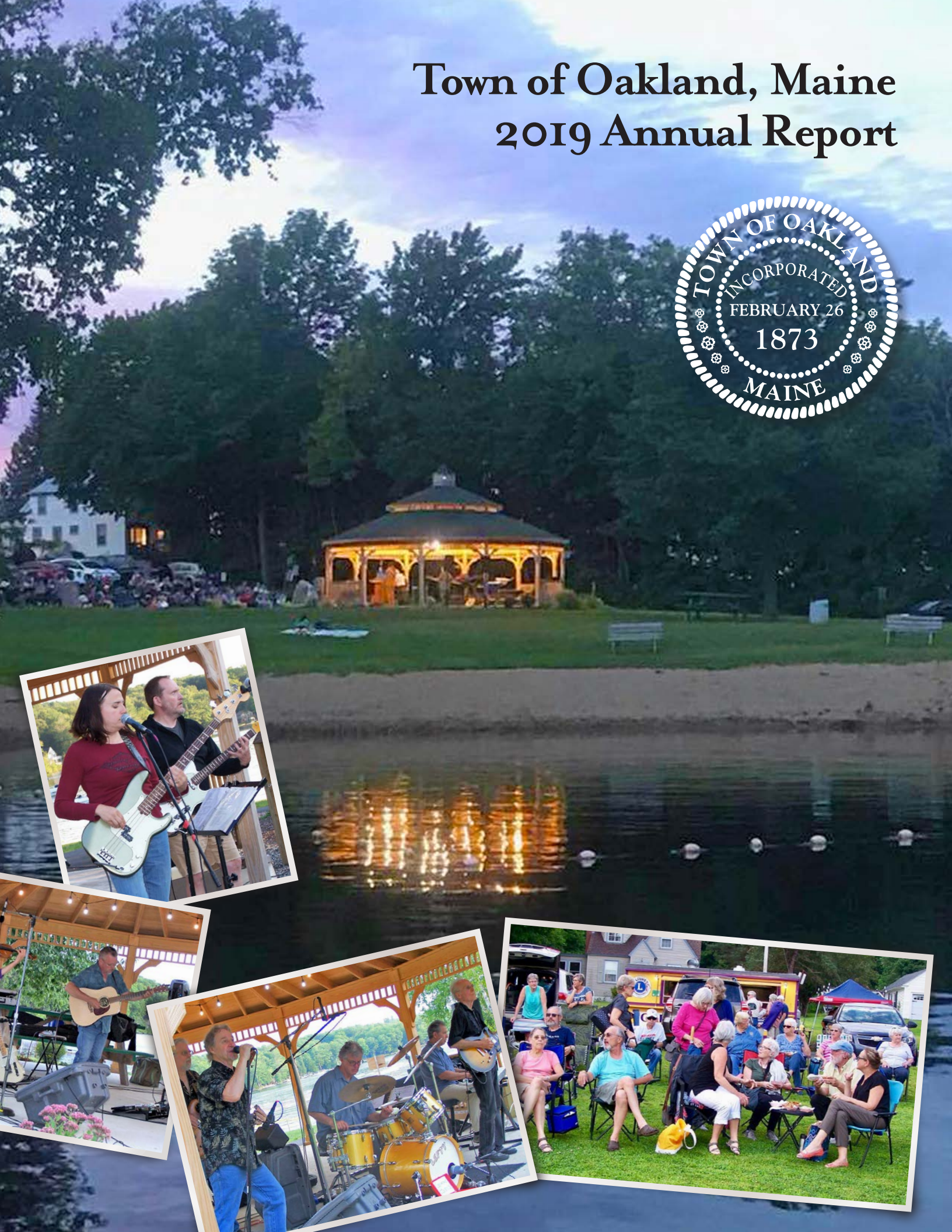
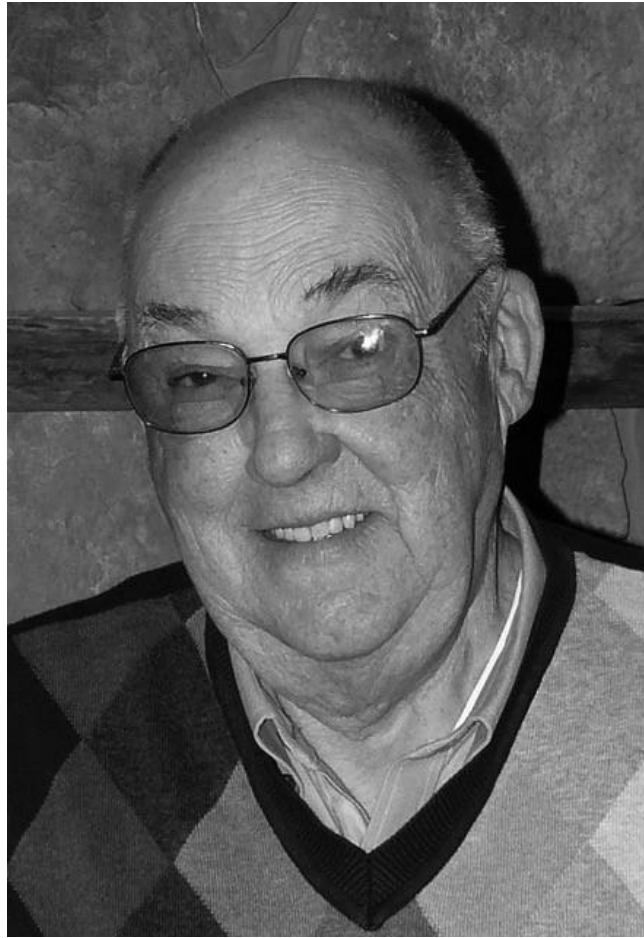


Town of Oakland, Maine 2019 Annual Report



2019 Oakland Town Report Dedication



RICHARD “Dick” PIERCE
May 14, 1930 – October 13, 2019

It is with great respect we dedicate the 2019 Town Report to Richard “Dick” Pierce. Dick believed strongly that everyone had an obligation to serve its community and serve is exactly what he did.

From the early days of coaching youth sports to later stints with both the Oakland Planning Board and Town Council, Dick was well versed in all town affairs. Later in life, Dick even spent some time working for the Town of Oakland, at our recycling station, retiring at the age of 87.

With the exception of his family, the Oakland Lions Club was his true passion. Dick faithfully served the Lions for nearly 60 years, holding every club position possible at one time or another and in fact, went over 50 years without ever missing a meeting! One of his greatest duties within the Lions Club was serving as the chairperson of the annual Children’s Ice Fishing Frenzy from 1990 until his health would no longer allow.

Thank you Mr. Pierce, for making Oakland a better place for all of us to live!

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**TOWN GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL
TOWN COUNCIL & OVERSEERS OF THE POOR**

Michael Perkins, Chairman	Term Expires December 2022
David Groder	Term Expires December 2022
Dana Wrigley, Vice Chairman	Term Expires December 2021
Donald Borman	Term Expires December 2021
Robert Nutting	Term Expires December 2020

TOWN CLERK

Janice Porter	Term Expires December 2021
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ASSESSOR

Virginia Joseph	Term Expires April 2020
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APPOINTED PERSONNEL

Town Manager/Treasurer/Tax Collector and Road Commissioner	Gary Bowman
Deputy Town Manager/Town Clerk/ and General Assistance Director	Janice Porter
Deputy Town Clerk/Deputy Registrar	Kathleen Paradis
Fire Chief	David Coughlin
Police Chief	Michael Tracy
Librarian	Sarah Roy
Buildings & Grounds Supervisor	A.J. Cain
Municipal Agent	Janice Porter
Code Enforcement/Plumbing Inspector	David Savage
Health Officer	David Coughlin & Anthony Thibodeau
Recreation Director	Eric Seekins
Public Works Director	Jeffrey Hall
Transfer Station Manager	Dylan Clark
Finance Director	Kelly Pinney-Michaud
Oakland Environmental Services	Boyd Snowden
Registrar of Voters	Janice Porter

PLANNING BOARD

David Roy, Alternate # 1	Term Expires June 2021
Mark Stevens, Jr. Alternate # 2	Term Expires June 2021
Shawn Stevens	Term Expires June 2020
Jamie Phair	Term Expires June 2020
Daniel Duperry, Chairperson	Term Expires June 2022
Everett Rossignol	Term Expires June 2022
Robert Knowlton	Term Expires June 2022

APPEALS BOARD

Dabney Lewis, Alternate # 1	Term Expires June 2021
Vacancy, Alternate # 2	Term Expires June 2021
Edward Cornwall	Term Expires June 2020
Gary Bennett, Chairperson	Term Expires June 2020
Richard Jurdak	Term Expires June 2020
Jeffrey Warren	Term Expires June 2022
Patrick Linehan	Term Expires June 2022

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

Jane Sturk, Chairperson	Term Expires June 2021
Julie Kern, Alternate	Term Expires June 2020
Robert Knowlton	Term Expires June 2020
Dabney Lewis, Alternate	Term Expires June 2022
Sylvia Jadczyk	Term Expires June 2022

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 18 MEMBERS

Laura Tracy	Term Expires June 2022
Charles "Rick" Stubbart	Term Expires June 2021
Michael Tracy (appointed through)	Term Expires June 2020
Michael Tracy (elected)	Term Expires June 2023

BUDGET AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Harold Buzzell, Vice Chairman	Term Expires December 2022
Donald Ponitz	Term Expires December 2022
Nathan Bernier	Term Expires December 2022
Michael Rossignol, Chairperson	Term Expires December 2021
Angela Jurdak	Term Expires December 2021
Shawn O’Leary	Term Expires December 2021
Edward “Ned” Hammond	Term Expires December 2020
Eugene Rossignol	Term Expires December 2020
William Kennard	Term Expires December 2020
Donna Griffin	Term Expires December 2023
Donna Doucette	Term Expires December 2023
Max Marston	Term Expires December 2023

LIBRARY BOARD COMMITTEE

Marilyn Stevens	Term Expires June 2021
Bert Brewster	Term Expires June 2021
Patricia Stevens	Term Expires June 2021
Linda Holmsen	Term Expires June 2021
Howard Hardy	Term Expires June 2020
Stephanie Cheevers	Term Expires June 2020
Peter Godfrey	Term Expires June 2020
Mary Glennon	Term Expires June 2022

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Edward Roderick

OAKLAND BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Maila Couture, Co-Chairperson
Jayne Roberge, Co-Chairperson
Max Marston
Alexandra Fabian
Claritza Hurdle
Gary Bowman
Lydia Stevens
Melissa Hurley
Patrick Linehan

Wayne Cowing
Sharon Wildes
Samantha Burdick
Ashley Violette
Dr. Rebecca Berry
Danielle Marquis
Shawn Marquis
Pauline Maxwell
Leanne Compton

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Boyd Snowden, Chairperson
Kelly Pinney-Michaud
Gary Bowman, ex-officio
A.J. Cain, ex-officio
Michael Willey, Advisor
Janice Porter

Richard MacKenzie
Ned Hammond
Jon Cox
Donald Borman
Eric Seekins
Shawn O'Leary

OAKFEST COMMITTEE

Kathy Paradis, Chairperson
Max Marston, Secretary
Monica Charette, Media Relations
Gary Bennett
Mary Faucher
Gary Bowman, ex-officio
Ryan Sucey, ex-officio

Maila Couture
Mike Crowell
Patrick Faucher
Holly MacKenzie
Ashley Violette
Chris McPherson

BROADBAND/FIBER OPTICS EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Joshua Zukerman
Alexandra Fabian
Garvan Donegan
Gary Bowman

Danielle Marquis
Donald Borman
Elaine Theriault-Currier

FLOWER COMMITTEE

Jean Ponitz, Chairperson
Diane Engert, Secretary
Terry Borman, Treasurer
Laura Pierce, Pierce's Greenhouse
Amber Beaudoin
Eileen Bolstad
Jane Boucher
Stephanie Cheevers
Cheryl Godfrey
Dr. Meg Griffin
Cindy Hines
Joan Cowing

Linda Holmsen
Janet Hutchinson
Carolyn McCaughey
Dr. Katie Meikle
Charlotte Melnichok
Cindy Potter
Kelly Roderick
Dr. Mark Sutherland
Patty Smith
June Ponitz
Debbie Smith
April Wood

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE

Robert Nutting, Chairperson
Laura Tracy, Vice Chairperson
Donna Griffin
Michael Rossignol
Shawn Marquis
Chuck Sweigart
Garvan Donegan, ex-officio
Gary Bowman, ex-officio

Cindy Reese
Mark Fisher
Dan Duperry
Dale Sturtevant
Kelley Roderick
Paula Callan
Mark Rancourt
Mary Anne Lamarre

WATERFRONT MUSIC SERIES COMMITTEE

Chris McPherson, Chairperson
Gary Bowman, ex-officio
Ryan Sucey, ex-officio

Ed Pearl
Eric Seekins, ex-officio

REFERENCE NUMBERS

Oakland Town Office

Telephone.....	465-7357
Fax.....	465-9118
Code Enforcement Office/Plumbing Inspector.....	465-2842
Assessor’s Office.....	465-2750
Public Work’s Garage.....	465-2408
Treatment Plant.....	465-7198
Public Library.....	465-7533
Fax.....	465-9954
Transfer Station.....	465-4732
Police Station (Non Emergency).....	465-2202
Animal Control Officer.....	465-2202
Sexton’s Garage.....	465-9117
Fire Station.....	465-2631
Superintendent’s Office.....	465-7384
Bus Garage.....	465-2102
Messalonskee High School.....	465-7381
Messalonskee Middle School.....	465-2167
Williams Elementary School.....	465-2965
Atwood/Tapley School.....	465-3411

Oakland’s Web Page

www.oaklandmaine.us

Oakland’s E-Mail Address

gbowman@oaklandmaine.us

Oakland’s Facebook Page

Town of Oakland

The following websites provide an opportunity to purchase licenses, registrations and to request an absentee ballot for state elections:

<https://www10.informe.org/bmv/vanity/>

<https://www.informe.org/bmv/rapid-renewal/>

<https://www.maine.gov/online/trailerrenewal/>

<https://www5.informe.org/online/boat/>

<https://www10.informe.org/ifw/atv-snow/>

<https://www.doglicensing.com>

<https://www.informe.org/moses/>

<https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/voter-info/absent.html>

MAINE LAW REQUIRES THAT BURNING PERMITS

are issued for all outdoor fires. Fire permits are issued on fire danger Class 1 and 2 days determined by the Maine Forest Service from 8:30 am until 3:00 pm at the fire station. Permits may also be obtained online from the State of Maine at <https://www1.maine.gov/burningpermits/>

EMERGENCY NUMBER

Oakland Fire Department..... 911
Oakland Rescue..... 911
Oakland Police Department..... 911

OAKLAND POST OFFICE

Oakland Postmaster – Rollin Noyes 465-2404

TOWN OFFICE HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday thru Thursday - 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Friday - 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Second and Fourth Wednesday of each month 6:00 p.m.,
in the Cascade Room at the Police Department

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

As needed, the Third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., in the
Cascade Room at the Police Department.

