

2020

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE TOWN OF

S O L O N

INCORPORATED 1809



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OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Tues-Wed-Fri 8 am 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
WAYNE JOHNSON, SELECTMAN	654-3343
TOWN GARAGE	643-2349
GARY BISHOP, ROAD COMMISSIONER	399-6440
TRANSFER STATION	643-2941
ANIMAL CONTROL, ELIZABETH GIROUX	474-6465
HISTORICAL SOCIETY	643-2275
PLANNING BOARD CHAIR, MIKE GOLDEN	643-2219
PLUMBING INSPECTOR, LEO MAYO	566-7341
CEO & HEALTH OFFICER, TERRI LAMONTAGNE	716-6845
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

2021 Annual Town Meeting will be held on March 6, 2021

See last page of this report for the details

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MAINE

INCORPORATED 1809
POPULATION 1053

STATE VALUATION	1980	\$10,850,000
STATE VALUATION	1990	\$26,450,000
STATE VALUATION	2000	\$38,950,000
STATE VALUATION	2010	\$84,750,000
STATE VALUATION	2015	\$90,650,000
STATE VALUATION	2019	\$96,500,000
STATE VALUATION	2020	\$100,800,000
STATE VALUATION	2021	\$102,950,000

YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2020

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Cover Picture: The Circle of Life

Taken by Charles Aloes, II

Life is good, takes a twist, then you get beat down,
then hold steady, and eventually you reach for the sky again.

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

The Town Office will be closed on all Monday holidays.
The office will also be closed on the Friday after Thanksgiving.
The other days the office is closed are listed on the last page (the "Date Page")
of this report. It also has other important date information listed there.

TOWN OFFICE

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY
8:00 AM 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!

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Firefighters Meeting 2nd Wednesday of the month 7 PM

OLON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

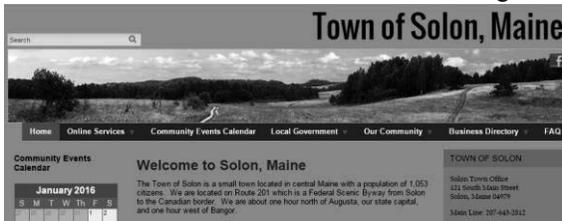
WEBSITES & SOCIAL MEDIA

Connect with Your Community ONLINE!!!

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

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

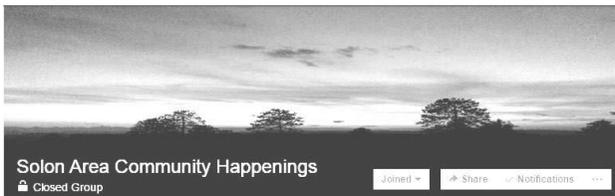
Official Town Website: www.solon.maine.gov



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



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



RSU #74 Website: www.msad74.org



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



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



Coolidge Library Facebook page: www.facebook.com/CoolidgePublicLibrary
Coolidge Library Website: <https://19620.rmwebopac.com>



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



2020 TOWN OFFICIALS

ELECTED OFFICIALS

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS & OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

ELAINE ALOES, SELECTMAN, CHAIR (2022)
SARAH DAVIS, SELECTMAN, VICE CHAIR (2020)
WAYNE JOHNSON, SELECTMAN (2021)

ROAD COMMISSIONER

GARY BISHOP

RSU #74 DIRECTORS

LAURA LAYMAN (2023) ROBERT LINDBLOM (2021)
DERON WHITTEMORE (2022)

OFFICIALS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

LESLIE GIROUX

TREASURER

KAYLEE GILSON

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

DANIKA RIGGS
KAYLEE GILSON

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

JEFFREY SPROUL

DEPUTY TREASURER

LESLIE GIROUX

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

LESLIE GIROUX

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

ELIZABETH GIROUX (2021)
BLIN ROLLINS, III, DEPUTY (2021)
ROB CROSBY, DEPUTY (2021)

CODE ENFORCEMENT & HEALTH OFFICER

KEN HOGATE (2020) TERRIANN LAMONTAGNE (2021)

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

LEO MAYO (2021)

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

STATE OF MAINE

SOLON WATER DISTRICT TRUSTEES

MICHAEL FOSTER, CHAIRMAN (2023)

ARTHUR ROGERS (2021) DEREK DELLARMA (2022)

COOLIDGE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

JANE OUDERKIRK, CHAIRMAN (2022)

RICHARD ROBERTS (2023) LESLIE GIROUX (2022)
MARY LOU RIDLEY (2022) STACY ROBINSON (2022)
ALLYN FOSS (2023) AMANDA SHAWN (2021)
RICHARD SEARLES (2021) VACANT

BOARD OF APPEALS

LIEF BULL (2023) L. BRUCE HILLS (2021)
MARY LOU RIDLEY (2021)

BUDGET COMMITTEE

MICHAEL GOLDEN (2022) BARBARA JOHNSTONE (2022)
DONALD KENERSON (2022) ELEANOR POOLER (2022)
JOSEPH ALBUI (2023) LOIS MILLER (2023)
JEREMY GIBSON (2023) JEFFREY POMELOW (2023)
GEORGE WILLIAMS (2023) FRANKLIN RIDLEY (2021)
L. BRUCE HILLS (2021) CAROL WHITE (2021)
ALBERT STARBIRD (2021) SHERRY ROGERS (2021)
ANN PADHAM (2020)(resigned) BEVERLY GEPHARDT, (2023)
ALLYN FOSS, 1st Alt. (2023) HETHER FORSTEN, 2nd Alt. (2023)

PLANNING BOARD

MICHAEL GOLDEN, CHAIRMAN (2023) 643-2219
FRANK EVANGELISTA, VICE CHAIRMAN (2023)
DIANNA ROLLINS, SECRETARY (2020)
ALBERT STARBIRD (2022) KERRI EVANGELISTA (2021)
RICHARD KELLEY, Alt. (2021) STEPHEN JOHNSON, Alt. (2022)

SOLON YOUTH RECREATION COMMITTEE

LESLIE GIROUX, RECREATION DIRECTOR
LAURA LAYMAN, SWIM/CAMP DIRECTOR
OPEN VOL. POSITION, 4TH OF JULY PARADE COODINATOR

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM DIRECTOR

JENNIFER MELLO (2020)

OLD CANADA ROAD SCENIC BYWAY COMMITTEE REP.

ALBERT STARBIRD (2022) MARY LOU RIDLEY (2021)

FIRST PARK COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

ELAINE ALOES (2022) SARAH DAVIS (2022)

KVCOG REPRESENTATIVE

SARAH DAVIS (2021) WAYNE JOHNSON (2021)

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)

SOLON 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 BLINN ROLLINS III
BRIAN LIVINGSTONE NICK ROLLINS
ZANE BROWN MEAGAN CORSON
AARON FITZMAURICE

***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 without coaches.

The 4th of July Parade is in need of a new Event Coordinator.

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

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.

This “Bill of Rights” list the basic rights given to all citizens.

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

DEDICATION

The Selectmen dedicate this Town Report to

Ronald “Bunny” Giguere

1942 - 2020

Though Bunny was born in Moscow, he lived in Solon since he was 6 months old. He loved growing up in Solon and the people who lived here. He loved to tell stories of himself and the people he knew growing up and of living in Solon. He loved to cook and made the best pies around. He was an avid hunter and was real proud that he was with three of his grandsons when they shot their first deer. He enjoyed fishing and his fishing trips. He always had a story to tell.

He married Coreen in 1962 and they had 3 children. Throughout the years he was active in the community helping with the church youth group programs and Solon recreation programs. He was always willing to help those who needed it and checked in on the elderly in town.

He served as our Road Commissioner from 1996 till 2011. He worked on the Solon road crew several years before that. He helped the Selectmen



establish our paved roads maintenance schedule which we are still using to maintain and preserve our paved roads. During his time as Road Commissioner, he oversaw the building of the Town Salt Shed. He also upgraded our gravel roads and our highway equipment. He attended a wide variety of road related classes put on by Maine Local Roads and was awarded Maine Roads Scholar status. He worked hard to keep our Solon roads safe to travel on. The

Selectmen miss his stories, his knowledge of the town’s history, and his lemon meringue pies.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Terry Corson

Mr. Corson retired spring of 2020 after forty years of teaching in RSU #74, two of those at Carrabec Community School and thirty-eight at Solon Elementary School. After graduating from the University of Maine at Farmington, Mr. Corson came to RSU #74 in the fall of 1980. He taught fifth grade for most of those years, but he also taught a double-graded 4-5 class at Solon as well as physical education for the two years he worked at CCS. He served as lead teacher at Solon for a number of years, and he was the CCS Dean of Students for two years.

Anyone who knows Mr. Corson knows that sports is one of his passions. During his time in the district, he coached tennis, baseball, softball, soccer, and basketball, and he served as the Elementary Athletic Director for the district and Activities Director at CCS. He founded the Kitty Kats Basketball Program for grades K-5 at the Solon School in 1983, and it has continued to the present day.

He loved teaching math and inspiring a love of math in students who previously disliked the subject. He served on the district's Math Think Tank, organized a Math Olympics for the district for several years, and held annual Parent Math Nights to help parents understand how to help their children in math. If you ever needed some math tricks of the trade, Mr. C was your man! His students have consistently scored high in math on local and state achievement tests.

We are sure that his former students would say he was one of the most memorable teachers they have ever had. Younger students often expressed that they couldn't wait to get to fifth grade so that they could have Mr. C. He made it a point to



connect with kids of all ages on a daily basis, whether it was by pulling someone's ponytail at breakfast or by giving someone a pat on the back for a job well done, and he would do anything to help a child in need. It has been an annual tradition for him to take his class and his teams on a Sunday trip to Funtown USA in Saco each spring to celebrate the end of a good school

year. Solon Elementary School won't be the same without Mr. Corson. We thank him for his years of dedicated service to our students and wish him many happy and healthy years in retirement. Thank you for being a great teacher and coach.

BOSTON POST CANE HOLDER

ALICE HEALD

December 1, 1922 – January 6, 2021



Alice was awarded the Boston Post Cane May 22, 2019. She passed away on January 6, 2021.

Alice was born in Solon on December 1, 1922. She was the daughter of Isaac and Arra Davis. Her siblings were Harrison, Arlene (Meader), 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 Meader Farm Road in Solon and worked the farm until 1958. The main part of their house still exists there. They had two children, David and Betty (Price). In 1958 they moved to their home on North Main Street where she 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 and Alice sold it a few years ago. Alice was involved in organizing the Solon High School Reunions.

Alice spent most of her life as a homemaker taking care of her family. She did many crafts throughout her lifetime and was a member of the Solon Extension for over 50 years. She was also a member of the Solon Historical Society. She enjoyed cooking and spending time with family and friends.

SPIRIT OF AMERICA AWARD

2020 Solon, Maine Spirit of America Foundation Tribute

Richard Roberts



Richard has served as a member of the Historical Society for many years and has taken on the task of preserving the memories of our senior citizens by videotaping them and scanning their collections of photos and articles for the Historical Society; and

He has also served as a Library Trustee since 2014 and as Chair from 2015 to 2018; and has served on the ad hoc Library Building Committee since 2014 and is now on the formal Library Building Committee; and

Since Richard started teaching in the mid-1980s he has helped numerous students in Solon and the surrounding towns by providing them with guidance and encouragement. His performance and technical expertise were instrumental in the theatrical and MDI programs at the high school and his MDI performances were always a big hit.

He was awarded with the Spirit of America Foundation tribute at our 2020 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

John Waugh 1984	Beatrice Rogers 1985-1990
Beatrice Hall 1991-1995	Roland Tozier 1996
Ben Safford 1997-1998	Floyd French 1999
Marie Spearrin 2000-2004	Mary McDonough 2005
Coburn Waugh 2006-2014	Carolyn Waugh 2014-2019
Howard Rogers 2019	

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.

PREVIOUS SPIRIT OF AMERICA FOUNDATION TRIBUTES

Albert and Lois Starbird 2012	Eleanor Pooler 2013
Michael Golden 2014	Frank Ridley 2015
Fire Department Auxiliary 2016	Michael Sackett 2017
Fire Department Firefighters 2018	Linda French 2019

COUNTY, STATE & FEDERAL INFO

2020 COUNTY, STATE & FEDERAL CONTACTS

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e-mail: governor@maine.gov

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287-1540 or 800-423-6900

State House of Representatives
2 State House Station
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287-1400 or 800-423-2900

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

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

SOMERSET COUNTY WEB PAGE
<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.



SUSAN M. COLLINS
MAINE

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Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust the people of our State have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to reflect on 2020, an incredibly challenging year for Maine families, small businesses, and communities.

When the pandemic struck, our country faced the specter of an overwhelmed health care system and devastation to our small businesses and the millions of people they employ. I immediately worked with Republicans and Democrats to pass multiple laws allocating approximately \$3 trillion to respond to this public health and economic crisis, including more than \$8 billion directed to Maine to support testing, schools, the economy, and other purposes — that is nearly double Maine’s annual state budget.

I am especially proud of the bipartisan Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) I co-authored. This program has provided three out of four Maine small businesses with nearly \$2.3 billion in forgivable loans, which has helped sustain more than 250,000 Maine jobs. I have met thousands of Maine small employers and employees in all 16 counties who are surviving because of the PPP. As one small business owner told me, the PPP provided “exactly what we needed at exactly the right time.” The PPP also allowed employers to maintain benefits, such as health care, during this challenging time. Another round of PPP is needed to sustain small businesses and their employees.

While the pandemic continues across Maine, our nation, and the world, I thank the first responders, health care professionals, teachers, grocery store employees, factory workers, farmers, truck drivers, postal employees, and so many others who continue to stay on the job during this difficult time. With the deployment of the first vaccines, better tests, and the incredible speed with which these life-saving responses were developed, I am hopeful we can emerge from this crisis in the next few months.

While providing relief to American families was my focus throughout 2020, other accomplishments include the passage of the Great American Outdoors Act, which provides full funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund and addresses the maintenance backlog at our national parks, forests, and wildlife refuges. As Chairman of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee, in 2020 alone, I secured \$132 million to improve Maine’s roads, bridges, airports, buses, rail, ferries, and seaports. Finally, as Chairman of the Aging Committee, I led the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act, which funds programs that improve the well-being, independence, and health of our nation’s seniors and their caregivers, and I authored laws to reduce the cost of prescription drugs and protect individuals with Alzheimer’s disease.

As the end of 2020 is approaching, I have cast more than 7,535 votes, never having missed one. In the New Year, my focus remains to work with colleagues to find common ground on policies to help support the health and safety of Mainers and the safe, responsible opening of our communities. If ever I or my staff can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact one of my state offices. May the coming year be a successful one for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
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January 1, 2021

Dear Friends,

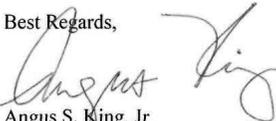
2020 was a year unlike any in our lifetimes. Our state and nation dealt with unprecedented challenges--the coronavirus pandemic, ensuing economic fallout, and a prolonged, heavily divisive campaign season each took a significant toll on all of us. The worst part? In order to protect each other, we had to face these challenges in isolation. But a new year represents new possibilities; a chance to take stock of what we're grateful for and focus on the opportunities in front of us. As we reflect back on 2020, we will remember heartbreak and loss -- but we cannot forget the shining rays of hope that broke through the darkness, reminding us all that better days are ahead.

Throughout the pandemic, my top focus has been on bridging the partisan divide in Washington in order to deliver desperately-needed relief for Maine people. Joined by colleagues last March, we pushed for bipartisan negotiations to produce a strong bill that helped fellow Mainers, businesses, and institutions weather this storm. In the weeks and months after the *CARES Act* passed, our team stayed in close contact with people throughout the state to determine how we should adjust our response to best support our citizens. Unfortunately, the aid provided by the *CARES Act* lapsed without Congressional action, leaving too many families and businesses in limbo. I never stopped pushing for a bipartisan relief bill and, after extensive negotiations, we ended the year on a good note by breaking the gridlock and passing new relief legislation. This new bill isn't perfect; in fact, it should just be the start our renewed response. As we enter 2021 with a new administration and new Congress, we must fight for additional legislation to help restore stability to our working families and rebuild our economy and public health infrastructure.

In the midst of this crisis, Congress did manage to accomplish a few successes that will outlast this awful pandemic. Among these was the *Great American Outdoors Act*, a bipartisan bill which was enacted into law in August 2020 and will help address a \$12 billion backlog at our national parks so future generations of Americans can enjoy these beautiful lands and create lifelong memories. Also, as we learn more about the recent hacks of our nation's networks, there is help on the way: 27 of the cybersecurity recommendations made by the Cyberspace Solarium Commission -- which I co-chair with Republican Congressman Mike Gallagher-- made it into this year's defense bill. While there is no guarantee that these provisions would have prevented the massive hack, they will certainly improve our cyber defenses.

Despite the challenges, I'm hopeful for the future. Vaccines are being distributed across our state -- starting with our healthcare heroes, who have sacrificed so much throughout this unprecedented catastrophe and deserve our eternal gratitude. If there can be a silver lining from these challenges of 2020, maybe it will be this: I hope that, in the not-so distant future, we will be able to come together physically and we will be reminded of our love for each other. We have differences, without a doubt. But as Maine people stepped up to support each other, we saw again and again that our differences pale in comparison to the values we share. We are one state, and one community -- and there is nothing we cannot or will not do for each other. Mary and I wish you a happy and healthy 2021. We can't wait to see you soon.

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 safe and well. I know that this year has been challenging for many of our communities. In the midst of these challenges, it remains a privilege to represent you, and I appreciate the opportunity to update you on what I have been working on in Congress for the people of the Second Congressional District.

The coronavirus pandemic has made this year an especially difficult one. We've seen the struggles of small businesses, workers and families, hospitals, and states and towns. COVID-19 has been a serious threat to public health that requires a comprehensive, ongoing response. In March, Congress passed the largest of three bipartisan pieces of relief legislation, the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act*. The *CARES Act* was a \$2 trillion economic relief package to provide immediate assistance for some of those hit hardest by the pandemic. While an important start, many of the programs and benefits created by the *CARES Act* were set to expire by the end of 2020 at a time when COVID-19 cases were on the rise. That's why in late December, Congress passed another bipartisan bill to provide COVID-19 relief to small businesses and hospitals, the unemployed, and families struggling to put food on the table. However, the action Congress took at the end of 2020 cannot distract from its failure to act sooner. The unwillingness of many members of Congress to accept compromise throughout the fall left many Mainers struggling and led to a rushed process that produced a bill with serious flaws. In 2021, Congress needs to step up, come together, and lead the country through this pandemic and get our economy back on track.

There are a few bright spots that came out of the work done by Congress this year. As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I helped advocate for a national defense bill that would include important priorities for American national security, Maine shipbuilders, and servicemembers and their families. The legislation authorizes a new DDG-51 Arleigh Burke-class destroyer to be constructed at Bath Iron Works and helps BIW compete for new work by encouraging a new multi-year procurement process for the DDG-51 Flight III. This funding bill also makes permanent new federal guidelines proposed by Senator King and me to allow Gold Star Families free admission to national parks and other federal lands.

I've been working to improve mental health services for veterans for years, and I led the Maine delegation's effort to address the need for long-term mental health substance abuse treatment for veterans in our state. This past fall the Veterans Administration announced we were successful. Construction starts next year on a new, 24-bed facility at Togus that will ensure Maine veterans won't be sent out of state to receive residential care for substance use disorder and associated mental health issues. This is one result that I am especially proud to deliver for my fellow Maine veterans.

As I reflect upon what I am most grateful for this year, I am especially glad to be able to share that my wife Izzy and I are expecting a baby in 2021. We are excited about this new addition to our family and look forward to the blessings ahead.

This period is challenging for Mainers as we all take steps to limit the spread of the coronavirus, protect our families and our communities, and lean on each other to withstand this pandemic and economic hardship. My staff and I stand ready to assist Mainers as we work through these challenges together. I look forward to continuing to work on your behalf in 2021.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jared Golden".

Jared Golden
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An Update from Senator Brad Farrin

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

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

As you are no doubt aware, Maine is in the midst of the one of its greatest difficulties, both in public health and economic downturn. The 130th Maine Legislature faces the challenge posed by a \$1.4 billion budget shortfall, and perhaps more than ever before, state government must learn to live within its means.

As we move through the Legislative session I will be mindful of this and will do my best to hold the line on any new taxes or unneeded borrowing. Like you and your family, state government must tighten its belt in slow economic times and make the difficult but necessary decisions that will allow us to weather the storm.

At the same time, it is very important that we restore a sense of balance in state government where both the Governor and the Legislature work together on behalf of you, our constituents. This is even more important given the unusual nature of how and where this Legislature will meet, given the safety considerations required by the global pandemic. However the legislative process plays out, it is imperative that the public continue to have access to and play a critical role in the work of the Legislature. These will be a few of my priorities this coming year.

