

**2021**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**OF THE TOWN OF**

**S O L O N**

**INCORPORATED 1809**



## **TOWN OFFICE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

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[facebook.com/groups/solon.area.community.happenings](https://facebook.com/groups/solon.area.community.happenings)**

## **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
CODE ENFORCEMENT, PLUMBING INSPECTOR & HEALTH OFFICER, TERRI LAMONTAGNE	716-6845
FIRE CHIEF & FIRE WARDEN, DUAYNE ROLLINS	399-9549
DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS:	JEN ROLLINS 399-1655
BRIAN COOMBS 592-5607	TODD DIXON 441-5171
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

**2022 Annual Town Meeting will be held on March 5, 2022**

**See last page of this report for the details**

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**POPULATION 978**

**STATE VALUATION**

<b>2022 \$106,450,000</b>			
1980	\$10,850,000	2015	\$ 90,650,000
1990	\$26,450,000	2019	\$ 96,500,000
2000	\$38,950,000	2020	\$100,800,000
2010	\$84,750,000	2021	\$102,950,000

**For the Year Ending**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2021**

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**Cover Picture: 9/11/2001**  
*Firefighters raise a U.S. flag at the site of the World Trade Center  
in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 terrorists attacks.*

# **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

(Closed Thursday)

## **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 & THURSDAY 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

SATURDAY 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

The Coolidge Public Library is at 17 South Main Street

## **TRANSFER STATION**

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

WEDNESDAY 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

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

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Firefighters Meeting - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month 7:00 pm

## **SOLON HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at the Historical Society, 28 South Main Street at 7 pm

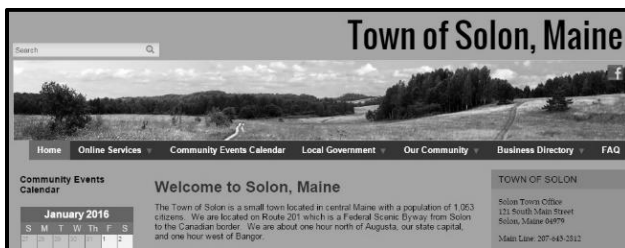
# WEBSITES & SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES

## *Connect with Your Community ONLINE!!!*

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

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

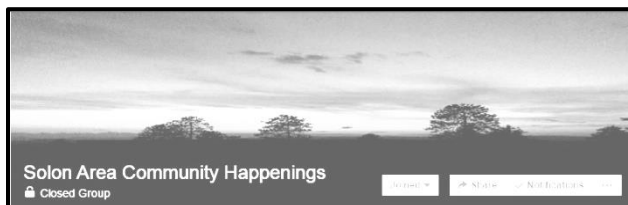
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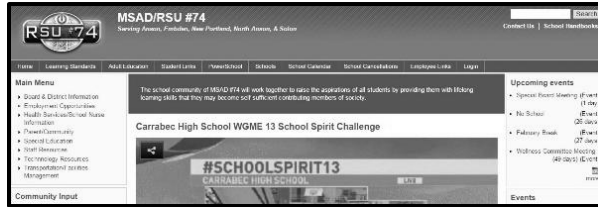
Official Town Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/SolonMaine](http://www.facebook.com/SolonMaine)



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



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



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



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



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



# **2021 TOWN OFFICIALS**

## **ELECTED OFFICIALS**

(Term expiration)

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

Elaine Aloes, Selectman, Chair (2022)  
Sarah Davis, Selectman, Vice Chair (2023)  
Wayne ‘Chip’ Johnson, Selectman (2024)

### **ROAD COMMISSIONER**

Gary Bishop

### **RSU #74 DIRECTORS**

Deron Whittemore (2022)  
Laura Layman (2023)  
Robert Lindblom (2024)

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## **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, (2022)  
Blin Rollins, III, Deputy (2022)  
Robert Crosby, Deputy (2022)

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT & HEALTH OFFICER**

Terriann Lamontagne (2022)

## **PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

Leo Mayo (2022)

## **SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES**

State of Maine

## **SOLON WATER DISTRICT TRUSTEES**

Michael Foster, Chairman (2023)

Derek Dellarma (2022)

Arthur Rogers (2024)

## **COOLIDGE LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Jane Ouderkirk, Chairman (2024)

Allyn Foss (2023)

Leslie Giroux (2022)

Mary Lou Ridley (2022)

Richard Roberts (2023)

Stacy Robinson (2022)

Amanda Slamm (2024)

Richard Searles (2024)

Patricia Whipple (2024)

## **BOARD OF APPEALS**

Lief Bull (2023)

L. Bruce Hills (2022)

Mary Lou Ridley (2024)

## **ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Joseph Albuit (2023)

Jeffrey Pomelow (2023)

Allyn Foss (2024)

Beverly Gephart (2023)

Jeremy Gibson (2023)

Michael Golden (2022)

L. Bruce Hills (2024)

Barbara Johnstone (2022)

Donald Kenerson (2022)

Lois Miller (2023)

Eleanor Pooler (2022)

Franklin Ridley (2024)

Sherry Rogers (2024)

Carol White (2024)

George Williams (2023)

Albert Starbird (2021) (deceased)

Hether Forsten, 1<sup>st</sup> Alt. (2023)

Patricia Whipple, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alt. (2024)

## **PLANNING BOARD**

Michael Golden, Chairman (2023)

Frank Evangelista, Vice Chairman (2023)

Dianna Rollins, Secretary (2022)

Kerri Evangelista (2024)

Richard Kelley (2024)

Albert Starbird (2022) (deceased)

## **SOLON YOUTH RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Leslie Giroux, Recreation Director

Laura Layman, Summer Swim/Camp Director

## **AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

Jennifer Mello, Program Director (2022)

Melissa Dube, Assistant (2022)

Ellie Howell, Assistant (2022)

**ROUTE 201 SCENIC BYWAY COMMITTEE REP.**

Albert Starbird (2022) (deceased 2021)     Mary Lou Ridley (2021)

**FIRST PARK COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE**

Elaine Aloes (2022)     Sarah Davis (2022)

**KVCOG REPRESENTATIVE**

Sarah Davis (2022)     Wayne Johnson (2022)

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY TRUSTEES**

Bud Boynton (2024)     Jeff McAllister (2023)  
Ann Padham (2025)     Rance Pooler (2022)

**TOWN HISTORIAN**

Lois Starbird 643-2275

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR**

Richard Kelly (2022)  
Duayne Rollins, Assistant (2022) TOWN HISTORIAN  
Lois Starbird 643-2275

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR**

Richard Kelly (2022)  
Duayne Rollins, Assistant (2022)

**SOLON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Duayne Rollins, Chief	Derek Dellarma
Brian Coombs, 1st Asst. Chief	Blin Rollins III
Todd Dixon, 2nd Asst. Chief	Brian Livingstone
Kevin LaCroix, 3rd Asst. Chief	Nick Rollins
Richard Kelley, EMA Director	Zane Brown
Jenney Rollins, Secretary/Treasurer	Megan Corson
Dianna Rollins, Base Radio Monitor	Aaron Fitzmaurice
Thomas Courtney, Mechanic	Brandi Crocker
	Frederick Mayo

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

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

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

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



# **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, then according to the rules of the common law.

**Amendment VIII**

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

**Amendment IX**

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

**Amendment X**

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

**\*\*There are 17 additional Amendments that have been ratified by the States since the original 10 were ratified. These 10 are the basic rights given to all citizens.**

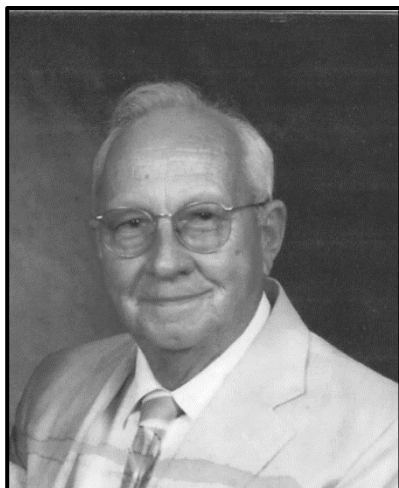
## DEDICATION

The Selectmen dedicate this Town Report to

### **Albert Starbird**

1923 – 2021

Albert was born in Skowhegan. His parents were Elwyn and Nellie Starbird. Elwyn was the owner of the Solon Lumber Company.



Albert graduated from Solon High School in 1941. He then attended the University of Maine. When World War II started, he joined the United States Army Air Corps Weather Squadron, where he was a weather observer in New Guinea from 1943 to 1946.

After the war he returned to the University of Maine where he met his future wife, Lois. Albert was married to Lois for 71 years and they had 4 children.

After graduating from college, he and Lois moved to Solon and Albert worked at the family lumber mill until 1952. He and Lois then moved to Connecticut and later to Massachusetts. In 1982 they moved back to Solon and established Starbird Timberlands.

Al was active in our town affairs and continued serving our town until shortly before his death. He was on the Solon Planning Board (starting in 1993) and the Solon Budget Committee (starting in 1986). He also served on the Comprehensive Plan Committee. He was a charter member and treasurer of the Solon Historical Society and an active member of the Solon Snowhawks Snowmobile Club. Al was a founding member of the Old Canada Road Scenic Byway Committee, which was instrumental in developing the scenic rest area on Robbins Hill.

He was also active in many organizations. He was a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Mechanical Engineering Society, and the Air and Weather Associations, to name a few. He was a Mason and a member of Keystone Lodge of Solon, Royal Arch Chapter,

Commandry, a member of the Aleppo Shrine in Massachusetts, and the Kora Shrine in Maine.

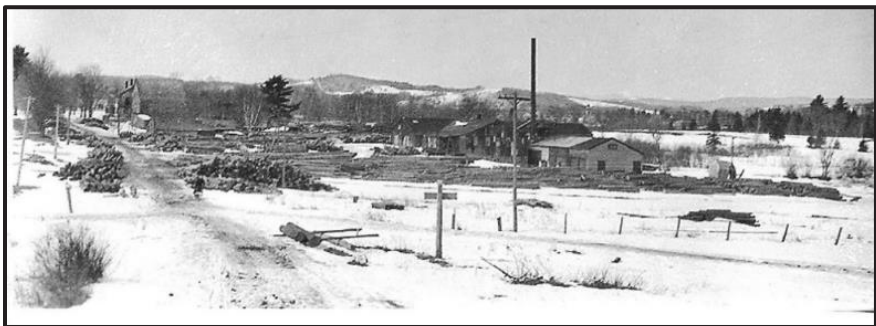
Albert and Lois were the first recipients of the Solon Spirit of America Award in 2012 because of the time and service they have given to our town.

We honor him and thank him for all he has done for the Town of Solon.



Albert & Lois receiving the Spirit of America Award in 2012

Solon Lumber Company at the corner of  
Pleasant Street and Brighton Road – 1924



## **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

### **Patricia Miller**

1942 - 2021



Pat received her teaching degree from the University of Maine at Farmington. While teaching, she earned her master's degree in computer science and education from Lesley College in Massachusetts.

She taught school at the Solon Elementary School for 32 years and taught many of us and/or our children. She loved teaching and even continued on a substitute teacher after she retired.

We thank her for her dedication and encouragement she gave us and our children through her years of teaching.

### **Lori Tucker**

1961 – 2021



Lori volunteered at the Solon Thrift Store until it closed its doors. She also time volunteering at the Solon Food Cupboard and at the Solon Community Garden. She loved helping people and make a difference in the world that we live in. She volunteered as a committee member in the Boy Scout Troop that her grandson belonged to until 2020. She volunteered and helped others here, there, and wherever she could.

We thank her for her service to our community.

## **BOSTON POST CANE HOLDER**

### ***ALICE HEALD***

***December 1, 1922 – January 6, 2021***

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



Alice was born in Solon on December 1, 1922. She is the daughter of Isaac and Arra Davis. Her siblings were Harrison, Arlene (Meador), Richard, Beverly (Shaughnessy), and Isaac “Bunky”. They lived on the Isaac Davis Farm across the road from the present Solon Elementary School. Alice graduated from Solon High School in 1940. She then attended Skowhegan Commercial School and

graduated from there in 1942. She worked at Depositor’s Trust from 1942 to 1946.

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

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

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

## ***PATRICIA MUNROE***

***February 17, 1925***

Patricia was awarded the Boston Post Cane on February 10, 2021.



Pat was born February 17, 1925 in Beverly, Massachusetts. She attended schools in Beverly.

She graduated from the Beverly Hospital Nursing School. She was licensed as a Registered Nurse in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, and Connecticut. She turned down supervisory positions so she could maintain contact with her patients. She enjoyed that personal contact with her patients.

Pat married George Munroe and they had three children: Bruce, Brian, and Kitty

Pat and George moved to Solon Maine in 1968. In the early seventies they started in the real estate business. They were successful in this business for many years.

Pat is also a wonderful artist and a crafts person. Her large painting of a town meeting scene is on display in the conference room at the Town Office. You can see it the painting in our picture of Pat along with her companion.

Pat says she has enjoyed living in Solon. Her three children still live in the area along with many of her grandchildren.



## **SPIRIT OF AMERICA AWARD**

### **2021 Solon, Maine Spirit of America Foundation Tribute**

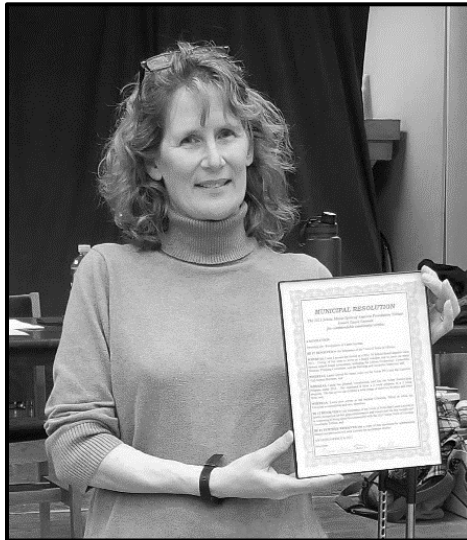
#### ***Laura Layman***

Laura has served as a RSU 74 School Board member since 2011. She has served on many various school board committees, including the Library/Technology Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, and the Building and Grounds Committee.

She also served for many years on the Solon PTO and the Carrabec High School Boosters.

Laura has planned, coordinated, and run the Solon Swim/Camp Program since 2011. She increased it from a 2-week program to a 3-week program. She has given our children a wide range of activities to enjoy and learn from.

She also serves the Town as the backup Librarian, filling in when the Librarian is unavailable.



She was awarded with the Spirit of America Foundation tribute at our 2021 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.

### **SOLON 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 (2019-2020)  
Alice Heald (2020-2021)  
Patricia Munroe (2021-Present)

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

## **THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA FOUNDATION TRIBUTE HISTORY**

In 2012 we were contacted by Spirit of America Foundation and were asked to participate in their tribute to volunteers, organizations, and projects. The Spirit of America Foundation Tribute is presented in the name of Maine municipalities to local individuals, organizations, and projects for commendable community service. For more information about the Spirit of America Foundation, visit their website at [www.spiroaft.com](http://www.spiroaft.com).

### **SOLON 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)  
Richard Roberts (2020)  
Laura Layman (2021)

# COUNTY, STATE, & FEDERAL INFO

## 2021 COUNTY, STATE & FEDERAL CONTACTS

Somerset County Commissioner  
Lloyd Trafton  
Route 201  
West Forks, Maine 04985  
663-2257

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e-mail: [governor@maine.gov](mailto:governor@maine.gov)

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## **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, Canaan, Caratunk, Dennistown Plantation, Embden, Hartland, Jackman, Moose River, Moscow, Pleasant Ridge Plantation, Solon, The Forks, UT Central Somerset, UT Northeast Somerset, UT Seboomook Lake Twp, and West Forks Plantation

## **U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

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

## **STATE NOTICE: REDISCTICTING**

The 130<sup>th</sup> Legislature adopted redistricting plans for the U.S. Congress, State Senate, State House and County Commissioner districts in September of 2021. Redistricting is a statewide process that must be completed every 10 years.

State House District from District 111 to 72  
State Senate District from District 3 to 5  
County Commissioner District staying as District 5  
Congressional District staying as District 2

The new districts go into effect in January of 2023 but more specifically, when the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress (Representative to Congress) and 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature (State Senate and State Representative) convene. On January 1, 2023, for County Commissioners elected in November 2022.

SUSAN M. COLLINS  
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Dear Friends:

I am deeply honored to serve the people of Maine in the U.S. Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share some of the areas I have been working on over the past year.

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to pose enormous challenges for our state and our country. When the pandemic began, I co-authored the Paycheck Protection Program that helped small businesses remain afloat and keep their employees paid. In Maine, our small businesses received more than 47,000 forgivable loans totaling \$3.2 billion. I also led efforts to provide relief for loggers, lobstermen, and bus companies.

In addition, I helped secure \$700 million to assist Maine's overwhelmed hospitals and nursing homes, and a new law I led prevented Medicare payment cuts to help further ease the financial strain on our hospitals. I also urged the CDC to update its recommendations so that our students and teachers could safely return to their classrooms, and I pressed the Administration to end the closure of the U.S.-Canada border.

While addressing the pandemic has been a major focus, I've also worked hard to ensure Maine's other needs are met. A group of 10 Senators, of which I was a part, negotiated the landmark bipartisan infrastructure bill that was signed into law in November. I co-authored the section of the bill that will provide Maine with as much as \$300 million to expand high-speed internet in rural and underserved areas.

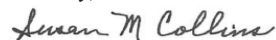
Soaring inflation is another crisis, particularly when it comes to the cost of heating oil. I have strongly supported federal programs that help Maine families stay warm. In November, Maine was awarded \$35 million to help low-income Mainers pay their energy bills. And the bipartisan infrastructure bill included \$3.5 billion to help families make energy efficiency improvements that would permanently lower their heating costs.

As a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, I have supported investments in Maine's communities. This year's funding bills include \$265 million I championed for 106 projects across Maine. These projects would help create jobs, improve workforce training, address the opioid crisis, and increase access to childcare and health care services. In addition, I worked to reverse proposed cuts to our Navy in order to help protect America and keep the skilled workers at Bath Iron Works on the job. The bills also include \$475 million for the construction of a new dry dock at Maine's Portsmouth Naval Shipyard that will allow the Navy to continue to carry out its submarine missions. I will keep working to get these important bills enacted.

No one works harder than the people of Maine, and this year I honored that work ethic when I cast my 8,000<sup>th</sup> consecutive vote, becoming the only Senator in history to do so without ever having missed a roll call vote. The Lugar Center at Georgetown University once again ranked me as the most bipartisan Senator for the eighth year in a row.

In the New Year, I will keep working to solve problems and make life better for the people of Maine and America. May 2022 be a happy, healthy, and successful one for you, your family, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator

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January 1, 2022

Dear Friends,

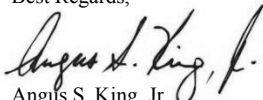
On the heels of 2020's challenges, 2021 brought us both amazing progress and frustrating setbacks. The incredible rollout of several effective, FDA approved COVID-19 vaccines helped reduce the risks of this deadly pandemic – but vaccine hesitancy, combined with the dangers of new variants, have prolonged this crisis and created new risks for Maine people. The challenges raised tension levels to boiling points during the fallout of the 2020 presidential election and the January 6<sup>th</sup> Capitol attack. But despite that, Congress was able to deliver for a nation gripped by an unprecedented pandemic. As we reflect back on the year, we see the important action that will make a difference for Maine people – as well as work still unfinished.

As COVID-19 continued to impact communities across our state and the country, Congress's first priority this year was to confront the pandemic's health threats and economic toll. We immediately got to work on the *American Rescue Plan*, crafting an emergency bill to meet the moment and get our nation back on stable footing. The legislation delivered essential support to businesses facing crises, households in need, and the medical professionals on the front lines of this fight. The funds helped get vaccine shots in arms, while also confronting the damage done to our economy. All told, the *American Rescue Plan* is bringing billions of dollars to Maine, helping the state continue to push through this crisis and bounce back stronger than ever.

After passing the *American Rescue Plan*, Congress turned its attention to a longstanding but unfulfilled priority: infrastructure. Through hard work and compromise, both parties came together to pass a bipartisan bill that finally addresses key infrastructure needs. For Maine people, the bill means an estimated \$1.5 billion to repair crumbling roads and out-of-date bridges, \$390 million to improve access to clean drinking water, and more. I am most excited about the significant funding for broadband – because, as we have seen during the pandemic, broadband is a necessity to succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century economy. The historic investments in the bipartisan infrastructure bill, combined with additional funding I pushed for in the *American Rescue Plan*, will bring an estimated \$400 million for broadband home to Maine. These funds will be nothing short of transformational, creating new opportunities across our state.

These two bills have made and will continue to make a real difference for Maine people, helping to both address the challenges of COVID-19 and lay a foundation for long-term success. I am proud of what we've accomplished this year – but I know there is still a lot of work to do and that the road ahead is challenging. Even still, I am filled with optimism because I know the true nature of our citizens, though challenged, has not changed. Despite every hardship, people in towns and communities have stepped up with strong local leadership, a willingness to help, and a Maine 'neighborhood' spirit. It is why I truly believe we can and will get through anything together. Mary and I wish you a happy, healthy, and safe 2022.

Best Regards,



Angus S. King, Jr.  
United States Senator



**Jared Golden**  
Congress of the United States  
2nd District of Maine

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. It remains a privilege to represent you in Congress, and I appreciate the opportunity to update you on what I have been working on for the people of the Second Congressional District.

This year, our small businesses, workers and families, hospitals, states, and towns continued to face challenges related to the coronavirus pandemic. COVID-19 has been a serious threat to public health and our economy that requires a comprehensive, ongoing response. While we are not yet out of the woods, there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Still, I know there are many Mainers who will continue to need assistance getting through this pandemic. I am committed to making sure our communities' most urgent needs are met to get our economy back on track.

One thing I am particularly proud of this year is that Democrats, Republicans, and the Biden Administration worked together to pass the bipartisan *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act*, which will make a once-in-a-generation investment in our nation's infrastructure and support Maine jobs. This bill will bring \$1.3 billion to Maine for highways and \$225 million for bridge replacement and repairs, as well as \$234 million to improve public transportation options. It will also allocate over \$100 million to help provide broadband access to the 42,000 Mainers currently without it and make 310,000 Mainers eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Benefit to help families pay for internet access. Crucially, it will also provide Maine with \$390 million to combat Maine's historically high rates of lead poisoning by replacing lead pipes and allowing Maine families access to clean drinking water.

