an increase of \$10,000 for Winter Roads and \$10,000 for Summer Roads. Each of these accounts were over by more than \$13,000 in 2019 and FEMA and LRAP funds were used to cover the overage. We had a long winter and a lot of vehicle and equipment repairs in 2019.

**ARTICLE 12:** This is Maine's Bicentennial Year and we are planning celebrating it on July 4<sup>th</sup> with activities at the school and fireworks. We are requesting some money for this.

**ARTICLE 14:** This article create a Gravel Roads Reserve to be used for capital repairs on our gravel roads. We want to start an on ongoing project to rebuild our gravel roads. In 2020 we plan on starting on the worst parts Parkman Hill Road and Hole in the Wall Road. It will also raise \$10,000 by taxation and use \$10,000 of LRAP funds. LRAP is funds the state send us every year for road capital projects.

**ARTICLE 15:** 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. We approved this last year but the surveyor did not get it done so we need to approve the expenditure again.

**ARTICLE 16:** We approved this last year but the surveyor did not get the survey done so we need to reapprove these options that are dependent on the survey.

**ARTICLES 17 THRU 24:** These articles are related to the Marijuana Adult Use and Medical Use Opt In options. We will vote on each business category separately. If a category does not pass then that type of business will not be allowed in Solon. These articles can also be amended to allow the business but to set a limit on the number of that type of business allowed in Solon. For example: the town votes to allow Adult Use retail stores but limits the number to 2 stores. The state issues license to all of these businesses and they have to meet all the state rules and regulations in order to get the state license and they need to reapply every year. The state will also do the inspections to make sure all the state rules and regulations are being adhered to.

**ARTICLES 17 to 20:** These are related to allowing Adult Use (recreational) Marijuana businesses in Solon.

**ARTICLES 21 to 24:** These are related to allowing Medical Marijuana businesses in Solon.

**ARTICLES 25 to 26:** These are related to the town forming a committee to draft an ordinance for regulating Adult Use and Medical Use Marijuana businesses in our town.

**ARTICLE 27:** This will give the Selectmen the authority to set a licensing fee for marijuana related businesses in our town.

**ARTICLES 28 thru 34:** 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 7, 2020 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 7th day of March AD 2020 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 7, 2020. 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: Sarah Davis

Selectman, 1-year term: Wayne Johnson

Road Commissioner, 1 year term: Gary Bishop

MSAD # 74 School Board Director, 3 year term: Laura layman

Article 3: To see if the town will vote to take the following amount from the 2019 Surplus for overage in the following accounts: Code Enforcement Officer \$.04, Town Office Utilities \$81.31, Street Lights \$54.54, and Transfer Station \$642.51.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

Article 4: To see if the town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$569,721, 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 \$20,000 plus fees

**2. TOWN OFFICE UTILITIES**

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$4,000

**3. TOWN OFFICE/MAINTENANCE**

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,000

**4. TOWN OFFICE/SECURITY SYSTEM**

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$450

**5. SCHOOLS, BOOKS & DUES**

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$4,500

**6. MUNICIPAL OFFICERS SALARIES**

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$35,561 as follows:

Chair of Selectmen \$14,144

Vice Chair of Selectmen \$12,376

Selectman (10 months' salary) \$ 8,041

Chair & Vice Chair Bonus\* \$ 1,000

\*(Dec thru Feb coverage of vacant Selectman position)

**7. TAX COLLECTOR/TOWN CLERK**

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$41,600

**8. TREASURER**

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$13,312

**9. DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR/CLERK**

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$17,472

**10. CODE ENFORCEMENT & PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

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

**11. ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,000 plus fees.

**12. 911 ADDRESSING OFFICER**

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$200 plus ½ of fees

**13. ELECTIONS**

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,000

**14. REGISTER OF VOTERS**

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,500

15. TRIO PROGRAM FEES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$5,400

16. MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,000

17. MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS HEAT RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$10,000