In addition to working on these important issues, I look forward to serving on the Legislature's Transportation Committee as well as the Veteran's and Legal Affairs committee.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. The 130th Legislature certainly has a great deal of 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 287-1505 or brad.farrin@legislature.maine.gov if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,

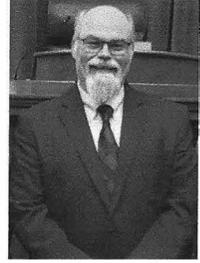
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Brad Farrin
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January 2021

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am humbled and honored by the trust that you have placed in electing me your Representative to the Maine House of Representatives in the 130th Legislature. As a new legislator, I hope to be able to continue to earn your trust over the coming two-year term.

The COVID pandemic has certainly changed everyone's lives. In these unprecedented times, in the midst of job losses, business closures and changes in school schedules, we've seen entire communities come together to support each other. In spite of the need to socially distance, our communities have rallied to help our local business, teachers, students and health care workers. I'm so very proud to live in "small town" Maine and pray that community spirit never changes. We need to continue to support each other regardless of political ideology.

I am so happy to report to you that I was selected to serve on the Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business (IDEA) Committee. This was my first choice of committee. I spent my entire career working with small business helping with economic development and I'm looking forward to continuing that work.

We expect to be called into session soon, but there are many things being considered in light of COVID. We're conducting meetings by Zoom, meeting at the Augusta Civic Center and may still be in the State House from time to time to try and do the people's business.

I am planning to send out regular updates via email and through my Facebook page (Representative Jack Ducharme) with information about current state and legislative news. If you wish to receive these updates, please contact me either by phone at 207-431-0775 or by email Jack.Ducharme@legislature.Maine.gov.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you in the Maine House of Representatives. Please don't hesitate to contact me if there are ways in which you think I may be able to help on the state level.

Thank you again for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Jack Ducharme
State Representative

District 111 Norridgewock, Solon, Madison (most of)



Integrity Respect Fairness Dedication
SOMERSET COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2020 Sheriff's Office Annual Report



Dale P. Lancaster
Sheriff

As your Sheriff, it continues to be an honor and privilege to serve the residents of Somerset County. The men and women of the Somerset County Sheriff's Office are dedicated to protecting life and property. The Office of the Sheriff oversees the operations 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. I remain the 2nd Vice President of the Maine Sheriff's Association. I was also appointed to the Board of Directors for the New England State Police Information Network and Maine's Drug Enforcement Agency.

Covid-19 has had a direct impact on our enforcement, Courts, civil processing, and Jail. Considerable time and resources has been spent purchasing PPE gear and developing and implementing Covid-19 safety measures to protect Deputies and Corrections Officers. The service of civil paperwork was suspended for approximately 3 months. We stopped in-person visits at the Jail. We negotiated with our telephone provider to reduce costs so that inmates could stay in contact with their loved ones. Administrative staff worked remotely for a number of weeks. We are constantly re-evaluating and modifying our safety measures as the pandemic continues to affect our daily operations.

Law Enforcement

The patrol division is comprised of 11 rural patrol Deputies. Through funding from the State of Maine, we have one Deputy 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. The Sheriff's Office continues to partner with MDEA (Maine Drug Enforcement Agency) to have an agent assigned to the Detective division.

The patrol division now has a trained drug recognition expert, a State certified accident reconstructionist, and 2 forensic mappers.

The Sheriff's Office has 4 Deputies assigned to Madison along with a Secretary/Dispatcher.

In 2020, the Sheriff's Office had 1 Deputy graduate from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy, Deputy Hunter Howard. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a portion of his training was done remotely, and it took a substantial amount of additional time for him to complete the course studies.

Throughout 2020, the Sheriff's Office Criminal Division investigated a large volume of illicit drug trafficking activities and obtained and executed numerous drug search warrants, which subsequently led to the arrest and conviction of numerous people from Maine and out of State on various Federal and State level drug trafficking charges. Large amounts of illicit drugs, to include heroin, fentanyl, crack cocaine, cocaine, crystal methamphetamine, and controlled pills were seized, along with thousands of dollars in illicit drug proceeds, several motor vehicles and firearms. The Criminal Division investigated numerous serious felony level cases to include robberies, burglaries, thefts, scams, aggravated assaults, unattended deaths and sexual abuse cases.

In 2020, the Crimes Against Persons Detective investigated 30 sex crimes. 13 of those cases involved child sexual abuse where forensic interviewing was utilized. Detective Jeremy Leal is a Children's Advocacy Center forensic interviewer. The Sheriff's Office Criminal Division tracked 54 individuals who are required by law to register as sex offenders, and 3 individuals were arrested for failing to register with the Sex Offender Registry.



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SOMERSET COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Jail

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

- The County Jail is now 13 years old. We are projecting the Jail bond will be paid off in 2028.
- 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 2020, the Somerset County Jail processed 1,193 bookings, a 23.8% decrease from 2019.
- In 2020, a significant amount of time and resources has been dedicated to extensive modification of operations related to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Our federal inmate boarding contract was renegotiated to include an increase in our per-day reimbursement rate to house federal inmates.
- Our partnership with Redington-Fairview General Hospital and their Rural Communities Opioid Response Planning grant consortium has led to Redington-Fairview General Hospital being awarded a 3-year implementation grant. Through this grant, the Jail will receive funding to contract for the services of a Case Manager to work specifically with our inmate population that identifies as having a substance use disorder in an effort to combat recidivism. The Case manager will work closely with Redington-Fairview General Hospital and other care providers to continue to provide treatment and programming initiated in the Jail for offenders after release.
- The County Jail continues to actively recruit qualified Corrections Officers to join our professional and dedicated team.

Civil Process

In 2020, the Somerset County Sheriff's Office Civil Deputies received 1,193 papers to process and serve. That is a 30% decrease from 2019.

Calls for Service

- In 2020, the Sheriff's Office received 14,521 calls for service from our residents. This represents a 3.8% decrease from 2019.
- During 2020, the Sheriff's Office responded to 641 calls for service from the Town of Solon, which is a 24% increase from 2019. These calls included 53 motor vehicle accidents, 101 motor vehicle stops, 6 calls requesting citizen assistance, 10 domestic disturbances, as well as calls for theft, harassment, burglary, criminal threatening, welfare checks, and other requests for police services.

The Somerset County Sheriff Office remains committed to our core values: INTEGRITY-RESPECT-FAIRNESS-DEDICATION.

YEAR IN REVIEW - 1820

US Life Expectancy: 37 years

Yearly Per Capita Income: \$1,149

US Population: 11,176,475 (330 million in 2019)

US had 23 states

Jan 12: Astronomical Society of London (now the Royal Astronomical Society) founded in England.

Jan 28: An Imperial Russian expedition discovers the Antarctic continent while approaching the Antarctic coast.

Jan 30: Edward Bransfield sights the Trinity Peninsula and claims the discovery of Antarctica.

Feb 6: The first 86 African American immigrants sponsored by the American Colonization Society depart New York to start a colonization settlement Freetown, Sierra Leone (known today as Liberia).

Feb 15: Susan B. Anthony, American activist, was born (d. 1906).

March 3: The Missouri Compromise bill, sponsored by Henry Clay, passes in the United States Congress. This legislation allows slavery in the Missouri territory, but not in any other location west of the Mississippi River that was north of 36 degrees 30 minutes latitude, the current southern line of the state of Missouri. The state of Missouri would be admitted to the Union, under this compromise, on August 10, 1821.

Apr 8: The famous ancient Greek statue, Venus de Milo is discovered on the Aegean island of Milos.

Apr 21: Danish scientist Hans Christian Ørsted is the first to identify electromagnetism, when he observes a compass needle.

Mar 26: Future Mormon church leader Joseph Smith has his "First Vision" in a wooded area of New York, according to Mormon scholars

April 24: The Land Act of 1820 reduces the price of land in the Northwest Territory and Missouri Territory encouraging Americans to settle in the west.

May 11: Launch of HMS Beagle, the ship that would later take a young Charles Darwin on his famous scientific voyage.

May 12: Florence Nightingale, Italian-English nurse, was born (d. 1910).

Sept 26: American frontiersman Daniel Boone died in Missouri at the age of 85. He had pioneered the Wilderness Road, which led many settlers westward to Kentucky.

Aug 7: 1st potatoes planted in Hawaii.

Aug 14: 1st US eye hospital, the NY Eye Infirmity, opens in NYC.

Sept 28: To prove that a tomato is not poisonous, Colonel Robert Gibbon eats one in public in Salem, New Jersey.

November: The election of James Monroe to a second term in office comes with a landslide victory in the Electoral College with Monroe defeating John Quincy Adams by a tally of 231 to 1.

Nov 17: Captain Nathaniel Palmer becomes the first American to see Antarctica. (The Antarctic Peninsula is later named the Palmer Peninsula after him.)

Dec 20: Missouri imposes a \$1 bachelor tax on unmarried men aged between 21 & 50.

MAINE STATEHOOD & FLAGS

Until 1820 Maine was a district of Massachusetts. Since the end of the Revolutionary War, Mainers had been petitioning for statehood. People who lived and worked in what was then a 30,000-square-mile district governed by Massachusetts wanted to break away as their own, separate entity. In the years leading up to 1820, residents of what would become Maine, had amassed a lot of grievances against the politicians down in Boston. They were tired of laws that devalued the Maine district's timber, tired of paying taxes on land or livestock based on values assessed in by politicians who lived hundreds of miles to the south and had never set foot on the land in the Maine district. Things really came to a head during the War of 1812 when the state did little to help or protect the people in the district of Maine against the invading British Army and Navy.

On July 26, 1819 Maine voted to join the United States as a State. On December 8, 1819, John Holmes officially petitioned Congress for Maine's admission. On March 15, 1820 it was signed into law by President James Monroe.

Maine would have been admitted to the Union immediately, but statehood was complicated by the national debate overextending 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. With the passage of the Missouri Compromise, Things came down to the wire, but Congress passed the bill in early March 1820. On March 15, 1820 it was signed into law by President James Monroe and Maine became the nation's 23rd state.

Because Maine was a district of Massachusetts until 1820, its early symbols were based on that connection. The pine tree emblem that had been adopted for the Massachusetts naval flag in April 1776 was prominently featured in the coat of arms of Maine when it became a state. Pine trees were important to the early economy of the area because of their use in the shipbuilding industry.

The first Maine State Flag was adopted by the Maine State Legislator on March 21, 1901. It was a flag design consisting of a pine tree and the North Star on a buff (light tan) background. The star was an appropriate symbol, as Maine was the northernmost state for many years. The current state flag was established by the Legislature in February 1909. Its coat of arms shows a moose-and-pine-tree emblem on a shield supported by a farmer and a sailor; a ribbon below bears the state name, and above is the North Star and the State Motto "Dirigo" (Latin for "I direct").

1901 to 1909 Flag



Maine's current flag established in 1909



2020 Maine Bicentennial Flag



NOTICES

TAXPAYER'S NOTICES

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

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

- **REAL ESTATE:**

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

- **BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY:**

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

- **PERSONAL PROPERTY**

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

- **EXEMPTIONS:**

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

- **VETERANS:**

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

- **BLIND:**

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

- **HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION:**

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

- **TREE GROWTH CLASSIFICATION:**

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

- **FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE:**

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

- **PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS**

Property taxpayers 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 present them to the Budget Committee for their review at their Annual Budget Meeting in January 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. See the Date Page at the end of this report for the date of the Annual Budget Meeting. The Annual Town Meeting is the 1st Saturday in March. The voting for Town Officials is from 8 am to 12:15 pm and the Annual Town Meeting starts at 1:30 pm.

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 at the Town Office.

ATTENTION LANDOWNERS AND WOODCUTTERS HARVESTING TREES IN SHORELAND ZONE AREAS



A town issued Permit is required prior to removing dead or hazardous trees in the Shoreland Zone. Contact the Code Enforcement Officer or Planning Board for a permit. In March 2019 the Town of Solon enacted its revised Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. Timber harvesting is now managed and administered by the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry. They can be reached at 207-287-3200.

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 USE STICKERS NOW REQUIRED ON ALL VEHICLES BRINGING TRASH TO OUR TRANSFER STATION

As of January 1, 2020, the Transfer Station will continue to require Solon Transfer Station stickers to be displayed on the windshield of all vehicles bringing trash to the Transfer Station. New stickers are required annually at a cost of \$5. There will be a grace period until January 31st. Proof of residency or landownership is required to obtain a Use Sticker each year.

The stickers will only be available both at the Transfer Station and the Town Office. 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. Town Meeting is held the first Saturday of March each year.

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. Upcycle! 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.

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

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

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

PUBLIC WAYS NOTICES

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

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

The town is not responsible for damage done to mailboxes while the roads are being plowed. Make sure your mailbox 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 mailbox clear of snow.

DOG OWNERS' NOTICE

PLEASE SEE THE DOG OWNER'S NOTICE PAGE

OTHER NOTICES

CHECKS/INSUFFICIENT FUNDS



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

CREDIT CARDS



We now accept credit card payments for monetary transactions conducted at the town office. There is a fee of 2.5% added to all transactions (min. of \$1) by the credit card processor.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION:



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

HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES:



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

BOAT STICKERS:



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

MARRIAGE LICENSES:



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

VITAL RECORDS



Certified copies of BIRTH, DEATH and MARRIAGE records are available from the Municipal Clerk. Each town has access to only those records to which the Registrant was a resident of at the time of the record. An applicant of a vital record must have *direct and legitimate interest* in the record. For information to see if you are qualified to obtain a record contact the Clerk or go to www.maine.gov.

NEW ADDRESSES:

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

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT:



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

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	399-9549	Kevin Lacroix	446-2474
Jen Rollins	399-1655	Brian Coombs	399-1632
Todd Dixon	441-5171		

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



2006 Superhero Day at the Coolidge Library

DOG OWNERS NOTICE

Dog License – EVERYONE MUST LICENSE THEIR DOG!

The State of Maine requires all dogs over the age of 6 months who have been residing in the municipality for 10 days, need 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 remain unaltered.

All licenses expire on December 31st. A \$25 late fee will be added after January 31st. This fee is per dog and is non-negotiable (*per State law*)! Please bring with you the most recent Rabies Certificate and, if applicable, a Spay/Neuter Certificate

Or License your dog Online

Go to: www.solon.maine.gov > How do I...? > 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 an incredibly good turnaround time with very few animals brought to the shelter by this new process being put into place.

To report a missing or found domestic animal or 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

100 Webb Road, Waterville



WHAT TO BRING WHEN:

WHEN REGISTERING A VEHICLE

Re-registration: old registration, current insurance and mileage

New registration (Dealer Sale): blue title application form, bill of sale, 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 with 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 or account number and property address for reference.

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.

PLYMOUTH COLONY 1620

In September 1620, during the reign of King James I, a group of around 100 English men and women set sail for the New World aboard the Mayflower. Two months later, the three-mast merchant ship landed on the shores of Cape Cod, in present-day Massachusetts. Imagine the courage it took to leave the homes they knew to move to a country with no established English settlements.

Among the group were close to 40 members of the Puritan faction known as the English Separatist Church, later known as Pilgrims. Feeling that the Church of England had not sufficiently completed the necessary work of the Protestant Reformation, the group had chosen to break with the church altogether. The Separatists had sought religious freedom before, fleeing England in 1607 and 1608 to settle in the Netherlands, first in Amsterdam and later in the town of Leiden, where they remained for the next decade. Wanting to secure their English language and heritage, and seeking more economic opportunity, the group laid plans for a voyage to the New World aboard the Mayflower.

The Pilgrims had originally signed a contract with the Virginia Company to settle near the Hudson River, but rough seas and storms prevented the ship from reaching its initial destination. After 66 days, it reached the shores of Cape Cod, anchoring at the site of Provincetown on November 21. The Pilgrims sent an exploratory party ashore, and on December 18 docked at Plymouth Rock, on the western side of Cape Cod Bay. The explorer John Smith had named the area Plymouth after leaving Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in the New World. The settlers decided the name was appropriate, as the Mayflower had set sail from the port of Plymouth in England.

Though more than half of the original settlers (most of the women) died during that grueling first winter, the survivors were able to secure peace treaties with neighboring Native American tribes and build a largely self-sufficient economy within five years. Plymouth was the first colonial settlement in New England.

Did you know? Three more ships traveled to Plymouth soon after the Mayflower, including the *Fortune* (1621), the *Anne* and the *Little James* (both 1623). Passengers on these first four ships were called the "Old Comers" of Plymouth Colony, and were given special treatment in later colonial affairs.

Surviving the First Year in Plymouth Colony and Thanksgiving

For the next few months, many of the settlers stayed on the Mayflower while ferrying back and forth to shore to build their new settlement. In March, they began moving ashore permanently. More than half the settlers fell ill and died that first winter, victims of an epidemic of disease that swept the new colony.

Soon after they moved ashore, the Pilgrims were introduced to a Native American man named Tisquantum, or Squanto, who would become a member of the colony. A member of the Pawtuxet tribe (from present-day Massachusetts and Rhode

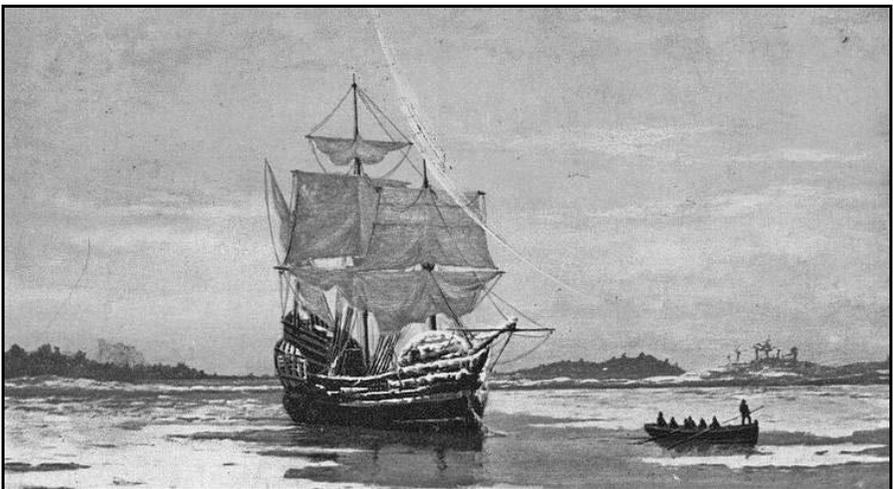
Island) who had been kidnapped by the explorer John Smith and taken to England, only to escape back to his native land, Squanto acted as an interpreter and mediator between Plymouth’s leaders and local Native Americans, including Chief Massasoit of the Pokanoket tribe.

In the fall of 1621, the Pilgrims famously shared a harvest feast with the Pokanokets; the meal is now considered the basis for the Thanksgiving holiday. It took place over three days between late September and mid-November and included feasting as well as games and military exercises.

Most of the attendees at the first Thanksgiving were men; 78 percent of the women who traveled on the Mayflower perished over the preceding winter. Of the 50 colonists who celebrated the harvest (and their survival), 22 were men, four were married women, and 25 were children and teenagers.

The Pilgrims were outnumbered more than two to one by Native Americans, according to Edward Winslow, a participant who attended with his wife and recorded what he saw in a letter, writing: “many of the Indians coming amongst us, and amongst the rest their greatest king Massasoit, with some ninety men.”

Winslow records eating venison from five deer killed by the Native Americans along with chestnuts, cranberries, garlic, and artichokes—all native wild plants the English were learning to use. Turkey and fowl was served as well as seafood such as lobster, mussels, and fish. By the late 1600s, Thanksgiving had become an annual fall tradition. It wasn’t until 1863 that President Abraham Lincoln named the last Thursday in November a national holiday.



A postcard depicting the Mayflower in Plymouth Harbor, Massachusetts.
Made by the Detroit Publishing Company after 1898.

THE MAYFLOWER COMPACT

400 years ago, on the morning of November 11, 1620, the Mayflower anchored off the coast of Cape Cod and the Pilgrims wrote what is considered the genesis of American democracy, the Mayflower Compact.

The Mayflower Compact laid the foundations for two other revolutionary documents: the Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution. But as we all know, the United States' founding documents did a lot more than just affect Americans, they inspired free societies all over the world, who applied the principles in the Mayflower Compact, Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution to future governments.

The group we now call the Pilgrims, a sect of the Puritans known as Separatists, who left persecution in England and first sought out religious freedom in Holland. Holland was tolerant but lacking in economic opportunity. The Pilgrims also found it hard to maintain their English identity and heritage in Holland. Therefore, they took a giant gamble to start a new life in the New World.

To finance their trip to New England, the Pilgrims signed a contract with the Virginia Company. In exchange for funding the trip, the stockholders agreed to share in the colony's profits. Along with their families and indentured servants, the Pilgrims recruited merchants, craftsmen, and workers to come along with them in order to increase their chances of success. The Pilgrims called those on the voyage who were not Separatists, "strangers."