Another one of my priorities in Congress is protecting Maine jobs. For one, shipbuilders at Bath Iron Works are a vital part of our economy, and the ships they build are critical to our national security. Throughout 2021, I led the Maine congressional delegation in pushing back against the Biden Administration's proposed decrease in DDG-51 shipbuilding, a proposal that would have had serious consequences for the shipbuilding workforce at BIW, one of the two shipyards that produces these destroyers, and American naval capabilities around the world. We fought successfully to include authorization for construction of three new DDG-51 destroyers in the final National Defense Authorization Act. I will continue to work hard with my colleagues on the House Armed Services Committee to ensure that we protect our national security and shipbuilding jobs in Maine.

My most meaningful work in Congress continues to be providing direct assistance to Mainers. My staff and I stand ready to serve you. If you are looking for assistance with a federal agency, help for your small business, or want to keep me informed about the issues that matter to you, please reach out to one of my offices below:

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I am especially glad to share that my wife Izzy and I were pleased to welcome our daughter, Rosemary, into the world this year. Mom and baby are happy and healthy, and we're so thankful for this blessing. We look forward to showing her the beauty of Maine in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,

Jared F. Golden  
Member of Congress



Brad Farrin  
Senator, District 3

130<sup>th</sup> MAINE SENATE

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December 2021

Dear Neighbors and Friends:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your State Senator. I am humbled by the trust you have placed in me to be a voice for you, your family, and our community in Augusta.

The 130<sup>th</sup> Legislature began unlike any other. Public hearings and work sessions, traditionally held in filled committee rooms at the State House, took place virtually via Zoom. And the Legislature did not convene in person at the State House until June. Given the unusual nature of how the Legislature met to accommodate safety considerations required by the pandemic, I was adamant that the balance in state government between the Executive and Legislative branches be restored – and that the public continues to play a critical role in the Legislative process.

Prior to adjourning on July 19, we passed a supplemental budget and determined how the federal American Rescue Plan funds should be appropriated. We also passed Republican-led legislation to give nearly \$150 million in surplus revenue back to hard-working taxpayers as a one-time payment of \$285 that was distributed between November and December.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Session will begin in January, and I am eager to get back to work supporting bills that help Mainers and small businesses alike who have struggled as a result of the pandemic. I will continue to serve as Chair of the Veterans Caucus and as the ranking Republican on two legislative committees – Transportation as well as Veterans and Legal Affairs.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. Please feel free to contact me by phone at 287-1505 or at [brad.farrin@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:brad.farrin@legislature.maine.gov) if you have comments, questions or need assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy. If you would like to receive regular legislative updates, you may sign up to do so at [www.mesenategop.com](http://www.mesenategop.com). Finally, I encourage you to get involved and contact your local, state and federal representatives to let them know how you feel on various matters. Many things have changed during the pandemic that will have a lasting impact, and it is imperative your representatives know how you feel on these critically important issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Farrin".

Brad Farrin  
State Senator



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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am honored that you entrusted me with the responsibility of being your State Representative for House District 111 in the Maine Legislature.

The first session of the 130<sup>th</sup> Legislature convened in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, which meant we met in the Augusta Civic Center every few weeks through May 19 to preserve social distancing for safety. This enabled us to begin voting on over two thousand bills that were before us. Committee meetings and hearings were and continue to be streamed on “Zoom.” We did finally get return to our chamber in the State House and finished business on July 19. We met again briefly this fall to vote on redistricting.

This was my first session serving on the Joint Standing Committee for Appropriations and Financial Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee for Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business. Here, I had the opportunity to show my support for TimberHP by Go Lab and other local economic development efforts, particularly in the forest industry.

I encourage you to actively participate in your state government. Phone calls and letters are always welcome, however, due to the wider use of technology, meetings and hearings are even more accessible. Using the homepage of the Maine Legislature: **Legislature.Maine.Gov**, you will find access to Zoom meetings and YouTube videos. I also send a weekly email with current state news. If you wish to receive these updates, please contact me at [Jack.Ducharme@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Jack.Ducharme@legislature.maine.gov) and I will gladly add you to the list. I also make frequent posts on my Facebook page at *Representative Jack Ducharme*.

Again, thank you for giving me the honor of serving you at the State House and may you all have a safe and healthy 2022.

Sincerely,

John “Jack” Ducharme  
State Representative





Integrity      Respect      Fairness      Dedication  
**SOMERSET COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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## **2021 Sheriff's Office Annual Report**



Dale P. Lancaster  
Sheriff

It is my continued honor and privilege to serve as your Sheriff. 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. This year, I was unanimously voted by the Maine Sheriff's Association Executive Board to serve as the next President of the MSA. I continue my appointments to the Board of Directors for the New England State Police Information Network and Maine's Drug Enforcement Agency.

As we continue into our second year of the Covid-19 pandemic, it has continued to impact our law 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. We resumed service of civil paperwork and have seen a significant increase in receipts. We stopped in-person visits at the Jail, except that Attorneys are now allowed to meet with their clients in the no-contact areas of the Jail. We continue to evaluate and modify 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 has 2 trained drug recognition experts and 1 forensic mapper.

The Sheriff's Office has 4 Deputies assigned to Madison along with a Secretary/Dispatcher. In 2021, the Sheriff's Office had 2 Deputies graduate from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy, Deputy Kyle Haseltine and Deputy Ashley Smith. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a portion of Deputy Haseltine's training was done remotely. Throughout 2021, The Sheriff's Office Criminal Division investigated a large volume of illicit drug trafficking activities. The Sheriff's Office 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. Illegal drugs, in particular Fentanyl, continue to be an issue in Somerset County. The Criminal Division dedicates a large amount of time and resources to combat this problem. The Criminal Division investigated numerous serious felony level cases to include robberies, burglaries, thefts, scams, aggravated assaults, unattended deaths and sexual abuse cases. In 2021, the Crimes Against Persons Detective investigated 30 sex crimes. 18 of those cases involved child sexual abuse where forensic interviewing was utilized. Detective Jeremy Leal is a Children's Advocacy Center forensic interviewer. Because of these investigations, and working with the District Attorney's Office prosecuting these cases, we were able to get substantial sentences in a number of child abuse cases. The Sheriff's Office Criminal Division tracks individuals who are required by law to register as sex offenders. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our in-person check-ins for registered sex offenders were limited. 3 individuals were charged with Sex Offender Registration Notification Act violations.

### **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 14 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 2021, the Somerset County Jail processed 831 bookings, a 30% decrease from 2020. Bookings decreased because I asked State and local law enforcement agencies to utilize alternative means of enforcement rather than arrest, unless it was a life safety issue, in an effort to keep Covid-19 out of the Jail. State and local law enforcement leaders in Somerset County were a great help in this effort. We continue to partner with Redington-Fairview General Hospital and their Pathways to Recovery opioid response implementation grant consortium.

- In 2021, a significant amount of time and resources have been dedicated to extensive modification of operations related to the Covid-19 pandemic. After almost 18 months of no Covid-19 outbreaks, we entered an outbreak beginning October 23, 2021 that was cleared by the CDC within 30 days. Due to the physical design of the facility and the diligent efforts of staff, positive inmates were isolated and the outbreak was contained from spreading throughout the Jail.
- The triennial PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) Audit was completed on December 30-31, 2021. PREA Certification reflects adherence to the highest Federal standards in ensuring a safe environment for staff and inmates of the facility.
- The triennial ACA (American Correctional Association) Audit is scheduled for May 9-11, 2022. ACA Accreditation solidifies that the Jail is operating under nationally accepted best practice standards.
- In 2021, we were able to find grant money to procure a Doctor of Nursing Practice to work with those inmates that are on the medical assisted treatment program.
- The Jail is undertaking the project of a new inmate telephone system and Jail management system.
- Recruitment and hiring initiatives continue to be ongoing. Starting Corrections Officer wages was recently adjusted to \$18.23 per hour in an effort to be more competitive throughout the local economy.

## **Civil Process**

In 2021, the Somerset County Sheriff's Office Civil Deputies received 1,707 papers to process and serve. That is a 43% increase from 2020.

## **Calls for Service**

- In 2021, the Sheriff's Office received 15,008 calls for service from our residents. This represents a 3.4% increase from 2020.
- During 2021, the Sheriff's Office responded to 604 calls for service from the Town of Solon, which is a 6% decrease from 2020. These calls included 53 motor vehicle accidents, 98 motor vehicle stops, 16 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.

## 9/11/2001 TIMELINE

On September 11, 2001, militant Islamist terrorists hijacked 4 planes and attacked the United States.

7:59 a.m.: American Airlines Flight 11 left Boston's Logan International Airport with 92 people on board headed for Los Angeles.

8:14 a.m.: United Airlines Flight 175 with 65 people on board left Logan headed for Los Angeles.

8:20 a.m.: American Airlines Flight 77 left Washington Dulles International Airport with 64 people on board headed for Los Angeles.

8:42 a.m.: United Airlines Flight 93 left Newark International Airport with 44 people on board headed for San Francisco.

8:46 a.m.: Flight 11 flies into the north tower of New York City's World Trade Center. Two flight attendants contacted American Airlines as the plane was being hijacked to provide details of the emergency. They report the use of Mace or a similar spray, several stabbings, and a bomb threat. The last known communication from the plane comes when flight attendant Madeline "Amy" Sweeney, on the phone with American Flight Services manager Michael Woodward, says, "Oh my God we are way too low."

8:50 a.m.: President George W. Bush was informed that a plane flew into the north tower just before entering a second-grade classroom at the Emma Booker Elementary School in Sarasota, Florida.

9:03 a.m.: Flight 175 flies into the south tower of the World Trade Center. The last communication made with air traffic control comes at 8:42 a.m., but passengers provided details of the flight by contacting their families by phone.

9:05 a.m.: White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card informed President Bush of the second crash while he was sitting in the classroom during the students' reading lesson. At this point it became clear that America was under attack.

9:31 a.m.: In an address from the school in Sarasota, Fla., Bush calls the attacks "a national tragedy" and "an apparent terrorist attack on our country." "I have spoken to the vice president, to the governor of New York, to the director of the FBI, and have ordered that the full resources of the federal government go to help the victims and their families, and to conduct a full-scale investigation to hunt down and to find those folks who committed this act," Bush says, "Terrorism against our nation will not stand."

9:36 a.m.: Secret Service agents evacuate Vice President Dick Cheney and his aides from his office to the Presidential Emergency Operations Center, a Cold War-era bunker beneath the White House.

9:37 a.m.: Flight 77 crashes into Pentagon. According to the 9/11 Commission Report, passenger Barbara Olson called her husband Ted, the solicitor general of the United States, to inform him of the attacks. She reports that the flight has been taken over and that the aircraft is “flying low over houses.” Air traffic controllers at Dulles International Airport observed a plane on their radar traveling at “a high rate of speed.”

9:45 a.m.: Just minutes after Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon, the White House and U.S. Capitol are evacuated.

9:59 a.m.: After burning for 56 minutes, the south tower of the World Trade Center collapsed. The fall lasted 10 seconds

10:03 a.m.: The Flight 93 crashed in a field in Shanksville, Pa. The 9/11 Commission Report reports that several passengers make calls from the plane and receive word of the other hijackings. Upon hearing the news that major cities were being targeted, the passengers decide to fight back: Five calls described the intent of passengers and surviving crew members to revolt against the hijackers. According to one call, they voted on whether to rush the terrorists in an attempt to retake the plane. They decided and acted. At 9:57, the passenger assault began. Several passengers had terminated phone calls with loved ones in order to join the revolt. One of the callers ended her message as follows: “Everyone’s running up to first class. I’ve got to go. Bye.” According to the 9/11 Memorial, the hijackers deliberately crash in a field to prevent passengers from retaking the airplane. The crash site in Shanksville is approximately 20 minutes flying time from Washington, D.C.

10: 28 a.m.: After burning for 102 minutes, the north tower of New York’s World Trade Center collapsed.

11:02 a.m.: New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani orders an evacuation of lower Manhattan, alerting everyone south of Canal Street to leave.

1:04 p.m.: After all American air space has been cleared, Bush addresses the nation from Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana, informing citizens that the U.S. military “at home and around the world is on high alert status.” “Make no mistake, the United States will hunt down and punish those responsible for these cowardly acts,” Bush says.

5:20 p.m.: Hours after the attacks that morning, the 47-story 7 World Trade Center building collapsed from ancillary damage. No one was in the building at the time.

## **REMEMBERING THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES ON 9/11/2001**

- 2977 were killed (not including the 19 hijackers).
- 2606 were killed at the World Trade Center and in the surrounding area, including 344 firefighters from 75 firehouses and 71 law enforcement officers. Of this number the human remains of 1,361 people were never recovered but were declared dead.
- 246 were passengers and staff on the planes (of this, 8 were children between the age of 2 and 11)
- 125 were in the Pentagon
- More than 6,000 were injured
- Many others died from cancer and various respiratory illnesses due to the exposure of dust and toxins

## **AND A SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE Air Force Master Sergeant Evander Andrews January 5, 1965 – October 10, 2001**

From the Arlington National Cemetery Website:

Facing the Pentagon charred, punctured wall, mourners buried the first U.S. military man killed in the campaign against international terror.

Air Force Master Sergeant Evander Andrews, 36, was killed October 10, 2001, in a forklift accident while helping in the construction of an airstrip in the Persian Gulf emirate Qatar. He entered the Air Force out of high school in his tiny central Maine hometown of Solon and was assigned to the 366th Civil Engineer Squadron from Mountain Home Air Force Base in Idaho.

At Andrews' funeral, held Monday in Arlington National Cemetery's stately Old Post chapel, Colonel Ken Shelton called the sergeant a man with a "behind-the-scenes style that was both sincere and heartfelt."

Shelton, Andrews' former squadron commander, said he learned to recognize Andrews "by the soles of his boots and the back of his head," as he could much more often be found working on heavy equipment than sitting in an office. "Leaders get involved - and Andy did," Shelton told the about 150 family, friends and Air Force personnel gathered for the service.

Family pastor Thomas Westall, a retired Air Force major, called Andrews a hero, prompting agreement from Andrews' 9-year-old son, Ethan. "Yep, he is a hero," the boy said in a small voice from the front row, where he sat with his mother, Judy, and three crying younger sisters, Leah, 6, Courtney, 4, and MacKenzie, 2.

An Air Force honor guard carried Andrews' flag-draped casket to the burial site, an area amid Arlington's rolling hills shaded by gold-tinged trees about 600 yards from the deep, blackened gash in the Pentagon. He was buried not far from the fresh graves of several who died when terrorist hijackers piloted a jetliner into the Defense Department headquarters.

Mourners gathered under the hot sun of an unusually balmy fall day as seven riflemen fired three volleys and a bugler sounded out the dolorous notes of "Taps." Pallbearers folded the flag and presented it to Andrews' widow and handed another flag to his mother.

Once Andrews' headstone takes its place among the cemetery's sea of white, precision-aligned granite slabs, it will read "Operation Enduring Freedom," the military's name for its campaign in Afghanistan against those believed behind the September 11 terrorist attacks against New York's World Trade Center and the Pentagon.



Master Sergeant Evander Andrews



The American Flag being presented to Evander's wife Judy, his mother Mary, his father Obder, and his 4 children at Arlington National Cemetery

The Town of Solon honors Evander for his service and dedication to our country.

We are free because of the brave.

The brave people who serve in our military to keep our country safe and free. The brave firefighters and the law enforcement officers who risk their lives to help and save people. And the private citizens who step up when needed to help others. These are the people who keep America great.



The North Tower is on fire from Flight 11 hitting it and Flight 175 is coming in to hit the South Tower of the World Trade Center it



The explosion in the South Tower after it was hit by the plane



Firefighters responding to the Pentagon after Flight 77 hits the Pentagon





Firefighters responding after Flight 77 hits the Pentagon



Flight 93 crash site in Shanksville, Pennsylvania



Brave firefighters amid the rubble of the World Trade Center



# 1921 YEAR IN REVIEW

US Life Expectancy: 60 years

Yearly Per Capita Income: \$1,407

US Population: 108,538,000 (331 million in 2021)

US had 48 states

January 1 – California defeats Ohio State 28–0 in the Rose Bowl.

March 4 – Warren G. Harding is sworn in as the 29th President of the United States, and Calvin Coolidge is sworn in as Vice President of the United States.

March 25 – The first Lowe's opens in North Wilkesboro, North Carolina.

May 31 – June 1 – Tulsa Race Massacre (Greenwood Massacre): Mobs of white residents attack black residents and businesses in one of the worst incidents of mass racial violence in the United States.

June 15 - 29-year-old Bessie Coleman gets her pilot's license in France and becomes the first African American to earn an international pilot's license.

August 11- Franklin D. Roosevelt's paralytic illness strikes while he is vacationing on Campobello Island; on August 25 he is diagnosed with polio and aged 39 becomes permanently disabled.

August 25 – September 2 – An uprising of striking coal miners in West Virginia leads to the Battle of Blair Mountain.

September 13 – White Castle hamburger restaurant opens in Wichita, Kansas, the foundation of the world's first fast food chain.

October 5 – The World Series baseball game in North America is first broadcast on the radio, by Newark, New Jersey, station WJZ, Pittsburgh station KDKA, and a group of other commercial and amateur stations throughout the eastern U.S.

November 11 – During an Armistice Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, the Tomb of the Unknowns is dedicated by U.S. President Warren G. Harding.

# PEARL HARBOR DECEMBER 7, 1941

Eighty years ago on December 7, 1941, the Japanese attacked our Pearl Harbor naval base in Oahu, Hawaii.

The attack on Pearl Harbor was a surprise military strike by the Imperial Japanese Navy Air Service upon the United States against the naval base at Pearl Harbor in Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii, just before 08:00, on Sunday, December 7, 1941. The United States was a neutral country at the time; the attack led to its formal entry into World War II the next day. The Japanese military leadership referred to the attack as the Hawaii Operation and Operation AI, and as Operation Z during its planning.

Japan intended the attack as a preventive action. Its aim was to prevent the United States Pacific Fleet from interfering with its planned military actions in Southeast Asia against overseas territories of the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, and those of the United States. Over the course of seven hours there were coordinated Japanese attacks on the U.S.-held Philippines, Guam, and Wake Island and on the British Empire in Malaya, Singapore, and Hong Kong.

The attack commenced at 7:48 a.m. Hawaiian Time. The base was attacked by 353 Imperial Japanese aircraft (including fighters, level and dive bombers, and torpedo bombers) in two waves, launched from six aircraft carriers. Of the eight U.S. Navy battleships present, all were damaged, with four sunk. All but USS *Arizona* were later raised, and six were returned to service and went on to fight in the war. The Japanese also sank or damaged three cruisers, three destroyers, an anti-aircraft training ship, and one minelayer. A total of 188 U.S. aircraft were destroyed; 2,403 Americans were killed, and 1,178 others were wounded. Important base installations such as the power station, dry dock, shipyard, maintenance, and fuel and torpedo storage facilities, as well as the submarine piers and headquarters building (also home of the intelligence section) were not attacked. Japanese losses were light: 29 aircraft and five midget submarines lost, and 64 servicemen killed.

Japan announced declarations of war on the United States and the British Empire later that day (December 8 in Tokyo), but the declarations were not delivered until the following day. The British government declared war on Japan immediately after learning that their territory had also been attacked, while the following day (December 8) the United States Congress declared war on Japan. On December 11, though they had no formal obligation to do so under the Tripartite Pact with Japan, Germany and Italy each declared war on the U.S., which responded with a declaration of war against Germany and Italy. There were numerous historical precedents for the unannounced military action by Japan, but the lack of any formal warning, particularly while peace negotiations were still apparently ongoing, led President Franklin D. Roosevelt to proclaim December 7, 1941, "a date which will live in infamy". Because the attack happened without a declaration of war and without explicit warning, the attack on Pearl Harbor was later judged in the Tokyo Trials to be a war crime.



USS Nevada



USS Arizona

# 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* and be prepared to make an oath to the truth of the same and to answer all proper inquiries in writing as to the nature, situation and value of their property liable to be taxed. When estates of persons deceased have been distributed during the past year or have changed hands from any cause, the Personal Representative, and/or other persons interested are hereby warned to give notice of such change, and in default of such notice, will be held liable under law to pay taxes assessed, although such estate has been wholly distributed and paid for. Any person who neglects to comply with this notice is hereby barred from his rights to make application to the Assessors or any appeal there from, for any abatement of his taxes, unless he offers such list with his application and satisfies them that he was unable to offer it at the time appointed.

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

- **REAL ESTATE:**

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

- **BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY:**

A list of all business equipment and its value **must** be filed with the Assessors by April 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 EXEMPTION:**

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 EXEMPTION:**

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 the last week of November 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 Advisory Committee 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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in March. The voting of Town Officials is from 8 am to 12:15 pm by secret ballot and the Annual Town Meeting starts at 1:30 pm, run as an open forum.

## 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***

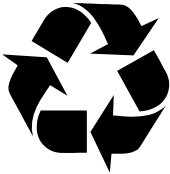
No new driveways can be installed without a permit from the Road Commissioner. The permit fee is \$20. Certain site distances and culvert size requirements must be met. The town will install the culvert, if one is needed, with the landowner paying for the culvert and the gravel needed to cover the culvert. The town will maintain the culvert after the initial installation. The driveway installation application is available at the town office or from the Planning Board.

## **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.

## **DOG OWNERS' NOTICE**

**PLEASE SEE THE DOG OWNER'S NOTICE PAGE**

## PUBLIC WAYS NOTICES

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

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

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

## 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 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. New registrations require a bill of sale, title (for vehicles 1995 or newer), proof of insurance and mileage. If vehicle is purchased from a dealer also have proof of purchase, the 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](http://www.maine.gov).

### NEW ADDRESSES:



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

### TRANSFER STATION USE PERMIT:



Use of the Solon Transfer Station is limited to those who are *residents* or *landowners* only. Use permit stickers are required and expire annually by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

### 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

Jen Rollins          399-1655

Todd Dixon          441-5171

Or online at <https://www.maine.gov/burnpermit>

# DOG OWNERS NOTICE

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

The State of Maine requires all dogs over the age of 6 months or have been with the family for 10 days, to be registered in the town of residence of the owner. Fees for spayed or neutered dogs are \$6. (*Thank you*) and \$11 if they remain unaltered.

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

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

## **Or license your dog Online**

Go to: [www.solon.maine.gov](http://www.solon.maine.gov) then 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, & mileage

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

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

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

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

Re-registration: old registration

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

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

## **WHEN REGISTERING A DOG**

Current rabies certificate, spay or neutering certificate.

## **WHEN PAYING PROPERTY TAXES**

A copy of the tax bill.

## **WHEN PURCHASING HUNTING LICENSES**

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

## **WHEN RENEWING TREE GROWTH PLAN**

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

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

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

## **SELECTMEN'S REPORT**

This was another interesting year due to the COVID-19 virus. We have been doing a lot of Zoom meetings and webinars for training. The town office stayed open to the public and the selectmen were in the office on Wednesdays.