18. GIS MAPPING & TAX MAPS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$4,000

19. TOWN RECORDS PRESERVATION RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,500

20. MUNICIPAL GROUNDS MAINTENANCE RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,000

21. 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 \$10,000

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 \$5,057

5. INSURANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$18,300

6. SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE

Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends \$24,000

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 \$7,200

2. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$31,000 plus reimbursements

3. GEAR EXTRACTION WASHER

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$5,000

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 \$78,000 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 \$115,000 plus reimbursements

2. SUMMER ROADS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$115,000 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 \$1,500)

Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends \$1,200

4. HOSPICE (requested \$1,200)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$600

5. SPECTRUM GENERATIONS (requested \$980)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$760

6. KENNEBEC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (requested \$500)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$500

7. SEXUAL SUPPORT CRISIS CENTER (requested \$368.55)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$300

8. SOLON FOOD CUPBOARD (requested \$2,000)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,000

9. LIFE FLIGHT FOUNDATION (requested \$527)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$200

10. AMERICAN RED CROSS (requested \$150)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommends \$150

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 RESERVE

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 RESERVE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,500 plus fees.

4. BAKER MOUNTAIN SKI CLUB (\$1,000 requested)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,000

5. 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY FIREWORKS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,500

6. MAINE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,500

7. AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$6,300

8. COOLIDGE LIBRARY RESERVE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$15,000 plus fees and investment income

9. COOLIDGE LIBRARY BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,000

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 \$1,664

2. CEMETERIES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$15,000

3. CEMETERY MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$4,000

4. KENNEBEC VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

(requested \$1,650)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,650

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 \$1,500

Article 14. Shall the town vote to create a Gravel Roads Reserve for capital repairs of our gravel roads and raise funds for this reserve account. The funds to be expended for capital repairs at the discretion of the Selectmen and the Road Commissioner.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes and to raise \$10,000 by taxation and \$10,000 from the Local Roads Assistance Program (LRAP) reserve funds.

Article 15. Shall the Town vote to 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 16. Shall the town vote to authorize the Selectmen to use the funds raised in Article 5-21 to pay for the right of way survey costs and to pay the costs to record the survey of the Road right-of-way at the Registry of Deeds. And to also use the funds to relocate and rebuild the section of the McQuilken Road where it meets the Drury Road if needed and/or to purchase land from the abutters, if needed, and to prepare and execute any deeds and related documents necessary 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 and Budget Committee recommend Yes

Article 17. Shall the town vote to authorize within the municipality the operation of adult use marijuana retail stores, provided they operate in compliance with all applicable state and local requirements?

Selectmen make no recommendation and the Budget Committee recommends No

Article 18. Shall the town vote to authorize within the municipality the operation of adult use marijuana cultivation facilities, provided they operate in compliance with all applicable state and local requirements?

Selectmen make no recommendation and the Budget Committee recommends No

Article 19. Shall the town vote to authorize within the municipality the operation of adult use marijuana manufacturing facilities, provided they operate in compliance with all applicable state and local requirements?

Selectmen make no recommendation and the Budget Committee recommends No

Article 20. Shall the town vote to authorize within the municipality the operation of adult use marijuana testing facilities, provided they operate in compliance with all applicable state and local requirements?

Selectmen make no recommendation and the Budget Committee recommends No

Article 21. Shall the town vote to authorize within the municipality the operation of medical marijuana caregiver retail stores, provided they operate in compliance with all applicable state and local requirements?

Selectmen make no recommendation and the Budget Committee recommends No

Article 22. Shall the town vote to authorize within the municipality the operation of medical marijuana registered dispensaries, provided they operate in compliance with all applicable state and local requirements?

Selectmen make no recommendation and the Budget Committee recommends No

Article 23. Shall the town vote to authorize within the municipality the operation of medical marijuana manufacturing facilities, provided they operate in compliance with all applicable state and local requirements?

Selectmen make no recommendation and the Budget Committee recommends No

Article 24. Shall the town vote to authorize within the municipality the operation of medical marijuana testing facilities, provided they operate in compliance with all applicable state and local requirements?