Rough seas and storms prevented the Mayflower from reaching its intended destination in the area of the Hudson River, and the ship was steered instead toward Cape Cod. Because of the change of course, the passengers were no longer within the jurisdiction of the charter granted to them in England by the Virginia Company. Within this legally uncertain situation, friction arose between the English Separatists (the Pilgrims) and the rest of the travelers, with some of the latter threatening to leave the group and settle on their own.

To quell the conflict and preserve unity, Pilgrim leaders (among them William Bradford and William Brewster) drafted the Mayflower Compact before going ashore. The brief document (about 200 words) bound its signers into a body politic for the purpose of forming a government and pledged them to abide by any laws and regulations that would later be established "for the general good of the colony." The compact was signed by nearly all of the Mayflower's adult male passengers (41 of a total of 102 passengers) while the ship was anchored at Provincetown harbor. The Compact was clearly and carefully written, stating the colonists' loyalty to King James of England, in order that their venture would not be treasonous. Its authority was immediately exercised when John Carver, who had helped organize the expedition, was chosen as governor of the new colony.

While the English Magna Carta, written more than 400 years before the Mayflower Compact, established the principle of the rule of law, it meant the King's law. The Mayflower Compact, however, famously applied the idea of law established by the people, not the king. The Pilgrims created a democratic form of government where officials would be elected, and laws passed. Every male member of the colony over 21 would be able to vote. Based on a popular vote, the eligible men would have the right to change and propose laws and elect or remove office holders. This was unprecedented.

In settling the first colony in the "Northern parts of Virginia," the Pilgrims and the other Mayflower passengers would "covenant and combine our selves together into a civil body politick." They also pledged to make and abide by the same "laws, ordinances, Acts, constitutions, and offices" in order to further "the general good of the Colony: unto which we promise all due submission and obedience."

The Mayflower Compact stated their voyage was "For the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith," and that people derived their right to self-government from God. While they were committed to Christianity, the Mayflower Compact did not mention a specific church or method of worship, leaving it accepting of both the Separatist Pilgrims, and the "strangers," many of whom were still members of the Church of England.

Forty-one adult male passengers on the Mayflower signed the agreement, including two of the indentured servants aboard. Soon after signing it, they elected John Carver as the first governor of the new colony, which they called Plymouth Plantation.

The Mayflower Compact was not a constitution but rather an adaptation of a Puritan church covenant to a civil situation. Furthermore, as a provisional instrument adopted solely by the colonists, the document did not solve the matter of their questionable legal rights to the land they settled. (A patent was eventually obtained from the Council for New England in June 1621.) Still, the Mayflower Compact became the foundation of Plymouth's government and remained in force until the colony was absorbed into the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1691. Although in practice much of the power in Plymouth was guarded by the Pilgrim founders, the compact, with its fundamental principles of self-government and common consent, has been interpreted as an important step in the evolution of democratic government in America.

The Mayflower Compact is one of the most important documents in world history because it set a precedent for the establishment of a democratic government by the consent of the governed. Historian Rebecca Fraser wrote in her book, "The Mayflower: The Families, the Voyage and the Founding of America," that the "Plymouth Colony was the first experiment in consensual government in Western history between individuals with one another, and not with a monarch."

We should honor the Pilgrims for their courage and their historically consequential Mayflower Compact. The lasting impact and significance that the

Mayflower Compact had on America's founding documents, which established principles of equality, self-government, rights, and freedoms for the world, is worth remembering, honoring, and defending.



Picture depicting the signing of the Mayflower Compact



Picture depicting the landing of the Pilgrims



Neowise Comet over Robbins Hill July 15, 2020
The comet will not return for 6,800 years
Taken by Michael Seamons



Sunset at Robbins Hill

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

This was an interesting year due to the COVID-19 virus. We were fortunate to get our annual town meeting done before the State shut down and the meeting size restrictions were put in place due to the virus. We all learned a lot about Zoom and webinars for meetings and training. We did keep the town office open with limits on how many people can be in the office at one time. We joined the State's Rapid Renewal program to allow people to reregister their vehicles online.

We welcomed Wayne "Chip" Johnson as our new Selectman. His duties include managing the Transfer Station and the Tree Growth Program. We also want to thank him for tubs of flowers outside the town office this summer.

At the 2020 Annual Town Meeting the townspeople voted to place a 180-day moratorium on marijuana businesses in Solon so that ordinances could be prepared and presented at a special town meeting. We established a committee of 5 to create the ordinances. They did a good job of creating 5 ordinances that considered the concerns of those opposed and those in favor of allowing medical use and adult use marijuana businesses in Solon. They created 5 ordinances with rules controlling, among other things, the location and number of businesses that would be allowed. The Selectmen had to extend the moratorium until the Special Town Meeting could be held on October 3rd. All 5 ordinances passed at the special town meeting.

We are happy to report that we did not foreclose on any property in 2019 or 2020.

The road right of way survey was completed on the McQuilken Road. The survey showed that the westerly portion of the road where it meets the Drury Road was on Mr. Farley's land. We have taken out the curve at the end of the road and repositioned the road more to the east side of the road.

We did have a mil rate decrease due to land and building revaluations. The RSU 74 school board did a good job on keeping the RSU 74 budget increase low. Their 2020/2021 tax assessment is a \$21,050 increase for Solon over their 2019/2020 tax assessment. We are down to about 600 students in our four 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. We urge everyone to attend the School District Budget Adoption meeting. The County tax assessment had a \$6,367 increase. For the first time in many years the town budget had a large increase. It was an increase of \$39,603. A large portion of that increase was for salary increases. For many years we have tried to keep our town budget increases as low as possible, but with the state minimum wage increases and the increasing cost of supplies and programs it reached the point where the town needed to adequately fund the various departments and pay competitive salaries.

The Moose Alley Riders ATV Club came to us in the spring and asked us to open some of the roads in Solon to ATV use. They wanted to connect the Athens trail to Solon so ATVs could come to downtown Solon, access the Embden trail, and access the Bingham trail. We agreed to try it for the summer and opened Hole in the Wall Road, French Hill Road, Grant Road, part of Brighton Road, and Pleasant Street to ATV use. We did receive some complaints and some support for the decision during the summer. We decided to survey the residents on the affected roads this fall to help us decide what to do in 2021. The majority of the residents responding to the survey on Hole in the Wall Road and Grant Road were opposed to continuing the policy. On the Brighton Road, French Hill Road, and Pleasant Street the majority of the residents responding were in favor of continuing the policy. Also, the stores in town appreciated the increased business from the ATV users. We will meet with the ATV club over the winter to decide on what roads, if any, to allow ATVs on in 2021. We have for many years allowed ATV use on the Drury Road from the McQuilkin Road to the Brighton Road with no complaints and that use is still allowed.

The Selectmen and the Budget Committee work hard to keep our municipal costs down. We have kept our budgets as low as possible. The proposed 2021 municipal budget by taxation, as presented by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee, is an increase of \$13,237 but after deducting for available surplus and revenue sharing it is \$63,858 less than in 2020. It 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.

At the 2021 Annual Town Meeting we are presenting an Ordinance to change the name of the Budget Committee to Advisory Committee which better represents their duties. They review and make recommendations on all spending articles and on all the other articles on the town meeting warrant.

Also, in 2021 we are planning a road paving project for the paved portion of the Hole in the Wall Road, Brighton Road, Drury Road, Grant Road, French Hill Road, Pleasant Street, York Street, and Falls Road. If we use the chip seal paving, like we did on the South Solon Road in 2018, we will have enough funds available without having to borrow any money for the project.

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.

2020 MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATIONS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Town Charges	\$ 20,000.00	
Town Office Utilities	\$ 4,000.00	
Town Office Maintenance	\$ 2,000.00	
Schools, Dues and Books	\$ 4,500.00	
Town Office Security System	\$ 450.00	
Officers' Payroll	\$ 35,561.00	
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$ 41,600.00	
Treasurer	\$ 13,312.00	
Deputy Clerk	\$ 17,472.00	
Register of Voters	\$ 2,500.00	
Animal Control Officer	\$ 3,000.00	
Code Enforcement	\$ 1,800.00	
911 Addressing Officer	\$ 200.00	
Elections	\$ 3,000.00	
Trio Computer Programs	\$ 5,400.00	
GIS Mapping	\$ 4,000.00	
McQuilken Road Issue Costs	\$ 5,000.00	
Town Records Preservation Res.	\$ 3,500.00	
Grounds Maintenance Reserve	\$ 2,000.00	
Municipal Buildings Heat Res.	\$ 10,000.00	
Municipal Buildings Maint. Res.	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>	\$182,295.00

PROTECTION

Workers Comp Insurance	\$ 11,000.00	
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 5,057.00	
Insurance	\$ 18,300.00	
Street Lights	\$ 10,000.00	
Hydrant Rental	\$ 21,864.00	
S.S. & Medicare	<u>\$ 24,000.00</u>	\$ 90,221.00

PUBLIC WORKS

Winter Roads	\$115,000.00	
Summer Roads	\$115,000.00	
Gravel Roads Reserve	\$ 20,000.00	
Highway Equipment Reserve	\$ 15,000.00	
Sidewalk Reserve	\$ 1,000.00	
Road Paving Project Reserve	<u>\$215,000.00</u>	\$481,000.00

TRANSFER STATION

Transfer Station		\$ 78,000.00
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief	\$ 7,200.00	
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Fire Department	\$ 31,000.00	
Gear Extractor	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>	\$ 48,200.00

LIBRARY

Coolidge Library Reserve	\$ 15,000.00	
Coolidge Library Bldg. Reserve	\$ 3,000.00	
Coolidge Library Prop. Survey	<u>\$ 2,600.00</u>	\$ 20,600.00

SOCIAL SERVICES

General Assistance	\$ 15,000.00	
KVCAP Bus Service	\$ 500.00	
KVCAP Head Start	\$ 1,200.00	
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	<u>\$ 150.00</u>	\$ 21,210.00

LEISURE SERVICES

Recreation Reserve	\$ 2,500.00	
Recreation Facility Maint. Reserve	\$ 1,000.00	
Swim/Camp Program Reserve	\$ 1,500.00	
After School Program	\$ 6,300.00	
4 th of July Fireworks	\$ 1,500.00	
Maine Bicentennial Celebration	\$ 1,500.00	
Baker Mountain Ski Club	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	\$ 15,300.00

CEMETERIES

Cemeteries	\$ 15,000.00	
Cemetery Maint. Res.	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>	\$ 19,000.00

UNCLASSIFIED

Humane Society	\$ 1,664.00	
Town Line Survey Reserve	\$ 1,000.00	
Town Flags Reserve	\$ 1,500.00	
Somerset Economic Development	\$ 100.00	
KVCOG	<u>\$ 1,650.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,914.00</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 2020 MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATIONS \$977,770.00

TOTAL RAISED AT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Taxation	\$960,170.00	
Fire Department Reserve (Gear Extractor)	\$ 5,000.00	
Library Building Capital Res. (Property Survey)	\$ 2,600.00	
LRAP Funds (Gravel Roads)	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>	\$977,770.00

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING APPROPRIATIONS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Town Charges	\$ 5,500.00 from surplus
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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Truck Purchase	\$ 56,700.00 from Highway Equip. Reserve
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2020 EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

TOWN CHARGES

Income:			
Appropriated	\$20,000.00		
From Surplus	\$ 5,500.00		
Costs of Liens	\$ 4,944.37		
Misc Charges	\$ 161.31		
Reimb. & Refunds	<u>\$ 46.44</u>	\$30,652.12	
Expenditures:			
Supplies & Postage	\$ 7,040.00		
Solon Post Office	\$ 2,503.55		
Legal Fees	\$ 3,122.50		
Reg. of Deeds	\$ 4,001.75		
Town Reports	\$ 2,060.68		
Travel & Reimb.	\$ 1,827.50		
Bad Check Fees	\$ 30.00		
Tax Bills Print & Mail	\$ 795.05		
Payroll Services	\$ 1,723.40		
Auditor	\$ 4,550.00		
Paper Shredding	\$ 120.00		
Copier Maintenance. Fee	\$ 578.00		
Web Site Fee	\$ 570.00		
Post Office Box Fee	\$ 64.00		
Safe Deposit Box	\$ 30.00		
CEO additional pay	\$ 725.02		
Computer Maintenance	\$ 526.00		
Computer Software Fees	<u>\$ 1,463.96</u>	\$29,227.88	\$1,424.24

SELECTMEN

Appropriated	\$35,561.00	
Paid Out	<u>\$35,561.04</u>	(\$.04)

TREASURER			
Appropriated		\$13,312.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$13,296.50</u>	\$15.50
TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$41,600.00	\$0.00
DEPUTY CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER			
Appropriated		\$17,472.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 5,491.00</u>	\$11,981.00
REGISTER OF VOTERS			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$2,000.00	\$0.00
TOWN OFFICE MAINTENANCE			
Appropriated		\$2,000.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$1,948.57</u>	\$51.43
TOWN OFFICE UTILITIES			
Appropriated		\$4,000.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$3,788.21</u>	\$211.79
TOWN OFFICE SECURITY SYSTEM			
Appropriated		\$ 450.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 480.40</u>	(\$30.40)
TRIO COMPUTER PROGRAMS			
Appropriated		\$5,400.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$5,683.36</u>	(\$283.36)
ELECTIONS			
Appropriated	\$3,000.00		
Paid Out	<u>\$6,043.76</u>	(\$3,043.76)	
Trans. from Elections Grant		<u>\$3,043.76</u>	\$0.00
ELECTIONS GRANT RESERVE			
Received		\$5,000.00	
Trans. to Elections		\$3,043.76	\$1,956.24
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$3,000.00	\$0.00
911 ADDRESSING OFFICER			
Appropriated	\$200.00		
Paid Out	\$230.00	(\$30.00)	
Trans. ½ Address Fees		<u>\$30.00</u>	\$0.00

CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH OFFICER			
Appropriated & Paid Out	\$1,800.00		\$0.00
SCHOOLS, DUES & BOOKS			
Appropriated	\$4,500.00		
Refund	<u>\$ 55.00</u>	\$4,555.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$2,934.00</u>	\$1,621.00
OFFICE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE RESERVE			
Balance 1/1/20	\$5,031.92		
Cable Franchise Fee	<u>\$3,550.57</u>	\$8,581.99	
Paid Out		<u>\$1,940.00</u>	\$6,614.99
TOWN RECORDS PRESERVATION RESERVE			
Balance 1/1/20	\$2,040.00		
Appropriated	<u>\$3,500.00</u>	\$5,540.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$5,000.00</u>	\$540.00
MUNICIPAL GROUNDS MAINTENANCE RESERVE			
Balance 1/1/20	\$2,011.00		
Appropriated	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	\$4,011.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$1,824.29</u>	\$2,186.71
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE RESERVE			
Balance 1/1/20	\$5,506.45		
Insurance Claim	\$4,300.00		
Appropriated	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>	\$12,806.45	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 8,581.23</u>	\$4,225.22
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS HEAT RESERVE			
Balance 1/1/20	\$ 6,411.53		
Appropriated	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	\$16,411.53	
Paid Out			
2020-2021 Pre Buy		<u>\$ 8,036.16</u>	\$8,375.37
MCQUILKEN ROAD ISSUES			
Appropriated		\$5,000.00	
Paid Out:		<u>\$3,123.00</u>	\$1,877.00
GIS MAPPING			
Appropriated		\$4,000.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$3,584.50</u>	\$412.50
PROTECTION			
STREET LIGHTS			
Appropriated		\$10,000.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 9,605.63</u>	\$395.37

HYDRANT RENTAL			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$21,864.00	\$0.00
WORKER COMPENSATION INSURANCE			
Appropriated	\$11,000.00		
Rebate	<u>\$ 512.00</u>	\$11,512.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$11,512.00</u>	\$0.00
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE			
Appropriated		\$5,057.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$5,057.48</u>	(\$.48)
INSURANCE			
Appropriated	\$18,300.00		
Rebate	<u>\$ 1,188.00</u>	\$19,488.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$18,214.00</u>	\$1,274.00
SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE			
Appropriated		\$24,000.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$20,430.03</u>	\$3,569.97
FIRE DEPARTMENT			
FIRE CHIEF			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$7,200.00	\$0.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT			
Appropriated	\$31,000.00		
Income	\$ 30.00		
Insurance Claim	\$ 4,274.81		
Trans. from Res. Fund	<u>\$11,200.00</u>	\$46,504.81	
Paid Out			
Fire Department		<u>\$47,698.21</u>	(\$1,193.40)
FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT			
Balance 1/1/20		\$4,430.04	
Interest		<u>\$ 78.17</u>	\$4,508.21
FIRE TRUCK RESERVE ACCOUNT			
Balance 1/1/20		\$3,117.97	
Interest		<u>\$ 54.99</u>	\$3,172.96
FIRE DEPARTMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT			
Balance 1/1/20	\$10,132.81		
Income Received	\$ 1,150.00		
Interest	<u>\$ 182.31</u>	\$11,465.12	
Transferred to FD		<u>\$11,200.00</u>	\$265.12

HEALTH & SANITATION

TRANSFER STATION

Appropriated	\$78,000.00		
Income	<u>\$ 2,986.10</u>	\$80,986.10	
Paid Out		<u>\$79,261.99</u>	\$1,724.11
Trans to TS Truck & Tub Reserve			<u>\$1,724.11</u>
			\$ 0.00

TRANSFER STATION TRUCK & TUB RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/20		\$ 32.43	
Trans from Transfer Station		\$1,724.11	
Interest		<u>\$ 0.57</u>	\$1,757.11

PUBLIC WORKS

ROADS

Appropriated	\$230,000.00		
Income	<u>\$ 4,195.00</u>	\$234,195.00	
Paid Out			
Winter Roads	\$114,747.30		
Summer Roads	<u>\$ 97,806.40</u>	<u>\$212,553.70</u>	\$21,641.30
Trans to HW Equip Reserve			<u>(\$21,641.30)</u>

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/20	\$67,222.08		
Appropriated	\$15,000.00		
Trans in from Roads	\$21,641.30		
Interest	<u>\$ 1,025.26</u>	\$104,888.64	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 56,700.00</u>	\$48,188.64

LRAP FUNDS

Balance 1/1/20	\$76,145.03		
Interest	\$ 1,230.44		
Income	<u>\$39,492.00</u>	\$116,867.47	
Trans to Gravel Rds. Reserve		<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>	\$106,867.47

GRAVEL ROADS RESERVE

Appropriated	\$10,000.00		
Trans from LRAP	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	\$20,000.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 6,984.00</u>	\$13,016.00

SIDEWALK REPAIR RESERVE

Balance 1/1/20		\$10,734.29	
Appropriated		<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	\$11,734.2

ROAD PAVING RESERVE

Balance 1/1/20		\$257,034.23	
Appropriated		\$215,000.00	
Interest		<u>\$ 5,791.82</u>	\$477,826.05

SOCIAL SERVICES

GENERAL ASSISTANCE			
Appropriated	\$15,000.00		
Reimbursement	<u>\$ 1,620.07</u>	\$15,620.07	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 5,641.47</u>	\$10,978.60
KVCAP BUS SERVICE			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$500.00	\$0.00
KVCAP HEADSTART			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$1,200.00	\$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
LIFEFLIGHT FOUNDATION			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$200.00	\$0.00
AMERICAN RED CROSS			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$150.00	\$0.00
OLON FOOD CUPBOARD			
Appropriated	\$2,000.00		
Donation	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	\$3,000.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$3,000.00</u>	\$0.00

DEBT SERVICE

FIRST PARK			
Appropriated	\$4,000.00		
Tax Revenue received	<u>\$4,812.00</u>	\$8,812.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$8,647.93</u>	\$164.07
TRANSFER STATION TRUCK LOAN (paid off in 2020)			
Appropriated		\$7,420.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$7,418.30</u>	\$1.70
FIRE TRUCK LOAN (12/31/20 balance owed \$20,925.50)			
Appropriated		\$4,610.00	

Paid Out		<u>\$4,606.70</u>	\$3.30
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LEISURE SERVICES

RECREATION DEPARTMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/20	\$2,446.22		
Appropriated	\$2,500.00		
Income	<u>\$ 415.00</u>	\$5,361.22	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 85.00</u>	\$5,276.22

RECREATION FACILITY & MAINTENANCE RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/20	\$2,000.00		
Appropriated	<u>\$1,000.00</u>		\$3,000.00

SWIM/CAMP PROGRAM RESERVE

Appropriated	\$1,500.00		
Income	<u>\$ 300.00</u>	\$1,800.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 676.00</u>	\$1,123.50

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/20	\$2,855.05		
Income	\$1,000.00		
Appropriated	<u>\$6,300.00</u>	\$10,155.05	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 45.89</u>	\$10,109.16

BAKER MOUNTAIN SKI PROGRAM

Appropriated & Paid Out		\$1,000.00	\$0.00
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MOVE MORE KIDS RESERVE – COMMUNITY GARDEN

Balance 1/1/20	\$ 206.94		
Income	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	\$2,206.94	
Paid Out		<u>\$1,944.60</u>	\$262.34