We will be saying goodbye to Selectman Sarah Davis in 2022. She has decided to resign as Selectman effective after our March 5, 2022, Town Meeting. She has been on the Selectboard since 2008 and has been Vice Chair since 2018. We will miss having her on the board. She has been a real asset to the town. Her knowledge and skills will be hard to replace. It has been a pleasure working with her all these years.

At the 2021 Annual Town Meeting the townspeople voted to change the name of the Budget Committee to the Advisory Committee. A paving project was also approved and completed. An addition to the Fire Station was approved. It is mostly finished but still needs more work to be completed.

We are happy to report that we did not foreclose on any property in 2019, 2020, or 2021.

We did have a mil rate decrease due to increased state funding for schools and an increase in the municipalities' share of Revenue Sharing. The RSU 74 school board did a good job on keeping the RSU 74 budget increase low and they received increased state funding. This allowed for a \$42,617 decrease in their 2021/2022 tax assessment for Solon over their 2020/2021 tax assessment. We are down to about 600 students in our 4-town school district. Very few Solon voters attend the School District Budget Adoption Meeting and there is a very low turnout for the Budget Approval Referendum Question. We urge everyone to attend the School District Budget Adoption meeting. The County tax assessment had a \$8,243 decrease. The town had a decrease in the amount to be raised by taxation of \$63,858. This all resulted in mil rate decrease from 18.4 in 2020 to 17.8 in 2021. In 2021 we again had a substantial increase in State Revenue Sharing as the state slowly tries to get back to the 5% sharing level.

Brookfield White Pine Hydro requested a large reduction in our valuation on the Williams Dam. They also requested one from the Town of Embden who has the power generator and a portion of the dam on their side of the river. We joined with Embden in hiring an appraiser and a lawyer to help with the abatement request. We were able to reach an agreement with Brookfield on the dam value for the next five years. By joining with Embden, we were able to save on legal and appraiser fees.

The Moose Alley Riders ATV Club again requested we open some roads for ATV use. We decided to have the Drury Road, Brighton Road, French Hill Road from the Grant Road to Pleasant Street, Falls Road, and Pleasant Street open for ATV use. We did not allow ATV use on any of the other roads in Solon. The stores in town appreciate the increased business from the ATV users. We do ask people not

to cross the school ball fields on their ATVs. It damages our ball fields. We don't want to have to put up a fence but will have to if ATVs continue to drive on the field.

Maine Department of Transportation will be replacing the Route 201 bridge over Fall Brook in 2023 to 2025. Please read the update on the bridge replacement in this town report. And please be patient during the construction period.

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 2022 municipal budget by taxation, as presented by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee, is an increase of \$72,794 but, after deducting for available surplus and revenue sharing, it is \$99,621 less than in 2021. 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 2022 Annual Town Meeting there will be 6 referendum questions related to liquor sales in Solon. The State has updated the required wording for the local option requirement. We passed the local option in the 1970s allowing liquor sales in Solon. We now must vote to update our local option wording to match the new state required wording. These will be voted on by secret ballot during the election of the town officials from 8 am to 12:15 pm. If they do not pass, then beer, wine, and liquor sales in Solon will not be allowed.

We have received \$56,821 in American Recovery Program Act (ARPA) funds. We will be receiving another \$56,821 in 2002. There are limitations on what this money can be spent on so the Selectmen will work with our other town officials to develop a plan for use of these funds. The funds cannot be spent without a town meeting vote.

We are planning a road paving project for the River Road in 2022. Due to the amount of large truck traffic on this road we will be using Hot Mix Asphalt. We do already have enough funds available, so we will not need to borrow any money for the project.

The town's last professional revaluation was done in 1978. We are requesting funding to hire an appraisal firm to start doing a revaluation over a three-year period. The new values will be implemented once the entire town has been revalued. The Selectmen/Assessors will be inputting the information into the town's assessing program which will be a cost saving to the town.

You can see the Town Meeting Warrant Articles at the end of this town report. Please attend the Annual Town Meeting. This is your chance to participate in deciding on what and how much we spend our property tax dollars and what other actions the town will take on a variety of matters.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Elaine Aloes, Sarah Davis, and Wayne Johnson

## **2021 MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATIONS**

### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Town Charges	\$ 21,400.00	
Town Office Utilities	\$ 4,000.00	
Town Office Maintenance	\$ 2,050.00	
Town Office Security System	\$ 300.00	
Training, Books, & Dues	\$ 2,300.00	
Municipal Officers' Salaries	\$ 39,130.00	
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$ 42,744.00	
Treasurer	\$ 13,687.00	
Deputy Clerk	\$ 15,398.00	
Code Enforcement & Health Officer	\$ 5,000.00	
911 Addressing Officer	\$ 200.00	
Elections	\$ 2,000.00	
Register of Voters	\$ 2,500.00	
Trio Computer Programs	\$ 5,925.00	
GIS Mapping	\$ 4,000.00	
Town Records Preservation Res.	\$ 4,000.00	
Grounds Maintenance Reserve	\$ 3,000.00	
Municipal Buildings Heat Res.	\$ 10,000.00	
Municipal Buildings Maint. Res.	\$ 3,000.00	
Town Line Survey Reserve	\$ 1,000.00	
Town Flags Reserve	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>	\$181,134.00

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Winter Roads	\$115,000.00	
Summer Roads	\$115,000.00	
Gravel Roads Reserve	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>	\$240,000.00

### **TRANSFER STATION**

Transfer Station		\$ 79,000.00
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### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire Chief	\$ 7,350.00	
Fire Department	<u>\$ 31,000.00</u>	\$ 38,350.00

### **LIBRARY**

Coolidge Library Reserve	\$ 16,000.00
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### **INSURANCE**

Workers Comp Insurance	\$ 11,500.00	
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 5,057.00	
Insurance	\$ 19,000.00	
S.S. & Medicare	<u>\$ 25,000.00</u>	\$ 60,557.00

### **PUBLIC UTILITIES**

Street Lights	\$ 10,000.00	
Hydrant Rental	<u>\$ 21,864.00</u>	\$ 31,864.00

### **CEMETERIES**

Cemeteries	\$ 15,500.00	
Cemetery Maint. Res.	<u>\$ 4,500.00</u>	\$ 20,000.00

### **ANIMAL CONTROL**

Humane Society	\$ 2,000.00	
Animal Control Officer	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>	\$ 5,000.00

### **SOCIAL SERVICES**

General Assistance	\$ 15,000.00	
KVCAP Bus Service	\$ 550.00	
KVCAP Head Start	\$ 700.00	
Hospice	\$ 800.00	
Senior Spectrum	\$ 760.00	
Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$ 500.00	
Community Health & Counseling	\$ 100.00	
Solon Food Cupboard	\$ 2,000.00	
Lifeflight	\$ 200.00	
American Red Cross	<u>\$ 150.00</u>	\$ 20,760.00

### **LEISURE SERVICES**

Recreation Reserve	\$ 1,000.00	
Recreation Facility Maint. Reserve	\$ 1,000.00	
Swim/Camp Program Reserve	\$ 1,500.00	
4th of July Fireworks	\$ 1,500.00	
Special Events	\$ 1,000.00	
After School Program Reserve	\$ 1,000.00	
Baker Mountain Ski Club	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	\$ 8,000.00

### **AGENCIES**

KVCOG	\$ 1,664.00	
Maine Municipal Association	\$ 2,108.00	
Somerset Economic Development	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	\$ 3,872.00

## **DEBT SERVICE**

Fire Truck Loan	\$ 7,000.00
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## **CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNTS**

Road Paving Reserve	\$215,000.00	
Highway Equipment Reserve	\$ 15,000.00	
Sidewalk Reserve	\$ 2,000.00	
Transfer Station Truck & Equip.	\$ 7,500.00	
Coolidge Library Building	\$ 3,000.00	
Municipal Buildings Maintenance	<u>\$ 3,500.00</u>	\$246,000.00

## **OTHER**

TRIO Assessing Program	\$ 7,055.00	
TRIO Web upgrade	\$ 3,875.00	
Town Office Heat Pump	\$ 5,000.00	
Fire Station Addition	\$ 25,000.00	
Road Paving Project	<u>\$792,000.00</u>	\$832,930.00

GRAND TOTAL 2021 MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$1,790,407.00
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## **TOTAL RAISED AT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Taxation	\$973,407.00	
Fire Department Capital Reserve		
(Fire Station Addition)	\$ 4,000.00	
Rainy Day Fund Reserve		
(Fire Station Addition)	\$ 20,000.00	
Municipal Building Maint. Res.		
(Fire Station Addition)	\$ 1,000.00	
Road Paving Reserve	\$692,000.00	
LRAP Funds (Road Paving)	<u>\$100,000.00</u>	\$1,790,407.00

## **2021 EXPENDITURES**

### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

#### **TOWN CHARGES**

Income:		
Appropriated	\$21,400.00	
Costs of Liens	\$ 4,109.91	
Misc Charges	\$ 440.25	
Reimb. & Refunds	<u>\$ 25.00</u>	\$25,975.16
Expenditures:		
Supplies & Postage	\$ 3,683.02	
Solon Post Office	\$ 2,539.32	
Legal Fees	\$ 3,539.75	
Reg. of Deeds	\$ 2,253.00	



Town Reports	\$ 2,135.90		
Travel & Reimb.	\$ 1,902.50		
Bad Check Fees	\$ 20.00		
Tax Bills Print & Mail	\$ 904.25		
Payroll Services	\$ 1,898.10		
Auditor	\$ 4,800.00		
Paper Shredding	\$ 130.00		
Copier Maintenance. Fee	\$ 665.00		
Web Site Fee	\$ 570.00		
Post Office Box Fee	\$ 76.00		
Safe Deposit Box	\$ 30.00		
Computer Maintenance	\$ 1,699.25		
Computer Software Fees	<u>\$ 388.98</u>	<u>\$27,235.07</u>	(\$1,259.91)
SELECTMEN			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$39,130.00	\$0.00
TREASURER			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$13,687.00	\$0.00
TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$42,744.00	\$0.00
DEPUTY CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER			
Appropriated		\$15,398.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 4,116.55</u>	\$11,281.45
REGISTER OF VOTERS			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$2,500.00	\$0.00
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$3,000.00	\$0.00
CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH OFFICER			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$5,000.00	\$0.00
911 ADDRESSING OFFICER			
Appropriated	\$200.00		
Paid Out	<u>\$235.00</u>	(\$35.00)	
Trans. ½ Address Fees		<u>\$35.00</u>	\$0.00
TOWN OFFICE UTILITIES			
Appropriated		\$4,000.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$4,150.03</u>	(\$150.03)
TOWN OFFICE MAINTENANCE			
Appropriated		\$2,050.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$2,851.63</u>	(\$801.63)

TOWN OFFICE SECURITY SYSTEM

Appropriated	\$ 300.00	
Paid Out	<u>\$ 274.89</u>	\$25.11

TRIO COMPUTER PROGRAMS

Appropriated	\$16,855.00	
Paid Out	<u>\$16,719.45</u>	\$135.55

ELECTIONS

Appropriated	\$2,000.00	
MSAD 74	<u>\$ 495.50</u>	\$2,495.50
Paid Out	<u>\$1,744.53</u>	\$750.97

ELECTIONS GRANT RESERVE

Balance 1/1/21	\$1,956.24	
Paid Out	<u>\$1,350.00</u>	\$606.24

TRAINING, BOOKS, & DUES

Appropriated	\$2,300.00	
Paid Out	<u>\$1,095.00</u>	\$1,205.00

OFFICE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Balance 1/1/21	\$6,614.99	
Cable Franchise Fee	<u>\$3,733.54</u>	\$10,375.53
Paid Out	<u>\$ 3,408.00</u>	\$6,967.58

TOWN RECORDS PRESERVATION RESERVE

Balance 1/1/21	\$ 540.00	
Appropriated	<u>\$4,000.00</u>	\$4,540.00
Paid Out	<u>\$4,000.00</u>	\$540.00

MUNICIPAL GROUNDS MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Balance 1/1/21	\$2,186.71	
Appropriated	<u>\$3,000.00</u>	\$5,186.71
Paid Out	<u>\$1,685.00</u>	\$3,501.71

MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS HEAT RESERVE

Balance 1/1/21	\$ 8,375.37	
Appropriated	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	\$18,375.37
Paid Out : 2021-2022 Pre Buy	<u>\$ 9,619.72</u>	\$8,755.65

GIS MAPPING

Appropriated	\$4,000.00	
Paid Out	<u>\$3,300.00</u>	\$700.00

**TOWN FLAG RESERVE**

Balance 1/1/21	\$ 70.24		
Appropriated	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	\$1,570.24	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 486.22</u>	\$1,084.02

**TOWN LINE SURVEY RESERVE**

Balance 1/1/21		\$4,000.00	
Appropriated		<u>\$2,000.00</u>	\$6,000.00

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Appropriated	\$5,000.00		
Efficiency Maine Rebate	<u>\$8,300.00</u>	\$13,300.00	
Paid Out: Heat Pumps for Town Office		<u>\$11,800.00</u>	\$1,500.00

**PUBLIC WORKS****ROADS**

Appropriated	\$230,000.00		
Income	<u>\$ 12,149.68</u>	\$242,149.68	
Paid Out			
Winter Roads	\$115,001.06		
Summer Roads	<u>\$118,472.64</u>	<u>\$233,473.70</u>	\$8,675.98
Trans to HW Equip Reserve			(\$8,675.98)

**LRAP FUNDS**

Balance 1/1/21		\$106,867.47	
Interest		\$ 276.37	
Income		<u>\$ 42,692.00</u>	\$149,835.84

**GRAVEL ROADS RESERVE**

Balance 1/1/21		\$13,016.00	
Appropriated		<u>\$10,000.00</u>	\$23,016.00

**TRANSFER STATION****TRANSFER STATION**

Appropriated	\$79,000.00		
Income	<u>\$ 8,529.58</u>	\$87,529.58	
Paid Out		<u>\$85,959.45</u>	\$1,571.13
Trans to TS Truck & Tub Reserve			\$1,571.13

**COOLIDGE LIBRARY****COOLIDGE LIBRARY RESERVE**

Balance 1/1/21	\$ 649.57		
Appropriated	\$16,000.00		
From Investments	\$ 3,500.00		
Income	<u>\$ 254.76</u>	\$20,404.33	
Paid Out		<u>\$19,320.74</u>	\$1,083.59

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

### FIRE CHIEF

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$7,350.00	\$0.00
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### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriated	\$31,000.00		
Income	\$ 2,763.00		
Trans. from Res. Fund	<u>\$ 829.46</u>	\$41,942.46	
Paid Out			
Fire Department		<u>\$41,942.46</u>	\$0.00

### FIRE DEPARTMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/21	\$ 265.12		
Income Received	\$7,622.00		
Interest	<u>\$ 9.14</u>	\$7,896.26	
Transferred to FD		<u>\$ 829.46</u>	\$7,066.80

### FIRE DEPARTMENT ADDITION

Rainy Day Fund	\$20,000.00		
Fire Dept. Capital Res.	\$ 4,000.00		
Municipal Blds. Cap. Res.	\$ 1,000.00	<u>\$25,000.00</u>	
Paid Out		\$25,000.00	\$0.00

## INSURANCE

### SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE

Appropriated	\$25,000.00	
Paid Out	<u>\$23,152.37</u>	\$1,847.63

### WORKER COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Appropriated	\$11,500.00		
Rebate	<u>\$ 495.00</u>	\$11,995.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$11,995.00</u>	\$0.00

### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Appropriated	\$5,057.00	
Paid Out	<u>\$4,940.76</u>	\$116.24

### INSURANCE

Appropriated	\$19,000.00		
Overpayment Refund	<u>\$ 9,159.00</u>	\$28,159.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$28,119.50</u>	\$39.50

## PUBLIC UTILITIES

### HYDRANT RENTAL

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$21,864.00	
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### STREET LIGHTS

Appropriated	\$10,000.00	
Paid Out	<u>\$ 7,789.19</u>	\$2,210.81

## CEMETERIES

### CEMETERIES & VETERAN GRAVES

Appropriated	\$15,500.00		
Investment Funds	<u>\$ 924.32</u>	\$16,424.32	
Paid Out		<u>\$16,424.32</u>	\$0.00

### CEMETERY MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Balance 1/1/21	\$8,096.49		
Investment Funds	\$3,000.00		
Appropriated	<u>\$4,500.00</u>	\$15,596.49	
Paid Out		<u>\$10,800.00</u>	\$4,796.49

### CEMETERY LOT PURCHASE RESERVE

Balance 1/1/21	\$ 750.00		
Received	<u>\$3,200.00</u>	\$3,950.00	
Transfers:			
To Invest. Fund		<u>\$1,700.00</u>	\$2,250.00

## SOCIAL SERVICES

### GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Appropriated	\$15,000.00		
Reimbursement	<u>\$ 4,775.61</u>	\$19,775.61	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 3,932.15</u>	\$15,843.46

### KVCAP BUS SERVICE

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$550.00	\$0.00
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### KVCAP HEADSTART

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$700.00	\$0.00
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### HOSPICE

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$600.00	\$0.00
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### SENIOR SPECTRUM

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

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$500.00	\$0.00
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LIFELIGHT FOUNDATION			
Appropriated & Paid Out	\$200.00		\$0.00

AMERICAN RED CROSS			
Appropriated & Paid Out	\$150.00		\$0.00

COMMUNITY HEALTH & COUNSELING			
Appropriated & Paid Out	\$100.00		\$0.00

SOLON FOOD CUPBOARD			
Appropriated & Paid Out	\$2,000.00		\$0.00

### LEISURE SERVICES

#### RECREATION DEPARTMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/21	\$5,276.22		
Appropriated	\$1,000.00		
Income	<u>\$ 729.00</u>	\$7,005.22	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 689.39</u>	\$6,315.83

#### RECREATION FACILITY & MAINTENANCE RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/21	\$3,000.00		
Appropriated	<u>\$1,000.00</u>		\$4,000.00

#### SWIM/CAMP PROGRAM RESERVE

Balance 1/1/21	\$1,123.50		
Appropriated	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	\$2,623.50	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 957.48</u>	\$1,666.02

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

Appropriated			\$1,500.00
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#### 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS

Appropriated	\$1,500.00		
Donations	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	\$2,000.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$1,950.00</u>	\$50.00

#### BAKER MOUNTAIN SKI PROGRAM

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$1,000.00		\$0.00
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#### SOLON SNOWHAWKS

State Grant	\$18,704.23		
State Exempt Tax Reim.	\$ 499.00		
State Registration Reim.	<u>\$ 642.14</u>	\$19,845.37	
Paid to Club		<u>\$19,845.37</u>	\$0.00

#### MOVE MORE KIDS RESERVE – COMMUNITY GARDEN

Balance 1/1/21	\$ 262.34		
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Income	<u>\$1,559.25</u>	\$1,821.59	
Paid Out		<u>\$1,040.67</u>	\$780.92

**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM RESERVE ACCOUNT**

Balance 1/1/21	\$10,109.16		
Appropriated	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	\$11,109.16	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 2,548.07</u>	\$8,561.09

**AGENCIES**

**KENNEBEC VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$1,604.00	\$0.00
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**SOMERSET ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$100.00	\$0.00
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**MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION DUES**

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$2,108.00	\$0.00
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**DEBT SERVICE**

**FIRE TRUCK LOAN (12/31/21 balance owed \$14,910.22)**

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$7,000.00
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**CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNTS**

**ROAD PAVING RESERVE**

Balance 1/1/21	\$477,826.05		
Appropriated	\$215,000.00		
Interest	<u>\$ 730.68</u>	\$693,556.73	
Paid Out		<u>\$574,291.51</u>	\$119,265.22

**HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT**

Balance 1/1/21	\$48,188.64		
Appropriated	\$15,000.00		
Trans in from Roads	\$ 8,675.98		
Interest	<u>\$ 136.24</u>	\$72,000.86	

**SIDEWALK REPAIR RESERVE**

Balance 1/1/21	\$11,734.29		
Appropriated	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>	\$13,734.29	

**TRANSFER STATION TRUCK & TUB RESERVE ACCOUNT**

Balance 1/1/21	\$1,757.11		
Appropriated	\$7,000.00		
Trans from Transfer Station	\$1,571.13		
Interest	<u>\$ 12.21</u>	\$10,840.45	

**COOLIDGE LIBRARY BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE**

Balance 1/1/21	\$30,731.71
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Appropriated	\$ 3,000.00		
Income	<u>\$ 72.01</u>	\$33,803.72	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 6,808.80</u>	\$26,994.92
<b>FIRE TRUCK RESERVE ACCOUNT</b>			
Balance 1/1/21		\$3, 172.96	
Interest		<u>\$ 7.94</u>	\$3,180.90
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT</b>			
Balance 1/1/21	\$4, 508.21		
Interest	<u>\$ 10.45</u>	\$4,518.66	
Trans. to FD Capital Project		<u>\$4,000.00</u>	\$518.66
<b>MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE RESERVE</b>			
Balance 1/1/21	\$4,225.22		
Appropriated	<u>\$3,500.00</u>	\$7,725.22	
Paid Out:			
Expended	\$ 283.39		
Trans. to FD Capital Proj.	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,283.39</u>	\$6,441.83
<b>OTHER</b>			
<b>FISH &amp; WILDLIFE</b>			
Received & Paid to State		\$27,591.18	\$0.00
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE FEES</b>			
Received		\$101,903.19	
Paid to State		<u>\$101,868.18</u>	\$80.01
<b>STATE VITAL FEES</b>			
Received & Paid to State		\$157.60	\$0.00
<b>GUN PERMITS</b>			
Received & Paid to State		\$255.00	\$0.00
<b>NOTARY FEE</b>			
Received & Paid Out		\$65.00	\$0.00
<b>PLUMBING PERMITS</b>			
Received		\$3,660.00	
Paid Out			
State Fees	\$ 870.00		
State Surcharge	\$ 180.00		
Plumbing Inspector	<u>\$2,610.00</u>	<u>\$3,660.00</u>	\$0.00
<b>UNCLASSIFIED</b>			
<b>DOG LICENSES-STATE FEES</b>			
Received & Paid to State		\$1,214.00	\$0.00



DOG LICENSES-TOWN FEES RESERVE

Balance 1/1/21	\$2,052.96		
Received Town Fees	<u>\$ 459.00</u>	\$2,511.96	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 264.00</u>	\$2,247.96

HUMANE SOCIETY

Appropriated		\$2,000.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$1,769.06</u>	\$230.94

PLANNING BOARD RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/22	\$11,676.55		
Income	\$ 1,970.00		
Interest	<u>\$ 30.72</u>	\$13,677.27	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 459.45</u>	\$13,217.82