**TRANSFER STATION & RECYCLING CENTER
HOURS OF OPERATION**

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday
Open 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Closed Monday, Tuesday and Holidays

PUBLIC LIBRARY

E-Mail Address: staff@oaklandpubliclibrarymaine.org
Website: oaklandpubliclibrarymaine.org

Tuesday 10:00 am – 7:00 pm and
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

SPECTRUM

1-800-833-2253 Website: www.timewarnercable.com

TOWN COUNCIL REPORT 2019

To the Citizens of Oakland:

On behalf of the Town Council, I would like to thank the citizens of Oakland for placing your trust in us. For allowing us to continue to serve you. It's an honor to represent the members of such a great town.

I would like to thank Harold Buzzell for his many years of service as a Councilman. He has moved on to the Budget Advisory Committee. I would also like to welcome the newest member of the Town Council, Dave Groder. Dave has been a member of the Oakland Police Department for 27 years. Dave has been a member of the Oakland Fire Department as a firefighter/paramedic/Captain. He is employed by the City of Augusta as the Deputy Chief for the Augusta Fire & Rescue Department.

The Council would like to thank the many residents who continue, year after year in volunteering their time, service, and expertise to work with us, to move the town forward and help with the many projects.

We also would like to thank the town employees for all their hard work and dedication in serving the citizens of the Town. We couldn't do it all without you.

The Fire Station has been completed and is state of the art! It allows Chief Coughlin to operate a modern emergency service department. They have employee safeguards integrated into the building for their health and safety. Separate office areas and training rooms.

Thank you to all the members of the Garden Club, Jean Ponitz and Sandra Swartz for their continuous hard work in making Down Town so inviting. They maintain the beautiful garden in front of the Police Department, the plants on the traffic islands, decorative containers up Main and Church Streets. They really do a wonderful job and we appreciate their dedication to our Town.

The Town Council members continue to work together with Town Manager Gary Bowman and the Finance Director. They continue to do an excellent job in keeping the Town of Oakland in a strong financial position. This enables us to continue to provide the essential services our citizens and employees need. They also allow us to have the lowest tax rate within the local area and to keep our Mill Rate to stay low.

The Council would like to encourage as many citizens as possible to attend Council Meetings. The Council is elected by you to represent you and your ideas. By attending the meetings, you are able to present your ideas directly to us. If you are unable to attend the meetings, or have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any member of the Town Council.

In closing, I would like to thank my fellow members of the Town Council, Don Borman, Dana Wrigley, Bob Nutting, and Dave Groder for their support and dedication to the Town during 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Perkins
Council Chairman

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

To the Town Council and the Citizens of Oakland:

Last year has been a busy one for our municipal staff. Not only did we complete phase II of our facilities project by opening our new Fire Station, but we pulled off an impressive summer of music at the Waterfront Park with a 30% increase in attendance over the prior year and, we experienced a record attendance at our annual Oakfest summer celebration. The Flower Committee continues to add to Oakland's appeal with all their hard work. Our intown flowers not only have tremendous support from our residents and guests, but other municipalities have taken notice of this beautification effort and have been working to copy our lead.

Our Comprehensive Planning Committee guided by the facilitation of the Central Maine Growth Council is in the process of wrapping up 2½ years of hard work of producing a new Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Oakland. This document not only captures Oakland's history in detail but points Oakland in a controlled direction for the next 5, 10 and 20 years based on valuable input from our residents and business leaders. This plan will be available for public inspection and discussion within the next month or so and then off to a public vote in June. We hope that you will support Oakland's new Comprehensive plan and the hard work that was needed to put it all together. Adding to this process, we also formed a small committee to look at our Downtown Broadband infrastructure. This effort was also led and facilitated by the Town's economic development arm, the Central Maine Growth Council. The Town of Oakland won a small grant to help study what infrastructure is currently in place and to develop a plan to improve upon service, internet speed and costs. Broadband internet and its infrastructure is needed to help build and maintain a competitive edge when attracting businesses to our downtown area.

In many ways, this past year has been historically significant for the Town of Oakland. Out of 36 full time employees, we have lost 8 to higher paying jobs and 3 to retirement, for a total of 11 employees. That's over 30% of our total workforce. For the past couple of years, we've been discussing bringing our employee wages up to market value to help stave off this exact scenario. To lose a trained and seasoned employee for a couple of dollars an hour more only to hire and train a replacement employee for more money than the departing employee made no economic sense and brings substantial added cost to the Town's operating budget for years to come.

Last fall, at the recommendation of our Town Council, we assembled a 4-person wage study committee tasked with comparing Oakland's employee compensation packages to area towns that are approximately our size. Our goal was to complete this study and to make recommendations to our Council and Budget Committee. We studied the towns of Winslow, Fairfield and Skowhegan. The resulting work of this committee was a recommendation in wage increases for many of our town employees. The recommended increases totaled **\$74,135** across many departments. 100% of our Council and Budget Committee members voted to support these increases.

The total overall increases to our payroll account between pay increases, COLA and a 53rd week is **\$148,592**.

Like other health insurance plans, we've experienced a 7% increase this year which equates to **\$26,400**. One of the hidden costs of hiring new employees to replace our departing employees is the potential change (increase) in insurance needs. Replacing our 10 of the 11 departing employees added an additional **\$43,612** to our insurance line (one position remains unfilled). This resulted in a total insurance increase of \$70,012.

Since the Fire Station project is complete, our Public Works Department will be returning to the Hussey Hill Road to resume the reconstruction project that we had started a few years ago. We've added **\$50,000** back into the Public Works Department for this summer's work.

As some of you may have read in the paper, the cost for emergency dispatch services have more than doubled this year. Last years cost for this service was **\$37,947**. With an increase this year of **\$54,238**, the new annual cost for emergency dispatch services is **\$92,185**.

Since we have been falling behind with the Town's paving projects, we've added **\$75,000** to that line item. Boosting this year's total for paving to **\$302,943** for this upcoming summer.

We've added **\$48,000** into our budget to buy out the Town's Street lights from CMP. Our annual lease is about **\$24,000/year**, thus saving the town **\$24,000/year** after two years. This sets the stage for us to replace our lights with the new LED streetlights without borrowing the money like other towns are doing. Once this project is complete, we will be saving our lease cost and gaining a lower electricity bill.

Due to the above-mentioned increases along with a few others, our overall budget has increased this year by **\$489,286**. Due to an increase of **\$106,916** in revenues, a record increase of **\$355,269** (\$265,000 last year) in property taxes from new development and a calculated transfer from our capitol improvement reserve and fund equity, **we'll be seeing a "reduction" of our municipal taxes of \$57,899** which means a "reduction" of your property taxes of approximately **\$11/\$100,000** in valuation on the municipal side.

This has been another financially brilliant year for the Town of Oakland. The collective energy of our various committees combined with new investments within our community, both commercial and residential, Oakland has been elevated as a town to watch. A recently published study named Oakland as one of Maine's top 10 safest towns to live in, compared to some of our neighboring towns who either missed the top 10 list all together or made the top unsafe towns to live in.

Due to all the hard work by our various committees over the past 5 years, Oakland has just recently been named the recipient of the Mid-Maine Chamber's Community Service Project of the Year Award for 2019. This is a historic recognition for Oakland and proof that we are attracting the right kind of attention.

The Town of Oakland has four beautiful lakes, two waterfront parks, a great school system, citizens who have pride in their town and a municipal government that's the envy of other towns. We continue to set ourselves apart from our competition by making smart choices and taking advantage of our strengths. As we continue to polish our stone, we become more desirable by gaining more attention and more investment that results in low property taxes.

Oakland continues to offer the lowest tax mil rate for any full-service town within our area and beyond. This is not only due to the important work of our Council but is also due to our staff and their dedication to this town that they hold dear to their hearts.

This has been yet another year of great happenings for the Town of Oakland. I wish to thank the Honorable Oakland Town Council for their continued vision, guidance and support for the many projects that have been put forth over the past few years. I wish to thank our department heads and their staff for the hard work and drive that continues to get the job done. And, I wish to thank the citizens of this community who support and volunteer on the many committees that are literally changing the face of Oakland. With your help, Oakland continues to set the standard, without you, we would be just like everyone else.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bowman
Town Manager

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT CONTACTS

Governor Janet T. Mills	1 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333	207-287-3531
Senator Susan M. Collins	413 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg. Washington, DC 20510	202-224-2523
Senator Angus S. King, Jr.	133 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510	202-224-5344
Congressman Jared Golden	1223 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515	202-225-6306
Senator Matthew Pouliot	3 State House Station Augusta, ME 04330	207-287-1505
Rep. Michael Perkins	93 Willey Point Road Oakland, ME 04963	207-716-6968
Rep. Colleen Madigan	13 Gilman Street Waterville, ME 04903	207-692-7143
Sheriff Ken Mason	125 State Street # 1 Augusta, ME 04330	207-623-3614
Dist. Atty. Maeghan Maloney	95 State Street Augusta, ME 04330	207-623-1156



CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE REPORT

To the Town Council and Citizens of Oakland:

2019 was an active year for the town's Code Enforcement Office. This year, the town has seen average growth in development, both residentially and commercially. The town ordinances and citizen-staffed Planning Board have been critical in directing and assisting this development in the best manner possible. With the goal of maintain necessary regulatory compliance and character of the town while keeping pace with the new housing and business demands that wish to expand and relocate in town.

This year the following permits have been issued:

- 14 New homes
- 8 Additions
- 21 New garages
- 4 Mobile homes
- 3 Commercial Property
- 34 Other (camp, deck, tower upgrades, etc.)
- 36 Internal plumbing or connection permits
- 34 Septic Systems

There have been several complaints filed and investigated about illegal junk yards, trash, and debris on public and private property. Please make sure that your trash and debris make it to the appropriate places.

Town ordinance requires your home or business to display the address number(s) on your buildings. Please make sure these numbers are visible from the street. This will allow for emergency service to find you easily at your time of need.

Building and plumbing permits are required for most work. If you are unsure whether a permit is needed, call the Town Office at 465-2842 and the staff will be happy to assist you with your projects.

Respectfully submitted,

David Savage
Code Enforcement Officer
Licensed Plumbing Inspector

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

To the Town Council and Citizens of Oakland:

2019 was an average year for the Planning Board. The board spent time reviewing the large Central Maine Power sub-station which is located off the County Road. There are also a couple smaller projects, including an electrical supply shop located on Kennedy Memorial Drive that has been reviewed and approved by the Planning Board.

The Planning Board is critical in directing and assisting with development in the best manner possible for the Town of Oakland.

The Planning Board is scheduled to meet the third Tuesday at 7 P.M. of each month as needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Duperry
Planning Board Chairman

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

To the Town Council and the Citizens of Oakland:

I am particularly proud to be writing this report as it is my first. I was recently promoted to Assessor after Kathy Geaghan retired on November 1, 2019. Kathy had been Oakland's Assessor for 27 years and did a wonderful job during that time. I wish her health and happiness in her retirement years. Thank you, Kathy for all you have done for Oakland.

The real estate market is continuing to rebound as properties continue to sell, split, or otherwise change hands due to family transfers and estate planning. The interest rates have gone down some and homeowners are refinancing their existing mortgages to make their monthly payments lower. New construction and improvements are continuing to increase.

Tree Growth Plans that have or were about to expire have been approved and renewed for another 10 years and one new Application for Tree Growth has been submitted and approved. There have not been any new Farm and Open Space applications.

The Homestead Exemption is in its twenty first year of implementation and continues to provide direct relief to property taxpayers. While the State of Maine provides funding (62.5%) for the program, it is implemented through the Assessing Office. This year seventeen hundred ten (1,710) households took advantage of the Homestead Exemption. If you received a \$20,000 Homestead Exemption, your tax bill was reduced by \$328.00. Another application for the Homestead Exemption is not needed for next year unless there has been a change in your residency, you did not apply last year, or you are a new Oakland homeowner. For the 2020/2021 tax year, the Legislature has approved the exemption to jump to \$25,000. Should the mil rate remain the same for 2020/2021, the direct tax saving will be \$410.00.

The Town of Oakland currently has 157 veterans or veteran widows that have a combined exempt value of \$942,000 saving these residents a total of \$15,448.88. The saving this year is \$98.40. There is one (1) person determined to be legally blind, this exemption reduces that taxpayer's property valuation by \$4,000, thus saving another \$65.60.