4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS

Appropriated & Paid Out		\$1,500.00	\$0.00
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MAINE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Appropriated & Paid Out		\$1,500.00	\$0.00
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SOLON SNOWHAWKS

State Grant	\$21,818.16		
State Registration Reim.	<u>\$ 612.00</u>	\$22,430.16	
Paid to Club		<u>\$22,430.16</u>	\$0.00

COOLIDGE LIBRARY RESERVE

Balance 1/1/20	\$ 352.55		
Appropriated	\$15,000.00		
From Capital Reserve	\$ 2,600.00		

Income	<u>\$ 2,109.83</u>	\$20,061.38	
Paid Out		<u>\$19,411.81</u>	\$649.57
COOLIDGE LIBRARY BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE			
Balance 1/1/20	\$33,698.38		
Appropriated	\$ 3,000.00		
Income	<u>\$ 583.33</u>	\$37,281.17	
Trans. to Library	<u>\$2,600.00</u>		
Paid Out	<u>\$3,950.00</u>	<u>\$6,550.0</u>	\$30,731.71
OTHER			
FISH & WILDLIFE			
Received & Paid to State		\$23,849.79	\$0.00
MOTOR VEHICLE FEES			
Received		\$88,208.85	
Paid to State		<u>\$88,248.10</u>	(\$39.25)
STATE VITAL FEES			
Received & Paid to State		\$144.40	\$0.00
GUN PERMITS			
Received & Paid to State		\$270.00	\$0.00
NOTARY FEE			
Received & Paid Out		\$50.00	\$0.00
PLUMBING PERMITS			
Received		\$2,350.00	
Paid Out			
2018 State Fees	\$ 400.00		
2018 State Surcharge	\$ 90.00		
2020 State Fees	\$ 557.50		
2020 State Surcharge	\$ 120.00		
Plumbing Inspector	<u>\$1,672.50</u>	<u>\$2,840.00</u>	(\$490.00)
UNCLASSIFIED			
DOG LICENSES-STATE FEES			
Received & Paid to State		\$1,326.00	\$0.00
DOG LICENSES-TOWN FEES RESERVE			
Balance 1/1/20	\$ 494.36		
Received Town Fees	<u>\$1,719.00</u>	\$2,213.36	
Paid Out			
Trans. to Humane Society	\$ 105.02		
Paid Out	<u>\$ 55.38</u>	<u>\$ 160.40</u>	\$2,052.96

HUMANE SOCIETY			
Appropriated	\$1,664.00		
From Town Dogs Res	<u>\$ 105.02</u>	\$1,769.02	
Paid Out		<u>\$1,769.02</u>	\$0.00
PLANNING BOARD RESERVE ACCOUNT			
Balance 1/1/20	\$11,331.29		
Income	\$ 1,315.00		
Interest	<u>\$ 200.34</u>	\$12,846.63	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 1,170.08</u>	\$11,676.55
CEMETERIES & VETERAN GRAVES			
Appropriated		\$15,000.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$14,925.00</u>	\$75.00
CEMETERY MAINTENANCE RESERVE			
Balance 1/1/20	\$ 4,461.49		
Appropriated	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>	\$8,461.49	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 365.00</u>	\$8,096.49
CEMETERY LOT PURCHASE RESERVE			
Received			\$750.00
TREE PLANTING RESERVE			
Balance 1/1/20 & 12/31/20			\$1,000.00
TOWN FLAG RESERVE			
Balance 1/1/20	\$ 70.90		
Appropriated	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	\$1,570.90	
Paid Out		<u>\$1,510.66</u>	\$60.24
TOWN LINE SURVEY RESERVE			
Balance 1/1/20	\$3,000.00		
Appropriated	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	\$4,000.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 0.00</u>	\$4,000.00
HISTORICAL SOCIETY RESERVE ACCOUNT			
Balance 1/1/20	\$5,216.12		
Interest	\$ 86.18		
Income	<u>\$ 630.08</u>	\$5,932.38	
Paid Out		<u>\$1,738.23</u>	\$4,194.15
HISTORICAL SOCIETY MAINTENANCE RESERVE ACCOUNT			
Balance 1/1/20	\$5,396.52		
Interest	<u>\$ 69.66</u>	\$5,466.18	
Paid Out		<u>\$1,857.14</u>	\$3,609.04

JONES FUND SCHOLARSHIP RESERVE

Balance 1/1/20	\$11,834.57		
Interest	\$ 163.00		
Income	<u>\$ 8,283.75</u>	\$20,281.32	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 7,500.00</u>	\$12,781.32

RUTH CROSS SCHOLARSHIP RESERVE

Balance 1/1/20	\$ 0.87		
Rec. from Investments	\$225.00		
Interest	<u>\$ 0.13</u>	\$226.00	
Paid:		<u>\$150.00</u>	\$76.00

RAINY DAY FUND RESERVE

Balance 1/1/20	\$54,033.30		
Paid Out		<u>\$ 0.00</u>	\$54,033.30

KENNEBEC VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Appropriated & Paid Out		\$1,619.00	\$0.00
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SOMERSET ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Appropriated & Paid Out		\$100.00	\$0.00
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BANK ACCOUNT INTEREST

Camden National Bank	\$ 630.04		
Skowhegan Savings Bank	<u>\$16,538.13</u>	\$17,168.17	
Paid to Reserve Accounts:			
Fire Truck Reserve	\$ 54.99		
Fire Department Capital Reserve	\$ 78.17		
Fire Department Reserve	\$ 182.31		
Transfer Station Equipment Res	\$.57		
Highway Equipment Reserve	\$1,025.26		
Highway Paving Reserve	\$5,791.82		
Highway LRAP Funds	\$1,230.44		
Library Building Capital Reserve	\$ 583.33		
Planning Board Reserve	\$ 200.34		
Historical Society Reserve	\$ 86.14		
Historical Society Maint. Res.	\$ 69.66		
Ruth Cross Scholarship Reserve	\$.13		
Jones Fund Scholarship Reserve	<u>\$ 163.00</u>	<u>\$9,466.20</u>	
			\$7,071.93

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

COUNTY TAX

Appropriated	\$237,757.00		
Paid Out	<u>\$237,756.82</u>		\$.18

RSU # 74 SCHOOL TAX		
Appropriated & Paid Out	\$1,146,130.00	\$0.00
END OF YEAR TOTALS		
Skowhegan Savings Bank	\$1,087,557.78	
Income Received in 2020	<u>\$2,663,298.51</u>	
Total Income		\$3,750,856.29
Less Expenditures		<u>\$2,312,975.02</u>
Balance 12/31/20		\$1,437,881.27
Less Total Reserve Accounts		<u>\$ 959,357.01</u>
Total Undedicated Funds (Surplus)		\$478,524.26

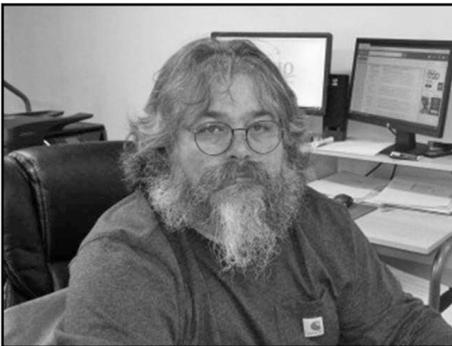
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ASSESSORS' REPORT

VALUATION

Local Taxable Real Estate Valuation	\$95,508,481.00	
Local Taxable Personal Property Valuation	<u>\$ 1,940,739.00</u>	
2020 Taxable Town Valuation		\$ 97,449,220.00
Total of Homestead Exemption Valuation	\$ 8,071,000.00	
X 0.70		\$ 5,649,700.00
Total of all BETE Valuation	4 9,204,170.00	
Enhanced BETE Reimbursable Valuation		<u>\$ 5,082,987.00</u>
Total Valuation Base		<u>\$108,181,907.00</u>

APPROPRIATIONS

County Tax		\$ 237,757.00
Municipal Appropriation	\$977,770.00	
Less allowable deductions**	<u>(\$422,346.00)</u>	\$ 555,424.00
RSU #74 Appropriation		
((\$1,107,723 (2018/2019) + \$1,146,437 (2019/2020)) / 2	<u>\$1,148,130.00</u>	
APPROPRIATIONS BY TAXATION		\$1,941,311.00
Plus Overlay		<u>\$ 49,236.09</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS BY TAXATION		\$1,990,547.09

EXEMPTION REIMBURSEMENT FROM STATE

BETE Reimbursement	\$ 93,526.96
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	<u>\$103,954.48</u>
LESS TOTAL EXEMPTION REIMBURSEMENT	<u>\$ 197,481.44</u>
TOTAL TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	\$1,793,065.65

**ALLOWABLE MUNICIPAL DEDUCTIONS

State Revenue Sharing	\$ 74,177.00
Library Capital Reserve	\$ 2,600.00
Fire Department Reserve	\$ 5,000.00
LRAP Reserve	\$ 10,000.00
Surplus Revenues	\$415,569.00
Less Reserve Funds	<u>(\$85,000.00)</u>
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	\$422,346.00

2020 MILL RATE: \$18.40 PER \$1,000 OF VALUATION

2020 Supplements	\$4,532.42	
2020 Tree Growth Withdrawal Penalties	\$2,596.92	\$7,129.34

Abatements Given in 2020

2020 Real Estate	\$3,947.81
2019 Real Estate	\$ 93.50
2018 Real Estate	\$ 93.50

2012 Real Estate	\$ 300.00	
2012 Personal Property	<u>\$ 79.04</u>	\$4,513.85

COMPARISON OF APPROPRIATIONS BY TAXATION

RSU #74	10.61 mills	57.68%	(11.36 mills in 2019)
County Tax	2.20 mills	11.94%	(2.33 mills in 2019)
Municipal	5.13 mills	27.90%	(5.20 mills in 2019)
Overlay	<u>.46 mills</u>	<u>2.47%</u>	(0.41 mills in 2019)
Total Mills	18.40 mills	100.00%	

	2020	2019
County Tax	\$ 237,757.00	\$ 231,390.34
Municipal Appropriation	\$ 555,423.74	\$ 515,820.29
RSU #74 Appropriation	\$1,148,130.00	\$1,127,080.00

The School Tax increased by \$21,050 (1.9%) this year. The County Budget Tax increased by \$6,367 (2.8%). Our Municipal Budget by taxation increased by \$39,603 (7.7%). Solon's budget is a calendar year budget and RSU 74 operates under a fiscal year budget so in 2020 we are paying the last half of our 2019/2020 RSU 74 appropriation and the first half of our 2020/2021 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 2020 State Valuation is based on the 2018 & 2019 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. Due to the increases in our State Valuation over the past several years, we had planned on doing a revaluation of the real estate property in town in 2020. We decided not to do the revaluation due to the COVID 19 virus. Instead, we increased the value of the house lots, camp lots, and base lots. We also decided to do a 10% increase across the board on all building in town. In 2021 we will increase our river front assessments and, hopefully, start on a revaluation of the real estate. Our 2020 state valuation is \$100,800,000 and our 2021 state valuation will be \$102,950,000.

The Business Equipment Tax Exemption (BETE Program) started April 1, 2008. All new manufacturing personal property equipment is no longer taxable since that date. However, a complete listing of all equipment, including any new equipment, and its cost must be presented to the Assessors on or before April 1 of each year. The 2020 state reimbursement is \$93,527.00 for a portion of our lost BETE tax revenue.

In 2020 the Homestead Exemption is \$25,000 with the state reimbursing 70% of the lost revenue. We gave 323 homestead exemptions. Exemption recipients received a reduction of \$460.00 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 2020, please check with the Assessors before April 1st to see if you qualify for 2021. If you received it in 2020, you do not need to reapply.

We had 63 Veteran Exemption recipients who received a reduction \$110.40 on their tax bill. Any new veteran exemption requests must be given to the Assessors by April 1st. If you received it in 2020, you do not need to reapply. The widow or widower of a veteran may also qualify for an exemption.

In 2020 we had 16,515.9 acres receiving reduced assessments for tree growth out of 32,406 acres in our town. If you wish to place your land in tree growth, the minimum is 10 acres and a tree growth plan prepared by a licensed forester must be given to the Assessors by April 1st. Tree growth plans must be updated every ten years. If you purchased land that is in tree growth, you have one year from the date of purchase to adopt the prior owner's plan or to have a new plan done. Failure to comply with the tree growth laws will result in the removal of the land from the tree growth program and the assessing of a penalty for that removal. Failure to reapply on time can result in late filing penalties up to \$1,000. Please respond to your filing notice letters promptly to avoid penalties. We thank you for your efforts in complying with this law. For more information on the tree growth program or the farm and open space program, contact the Assessors.

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted, Board of Assessors

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR REPORT

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

INCOME

Appropriated	\$15,000.00	
Client Reimbursement	\$ 951.64	
State & SSI Reimbursement	<u>\$ 668.43</u>	\$16,620.07

EXPENDITURES

Housing	\$ 5,151.64	
Food & Personal Supplies	\$ 42.43	
Utilities	\$ 67.50	
Heating Oil	<u>\$ 379.90</u>	<u>\$ 5,641.47</u>
UNEXPENDED BALANCE		\$10,978.60

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 is not 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 2020 Solon’s General Assistance Program helped 5 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.

Respectfully Submitted, Overseers of the Poor

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank Balances 1/1/20

\$1,087,557.78

MONEY MARKET DEDICATED ACCOUNTS BALANCES 1/1/19

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

\$671,988.79

Total of Non Dedicated Funds

\$415,568.99

INCOME:

State Revenue Sharing	\$ 103,317.02
Local Roads Assistance Program	\$ 39,492.00
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	\$ 2,441.00

Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$ 45,030.87
BETE Reimbursement 2020	\$ 91,879.00
BETE Administration Fee	\$ 8.00
2020 Homestead Reimbursement	\$ 81,820.00
2019 Homestead Reimbursement	\$ 21,555.00
2021 Prepaid Real Estate Tax	\$ 11,296.06
2020 Real Estate Tax	\$1,600,352.37
2020 Personal Property Tax	\$ 34,771.21
2019 Real Estate Tax	\$ 95,923.25
2019 Personal Property Tax	\$ 4,447.98
2018 Real Estate Tax	\$ 3,383.61
2019 Liens	\$ 39,690.04
2018 Liens	\$ 46,228.76
Property Tax Interest	\$ 14,780.18
Costs, Fees of Liens and Notices	\$ 4,944.37
Lien Fees Reimbursement	\$ 90.24
Notary Fees	\$ 50.00
Motor Vehicle Monies	\$ 88,208.85
Inland Fish & Wildlife Monies	\$ 23,849.79
State Vitals	\$ 144.40
State Dogs	\$ 1,326.00
Town Dogs	\$ 1,719.00
Vehicle Excise Tax	\$ 200,374.06
IF&W Excise Tax	\$ 1,104.60
Town Agent Fees - Dogs	\$ 307.00
Town Agent Fees - Vital	\$ 986.60
Town Agent Fees - BMW	\$ 6,711.00
Town Agent Fees – IF&W	\$ 659.50
Business Licenses	\$ 1,500.00
Gun Permit Fees - State	\$ 270.00
Gun Permit Fees -Town	\$ 90.00
Addressing Fees	\$ 60.00
After School Program Reserve	\$ 1,000.00
Cemeteries Lot Purchase Reserve	\$ 250.00
Cemetery Maintenance Reserve	\$ 415.00
Coolidge Library Reserve	\$ 2,108.83
Elections Grant	\$ 5,000.00
Fire Department	\$ 4,304.81
Fire Department Reserve	\$ 1,150.00
First Park Tax Revenue	\$ 4,812.00
General Assistance, State reimbursement	\$ 668.43
General Assistance, Client reimbursement	\$ 951.64
Historical Society Reserve	\$ 630.08
Insurance –Workman Comp. Rebate	\$ 512.00
Insurance - Property & Casualty Rebate	\$ 1,188.00
Move More Kids – Community Garden Res	\$ 2,000.00
Municipal Buildings Maintenance Reserve	\$ 4,300.00

Office Equip. Res - Spectrum Franchise Fee	\$	3,550.07	
Planning Board Fees	\$	1,315.00	
Plumbing Permits, State Fee	\$	557.50	
Plumbing Permits, LPI Fee	\$	1,672.50	
Plumbing Permits State Surcharge	\$	120.00	
Public Works	\$	4,195.00	
Recreation Department Reserve	\$	415.00	
Scholarship Reserve - Jones Fund	\$	8,283.75	
Scholarship Reserve – Ruth Cross Fund	\$	225.00	
Schools, Books, & Dues	\$	55.00	
Snowmobile Grant	\$	21,818.16	
Snowmobile Registration Reimbursements	\$	612.00	
Snowmobile Tax Exempt Reim.	\$	714.96	
Solon Food Cupboard	\$	1,000.00	
Swim/Camp Reserve	\$	300.00	
Transfer Station receipts	\$	2,986.10	
Town Charges - Miscellaneous Income	\$	207.75	
Camden Bank interest	\$	630.04	
Skowhegan Savings Bank interest	\$	<u>16,538.13</u>	\$2,663,298.51
BALANCE 1/1/20		\$1,087,557.78	
2020 INCOME		<u>\$2,663,298.51</u>	\$3,750,856.29
2020 WARRANTS TOTAL			<u>\$2,312,975.02</u>
BALANCE 12/31/20			\$1,437,881.27

Less Dedicated Accounts

:	2020 Revenue Sharing	\$103,317.02
	LRAP Funds	\$106,867.47
	2021 Prepaid R. E. Taxes	\$ 11,296.06
	After School Program Reserve	\$ 10,109.16
	Cemetery Lot Purchase	\$ 750.00
	Cemetery Maintenance Reserve	\$ 8,096.49
	Coolidge Library Bldg. Capital Res.	\$ 30,731.71
	Coolidge Library Reserve	\$ 649.57
	Election Grant Reserve	\$ 1,956.24
	Fire Department Reserve	\$ 265.12
	Fire Department Capital Reserve	\$ 4,508.21
	Fire Truck Reserve	\$ 3,172.96
	Highway Equipment Reserve	\$ 48,188.64
	Highway Gravel Roads Reserve	\$ 13,016.00
	Highway Road Paving Reserve	\$477,826.05
	Historical Society Reserve	\$ 4,194.15
	Historical Society Maint. Reserve	\$ 3,609.04
	Move More Kids – Comm. Garden	\$ 262.34
	Municipal Buildings Heat Reserve	\$ 8,375.37
	Municipal Buildings Maint. Res.	\$ 4,225.22

Municipal Grounds Maint. Reserve	\$ 2,186.71
Office Equip & Maintenance Res.	\$ 6,641.99
Planning Board Reserve	\$ 11,676.55
Rainy Day Reserve	\$ 54,033.30
Recreation Department Reserve	\$ 5,276.22
Rec. Facility & Maintenance Res.	\$ 3,000.00
Scholarships - Jones Fund Reserve	\$ 12,781.32
Scholarships - Ruth Cross Reserve	\$ 76.00
Sidewalk Repair Reserve	\$ 11,734.29
Swim/Camp Reserve	\$ 1,123.50
Town Dogs Reserve	\$ 2,052.96
Town Flag Reserve	\$ 60.24
Town Line Survey Reserve	\$ 4,000.00
Town Records Preservation Res.	\$ 540.00
Transfer Station Truck & Tub Res.	\$ 1,757.11
Tree Planting Reserve	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>

Total Dedicated Accounts	<u>\$959,357.01</u>
Total Undedicated Funds (Surplus)	\$478,524.26

RAYMOND JAMES INVESTMENT FUND

As of 12/31/20
TOWN OF SOLON

PRINCIPALS:

Historical Society Maint. Res.	\$110,000.00
Jones Fund Scholarship	\$ 29,323.29
Ruth Cross Scholarship	\$ 1,270.00
Town Cemeteries	\$158,470.00
Hilton Cemetery	\$ 3,000.00
Library	\$ 87,380.00

AVAILABLE FUNDS:

Historical Society Maint. Res.	\$ 24,959.52
Historical Society Reserve	\$ 20,857.38
Library	\$ 9,915.53
Jones Fund Scholarship	\$ 33,819.51
Ruth Cross Scholarship	\$ 309.54
Town Cemeteries	\$ 40,574.72