TREE PLANTING RESERVE

Balance 1/1/21 & 12/31/21			\$1,000.00
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HISTORICAL SOCIETY RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/21	\$4,194.15		
Interest	\$ 7.99		
Income	<u>\$ 830.38</u>	\$5,024.52	
Paid Out		<u>\$2,445.56</u>	\$2,586.96

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MAINTENANCE RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/20	\$3,609.04		
Interest	\$ 6.85		
Income	<u>\$ 10.00</u>	\$3,625.89	
Paid Out		<u>\$1,895.27</u>	\$1,730.62

JONES FUND SCHOLARSHIP RESERVE

Balance 1/1/21	\$12,781.32		
Interest	\$ 29.45		
Income	<u>\$ 7,283.88</u>	\$20,094.55	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 7,000.00</u>	\$13,094.55

RUTH CROSS SCHOLARSHIP RESERVE

Balance 1/1/21	\$ 76.00		
Paid:	<u>\$ 75.00</u>		1.00

RAINY DAY FUND RESERVE

Balance 1/1/21	\$54,033.30		
Paid Out	<u>\$20,000.00</u>		\$34,033.30

BANK ACCOUNT INTEREST

Skowhegan Savings Bank		\$2,838.45	
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Paid to Reserve Accounts:

Fire Truck Reserve	\$ 7.94	
Fire Department Capital Reserve	\$ 10.45	
Fire Department Reserve	\$ 9.14	
Transfer Station Equipment Res	\$ 12.21	
Highway Equipment Reserve	\$136.24	
Highway Paving Reserve	\$730.68	
Highway LRAP Funds	\$276.37	
Library Building Capital Reserve	\$ 72.01	
Planning Board Reserve	\$ 30.72	
Historical Society Reserve	\$ 7.99	
Historical Society Maint. Res.	\$ 6.85	
Ruth Cross Scholarship Reserve	\$ .00	
Jones Fund Scholarship Reserve	<u>\$ 29.45</u>	<u>\$1,330.05</u>
		\$1,508.40

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS**

RSU # 74 SCHOOL TAX

Appropriated	\$1,105,513.00	
Paid Out	<u>\$1,105,887.00</u>	(\$374.00)

COUNTY TAX

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$229,514.28	\$0.00
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FIRST PARK

Tax Revenue received	\$5,754.00	
Assessment Paid Out	<u>\$5,683.00</u>	\$71.00

ACCOUNTS OVERAGE APPROVED FROM SURPLUS

Approved up to	\$5,000.00	
Overages:		
Town Charges	\$1,259.91	
Town Office Utilities	\$ 150.03	
Town Office Maintenance	\$ 801.63	
RSU #74	<u>\$ 374.00</u>	\$2,585.57

END OF YEAR TOTALS

Skowhegan Savings Bank 1/1/21	\$1,437,881.27	
Income Received in 2021	<u>\$2,795,967.68</u>	
Total Income	\$4,233,848.95	
Less Expenditures	<u>\$2,852,427.99</u>	
Balance 12/31/21		\$1,381,420.96

Less Total of Reserve Accounts	<u>\$ 787,686.39</u>	
Total Undedicated Funds (Surplus)		\$593,734.57

## **Board of Selectmen, Assessors & Overseers of the Poor**



Elaine Aloes  
Chair of Selectmen, Assessors  
and Overseers of the Poor

Sarah Davis  
Vice Chair of Selectmen, Assessors  
and Overseers of the Poor



Wayne (Chip) Johnson  
Selectman, Assessor and  
Overseer of the Poor

# ASSESSORS' REPORT

## VALUATION

Local Taxable Real Estate Valuation	\$94,475,911.00	
Local Taxable Personal Property Valuation	<u>\$ 2,014,251.00</u>	
2021 Taxable Town Valuation		\$ 96,490,162.00
Total of Homestead Exemption Valuation	\$ 8,146,000.00	
X 0.70		\$ 5,702,200.00
Total of all BETE Valuation	\$ 9,277,386.00	
Enhanced BETE Reimbursable Valuation		<u>\$ 5,133,915.00</u>
Total Valuation Base		\$107,326,277.00

## APPROPRIATIONS

County Tax	\$ 229,514.28
Municipal Appropriation	\$1,790,407.00
RSU #74 Appropriation	
(\$1,149,823 (2020/2021) + \$1,061,203 (2021/2022) /2)	<u>\$1,105,513.00</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$3,125,434.28

## LESS ALLOWABLE MUNICIPAL DEDUCTIONS

State Revenue Sharing	\$ 103,317.02	
Rainy Day Fund Reserve	\$ 20,000.00	
Building Maintenance Reserve	\$ 1,000.00	
Fire Department Capital Reserve	\$ 4,000.00	
LRAP Reserve	\$ 100,000.00	
Road Paving Reserve	\$ 692,000.00	
Surplus Revenues	\$ 478,524.26	
Less Reserve Funds	<u>(\$100,000.00)</u>	
		<u>\$1,298,841.28</u>

APPROPRIATIONS BY TAXATION	\$1,826,593.00
Plus Overlay	<u>\$ 83,814.73</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS BY TAXATION	\$1,910,407.73

## LESS EXEMPTION REIMBURSEMENT FROM STATE

BETE Reimbursement	\$ 91,383.69
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	<u>\$101,449.16</u>
LESS TOTAL EXEMPTION REIMBURSEMENT	<u>\$ 192,832.85</u>
TOTAL TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	\$1,717,574.88

2021 MILL RATE: \$17.80 PER \$1,000 OF VALUATION

2021 Supplements	\$ 96.92	
2021 Tree Growth Withdrawal Penalties	<u>\$ 600.00</u>	\$696.92
Abatements Given in 2021		
2021 Real Estate	\$1,142.76	
2021 Personal Property	\$ 96.62	\$1,239.38

## COMPARISON OF APPROPRIATIONS BY TAXATION

RSU #74	10.30 mills	57.87%	(10.61 mills in 2020)
County Tax	2.14 mills	12.01%	(2.20 mills in 2020)
Municipal	4.58 mills	25.73%	(5.13 mills in 2020)
Overlay	<u>.78 mills</u>	<u>4.39%</u>	(0.46 mills in 2020)
Total Mills	17.80 mills	100.00%	

	2021	2020
County Tax	\$ 229,514.28	\$ 237,757.00
Municipal Appropriation by tax	\$ 491,565.72	\$ 555,423.74
RSU #74 Appropriation by tax	\$1,105,513.00	\$1,148,130.00

The School Tax decreased \$42,617 this year due to additional state funds received for the 2021-2022 school budget. 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 2020/2021 RSU 74 appropriation and the first half of our 2021/2022 RSU 74 appropriation. The County Budget Tax decreased by \$8,243. Our Municipal Budget by taxation decreased by \$63,858. This all resulted in mil rate decrease from 18.4 in 2020 to 17.8 in 2021.

We did receive an abatement request from Brookfield White Pine Hydro (the Williams Dam) for a large valuation decrease in 2020. Embden also received an abatement request for their portion of the dam and the power generation plant that is on their side of the river. We joined with Embden in hiring a law firm to handle the abatement request. The lawyer was able to reach an agreement with Brookfield to withdraw the 2020 abatement request and we agreed to specific valuation amounts for 2021 through 2024. We use the state valuation for the value of dam and the rates we agreed on are consistent with the state's valuation. We were glad to be able to settle this without having to go to court.

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 2021 State Valuation is based on the 2019 & 2020 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. In Solon, and all throughout the state, in 2021 we saw a large increase in the sale price of properties being sold. Our 2021 state valuation is \$102,950,000 and our 2022 state valuation will be \$106,450,000.

The Business Equipment Tax Exemption (BETE Program) started April 1, 2008. Since that date, all new manufacturing personal property equipment is no longer taxable. 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 2021 state reimbursement is \$91,383.69 for a portion of our lost

BETE tax revenue.

In 2021 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 \$445.00 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 2021, please check with the Assessors before April 1st to see if you qualify for 2021. If you received it in 2021, you do not need to reapply.

We had 60 Veteran Exemption recipients who received a reduction \$105 on their tax bill. Any new veteran exemption requests must be given to the Assessors by April 1st. If you received it in 2021, you do not need to reapply. The widow or widower of a veteran may also qualify for an exemption.

In 2021 we had 16,797 acres receiving reduced assessments for tree growth out of 32,406 acres in our town. If you wish to place your land in tree growth, the minimum is 10 acres and a tree growth plan prepared by a licensed forester must be given to the Assessors by April 1st. Tree growth plans must be updated every ten years. If you purchased land that is in tree growth, you have one year from the date of purchase to adopt the prior owner's plan or to have a new plan done. Failure to comply with the tree growth laws will result in the removal of the land from the tree growth program and the assessing of a penalty for that removal. Failure to reapply on time can result in late filing penalties up to \$1,000. Please respond to your filing notice letters promptly to avoid penalties. We thank you for your efforts in complying with this law. For more information on the tree growth program or the farm and open space program, contact the Assessors.

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

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

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

# OVERSEERS OF THE POOR REPORT

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

## INCOME

Appropriated	\$15,000.00	
State & SSI Reimbursement	<u>\$ 4,775.61</u>	\$19,775.61

## EXPENDITURES

Housing	\$ 3,300.00	
Food & Personal Supplies	\$ 30.00	
Heating Oil	<u>\$ 602.15</u>	<u>\$ 3,932.15</u>

UNEXPENDED BALANCE		\$15,843.46
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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 used as 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 2021 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.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank Balances 1/1/21

\$1,437,881.27

## MONEY MARKET DEDICATED ACCOUNTS BALANCES 1/1/21

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

\$959,357.01

Total of Non Dedicated Funds

\$478,524.26



INCOME:

State Revenue Sharing	\$ 161,341.87
Local Roads Assistance Program	\$ 42,692.00
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	\$ 2,291.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$ 68,077.22
BETE Reimbursement 2020	\$ 91,384.00
BETE Administration Fee	\$ 8.00
2021 Homestead Reimbursement	\$ 79,545.00
2020 Homestead Reimbursement	\$ 22,134.00
2022 Prepaid Real Estate Tax	\$ 8,806.05
2021 Real Estate Tax	\$1,556,553.66
2021 Personal Property Tax	\$ 34,338.32
2020 Real Estate Tax	\$ 96,827.72
2020 Personal Property Tax	\$ 1,748.00
2019 Personal Property Tax	\$ 9.13
2020 Liens	\$ 29,131.74
2019 Liens	\$ 39,035.30
Tree Growth Withdrawal Penalty	\$ 344.02
Property Tax Interest	\$ 11,876.75
Costs, Fees of Liens and Notices	\$ 4,109.91
Lien Fees Reimbursement	\$ 58.00
Notary Fees	\$ 65.00
Motor Vehicle Monies	\$ 101,903.19
Inland Fish & Wildlife Monies	\$ 27,636.18
State Vitals	\$ 157.00
State Dogs	\$ 1,185.00
Town Dogs	\$ 459.00
Vehicle Excise Tax	\$ 224,605.54
IF&W Excise Tax	\$ 1,516.30
Town Agent Fees - Dogs	\$ 271.00
Town Agent Fees - Vital	\$ 1,246.40
Town Agent Fees - BMW	\$ 7,209.00
Town Agent Fees – IF&W	\$ 710.00
Business Licenses	\$ 4,000.00
Gun Permit Fees - State	\$ 255.00
Gun Permit Fees -Town	\$ 127.00
Addressing Fees	\$ 70.00
Cemeteries Lot Purchase Reserve	\$ 3,200.00
Cemetery Maintenance Reserve	\$ 3,000.00
Cemetery Investment Reserve	\$ 924.32
Coolidge Library Reserve	\$ 3,754.76
Coolidge Library Grant	\$ 3,000.00
Fire Department	\$ 2,763.00
Fire Department Reserve	\$ 7,622.00
First Park Tax Revenue	\$ 5,754.00
General Assistance, State reimbursement	\$ 4,775.61
Historical Society Reserve	\$ 830.38

Historical Society Maintenance Reserve	\$	10.00	
Insurance –Workman Comp. Rebate	\$	495.00	
Insurance - Property & Casualty Refund	\$	9,159.00	
Move More Kids – Community Garden Res	\$	1,559.25	
Office Equip. Res - Spectrum Franchise Fee	\$	3,733.54	
Planning Board Fees	\$	1,970.00	
Plumbing Permits, State Fee	\$	870.00	
Plumbing Permits, LPI Fee	\$	2,610.00	
Plumbing Permits State Surcharge	\$	180.00	
Public Works	\$	12,149.68	
Recreation Department Reserve	\$	729.00	
Fireworks Donations	\$	500.00	
Town Flag Fund Reserve	\$	10.00	
Scholarship Reserve - Jones Fund	\$	7,283.88	
Snowmobile Grant	\$	18,704.23	
Snowmobile Registration Reimbursements	\$	642.14	
Snowmobile Tax Exempt Reim.	\$	499.00	
Swim/Camp Reserve	\$	300.00	
Transfer Station receipts	\$	8,529.58	
Town Charges - Miscellaneous Income	\$	524.16	
Heat Pump Rebate	\$	8,300.00	
Elections Reimbursement	\$	495.50	
Animal Control	\$	93.00	
American Recovery Program Act	\$	56,821.30	
Skowhegan Savings Bank interest	\$	<u>2,838.45</u>	\$2,795,967.68
BALANCE 1/1/21		\$1,437,881.27	
2021 INCOME		<u>\$2,795,967.68</u>	\$4,233,848.95
2021 WARRANTS TOTAL			<u>\$2,852,427.99</u>
BALANCE 12/31/21			\$1,381,420.96
Less Dedicated Accounts			
: 2021 Revenue Sharing	\$	161,341.87	
LRAP Funds	\$	149,835.84	
2022 Prepaid R. E. Taxes	\$	8,806.05	
After School Program Reserve	\$	8,561.09	
American Recovery Program Act	\$	56,821.30	
Cemetery Lot Purchase	\$	2,250.00	
Cemetery Maintenance Reserve	\$	4,796.49	
Coolidge Library Bldg. Capital Res.	\$	26,994.92	
Coolidge Library Reserve	\$	1,083.59	
Election Grant Reserve	\$	606.24	
Fire Department Reserve	\$	7,066.80	
Fire Department Capital Reserve	\$	518.66	
Fire Truck Reserve	\$	3,180.90	
Highway Equipment Reserve	\$	72,000.86	

Highway Gravel Roads Reserve	\$ 23,016.00	
Highway Road Paving Reserve	\$119,265.22	
Historical Society Reserve	\$ 2,586.96	
Historical Society Maint. Reserve	\$ 1,730.62	
Move More Kids – Comm. Garden	\$ 780.92	
Municipal Buildings Heat Reserve	\$ 8,755.65	
Municipal Buildings Maint. Res.	\$ 6,441.83	
Municipal Grounds Maint. Reserve	\$ 3,501.71	
Office Equip & Maintenance Res.	\$ 6,967.53	
Planning Board Reserve	\$ 13,734.29	
Rainy Day Reserve	\$ 34,033.30	
Recreation Department Reserve	\$ 6,315.83	
Rec. Facility & Maintenance Res.	\$ 4,000.00	
Scholarships - Jones Fund Reserve	\$ 13,094.65	
Scholarships - Ruth Cross Reserve	\$ 1.00	
Sidewalk Repair Reserve	\$ 13,734.29	
Swim/Camp Reserve	\$ 1,666.02	
Town Dogs Reserve	\$ 2,247.96	
Town Flag Reserve	\$ 1,084.02	
Town Line Survey Reserve	\$ 6,000.00	
Town Records Preservation Res.	\$ 540.00	
Transfer Station Truck & Tub Res.	\$ 10,840.45	
Tree Planting Reserve	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	
Total Dedicated Accounts		<u>\$787,686.39</u>
Total Undedicated Funds (Surplus)		\$593,734.57

## **RAYMOND JAMES INVESTMENT FUND**

As of 12/31/21

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	\$163,170.00
Hilton Cemetery	\$ 3,000.00
Library	\$ 87,380.00

### **AVAILABLE FUNDS:**

Historical Society Maint. Res.	\$ 32198.44
Historical Society Reserve	\$ 21,976.12
Library	\$ 11,616.05
Jones Fund Scholarship	\$ 37,220.72
Ruth Cross Scholarship	\$ 394.62
Town Cemeteries	\$ 50,522.82

# 2020 TAX LIENS

TAX OUTSTANDING AS OF 12/31/2021

DOES NOT INCLUDE INTEREST AND FEES

THE PROPERTY WILL BE FORECLOSED ON IF NOT PAID BY 10/24/2022

\*\*PAID AFTER 12/31/21 AND BEFORE 1/31/2022

ABELIN, ELIZABETH	\$	1,295.01
BERBERIAN, ANDREA	\$	1,985.57
BOSTIC, ANTHONY	\$	574.47
BROOKS, VASSER	\$	946.21
BROWN, ROBERT A	\$	216.02
BROWN, ROBERT A	\$	464.88
COLPITTS, GLENN	\$	738.96
DICKEY, CRISTI A	\$	2,546.42
DICKINSON, NORMAN R JR	\$	1,314.48
GIRESI, SALVATORE	\$	420.99
HEALD, DEBORAH L	\$	2,512.41
MELILLO, LEO	\$	1,329.89
MORGAN, RYAN D	\$	410.49
MUNROE, BRUCE E	\$	250.71
MURGO, GREGORY	\$	389.72
MURGO, GREGORY	\$	1,032.99
NILE, HEATHER E	\$	1,638.23
NITZE, HEIDI	\$	269.98
NITZE, HEIDI	\$	503.16
OSBORNE, JASON	\$	1,625.38
PAPADOPOULOS, JUDITH A	\$	1,541.87
POMELOW, JEFFREY	\$	1,750.80
RICHARDSON, GLENN A SR	\$	615.58
RODERICK, JOEY M	\$	1,902.24
RUTHERFORD, ANNE J	\$	2,024.87
SAVAGE, EDWARD	\$	1,970.91
SCHRADER, MICHELLE	\$	516.13
SOUSA, ROBERT A	\$	2,694.29
STICKNEY, MERVIL A., HEIRS OF	\$	1,472.50
WHITE, CHRISTOPHER D	\$	369.59

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kaylee Gilson, Treasurer



Kaylee Gilson  
Treasurer and Deputy Clerk/Tax Collector



Lydia  
Deputy Treasurer



Leslie Giroux  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector  
Registrar of Voters  
Deputy Treasurer

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

2021 RE TAX COMMITMENT	\$1,681,671.13	
2021 PP TAX COMMITMENT	<u>\$ 35,853.75</u>	\$1,717,524.88
2021 PP SUPPLIMENT		\$ 96.62
LESS ABATEMENTS		<u>\$ (1,239.38)</u>
FINAL COMMITMENT		\$1,716,382.12

RE COLLECTED IN 2021	\$1,556,553.66	
PP COLLECTED IN 2021	\$ 34,338.32	
COLLECTED IN 2020	<u>\$ 11,296.06</u>	
		<u>\$1,602,188.04</u>

TOTAL DUE AS OF 12/31/2021	\$ 114,194.08
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## 2021 UNPAID TAXES AS OF 12/31/2021

IF NOT PAID BY 4/15/2022 A LIEN WILL BE PLACED ON THE PROPERTY

**PROPERTY WILL BE FORCLOSED ON IF NOT PAID BY 10/17/2023**

\*\*PAID AFTER 12/31/21 AND BEFORE 02/01/2022

ABELIN, ELIZABETH	\$ 1,448.92
ALBUI, PAUL R	\$ 51.09
ALBUI, PAUL R	\$ 247.60
**ANTON, SCOTT A	\$ 2,280.71
**BAGLEY, RANDY	\$ 439.97
BEATTIE, MARK	\$ 93.09
BEATTIE, MARK	\$ 57.85
BEATTIE, MARK	\$ 3,146.68
BEAULIEU, JOSEPH M II	\$ 430.58
BELANGER, DAVID J	\$ 35.60
BERBERIAN, ANDREA	\$ 2,079.57
BIGELOW, JESSICA	\$ 341.05
**BINGEL, WILLIAM E., JR.	\$ 327.00
BLODGETT, DEVON	\$ 362.76
BOSTIC, ANTHONY	\$ 477.04
BROOKS, VASSER	\$ 820.40
BROWN, AARON W	\$ 1,035.60
BROWN, ROBERT A	\$ 145.96
BROWN, ROBERT A	\$ 369.35
BURRILL, TINA M	\$ 1,303.32
BURTON, MARY LYNN	\$ 296.19
CITICORP HOME MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC	\$ 2,313.73
COLPITTS, GLENN	\$ 291.56

DANIELS, CINDY	\$	298.12
DAVIDSON, RUSSELL A	\$	752.76
DAVIS, DARILYN	\$	741.01
DICKEY, CRISTI A	\$	2,407.45
DICKINSON, NORMAN R JR	\$	1,160.56
DOURANT, STEVEN A	\$	1,132.97
DUMOND, DAVID	\$	445.00
EMERSON, JAMES A	\$	1,082.24
EVERGREEN WILDERNESS CHAPEL	\$	1,838.56
FOLCO, ANNETTE	\$	95.01
FOLCO, ANNETTE	\$	676.49
FRANCK, JOAN M	\$	691.00
FRENCH, JAMES B II	\$	228.14
GAUDETTE, FRANCIS J.	\$	577.08
GILBLAIR, JENNIFER M	\$	750.27
GILBLAIR, JENNIFER M	\$	1,234.79
GIRESI, SALVATORE	\$	1,584.56
GIROUX, LESLIE	\$	1,221.95
GOBIN, RICKEY	\$	836.60
HAYDEN, DOUGLAS R	\$	427.68
HEALD, DEBORAH L	\$	2,269.50
HOPKINS, CONSTANCE	\$	1,899.26
JOHNSON, JEREMIAH	\$	645.96
KENNEBEC MOTOR SALES	\$	2,064.76
LABERGE, JOLINE	\$	1,943.28
LABONTE, ROBERT J	\$	1,531.69
LINDSTEDT, JACQUELINE E	\$	17.80
LINDSTEDT, JACQUELINE E	\$	8.90
MACLEAN, JAMES R	\$	3,321.48
MAINE-LY TREES, INC.	\$	559.08
MELILLO, LEO	\$	1,174.80
MILLER, CORY	\$	1,836.43
MILLER, KEITH R	\$	651.02
MILLER, SHAWN A	\$	1,228.20
MORGAN, RYAN D	\$	332.68
MUNROE, BRIAN A	\$	1,333.22
MUNROE, BRUCE E	\$	178.00
MURGO, GREGORY	\$	299.93
MURGO, GREGORY	\$	894.09
MYERS, MEGAN	\$	1,302.96
**NICKERSON, KIP ALLEN	\$	202.92
NILE, HEATHER E	\$	1,459.60
NITZE, HEIDI	\$	195.80