Any taxpayer who owns a business may be eligible for Maine's Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement Program (BETR) on eligible personal property placed into service after April 1, 1995. This program is to encourage new capital investment in Maine by reimbursing business owners who invest in new equipment.

There were 31 businesses eligible for the Business Equipment Property Tax Exemption (BETE) for qualified business equipment that was first subject to local property taxes as of April 1, 2008. The total exempt value was \$4,717,200. The State of Maine will reimburse the town 50% of taxes lost for 2019-2020.

As of this writing, eleven (11) abatements have been issued amounting to \$4,936.40. There has been one (1) Supplemental Assessment committed to the Tax Collector amount to \$1,372.68.

There was one appeal to the Board of Assessment Review.

Should a street number be needed for a new residence or business, the Assessor/Street Addressing Officer has the responsibility of assigning that number. All changes or additions to the E911 data base are immediately sent to the police and fire departments, the post office and MeOGIS.

Important: Please note, that all house/business numbers assigned shall be displayed and maintained on the structure or at the end of the driveway or right of way. The numbers are to be at least 3” in height, on reflective material, and plainly visible during all seasons.

The address will then be used in conjunction with the Enhanced 911 service which links each telephone number to a physical address easily located by emergency responders. The Post Office, utilities, delivery services and others will use the new address for more effective service.

I am very excited to learn that I will soon be working with Ray Corson of Corson GIS Solutions. Ray will be supplying this office, as well as three other Departments, with software that will enable us to layer information from all these departments to better serve residents with more online capabilities.

Please note that all Assessing records and Enhanced 911 records are public information, if you have any questions or concerns regarding valuation, exemptions, land transfers, street numbers, etc., please do not hesitate to contact me. The entire Commitment Book, Map and Lot Listing, Valuation Reports (which have all the information contained on the Property Record Cards, except for the photo and sketch), Tax Bills (current and past), E911 Addresses by Name and Street and Tax Maps are online. The program is user friendly. To view the complete listing, log on at www.oaklandmaine.us. Go to Government > Departments > Assessing and scroll down the narrative.

The Assessing office continues to send a “Welcoming Letter” to all new residents. The informational packet includes an Application for Homestead Exemption, reference telephone numbers and meeting schedules for the various Town departments, including recycling information from the Transfer Station, a notice about property taxes for buyers & sellers, and a Homeowners Guide to Property Tax.

My sincere thank you to the Town Council, Town Manager and Department Heads and staff for their support and cooperation over the past few months while I transition into this new position.

It is my pleasure to be serving as Oakland’s Tax Assessor and Addressing Officer for Enhanced 911.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia H. Joseph, C.M.A., Assessor

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT ~ VITAL RECORDS

To the Town Council and Citizens of Oakland:

2019 BIRTHS AND MARRIAGES

Births 45

Marriages 69

DEATHS IN MEMORY OF

Adams, Virginia Gail	03/14/2019	LeMay, Julianne R.	12/08/2019
Armstrong, Aubrey May	06/18/2019	LeMay, Louis Ludger	10/20/2019
Armstrong, Brealynn Ann	06/18/2019	Lord, Richard E.	01/30/2019
Baker, Kevin Gerard	01/17/2019	Marshall, Bruce A.	06/29/2019
Belanger, Edward R.	04/09/2019	McManus, Vivian	07/05/2019
Bickford, Raymond Carl	03/27/2019	Meres, June C.	05/22/2019
Bowden, Merrill Nichols	12/21/2019	Miller, Patricia W.	09/24/2019
Brawn, Cynthia Mary	07/08/2019	Mueller, Curtis A.	12/13/2019
Brown, Edwin H.	10/03/2019	Mullen, Nelson M.	09/30/2019
Burdzel, Klemens S.	04/11/2019	Muniz, Virginia Bailey	03/24/2019
Carron, Christopher J.	11/30/2019	Noyes, Jacob Joseph	03/04/2019
Chabot, Emitt J.	01/24/2019	Pare, Charles Joseph	07/27/2019
Clement, Kevin R.	06/03/2019	Pierce, Richard	10/13/2019
Cloutier, Eric A.	09/07/2019	Pinkham, Frances Elaine	04/10/2019
Cobb, Mary Jane	03/29/2019	Poirier, Joseph Scott	12/14/2019
Craig, Gary Alan Sr.	07/28/2019	Pooler, Madeline L	10/29/2019
Demo, David N.	03/21/2019	Rancourt, Richard A.	10/09/2019
Doyon, Richard Joseph Sr.	07/20/2019	Reynolds, Christine Mitchell	03/01/2019
Elkins, Ernestine F.	01/18/2019	Ruest, Virginia M.	09/23/2019
Ellis, Robert Lee Sr.	11/14/2019	Simpson, Robert Frank	11/10/2019
Fleming, Patrick Joseph	11/22/2019	St. Michel, Donald E.	08/01/2019
Fortin, Linda Jean	01/25/2019	Stevens, Laura F.	02/26/2019
Fotter, Robert Glen	05/03/2019	Stubbs, Laurel Lee	10/09/2019
Genest, Arthur Ernest	01/27/2019	Trask, Jimmy R.	08/12/2019
Gifford, Glenys Irene	05/25/2019	Varick, Celia B.	04/11/2019
Gillcash, Liane Marie	04/23/2019	Washington, Bernice D.	05/26/2019
Gooldrup, Violet A	12/16/2019	Watson, Lillian P.	11/14/2019
Hall, Michael J.	07/02/2019	Wilson, Elaine Esther	07/01/2019
Hilton, Kenneth A.	06/19/2019	Witham, Rowena M.	11/26/2019
Holland, Micheal Stephen	12/23/2019	Wooley, Doris E.	07/20/2019
Hosea, Jeffrey Alan	01/05/2019	Wright, Joyce H.	11/03/2019
Hughes, Lawrence J.	04/25/2019	Zinkovitch, Scarlett Olivia	08/24/2019
Jenney, MaryEllen	06/09/2019		
King, Lisa Ann	03/29/2019		
Lamontagne, Yvette Marie	01/25/2019		
Leighton, George B.	05/07/2019		

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Town Council and the Citizens of Oakland:

The officers of the Oakland Police Department responded to approximately 7,975 calls for service, affected 90 adult arrests, detained 26 juveniles, conducted 1,645 motor vehicle stops and investigated 109 UCR reportable (more serious) crimes in the year 2019. We investigated 276 motor vehicle crashes and the Animal Control Officers handled over 469 calls for service. Additionally, officers completed 548 business checks and 191 vacant property security checks for residents who were away from their homes for extended periods.

The Oakland Police Department continues to serve the community through a variety of services. We offer a drug take back service which allows citizens to bring in their unused and no longer needed prescription drugs and drop them off in a collection box located just off the main lobby. This is a convenient way to remove these drugs from your home while ensuring that they are disposed of in a safe and responsible manner. Further, we offer business checks during the off hours and vacant property checks while people are away on vacation or for a season. Stop in and see us or give us a call to take advantage of these and other services that we provide for our citizens.

The illicit drug trade is still going strong. Many of our calls for service are a result of the issues that arise from drug abuse in one form or another. Oakland officers are equipped with and trained in the use of Narcan and ways of recognizing drug overdose signs as officers and medical first responders deal with the drug overdose and related issues that affect our communities. Though we continue to investigate this activity utilizing our own resources and in conjunction with other agencies, we need your help! Criminal activities and the victimizing of our citizens can be reduced by our citizens reporting suspicious activity that they might observe to the police department. Let's work together for a safer community.

Oakland Police Officers are on patrol 24 hours a day. Take a moment to stop and talk to them when you see one around town. Get to know them. I think that you will find that we all love our community and we all share the same goals...keeping our town a safe and secure place for our families and loved ones to live, work and play. Thank you for supporting your police department!

Please be a good neighbor and drive carefully on our streets. Watch for playing children and obey the speed limits and other traffic laws that are designed to keep us all safe.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your police chief.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael D. Tracy, Police Chief

FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Town Council and Citizens of Oakland:

On February 24, 2020 Oakland Fire Rescue began responding out of our new Fire Station. The new nearly 12,000 square foot facility is specifically designed to assist us in meeting our mission and the expectations of the community. Known as “Station 9” the facility will greatly enhance the safety and efficiency of fire and rescue operations. This project would have never become a reality without the remarkable work of the facilities committee, members of the Fire Department, Public Works, Rick Mackenzie, and most importantly, the residents of Oakland who have shown overwhelming support. We also owe a huge thank you to local residents, contractors, and business who donated to the project: Central Maine Power, Messalonskee Hydro LLC, United Rentals, Eagle Rentals, Woodsmiths MFG. LLC, Rossignol Excavating, William Mushero Contractors, Bri-Designs, Leighton Signs, Snowden Engineering, Dave Libby, Oakland Furniture and the Oakland Firefighters Association.

The Oakland Fire Rescue Department continues to be the busiest “volunteer” department without fulltime 24-hour staffing in the area. The Department also ranks as the 5th busiest out of 112 services state wide among non-transporting Fire & EMS services. As I have discussed in varying degrees over the past 12 years, the time has come to add staffing. We will be establishing a committee to explore different staffing models over the next year. The goal of the committee will be to recommend a feasible proposal for personnel that will be readily available at the fire station.

The following is a three-year comparison of incidents as reported to the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS).

Incident Type	2019	2018	2017
100 Fires	33	47	38
200 Explosions (no fire)	0	3	0
300 Rescue	752	667	655
400 Hazardous Conditions	94	90	97
500 Service	150	138	157
600 Good Intent	61	56	73
700 False Alarms	50	54	56
800 Severe Weather	8	11	13
900 Special Incidents	9	4	4
Mutual Aid Calls	74	73	48
Total Incidents	1231	1141	1059

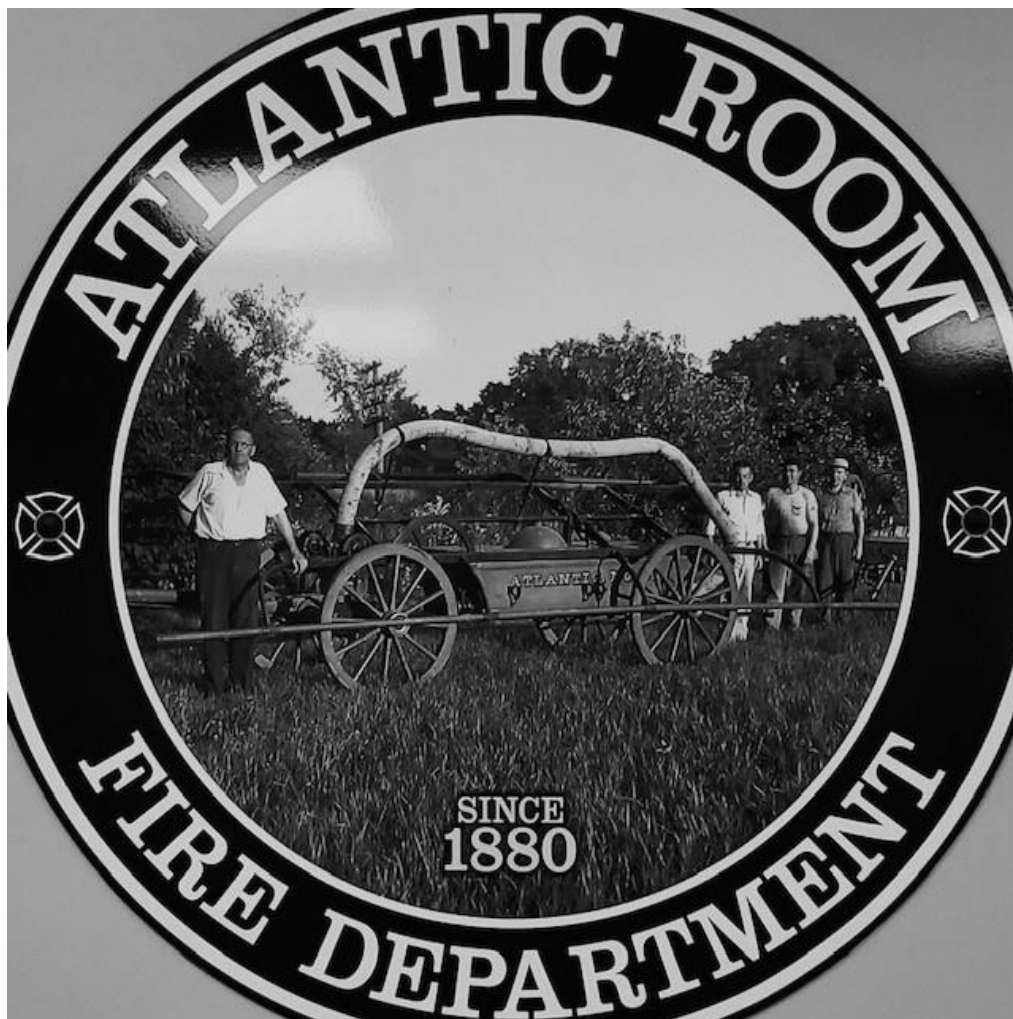
As always, we want to remind you of the importance of having multiple working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your home. If you don’t have a CO detector, please purchase one and if you have one in your home that is more than 6 years old, it should be replaced. If you have any questions or need a smoke detector, please contact the Fire Department. During 2019 we provided 155 smoke detectors to residents of Oakland.

We continue to issue burning permits at the Fire Station free of charge. Permits are issued starting at approximately 8:30 am, 7 days a week. Please use the Main Entrance on Fairfield Street. During 2019, we issued 483 burn permits.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the following for their support during the year: Town Manager, Town Office Staff, the Honorable Town Council, Department Heads and members of their departments, members of various town committees, Lions Club, Mutual Aid Departments, and the Citizens of Oakland. I especially thank my Department Members and their families for their continued dedication to the Department and to the Citizens of Oakland.