2019 TAX LIENS

TAX DUE AS OF 12/31/2020

DOES NOT INCLUDE INTEREST AND FEES

THE PROPERTY WILL BE FORECLOSED ON IF NOT PAID BY 10/27/2021

**PAID AFTER 12/31/20 AND BEFORE 1/31/2021

ABELIN, ELIZABETH	\$1,571.98
BAUER, REG & ADELA	\$2,804.97

BERBERIAN, ANDREA	\$2,222.27
BINGEL, WILLIAM JR	\$ 452.31
BOSTIC, ANTHONY	\$ 424.18
BROWN, ROBERT & JAMES, D.	\$ 306.20
BROWN, ROBERT	\$ 329.66
BROWN, ROBERT	\$ 494.45
DAMON, BILLIE JO	\$1,439.60 **
FULLER, LARRY	\$2,699.06 **
GIRESI, SALVATORE	\$1,721.91
HEALD, DEBORAH & KIRK	\$2,417.17
HOPKINS, CONSTANCE	\$1,987.45
MACLEAN, JAMES	\$3,547.49
MELILLO, LEO	\$1,286.86
MILLER, KEITH	\$ 891.76
MORGAN, RYAN	\$ 245.75
NILE, H. & DUSTIN NICHOLS	\$1,490.52
OSBORNE, JASON	\$1,408.44
PAPADOPOULOS, JUDITH	\$1,490.52
POMELOW, JEFFREY	\$1,836.74
REID, MICHAEL	\$ 136.52
RICHARDSON, G. & WOODARD, M.	\$ 606.86
RODERICK, JOEY	\$1,836.74
ROGERS, DUNCAN M	\$1,741.83
ROSSIGNAL, STUART	\$ 271.46
ROSSIGNAL, STUART	\$ 950.46
RUTHERFORD, ANNE J	\$1,709.97
SAVAGE, EDWARD	\$1,812.83
SCHRADER, MICHELLE	\$ 511.96
SLAMM, AMANDA G	\$1,609.87
SOUSA, ROBERT & MARGARET	\$2,569.92
STEIGER, JOHN JR & SR	\$ 443.91
STICKNEY, MERVIL, HEIRS OF	\$1,368.32
WHITE, CHRISTOPHER D	\$ 934.55
WILLETTE, ROBBIE R	\$ 250.00



Respectfully Submitted,
 Kaylee Gilson, Treasurer

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

2020 Tax Commitment	\$1,793,065.65	
2020 Supplements	\$ 5,970.42	
Less 2020 Tax Abatements	<u>\$ -3,876.47</u>	
FINAL COMMITMENT		\$1,795,159.60
Collected in 2020	\$1,629,529.20	
Collected in 2019	<u>\$ 9,265.82</u>	<u>\$1,638,795.02</u>
	TOTAL DUE AS OF 12/31/20	\$ 156,364.58

2020 UNPAID TAXES AS OF 12/31/2020

*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 12/31/20 AND BEFORE 1/31/2021*

REAL ESTATE TAX:

ABELIN, ELIZABETH	\$1,497.76
AMODIO, GAIL	\$ 530.02
AMODIO, JAMES	\$3,239.42
AMODIO, JIMI	\$ 979.55
ANTON, SCOTT	\$2,389.24
AUSTIN, GERARD	\$2,330.91
BAUER, REG	\$2,653.28
BAUER, REG	\$1,085.60**
BEAULIEU, JOSEPH	\$ 445.10**
BERBERIAN, ANDREA	\$2,149.67
BERGMAN, FREDERICK	\$1,296.46
BIGELOW, JESSICA	\$ 356.41
BINGEL, WILLIAM	\$ 371.50
BOSTIC, ANTHONY	\$ 333.89
BROOKS, VASSER	\$ 848.06
BROWN, ROBERT & JAMES, D.	\$ 150.88
BROWN, ROBERT	\$ 381.80
BURKE, ADRIEN	\$ 10.02
BURRILL, T. & DAOUST, S.	\$1,352.40
CODY, JAMES	\$1,686.66**
COLPITTS, GLENN	\$ 761.39
DAMON, BILLI JO	\$1,421.40
DAVIS, DARILYN	\$ 827.63
DICKEY, CRISTI	\$2,488.42
DICKINSON, NORMAN, JR.	\$1,199.68
DOVE, OMIE	\$1,058.00
DRISCOLL, CAITLIN	\$ 485.21
DUBOIS, PHILIP	\$2,605.26
DUKE, CHARLES	\$1,181.83

FISKE, KELLEY	\$ 399.71
FOLCO, ANNETTE	\$ 465.34
FORSTEN, ROBERT	\$1,376.12
FRANCK, JOAN	\$ 714.29
FRENCH, JAMES	\$ 950.02
FRENCH, LINDA	\$1,341.77**
FRENCH, LINDA	\$ 434.98**
FULLER, LARRY	\$2,754.58**
GAGNON, NOAH	\$ 192.77
GILBLAIR, JENNIFER	\$ 775.56
GILBLAIR, JENNIFER	\$ 884.93
GIRESI, SALVATORE	\$1,637.97
GIROUX, JOHN	\$ 460.00**
GOBIN, RICKY, ESTATE OF	\$ 864.80
GORMAN, CRAIG	\$ 354.09
GRETHE, ERIC	\$2,465.42
HAYDEN, DOUGLAS	\$ 849.16**
HAYDEN, WAYNE	\$1,821.60
HEALD, DEBORAH	\$2,346.00
HOPKINS, CONSTANCE	\$1,963.28
HUTCHINS, HEATHER	\$ 74.70
JOHNSON, JEREMIAH	\$ 677.67
KENNEBEC MOTOR SALES	\$2,493.61
LABERGE, SCOTT & JOLINE	\$2,156.48
LABONTE, ROBERT	\$1,580.67
LAFRENIERE, EDWARD	\$ 263.86
LAYMAN, CHRISTOPHER	\$2,441.68
LAYMAN, CHRISTOPHER	\$ 804.08
LAYMAN, CHRISTOPHER	\$1,970.09
LAYMAN, CHRISTOPHER	\$ 579.78
LAYMAN, CHRISTOPHER	\$ 537.28
LAYMAN, CHRISTOPHER	\$1,912.13
LEHAY, WAYNE	\$2,557.60
LINDSTEDT, JACQUELINE	\$ 18.40**
LINDSTEDT, JACQUELINE	\$ 9.20**
MACLEAN, JAMES	\$3,433.44
MAINE-LY TREES INC	\$ 627.88
MCEWEN, RONALD	\$ 794.88
MELILLO, LEO	\$1,214.40
MILLER, CORY	\$1,893.33
MILLER, KEITH	\$ 815.49
MILLER, SHAWN	\$1,269.60
MORGAN, RYAN	\$ 358.62
MUNROE, BRIAN	\$1,378.16
MUNROE, BRUCE	\$ 184.00
MURGITA, DEBRA	\$ 893.04**
MURGO, GREGORY	\$ 310.04

MURGO, GREGORY	\$ 924.23
MYERS, MEGAN	\$1,346.88
NILE, HEATHER	\$1,508.80
NITZE, HEIDI	\$ 202.40
NITZE, HEIDI	\$ 425.04
NITZE, HEIDI	\$1,103.08
NITZE, HEIDI	\$ 222.64
NORTH, SUSAN	\$2,005.42
NOYES, DONNA	\$1,382.39
NYHOLT, JULIET	\$ 90.16**
O'MEARA, THOMAS	\$1,030.77**
OSBOURNE, JASON	\$1,489.85
PADHAM, MICHAEL	\$1,527.38
PADHAM, MICHAEL	\$ 905.28
PAPADOPOULOS, JUDITH	\$1,416.80
POMELOW, JEFFREY	\$1,692.80
QUATTROCCI, JOHN	\$1,028.56
REID, MICHAEL	\$ 325.50
REID, MICHAEL	\$2,043.32
REYNOLDS, DEANNA	\$3,523.60
RICHARDSON, GLENN	\$ 525.69
RODERICK, JOEY	\$1,760.88
ROGERS, DUNCAN	\$1,649.38
ROGERS, MEGAN	\$ 506.00
ROLLINS, NICHOLAS	\$1,610.00**
ROSSIGNAL, STUART	\$ 174.06
ROSSIGNAL, STUART	\$ 861.12
ROY, KEVIN	\$ 441.60
RUTHERFORD, ANNE	\$1,871.28
SAUNDERS, SHARILL	\$2,507.00
SAVAGE, EDWARD	\$1,819.76
SCHRADER, MICHELLE	\$ 430.74
SHANNON, ERIC	\$ 207.40
SIRANDA STAPLES, ANGELA	\$ 440.17
SLAMM, AMANDA	\$1,589.02
SMITH, RONALD	\$1,026.54
SOUSA, ROBERT	\$2,517.12
STEIGER, JOHN JR	\$ 380.51
STEIKORSKI, F. & HOMINICK, W.	\$1,597.68
STEVENS, CLIFFORD & MICHELLE	\$4,153.80
STICKNEY, MERVIL, HEIRS OF	\$1,350.56
TAMSCO, LLC	\$4,882.19
TAYLOR, ASHLEY	\$ 83.72
TOLMAN, JOSEPH	\$ 590.27
TURCOTTE, ROSS & LOUIE	\$ 722.09
TUTTLE, CRAIG	\$ 864.80
WEBB, PATRICIA	\$ 658.29

WHEELER, ERICA	\$ 331.20
WHITE, CHRISTOPHER	\$ 855.78
WHITE, KAREN	\$ 28.52
WHITE, KAREN	\$1,727.20
WILLETTE, ROBBIE	\$ 930.12
WILLETTE, ROBBIE	\$ 132.78
WING, JULIE	\$ 599.78
YORK, ANNIE	\$1,196.23
YOST, ANDREW & HEATHER	\$ 431.31
YU, HUA KAI	\$ 9.46
ZAWALIK, CARRIE	\$ 384.19
ZAWALIK, CARRIE	\$2,225.85

PERSONAL PROPERTY

MACLEAN, JAMES	\$ 128.80
SOLO CORNER STORE	\$ 110.40
TAMSCO, LLC	\$1,619.20

Respectfully submitted,
 Leslie A. Giroux,
 Municipal Clerk & Tax Collector,
 Voter Registrar



TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

VITAL STATISTICS

	MARRIAGES	BIRTHS	DEATHS
2016	5	3	12
2017	10	13	12
2018	9	10	11
2019	9	8	18
2020	15	6	10

DEATHS JANUARY 1, 2020 -- DECEMBER 31, 2020

George Boylan	69	Michelle Pavia	43
Deborah Dammeyer	62	William Power	78
Russell Davidson	73	Maryann Reynolds	77
Ronald Giguere	78	Cecil Shaffer	78
Bradley Northup	63	Mary Tester	101

NOTICE

Please remember, 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. Certain vital records can only be issued to those on the record or with *a direct and legitimate interest*. 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 with ID and proof of residency in Solon.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie A. Giroux
Municipal Clerk/Tax Collector

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

WINTER ROADS

INCOME:

Appropriated	\$115,000.00	
Insurance Reimbursement	\$ 1,200.00	
Culvert Reimbursement	\$ 250.00	
Town of Madison, Plowing	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>	\$117,650.00

EXPENDITURES:

LABOR

Gary Bishop	\$ 29,242.21	
Raymond Young	\$ 25,918.84	
Arthur Rogers	\$ 284.00	
James Quimby	\$ 2590.00	
Glenn Richardson	\$ 2,142.88	
David Dickey	\$ 54.00	
Arthur Myers	\$ 1,336.00	
Wyatt Myers	\$ 741.00	
Eric Peterson	<u>\$ 896.00</u>	\$63,204.93

UTILITIES

Central Maine Power	\$ 670.10	
TDS Telecom	\$ 396.39	
US Cellular	<u>\$ 394.66</u>	\$ 1,461.15

SUPPLIES

Garage	\$ 797.47	
Safety Equip. & Signs	<u>\$ 112.26</u>	\$ 909.73

MILEAGE

Mileage Reimbursement		\$ 1,711.50
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CONTRACTED SERVICES

Porta-A-Potty	\$ 100.00	
Equipment Rental	<u>\$ 1,636.32</u>	\$ 1,726.32

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Property Maintenance	\$ 910.00	
Furnace Maintenance	<u>\$ 311.00</u>	\$ 1,221.00

ROAD MAINTENANCE

Gravel	\$ 216.00	
Winter Sand	\$ 6,966.00	
Winter Salt	\$ 10,284.22	
Road Signs	\$ 272.98	
Supplies	<u>\$ 54.00</u>	\$17,793.22

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

Equipment Parts & Supplies	\$ 5,025.35	
Equipment Repair	\$ 650.00	
Diesel Fuel & Gas	\$ 9,891.83	
Tires	\$ 88.95	
Truck Parts & Supplies	\$10,776.13	

Truck Repairs	\$ <u>197.19</u>	\$26,629.45	
TRAINING & DUES			
Medical Testing		\$ <u>90.00</u>	\$114,747.30
			\$ 2,902.70
Transferred to Highway Equipment Reserve			\$ <u>2,902.70</u>
			\$ 0.00

SUMMER ROADS

INCOME:

Appropriated	\$115,000.00		
Calcium Reimbursement	\$ 1,200.00		
Culvert Reimbursement	\$ 150.00		
Road Sign Sale	\$ 40.00		
Equip. Maintenance Refund	\$ <u>155.00</u>		\$116,545.00

EXPENDITURES:

LABOR

Gary Bishop	\$ 17,252.62		
Raymond Young	\$ 15,260.00		
James Quimby	\$ 10,416.00		
Arthur Myers	\$ 1,815.50		
Matthew Ricker	\$ 1,036.00		
Eric Peterson	\$ <u>1,399.50</u>	\$47,179.62	

UTILITIES

Central Maine Power	\$ 280.24		
TDS Telecom	\$ 284.30		
US Cellular	\$ <u>283.42</u>	\$ 847.96	

SUPPLIES

Garage	\$ 840.06		
Radio Communications	\$ <u>969.41</u>	\$ 1,809.47	

MILEAGE

Mileage Reimbursement		\$ 568.00	
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CONTRACTED SERVICES

Roadside Mowing	\$ 1,500.00		
Porta-A-Potty	\$ 100.00		
Tree Work	\$ 720.00		
Road Equipment	\$ 4,345.00		
Equipment Rental	\$ <u>1,550.00</u>	\$ 8,215.00	

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Supplies		\$ 200.82	
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ROAD MAINTENANCE

Gravel	\$ 4,608.00		
Calcium	\$ 2,385.00		
Road Signs	\$ 130.57		
Equipment Parts/Supplies	\$ 1,727.08		
Paving	\$ <u>17,643.00</u>	\$26,493.65	

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

Equipment Parts & Supplies	\$ 5,616.79		
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Diesel Fuel & Gas	\$ 3,936.05		
Tires	\$ 1,229.05		
State Inspections	\$ 480.00		
Truck Parts & Supplies	\$ 453.64		
Truck Repairs	<u>\$ 776.35</u>	\$12,491.88	<u>\$ 97,806.40</u>
			\$ 18,738.60
Transferred to Highway Equipment Reserve			<u>\$ 18,738.60</u>
			\$ 0.00

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

INCOME:			
Balance 1/1/20	\$67,222.08		
Appropriated	\$15,000.00		
Trans. in from Winter Roads	\$ 2,902.70		
Trans. in from Summer Roads	\$18,738.60		
Interest	<u>\$ 1,025.26</u>	\$104,888.64	
EXPENDITURES:			
Hight Ford, Truck Purchase		<u>\$ 56,700.00</u>	\$48,188.64

ROAD PAVING RESERVE ACCOUNT

INCOME:			
Balance 1/1/20	\$257,034.23		
Appropriated	\$215,000.00		
Interest	<u>\$ 5,791.82</u>	\$477,826.05	

LRAP GRANT RESERVE ACCOUNT

INCOME:			
Balance 1/1/20	\$ 76,145.03		
Interest	\$ 1,230.44		
Received from State of Maine	<u>\$ 39,492.00</u>	\$116,867.47	
EXPENDITURES:			
Trans. to Gravel Roads Reserve	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>	\$106,867.47	

SIDEWALK RESERVE ACCOUNT

INCOME:			
Balance 1/1/20	\$ 10,734.29		
Appropriated	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	\$11,734.29	

GRAVEL ROADS RESERVE ACCOUNT

INCOME:			
Appropriated	\$ 10,000.00		
Trans. in from LRAP	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>	\$20,000.00	
Paid Out:		<u>\$ 6,984.00</u>	\$13,016.00

Road Commissioner Report

We had a long cold winter that lasted nearly to the end of April. There were a lot of snowstorms 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 had to replenish it this fall.

This year Arthur Myers, Matthew Ricker, and Eric Peterson cut roadside brush on the Hole in the Wall Road. The road crew then chipped it all. We replaced some more culverts on the French Hill Road, Brighton Road, and Hole in the Wall Road in preparation for the 2021 paving project on those roads. We also ditched the Parkman Hill Road. We did a gravel road rebuild on a portion of the Hole in the Wall Road. At Michael Stream on the Hole in the Wall Road, we repaired the shoulder erosion over the culverts. Please remember to slow down and drive carefully in the road work areas.

After Special Town Meeting approval in October, we purchased a 2020 Ford F350 dump truck with sander and plow. This has already proved to be a great asset. It will also allow us to plow and sand the gravel roads in the spring when the roads are too soft for our large trucks.

Road sign theft continues to be a problem. If you want a specific road name sign, we can have one made for you for \$45. Stealing or pulling down stop signs can cause a serious, if not fatal, accident. If you notice that a sign is damaged or missing, please notify me or the Selectmen.

We are planning a road paving project in 2021 on the paved portion of the Hole in the Wall Road, paved portion of the Drury Road, Brighton Road, Grant Road, French Hill Road, Pleasant Street, York Street, and Falls Road. We are considering use the same chip seal method we used on the South Solon Road in 2018. That seems to be holding up well and has improved skid resistance. Chip seals combine an asphalt layer and stone chips to provide a skid resistant wearing surface. The treatment preserves and protects the aging surface, fills minor cracks, and seals and waterproofs the existing pavement. There will be a shim coat put on first and then, a few weeks later, the chip seal will be applied and immediately rolled and, then several days later after it has cured, the loose stone will be swept up. For the several days before it will be swept, there will be loose stones on the roads so you will need to decrease your speed and keep plenty of space between the vehicles in front of you.

Jim Quimby continued to assist us on the road crew in the summer. We added Glenn Richardson to our road crew this fall. Welcome, Glenn!

I would like to thank all who have given me support this year. Thank you so much. I appreciate it!

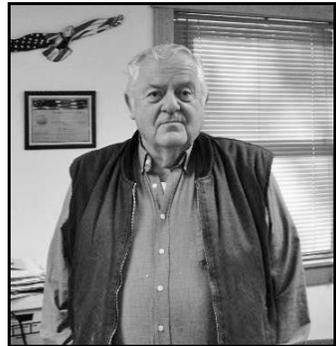
Respectfully, Gary Bishop, Road Commissioner



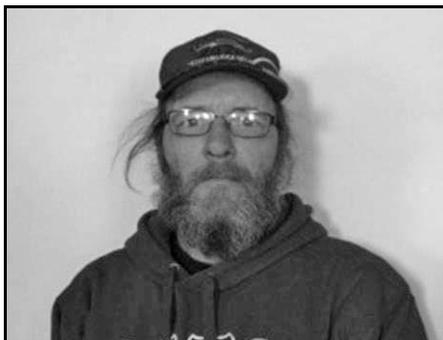
Gary Bishop, Road Commissioner



Raymond Young, Road Crew



Jim Quimby, Road Crew



Glenn Richardson, Road Crew

TRANSFER STATION REPORT

TRANSFER STATION

INCOME:

Appropriated	\$78,000.00	
Sticker Fees	\$ 280.00	
Disposal Fees	\$ 885.00	
Steel Recycling	\$ 1,721.10	
Compost Bin Sales	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	\$80,986.10

EXPENDITURES:

LABOR

David Dickey	\$13,504.75	
Joseph Madore	\$ 3,675.00	
George Downs	\$ 48.00	
Gary Bishop	\$ 799.50	
Glenn Richardson	\$ 527.00	
Joseph Madore, driving	<u>\$ 4,734.00</u>	\$23,288.25

UTILITIES

Central Maine Power	\$ 744.86	
TDS Telecom	\$ 578.07	
LP Gas	<u>\$ 120.39</u>	\$ 1,443.32

SUPPLIES

Supplies		\$ 15.96
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MILEAGE

Mileage Reimbursement		\$ 312.00
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CONTRACTED SERVICES

Bush Hogging	\$ 200.00	
Trash Disposal Fee	\$43,187.25	
Recycling Program	\$ 1,604.00	
Porta Potty	<u>\$ 300.00</u>	\$45,291.25

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Property Maintenance		\$ 111.84
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EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

Equipment Parts & Supplies	\$ 866.06	
Equipment Repair	\$ 2,522.50	
Diesel Fuel & Gas	\$ 1,944.05	
Tires	\$ 54.95	
Truck Parts & Supplies	\$ 817.78	
Truck Repairs	\$ 750.00	
State Inspections	<u>\$ 587.00</u>	<u>\$7,542.32</u>

\$79,261.99

\$ 1,724.11

Transferred to TS Truck & Tub Reserve

\$ 1,724.11

\$ 0.00

TRANSFER STATION TRUCK & EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/20	\$ 32.43	
Trans. in from Transfer Station	\$1,724.11	
Interest	<u>\$.57</u>	\$1,757.11

SOLON TRANSFER STATION FEES SCHEDULE

RECYCLABLES, NO FEE CHARGED

Glass: Bottles and jars, clear or colored, rinsed

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

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

Fluorescents: Bulbs and tubes

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

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

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

Metal

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

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

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

OTHER ITEMS WITH FEES CHARGED

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

Household items:

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

Lights: Mercury vapor bulbs \$1.50 each

Other: Mercury switches, thermostats and thermometers \$3.00

Bulky Waste/Asphalt Shingles: Fee charged will be determined by the attendant based on the following:

Pickup truck load, short bed	\$18.00
Pickup truck load, long bed	\$24.00
Small dump truck or single axle trailer	\$30.00

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

DEMOLITION DEBRIS DISPOSAL POLICY

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

SOLON TRANSFER STATION REPORT

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

We hauled 112 loads of garbage totaling 554.91 tons to Waste Management with a total cost of \$43,187.25 in tipping fees during 2020, which is an increase of \$1,892.25s over last year. Our trash costs us a little over \$100 per ton in transport and landfill costs. Tonnage breakdown is: 281.70 tons household waste, 269.48 tons demolition debris, and 3.73 tons of waste wood.