NITZE, HEIDI	\$	411.18
NITZE, HEIDI	\$	1,064.51
NITZE, HEIDI	\$	214.79
NITZE, HEIDI	\$	1,372.38
NITZE, HEIDI	\$	2,943.23
NITZE, HEIDI	\$	4,881.65
NITZE, HEIDI	\$	4,452.67
NOYES, DONNA M	\$	1,337.31
O'MEARA, THOMAS D	\$	974.37
OSBORNE, JASON	\$	1,441.27
PAPADOPOULOS, JUDITH A	\$	1,370.60
POMELOW, JEFFREY	\$	1,637.60
QUATTROCCHI, JOHN	\$	995.02
REID, MICHAEL	\$	314.88
REID, MICHAEL G	\$	1,976.69
RICHARDSON, GLENN A SR	\$	508.55
RODERICK, JOEY M	\$	1,703.46
RODRIGUEZ, EFRAIN, HEIRS OF	\$	907.27
ROSSIGNOL, STUART	\$	168.39
ROSSIGNOL, STUART	\$	833.04
RUTHERFORD, ANNE J	\$	1,810.26
SAVAGE, EDWARD	\$	1,760.42
SCHRADER, MICHELLE	\$	416.70
SHANNON, ERIC L	\$	90.50
SMITH, RONALD W	\$	993.06
SOUSA, ROBERT A	\$	2,435.04
STEIKORSKI, FREDERICK W	\$	1,557.50
STICKNEY, MERVIL A., HEIRS OF	\$	1,306.52
TAYLOR, ASHLEY G	\$	80.99
TURCOTTE, ROSS	\$	1,076.01
**TUTTLE, CRAIG	\$	833.19
TYLER, ASHLEY A	\$	2,049.33
**WHEELER, ERICA L	\$	3.05
WHITE, CHRISTOPHER D	\$	827.88
WHITE, KAREN	\$	27.59
WHITE, KAREN	\$	1,906.91
WILLETTE, ROBBIE R	\$	899.79
WYMAN, JOE	\$	2,180.50
YORK, ANNIE	\$	1,206.84
YOST, ANDREW G	\$	415.65

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Leslie A. Giroux, Municipal Clerk & Tax Collector



# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

## VITAL STATISTICS

	MARRIAGES	BIRTHS	DEATHS
<b>2016</b>	5	3	12
<b>2017</b>	10	13	12
<b>2018</b>	9	10	11
<b>2019</b>	9	8	18
<b>2020</b>	16	6	10
<b>2021</b>	19	8	16

## DEATHS

**January 1 – December 31, 2021**

Decedent Name	Age	Date of Death
Farnham, Mary Hazel	70	11/15/2021
Hayden, Douglas R	81	03/28/2021
Heald, Alice D	98	01/06/2021
Langley, James R	76	10/26/2021
Lynds, Donna M.	72	11/18/2021
Miller, Keith R.	65	09/10/2021
North, Susan E.	80	06/24/2021
Pare, Florian R Jr	83	12/12/2021
Spearrin, Charles Edward Jr.	76	05/24/2021
Starbird, Albert W.	97	01/02/2021
Steele, Roderick F	74	07/09/2021
Tetreault, Alphonse Henry Jr.	79	07/08/2021
Tucker, Lori	60	12/30/2021
Viekman, Richard Kaups	92	08/31/2021
Whitman, Elizabeth M.	83	09/02/2021
Williams, Mark N.	71	10/18/2021

## **VITAL RECORDS**

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

You are now required, by State Law, to have a *direct and legitimate interest* to gain access to a vital record. An application is required if you want a birth, death or marriage certificate and must present your driver's license or two other forms of identification. Certified copies are \$15.00 and \$6.00 for each additional one bought at the same time.

The Clerk is also serves as custodian of official municipal records and public documents. This includes retention, disposition and preservation of both historical and current documents.

## **VOTING & ELECTIONS**

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

Our Municipal election is always held on the first Saturday of March each year. This is held at the Solon Elementary School. Voting for elected officials is from 8 am – 12:15 pm. The open forum business meeting (budget, ordinances, etc.) begins at 1:30 pm.

State elections are held in the conference room of the Town Office from 8 am – 8 pm. Absentee voting is available 30 days prior to any election. Absentee ballots can be completed in the presence of the Clerk or be requested in writing (online, mail or in person) or by phone with verification.

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

# ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

## WINTER ROADS

### INCOME:

Appropriated	\$115,000.00	
Road Sign Reimbursement	\$ 45.00	
MMA Safety Grant	\$ 3,000.00	
Culvert Reimbursement	\$ 1,350.00	
Town of Madison, Plowing	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>	\$120,895.00

### EXPENDITURES:

#### LABOR

Gary Bishop	\$ 24,227.57	
Raymond Young	\$ 15,255.26	
James Quimby	\$ 1,232.00	
Glenn Richardson	\$ 16,207.21	
Justin Kerschner	\$ 5,346.26	
Megan Corson	\$ 1,440.00	
Arthur Myers	\$ 962.50	
Matthew Ricker	\$ 766.50	
Eric Peterson	<u>\$ 623.00</u>	\$66,060.30

#### UTILITIES

Central Maine Power	\$ 624.01	
TDS Telecom	\$ 290.13	
US Cellular	<u>\$ 384.73</u>	\$ 1,298.87

#### SUPPLIES

Garage	\$ 3,050.84	
Tools	\$ 175.77	
Radios/Communications	\$ 162.35	
Safety Equip. & Signs	<u>\$ 178.65</u>	\$ 3,567.61

#### MILEAGE

Mileage Reimbursement		\$ 1,029.50
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#### CONTRACTED SERVICES

Equipment Rental		\$ 150.00
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#### PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Building Maintenance	\$ 1,030.05	
Property Maintenance	\$ 271.99	
Furnace Maintenance	<u>\$ 430.00</u>	\$ 1,732.04

#### ROAD MAINTENANCE

Winter Sand	\$ 6,030.00	
Winter Salt	\$ 8,994.38	
Culverts	\$ 53.98	
Road Signs	\$ 727.35	
Cold Patch	\$ 199.94	

Equipment	<u>\$ 44.50</u>	\$16,050.15
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#### EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

Equipment Parts & Supplies	\$ 4,261.84	
Equipment Repair	\$ 3,982.45	
Diesel Fuel & Gas	\$ 7,380.94	
Tires	\$ 1,793.94	
Truck Parts & Supplies	\$ 5,119.35	
Truck Repairs	<u>\$ 2,473.00</u>	\$25,011.52
TRAINING & DUES		
Fees	\$ 25.00	
Medical Testing	\$ 76.07	<u>\$ 101.07</u>
	<u>\$115,001.06</u>	
	\$ 5,893.94	
Transferred to Highway Equipment Reserve		
	<u>\$ 5,893.94</u>	\$ 0.00

## SUMMER ROADS

INCOME:		
Appropriated	\$115,000.00	
Calcium Reimbursement	\$ 6,100.68	
Gravel Reimbursement	<u>\$ 154.00</u>	
	\$121,254.68	
EXPENDITURES:		
LABOR		
Gary Bishop	\$ 23,809.38	
Raymond Young	\$ 10,800.00	
Megan Corson	\$ 336.00	
James Quimby	\$ 959.00	
Glenn Richardson	\$ 15,957.25	
Justin Kerschner	\$ 7,000.00	
Joseph Madore	\$ 1,385.50	
Richard Kelley	\$ 105.00	
Arthur Myers	\$ 343.00	
Matthew Ricker	\$ 234.00	
Eric Peterson	<u>\$ 224.00</u>	\$61,153.13
UTILITIES		
Central Maine Power	\$ 355.52	
TDS Telecom	\$ 284.80	
US Cellular	<u>\$ 374.37</u>	\$ 650.32
SUPPLIES		
Garage		\$ 4,561.82
MILEAGE		
Mileage Reimbursement		\$ 523.00
CONTRACTED SERVICES		
Roadside Mowing	\$ 1,500.00	
Tree Work	\$ 4,100.00	
Equipment Rental	<u>\$ 973.75</u>	\$ 6,573.75

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE		
Supplies		\$ 471.35
ROAD MAINTENANCE		
Gravel	\$ 6,652.00	
Calcium	\$ 9,206.25	
Culverts	\$ 4,734.00	
Road Signs	\$ 127.23	
Equipment Parts/Supplies	<u>\$ 795.50</u>	\$21,514.98
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE		
Equipment Parts & Supplies	\$ 981.59	
Equipment Repair	\$ 3,500.00	
Diesel Fuel & Gas	\$ 3,216.39	
Tires	\$ 5,143.04	
State Inspections	\$ 470.00	
Grader	\$ 320.00	
Truck Parts & Supplies	\$ 2,410.01	
Truck Repairs	<u>\$ 6,020.73</u>	\$22,061.77
TRAINING & DUES		
Medical Testing		<u>\$ 588.15</u>
	<u>\$118,472.64</u>	
	\$ 2,782.04	
Transferred to Highway Equipment Reserve		
	<u>\$ 2,782.04</u>	\$ 0.00

## HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

INCOME:		
Balance 1/1/21	\$48,188.64	
Appropriated	\$15,000.00	
Trans. in from Winter Roads	\$ 5,893.94	
Trans. in from Summer Roads	\$ 2,782.04	
Interest	<u>\$ 136.24</u>	\$72,000.96

## ROAD PAVING RESERVE ACCOUNT

INCOME:		
Balance 1/1/21	\$477,826.05	
Appropriated	\$215,000.00	
Interest	<u>\$ 730.68</u>	\$693,556.73
Paid Out		<u>\$574,291.51</u>
	\$119,265.22	

## LRAP GRANT RESERVE ACCOUNT

INCOME:		
Balance 1/1/21	\$106,867.47	
Interest	\$ 276.37	
Received from State of Maine	<u>\$ 42,692.00</u>	\$149,835.84

EXPENDITURES:

Trans. to Gravel Roads Reserve	\$ <u>10,000.00</u>	\$106,867.47
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**SIDEWALK RESERVE ACCOUNT**

INCOME:

Balance 1/1/21	\$ 10,734.29	
Appropriated	\$ <u>2,000.00</u>	\$13,734.29

**GRAVEL ROADS RESERVE ACCOUNT**

INCOME:

Balance 1/1/21	\$ 13,016.00	
Appropriated	\$ <u>10,000.00</u>	\$23,016.00

**Road Commissioner Report**

The winter of 2021 was a challenge. There were snowstorms but also a lot of freezing rain. Freezing rain is a challenge because the sand/salt washes off the road just about as fast as we put it on. And when we have cold temperatures, the salt does not work as well to melt the ice. We used up most of our winter sand pile and had to replenish it this fall.

This year Arthur Myers, Matthew Ricker, and Eric Peterson cut roadside brush. We did the road paving project 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 used the same chip seal method we used on the South Solon Road in 2018.

Unfortunately, we had some people who thought it was a great idea to spin their tires on the new pavement and some repairs had to be made. Also, we have a problem with some people spinning their tires and doing donuts on the gravel roads. Please be mindful that you might enjoy doing it but it is a cost to the taxpayers to repair the damage you are causing.

We did some gravel road work on Hole in the Wall Road and Eaton Hill Road. We are planning on doing more gravel road work in 2022.

Please remember to slow down and drive carefully in the road work areas to keep our road crew safe. Not all work areas have good sight distance so please slow down and drive with caution when you see our road work signs.

The Ford F350 dump truck with sander and plow that we purchased in 2020 has shown to be very useful and a great asset.

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 the stop signs can cause a serious, if not fatal, accident.

We are planning a road paving project in 2022 on the River Road. We will be using a regular hot mix paving application due to the large volume of heavy truck traffic on this road.

Jim Quimby continued to assist us part time on the road crew this year. Raymond Young left the road crew in the fall. We were sorry to have him leave. We added Justin Kerschner to our road crew this fall. Welcome, Justin! Joe Madore also helped us out this year.

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



Justin Kerschner & Glenn Richardson, Road Crew



Jim Quimby, Road Crew

# TRANSFER STATION REPORT

## TRANSFER STATION

### INCOME:

Appropriated	\$79,000.00	
Sticker Fees	\$ 2,000.00	
Disposal Fees	\$ 1,903.00	
Steel Recycling	\$ 4,379.90	
Reimbursement	\$ 111.68	
Compost Bin Sales	<u>\$ 135.00</u>	\$87,529.58

### EXPENDITURES:

#### LABOR

David Dickey	\$ 4,959.00	
Joseph Madore	\$11,446.07	
Deborah Brackett	\$ 6,576.50	
Jospeh Tolman	\$ 602.00	
Gary Bishop	\$ 839.90	
Glenn Richardson	\$ 139.50	
Joseph Madore, driving	<u>\$ 4,768.00</u>	\$29,330.97

#### UTILITIES

Central Maine Power	\$ 665.31	
TDS Telecom	<u>\$ 586.28</u>	\$ 1,251.59

#### SUPPLIES

Supplies	\$ 606.00	
Garage	\$ 623.90	
Safety Equipment/Signs	<u>\$ 154.77</u>	\$ 1,384.67

#### MILEAGE

Mileage Reimbursement		\$ 589.40
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#### CONTRACTED SERVICES

Trash Disposal Fee	\$41,603.84	
Recycling Program	\$ 1,429.00	
Tubs Transport	\$ 160.00	
Porta Potty	<u>\$ 300.00</u>	\$43,492.84

#### PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Property Maintenance		\$ 160.00
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#### EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

Equipment Parts & Supplies	\$ 443.75	
Equipment Repair	\$ 352.50	
Diesel Fuel & Gas	\$ 1,854.21	
Tires	\$ 1,320.60	
Truck Parts & Supplies	\$ 277.31	
Truck Repairs	\$ 4,801.61	
State Inspections	<u>\$ 599.00</u>	\$ 9,648.98

#### TRAINING/DUES

Licensing	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	<u>\$85,958.45</u>
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\$ 1,571.13

Transferred to TS Truck & Tub Reserve

\$ 1,571.13

\$ 0.00

## TRANSFER STATION TRUCK & EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/21	\$1,757.11	
Appropriated	\$7,500.00	
Trans. in from Transfer Station	\$1,571.13	
Interest	\$ 12.21	\$10,840.45

## 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, 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

<b><u>Tires:</u></b> 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
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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 513.97 tons to Waste Management with a total cost of \$41,603.84 in tipping fees during 2021, which is an decrease of \$1,583.41 over last year. Our trash costs us a little over \$100 per ton in transport and landfill costs. Tonnage breakdown is: 294.44 tons household waste, 219.44 tons demolition debris.

On the other hand, Solon paid just over \$1,429 to recycle the cardboard, paper and plastic. We were paid \$1,903 for the tin cans, metal and batteries. The more we recycle, the more we save.

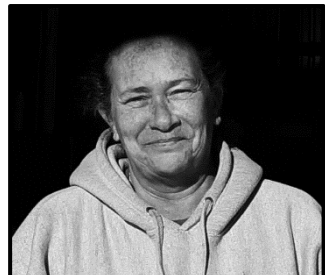
Even though most recyclable items are accepted at the Transfer Station for no cost, we do charge a small fee for some. Those fees help cover the extra costs the Town is charged for disposing of those items. Please pay the attendant if you drop off any of the items on the list located on the previous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

We 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, 2022 and we can pay the fee to join in.



Joe Madore &  
Deborah Brackett,  
Transfer Station  
Attendants



## 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.

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

### Dave Dickey

The Selectmen want to give a special recognition to long time Transfer Station Attendant, Dave Dickey. Dave started working at our transfer station in 2010. Over the years he did a great job and was a great asset to the town. Unfortunately, this May Dave had a stroke and was no longer able to work. He is slowly recovering at home now and would enjoy visits from his friends from the transfer station.



Thanks to Dave, Joe and Deb 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.

***REMEMBER TO REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE!***

# FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Station Phone: 207-643-2291

Emergencies: 911

Radio: 100

## OFFICERS:

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

## FIRE WARDENS (for fire permits)

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

## FIREFIGHTERS:

Derek Dellarma	Blin Rollins, III
Nick Rollins	Meagan Corson
Zane Brown	Brian Livingstone
Aaron Fitzmaurice	Frederick Mayo
Brandi Crocker	

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

### INCOME:

Appropriated	\$31,000.00	
Appropriated Fire Chief Salary	\$ 7,350.00	
Trans. In from F. D. Reserve	\$ 829.46	
On Line Burn Permits	\$ 62.00	
Donations	\$ 1,576.00	
Insurance Reimb. (traffic control)	<u>\$ 1,125.00</u>	\$41,942.46

### EXPENDITURES:

#### LABOR

Duayne Rollins, Fire Chief	\$ 7,350.00
Duayne Rollins	\$ 1,855.00
Brian Coombs	\$ 1,407.00
Jen Rollins	\$ 1,363.00
Kevin Lacroix	\$ 673.00
Richard Kelley	\$ 1,775.00

Brian Livingstone	\$ 202.00		
Derek Dellarma	\$ 170.00		
Zane Brown	\$ 236.00		
Todd Dixon	\$ 765.00		
Meagan Corson	\$ 1,510.00		
Nick Rollins	\$ 1,632.00		
Blin Rollins, III	\$ 80.00		
Aaron Fitzmaurice	\$ 15.00		
Brandi Crocker	<u>\$ 661.00</u>	\$20,778.00	
UTILITIES			
Central Maine Power	\$ 862.78		
OTT Communications-Phone	\$ 157.09		
Solon Water District	\$ 853.21	\$ 1,873.08	
SUPPLIES			
Office Supplies	\$ 323.39		
Shop Supplies	\$ 2,831.71		
Safety Equipment	\$ 7,997.51		
Activity Supplies	<u>\$ 90.00</u>	\$11,242.61	
CONTRACTED SERVICES			
Equipment		\$ 800.00	
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE			
Building Maintenance	\$ 2,399.72		
Furnace Maintenance	<u>\$ 109.40</u>	\$ 2,509.12	
FEES & MAINTENANCE FEES			
Computer Maintenance		\$ 95.00	
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE			
Equipment Parts & Supplies	\$ 1,046.43		
Diesel Fuel & Gasoline	\$ 1,222.56		
Tires	\$ 135.00		
Truck Parts & Supplies	\$ 334.76		
State Inspections	<u>\$ 120.00</u>	\$ 2,858.75	
TRAINING & DUES			
Dues	\$ 230.00		
Medical Testing	<u>\$ 1,555.90</u>	<u>\$ 1,785.90</u>	<u>\$41,942.46</u>
			\$ 0.00

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL PROJECTS**

Transferred in from:

Rainy Day Fund	\$20,000.00		
Fire Dept. Capital Reserve	\$ 4,000.00		
Municipal Buildings Capital Res.	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	\$25,000.00	
Paid Out for Addition to the Fire Station		<u>\$25,000.00</u>	\$0.00

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

Balance 1/1/21	\$ 3,172.96		
Interest	<u>\$ 7.94</u>		\$3,180.90

## FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/21	\$4,508.21		
Interest	<u>\$ 10.45</u>	\$4,518.66	
Transferred to FD Capital Projects		<u>\$4,000.00</u>	\$518.66

## FIRE DEPARTMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

### INCOME:

Balance 1/1/21	\$ 265.12		
Donations	\$7,622.00		
Interest	<u>\$ 9.14</u>	\$7,896.26	
Transferred to Fire Department		<u>\$ 829.46</u>	\$7,066.80

## FIRE CALLS

	Total Calls	46	
Vehicle Accidents	11	Fire Alarms	3
Structure Fires	2	Assist EMS	4
Mutual Aid Given	15	Grass/Brush Fires	3
Chimney Fire	1	Electrical Lines/Trees	7

### ***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**

Well hard to believe it is this time of year again. Time goes by so fast but I always look forward to this report as it allows me time to be able to thank people and let the town know what the Fire Department has been doing throughout the year.

The big topic this year is our new addition. We are very close to completing this project. It has taken a little while to get this project completed because, as a department, we decided to build it on our own to keep the cost down. As we were preparing for the project, people in town noticed so they asked what was happening. As word got out that we, as a department, were doing the addition we were greatly surprised by the many volunteers who came to lend a hand. So, we want to say a huge THANK YOU to Jimmy Peters, Wes Hupper, Robert Forsten, Blin Rollins, Jr., Jeremy Farmer, Thomas Roderick, Linda Cipriano, and, of course, the firefighters and their families.

I also want to say thank you to Foss Enterprise, Heather and Robert Forsten, David and Mary McAllister, Fred Rockwell, Steve Lawyerson, Doug Sukeforth, Jimmy's Market, and Ken's Family Restaurant. With your donations we were able to purchase new equipment, train on how to use a chainsaw safely and efficiently, have a BBQ for the class of new firefighters going through training, and a wonderful Christmas Party for the firefighters.

This year we were able to have our Memorial Day Weekend toll booth again and it was a great success. We look forward to this every year. It allows us to get out and talk with the town's people and people passing through our great town.

Another great event that took place this summer was the Chili Cook Off that the New Hope Church hosted. They put together a chili cook off, silent auction, and a bake sale with all the proceeds going to the Fire Department. This was a great event with the fire departments from Anson, Bingham, Jackman, West Forks, and Solon battling for the best tasting chili. Bingham won first place and Solon took second place.

The fireworks once again were another success. Thank you to the town for the funding and thank you for the other donations that come in for it.

We did Fire Prevention in October at the Solon Elementary School. The firefighters were able to go into the school and help educate students and staff on fire safety.

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, monthly 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



Jaws of Life Training



Fire Station Addition





The New Hope's Firefighter's Chili Cook Off  
(their Chili was great!!!)

***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 Ourderkirk, Chairman (2024)

Richard Roberts, Vice Chair (2023)

Mary Lou Ridley (2022)

Allyn Foss (2023)

Richard Searles (2024)

Leslie Giroux (2022)

Stacy Robinson (2022)

Amanda Slamm (2024)

Patricia Whipple (2024)

The Trustees are grateful to:

- The Board of Selectmen for their interest in, and support of Library Services.
- Library Director Megan Myers for her enthusiasm and initiative in expanding programs and success in receiving grants.
- Patrons who donate recently published books that expand our Collections beyond what we are able to purchase - and to those who contribute funds to the Friends of the Coolidge Library.
- Town residents who volunteer when their assistance is needed.

The most extensive project of the year was Mold Remediation in the basement. An inspection by a Maine Municipal Association Consultant revealed growth of black and white molds on the walls, ceilings, and contents of the two basement rooms. Contractor estimates limited to mold removal ranged from twelve to fifteen thousand dollars, more than our entire annual operating budget. Town employees were drafted and others volunteered to do the project ourselves.