Respectfully submitted,

David P. Coughlin, Fire Chief



HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

A “Local Health Officer (LHO) is a term established by the State Statute. Title 22 M.S.R.A Chapter 153 paragraph 451 authorizes every municipality in the State to employ a local health officer. Maine Law also requires the LHO’s to obtain certification through training. It is the authority of the Town Health Officer to hear concerns and complaints of public health issues. Some examples of complaints that may be addressed include, but are not limited to: dangerous buildings, public health threat, removal of filth on property, unlawful dumping, and malfunctioning septic systems.

With the recent outbreak of COVID-19, “the corona virus,” I would like to share some useful tips from the CDC to help mitigate the virus.

COVID-19 is a novel corona virus which means it is a newly discovered strain of the corona virus. COVID-19 is spread through droplets when the infected person coughs or sneezes. The virus can live anywhere from several hours to several days (varies with the type of surface) on surfaces that have been contaminated. The virus spreads very easily between people that have come in contact with it. COVID-19 tends to be more harmful in the elderly, young children, and immunocompromised.

With the rapid spread and potential lethality of the virus, it is best to implement a few simple practices. Hand washing- was your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Social distancing- remain a distance of six feet from others whenever possible. Hand sanitizing- if using hand sanitizer, make sure it is at least 60% alcohol or better. Finally, limit the time away from home. The more you stay at home, the less chance you will have to encounter the virus. COVID-19 doesn’t show signs potentially for the first four days. In those days you could be infecting loved ones and people who cannot fight the virus effectively.

Symptoms of COVID-19 may appear anywhere from 2-14 days after exposure. Symptoms are fever, cough, shortness of breath. Seek emergency care if you have trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, confusion, and bluish lips or face. When contacting 911 it is important to remain calm and not get frustrated with the questions being asked. The questions are in place to help protect our first responders and eliminate the transmission of the virus.

We appreciate the continued support of the community and look forward to serving in the future. For any health officer related needs please contact the Oakland Fire Station at 465-2631.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Thibodeau

Firefighter/ Paramedic and Local Health Officer

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Town Council and the Citizens of Oakland:

The Highway Department began the spring season with the cleanup of winter sand. We also, throughout the year, installed culverts for new homes and replaced existing culverts and maintained ditches encompassing the town. The crew also screened and hauled 8,412 yards of winter sand.

I would like to thank the following Highway Department crew:

Raymond Hewett	Wayne Knox
Mike Hachey	Robert Mathieu
Adam Pelotte	Roland Cote

Completed paving projects for 2019-2020 include:

Old Waterville Road – Overlay	North Alpine Street – Overlay
Transfer Station Road – Shim and Overlay	Lake Vista Drive – Shim and Overlay
County Road – Overlay	

For the upcoming year, the Highway Department paving plans for 2020-2021 year include:

Tukey Road – Overlay	Mary Lane Road – Overlay
Lakeview Drive – Overlay	Mill Road – Overlay
Summer Street – Overlay	

Other projects will include the following:

New Fire Department Facility – work at this site will include:

- Construction of underdrain grass filter for storm water treatment of facility (State requirement)
- Construct the new retaining wall
- Construct parking lot on site
- Finish grading, fill, loam and seeding of entire site

Hussey Hill Road Project – work at this site will include:

- Ditching
- Culvert replacement
- Reclamation of pavement
- Grading of roadway
- Installation of new base pavement for roadway

High Street Road Project – work at this site will include:

- Construction of overlook park and parking areas

I would like to thank the Town Manager Gary Bowman, Police Chief Mike Tracy, Fire Chief David Coughlin, Municipal Engineer Boyd Snowden, Transfer Station Manager Dylan Clark, and Buildings and Grounds Supervisor A.J. Cain for their continued support of the Highway Department.

I would also like to thank the Town Council, Town Office Staff, and the citizens of Oakland for their assistance and patience throughout the many projects the Highway Department completed this year.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff Hall, Public Works Director

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Town Council and the Citizens of Oakland:

I am pleased to provide this report for the Environmental Services Department (formally the Oakland Sewer Department). In 2019, the Town of Oakland pumped 111,694,357 gallons of sewerage to the Waterville Sewerage District (WSD). All sewerage from the Oakland Sewer System is pumped to WSD, where it is then directed through piping to the Kennebec Sanitary Treatment District (KSTD) for treatment, before discharge into the Kennebec River. The volume of sewerage pumped is directly related to the annual precipitation, and the type of storm events that hit the area. In Oakland, the greatest impact on flows appears to be through groundwater infiltration into the piping within the system. The flows are further impacted with rainfall events, especially when the groundwater table is high, such as during the spring and late fall months. In 2019, the total annual precipitation measured was 45 inches (as measured by KSTD). The Oakland sewer system is comprised of nearly 56,000 feet of gravity sewer collection pipe, of which 55% is newer PVC piping, 32% is old clay pipe, 10% is transite pipe, and 3% is fiberglass pipe. In general, the older clay pipe tends to allow more infiltration into the sewer system because of leaking pipe joints and cracks in the piping. New PVC, on the other hand, typically allows the least amount of infiltration. Transite and fiberglass piping typically fall between the two.

The following table provides annual data for the operations of the sewer system since 2015.

Year	Total Annual Volume Pumped (gallons)	Non-Revenue Percentage of Total Volume	Annual Precipitation (inches)	Annual Comparison of Volume/precip. (gallons per inch)
2019	111,694,357	63%	45	2,482,097
2018	98,429,478	57%	41.2	2,389,065
2017	103,332,020	57%	44.5	2,322,067
2016	92,287,597	53%	38.4	2,403,323
2015	104,137,660	59%	41.1	2,533,763

The data shows that year 2019 comparatively had the greatest contribution of inflow and infiltration (I & I) or non-revenue water into the system, followed closely by 2015. The small repairs and pipe lining projects completed in the 2016-2017 period provided a substantial reduction in I & I. However, even with those efforts and continued focus on the collection system since then, the aging pipe conditions have slowly begun to reduce the gains that had been made.

Since 2015, the Department has hired outside companies to clean and inspect sections of the sewer system within our current operational budget. To date, approximately 42 percent of the gravity sewer collection pipes have been cleaned and inspected. These inspections are important as they provide us with a conditional inventory of the sewer main and manholes, as well as providing the information needed to prioritize the future needs of the system. In addition, the cleaning hopefully will reduce the potential for disruption of sewer service to our customers. Our goal is to have all the public sewer system cleaned and inspected by 2025, then begin the cleaning and inspection cycle again after that. To date, we have provided this inspection work within our current budget to limit the financial impact on our customers. The cost of cleaning and camera inspection of the sewer collection system is nearly \$20,000 per year.

During the 2018/2019 Fiscal Year, the Department cleaned and inspected the sewer collection system on the following streets:

- Allagash Drive – Cleaned & Inspected remaining pipe segments
- Deer Run – Cleaned & Inspected most pipe segments
- Selden Lane – Cleaned & Inspected all pipe segments
- Sawtelle Road – Cleaned & Inspected all pipe segments
- Oak Street – Cleaned & Inspected remaining pipe segments
- Oak Hill Drive – Cleaned & Inspected remaining pipe segments

Other work completed in the 2018/2019 Fiscal Year included:

- Completed short Fiberglass lining repairs at 2 sections of pipe on Oak Street (I & I)
- Completed short Fiberglass lining repair at 1 section of pipe on Oak Hill Drive (I & I)
- Replaced 23’ of sewer main on Oak Street that had structural issues (partial collapse)
- Upgraded the remote pump stations with alarming capabilities

Proposed work for 2019/2020 Fiscal Year includes:

- Clean and inspect South Alpine Street piping
- Provide short Fiberglass lining repairs to 2 sections of pipe on South Alpine Street (I & I)
- Finalize electrical control upgrades at the KMD pump station
- Excavate and repair leaking PVC pipe on Selden Lane (I & I)
- Excavate and replace a manhole on Oak Street (partial collapse, I & I)
- Install two flow meters on Lower Oak Street to determine I & I influence on that clay pipe section.

The Department has continued the operation of the large sewer pumps at the former sewer plant during “non-peak hours” when possible. In the 2018/2019 Fiscal Year, we were able to use our storage tanks during the day and pump at night for 4 months, providing a savings of approximately \$5,200. Our goal for the 2019/2020 budget cycle will be 5 months of “non-peak pumping”. The final savings each year under this program depends on the volume of sewerage pumped and the amount of precipitation each year.

Fiscally, the Department has finally built up the reserve account back to the level it was prior to the large Waterville sewer connection project in 2012. That project had depleted most of that reserve account. The reserve allows us to operate effectively, and provides funding for any emergency failures, mechanical failures, or piping issues that may arise. We continue to locate and repair any I & I issues found within the system (as budget allows), as these repairs help to reduce our overall costs due to savings in electrical and Waterville Sewerage District charges.

I wish to thank Town Manager Gary Bowman and the Town Council for their unending support. I would also like to thank Jeff Hall and the Public Works crew, Chief Tracy and the Oakland Police Department, Chief Coughlin and the Oakland Fire Department, AJ Cain and his crew, as well as Jan Porter and the rest of the staff at the Town Office for their assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Boyd Snowden, PE
Municipal Engineer

TRANSFER STATION & RECYCLING REPORT

To the Oakland Town Council and the Citizens of Oakland:

2019 was a year of transition for the Oakland Transfer Station. Past Manager Daniel Hapgood moved his family closer to family members in Northern Maine and Assistant Manager Dylan Clark was promoted to the Manager's position. Dan's legacy includes adding several layers of recycling to our existing system and helping to guide our transition from PERC to Fiberight for our household trash (MSW). Daniel proved to be a valuable employee for the Town of Oakland and will be missed by all.

As many of you are aware, we are constantly trying to educate our public to increase your recycling efforts, with an attempt to reduce the number of recyclables that are being disposed of through the waste stream. This turns the cost of transporting and paying for the disposal of a product that we can turn into a revenue. This saves our taxpayers money by lowering our cost of operations. We continue to push the recycling of cardboard due to finding so much of it on our tipping pad. We've seen significant results from these efforts. With the combined efforts of patrons and employees, I expect another great year for the recycling programs we have established.

Many of you may still have concerns over the stability of the recycling markets, I can happily say to you that at this time the markets have seemed to stabilize. Per our vendors, we can see increased marketability of materials such as mixed paper and #5 plastics soon.

	2018	2019
Tons of Electronics	20.49	23.23
Tons of Architectural Paint	6.43	6.03
Tons of Material Recycled	263.42	262.43
Savings Value of Recyclables <i>*Cost reduced from trash Disposal</i>	\$12,712.02	\$16,795.52

I would like to thank our staff: Assistant Manager Jeff Campbell, Attendants John Dyer, Gary McDaniels, and Ryan Boyle. I owe much of our success to their hard work and professional demeanor. I want to thank Public Works, Buildings & Grounds, and Boyd Snowden for their continued assistance with our facility. I would also like to thank Richard (Dick) Pierce for the guidance he provided. Rest in Peace Richard Pierce long time employee of the Town of Oakland and friendly face to all.

Thank You, PLEASE RECYCLE, and PLEASE Promote Recycling
Help us build a Recycling Culture that Oakland can be proud of.

Respectfully submitted,

Dylan Clark
Transfer Station Manager

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS REPORT

To the Town Council and Citizens of Oakland:

2019 turned out to be quite a constructive year for the Buildings & Grounds Department. Once we got through, what seemed to be a never-ending winter, we were able to get into our cemeteries and start our spring cleanup, in preparation for Memorial Day. We have concentrated our work on some major tree removal in Lakeview, Middle, and Upper Cemetery. We were able to remove several large failing trees this year, with hopes of removing several more in the coming years, to prevent any possible damage to gravestones throughout the cemeteries. Along with the tree removal, we were also able to straighten several large gravestones in Lewis and Lakeview Cemetery. Once again, all three town cemeteries were in excellent shape for Memorial Day weekend, along with all other town properties.

As the task of plotting, selling, and record keeping of all the three cemeteries is still somewhat new to us, we have made some great strides over the year. A staff member of the Town Offices had taken on the assignment of transferring all records to a spreading sheet format, which can be accessed by both departments. We are also looking into a new GIS mapping system, that will not only be beneficial for the cemeteries, but also for several other town departments. Inquiries about lot sales or burials can be made by contacting the Town Office or the Buildings and Grounds Department.

Through the summer, the building & grounds department assisted in multiple functions throughout the town. We lent hand with the preparation of the 5th annual Oakfest, building stages, setting up multiple tents, marking the layout for all the vendors at Williams Elementary, and once again, having another very successful turn out. We also assisted in the 2st annual Waterfront Park Summer Music Series, that as well, seemed to have a great following. We look forward to this coming summer to again help out with both of these great community events.

We also assisted The Oakland Flower Committee with a few additional antique bicycles, which again were placed throughout town. The committee added the final touch with some beautiful plants and flower, as they do on all the islands and planters around the town.

We accomplished a couple large projects at the Oakland Public Library, with the most beneficial one being the upgrade of high efficiency lighting through the library. Not only was this done at a huge discounted rate due to a rebate we applied for through Efficiency Maine but will also be very cost saving for future years to come.

Among many other projects that we were able to complete throughout the year, we were also able to keep up with our routine maintenance of all cemeteries and grounds. With that said, I would like to thank the following people.

Buildings & Grounds Crew

Gary Bowman – Grounds Assistant

A.J. Carrier – Buildings Assistant

I would also like thank the following people for all their hard work for keeping all town's buildings neat and tidy all year long, especially through the tough Maine winter months.