On the other hand, Solon paid just over \$1,040 to recycle the cardboard, paper and plastic. We were paid \$1721.10 for the tin cans, metal and batteries. The more we recycle, the more we save. We recycled 16.4 tons of cardboard, 10.2 tons of paper, magazines, and newsprint, and 4.9 tons of plastic.

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.

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 and Joe and for all of their hard work to make our Transfer Station run so smoothly. 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.

Stickers are available at the Town Office for \$5. Sticker colors change each year, and the new color is required by January 1. You need to either be a taxpayer in Solon or show proof of residency. Non-resident taxpayers can only bring trash generated in Solon to the Transfer Station. The stickers will also be available on Saturday March 6th at our Annual Town Meeting and Elections.

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, Transfer Station Attendant



Joe Madore, Transfer Station Attendant & Truck Driver



North Main Street looking south (photo by Larry Dunphy)



Solon Fire Department 2008

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Station Phone: 207-643-2291

Emergencies: 911

Radio: 100

OFFICERS:

Duayne Rollins, Chief	399-9549	Solon 101
Brian Coombs, 1 st Assist. Chief	592-5607	Solon 102
Todd Dixon, 2 nd Assist. Chief	441-5171	Solon 103
Kevin Lacroix, 3 rd Assist. Chief	446-2474	Solon 104
Richard Kelley, EMA Director		Solon 109
Jenney Rollins, Secretary/Treasurer		
Diana Rollins, Base Radio Monitor		

FIRE WARDENS (for fire permits)

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

FIREFIGHTERS:

Derek Dellarma	Blin Rollins, III
Nick Rollins	Meagan Corson
Zane Brown	Brian Livingstone
Aaron Fitzmaurice	

FIRE DEPARTMENT

INCOME:

Appropriated	\$31,000.00	
Appropriated Fire Chief Salary	\$ 7,200.00	
Trans. In from F. D. Reserve	\$11,200.00	
On Line Burn Permits	\$ 30.00	
Insurance Claim-Truck	<u>\$ 4,274.81</u>	\$53,704.81

EXPENDITURES:

LABOR

Duayne Rollins, Fire Chief	\$ 7,200.00
Duayne Rollins	\$ 1,535.00
Brian Coombs	\$ 1,198.00
Jun Rollins	\$ 1,095.00
Kevin Lacroix	\$ 921.00
Richard Kelley	\$ 1,433.00
Brian Livingstone	\$ 328.00
Derek Dellarma	\$ 190.00
Zane Brown	\$ 702.00

Todd Dixon	\$ 1,023.00	
Meagan Corson	\$ 1,093.00	
Nick Rollins	\$ 1,029.00	
Aaron Fitzmaurice	\$ 46.00	
Fire Department Auxiliary	\$ 90.00	\$18,160.00
UTILITIES		
Central Maine Power	\$ 830.33	
OTT Communications-Phone	\$ 391.92	
Solon Water District	\$ 938.65	\$ 2,160.60
SUPPLIES		
Office Supplies	\$ 176.81	
Shop Supplies	\$ 2,424.08	
Safety Equipment	\$14,401.34	
Radio Communications	\$ 1,039.82	
Activity Supplies	<u>\$ 275.00</u>	\$18,317.05
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE		
Building Maintenance	\$ 6,517.40	
Equipment Maintenance:		
Diesel Fuel & Gasoline	\$ 1,111.02	
Truck Parts & Supplies	\$ 788.22	
Truck Repair	\$ 7,507.53	
State Inspections	<u>\$ 101.20</u>	\$ 9,508.27
TRAINING & DUES		
Dues	\$ 195.00	
Medical Testing	<u>\$ 39.89</u>	<u>\$ 234.89</u>
		<u>\$54,898.21</u>
		-\$1,193.40

FIRE DEPARTMENT TRUCK RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/20120	\$ 3,117.97	
Interest	<u>\$ 54.99</u>	\$3,172.96

FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/20	\$4,430.04	
Interest	<u>\$ 78.17</u>	\$4,506.21

FIRE DEPARTMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

INCOME:		
Balance 1/1/2020	\$10,132.81	
Donations	\$ 1,150.00	
Interest	<u>\$ 182.31</u>	\$11,465.12
EXPENDITURES:		
Transferred to Fire Department		<u>\$11,200.00</u> \$265.12

FIRE CALLS

	Total Calls	55		
Vehicle Accidents	23	Fire Alarms	4	
Structure Fires	3	Assist EMS	3	
Mutual Aid Given	8	Grass/Brush Fires	5	
Chimney Fire	3	Electrical Lines/Trees	6	

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 to start with 2020? It was definitely an unusual year.

I would like to start off with by saying "Thank you" to Foss Enterprise, Moose Alley Riders, Mattingly Products, D R Salisbury Foundations, Peter Pfeiffer, and Doug Sukeforth for their various donations.

Also, a huge Thank You to Tammy and John Merrill for the donation after their forest fire. With the donation we were able to purchase new forestry helmets for everyone. We were toned at 2:00 on a Friday afternoon for a forest fire on their property. We were there until 9:00 pm. This was the biggest call that I have been involved in. Being a small department of 13 members I could not be prouder of my team. It was a call that showed how important mutual aid is to our town. 10.3 acres burned. 11 Fire Departments totaling 58 firefighters showed up. Also, the Forestry Service, the Forestry Service helicopter, EMS from RFGH, 2 paramedics, ATVs, and a Rangers excavator also came to help us out. I also want to say a huge thank you to the town's people that helped out with water, ice, chainsaws, gas, and oil. And a thank you to Solon Corner Market for their donated ice, North Country General for their donated water and Gatorade, and Skowhegan Hannaford for their donated Gatorade. Also thank you to Griswold's for making 150 sandwiches to keep us going and to Somerset Home Improvements for paying for the sandwiches.

This year we were able to finish getting new gear for the rest of the firefighters. We also got our new extractor installed to keep that new gear all nice and clean and us safe from toxins that we may encounter. You may have noticed a new slab next to the fire station. The plan is to build an addition for cold storage to help keep things in order at the station.

Because of COVID 19 we were not able to do everything that we do in a normal year. We missed doing the toll booth, spaghetti supper, parade, haunted house, and the Christmas party at the school with the kids. We as a department missed doing these events and, especially, missed the time being able to interact with our community.

There was no haunted house this year, but we did have a few decorations and treats for the trick or treaters on Halloween. We were able to go to the school for Fire Safety Day and educate the kids and give them a little something.

There was one function we were still able to have a big bang at. Thankfully, we were still able to bring the community and surrounding communities together for the 4th of July Fireworks. Thank you to the town for the funding and thank you for the other donations that come in for it.

As a reminder as you read through this, the Solon Volunteer Fire Department does all of this throughout the year as well as our monthly meetings, monthly truck checks, training, and emergency calls.

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

Sincerely, Fire Chief Duayne Rollins



The aftermath of the forest fire



Forestry Helicopter bringing water to the forest fire

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!

COOLIDGE LIBRARY

COOLIDGE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

JANE OUDERKIRK, CHAIRMAN (2021)

RICHARD ROBERTS, (2023)	LESLIE GIROUX (2022)
STACY ROBINSON (2022)	ALLYN FOSS (2023)
AMANDA SLAMM (2021)	MARY LOU RIDLEY (2022)
RICHARD SEARLES (2021)	1 VACANT POSITION

The Trustees meet at 6:00 on the first Thursday of the month in the Library from September through June. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, all business has been conducted by email in 2020. With funds approved from Library Capitol Reserves at the last Annual Town Meeting: wall outlets for patrons to charge electronic devices were added to supplement the single floor outlet; and a heat pump was installed to provide much needed air conditioning during the summer months.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Ouderkirk, Chair

BOARD POSITION VACANCY: There is a vacant position on the Library Board. If you are interested in serving on this Board, give your contact information to Librarian Megan Myers or the Selectmen so they can pass it on to the Library Trustees.

LIBRARIAN REPORT

Hello, residents of Solon,

Through the challenges that defined 2020, the Coolidge Public Library adapted to stay open while keeping our patrons and greater community as safe as possible. The library remained closed to the public between March 18 and June 17, following orders from Governor Mills. We reopened June 18 in adherence with guidelines from the Maine Center for Disease Control and The Maine State Library. Prior to entry, cloth face coverings are required of all patrons over the age of 2. Due to the square footage of the building, we are allowed just five people in the library at one time. Visits are limited to 30 minutes per day. In order to eliminate any potential viral transmission via library materials, all materials are quarantined when returned. We also ask visitors to sanitize their hands before handling any materials in-house. We understand that some of the changes are inconvenient and may be difficult to accept or adhere to. We greatly appreciate everyone's cooperation in following our guidelines so the library may remain a safe space for everyone.

In addition to our Facebook page, the library now has a website, <https://19620.rmwebopac.com>, complete with an online catalogue. Through the website, anyone can browse our materials, anywhere, anytime. Orders can be

placed through the website, email, or phone, and materials can be available for curbside pickup. This allows patrons more unlimited time for browsing, and less potential exposure to others (and vice versa.) I strongly encourage folks to take advantage of this service! As always, our Drop Box is located outside the building for contactless returns. Please do not leave donations in the drop box! We are not accepting donations at this time.

We were unable to hold our traditional Summer Reading Program, but packets of activities and challenges, as well as online Story Times were available. We partnered with the Solon Summer Rec Program and hosted a socially distant outdoor concert that was enjoyed by all in attendance.

The library partnered with Solon Elementary for our Annual Bookmark Contest, once again. The winners were awarded with certificates and new books. The assembly at which the winners were to be announced and presented with their awards was abruptly cancelled. So, here's a long-overdue and enthusiastic ***Congratulations*** to J.C. from Pre-K, Everly Cox, Hunter Ingersoll, Sophie Duquette, Lydia Dixon, and Navaeh Palmer. You all created amazing bookmarks. Great work!



Respectfully, Megan Myers. Librarian

COOLIDGE LIBRARY RESERVE

INCOME

Balance 1/1/20	\$ 352.55	
Appropriated	\$ 15,000.00	
Investment Funds	\$ 1,500.00	
Fees and Donations	<u>\$ 608.83</u>	\$ 17,461.38

EXPENDITURES

Megan Myers, Librarian	\$ 12,161.13
Laura Layman, Librarian	\$ 186.00
Books	\$ 1,530.00
Post Office Box Fee	\$ 204.00
Central Maine Power	\$ 444.95
TDS Telecom	\$ 680.77
Solon Water District	\$ 219.20
SSB-Safe Deposit Box	\$ 20.00
Cleaning	\$ 90.00
Furnace Maintenance	\$ 200.00
Activities Costs	\$ 250.00

Computer Program Fees	\$	209.00		
Building Maintenance	\$	146.00		
Grounds Maintenance	\$	80.00		
Supplies	\$	<u>36.99</u>	\$ 16,811.81	\$649.57

LIBRARY BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1/20	\$33,698.38			
Appropriated	\$ 3,000.00			
Interest	<u>\$ 583.33</u>	\$37,281.71		
EXPENDITURES				
Heat Pump	\$ 3,950.00			
Property Survey	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 6,550.00	\$30,731.71	

LIBRARY MEMORIAL & INVESTMENT FUNDS

RAYMOND JAMES INVESTMENT FUND

Principal \$87,380.00

Investment Value 1/1/20	\$94,789.93			
Income	\$ 4,362.70			
Investment Change in Value	<u>\$ 549.12</u>	\$99,701.75		
Less				
Trans. to Coolidge Library Res.	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>			
Investment Advisor Fees	<u>\$ 906.22</u>	<u>\$ 2,406.22</u>		
Invest. Funds Balance 12/31/20			\$97,295.53	
Available Funds 12/31/20	<u>\$9,915.53</u>			



Coolidge Library

CEMETERIES & VETERAN GRAVES

CEMETERIES

INCOME:

Appropriated	\$15,000.00
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EXPENDITURES:

Robert Alton, Small Cemeteries	\$ 250.00	
W. Wooster, Evergreen Cem.	\$ 4,500.00	
W. Wooster, Village Cemetery	\$ 3,800.00	
W. Wooster, Pierce Cemetery	\$ 3,800.00	
W. Wooster, S. Solon Cem.	\$ 2,400.00	
A. Rogers, Hilton Cemetery	\$ 50.00	
Tree Maint. & Removal	<u>\$ 125.00</u>	<u>\$14,925.00</u> \$75.00

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Balance 1/1/20	\$4,046.49	
Appropriated	\$4,000.00	
Donations	<u>\$ 415.00</u>	\$8,461.49
Paid Out:		
Maintenance	<u>\$ 365.00</u>	\$8,096.49

CEMETERY LOT PURCHASE RESERVE

Balance 1/1/20	\$500.00	
Income	<u>\$250.00</u>	\$750.00

RAYMOND JAMES INVESTMENT FUND

Principal \$161,470.00

Investment Value 1/1/20	\$193,900.68	
Income	\$ 8,926.17	
Investment Change in Value	<u>\$ 549.12</u>	\$203,897.65
Less		
Investment Advisor Fees	<u>\$ 1,852.93</u>	
Invest. Funds Balance 12/31/20		\$202,044.72
Available Funds 12/31/20	\$40,574.72	

The town owns 4 cemeteries: Evergreen Cemetery, Pierce Cemetery, South Solon Cemetery, and Village Cemetery. Lots are available in ¼, ½ or a full lot at the Pierce Cemetery and the Evergreen Cemetery. The South Solon Cemetery only has a few single lots available. Village Cemetery has no lots available. 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.

Aerial view of the Village Cemetery on North Main Street
Taken by Larry Dunphy



Mr. Tramp:

Mr. Tramp was a transient who died in Solon many, many years ago. No one knew his name or who to contact when he died so he was buried in the South Solon Cemetery and a simple stone marker was placed on his grave. Over the years various people in town have placed flowers at his grave site. His stone was getting very weather worn and hard to read so this year Sarah Davis and Ann Jackson took on the task to have his gravestone cleaned and restored. The South Solon Meeting House was having their stone marker cleaned and repaired and Sarah made arrangements for the same person, stone carver Douglas Coffin of Belfast, to repair Mr. Tramp's stone. Mr. Coffin deduced that the original carving had been down by 2 different individuals using a nail. He maintained the lines of the original lettering in his restoration. He did an excellent job, and the stone looks great.

A big 'THANK YOU' to Sarah and Ann!!



PLANNING BOARD'S REPORT

MICHAEL GOLDEN, CHAIRMAN (2023) 643-2219
 FRANK EVANGELISTA, VICE CHAIRMAN (2023)
 DIANNA ROLLINS, SECRETARY (2023)
 ALBERT STARBIRD (2022) KERRI EVANGELISTA (2021)
 RICHARD KELLEY, 1st ALTERNATE (2021)
 STEPHEN JOHNSON, 2nd ALTERNATE (resigned 2020)

INCOME:

Balance 1/1/20	\$11,331.29		
Interest	\$ 200.34		
Permits	<u>\$ 1,315.00</u>	\$12,846.63	

EXPENDITURES:

Supplies	\$ 495.08		
Terri Lamontagne, CEO	\$ 625.00		
Reimbursements	<u>\$ 50.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,170.08</u>	\$11,676.55

PERMITS:

Residential Permits	9	Residential Accessory Permits	16
Commercial Permits	3	Shoreland Zone Permits	2

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

In 2020 building activity was similar to the last 2 years.

In July Board Member Stephen Johnson resigned. We were sorry to have him leave.

On January 2, 2021 we lost our dear friend and longtime Board Member Albert Starbird. He passed away at the age of 97. His experience and knowledge were invaluable, and he will be greatly missed.

In 2020 the Town hired Terri Lamontagne as our new Code Enforcement Officer/Health Officer. She works closely with the Planning Board and has been doing a very good job. She is working to get certified as a Plumbing Inspector and, once certified, will be appointed to that position in our town.

A new state mandated change in our permitting process now requires that applicants who need a Residential Building Permit which requires a plumbing permit, must now acquire their Plumbing Permit before we can process their Building Permit Application.

In 2019 we updated our Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. This update eliminated the need for a Timber Harvest Permit for the Shoreland Zone issued by the town.

These permits and regulations will be administered by the Maine Department of Conservation, Forestry Division. This permit is needed prior to any tree removal.

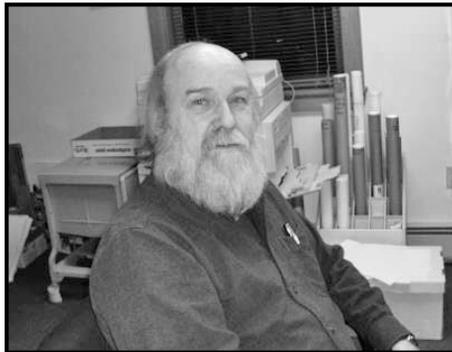
Also, in the Shoreland Zone, the Town now requires a Town issued permit to remove dead or hazardous trees on a Shoreland Zone property. The Code Enforcement Officer must inspect the property, determine which trees are allowed to be removed, and issue the permit prior to any tree removal. Only the approved trees will be allowed to be cut down.

At the time of this writing, our regular scheduled meetings have been suspended due to the COVID 19 pandemic. We look forward to resuming our normal schedule. In the meantime, if you need a permit or require any Planning Board services, please contact me or one of the other Planning Board members and we will try to accommodate your needs.

We would like to thank the town's people for your cooperation and support during the last year. Also, we would like to remind everyone that our meetings are open to the public and we urge you to attend if you have any questions, or feel free to contact a board member if we can be of assistance. We meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Solon Town Office Conference Room. We look forward to serving you in the upcoming year. Please review the Planning Board Notices in the "Notices" section of this town report.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael R. Golden, Chairman





Chase Pond



South side of Parkman Hill looking east



SOLO N COMMUNITY RECREATION DEPARTMENT

ATTENTION COMMUNITY MEMBERS....

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

We are in need of volunteers:

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted, Solon Recreation Committee

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



Solon's Annual
4th of July
PARADE

Solon's Annual 4th of July Parade
(pending - in need of new Event Coordinator)

July 4th, 11:00 am

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



FIREWORKS

**At dusk
at the school**

**PARADE
EVENT COORDINATOR NEEDED!**

Although we were unable to host a parade in 2020, Solon's 4th of July Parade has become a staple of summer entertainment in our area. Since the previous coordinator stepped down, the Committee is now in need of a new Event Coordinator and other members to facilitate the planning and preparations. Contact the Town Office with questions or concerns.

Thank you to Alicia, Leslie, Elizabeth, Blin and all the other volunteers for all the hard work and dedication over the last 10 years to make the 4th of July PARADE possible! Thank you to Fire Department for hosting an incredible FIREWORKS display!

Find us on FACEBOOK!! "Solon's Annual 4th of July Parade"

SWIM/CAMP PROGRAM

The summer of 2020 was a learning experience to say the least. This town cares about its children and was able to come together and make it possible for this program to persevere even during difficult times.

We had a great 100% outdoor program this summer with about 15 children participating for three weeks. We played a lot of soccer, basketball, and walked to the library for two outdoor programs including Mr. Harley, the musician. We did many arts and crafts including, painting, chalk, and tie-dye. Simple science experiments were conducted including the naked egg experiment, making slime, cornstarch and water, and the very popular: vinegar and baking soda. We enjoyed guests from the staff at Solon Elementary School who came and read stories, did arts and crafts, and fun experiments. Thank you to Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Keenan, and Mrs. LaChance.

Special thanks to our RSU 74 districts summer meal program that provides free breakfast and lunch to our children age 18 and under. Thank you to Mike and Alicia Golden and Ms. Butler.

A special thanks to the Solon Community for supporting this program, especially the Keystone Lodge who was prepared to allow us to hold our program there. Thank you to Megan Myers for working with the summer program to help our children continue to use and appreciate the wonderful library and all it has to offer. Finally, a special thank you to my daughter, Rachel. Without her time and dedication to the children of the community, this program would not have been the success it was.