They boxed up hundreds of duplicate donations, carried them up the stairs, and stacked them on pallets in storage for later sale. They moved the furniture up the stairs to storage. They carried five truckloads of trash out and took them to the Transfer Station.

Thank you to: Leslie Giroux, Megan Myers, Darylyne Provost, Bruce and Pat Whipple, John Giroux, Chad Poulin, Steve Ouderkirk, Matt Giguere, Holly Deal, the Highway Department Crew and the Transfer Station Staff; to Chris Shaw for accepting material better suited for the Historical Society; and to Allyn Foss for spraying down the basement with mold killing solution. Library Capital Reserve Funds were used to have the area sealed and painted.

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, most business has been conducted by email in 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jane Ouderkirk

## Library Expansion Committee 2021 Report

Jane Ouderkirk, (Chair)

Elaine Aloes

Judy Belanger

Allyn Foss

Leslie Giroux

Megan Myers

Darylyne Provost

Mary Lou Ridley

Richard Roberts

The Coolidge Library is an architectural gem in the town center. Opened in 1932, the original plot and building were given to the Town by Frederick Coolidge with an endowment fund for operations. When the endowment ceased to provide adequate revenue for operations, the Town assumed the cost. Planning for future expansion, the Town purchased two adjacent plots of land which have been combined with the original plot and registered as a single plot following a survey this year.

Expectations for Library services and programs have changed significantly over the last ninety years and the existing building cannot meet those expectations. The Library Expansion Committee was appointed to propose solutions to two major issues which can be solved by building a Library addition.

The building does not meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

- Neither the entrance nor the water closet are accessible and there is inadequate space between shelving and other furniture to navigate a walker or wheelchair. Besides making the building unusable for some residents, the lack of access renders us ineligible for educational, entertainment, and other programs which are offered at no cost to public libraries.

The amount of usable space is severely restricted.

- For every volume added to the collection, one must be withdrawn to make room for it. We are not able to keep all of the titles of books published in series, a favorite of many users.
- There is no privacy for patrons using the public computers. Screens are visible to all onlookers. Those researching diseases, legal and financial issues, and other confidential matters should have privacy.
- We have no space to hold regular programs like preschool story hours without disrupting access to materials and quiet study.

The Committee will be conducting a survey to hear what you would like to have available at the Library and to identify priority services. Your assistance with the planning process will be appreciated.

We will be having a Ninetieth Birthday Party for the Library in the Summer of 2022. Please join us for cake and other goodies and tour the Library while you're there.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Ouderkirk

## LIBRARIAN REPORT

Greetings from The Coolidge Library! In 2021, almost 1,000 patrons passed through our doors. Those patrons borrowed nearly 1,300 materials. Our most popular category in 2021 was adult fiction, with books by Jane Harper, Kristin Hannah, and Paul Doiron leading the pack in popularity. Narrowly following adult fiction, was children's fiction. We have close to 2,000 children's books available for lending, and about 3,000 books available for adults. Each month, we add new books to our collection while continually weeding out books that no longer circulate or are in poor condition. Patrons regularly remark at their surprise to see the hot, new book they are looking for. Being a small town library, we are faced with many challenges, but we prioritize selecting new, diverse, and high-quality, high-interest books for our patrons. We logged hundreds of computer sessions and answered numerous reference inquiries. Wi-Fi access is accessible on our grounds 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We continue to offer seeds through our Seed Lending Library, and we welcome donations of saved seed from your gardens. Seed saving resources are also available here.

2022 is on track to be a year of tremendous growth for the library. I have been working diligently to secure grants to advance my directorial and programming skill sets, as well as to acquire new technology for the library. The library was awarded a grant through ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) for \$3,000. These funds will be used to purchase a 3-Dimensional printer, and to support STEAM programming in the library. I am anxious to begin program planning for children, teens and adults. This Summer's Reading Program, *Oceans of Possibilities*, will run from June 23-August 4. This program is designed for all ages and abilities and everyone is welcome to participate. We will offer activities, literacy challenges, story times, games, special guests, and prizes. Participants need to be signed up no later than June 16.

I want to acknowledge our wonderful community for being so accepting of our Covid-19 Safety protocols. Between the spacing and time restrictions we had to impose, as well as our current mask requirement, as a whole, our patrons have been patient, compliant, and cooperative. I thank you for showing care and concern for the health and safety of your community. Please, take time to visit the library this year and see what fantastic programming and materials we have to offer you and your family. The library will be open Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

Respectfully submitted, Megan Myers Library Director



Respectfully, Megan Myers  
Library Director

Congratulations to the Bookmark Contest winners



## COOLIDGE LIBRARY RESERVE

### INCOME

Balance 1/1/21	\$	649.57	
Appropriated	\$	16,000.00	
Investment Funds	\$	3,500.00	
Fees and Donations	\$	<u>254.76</u>	\$ 20,404.33

### EXPENDITURES

Megan Myers, Librarian	\$	12,902.80
Laura Layman, Librarian	\$	97.20

Books	\$	2,091.92		
Post Office	\$	61.00		
Central Maine Power	\$	617.54		
TDS Telecom	\$	692.84		
Solon Water District	\$	219.20		
SSB-Safe Deposit Box	\$	149.90		
Security System	\$	75.00		
Activities	\$	632.00		
Activities Supplies	\$	134.00		
Computer Program Fees	\$	225.00		
Building Maintenance	\$	75.00		
Grounds Maintenance	\$	515.00		
Supplies	\$	<u>872.34</u>	<u>\$ 19,320.74</u>	\$1,083.59

## LIBRARY BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1/20	\$30,731.71		
Appropriated	\$ 3,000.00		
Interest	<u>\$ 72.01</u>	\$33,803.72	
EXPENDITURES			
Building Repairs		<u>\$ 6,808.80</u>	\$26,994.92

## LIBRARY MEMORIAL & INVESTMENT FUNDS

### RAYMOND JAMES INVESTMENT FUND

Principal \$87,380.00

Investment Value 1/1/21	\$97,295.53		
Income	\$ 4,596.27		
Investment Change in Value	<u>\$ 1,595.90</u>	\$103,487.70	
Less			
Trans. to Coolidge Library Res.	<u>\$ 3,500.00</u>		
Investment Advisor Fees	<u>\$ 991.65</u>	<u>\$ 4,491.65</u>	
Invest. Funds Balance 12/31/21			\$98,996.05

#### Library & Memorial Fund Principals:

Library	\$70,000.00		
Harriet French	\$ 725.00		
L&M McDonough	\$ 6,000.00		
Charlotte Russel	\$ 2,400.00		
Glennis Rogers	\$ 510.00		
Bertha Whitney	\$ 245.00		
R&H Tozier	\$ 5,000.00		
Malcolm & Mary Hall	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>	\$87,380.00	
Available Funds 12/31/2021		<u>\$11,616.05</u>	\$98.996.05

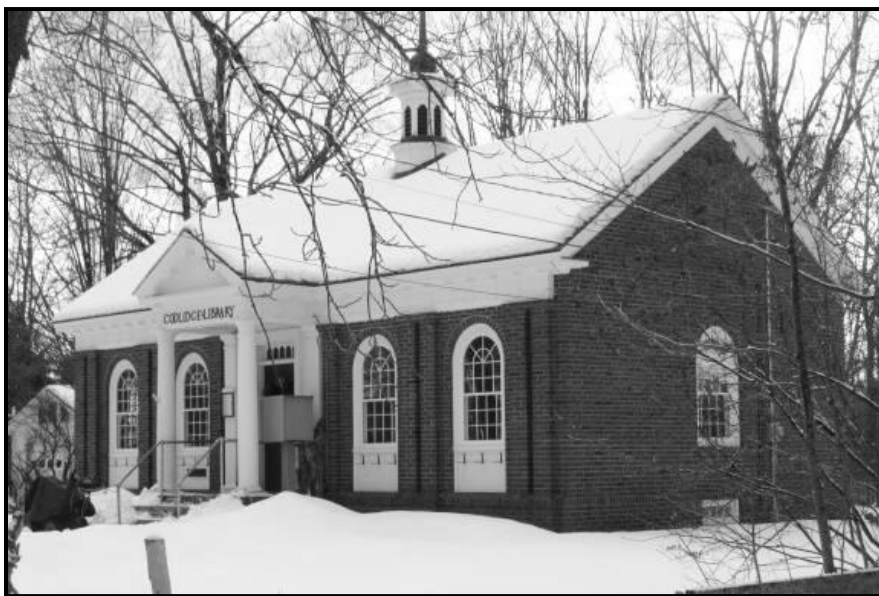
## COOLIDGE LIBRARY HISTORY

The Coolidge Library was first opened to the public on November 18, 1932. This was made possible by the late Fred A. Coolidge, a native of Solon, whose will contained a bequest of \$25,000 for the erection and equipment of a library to be deeded to the town of Solon, with the provision that the balance of the money after all expenses of the building construction and equipment were paid, be invested and the income there from used for its maintenance.

Nellie Howland was the first librarian in the new building. Megan Myers is the current librarian.

The first library in Solon was started in 1815 and you had to be a member in order to borrow a book. It is not known how long this association survived. An old leaflet called the “Solon Advertiser” contains reference to a lending library maintained by the Buswells in the early 1870s.

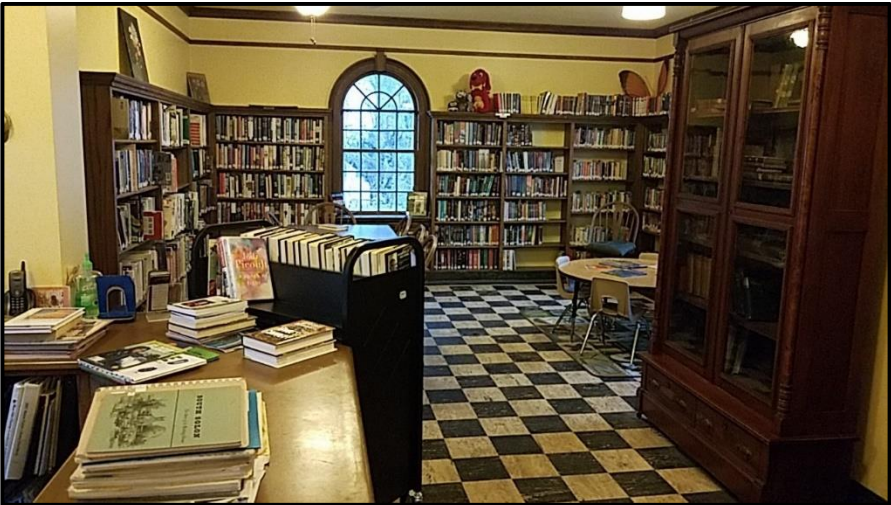
The original move to start a public library in Solon was instituted by the Solon Woman’s Club in 1906. It was in a space in a store in town and later moved to another building. In 1908 the town took over the library and it became known as the Solon Public Library. In 1926 the library was moved to the school where it remained until the Coolidge Library was built.



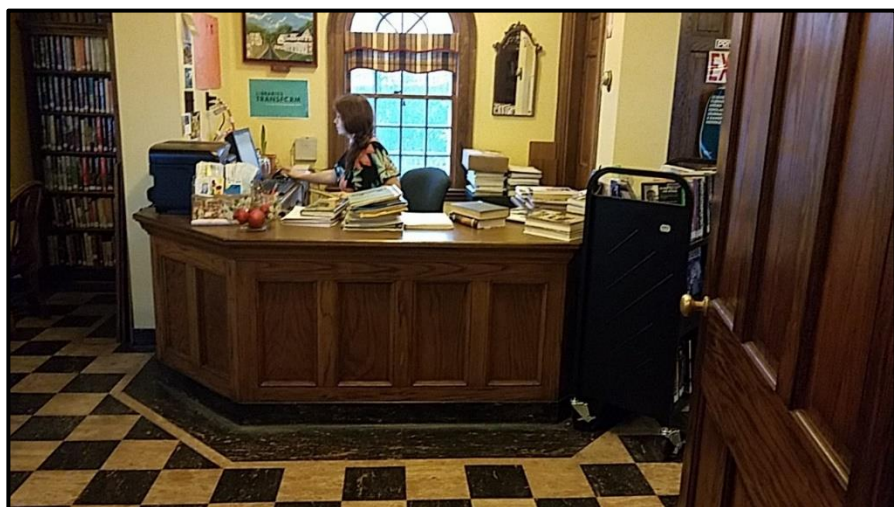
Coolidge Library



Photos of the interior of the Coolidge Public Library today:







# CEMETERIES & VETERAN GRAVES

## CEMETERIES

### INCOME:

Appropriated	\$15,500.00	
Investment Funds	<u>\$ 924.32</u>	\$16,424.32

### 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	
Flags & Holders	\$ 400.32	
Grounds Maintenance	\$ 524.00	
Tree Maint. & Removal	<u>\$ 750.00</u>	<u>\$16,424.32</u> \$0.00

## CEMETERY MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Balance 1/1/21	\$8,096.49	
Appropriated	\$4,500.00	
Donations	<u>\$3,000.00</u>	\$15,596.49
Paid Out: Gravestone Maintenance		<u>\$10,800.00</u> \$4,796.49

## CEMETERY LOT PURCHASE RESERVE

Balance 1/1/21	\$ 750.00	
Income	<u>\$3,200.00</u>	\$3,950.00
Transferred to Investment Fund		<u>\$1,700.00</u> \$2,250.00

## RAYMOND JAMES INVESTMENT FUND

	Principal \$163,170.00	
Investment Value 1/1/21	\$202,044.72	
Deposit, Lot Sales	\$ 1,700.00	
Income	\$ 9,525.37	
Investment Change in Value	<u>\$ 3,419.56</u>	\$216,689.65
Less		
Withdrawals	\$ 924.32	
Investment Advisor Fees	<u>\$ 2,072.51</u>	<u>\$ 2,996.83</u>
Invest. Funds Balance 12/31/21		\$213,692.82
Available Funds 12/31/21	\$50,522.82	

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 not 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.

In 2022 we are planning to replace the fence at the South Solon Cemetery. The estimated cost is about \$20,000. We have already received some donations for this project. If you wish to donate to the project, please contact the Selectmen.



9/11 Memorial at the Solon Fire Department on 09/11/2002  
(Former Fire Chief, Ronald Brown)

# PLANNING BOARD'S REPORT

MICHAEL GOLDEN, CHAIRMAN (2023) 643-2219

Frank Evangelista, Vice Chairman (2023) Albert Starbird (2022)

Dianna Rollins, Secretary (2023) Kerri Evangelista (2024)

Richard Kelley, 1st Alt. (2024)

INCOME:			
Balance 1/1/201	\$11,676.55		
Interest	\$ 30.72		
Permits	<u>\$ 1,790.00</u>	\$13,497.27	
EXPENDITURES:			
Supplies	\$ 179.95		
Secretary	<u>\$ 279.50</u>	<u>\$ 495.45</u>	\$13,217.82

PERMITS:			
Residential Permits	18	Residential Accessory Permits	20
Commercial Acc. Permits	2	Shoreland Zone Permits	7

## PLANNING BOARD REPORT

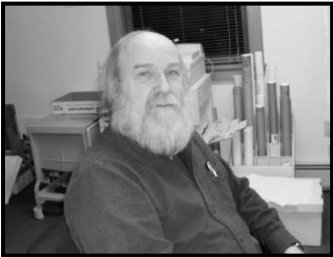
In 2021 building activity was similar to 2020. Even with the substantial increase in building material costs, the level of building activity remained stable.

Currently the Planning Board is working to update the Site Plan Development Ordinance. This update will address the need for a level of oversight and regulation of commercial solar energy facilities. We feel that oversight and regulation of these installations is necessary to maintain the open space and rural character of Solon. Upon completion of the update, we will conduct a public hearing to gather input and answer your questions. We look forward to seeing you there.

In early summer of 2021, we returned to our regular meeting schedule. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the conference room at the town office. Also, we would like to remind everyone that our meetings are open to the public and we urge you to attend if you have any questions, or feel free to contact a board member if we can be of assistance. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Solon Town Office Conference Room. We look forward to serving you in the upcoming year. Please review the Planning Board Notices in the Notices section of this town report.

We would like to thank the town’s people for your cooperation and support during the last year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michael R. Golden, Chairman



# RECREATION

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

## SOLON RECREATION PROGRAM

### RECREATION

Appropriated		\$1,000.00	
Paid Out			
Soccer Equipment	\$ 175.88		
Baseball Equipment	\$ 310.55		
Safety Supplies	<u>\$ 50.00</u>	<u>\$ 509.39</u>	\$1,396.80

### RECREATION RESERVE

Income			
Balance 1/1/21		\$2,446.22	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 0.00</u>	\$2,446.22

### RECREATION FACILITIES & MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Income			
Balance 1/1/21		\$2,000.00	
Appropriated		<u>\$1,000.00</u>	\$3,000.00

### JULY 4<sup>th</sup> FIREWORKS

Appropriated	\$1,500.00	
Income - Donations (multiple)	\$ 500.00	
Expenses	<u>(\$1,950.00)</u>	\$50.00

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

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

**Email: [townofsolon.recreation@yahoo.com](mailto:townofsolon.recreation@yahoo.com)**



## SOLO N COMMUNITY RECREATION DEPARTMENT

*ATTENTION COMMUNITY MEMBERS....*

*Do you like to work with children?*

*Give back to our community?*

*Enjoy sports and youth activities?*

***We are in need of volunteers:***

***Community Youth Recreation Director***

***Soccer Coaches***

***Basketball Coaches***

***Baseball Coaches***

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

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

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Solon Recreation Committee**

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



# *Solon's Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks*

On July 4<sup>th</sup> at dusk at the Solon Elementary School



## SWIM/CAMP PROGRAM

The 2021 Solon summer recreation program was a great success. Pandemic or not, we were successful getting our community children together for some fun and educational activities. We held a 3 week program at the Solon Elementary School that also included 2 swim days at Lake George and 2 trips to the town library for programs and entertainment.

We had about 20 children participating in the program that included arts and crafts, science experiments and visiting programs. Painting, bubbles, vinegar and baking soda, tie dye, reading, making musical instruments were some of the activities enjoyed by all. We enjoyed visits from our local game warden, Chad Robertson, State Bee Biologist, Jennifer Lund, Cooperative Extension Educator (former Solon Student), Alice Cantrell and the L.C. Bates Museum. Special Thanks to them all.

Thank you to our RSU 74 districts summer meal program that provides free breakfast and lunch to our children 18 and under. As always, thank you to Coolidge Library librarian, Megan Myers, for including us in her programs. Mr. Drew and his animals too and musician, Mr. Harley were highlights and enjoyed by parents and children alike.

Thank you to all my helpers, students, Ciarrah, Alyssa, Ella and Grace and parent Raya Marshall. Finally, a special thank you to my daughter, Rachel Layman. Without dedicated volunteers this program would not be able to continue and offer the high quality programs that our community children are able to enjoy. If you would like to volunteer or have an activity that you would like to share, please feel free to get in touch with the town or me.

Respectfully, Laura Layman, Program Director



Making slime





Library visit activity



# AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

## SOLON AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM RESERVE ACCOUNT

### INCOME:

Balance 1/1/21	\$10,109.16	
Appropriated	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	\$11,109.16

### EXPENSES:

Jenifer Mello, Director	\$ 1,000.00		
Melissa Dube	\$ 700.00		
Ellen Howell	\$ 700.00		
Supplies	<u>\$ 148.07</u>	<u>\$ 2,548.07</u>	\$8,561.09

Due to COVID there were no After School Program sessions in the beginning of 2021. In the fall of 2021, there was a 6-week session held 3 days a week. The After School Program joined with RSU 74 to provide this program.

RSU 74 had funds available through the COVID grant to help students with education enrichment and homework. The school district provided teachers and aides to help with the program and wanted it to be a 3 day a week program available to all the children in grades K – 5. Our director, Jen Mello, worked with the school staff to develop a program that was a mixture of homework, reading, crafts, and educational and fun activities. There are 2 more sessions planned for the rest of this school year. There are about 30 children who participated in the fall session

RSU 74 says they have the grant funding to do this for two years. The school district provided the snacks and most of the supplies plus teachers and aides.

The collaboration of our program with the school's program has been a great benefit to our children. The in-classroom teaching that was lost during the COVID shutdowns has been hard on our children. This will help them catch up on some of the educational opportunities they missed during the shut downs.

Children from Grades K – 5 are welcome to attend these sessions. Notices about upcoming sessions are sent home with the students' school notices.

# TOWN SCHOLARSHIPS

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

## RAYMOND JAMES INVESTMENT FUND

Principal \$30,593.29

Investment Value 1/1/21	\$64,722.34		
Income	\$ 3,033.45		
Investment Change in Value	<u>\$ 1,112.57</u>	\$68,868.36	
Less			
Investment Advisor Fees		<u>\$ 659.74</u>	
Invest. Funds Balance 12/31/2			\$68,208.62
Principal:			
Jones Fund Principal	\$29,323.29		
Ruth Cross Principal	\$ 1,270.00	\$30,593.29	
Available:			
Jones Fund Available Funds	\$37,220.71		
Ruth Cross Available Funds	<u>\$ 394.62</u>	<u>\$37,615.33</u>	\$68,208.62

## JONES FUND SCHOLARSHIP RESERVE FUND

Income:			
Available Balance 1/1/21	\$12,781.32		
Interest Earned	\$ 29.45		
Investment Income	<u>\$ 7,283.88</u>	\$20,084.65	
2020 Scholarships Paid Out:			
Freshman Year Awards:			
Ariel Guinn	\$ 2,500.00		
2021 Sophomore Year Awards:			
Lilyana Aloes	\$ 1,500.00		
Lillian Johnson	\$ 1,500.00		
Chantel Whittemore	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,000.00</u>	\$13,004.65

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 2020 we had 1 application with the award decision made after December 31, 2021. As of December 31, 2021, the 2021 scholarship awards had not yet been presented to the Selectmen. The School Board Directors from Solon voted to award students that are in their second year of college to receive funds also. This is because of the large amount of available funds and the dwindling number of students applying for the scholarship money.

#### **RUTH CROSS SCHOLARSHIP RESERVE FUND**

Balance 1/1/21	\$ 76.00	
Interest	<u>\$ .00</u>	\$76.00
Paid Out:		
2020 Scholarship, Ariel Guinn	<u>\$75.00</u>	\$1.00

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.