Janitorial Staff

Sue Hubbert
Heather Wood

Jenni Greenlaw

In closing, I would like to give a special thank you to the following: Jeff Hall and the Public Works Crew for all the help they provide this department whenever the need may arise, Recreation Director, Eric Seekins for everything he does, especially, all the hands on work he gives keeping our parks and ball fields in amazing shape, & Jeff Sheive and his crew from RSU 18 for all team work that our departments continue to share.

I would also like to thank Town Manager Gary Bowman, the Town Council, the Town Office Staff, all department heads and their staffs, and the citizens of Oakland for their continued support, throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

A.J. Cain
Buildings & Grounds Supervisor



PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

To the Town Council and Citizens of Oakland:

Our library patron count for 2019 averaged out to 4,523. Our system Atrium is a cloud based book-system, where information about books and library news can be found at: oaklandpubliclibrarymaine.org You may email us at: staff@oaklandpubliclibrarymaine.org and/or contact us at: 207-465-7533. Adults and children patrons using electronic collections: 1,945, our Wi-Fi and computer use (there are 6 more computers to replace), 1,444, ILL transactions for the year equal 35 books. Improvements: LED lights replaced fluorescent in order to bring down electric bill; replaced side door, walkway and fixed/sealed the outside wall from children's room exit to prevent leaking.

Storytime at 10:30am on Fridays, continue to do well. Thank you to Cheryl Godfrey and Jackie Fortunato, with Gene Roy, our principal readers. Thank you goes to our Messalonskee High School volunteer, Sofija Kleinschmidt, who reads to our Storytime children and fixes up the Young Adult bulletin board! ☺ We have telescopes ready for borrowing; Lego Club meets the first Thursday of the month at 3:30-4:30, (we are thinking about adding a second Thursday during the month) and books ready to be checked out here at your public library!

A UNIVERSE OF STORIES! 5 programs for our Summer Reading in 2019 went very well with 97 children & 52 adults. In 2020, our theme is: IMAGINE YOUR STORY! starting on Friday, July 10th 10:30, with Mad Science of Maine, Sir Douglas & his puppets on the 17th, Storyteller Debby Bliss on the 24th, Gene Roy Dreams & Dream Catchers on the 31st and last, but not least, Judy Pancoast, singer and our Party on the 7th of August! Our Storytime will co-exist with Summer Reading Programs for 5 weeks this coming summer, all starting at 10:30 on Friday mornings. Thanks again to our Oakland Lions Club for their support of children's programming here at the Oakland Public Library, and the Waterville Area Women's Club for supporting Mad Science of Maine here last summer!

Thank-you go out to our processing group, Wednesday – Claudette Cote, Sandra Caret and Donna Pullen. Our new books are ready faster with their help.

Book donations are reaching an all time high. We are unable to process this many for Better World, Hannaford, Goodwill, etc...some do go into our collection, but some we have to send to the Transfer Station because of a mildew smell. PLEASE bring only lightly used books, puzzles and movie DVDs. Thank you.

A big thank you goes to Stephanie Cheevers, Linda Holmsen, Mary Glennon, Howard Hardy, Peter Godfrey, Patricia Stevens, Marilyn Stevens and Bert Brewster, our Library Advisory Board members.

Please come in and visit, read the Morning Sentinel or, one of our magazines. Enjoy reading a new book in comfort, while the sun rests upon your shoulders, here at the Oakland Public Library. ☺

Respectfully submitted, Sarah P. Roy ~ Librarian

RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Town Council and Citizens of Oakland:

It is with great pleasure that I am able to address the citizens of Oakland in this manner each year.

Oakland continues to set the pace in central Maine, something all of us should be extremely proud of. Thanks to the generosity of our residents, municipal facilities continue to be upgraded to modern standards. These new facilities will not only serve us in our lifetime, but our children's lifetime as well, what a fantastic legacy for all to leave.

One of our highlights in 2019 was the addition of Ryan Sucy as the Recreation and Social Media Coordinator. Being a hometown guy, Ryan has a true passion for Oakland and its offerings. He is as comfortable running youth programs as he is writing the "In the Spotlight" series and everything in between. Believe me when I say he was the perfect candidate for this position. Look for great things going forward and make sure to check us out on Face Book and Instagram.

Our 2019 Waterfront Concert series saw huge growth in its second summer with an increase in attendance of 30% ! I expect 2020 to be even bigger and better! Special thanks to Kennebec Savings Bank, Higgins and Bolduc Agency, Korner Store, Fabian Oil, and Camp Manitou for making it all possible with additional thanks to the Oakland Lions club for the great concessions each week. All are back for 2020 and a new band schedule will be posted just as soon as finalized. Please join us this summer!

I am continually reminded by so many wonderful people in the community of how important our traditional, old fashion programs are to them as I'm out and about. I cannot express to you the pride and joy I feel when I see my former "kids" that are now in their 20's, 30's and they recite a summer rec. story to me like it happened yesterday. I am truly blessed to have called Oakland my home for the last 30 years.

Look for us to follow up with some exciting new program offerings like the Board Game Bonanza and 100 Mile Hike Club programs. We have some new things planned for 2020 that I think our townspeople will really enjoy. Stay tuned.

Special thanks as always to every member of the Town Employee Family. You will notice many new faces within the various departments these days, but all are still committed to helping make Oakland the finest community possible. Thanks also to RSU #18 for another year of cooperation, co-existence, and facility usage.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Seekins
Recreation Director

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT

To the Town Council and Citizens of Oakland:

Animal Control provides a service to the community dealing with any animal complaints. Under the direction of the Town Council and the Police Department, animal control handles both domestic and wildlife complaints. Each year brings new challenges to our community based on current problems which can impact your lives. Two issues are very significant this coming year, one is the rabies virus and barking dog complaints.

The rabies issue has received much publicity in the Bath/Brunswick areas and it's only a matter of time when we will see it in Oakland. The most important action you can take is making sure your cats and dogs are vaccinated. The town provides a free rabies clinic each year for Oakland residents, usually the first Saturday in December. The most prevalent animals that carry the virus are skunks, foxes, and raccoons. Report any animals showing signs of injury and/or disorientation to the Police Department. Rabies can be fatal if left unchecked.

There has been an increase in barking dog complaints this year. Oakland has a local ordinance which deals with dogs who bark continually for 15 to 20 minutes or bark on and off on a regular basis. Violation of the ordinance can result in a fine of \$50 for the first offense and \$100 for each subsequent violation.

Rats continue to be a problem. The best way to control rats is to prevent build up of trash and rubbish in your yard or any outbuildings. Rats multiply quickly and the rule of thumb is one rat equals seven rats. Animal Control can provide you with information on how to get rid of rats in your area. Another concern developing are free ranging chickens. Chickens poop everywhere, dig up flower beds, and can be pests on your property. If you own chickens that roam everywhere, you become liable under the animal trespass laws, a civil violation, and can result in a court summons with restitution for any damage the chickens have caused. Best solution – keep your chickens fenced in. One final item is TICKS. Talk to your vet how best to protect your animals. Lyme disease (caused by ticks) can be very serious to both pets and humans. Ticks live year-round, are more active in spring and summer and require constant attention. Use tick repellent for yourself as well as tick prevention for your pets.

Help us help you keep our town clean and disease free.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Faucher

OAKLAND FOOD PANTRY REPORT

To the Town Council and Citizens of Oakland:

The Oakland Pantry is sponsored by and located at the Oakland United Methodist Church. However, I feel it is very important to bring to everyone's attention that we are supported financially by the United Baptist Church of Oakland and their members on a monthly basis. A member of the Corpus Christi Parish collects money during the year which is sent to us annually. Kingdom Life Church also supports the pantry with gifts of food during the holidays.

Our MOST IMPORTANT support is from our 45+ dedicated volunteers. In addition to the members of the Oakland United Methodist Church we have many members of the Baptist church, the St. Theresa's Guild of the Corpus Christi Parish, people from the community and high school students.

Volunteer jobs consist of: working at the pantry on Thursday afternoon, ordering food from the Good Shepherd Food Bank, shopping locally for food as needed, pick up food from the Good Shepherd and TEFAP in Augusta, inventory of the pantry, stocking of shelves, working at Shaw's Food Drive, Post Office Food Drive, cleaning the pantry on a weekly basis, picking up fresh produce from the farm program and taking the leftover perishable food to a partner agency or to the transfer station if it is not fit for consumption.

We would like to express our thankfulness and gratitude to all who generously give their time and energy to this important mission in the town of Oakland.

The pantry has a team of three volunteer managers. They establish procedures to assure safe and efficient distribution of food, operation of the pantry, its daily management and financial policies.

Respectfully submitted,

Clara Watson, Treasurer

OAKLAND SNO-GOERS REPORT

To the Town Council and Citizens of Oakland:

The members of the Oakland Sno-Goers Club would like to thank the landowners for giving us permission to use their land for our snowmobile trails. Without your generosity it would be impossible to enjoy our sport in this region.

We had very little snow this year which unfortunately created a short riding season. Unfortunately trail maintenance takes the same amount of work regardless of the amount of snow we receive. The rewards of maintaining trails on a snow year is always much more pleasing than on a year when you can't ride much. If we don't maintain our trails every year, they will regress into such disrepair that we will lose them. I would like to thank all the volunteers for their hard work. Without their dedication, efforts and loyal support we would not be able to offer a club to help keep our trail network alive and well.

One of our funding sources for club operational costs is the registration fee collected by the municipalities on snowmobile registrations. The Town of Oakland has approximately 415 registered snowmobiles which generated about \$2300 for our club this year. Our club now owns six drag sleds and two track machines and drags 41 miles of Trails (one way) throughout town. Without the revenue generated by these registration fees we would not be able to maintain our six drag sleds and 2 track machines.

We would like to invite you to join the Oakland Sno-Goers Club and support our sport. We are doing our very best to keep the trails as smooth and safe as possible. It is all Volunteer work. For more information please feel free to call Dan at 465-6136.

Please remember to **"TREAD LIGHTLY"**

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Swett
President, Oakland Sno-Goers Club



Regional School Unit No. 18

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Carl Gartley
Superintendent of Schools

Keith Morin
Chief Academic Officer

Gary Smith
Chief Operations Officer

Every year I have the opportunity and pleasure of providing input into the town reports of all five towns in RSU 18. While these town reports will be released sometime this spring, I find it appropriate that I sit here on New Year's Day writing my reflections of the last year. When I am asked by people to tell them about RSU 18, my go to response is simple; I tell them stories about our amazing students and staff.

- I would tell them about a student who was so eager to show me (or anyone else who happen to visit that classroom) how well he could read. When I asked him how he got so good at reading he responded by telling me, "I worked hard." That child has unlocked the secret to success.
- I would tell them about a student who I watched practice her assignment in class on her i-pad, then with her teacher's approval, through an app on her device she shared this work instantaneously with her parents. The teacher had set this up so that parents who work every day can still be actively involved with their child's learning.
- I would tell them about a music concert I attended when I overheard a grandparent in the audience say, "I can't believe these are high schoolers, this is amazing."
- I would tell them about our students who face obstacles every single day that fortunately most of us never have to face. Then I would follow up with the herculean effort our caring staff puts in every day to ensure that these students know that we care about them and are there for them.
- I would tell them about our Advanced Placement Scores at MHS where our students performed amazingly well, doing better than most other schools in the state and country.

As you have undoubtedly seen in all of our schools, we have been making a significant push to improve our facilities around the district. Energy efficiency, heating, improved educational settings, air quality and safety projects have been at the forefront of our efforts. From the new athletic complex at MHS to the new addition at China Middle School to the new parking lots at Belgrade Central, the facility improvements in all eight schools have truly made a difference for everyone. My sincere thanks to everyone in our communities for supporting our facility improvement work, we could not have done this work without you.

There is no shortage of material that I have to share about the incredible things happening in our district by and for our students. So, in short, the staff and students of RSU 18 are doing awesome, thank you all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carl Gartley, Superintendent of Schools
January 1, 2020

March 20, 2020
Town of Oakland
6 Cascade Mill Road, Oakland, ME 04963



Dear Town of Oakland Citizens,

I am pleased to share with you Central Maine Growth Council's 2019-20 overview of work for the Town of Oakland's 2020 Annual Town Report. As a regional public-private economic development corporation, Central Maine Growth Council (CMGC) prides itself as being a leader in economic development that understands large and small business development projects, the needs of communities through commercial and community revitalization, and the importance of the innovation and technology economy. Currently, CMGC is assisting in guiding the Town's economic development initiatives to create a stronger economic future with the following efforts:

1. Planning and Development of the Town's Comprehensive Plan
2. Focusing on Business Recruitment, Retention, and Attraction
3. Incentives and Public-Private Grants & Finance Tools for Businesses
4. Developing Apprenticeship Programs and Workforce Development Initiatives
5. Expanding Support for Small and Mid-Size Companies
6. Focusing Economic Development Efforts on Seven (7) Key Industry Clusters
7. Working Strategically to Position Oakland Regionally and Statewide as a Premier Place to do Business and Invest



In serving as lead facilitators and planning staff for the Town's two (2) year comprehensive plan process, as well as for economic development initiatives related to broadband and business growth, some recent updates include:

- Oakland Comprehensive Planning Committee (OCPC) has drafted the 2020 Oakland Comprehensive Plan and submitted it to the Oakland Town Council for preliminary review. Councilors' edits will be incorporated, and then the Plan will be shared with the public for your thoughts and comments.
- New business expansion of Maine Technology Group (MTG) into Oakland and continued business development.
- CMGC has held several grant and funding meetings with downtown Oakland investors.
- Oakland Broadband & Technology Committee has completed its \$15,000 planning grant from the Maine Community Foundation to explore broadband expansion in Oakland. Recommendations from the Committee will be presented to the Oakland Town Council.
- Oakland's commercial districts, including downtown and Kennedy Memorial Drive, are experiencing a significant uptick in interest for new business development or existing business expansion. CMGC continues to work closely with businessowners and investors to advise them on site selection, financing, and press & media relations.