Selectmen make no recommendation and the Budget Committee recommends No

Article 25. If any of the Articles 17 to 24 passed, shall the town place a 180-day moratorium on any marijuana related businesses during which time a committee will be formed to draft an ordinance for adult use marijuana and an ordinance for medical marijuana.

Selectmen make no recommendation and the Budget Committee recommends Yes

Article 26. If none of the Articles 17 to 24 passed, shall the town form a committee to draft an ordinance for adult use marijuana and an ordinance for medical marijuana.

Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends Yes

Article 27. If any of the Articles 17 to 24 passed, shall the town authorize the Selectmen to set annual licensing fees for each of the permitted categories of operation.

Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends Yes

Article 28: Shall the town 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 29: Shall the town vote to 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 30: Shall the town vote to 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 31: Shall the town vote to accept the following tax related articles:

1. Shall the town vote to 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. Shall the town 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. Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate from the overlay to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the fiscal year 2020.
4. Shall the town vote to use any surplus funds in excess of \$85,000.00 to reduce taxes.
5. Shall the town vote to 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 32: If the Town accepts Article 31-2, 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 33: Shall the town vote to set September 21, 2020 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 34: Shall the town 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 our hand this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D., 2020,

Elaine Aloes, Chair of Selectmen

Sarah Davis, Vice Chair of Selectman

Attest true copy: Leslie Giroux, 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 seventh day of March AD 2020 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 2020, which is at least seven days prior to the Annual Town Meeting.

Dianna Rollins, a resident of Solon.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

March 3	Presidential Primary Election & Referendum Question
March 7	2020 Annual Town Meeting, Solon Elementary School Polls open 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 1. 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 20	Patriots Day. Office closed.
May 25	Memorial Day. Office closed.
June 9	State Primary Election. Polls open 8 am to 8 pm
July 3	Office Closed
July 4	Parade at 11 am. State Bicentennial Celebration 5 pm to 8:30 pm and Fireworks at dusk at the Solon School.
July/August	The end of July or beginning of August Property Taxes will be committed and Property Tax bills will be mailed.
Sept. 7	Labor Day. Office closed.
Sept. 21	2020 unpaid property taxes become interest bearing.
Oct. 12	Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day, Office closed.
Nov. 3	Federal & General Election. Polls open 8 am to 8 pm.
Nov. 11	Veterans Day, Office closed
Nov. 25	Office will be open until 12 pm. Selectmen will be in the Office until 12 pm. (Wednesday before Thanksgiving)
Nov. 27	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
Dec. 25	Office will be closed for Christmas Holiday.
Dec. 31	Office closed. All unpaid taxes will be listed in the Town Report. All boat registrations and hunting, fishing and dog licenses expire. New dog licenses required by Jan. 1.
Jan. 1	Office closed for New Year's Holiday.
Jan. 16, 2021	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. 18, 2021	Martin Luther King Day. Office closed.
Jan. 31, 2021	\$25.00 late fee on unpaid dog licenses after this date.
Feb. 15, 2021	Presidents Day. Office closed.
Mar. 6, 2021	2021 Annual Town Meeting.

# **NOTICE**

**2020 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2019  
SOLON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICIALS  
8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.**

**TOWN MEETING  
1:30 p.m.**

The Town Meeting is the purest form of democracy in existence today. Without citizen participation it cannot work. Please attend the meeting.

**Please read this report carefully and  
bring it with you to the Annual Town Meeting.**

**The 4-H Club Annual Bake Sale 8 am to 12:00 pm**

**The Bake Sale proceeds will be donated to  
the Solon Food Cupboard.**

**The 4-H Club Annual Luncheon 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.**

**Tickets are \$8 a person.**

**The proceeds benefit the 4-H Club.**

**Please come to the luncheon and support our 4-H Club.**

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE  
PROTECTING OUR COUNTRY AND OUR FREEDOM AND TO ALL  
OUR VETERANS WHO HAVE SERVED US IN THE PAST.**

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