Respectfully,
 Laura Layman, Program Director

SWIM/CAMP PROGRAM RESERVE

Appropriated	\$1,500.00		
Donation	<u>\$ 300.00</u>	\$1,800.00	
Paid Out			
Supplies	\$ 376.50		
Camp Aides	<u>\$ 300.00</u>	<u>\$ 676.50</u>	\$1,123.50

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

SOLOM AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM RESERVE ACCOUNT

INCOME:

Balance 1/1/20	\$2,855.05	
Town of Embden	\$1,000.00	
Appropriated	<u>\$6,300.00</u>	\$10,155.05

EXPENSES:

Supplies	\$ <u>45.89</u>	\$10,109.16
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Due to COVID there were no After School Program sessions in 2020. There are normally three 6-week sessions held 2 days a week with them doing a wide variety of activities. Usually about 30 children participate 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.



2020 Swim/Camp Program

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.

RAYMOND JAMES INVESTMENT FUND

Principal \$30,593.29

Investment Value 1/1/20	\$62,339.56		
Income	\$ 2,871.87		
Investment Change in Value	<u>\$ 331.44</u>	\$65,542.87	
Less			
Trans. to Ruth Cross Scholarship	\$ 225.00		
Investment Advisor Fees	<u>\$ 595.53</u>	<u>\$ 820.53</u>	
Invest. Funds Balance 12/31/20			\$64,722.34
Invest. Funds Balance 12/31/20	\$64,722.34		
Less Principal	<u>\$30,593.29</u>		
Available Funds 12/31/20	\$34,129.05		

Jones Fund Principal	\$29,323.29		
Ruth Cross Principal	\$ 1,270.00		
Jones Fund Available Funds	\$33,819.51		
Ruth Cross Available Funds	<u>\$ 309.54</u>	<u>\$64,722.34</u>	

JONES FUND SCHOLARSHIP RESERVE FUND

Income:			
Available Balance 1/1/20	\$11,834.57		
Interest Earned	\$ 163.00		
Investment Income	<u>\$ 8,283.75</u>	\$19,334.57	
2020 Scholarships Paid Out:			
Lilyana Aloes	\$ 2,500.00		
Lillian Johnson	\$ 2,500.00		
Chantel Whittemore	<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 2019 we had 3 applications with the award decision made after December 31, 2019. As of December 31, 2020, the 2020 scholarship awards had not yet been presented to the Selectmen.

RUTH CROSS SCHOLARSHIP RESERVE FUND

Balance 1/1/20	\$.87		
Raymond James Investment Funds	\$225.00		
Interest	<u>\$.13</u>	\$226.00	
Paid Out:			
2019 Scholarship, Courtney Fuller	\$75.00		
2020 Scholarship, Ariel Guinn	<u>\$75.00</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>	\$76.00

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. For 2019 scholarship, we did not receive this information by December 31, 2019 so we paid it in 2020.



2020 Swim/Camp Program

HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

Excerpts from “Maine in 1820: An intimate portrait of life at the time of statehood”
By Julia Bayly

Published in the “Bangor Metro” and “Bangor Daily News” January 2020.

In 1820, about 300,000 colonists called Maine home. They lived and worked from the larger port cities such as Portland to the smaller farm settlements of the St. John River Valley. These were people who had to make a living the best they could from the land, from the sea or from trading goods. Mainers were tough, self-reliant, independent, and, despite sometimes grumbling about their neighbors, always ready to lend a hand when needed. In 1819, voters in the district of Maine approved a referendum for statehood and on March 15, 1820 Maine was admitted to United States as its 23rd state.

Life at home

The typical home for most people in Maine in 1820 was just large enough to accommodate the family. Spare rooms, parlors and separate bedrooms were for wealthy ship captains or lumber barons. It was not uncommon for the less affluent to all sleep in the same room. But regardless of status, every home had certain things in common and met certain needs. Shack or mansion, hut or farmhouse, everyone needed light at the end of the day. For the very wealthy, gas-powered lamps were a novelty in 1820, and provided steady and reliable light. More often though homes were lit by whale oil lamps or simple candles.

Since Maine had virtually no coal reserves and transporting it into the region was very costly, heat was provided by burning wood. And in 1820, Maine had plenty of wood to burn. That was a good thing since the average sized home required at least 20 cords of firewood every winter to stay warm.

Fireplaces, wood burning stoves, and cook stoves kept homes snug during the winter. But no matter how snug you were inside, sooner or later you would have to venture out when nature called. Every home had some sort of outdoor bathroom or privy. For some this was the typical one- or two-seater outhouse still seen today in parts of rural Maine. These were small, four-sided structures with a roof and door built over a dug pit. Inside was a dirt or wooden floor and a bench with one or more holes that served as the toilet. Once the pit had filled with human waste, a new outhouse pit was dug, and the structure could be moved to that new location. The more affluent could remain indoors to answer calls of nature using ceramic chamber pots or commodes. The less-than-pleasant job of emptying and cleaning those commodes fell to the younger children or paid servants.

Without running water, most homes relied on outside wells or streams. Water was carried inside by the bucket load. When the wells and streams froze up in the winter, snow was carried in to be melted down over the fires.

For much of Maine in 1820, self-reliance was key. Most homes also had their own vegetable gardens to feed the inhabitants. Many people also planted medicinal herbs and plants, especially those who lived far from the nearest doctors or medical help.

On the farm

In 1820, there were around 55,000 farmers in Maine. The lucky ones were working land that had long been cleared of trees and brush by previous generations. But for the ones looking to start up new farms on virgin land that had never been cultivated, there was a lot of work to do before a single seed could be planted.

The draft animal of choice for the job of preparing the soil for crops was oxen. These massive beasts could “twitch” or haul the cut trees out of the future fields. The downed trees were used to build a home, make fencing for livestock and as firewood for the winter. Once actual farming could begin, the oxen pulled the implements that tilled the ground, plowed the rows and cultivated crops.

Farming was a 24-hour-a-day, 365-days-of-the-year job. The New Year started with men and the older boys tramping out over the frozen ground and snow to cut trees to get the 20 or so cords of wood an average homestead required for heating. Extra wood could be sold or bartered for the things the farmers could not grow or make themselves such as spices, coffee, tea and sugar.

By March, things were warming up a bit, and the family could start tapping maple trees for sap to boil down for syrup for their own use or to sell.

In April or May, assuming it had gotten even warmer and the ground was thawed, it was time to plant the crops. For those who had not yet removed the stumps of the cut trees from the fields, this meant broadcasting their seeds by hand onto the ground. Then they would hitch the oxen to a triangular shaped harrow that the animals could pull over the ground and around the stumps to cover the seeds with dirt.

Summers were spent weeding, hoeing and cultivating those crops as well as shearing sheep and cutting more timber. In late summer, it was time to head back into the fields with the curved bladed scythes to cut, pile and gather the hay for winter feed. Then it was on to other grain harvesting like rye and oats. And harvesting was just getting started.

Soon the whole family was out digging potatoes by hand. Next came the picking of corn, squash, pumpkins and cabbage that grew so well throughout Maine and churning milk into butter for the winter. By November, everything that could be harvested and preserved for the winter had been, and all that was left was to plow the field under. Unless it was one of those tracts still full of stumps. For those, the farmers would hook the oxen up and pull those stumps out one by one to prepare the fields for next year.

SOLON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historical Society continues its mission of recording and keeping Solon's past. We are always looking for photos, documents, and stories. Please let us know if you have something from "the old days". It does not have to be donated if you want to keep it. We can scan it and return the original to you. We can do that while you wait if you do not want to leave it with us.

The History House is open on Tuesday's from 10 am to 2 pm, except for December, January, and February when we are open by appointment only. (Call Chris Shaw at 643-6014). Visitors are always welcome to see all our displays and information that has been collected over many years.

We also have a monthly meeting at 7 pm on the fourth Monday of each month, except for those same 3 months. New members are always welcome and needed.

We can be found on Facebook at "Solon Maine Historical Society". Our email is solonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com. The History House phone number is 207-643-2275. Please leave a message and we will return your call.

Donations to the society are tax deductible. Solon's history needs to be preserved for future generations. We get many Facebook messages and emails of people looking for information about their ancestors. The more information we have the more we can help people to put together their family story.

Memorial donations are appreciated and can either be to pay for the costs to run the Historical Society or to add to the Investment Funds principal.

TRUSTEES

Rance Pooler (2022) Bud Boynton (2021) Jeff McAllister (2023)

OFFICERS

President: Chris Shaw Vice President: Jeff McAllister
Treasurer: Albert Starbird Recording Secretary: Maureen Shaw
Membership Secretary: Marie Poulin

HISTORICAL SOCIETY RESERVE

Balance 1/1/2020	\$5,216.12		
Dues and Donations	\$ 485.00		
Sale of Items	\$ 15.00		
Investment Income	\$ 130.08		
Interest	<u>\$ 86.18</u>	\$5,932.38	
Paid Out:			
Post Office Box	\$ 64.00		
Phone & Internet	\$ 1,016.27		
Electric	\$ 438.76		
Water District	<u>\$ 219.20</u>	<u>\$1,738.23</u>	\$4,194.15

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Balance 1/1/2020	\$5,396.52		
Interest	<u>\$ 69.66</u>	\$5,466.18	
Paid Out:			
Heat	\$1,070.30		
Security System	\$ 305.64		
Grounds Maintenance	<u>\$ 481.20</u>	<u>\$1,857.14</u>	\$3,609.04

RAYMOND JAMES INVESTMENT FUND

Balance 1/1/20	\$149,559.39		
Fees	(\$ 1,428.85)		
Change in Value	<u>\$ 7,686.36</u>	\$155,816.90	
Maintenance Reserve Principal	\$110,000.00		
Historical Society Res. Invested	\$ 17,000.00		
Available Funds	<u>\$ 28,816.90</u>	\$155,816.90	



The Historical Society History House on South Main Street

SOLO N WATER DISTRICT

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

TRUSTEES:

Michael Foster, Chairman (2023)	Arthur Rogers, Secretary (2021)
Derek Dellarma, Treasurer (2022)	Shawna Albert, Office Clerk

Payments can be mailed to the above address or can be placed in the Water District drop box in the lobby of the Town Office. If cash payments are put in the box, please make sure to put it in a sealed envelope with your name on it so we can credit the correct account with the payment.

INCOME:

Residential Sales - Metered	\$37,949.50	
Commercial Sales – Metered	\$ 9,920.53	
Public Authority – Metered	\$ 2,034.23	
Non-Profit - Sales Tax Exempt	\$ 1,197.20	
Public Fire Protection Charges	\$21,864.00	
Private Fire Protection Charges	\$ 685.40	
Establishment/Reconnection Fees	\$ 413.40	
Collection Trip Fees	\$ 367.76	
Other Service Revenue	<u>\$ 209.90</u>	\$74,641.92

EXPENSES:

Salaries, labor, trustee stipends	\$14,264.18	
Central Maine Power	\$ 5,045.04	
Supplies for Operations	\$ 428.83	
Supplies for Administration	\$ 453.46	
Contractual Accounting	\$ 7,400.00	
Contractual Testing	\$ 624.38	
Contractual Oher Field Work	\$19,968.00	
Contractual Other Admin/Finance	\$ 4,810.00	
Rental of Equipment	\$ 112.50	
Transportation Expense	\$ 1,157.39	
Insurance - Liability	\$ 1,750.50	
Insurance – Workman Compensation	\$ 500.00	
Advertising	\$ 435.60	
Telephone/Cell Expense	\$ 1,473.65	
Trainings/Conferences	\$ 600.81	
Bank Fees & Safe Deposit Box Fee	\$ 96.00	
Dues & Miscellaneous Fees	\$ 8,047.83	<u>\$67,168.17</u>
Net Ordinary Income		\$ 7,473.75

SOLO COMMUNITY FOOD CUPBOARD



SOLO
COMMUNITY
FOOD
CUPBOARD

To the Citizens of the Town of Solon,

The Solon Community Food Cupboard is located at 25 York St. It is open on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is run by Linda French with assistance from Paula Rogers, Vicky Wade, Tara Mints and Kristen Rogers.

In 2020, 26 families signed up for regular use and several people came in for emergency services. We served approximately 62 people who visited a total of 183 times. We made up and distributed 54 Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners that consisted of a turkey with ‘all the fixings’ to make a holiday meal.

We also received food from food drives and donation of money from people and organizations. If anyone would like to make a monetary or in-kind donation, please reach out to Linda for more information.

It is our hope that one day soon, the food cupboard will have a permanent residence as it has moved twice since being closed from the Methodist Church location. If anyone has ideas or show support in our efforts to solidify a permanent location for a food cupboard and thrift shop, we welcome you.

In addition to our regular service hours, the volunteers will also assist those in an emergency by appointment. To make an appointment or get other information, call Linda at (207) 431-0388. If there is no answer, please leave your name and number and the purpose of your call.

Sincerely,
Linda French

(207) 431-0388

Solon Community Food Cupboard
c/o Linda French
25 York St.
Solon, ME 04979

SOLON COMMUNITY GARDEN

Friends of Community Garden

Contact Person: Deb Gerry - 643-2203

Linda French and the Food Cupboard volunteers,
Gail Bartlett, Tammy Merrill, Joanne Holt, Michelle Schrader
Many more who wish to remain anonymous.

Income:

Balance 1/1/2020	\$ 206.94	
Move More Kids Foundation Grant	\$2,000.00	\$2,206.94
Expenditures:		
Lumber & Material for Greenhouse		<u>\$1,944.60</u>
		\$262.34

Donated Materials and Supplies (Estimated Value)

Labor to build Greenhouse	\$1,895.00	
Greenhouse construction materials & disc.	\$ 745.55	
Greenhouse winterizing supplies	\$ 411.32	
Growing and harvesting supplies	\$ 720.00	
Snap-Ed Grant (PSE)-garden supplies	<u>\$ 293.26</u>	\$4,065.13

It was a very challenging year for our garden due to the COVID-19 pandemic and poor growing weather conditions. However, again due to the wonderful support of our community, the garden exceeded many of our goals.

We applied for and received a \$2,000 grant from the Move More Kids Community Grant program funded by Let's Go! MaineHealth through Somerset Public Health and the New Balance Foundation. The number of garden supporters has grown and the value of their time and donations exceeded \$4,000 this year. Many volunteers wished to be anonymous but please know we sincerely thank every one of you.

The goal for our community garden in 2020 was to erect a greenhouse early in the season and conduct sessions for children and gardeners in greenhouse growing. The 8' x 12' greenhouse kit we had planned to purchase was on back order with no anticipated delivery date and we had to modify our plans. Our own local contractors stepped up and offered to build us a greenhouse. Due to their very generous time and the significant donations of our community, we now have a much better and bigger 12' x 16' greenhouse. We are still working on completing the interior with hopes of installing more benches that are permanent and raised beds.

Sadly, again due to COVID-19, we were not able to conduct any educational sessions with the children or the public as we had planned. We did have a seedling give away/exchange event in our greenhouse after learning many of our local growers had lost many of their plants due to a killing frost on June 1 and could not find replacements. Our lettuce did exceptionally well early in the season so we

offered it free to any local person willing to meet us at the garden and we delivered lettuce to the home bound. We also expanded our “grow a row” program to include hands on assistance, support and education from our garden team. We also collaborated with local gardens and farm stands to provide additional produce to our Food Cupboard, including String Beans, Lettuce, Kale and much more from Merrill Garden. Blueberries from Pine Acre Farms, Summer and Hubbard squash from Gibson Farm, Tomatoes, Broccoli, Peppers and much more from Bartlett Garden, Corn from Piper Farms and we are, as of this writing, working with Northstar Orchards for apples. To date we have delivered in excess of 537 pounds of produce from our garden and a combined 890 pounds from grow a row gardens and local farm stands for a total of over 1,427 pounds of food. Linda French and her Food Cupboard team did an outstanding job of getting our sometimes very large harvests distributed quickly; assuring the produce was still fresh when delivered.

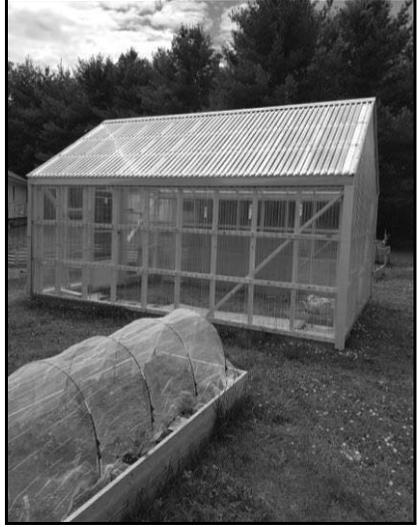
The support of Maureen Shaw, Cheryl Curtis and their teams from Somerset Public Health, Maine Snap-Ed, and Move More Kids, as well as Master gardener Joe Bergeron (*5210 Let's Go with Farmer Joe* program), the Town of Solon Selectmen and support staff as well as the Solon Fire Department were all again instrumental in helping our garden grow this year.

We invite you to come join us in a fun and healthy hobby! Raised bed garden plots in the Community Garden (located behind the Town Office and Fire Station) will be available again this year at no cost. We also plan to provide seeds, plants, the use of hand tools and help as needed from our garden team to those who come garden with us. Grow some vegetables or flowers for yourself or donate your harvest to Solon Food Cupboard. Please check out and “like” or “follow” our new Facebook page; Solon Community Garden | Facebook or feel free to send a message or call with your questions, thoughts and ideas. We look forward to gardening with you next year!

(Composting bins are available at the town office for \$45. If you do not need compost, we will take all clean organic compost for our Community Garden.)



New Greenhouse and Arbor



SOLON SNOW HAWKS

“THANK YOU” SOLON LANDOWNERS

To the Citizens of the Town of Solon,

We would first like to start with the news regarding the passing of Albert Starbird. Not only was he one of our founders from the early 1970's, but he was also an avid snowmobiler, ATV rider and contributor to our organization.

2020 Major Trail Projects

1. Nancy's bridge required major repair, including complete re-decking
2. The bridge near Brighton Road was repaired and re-decked.
3. Baker Pond Bridge was repaired and re-decked.
4. Excavation work was done throughout our trail system with special attention at Baker Pond and the connector trail.

We would like to give a SPECIAL THANKS to all who contributed to the bridge and trail projects!

1. Hammond Lumber
2. Kennebec Lumber
3. Scott's Recreation
4. Maine Department of Conservation
5. Mike Witham

I want to personally thank everyone involved, for making these projects a success. Another big thank you to Todd Dixon, our Trailmaster, for all his hard work. To our groomer operator, Jim Amodio who, along with others, worked tirelessly to ensure one of the highest quality trail systems in the County. A special thank you to our VP, Joe Albuit for saving the ay when I was out sick and out of action.

Questions regarding trails, memberships or donations can be directed to the contact below.