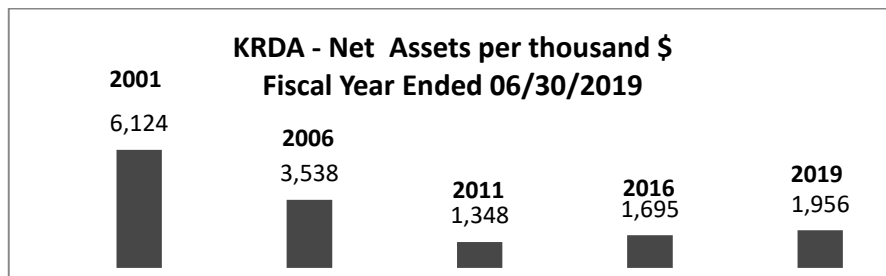
Best regards,
Garvan D. Donegan
Director of Planning and Economic Development, Central Maine Growth Council



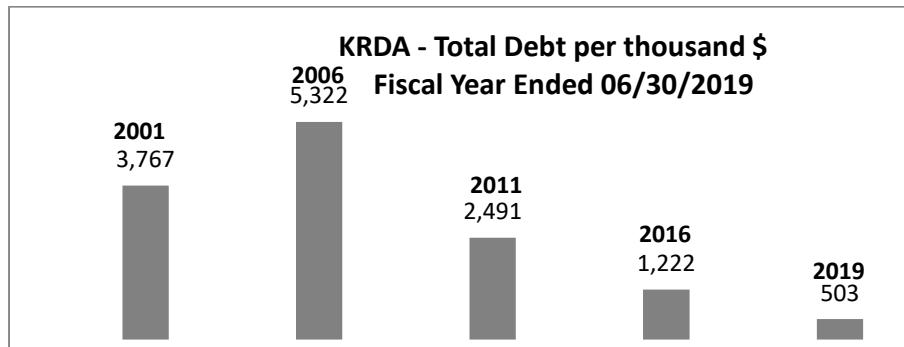
BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Kennebec Regional Development Authority - Annual Report: as of June 30, 2019

Kennebec Regional Development Authority (KRDA) has continued to improve its financial condition as evidenced by the graphical presentations below. KRDA has grown what we own by sound fiscal management, including level budgeting and reduction of debt. Assessments to municipal members have remained unchanged since 2007.



KRDA was formed, by special Maine State legislation, for the specific purpose of bringing economic development and jobs to our region. FirstPark was created on approximately three hundred acres, adjacent to I-95 in Oakland, and was supported by twenty-four towns and cities. The purchase and the subsequent build out of the infrastructure were financed with a \$3,000,000 twenty year bond. This bond was refinanced, at significantly lower interest rates in 2010, and will be paid off in November 2020. The balance of the bond is \$503,000 plus \$10,000 of associated interest.



Currently there are over 1,100 people employed by the businesses in FirstPark. The Park’s property valuation amounts to \$29,600,000, which is comprised of \$7,800,000 of personal property and \$21,800,000 of real estate. Total real estate taxes collected in 2019 totaled \$486,000.

For more detailed financial information please refer to our annual audited financial report. An electronic copy can be emailed upon request. KRDA/FirstPark Executive Director Jim Dinkle can be contacted at either (207) 859-9716 or exdirector@firstpark.com.



Senator Matthew G. Pouliot
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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Matthew G. Pouliot
State Senator

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330**

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you in the 129th Maine Legislature this year. I am very proud of the work we as a Legislature did in coming together to respond to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) crisis, and am very pleased that during such times as this both Democrats and Republicans can put their differences aside to come up with common sense solutions that benefit Mainers from all walks of life.

As House Ranking Member of the Transportation Committee, I am also thankful that during those frantic last-minute negotiations, our roads and bridges were not ignored. In addition to the \$105 million highway bond both parties will be putting out to the voters in June to “fix the darn roads”, we as a State have made a commitment to putting money in the General Fund for dedicated road maintenance. That amount is small -- \$10 million – but it shows an important commitment to putting dedicated tax dollars into our state’s top priority, ensuring safe, and well-maintained roads and bridges.

We live in an aging community. Maine is one of the oldest states in the nation. Making sure our elderly, and those who live on fixed incomes have quality services is also vital to the future of our state. This session the Legislature approved extra funding for our nursing homes, assisted living centers, and voted to give direct care workers – those on the front lines of the COVID-19 crisis – a badly needed pay raise. While wages still lag, there is no better way to show our appreciation for the yeoman’s work our friends and neighbors do than to support them where they live and work.

Before I close, I also wanted to touch on how this coronavirus outbreak has impacted our state financially. In the past two years the state budget has increased by unsustainable levels. That is less of a concern when times are good, but as we have all seen in the past few weeks, times can change on a dime. Our state, going forward, is going to have to really knuckle down and focus on the types of things I mentioned above so that we don’t have runaway taxes and spending. We have shown we can do it in a time of emergency. We need to do so before an emergency hits so that we are ready for the unthinkable – because the current rate our budget is growing is unsustainable, and a few weeks of funding in the rainy day fund is not going to see us through an extended rough patch.

I want to thank you again for electing me as your representative. And I especially want to thank each of you who is lending a hand during this COVID-19 crisis. It has brought us together as a state, a legislature, and as a community, and has shown what we can do if we all set our minds to it. Thank you to all of our first responders, police, fire, healthcare workers, folks working with the elderly and young people to make sure they get through this as safely as possible. I appreciate the work each of you does, and thank you for your service!

Sincerely,

Michael Perkins
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January 1, 2020

Dear Friends,

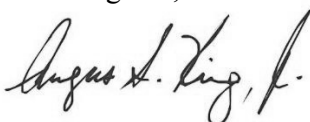
The beginning of a new year provides the opportunity to reflect on the progress of the past 12 months. If you've been watching cable TV, you might think that every waking moment of 2019 in Washington has been consumed by divisive, partisan issues – and while there's no shortage of those debates, there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

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

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

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

Best Regards,



Angus S. King Jr.
United States Senator

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

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully,

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

Jared Golden

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Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Selectmen
Town of Oakland, Maine

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Oakland, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Oakland, Maine, as of June 30, 2019 and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, and OPEB information on pages 6 through 12 and pages 41 through 42 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We 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 our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

The other supplementary information on Schedule 1 is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, Schedule 1 is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 28, 2019, on our consideration of the Town of Oakland, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Oakland, Maine's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town of Oakland, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Grantus Hibodan & Associates

October 28, 2019

TOWN OF OAKLAND TRUST FUNDS

Cemetery Trust Fund

General	\$ 56,219.61
Lakeview Cemetery	22,149.12
George H. Bryant	5,337.72

Total	\$ 83,706.45
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Interest	121,750.55
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Fund Balance	\$ 205,457.00
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Clarissa Greenough Library Fund

Principal	\$ 50,313.00
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Interest	685.00
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Fund Balance	\$ 50,998.00
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Distressed Persons Trust Fund

Stella Bartlett	\$ 7,500.00
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Interest	18,406.00
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Fund Balance	\$ 25,906.00
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Library Trust Fund

Stella Bartlett	\$ 1,000.00
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Cecile Campbell	2,000.00
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Don C. Stevens	2,000.00
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Myra L. Wells	800.00
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Total	\$ 5,800.00
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Interest	165.00
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Fund Balance	\$ 5,965.00
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Library Improvement Fund

Beginning Balance 7/1/2018	\$ 24,866.31
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Revenues

Copies & Fines	\$ 3,392.24
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Book Sales	\$ 1,970.49
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BetterWorld Books	\$ 136.09
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Kennebec County	\$ 167.00
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Expenses

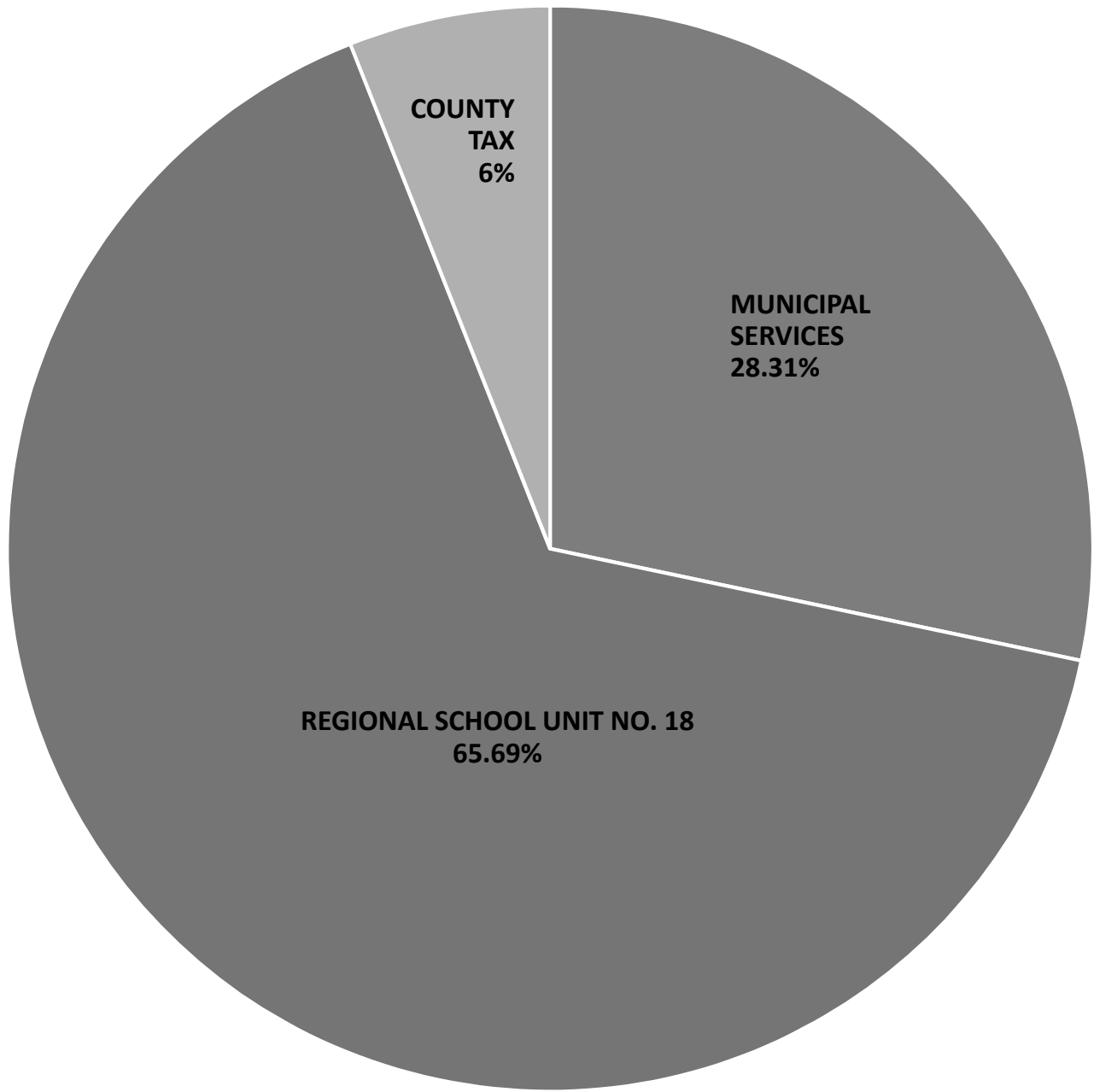
Leighton Sign Works	\$ 1,980.00
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Transfer from Library	\$ 789.87
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Building Fund	
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Fund Balance 6/30/2019	\$ 29,342.00
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APPROPRIATED TAX DOLLARS 2019-2020



■ Municipal Services ■ RSU #18 Appropriations ■ County Tax

Expenditures

<u>General Government</u>	2018-2019		2019-2020		2020-2021	Change
	<u>Appropriated</u>		<u>Appropriated</u>		<u>Proposed</u>	
Administration	\$ 474,211	\$	517,654	\$	590,055	14.0%
Assessor	143,795		151,506		115,226	-23.9%
General Assistance	14,000		14,000		14,000	0.0%
Insurance	16,534		18,252		19,363	6.1%
Debt Service	83,947		218,854		216,983	-0.9%
Contingency	17,000		17,000		7,000	-58.8%
Total	\$ 749,487	\$	937,266	\$	962,627	2.7%
<u>Protection</u>						
Fire Department	\$ 260,327	\$	285,048	\$	300,303	5.4%
Rescue	50,668		52,402		53,299	1.7%
Police Department	1,009,646		1,011,866		1,084,369	7.2%
Code Enforcement	80,466		100,293		114,674	14.3%
Public Safety Services	322,362		338,671		371,658	9.7%
Transfer Station	410,222		428,528		476,342	11.2%
Total	\$ 2,133,691	\$	2,216,808	\$	2,400,645	8.3%
<u>Public Works</u>						
Public Works Department	\$ 811,365	\$	845,733	\$	900,941	6.5%
Road Improvements	227,790		222,820		352,446	58.2%
Property Maintenance	256,672		277,960		311,494	12.1%
Total	\$ 1,295,827	\$	1,346,513	\$	1,564,881	16.2%
<u>Recreational/Cultural Services</u>						
Public Library	\$ 134,936	\$	141,434	\$	164,414	16.2%
Recreation	155,839		168,804		179,095	6.1%
Total	\$ 290,775	\$	310,238	\$	343,509	10.7%
<u>Miscellaneous Requests</u>						
Optional Appropriations	\$ 43,643	\$	56,004	\$	53,803	-3.9%
<u>Community Service Organizations</u>						
Agency Requests	\$ 5,500	\$	5,500	\$	12,000	118.2%
<u>Conservation Organizations</u>						
Agency Requests	\$ 13,600	\$	14,100	\$	15,250	8.2%
<u>Capital Improvements</u>						
Proposed Projects	\$ 223,000	\$	205,000	\$	228,000	11.2%
Grand Total	\$ 4,755,523	\$	5,091,429	\$	5,580,715	9.6%