Aerial view of Solon before the Solon School on South Main Street burned in 1979  
(Photographer unknown)

# **OLON COMMUNITY GARDEN**

## **Friends of Community Garden**

Contact Person: Deb Gerry - 643-2203

### Income:

Balance 1/1/2021	\$ 262.34	
Move More Kids Foundation Grant	<u>\$1,559.25</u>	\$1,821.59
Expenditures:		
Greenhouse & Garden Supplies	<u>\$1,040.67</u>	
		\$780.92

### Donated Materials and Supplies (Estimated Value)

Labor to improve the Greenhouse	\$ 880.00	
Greenhouse improvement materials	\$ 480.00	
Growing and harvesting supplies	\$1,870.00	
Plants and Seeds	<u>\$ 272.50</u>	\$3,502.50

Our garden did very well this year due in part to the help of Mother nature with better growing conditions and a much longer gardening season. Our dedicated garden team has grown in numbers and we are very thankful for the growing support of our community. The number of garden supporters has grown and the value of their time and donations exceeded \$3,500 again this year. One of our goals for the new year is to complete a very special dedication project to honor our faithful garden team member Lori Tucker, who passed late last year. We will miss her smile, talents and over the top willingness to help in any way possible.

We applied for and received a \$1,559.25 grant from the Move More Kids Community Grant program funded by the New Balance Foundation and Let's Go! MaineHealth through Somerset Public Health for 2021. We also just received word we have been granted \$2,000 for 2022 to further improve and expand our greenhouse and gardens.

Our goals for 2021 were to improve the greenhouse to allow for expanding our growing season and protect our produce from voles and mice, conduct sessions for children and gardeners in the greenhouse and raised bed growing, pruning, harvesting and composting. Even with COVID19 we met our goals this year. We connected directly with parents/caretakers of children and thus were able to have them in our garden and greenhouse for educational, physically challenging and fun activities. With the improvements to the greenhouse we were able and are continuing to grow produce in it. We expanded the garden by 5 raised beds and our first hay bale garden bed. A sign, with letters so we can change it based on events, was donated by the local church. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual seedling give away/exchange event, held in our garden, was very well attended and provided us the opportunity to educate people about our garden and goals. We also expanded our "grow a row" program to include more gardens and gardeners and welcomed new gardeners and team members some of whom now have personal beds in the Community Garden. Our garden team has expanded by 5 volunteers and continues to provide hands on

assistance, support and education to all interested gardeners. This year we introduced new vegetables; okra, tomatillo, Hungarian sweet and hot peppers and more. With this new produce we encouraged people to try them and help them know and understand how to use them by sharing recipes, explaining what produce and herbs they need to collect from us and other outside sources to try the recipes as well as helping with processing instructions. We again partnered with local farm stands to provide produce to our Food Cupboard. To date we have delivered in excess of 978 pounds of produce from our garden and a combined 584 pounds from grow a row participants and local farm stands for a total of over 1,561 pounds of food. Linda French and her Food Cupboard team do an outstanding job of getting our sometimes very large harvests distributed quickly; assuring the produce is 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 Lets 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. Please know we sincerely thank every one of our volunteers and supporters. This garden wouldn't be what it is without the support of our community.

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!







# **HISTORICALLY SPEAKING**

## **THE PAUL FAMILY QUILT**

In the October 2021 issue of the Smithsonian Magazine, there is the following article:

### **MATERIAL WITNESS**

For historians, quilts are much more than just decorative covers for a bed.

In 1812, Catherine Paul moved from Greenwich, Massachusetts, with her husband, William, their four sons and William's widowed mother to the frontier town of Solon, in what would become the state of Maine. There, Catherine sewed this quilt, embroidering it with images of family members and the tower of the town meeting house. It's part of a new show opening this month at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston of 58 quilts and bedcovers spanning 400 years of U.S. history, including masterpieces by African American artisans in the rural South, tributes to Civil War soldiers and the transcontinental railroad, and modern works that push the boundaries both aesthetic and political. Often patched together from myriad scrapes of fabric, quilts have long offered an easy metaphor for the diversity of a sprawling nation. But Curator Jennifer Swope argues they can tell plenty of other stories about culture, community and the power of remembrance. "Quilts," she says, "bear witness."

In the "Sketches from Solon's History", published in 1959 for Solon's 150<sup>th</sup> year celebration, there is a chapter about farms in Solon. In that chapter it talks about the location of farms on the various roads and sections of Solon. There is a paragraph that reads "Going east by the South Solon Cemetery, we pass the corner where once stood the fine early (1812) home of William Paul. This has been torn down. On a side road Truman Berry lives on the Alvin Heald farm."

This shows that the Paul farm was somewhere between the South Solon Cemetery and the Berry Road.





The Paul Family Quilt (1830-35) that is on display in “Fabric of a Nation: American Quilt Stories,” was made for a four-poster bed.

The ‘tower of the town meeting house’ on the quilt is in the second row down and is second in from the right. We are not sure what building tower it depicts. The South Solon Meeting House was not built until 1842. There was a church prior to that in South Solon that was called the South Solon Congregational Church of Christ. We don’t know where that was located or what it looked like.

## **OLON-EMBDEN FERRY**

The Embden-Solon Ferry was used for crossing the Kennebec River and was in service from about 1828 to 1911 when the bridge over the river was built.

The shore near the Moses Thompson homestead (Embden side) was known as Thompson's Landing and here about 1828 ferry service across the river was started. In 1828 Moses was paid \$7.50 for "the keeping and tending the ferry near Rices." Alan Hodgdon was the first to cross on it. Moses Thompson drowned in the icy waters of the Kennebec River at the ferry on Nov. 11, 1831.

The ferry-tender was on duty night and day, sometimes being called from his sleep to ferry people and teams across. The rates for the ferry were 3 cents per single team and 10 cents per double team at the time the ferry stopped operating. The boat itself was large enough to carry 6 single teams or 4 double teams, if the rigs weren't too long.

The ferry ran by the power furnished by the current of the river. There were 2 poles, one on either shore, with a cable between them. The current of the river pushed the back end of the ferry downstream and across the river at the same time. When the current was swift it was necessary to have 2 men to tend the hand-operated windlasses with ropes going up to pulleys that rode on the cable. When the river was calm, one man alone could control the boat by means of the rear windlass. If the current was slow enough, it sometimes was necessary to pole the boat across the river. The ferry could only be used when the river was clear of ice. During the winter people crossed the river on the ice when it was safe.

On the Embden side, the ferry crossing was just south of the bridge but during bridge construction the landing was filled in for the approach. There used to be some buildings on the river side where the ferry was housed in the winter.

Jotham "Jote" Stevens was the last ferry tender. The bridge was built from 1910-11 April 19, 1911. The current concrete bridge was completed about 1955. The Stevens house was the ferry-tender's home and was commonly referred to as the "ferry house". This house was later owned by Clayton Stevens, Sr. and Alice Elizabeth "Peggy" (Adams) Stevens, Clayton "Sonny" Stevens, Jr.'s parents. Jotham "Jote" Stevens was Sonny Stevens' Great Grandfather. The house burned in 1988. The "ferry house" was once a grist mill. The mill stone is now located at Sonny Stevens' resident, just south of the original Jotham Stevens' place.

The Stevens family has a long and storied history in the Embden-Solon area. Genealogical records show that the family has lived in the area from the early 1800's. The family has been known as one of the oldest families in Embden. No other family has been more permanently represented in Embden. They held many offices including Selectmen as early as 1817, Constable, Tax Collector, Town

Agent and moderator at town meetings all through the mid to late nineteenth century. Jotham's Uncle David was postmaster and a "much favored moderator and presided over town meetings in the 1860's -1870's. "

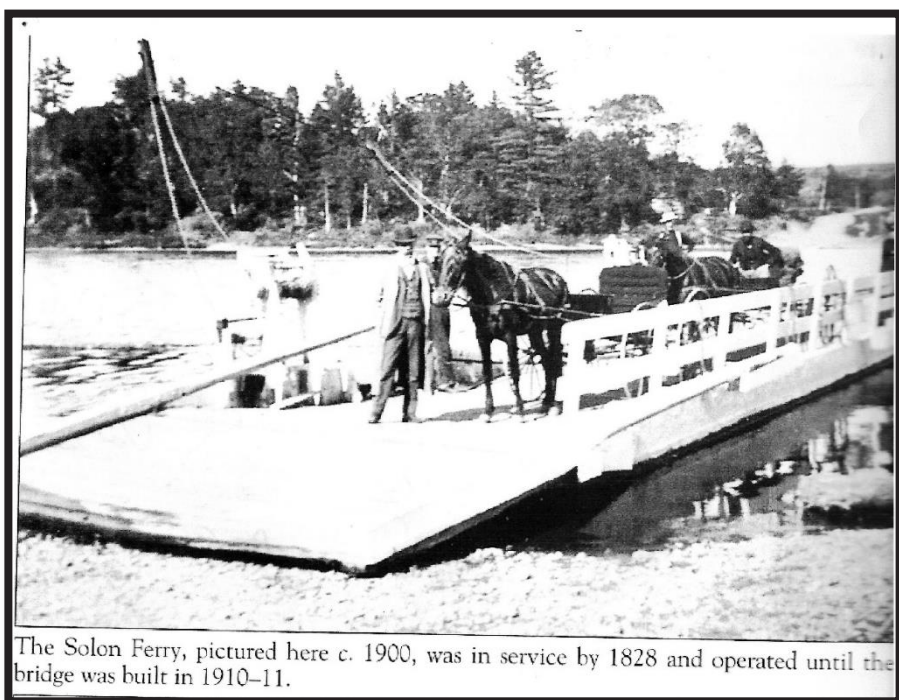
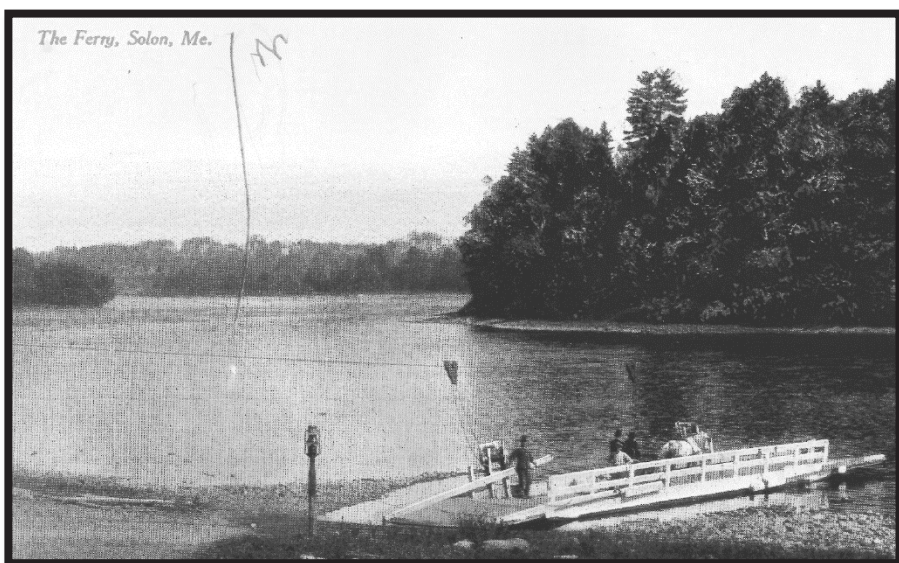
In 2018 – 2019 the bridge over the Kennebec was reconstructed. Rodney Hatch of Embden, on behalf of Clayton "Sonny" Stevens, Jr, now 85 years old, asked Representative Jack Ducharme of Madison if there was a way to honor his ancestors by naming this newly reconstructed bridge. The naming of the bridge had the support of the Select Boards on both sides of the Kennebec as well as the support of the Solon Historical Society and local historians on the Embden side of the river.

D 154, Resolution to name Bridge 2267 in the Town of Embden and the Town of Solon the Jotham and Emma Stevens Bridge was presented to the Legislature by Representative Ducharme of Madison and was cosponsored by Senator Farrin of Somerset and Representatives: Collamore of Pittsfield, Grignon of Athens, Poirier of Skowhegan, Skolfield of Weld, and Zager of Portland. On March 17, 2021 Governor Mills signed the Resolve and authorized the naming of the bridge the "Jotham and Emma Stevens Bridge".

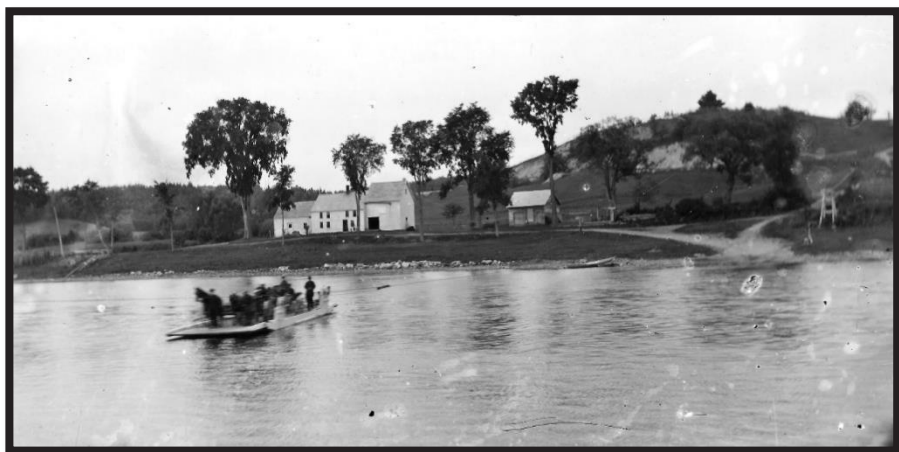
On July 23, 2021, a naming ceremony was held at the bridge and the bridge name signed was unveiled. Unfortunately, Clayton "Sonny" Stevens, Jr. was unable to attend. Other descendants of Jotham and Emma Stevens were at the ceremony:

Debbie Veneziano, Rusty Stevens, Dianna Gram,  
June Ann Giroux, and Clifford Giroux, Jr.





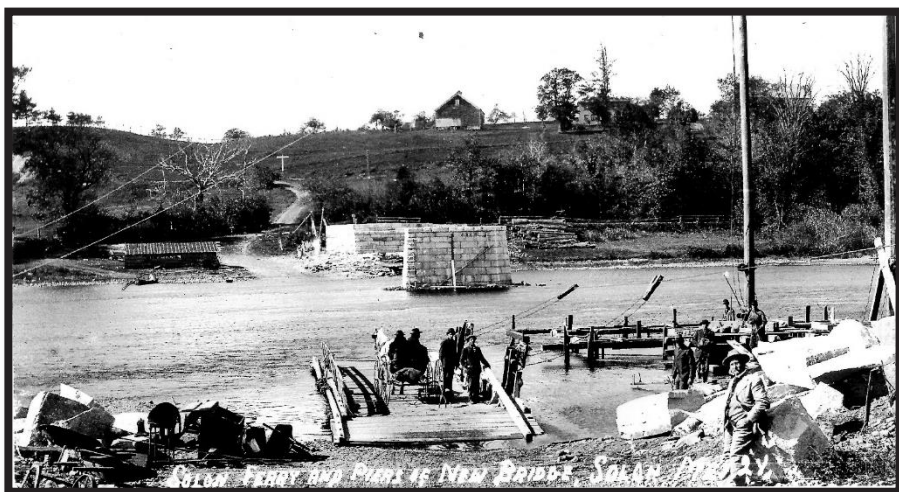




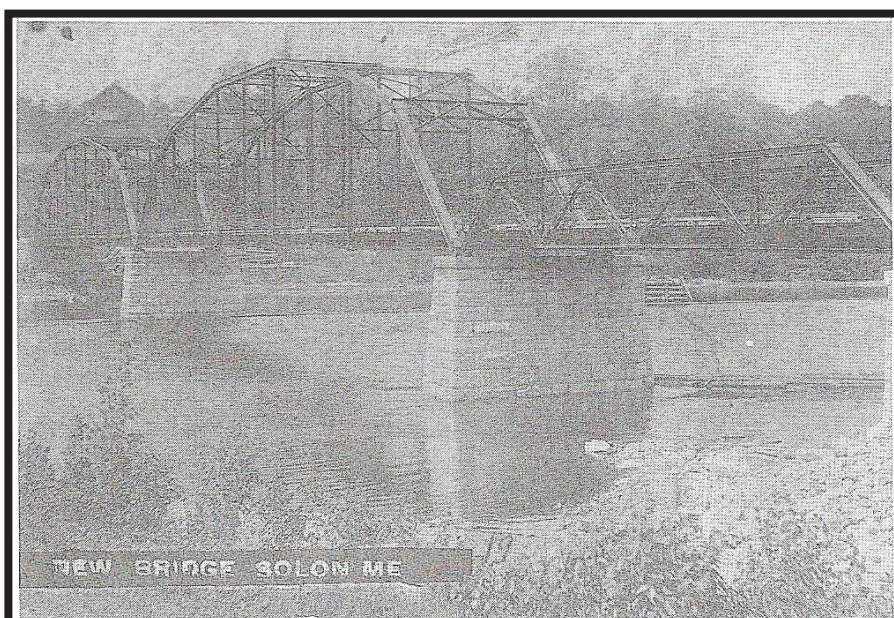
The ferry crossing looking at the Embden side



Ferry Street on the Solon side



Bridge being built in 1910 – 1911



The first bridge across the Kennebec to Embden, Built in the same general area that the ferry boat operated, (1910)

# 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 6:30 pm on the fourth Monday of each month. New members are always welcome and needed.

We can be found on Facebook at "Solon Maine Historical Society". Our email is [solonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto: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

Ann Padham (2025)      Bud Boynton (2024)      Jeff McAllister (2023)

## OFFICERS

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

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY RESERVE

Balance 1/1/2021	\$4,194.15	
Dues and Donations	\$ 720.00	
Investment Income	\$ 110.38	
Interest	<u>\$ 7.99</u>	\$5,032.52
Paid Out:		
Post Office Box	\$ 76.00	
Supplies	\$ 578.62	

Phone & Internet	\$ 1,159.16		
Electric	\$ 412.58		
Water District	<u>\$ 219.20</u>	<u>\$2,445.56</u>	\$2,586.96

#### **HISTORICAL SOCIETY MAINTENANCE RESERVE**

Balance 1/1/2021	\$3,609.04		
Donation	\$ 10.00		
Interest	<u>\$ 6.85</u>	\$3,625.89	
Paid Out:			
Heat	\$1,311.78		
Security System	\$ 274.89		
Grounds Maintenance	<u>\$ 308.60</u>	<u>\$1,895.27</u>	\$1,730.62

#### **RAYMOND JAMES INVESTMENT FUND**

Balance 1/1/21	\$155,816.90		
Income	\$ 7,279.18		
Fees	(\$ 1,588.34)		
Change in Value	<u>\$ 2,666.82</u>	\$164,174.56	

#### **INVESTMENT ACCOUNT BALANCES**

Maintenance Reserve Principal	\$110,000.00		
Available Funds	<u>\$ 32,198.44</u>	\$142,198.44	

Historical Society Reserve			
Available Funds		<u>\$ 21,976.12</u>	\$164,174.56



The Historical Society History House on South Main Street



# **SOLON WATER DISTRICT**

PO BOX 131, SOLON ME 04979-0131 ~ 207-643-2473  
 PAYMENT DROP BOX: SOLON TOWN OFFICE, 121 S. MAIN STREET

## TRUSTEES:

Michael Foster, Chairman (2023)	Arthur Rogers, Secretary (2024)
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	\$38,048.67	
Commercial Sales – Metered	\$ 9,087.70	
Public Authority – Metered	\$ 2,175.87	
Non-Profit - Sales Tax Exempt	\$ 1,306.80	
Public Fire Protection Charges	\$21,864.00	
Private Fire Protection Charges	\$ 685.40	
Establishment/Reconnection Fees	\$ 344.50	
Collection Trip Fees	\$ 504.00	
Other Service Revenue	<u>\$ 1,321.76</u>	\$75,338.70

## EXPENSES:

Salaries, labor, trustee stipends	\$14,614.00	
Central Maine Power	\$ 3,744.88	
Fuel for Power Production	\$ 1,005.64	
Supplies for Operations	\$ 6,435.05	
Supplies for Administration	\$ 1,257.24	
Contractual Accounting	\$ 8,870.72	
Contractual Testing	\$ 2,065.63	
Contractual Oher Field Work	\$ 4,470.00	
Contractual Other Admin/Finance	\$ 3,500.00	
Rental of Equipment	\$ 100.00	
Transportation Expense	\$ 396.72	
Insurance - Liability	\$ 3,745.50	
Advertising	\$ 435.60	
Telephone/Cell Expense	\$ 1,513.42	
Trainings/Conferences	\$ 531.22	
Loan Administration Fees	\$ 5,647.23	
Bank Fees & Safe Deposit Box Fee	\$ 45.00	
Dues & Miscellaneous Fees	\$ 370.00	
Regulatory Assessment Fees	\$ 1,035.10	
Payroll Taxes	<u>\$ 1,520.30</u>	<u>\$61,303.35</u>

Net Ordinary Income	\$14,035.35
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# 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 1/1/2021	\$5,069.62	
Town of Bingham	\$6,000.00	
Town of Caratunk	\$ 500.00	
Town of The Forks	\$1,000.00	
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	\$3,912.50	
Day Tickets	\$7,603.00	
Night Tickets	\$3,045.00	
Rentals	\$1,732.00	
Seasonal	\$1,995.00	
Donations	\$6,535.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 470.00</u>	\$49,112.12

## EXPEDITURES:

Bank Mortgage	\$7,145.25		
Telephone	\$ 44.28		
Fuel	\$ 275.94		
Plowing & Sanding	\$ 360.00		
Food	\$2,429.49		
Repairs	\$2,786.11		
Central Maine Power	\$6,034.63		
Heat	\$3,933.82		
Miscellaneous	\$3,867.61		
Insurance	\$5,972.75		
Inspections	\$ 526.52		
Taxes	<u>\$2,098.26</u>	<u>\$35,474.66</u>	\$13,637.46

# 2021 AUDITOR'S REPORT

KEEL J. HOOD  
Certified Public Accountant  
P.O. Box 302 - Fairfield, Maine 04937 - (207)453-2006

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

January 20, 2022

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Solon  
Solon, Maine

### Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Solon, Maine as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Town of Solon, Maine's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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 aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Solon, Maine, as of December 31, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Basis for Opinions

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am required to be independent of the Town of Solon, Maine, and to meet my ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to my audit. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinions.

### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Town of Solon, Maine's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but it is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud

is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or page 1 in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements. In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, I:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Town of Solon, Maine's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in my judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Town of Solon, Maine's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

I am required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that I identified during the audit.

#### **Required Supplementary Information**

Management has omitted Management's Discussion and 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 opinions on the basic financial statements are not affected by this missing information.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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 and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained 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.