Sincerely,
Steven Paskoski, President
643-2551

Solon Snow Hawks
PO Box 251
Solon, ME 04979

**MEETINGS: 7:00 PM FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH FROM
SEPTEMBER TO APRIL AT THE SOLON FIRE STATION**

~~~ Ride Safe, Ride Smart and Keep to the Right! ~~~

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. They will also do children sledding parties. There is also a snack bar. For more information or to volunteer, call 717-0404.

INCOME:

Balance 1/1/2020	\$5,400.97	
Town of Bingham	\$6,000.00	
Town of Caratunk	\$ 500.00	
Town of The Forks	\$ 500.00	
Town of Moscow	\$6,000.00	
Town of Pleasant Ridge	\$3,000.00	
Town of Solon	\$1,000.00	
Town of Embden	\$1,000.00	
Food Sales	\$2,397.55	
Day Tickets	\$3,545.00	
K-12 Tickets	\$1,500.00	
Night Tickets	\$ 690.00	
Rentals	\$1,086.00	
Seasonal	\$ 440.00	\$33,059.52

EXPEDITURES:

Bank Mortgage	\$7,145.25	
Telephone	\$ 30.11	
Fuel	\$ 702.76	
Food	\$1,188.31	
Repairs	\$1,043.98	
Central Maine Power	\$5,025.69	
Heat	\$3,535.98	
Miscellaneous	\$1,755.51	
Insurance	\$5,018.02	
Inspections	\$1,356.43	
Student Fund Checkbook	<u>\$1,187.83</u>	<u>\$27,989.90</u>

BALANCE \$5,4069.62

2020 AUDITOR'S REPORT

KEEL J. HOOD

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

January 21, 2021

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, 2020, 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, 2020 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Paul J. Wood, CPA". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P".

Statement 1

TOWN OF SOLON, MAINE
Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2020

ASSETS	Governmental Activities
Current Assets:	
Cash	\$ 1,437,881
Receivables	
Taxes	161,287
Liens	39,035
Total Current Assets	<u>1,638,203</u>
Noncurrent Assets:	
Capital assets net	3,289,107
Total Assets	<u>4,927,310</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	11,326
Notes payable	3,907
Total Current Liabilities	<u>15,233</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Notes payable	17,045
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>17,045</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>32,278</u>
NET POSITION	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	3,268,155
Unrestricted	1,626,877
Total net position	<u>\$ 4,895,032</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, 2020

Function/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenues
		Charges for Services	Operating grants and contributions	
Governmental activities:	\$			
General government	194,227	16,838		(177,389)
Protection	154,772	1,180		(153,592)
Public works	503,771	2,650	39,492	(461,629)
Leisure services	52,544	3,454	23,145	(25,945)
Health and sanitation	89,477	2,986		(86,491)
Social services	12,851		668	(12,183)
Special assessments	1,385,887			(1,385,887)
Unclassified	36,852		4,812	(32,040)
Debt service	12,012			(12,012)
Total governmental activities	2,442,393	27,108	68,117	0 (2,347,168)

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Net (expense) / revenue	
General revenues:	
Property taxes	1,800,195
Excise taxes	201,387
Interest and costs on taxes	20,568
Intergovernmental:	
State revenue sharing	103,317
Homestead exemption	103,375
Tree growth	45,031
Veterans reimbursement	2,441
BETE	91,887
Unrestricted interest	17,157
Miscellaneous	21,106
Total general revenues	<u>2,406,464</u>
Change in Net Position	59,296
Net Position - beginning	4,835,736
Net Position - ending	<u>\$ 4,895,032</u>

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

TOWN OF SOLON, MAINE
 Balance Sheet
 Governmental Funds
 December 31, 2020

Statement 3

ASSETS	General Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Cash	\$ 1,437,881	\$ 1,437,881
Receivables		
Taxes	161,287	161,287
Liens	39,035	39,035
Total Assets	1,638,203	1,638,203
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	11,326	11,326
Deferred property taxes	172,300	209,000
Total Liabilities	183,626	220,326
FUND BALANCES		
Fund Balances		
Assigned Revenues	264,712	264,712
Assigned Expenditures	683,843	683,843
Undesignated	506,022	506,022
Total Fund Equity	1,454,577	1,454,577
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ 1,638,203	\$

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.	3,289,107
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-periods expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.	172,300
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	(20,952)
Net position of governmental activities	\$ 4,895,032

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

TOWN OF SOLON, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	General Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:		
Taxes	\$ 2,058,850	\$ 2,058,850
Intergovernmental	414,168	414,168
Interest	17,157	17,157
Charges for services	27,108	27,108
Miscellaneous	21,106	21,106
Total Revenues	<u>2,538,389</u>	<u>2,538,389</u>
Expenditures:		
Current:		
General government	189,250	189,250
Protection	139,075	139,075
Public works	274,692	274,692
Leisure services	52,544	52,544
Health and sanitation	79,262	79,262
Social services	12,851	12,851
Special assessments	1,385,887	1,385,887
Unclassified	36,852	36,852
Debt Service	12,012	12,012
Total Expenditures	<u>2,182,425</u>	<u>2,182,425</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	355,964	355,964
Net Change in fund balances	<u>355,964</u>	<u>355,964</u>
Fund Balances - Beginning	<u>1,098,613</u>	<u>1,098,613</u>
Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ 1,454,577</u>	<u>\$ 1,454,577</u>

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

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, 2020

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	355,964
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		(270,986)
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		11,018
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds:		
Deferred property tax revenue		(36,700)
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$	59,296

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.
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Statement 6

TOWN OF SOLON, MAINE
Statement of Net Position
Fiduciary Fund
December 31, 2020

	Private Purpose <u>Trust Fund</u>
ASSETS	
Investments	768,746
Total Assets	<u>768,746</u>
NET POSITION	
Held in Trust	768,746
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$ 768,746</u></u>

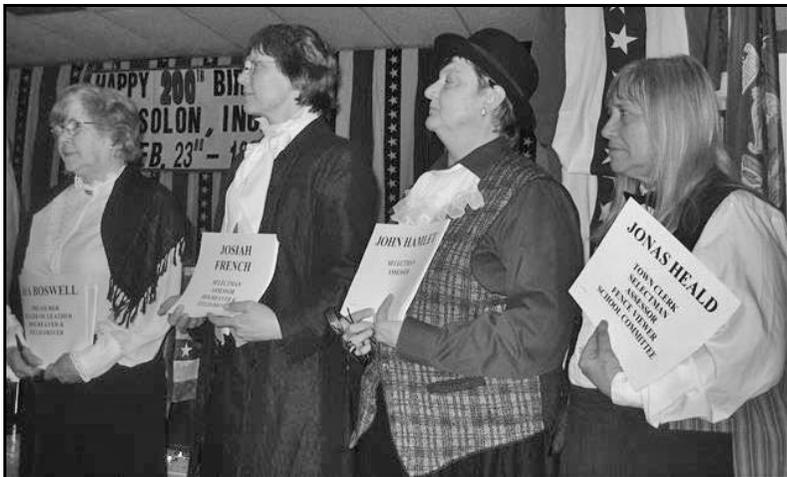
TOWN OF SOLON, MAINE
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
For the Year Ending December 31, 2020

	Private Purpose <u>Trust Fund</u>	
Additions:		
Investment income	26,303	
Total Additions	26,303	
Deductions		
Scholarship	821	
Cemeteries	1,853	
Historical	1,429	
Library	2,406	
Loss on investments	20,823	
Total Deductions	27,332	
Change in Net Assets	(1,029)	
Change in Net Assets after Operating Transfers	(1,029)	
Net Position - beginning of year	769,775	
Net Position - end of year	\$ 768,746	



Keel Hood, Town Auditor

2009 reenactment of 1809 Town Meeting



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 negative 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. Votes 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 than 25 miles from the corporate limits of the municipality holding the meeting

C. Reasonably accessible to all voters of the town.



2014 Solon Recreation

TOWN MEETING ORDINANCES

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

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

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

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

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

SNOWMOBILE REIMBURSEMENT ORDINANCE

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

FORECLOSED PROPERTY ORDINANCE

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

The disposition options are:

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

2020 TOWN MEETING RESULTS

Article 1: Peter Mills was elected Moderator.

Article 2: The following were elected: Selectman: Sarah Davis (3 year term), Wayne (Chip) Johnson (1 year term); Road Commissioner: Gary Bishop; and School Board Directors: Laura Layman

Article 3: Approved to cover the overages from 2019.

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.

Article 14: Approved creating a Gravel Roads Reserve for capital repairs of our gravel roads and raised \$10,000 by taxation and \$10,000 from LRAP funds

Article 15: Approved using reserve funds to have the Library property surveyed.

Article 16: Approved as recommended to take the necessary actions on the McQuilken Road issue.

Article 17: Approved to allow only the current medical marijuana business in Solon to open an adult use retail store.

Articles 18 to 24: The articles were voted to be passed over with no action taken.

Article 25: Approved to 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.

Article 26: Voted to pass over this article.

Article 27: Voted to have fees addressed in the marijuana ordinance.

Article 28 to 34: These are every year required articles and they were adopted as recommended.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING RESULTS

A Special Town Meeting was held on October 3, 2020.

Article 1: Philip Roy was elected Moderator.

Article 2: The town approved the purchase of a 1-ton truck with dump body, plow, and sander.

Article 3: The Town approved raising \$2,500 from overlay for Town Charges.

Article 4: The Town approved raising \$3,000 from the overlay for legal review of the marijuana ordinances.

Article 5: The Town voted to adopt the Medical Marijuana Ordinance.

Article 6: The Town voted to adopt the Adult Use Marijuana Retail Store Ordinance.

Article 7: The Town voted to adopt the Adult Use Marijuana Cultivation Ordinance.

Article 8: The Town voted to adopt the Adult Use Marijuana Testing Ordinance.

Article 9: The Town voted to adopt the Adult Use Marijuana Manufacturing Ordinance.

Article 10: The Town voted to adopt the Needle Exchange Program, Needle Disposal Sites, and Medically Supervised Injection Sites Ordinance.

EXPLANATIONS OF ARTICLES

2021 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

In 2021 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 is \$13,237 more than 2020. After reducing this budget by reserve funds, State Revenue Sharing, and available surplus, the taxable budget is \$63,858 less than last year.

ARTICLE 3: In 2020 we were overdrawn in 8 accounts and need the authorization using surplus to cover the overage. The State Plumbing and Surcharge overages are because in 2018 the State never cashed the checks, we sent them and that money lapsed in to surplus. We checked with the State this year and they said they never received the checks or the paperwork for the permits issued. We refiled the reports and paid them the money owed for 2018. The Fire Department is over because they could not have their usual fund raisers this year so offset their budget. The Motor Vehicle Money is due to clerical error.

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 2020 this spending cap limit is \$584,990. The Selectmen's and the Budget Committee's 2020 proposed budget by taxation is under this cap.

ARTICLE 5: This article sets the Selectmen salaries.

ARTICLES 6 THRU 19: 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. We have revised the format of the spending articles. The various amounts in each article can still be revised at the Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 6: Salary increase for the Code Enforcement Officer. We hired a new CEO who is doing an excellent job and requested a higher salary.

ARTICLE 18: We only have the Fire Truck loan still outstanding. The Transfer Station Truck loan was paid off in 2020. Also, the loan First Park had was paid off in 2020 so we no longer have to pay our share of it.

ARTICLE 19: We have put the Capital Reserve Accounts all in the same article.

ARTICLE 20: This will raise funds to purchase the Trio Assessing Program.

ARTICLE 21: This will raise funds to upgrade to the Trio Web Based System.

ARTICLE 22: This will raise funds to install heat pumps in the Town Office. Efficiency Maine has rebates available to Municipalities to offset the cost. After the \$7,800 rebates the final cost to the town will be \$5,000.

ARTICLE 23: This is a new article to approve using up to \$5,000 surplus funds to offset overages at the end of the year. We currently do this with Article 3.

ARTICLE 24: The Fire Department is planning on building an addition on the north side of the Fire Station. This article will allow them to use various reserve

funds to cover the cost of the project.

ARTICLE 25: This will approve a road paving project using available funds.

ARTICLE 26: This will revise the Adult Use Marijuana Retail Store Ordinance to allow a Medical Marijuana Retail Store on the same property as an Adult Use Retail Store.

ARTICLE 27: This ordinance will change the name of the Budget Committee to Advisory Committee to better represent what the committee does. It also details the duties and makeup of the committee

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.



1st Town Meeting in 1809 reenactment in 2009

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

WARRANT FOR MARCH 6, 2021 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 6th day of March AD 2021 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 6, 2021. 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:	Wayne Johnson
Road Commissioner, 1 year term:	Gary Bishop
MSAD # 74 School Board Director, 3-year term:	Robert Lindblom

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to take the following amount from the 2020 Surplus for overage in the following accounts: Chair of Selectmen \$.04, Town Office Security System \$30.40, Trio Computer Programs \$283.36, Unemployment Insurance \$.48, Fire Department \$1,193.40, Motor Vehicle Money \$39.25, State Plumbing Fees \$400.00, and State Plumbing Surcharge \$90.00.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$584,990, 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 if the Town will vote pay its Board of Selectmen from the General Government Fund Appropriation in Article 6:

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes and \$39,130 as follows:

Chair of Selectmen	\$15,470
Vice Chair of Selectmen	\$12,740

Selectman \$10,920

Article 6: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

Town Charges	\$21,400 plus fees
Town Office Utilities	\$ 4,000
Town Office Maintenance	\$ 2,050
Town Office Security System	\$ 300
Training, Books, & Dues	\$ 2,300
Municipal Officers Salary	\$39,130
Tax Collector/Clerk	\$42,744
Treasurer	\$13,687
Deputy Tax Collector/Clerk/Treasurer	\$15,398
Code Enforcement Officer	\$ 4,800
Health Officer	\$ 200
Plumbing Inspector	fees collected
911 Addressing Officer	\$200 plus ½ fees
Elections	\$ 2,000
Register of Voters	\$ 2,500
TRIO Program Fees	\$ 5,925
Municipal Buildings Heat Reserve	\$10,000
GIS Mapping & Tax Maps	\$ 4,000
Town Records Preservation Reserve	\$ 4,000
Municipal Grounds Maintenance Res.	\$ 3,000
Town Line Survey Reserve	\$ 2,000
Town Flags Reserve	\$ 1,500

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$181,134.00 plus fees

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

Winter Roads	\$115,000
Summer Roads	\$115,000
Gravel Roads Reserve	\$ 10,000

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$240,000 plus reimbursements

Article 8: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for the TRANSFER STATION

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$79,000 plus fees & income

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

Fire Chief	\$ 7,350
Fire Department	\$31,000

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$38,350 plus reimbursements & donations

Article 10: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for COOLIDGE LIBRARY RESERVE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$16,000 plus fees and investment income

Article 11: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for INSURANCE.

Worker Compensation Insurance	\$11,500
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 5,057
Property Insurance	\$19,000
Social Security & Medicare	\$25,000

Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend \$60,557

Article 12: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Hydrant Fee	\$21,864
Street Lights	\$10,000

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$31,864

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

Cemeteries	\$15,500
Cemetery Maintenance Reserve	\$ 4,500

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$20,000

Article 14: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for ANIMAL CONTROL.

Animal Shelter	\$2,000
Animal Control Officer	\$3,000

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$5,000

Article 15: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for SOCIAL SERVICES.

General Assistance	\$15,000
KVCAP Transportation Service	\$ 550 (request \$550)
KVCAP Head Start	\$ 700 (request \$700)
Hospice	\$ 800 (request \$1,200)
Spectrum Generations	\$ 760 (request \$887)
Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$ 500 (request \$500)
Community Health & Counseling	\$ 100 (request \$200)
Solon Food Cupboard	\$ 2,000 (request \$2,000)
Lifeflight Foundation	\$ 200 (request \$527)
American Red Cross	\$ 150 (request \$150)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$20,760

Article 16: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for LEISURE SERVICES.

Recreation Program Reserve	\$1,000
Recreation Facilities & Maintenance Res.	\$1,000
Swim/Camp Program Reserve	\$1,500
4 th of July Fireworks	\$1,500
Special Events	\$1,000
After School Program Reserve	\$1,000
Baker Mountain Ski Club	\$1,000

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$8,000

Article 17: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for AGENCIES.

Kennebec Council of Governments	\$1,604	(request \$1,604)
Maine Municipal Association	\$2,108	(request \$2,108)
Somerset Economic Development	\$ 100	(request \$100)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,812

Article 18: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for DEBT SERVICE.

Fire Truck Loan	\$7,000
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Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$7,000

Article 19: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNTS.

Road Paving Reserve Account	\$215,000
Highway Equipment Reserve	\$ 15,000
Sidewalk Repair Reserve	\$ 2,000
Transfer Station Truck & Equipment Res.	\$ 7,500
Coolidge Library Capital Reserve	\$ 3,000
Municipal Buildings Maintenance Reserve	\$ 3,500

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$246,000

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds by taxation for the purchase of the TRIO Assessing Program.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes and raising \$7,055 by taxation

Article 21: To see if the Town vote to raise and appropriate funds by taxation for the purchase of the TRIO Web Upgrade.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes and raising \$3,875 by taxation

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds to purchase a heat pump system for the Town Office.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes and raising \$5,000 by taxation.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to use up to \$5,000 from undesignated revenue in the event of overdrafts, unforeseen events or emergencies. Any use of this contingency arrangement must be voted on at a Select Board meeting and the expenditures made will be listed in the subsequent town report. The total transfer of undesignated revenues for this purpose shall not exceed \$5,000 within the fiscal year. Transfer of undesignated revenues in excess of \$5,000 must be authorized by a town meeting vote.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to approve the building of an addition on the Fire Station.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes and using \$4,000 from the Fire Department Capital Reserve account, \$1,000 from the Municipal Building Maintenance Reserve, and \$20,000 from the Rainy-Day Fund.

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to approve a Road Paving project to repave Brighton Road, Drury Road, Grant Road, French Hill Road, Hole in the Wall Road (the already paved section), Pleasant Street, and possibly School Street and York Street with the necessary funds to come from the Road Paving Reserve and Local Roads Assistance Program (LRAP) funds.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes with a maximum to be spent of \$792,000.

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to approve amending Section VII subsection G of the Adult Use Marijuana Retail Store Ordinance to read “Adult Use Marijuana Retail Stores cannot be in the same building or on the same property as any other Adult Use or Medical Marijuana Business **except for a Medical Marijuana Retail Store.**”

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Advisory Committee Ordinance. (Attached at the end of this Town Meeting Warrant.)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to make final determinations regarding the closing and opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A Section 2953.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Article 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 or 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 for tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the fiscal year 2021.
4. Shall the town vote to use any surplus funds in excess of \$100,000.00 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 19, 2021 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 my hand this 3rd day of February A.D., 2021,

Elaine Aloes, Chair of Selectmen
Sarah Davis, Vice Chair of Selectman
Wayne Johnson, 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 sixth day of March AD 2021 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 12th day of February AD 2021, which is at least seven days prior to the Annual Town Meeting.

Dianna Rollins, a resident of Solon.

Advisory Committee Ordinance

Proposed 3-6-2021

The existing Budget Committee is hereby renamed the Advisory Committee and all current Budget Committee members will continue to serve until their term expires.

The Advisory Committee shall be composed of 15 members and 2 alternate members. The Selectmen shall appoint five (5) members each year for a three (3) year term. The Selectmen shall appoint two (2) alternates for three (3) year staggered terms. In the event a member is unable to complete his or her term, the most senior alternate will be appointed to fill that vacancy and will complete that member's term. The Selectmen shall then appoint a new alternate to complete the former alternate's term.

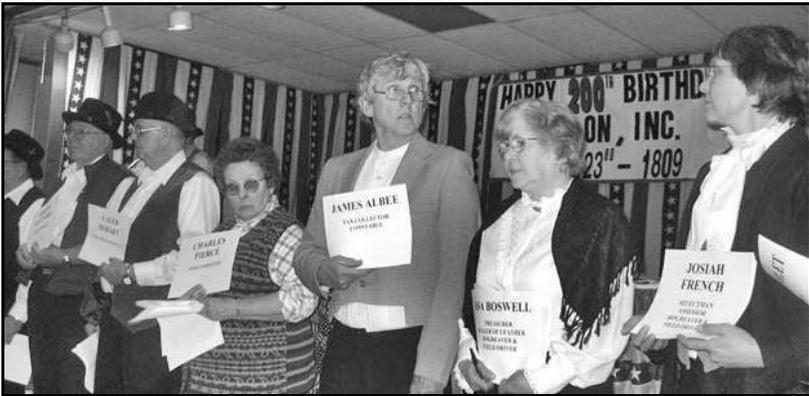
Alternate members can fully participate in the meetings except for voting. When a member is absent from a meeting, the most senior alternate in attendance will be allowed to vote. When a member has three (3) consecutive unexcused absences, the Selectmen have the option of terminating his or her membership on the Committee and may replace that member with the most senior alternate.

All warrant articles shall be reviewed by the Advisory Committee prior to any annual or special town meeting. Committee members shall approve or disapprove each article.

No articles will be accepted for an upcoming town meeting after the Advisory Committee has met, except by agreement of the Selectmen and the Advisory Committee and time allows for a special Advisory Committee meeting.

This ordinance hereby rescinds all prior Budget Committee Ordinances or Policies.

More pictures from the 2009 reenactment of the 1st Town Meeting



DATES TO REMEMBER

2021

- March 6** 2021 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 19** Patriots Day. Office closed.
- May 31** Memorial Day. Office closed.
- July 4** Fireworks at dusk at the Solon School. (hopefully the Parade
at 11 am)
- July 5** Office Closed for July 4th Holiday
- July/August** Property Taxes are committed the end of July or beginning
of August and tax bills will be mailed.
- Sept. 6** Labor Day. Office closed.
- Sept. 21** 2021 unpaid property taxes become interest bearing.
- Oct. 11** Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day, Office closed.
- Nov. 11** Veterans Day, Office closed
- Nov. 2** Possible State Referendums. Polls open 8 am to 8 pm.
- Nov. 24** Office will be open until 12 pm. Selectmen will be in the
Office until 12 pm. (Wednesday before Thanksgiving)
Office closed (Friday after Thanksgiving).
- Nov. 26** New Hunting, Fishing & Dog Licenses are available.
- Dec. 1** Office will be closed for Christmas Holiday.
- Dec. 24** Last day the Town Office will be open in 2021.
- Dec. 29** Office closed for New Year's Holiday. All taxes not paid by
Dec. 29th will be listed in the Town Report. All boat
registrations and hunting, fishing and dog licenses expire.
- Dec. 31** New dog licenses required by Jan. 1.

2022

- Jan. 17** Martin Luther King Day. Office closed.
- Jan. 22** Town Budget Committee meeting, 8:00 am at Town Office.
All article and budget requests for Annual Town Meeting
must be submitted to the Selectmen prior to this meeting.
- Jan. 31** \$25.00 late fee on unpaid dog licenses after this date.
- Feb. 21** Presidents Day. Office closed.
- Mar. 5** 2022 Annual Town Meeting.

NOTICE

**2021 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2021
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.

Unfortunately due to COVID, the 4-H Club will not be able to hold the 4-H Club Annual Bake Sale and Luncheon. There will be a donation jar and all proceeds will be donated to the Solon Food Cupboard.

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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