ESTIMATED REVENUES 2020 - 2021

	<u>Collected</u> <u>2018-2019</u>	<u>Budgeted</u> <u>2019-2020</u>	<u>Received</u> <u>12/31/2019</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2020-2021</u>
<u>TAXES</u>				
Excise Tax	\$ 1,342,369	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 761,883	\$ 1,250,000
Boat Excise	12,788	12,500	1,889	12,500
Interest Penalties	36,156	35,000	20,275	35,000
Subtotal	\$ 1,391,313	\$ 1,297,500	\$ 784,047	\$ 1,297,500
<u>LICENSES & PERMITS</u>				
Town Clerk	\$ 8,935	\$ 8,000	\$ 3,302	\$ 8,000
Dog Licenses	6,193	9,500	1,787	9,500
Transfer Station - Stickers	1,377	1,200	303	1,200
Plumbing Permits	6,190	5,500	4,303	5,500
Letter of Intent	2,230	7,500	999	7,000
Commercial Hauling Fees	100	300	-	100
Subtotal	\$ 25,025	\$ 32,000	\$ 10,694	\$ 31,300
<u>INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE</u>				
Police Special Details	\$ 10,639	\$ 10,000	\$ 2,439	\$ 7,000
School Resource Officer Reim.	107,492	110,312	36,514	114,205
State Revenue Sharing	311,399	500,477	255,911	600,000
Tree Growth	12,145	12,000	11,621	12,000
State Park Reimbursement	-	500	-	-
Local Roads Assistance Program	42,000	42,000	42,864	43,000
General Assistance Reimbursement	5,662	9,800	1,361	9,800
Snowmobile Fees	2,383	2,700	-	2,383
FirstPark Admin Fees	42,365	41,000	-	43,000
Subtotal	\$ 534,085	\$ 728,789	\$ 350,710	\$ 831,388
<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</u>				
Photocopier	\$ 124	\$ 150	\$ 73	\$ 125
Cemeteries(Burials\Lot Sales)	11,025	4,500	2,717	6,000
Vehicle Registration Fees	21,769	21,000	13,607	30,000
Fines & Fees	80	400	46	300
Memorial Hall Rental	12,800	12,000	5,600	12,800
Lien Collections	4,669	5,000	5,672	5,000
Transfer Station Revenues	54,211	48,000	33,718	45,000
Subtotals	\$ 104,678	\$ 91,050	\$ 61,433	\$ 99,225
<u>REVENUE</u>				
Investment Income	\$ 95,688	\$ 50,000	\$ 36,894	\$ 50,000
Cemetery Trust Income	1,500	2,000	-	3,000
Clarissa Greenough Lib. Book Inc	-	500	-	600
Library Trust Fund Income	100	100	-	100
Subtotal	\$ 97,288	\$ 52,600	\$ 36,894	\$ 53,700

	<u>Collected</u> <u>2018-2019</u>	<u>Budgeted</u> <u>2019-2020</u>	<u>Received</u> <u>12/31/2019</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2020-2021</u>
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>				
Miscellaneous	\$ 14,365	\$ 14,000	\$ 13,576	\$ 14,000
Cable TV	76,875	70,000	-	72,000
Recreation Fees	9,069	8,000	2,295	9,000
SW Recycling Revenues	18,682	16,000	6,382	14,000
Retirement Forfeiture	-	7,258	6,934	-
TIF Revenues	47,320	45,893	45,893	52,593
Digital Mapping Reserve	-	4,400	-	-
Commercial Tipping Fees	1,320	1,500	808	1,200
Subtotal	\$ 167,631	\$ 167,051	\$ 75,888	\$ 162,793
SUBTOTAL	\$ 2,320,020	\$ 2,368,990	\$ 1,319,666	\$ 2,475,906
<u>OTHER REVENUE SOURCES</u>				
Trans From Fund Equity	160,000	210,000	210,000	275,000
Trans from Cap. Imp. Res.	45,000	55,000	55,000	75,000
Subtotal	205,000	265,000	265,000	350,000
TOTAL	<u>2,525,020</u>	<u>2,633,990</u>	<u>1,584,666</u>	<u>2,825,906</u>

TOWN OF OAKLAND SEWER LIENS

JANUARY-APRIL 2018 SEWER LIENS

HARVILLE, THOMAS W.	\$ 959.24
HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES	\$ 378.77
HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES	\$ 296.71
HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES	\$ 282.50
MARQUIS ENTERPRISES, LLC	\$ 846.42
MAXWELL, THELMA	\$ 197.22
MULLEN, RICHARD A. JR	\$ 170.50
MUZEROLLE, JASON R.	\$ 349.42
PARENT, MICHELLE L.	\$ 238.79
ROY, DREW	\$ 173.34
UEBELHACK, RUSSELL	\$ 609.88
WHEELER, BRIAN	\$ 413.30

TOTAL \$ 4,916.09

JULY - OCTOBER 2018 SEWER LIENS

GIGUERE, MELANIE S.	\$ 169.33
GLOVER, DAVID L.	\$ 278.08
GLOVER, DAVID L.	\$ 161.97
GOODWIN, KARLA S.	\$ 278.08
HARTIGAN, GERARD	\$ 339.71
HARVILLE, THOMAS W.	\$ 943.96
HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES	\$ 463.08
HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES	\$ 380.94
HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES	\$ 332.44
HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES	\$ 243.49
MARQUIS ENTERPRISES, LLC	\$ 852.45
MAXWELL, THELMA	\$ 369.72
MULLEN, RICHARD A. JR	\$ 283.45
MUZEROLLE, JASON R.	\$ 309.82
PARENT, MICHELLE L.	\$ 238.53
PARKER, TANYA	\$ 272.65
ROY, DREW	\$ 161.97
SILVERMAN, PAUL J.	\$ 326.04
UEBELHACK, RUSSELL	\$ 566.67
WHEELER, BRIAN	\$ 402.61

TOTAL \$ 7,374.99

JANUARY-APRIL 2019 SEWER LIENS

BRANN, LOUISE H., DEV. OF	\$ 358.07
BROOKS, BEVERLY JEAN	\$ 661.60
DAVIDSON, KEVIN G.	\$ 376.42
GIGUERE, MELANIE S.	\$ 397.66
GLOVER, DAVID L.	\$ 283.75
GLOVER, DAVID L.	\$ 162.05
GOODWIN, KARLA S.	\$ 300.14
HAPGOOD, STEVEN	\$ 168.85
HARTIGAN, GERARD	\$ 329.13
HARVILLE, THOMAS W.	\$ 820.13
HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCI.	\$ 231.13
HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES	\$ 174.94
HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES	\$ 834.83
HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES	\$ 457.65
HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES	\$ 109.21
HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES	\$ 430.31
HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES	\$ 309.91
HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES	\$ 205.65
JAMES, JESSE M.	\$ 116.43
JOHNSTON, LURA P.	\$ 607.22
KNIGHT, DENNY L.	\$ 426.11
LAVERDIERE, ADAM	\$ 54.67
MARQUIS ENTERPRISES, LLC	\$ 967.89
MAXWELL, THELMA	\$ 337.19
MULLEN, RICHARD A. JR	\$ 300.20
MUZEROLLE, JASON R.	\$ 375.76
OUELLETTE, STEVEN J. SR	\$ 327.66
PARENT, MICHELLE L.	\$ 244.29
PARKER, TANYA	\$ 267.36
PETTITT, ARTHUR R., Dev.of	\$ 212.88
ROY, DREW	\$ 162.05
SAINT STEPHEN THE MARTYR TRAD	\$ 108.60
SILVERMAN, PAUL J.	\$ 353.88
SPRAGUE, JONI A.	\$ 143.72
STEWART, VALERIE J.	\$ 223.58
UEBELHACK, RUSSELL	\$ 572.56
WHEELER, BRIAN	\$ 402.86

TOTAL \$ 12,816.34

GRAND TOTAL OF SEWER LIENS \$25,107.42

2009-2018 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

PROPERTY TAX YEAR	NAME	AMOUNT OVERDUE W/ INTEREST
2009	LAPLANTE, KATHY	\$ 71.93
2010	HOLMES, DWAYNE	\$ 309.95
2010	LAPLANTE, KATHY	\$ 64.01
2011	HOLMES, DWAYNE	\$ 246.85
2011	LAPLANTE, KATHY	\$ 21.00
2011	PETERS, RUSTY	\$ 147.00
2012	HOLMES, DWAYNE	\$ 192.20
2012	LAPLANTE, KATHY	\$ 20.58
2012	SMITH, ALEXANDRIA	\$ 23.07
2013	HOLMES, DWAYNE	\$ 187.73
2013	LAPLANTE, KATHY	\$ 20.25
2013	SMITH, ALEXANDRIA	\$ 123.55
2014	BENNER, ROBERT PT	\$ 438.42
2014	HOLMES, DWAYNE	\$ 190.80
2014	LAPLANTE, KATHY	\$ 20.60
2014	SMITH, ALEXANDRIA	\$ 121.57
2015	BENNER, ROBERT PT	\$ 425.75
2015	HOLMES, DWAYNE	\$ 185.28
2015	LAPLANTE, KATHY	\$ 20.02
2015	SMITH, ALEXANDRIA	\$ 116.14
2016	BENNER, ROBERT PT	\$ 413.10
2016	GIBSON, MICHAEL	\$ 66.08
2016	HOLMES, DWAYNE	\$ 179.77
2016	LAPLANTE, KATHY	\$ 19.44
2016	SMITH, ALEXANDRIA	\$ 110.79
2017	COUTURE, MAILA	\$ 133.52
2017	DIONNE, SHELBY	\$ 88.53
2017	FISHER, MERLE A	\$ 192.86
2017	HEIDI LEIGH & COMPANY	\$ 52.39
2017	LAPLANTE, KATHY	\$ 19.40
2017	MARQUIS, SHAWN	\$ 98.96
2017	OAKLAND SHEET METAL INC.	\$ 633.28
2017	POOLE, DANIEL M., D.C.	\$ 1,316.16
2017	SMITH, ALEXANDRIA	\$ 110.60
2017	SUTTIE, THOMAS	\$ 97.02
2018	AMES, BRIAN JR	\$ 91.22
2018	BROWN, BRANDON L	\$ 54.73
2018	COUTURE, MAILA	\$ 125.36
2018	COWING, WAYNE	\$ 29.19
2018	DECAL FITNESS, LLC	\$ 293.69
2018	DURAN, TERRY	\$ 43.78
2018	FISHER, MERLE A	\$ 182.66
2018	LAPLANTE, KATHY	\$ 18.24
2018	MARQUIS, SHAWN	\$ 93.04
2018	OAKLAND SHEET METAL INC.	\$ 594.56
2018	POOLE, DANIEL M., D.C.	\$ 1,235.66
2018	SMITH, ALEXANDRIA	\$ 103.99
2018	SPENCER, STEPHEN LMT	\$ 31.01
2018	SUTTIE, THOMAS	\$ 91.22

** Some of these delinquent accounts may have made payment if it was after March 31, 2020.

TOTAL UNPAID PROPERTY TAX \$ 9,466.95

2018 TAX LIENS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BALANCE DUE W/ INTEREST</u>
BARD, JAMES R.	4,172.11
BEAULIEU, KAREN M.	1,193.20
BELANGER, BENJAMIN	3,361.55
BELANGER, JONATHAN	586.10
BIRCH HILL NOMINEE TRUST	1,870.12
BIRCH HILL NOMINEE TRUST	466.11
BLANCHARD, VIRGINIA M., DEV. OF	1,397.34
BOLDUC, CARLIE	235.10
BRANN, LOUISE H., DEV. OF	1,517.96
BRIANARD, JOHN JR	430.29
BRODEUR, RANDY E.	8,156.30
BUCKNAM, CYNTHIA	3,311.38
BURTON, MARK E.	958.22
CARBONE, FRANK S.	179.58
CARBONE, FRANK S.	1,400.92
CARTER, RUTH G.	163.61
CASCADE PROPERTIES LLC	1,647.57
CASCADE PROPERTIES LLC	795.14
COLE, CHRISTOPHER C.	5,890.96
COYNE, DENISE E.	1,187.46
CUMMINGS, ROBERT	863.68
DANFORTH, BRIAN, HEIRS OF	1,719.70
DAVIS, CYNTHIA L.	646.98
DESROSIERS, JOSHUA	485.81
DESROSIERS, JOSHUA	227.94
DESROSIERS, JOSHUA	3,150.57
DODGE, AARON	992.10
DONAHUE, GERALD W.	381.58
DONAHUE, GERALD W.	1,527.72
DROUIN, GILBERT, HEIRS OF	364.66
EHRENZELLER, PATRICIA	1,422.05
ESTABROOK, DARRYL	849.29
FOSTER, KIRK R.	2,092.18
GERALD, STEPHEN A., DEV. OF	1,658.44
HAFFORD, DONALD	1,207.52
HARDY, HOWARD C.	2,538.11
HARRIS, KIMBERLY M.	121.65
HARTIGAN, GERARD	2,109.39
HARVILLE, THOMAS W.	2,224.71
HAWES, MADOLYN & PAUL D., HEIRS	448.20
HENTSCHEL, MICHAEL C.	1,450.71