*Jeff Wood, CPA*

## Statement 1

Statement of Net Position  
December 31, 2021

<b>ASSETS</b>		Governmental <u>Activities</u>
Current Assets:		
Cash		\$ 1,389,201
Receivables		
Taxes		115,285
Liens		32,662
	Total Current Assets	<u>1,537,148</u>
Noncurrent Assets:		
Capital assets, net		3,018,122
	Total Assets	<u>4,555,270</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable		16,691
Notes payable due within one year		4,045
	Total Current Liabilities	<u>20,736</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:		
Notes payable due in more than one year		10,866
	Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>10,866</u>
	Total Liabilities	<u>31,602</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt		
Unrestricted		3,003,211 1,520,457
	Total net position \$	<u><u>4,523,668</u></u>

## Statement 2

### Statement of Activities For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Function/Programs	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenues
	<u>Expenses</u>	Charges for <u>Services</u>	Operating grants and <u>contributions</u>	Capital grants and <u>contributions</u>	
Governmental activities:	\$				
General government	204,997	19,726		8,300	(176,971)
Protection	173,101	10,375			(162,726)
Public works	1,036,354	6,687	42,692		(986,975)
Leisure services	54,161	5,324	19,845		(28,992)
Health and sanitation	96,062	8,418			(87,644)
Social services	9,320		4,776		(4,544)
Special assessments	1,336,641				(1,336,641)
Unclassified	50,311		5,754		(44,557)
Debt service	7,000				(7,000)
 Total governmental activities	 2,967,947	 50,530	 73,067	 8,300	 (2,836,050)
					<u>Governmental</u>
					<u>Activities</u>
Net (expense) / revenue					
General revenues:					
Property taxes					1,718,221
Excise taxes					226,122
Interest and costs on taxes					16,044
Intergovernmental:					
State revenue sharing					161,342
Homestead exemption					101,588
Tree growth					68,077
Veterans reimbursement					2,291
BETE					91,392
Unrestricted interest					2,825
Miscellaneous					15,538
ARPA					56,821
Transfer in (out) from Trust Fund					4,424
 Total general revenues					 2,464,685
 Change in Net Position					 (371,365)
Net Position - beginning					4,895,033
Net Position - ending	\$				<u>4,523,668</u>

Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
December 31, 2021

Statement 3

	General Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$ 1,389,201	\$ 1,389,201
Receivables		
Taxes	115,285	115,285
Liens	32,662	32,662
Total Assets	<u>1,537,148</u>	<u>1,537,148</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable	16,691	16,691
Total Liabilities	<u>16,691</u>	<u>16,691</u>
<b>UNEARNED REVENUES</b>		
Deferred property taxes	126,300	209,000
Total Unearned Revenues	<u>126,300</u>	<u>209,000</u>
Total Liabilities and Unearned Revenues	<u>142,991</u>	<u>225,691</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>		
Assigned Revenues	402,527	402,527
Assigned Expenditures	376,848	376,848
Undesignated	614,782	614,782
Total Fund Equity	<u>1,394,157</u>	<u>1,394,157</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>\$ 1,410,848</u>	<u>\$</u>

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

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	3,018,122
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-periods expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.	126,300
Long-term liabilities, including notes payable are not due and payable in the current period and therefor are not reported in the funds.	(14,911)
Notes payable	(14,911)
Net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 4,523,668</u>

TOWN OF SOLON, MAINE  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances  
Governmental Funds  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	General <u>Fund</u>	Total Governmental <u>Funds</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Taxes	\$ 2,006,388	\$ 2,006,388
Intergovernmental	562,878	562,878
Interest	2,825	2,825
Charges for services	50,530	50,530
Miscellaneous	15,538	15,538
Total Revenues	<u>2,638,159</u>	<u>2,638,159</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
Current:		
General government	200,020	200,020
Protection	157,403	157,403
Public works	802,301	802,301
Leisure services	54,161	54,161
Health and sanitation	85,847	85,847
Social services	9,320	9,320
Special assessments	1,336,641	1,336,641
Unclassified	50,311	50,311
Debt Service	7,000	7,000
Total Expenditures	<u>2,703,004</u>	<u>2,703,004</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(64,845)	(64,845)
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>		
Operating transfer in (out)	4,424	4,424
Net Change in fund balances	<u>(60,421)</u>	<u>(60,421)</u>
Fund Balances - Beginning	1,454,578	1,454,578
Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ 1,394,157</u>	<u>\$ 1,394,157</u>



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, 2021

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	(60,421)
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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 note obligation principal payments		6,042

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		(46,000)

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities \$		<u><u>(371,365)</u></u>
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TOWN OF SOLON, MAINE  
Statement of Net Position  
Fiduciary Fund  
December 31, 2021

	Private Purpose <u>Trust Fund</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Investments	835,242
Total Assets	<u>835,242</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Held in Trust	835,242
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$ 835,242</u></u>



Keel Hood,  
Town Auditor

# **RULES OF TOWN MEETING**

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

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

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

No smoking is allowed in the building.

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

## **GENERAL TOWN MEETING PROVISIONS**

*THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS APPLY TO ALL TOWN MEETINGS:*

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

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

A. Calling for the election of a moderator by written ballot

B. Receiving and counting votes for moderator

C. Swearing in the moderator

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

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

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

- B. When a vote declared by the moderator is immediately questioned by at least 7 voters, the moderator shall make certain by polling the voters or by a method directed by the municipal legislative body.
  - C. The moderator shall serve until the meeting is adjourned. The moderator is subject to the same penalties for neglect of official duty as other town officials.
- 4. **VOTES RECORDED BY THE CLERK:** The clerk shall accurately record the votes of the meeting.
  - A. If the clerk is absent, the moderator shall appoint and swear in a temporary clerk.
- 5. **WRITTEN BALLOTS:** The clerk shall prepare the ballots. Ballots shall be of uniform size and color and must be blank except that 2 squares with “yes” by one and “no” by the other may be printed on them. The moderator shall ensure that each voter receives only one ballot for each vote taken.
- 6. **LOCATION OF MEETINGS:** Town meetings may be held outside the corporate limits of the municipality if the municipal officers determine that there is not adequate facility for the meeting within the municipality. The proposed location must be:
  - A. Within an adjoining or nearby municipality
  - B. Not more than 25 miles from the corporate limits of the municipality holding the meeting
  - C. Reasonably accessible to all voters of the town.

## **TOWN MEETING RELATED ORDINANCES**

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ORDINANCE:** All warrant articles shall be reviewed by the Advisory Committee prior to any Annual or Special Town Meeting. No articles will be accepted after the Advisory 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## **RESULTS OF 2021 TOWN MEETING**

- Article 1: Peter Mills was elected Moderator.
- Article 2: The following were elected:  
Selectman: Wayne (Chip) Johnson  
Road Commissioner: Gary Bishop  
School Board Directors: Robert Lindblom
- Article 3: Approved to cover the overages from 2020.
- Article 4: Approved exceeding the property tax levy limit if the budget approved at Town Meeting exceeds the limit.
- Articles 5-22: Spending articles adopted as recommended.
- Article 23: Approved authorization for the Select Board to use up to \$5,000 from undesignated revenue in the event of overdrafts, unforeseen events or emergencies.
- Article 24: Approved the building of an addition to the Fire Station.
- Article 25: Approved the road paving project to repave the Brighton Road, Drury Road, Grant Road, French Hill Road and Hole in the Wall Road.
- Article 26: Approved amending Section VII subsection G of the Adult Use Marijuana Retail Store Ordinance.
- Article 27: Approved adoption of the Advisory Committee Ordinance
- Article 28-34: These are every year required articles and they were adopted as recommended.

# EXPLANATIONS OF ARTICLES

## 2022 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

In 2022 the Selectmen and Advisory Committee are again each recommending budgets that are under the state mandated cap. The Selectmen's and the Advisory Committee's recommended municipal budget needed to be raised by taxation is \$72,793 more than 2021. After reducing this budget by reserve funds, State Revenue Sharing, and available surplus, the taxable budget is \$90,411.59 less than last year.

**ARTICLES 3 to 8:** These 6 articles are required by the State of Maine Liquor Licensing Division to update our local option votes to comply with the wording now required by the State. The town originally approved liquor sales on and off premises in Solon in the 1970s. They must be voted by a secret ballot referendum vote so that will be done from 8 am to 12:15 pm during the election of town officials.

**ARTICLE 9:** 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 2022 this spending cap limit is \$655,923. The Selectmen's and the Budget Committee's 2022 proposed budget by taxation is under this cap by \$254,798.

**ARTICLES 10 THRU 23:** Articles to raise money for various purposes. Our Budget Worksheet will be available at the Town Office and at the Town Meeting. Salaries have been increased due to the State Minimum Wage increase from \$12.15 to \$12.75 for 2022 and the 6% cost-of-living increase reported in December. Also, there are increases due to the rising fuel prices. Other items of note in that group are listed below

**ARTICLE 12:** Transfer Station: In July we decided to have two attendants on duty at the Transfer Station. It was hard for only one attendant to monitor both the trash disposal area and the recycling area. We were getting complaints from our recycler that a lot of items were in the recyclables that should not be there. Since having two attendants working it has been much easier for them to monitor the trash disposal and the recycling and to keep the transfer station building and property clean. We want to continue having

2 attendants on duty.

**ARTICLE 14:** The Library Trustees voted to increase the number of hours the library will be open each week. It will be open on Saturdays for an additional 4 hour for part of the year including the summer.

**ARTICLE 23:** We have decreased the Road Paving Reserve by \$25,000 and increased the Highway Equipment Reserve Account by \$30,000 so we can purchase a new backhoe loader without having to borrow any funds. (See Article 32)

**ARTICLE 24:** This will raise funds to purchase 3 new computers for public use and 1 for the librarian. The current ones are 10 years old and have Windows 7 on them which is no longer supported by Microsoft.

**ARTICLES 26 & 27:** These 2 articles will divide the Rowell Mountain Road into 3 separate roads. Currently it goes from the Cornville town line to the Bingham town line but it becomes impassable at Rowell Pond so it is not a through road and needs to be separated into 3 distinctly named roads so emergency vehicles enter the road at the proper place to respond to the emergency. Maine Local Roads came to Solon in 2020 to inspect our local roads and to confirm the number of miles for our reimbursement from Local Roads Assistance Program. They advised us to divide what we currently have as the Rowell Mountain Road into 3 separate road names because it is not a fully accessible through road.

**ARTICLE 28:** This changes Baker Pond Lane to Starbird Lane. This name change is to honor Albert and Lois Starbird for all they have done for our town. The only residences on this road belong to the Starbirds.

**ARTICLE 29:** We plan on having the tax maps updated every two years instead of every year but want to spread the appropriation over the two year period so we need to create a reserve account for that purpose.

**ARTICLE 30:** This will approve the hiring of a professional appraisal firm to do a reappraisal of all the buildings in Solon. This has not been done since 1978. Over a 3-year period, they will inspect every building in Solon and document the building specifications (square footage, foundation, roof, and siding type, number of rooms, bedrooms, and bathrooms, etc.). They will do the town in 3 sections and the valuation changes will not be adjusted until whole town is done after the third year. After that the firm will do revaluations based on building permits and other information we receive on a yearly basis.



**ARTICLE 31:** This will approve a road paving project using available funds. We have enough money in our road paving reserve & LRAP funds to pay for the project. Our LRAP balance as of 1/1/22 is \$149,835 and our Road Paving Reserve balance as of 1/1/22 is \$119,265 plus \$190,000 added in 2022 = \$309,265. The total that will be available is \$459,100. We have reduced the appropriation for the paving reserve from \$215,000 to \$195,000 for 2022 so we can raise additional funds for the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund to pay for a new backhoe/loader (see Article 33).

**ARTICLE 32:** We want to purchase a 2020 Case 580 Backhoe Loader with 45 hours on it. A 2022 Case Backhoe Loader is \$165,000. We bought our current backhoe in 2007. We will have the funds available to purchase the backhoe/loader if the proposed 2022 budget is approved at town meeting. The Highway Equipment Reserve balance on 1/1/22 is \$72,000 plus \$45,000 added in 2022 = \$117,000

**ARTICLE 33:** The Fire Department needs additional funds to complete the Fire Station addition. This article will raise an additional \$3,000 by taxation and use \$3,000 in the Municipal Buildings Reserve Fund to complete the project.

**ARTICLES 34 thru 40:** These articles are either required by Maine law every year or are articles included every year for the reasons stated in the articles. Of particular note is Article 37-1 which increases the amount of overpayment to be applied to the following year's taxes and 37-4 which increases the retained surplus by \$10,000.



Handwritten on back by Dot Dugas, daughter of Ethel Holway: "Makes me feel old to realize these kids wern't even in school when I graduated!" Back row left: Coach Donald Sprague, Stewart Withers '41, Ethan Heald '41, Cliff Abbey '40, Clarence Bussell '40, Albert Starbird '41, Glendon McAllister '41, William Rancourt?. Middle row: Ralph Spaulding '40, Archie Adams, Jr '40, Harold Tewksbury '42, Harland Tewksbury '41, Morris Sylvester '41, Front: Keith Tozier. (Courtesy, Solon Historical Society)

# **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

## **WARRANT FOR MARCH 5, 2022 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 5th day of March AD 2022 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 and the secret ballot vote on the 6 referendum questions, 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 5, 2022. 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 by secret ballot all municipal officials and school committee members as are required to be elected.

Nominated Candidates:

Selectman, 3-year term:	Elaine Aloes
Selectman, 1-year term:	Lois Miller
Road Commissioner, 1-year term:	Gary Bishop

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

Article 3. Shall the Town approve, by secret ballot vote, the sale of liquor for consumption on the premises on days other than Sunday. Shall this municipality authorize the State to issue licenses for the sale of liquor to be consumed on the premises of licensed establishments on days other than Sunday?

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes

Article 4. Shall the Town approve, by secret ballot vote, the sale of spirits and fortified wine for consumption off the premises on days other than Sunday. Shall this municipality authorize the State to permit the operation of agency liquor stores on days other than Sunday?

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes

Article 5. Shall the Town approve, by secret ballot vote, the sale of malt liquor and wine for consumption off the premises on days other than Sunday. Shall this municipality authorize the State to issue licenses for the sale of malt liquor and wine to be consumed off the premises of licensed establishments on days other than Sunday?

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes

Article 6. Shall the Town approve, by secret ballot vote, the sale of liquor for consumption on the premises on Sundays. Shall this municipality authorize the State to issue licenses for the sale of liquor to be consumed on the premises of licensed establishments on Sundays?

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes

Article 7. Shall the Town approve, by secret ballot vote, the sale of spirits and fortified wine for consumption off the premises on Sundays. Shall this municipality authorize the State to permit the operation of agency liquor stores on Sundays?

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes

Article 8. Shall the Town approve, by secret ballot vote, the sale of malt liquor and wine for consumption off the premises on Sundays. Shall this municipality authorize the State to issue licenses for the sale of malt liquor and wine to be consumed off the premises of licensed establishments on Sundays?

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes

Article 9: Shall the Town increase the property tax levy limit of \$655,923, 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 Advisory Committee recommend Yes

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

Town Charges	\$23,000 plus fees
Town Office Utilities	\$ 6,400
Town Office Maintenance	\$ 2,100

Town Office Security System	\$ 300
Training, Books, & Dues	\$ 2,300
Municipal Officers Salary	\$40,018
Tax Collector/Clerk	\$45,281
Treasurer	\$12,770
Deputy Tax Collector/Clerk/Treasurer	\$16,415
Code Enforcement Officer	\$ 5,200
Plumbing Inspector	fees collected
911 Addressing Officer	\$225.00 plus ½ of fees
Elections	\$ 3,000
Register of Voters	\$ 2,600
TRIO Program Fees	\$ 7,457
Municipal Buildings Heat Reserve	\$10,000
Town Records Preservation Reserve	\$ 4,500
Municipal Grounds Maintenance Reserve	\$ 3,000
Town Line Survey Reserve	\$ 2,500
Town Flags Reserve	\$ 1,500

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend \$188,567 plus fees

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

Winter Roads	\$125,000
Summer Roads	\$125,000
Gravel Roads Reserve	\$ 10,000

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend \$260,000 plus reimbursements

Article 12: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for the TRANSFER STATION

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend \$90,000 plus fees & income

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

Fire Chief	\$ 7,644
Fire Department	\$35,000

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend \$42,644 plus reimbursements & donations

Article 14: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for COOLIDGE LIBRARY RESERVE

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend \$19,000 plus fees and investment income

Article 15: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for INSURANCE.

Worker Compensation Insurance	\$12,000
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 4,787
Property Insurance	\$20,000
Social Security & Medicare	\$26,000

Selectmen and the Advisory Committee recommend \$62,787

Article 16: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Hydrant Fee	\$21,864
Street Lights	\$ 8,500

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend \$30,364

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

Cemeteries	\$18,000
Cemetery Maintenance Reserve	\$ 4,500

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend \$22,500

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

Animal Shelter	\$2,300
Animal Control Officer	\$3,120

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend \$5,420

Article 19: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for SOCIAL SERVICES.

General Assistance	\$15,000
KVCAP Transportation Service (request \$550)	\$ 550
KVCAP Head Start (request \$800)	\$ 800
Hospice (request \$1,300)	\$ 800
Spectrum Generations (request \$750)	\$ 750
Kennebec Behavioral Health (request \$500)	\$ 500
Community Health & Counseling (request \$200)	\$ 100

Solon Food Cupboard (request \$2,000)	\$ 2,000
Lifeflight Foundation (request \$527)	\$ 200
American Red Cross (request \$150)	\$ 150

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend \$20,850

Article 20: 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
4th of July Fireworks	\$1,500
Special Events	\$1,000
After School Program Reserve	\$5,000
Baker Mountain Ski Club	\$1,000

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend \$12,000

Article 21: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for AGENCIES.

Kennebec Council of Governments (requested \$1,604)	\$1,604
Maine Municipal Association (requested \$2,164)	\$2,164
Somerset Economic Development (requested \$100)	\$ 100

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend \$3,868

Article 22: 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 Advisory Committee recommend \$7,000

Article 23: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNTS.

Road Paving Reserve Account	\$190,000
Highway Equipment Reserve	\$ 45,000
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 Advisory Committee recommend \$251,000

Article 24: Shall the Town raise \$5,000 by taxation for the Special Projects fund to be used to replace the computers at the Coolidge Library.

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes

Article 25: Shall the Town 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 Advisory Committee recommend Yes

Article 26: Shall the town change the name of a section of the currently named Rowell Mountain Road (that begins at the Hole in the Wall Road and heads southerly to the south line of Map R6 Lot 10) to Rowell Pond Road?

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes

Article 27: Shall the town change the name of a section of the currently named Rowell Mountain Road (that begins at the Hole in the Wall Road and heads northerly to the Bingham town line) to Baker Pond Road?

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes

Article 28: Shall the town change the name of Baker Pond Lane to Starbird Lane?

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes

Article 29: Shall the town create a reserve account for GIS mapping and tax maps and allow those funds to be expended by the Selectmen?

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes and to raise \$2,200 by taxation.

Article 30: Shall the town create a reserve account for real estate assessing and allow those funds to be expended to pay a Certified Maine Assessor for a revaluation of the town's real estate and for yearly updates on the real estate valuation?

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes and to raise \$15,000 by taxation.

Article 31: Shall the Town approve a Road Paving project to repave the River Road with the necessary funds to come from the Road Paving Reserve and Local Roads Assistance Program (LRAP) funds.

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes with a maximum to be spent of \$400,000.

Article 32: Shall the Town approve the purchase of a backhoe/loader with the necessary funds to come from the Highway Equipment Reserve funds.

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes with a maximum to be spent of \$112,000.

Article 33: Shall the Town raise additional funds to complete the fire station addition?

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes and to raise \$3,000 by taxation and \$3,000 from the Municipal Buildings Maintenance Reserve.

Article 34: Shall the Town 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 Advisory Committee recommend Yes.

Article 35: Shall the town 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 Advisory Committee recommend Yes.

Article 36: Shall the town 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 Advisory Committee recommend Yes.

Article 37: Shall the town accept the following tax related articles:

1. Shall the town authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to apply any property tax overpayment of less than \$100 to that person's next year's property taxes.
2. Shall the town 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 raise and appropriate from the overlay to pay for tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the fiscal year 2022.
4. Shall the town use any surplus funds in excess of \$110,000.00 to reduce taxes.
5. Shall the town 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 Advisory Committee recommend Yes.

Article 38: If the Town accepts Article 37-2, what, if any, interest shall the Town pay on these prepaid taxes? (If the Town votes to pay interest, it cannot be more than 4%.)

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend 0%.

Article 39: Shall the town set September 15, 2022 as the date when all unpaid 2022 taxes become interest bearing at the rate to be set by the State. (Rate being 4%)

Selectmen and Advisory Committee recommend Yes.

Article 40: Shall the town 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 Advisory Committee recommend Yes and at a rate of 0%.

Given under my hand this 9th day of February A.D., 2022,

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 fifth day of March AD 2022 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 11th day of February AD 2022, which is at least seven days prior to the Annual Town Meeting.

Dianna Rollins, a resident of Solon.

# DATES TO REMEMBER

**2022**

**March 5**

- 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 18**

Patriots Day. Office closed.

**May 30**

Memorial Day. Office closed.

**June 20**

Juneteenth. Office Closed.

**July 4**

Fireworks at dusk at the Solon School.

Office Closed for July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday

**July/August**

The end of July or beginning of August Property Taxes will be committed and Property Tax bills will be mailed.

**Sept. 5**

Labor Day. Office closed.

**Sept. 16**

2022 unpaid property taxes become interest bearing.

**Oct. 10**

Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day, Office closed.

**Nov. 2**

Possible State Referendums. Polls open 8 am to 8 pm.

**Nov. 11**

Veterans Day, Office closed

**Nov. 23**

Office will be open until 12 pm. Selectmen will be in the Office until 12 pm. (Wednesday before Thanksgiving)

**Nov. 25**

Office closed (Friday after Thanksgiving).

**Dec. 1**

New Hunting, Fishing & Dog Licenses are available.

**Dec. 26**

Office will be closed for Christmas Holiday.

**Dec. 28**

Last day the Town Office will be open in 2022.

**Dec. 30**

Office closed for New Year's Holiday. All taxes not paid by Dec. 28th will be listed in the Town Report.

**Dec. 31**

- Boat registrations, hunting, fishing and dog licenses expire.
- New dog licenses required by Jan. 1.

**Jan. 17, 2023**

Martin Luther King Day. Office closed.

**Jan. 21, 2023**

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, 2023**

\$25.00 late fee on unpaid dog licenses after this date.

**Feb. 20, 2023**

Presidents Day. Office closed.

**Mar. 4, 2023**

2022 Annual Town Meeting.

# **NOTICE**

**2022 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2022  
SOLON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICIALS  
LIQUOR LOCAL OPTION  
REFERENDUM QUESTIONS  
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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