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BALANCE DUE W/ INTEREST</u>
HOTHAM, TRACY	3,329.30
LAFRENIERE, CYNTHIA J.	1,529.51
LAFRENIERE, CYNTHIA J.	1,168.12
LAKE VISTA PROPERTIES, LLC	832.13
LAKE VISTA PROPERTIES, LLC	394.05
LAKE VISTA PROPERTIES, LLC	183.20
LAKE VISTA PROPERTIES, LLC	176.14
LAKE VISTA PROPERTIES, LLC	172.61
LAKE VISTA PROPERTIES, LLC	163.78
LAKE VISTA PROPERTIES, LLC	163.78
LAKE VISTA PROPERTIES, LLC	165.54
LAKE VISTA PROPERTIES, LLC	163.78
LAKE VISTA PROPERTIES, LLC	163.78
LAKE VISTA PROPERTIES, LLC	177.90
LAPLANTE, CORY S.	912.76
LORD, MARIE E., DEV. OF	195.06
MARQUIS ENTERPRISES, LLC	2,141.97
MAY, DANNY L.	94.43
MCEWEN, JASON	1,010.17
MCEWEN, JASON	660.95
MICHAUD, STEPHEN	139.89
MILLER, DAVID E.	725.78
MILLER, SHAWNTYL R.	1,973.99
MILLER, SHAWNTYL R.	229.72
MILLS, STEPHEN A.	2,517.15
MILLS, STEPHEN A.	591.10
MORRISON, RICHARD T.	1,234.38
MUZEROLLE, JASON R.	1,012.31
NUTTER, WILLIAM C.	804.59
O'CLAIR, KEITH	1,588.70
PARENT, MICHELLE L.	967.00
PARKER, TANYA	509.51
PECKHAM, ROBERT E.	752.64
PELLETIER, KATE L.	1,094.69
PELLETIER, KATE L.	367.61
PLACE, GARRETT J.	929.57
PLACE, GARRETT J.	2,941.04
POOLE, DANIEL M.	3,905.94
POULIN, MICHAEL	45.93
RACKLEFF, JAMES M.	482.86
REYNOLDS, RUSSELL	297.78

2018 TAX LIENS (CONT).

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BALANCE DUE W/ INTEREST</u>
ROCKWOOD ESTATES OWNERS ASSN	110.70
ROY, DREW	920.98
SAINT STEPHEN THE MARTYR TRADITIC	691.75
THOMPSON, PATRICIA G.	1,205.80
TRASK, PAUL	419.18
TRILLIUM HILL NOMINEE TRUST	892.32
TRILLIUM HILL NOMINEE TRUST	845.77
TURCOTTE, ERIC	2,450.19
UEBELHACK, RUSSELL	1,569.09
VEILLEUX, VICKIE L	871.02
VIOLETTE, STEVE	278.07
WENTWORTH, LINDA S.	3,163.21
WHEELER, BRIAN	958.50
WHITNEY, BRENDA J.	954.64
WILKIE, SHAWN E.	1,198.20

TOTAL 2018 TAX LIENS	118,844.57
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** Some of the delinquent taxes may have been paid after March 31, 2020

**TOWN OF OAKLAND
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2020**

To: Michael Tracy, a resident of the Town of Oakland in the County of Kennebec and State of Maine.

GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oakland, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Oakland Fire Station, 15 Fairfield Street, Oakland, Maine on Tuesday, May 5, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., to act on Articles 1 -23, all said articles set out below to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Council to pay any and all overdrafts from the 2019-2020 fiscal year that exceed the \$10,001 limit authorized by Section 303 in the Oakland Town Charter.

Council Recommendation: YES 5-0
Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: YES 10-0

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to fix dates upon which 2020-2021 taxes shall become payable and to charge interest on same.

Recommendation: Taxes shall be payable in full, or installments, due on August 14, 2020, October 16, 2020, January 15, 2021, and March 12, 2021. Taxes not paid in full on or before due dates shall be charged interest at a rate of 9% per annum. A tax bill of less than \$100.00 shall be payable in full on August 14, 2020 with interest to accrue at a rate of 9% per annum on those taxes unpaid after said date. Any tax refunds granted will have interest computed at the same rate as it originally accrued and was approved at the appropriate Annual Town Meeting.

Council Recommendation: YES 5-0
Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: YES 10-0

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Government as follows:

	Last Year	This Year
Administration	\$ 517,654	\$ 590,055
General Assistance	14,000	14,000
Assessor	151,506	115,226
Insurance	18,252	19,363
Total	\$ 701,412	\$ 738,644
From Tree Growth Revenue	\$ (12,000)	\$ (12,000)
Tax Increment Financing Revenue	(6,850)	(6,850)
General Assistance Reim.	(9,800)	(9,800)
To be raised by Taxation	\$ 672,762	\$ 709,994

Council Recommendation: YES 5-0
Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: YES 10-0

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Debt Service and Contingency as follows:

	Last Year	This Year
Debt Service	\$ 218,854	\$ 216,983
Contingency	<u>17,000</u>	<u>7,000</u>
	235,854	223,983

To be raised by Taxation	\$ 235,854	\$ 223,983
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Council Recommendation: YES 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: YES 10-0

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Library as follows:

	Last Year	This Year
Public Library	\$ 141,434	\$ 164,414
From Library Trust Fund Income	\$ (100)	\$ (100)
From Clarissa Greenough Trust Fund Income	(500)	(600)

To be raised by Taxation	\$ 140,834	\$ 163,714
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Council Recommendation: YES 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: YES 10-0

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Recreation as follows:

	Last Year	This Year
Recreation	\$ 168,804	\$ 179,095
Recreation Revenue	(8,000)	(9,000)

To be raised by Taxation	\$ 160,804	\$ 170,095
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Council Recommendation: YES 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: YES 10-0

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fire and Rescue as follows:

	Last Year	This Year
Fire Department	\$ 285,048	\$ 300,303
Rescue	<u>52,402</u>	<u>53,299</u>
Total	\$ 337,450	\$ 353,602

To be raised by Taxation	\$ 337,450	\$ 353,602
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Council Recommendation: YES 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: YES 10-0

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Police Department as follows:

	Last Year	This Year
Police Department	\$ 854,783	\$ 924,592
School Resource Officers	147,083	152,777
Special Details	<u>10,000</u>	<u>7,000</u>
Total	\$ 1,011,866	\$ 1,084,369
School Resource Officer Reimbursement	\$ (110,312)	\$ (114,205)
Police Department Special Details	(10,000)	(7,000)
Tax Increment Financing Revenue	-	0
Transfer from Fund Equity	<u>(120,000)</u>	<u>(120,000)</u>
To be raised by Taxation	\$ 771,554	\$ 843,164

Council Recommendation: YES 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: YES 10-0

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Protection Services as follows:

	Last Year	This Year
Public Safety Services	\$ 321,671	\$ 354,658
Code Enforcement Services	<u>100,293</u>	<u>114,674</u>
Total	\$ 421,964	\$ 469,332
Tax Increment Financing Revenue	\$ (6,849)	\$ (6,849)
To be raised by Taxation	\$ 415,115	\$ 462,483

Council Recommendation: YES 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: YES 10-0

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Animal Control as follows:

	Last Year	This Year
Animal Control	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000
From Dog License Fees	(9,500)	(9,500)
To be raised by Taxation	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500

Council Recommendation: YES 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: YES 10-0

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Transfer Station and Recycling Services as follows:

	Last Year	This Year
Transfer Station & Recycling Services	\$ 428,528	\$ 476,342
Commercial Tipping Fees	\$ (1,500)	\$ (1,200)
Transfer Station Revenue	(48,000)	(45,000)
Recycling Revenues	(16,000)	(14,000)
To be raised by Taxation	\$ 363,028	\$ 416,142

Council Recommendation: YES 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: YES 10-0

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Works and Road Improvements as follows:

	Last Year	This Year
Public Works	\$ 845,733	\$ 900,941
Town Road Improvements	222,820	352,446
Total	\$ 1,068,553	\$ 1,253,387
Excise Tax	\$ (1,026,553)	\$ (1,026,553)
LRAP Funds	(42,000)	(43,000)
To be raised by Taxation	\$0	\$183,834

Council Recommendation: YES 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: YES 10-0

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Property Maintenance as follows:

	Last Year	This Year
Town Property Maintenance	\$ 277,960	\$ 311,494
Tax Increment Financing Revenue	\$ -	(1,300)
To be raised by Taxation	\$ 277,960	\$ 310,194

Council Recommendation: YES 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: YES 10-0

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Capitol Improvements as follows:

	Last Year	This Year
Fire Truck	\$ 55,000	\$ -
Property Maint. Truck	45,000	0
Public Works Vehicle	60,000	130,000
Transfer Station Scale	10,000	10,000
Police Cruiser	35,000	40,000
Street Light Purchase	<u>0</u>	<u>48,000</u>
Total	\$ 205,000	\$ 228,000
Transfer From Capital Improvement Resv.	\$ (55,000)	\$ (75,000)
From Fund Equity	(55,000)	(118,000)
Excise Tax	<u>(95,000)</u>	<u>(130,000)</u>

To be raised from Taxation	\$0
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Council Recommendation: YES 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: YES 10-0

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Community Service Organization requests as follows:

	Last Year Approved Amount	This Year Council Recommends
American Red Cross	0.00	500.00
Child & Family Services/KVCAP	500.00	1,000.00
Children's Center	0.00	500.00
Family Violence Project	500.00	1,500.00
Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area	500.00	1,000.00
Kennebec Behavioral Health	500.00	1,000.00
KVCAP Transportation	500.00	1,000.00
Literacy Volunteers	500.00	500.00
* Memorial Day	500.00	0.00
Mid Maine Homeless Shelter	1,500.00	1,500.00
* Oakland Flower Project	1,500.00	0.00
* Oakland Food Bank	5,000.00	0.00
* Oakland Historical Society	500.00	0.00
Sexual Assault Crisis & Support	500.00	1,500.00
* Snow Pond Seniors	4,700.00	0.00
Spectrum Generations	<u>500.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total	\$ 17,700	\$ 11,500

To be raised from Taxation	\$ 17,700	\$ 11,500
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* FY21-Budgeted line item

Council Recommendation: YES 4-1

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: YES 7-3

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following Miscellaneous requests:

	Last Year Approved Amount	This Year Council Recommends
Dams Committee	\$ 13,600	\$ 11,200
KVCOG	9,290	9,449
Oakland Historical Society	500	750
Memorial Day	500	500
Maine Municipal Association	6,510	6,593
Mid Me Chamber of Commerce	798	822
Snowmobile Club	2,700	2,383
Central Maine Growth Council	<u>22,106</u>	<u>22,106</u>
Total	\$ 56,004	\$ 53,803
Transfer From Snowmobile Registration Fees	\$ (2,700)	\$ (2,383)
Tax Increment Financing Revenue	(32,194)	(32,194)
To be raised from Taxation	\$ 21,110	\$ 19,226

Council Recommendation: YES 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: YES 10-0

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following Conservation Organization requests as follows:

	Last Year Approved Amount	This Year Council Recommends
7 Lakes Alliance - Youth Con. Corps	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,000
East Pond Association	1,100	1,750
Messalonskee/Snow Pond Lake Assoc.	8,500	8,500
McGrath Pond/Salmon Lake Assoc.	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Total	\$ 14,100	\$ 15,250
To be raised from Taxation	\$ 14,100	\$ 15,250

Council Recommendation: YES 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: YES 9-1

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to apply estimated General Fund Revenues in the amount of **\$1,041,372** towards appropriations to reduce taxation. (Last year - \$765,655)

Council Recommendation: YES 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: YES 10-0

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Council to sell or dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes. Except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

Council Recommendation: YES 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: YES 10-0

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Council to accept any and all donations, gifts, reserves or grants and to expend such monies for the purposes stated.

Council Recommendation: YES 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: YES 10-0

ARTICLE 22. Shall the Town of Oakland vote to approve a Community Development program and a possible Community Development Block Grant application and to submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development? If said program is approved, to authorize the municipal officers to accept said grant funds, to make such assurances, further assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such program.

Council Recommendation: YES 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: YES 10-0

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S. Sec 506, with no payment of interest by the town.

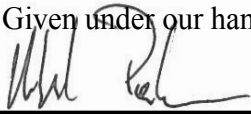
Council Recommendation: YES 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: YES 10-0

The Registrar will be available to accept names of new voters in person prior to the commencement of the meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2020, from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The Warrant shall be posted in the following conspicuous places on Friday, April 24, 2020, which is at least seven (7) days prior to the Annual Town Meeting date:

Hereof, fail not to make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto the Clerk of the Town of Oakland on or before said meeting.

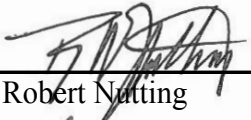
Given under our hands this twenty-fifth day of March 2020.



Michael Perkins, Chairman



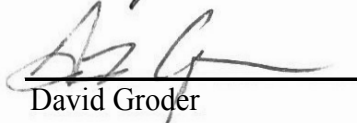
Dana Wrigley, Vice Chairman



Robert Nutting



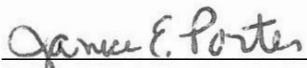
Donald Borman



David Groder

The Town of Oakland complies with Federal regulations in accommodating persons with special needs. Voters planning to attend this public meeting in need of special services should contact the Town Office at 465-7357 by Friday, May 1, 2020.

Attest:



Janice E. Porter
Town Clerk

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Summer Concert Series

Oakland Waterfront Park

