

2017-18 Preliminary Report  
of the Municipal Officers of the

Town of  
**Arrowsic**  
**Maine**

incorporated 1841

Warrant for 2018-2019  
Preliminary Report for 2017-2018  
Audited Report for 2016-2017





## **Elizabeth Rollins**

The Town of Arrowsic dedicates the 2018 Annual Report to Elizabeth Rollins, our Tax Collector of twenty-one years. As tax collector, Liz has pledged to collect what the town voted at Town Meeting to be its needs in the ensuing year, committing to collect - and yearly delivering - between \$363,977.87 (for 1996) and \$890,475.39 (for 2017/2018). This brought her totals over 21 years to \$14.5 plus million dollars, funding education for our children, salaries deemed adequate for our town officials, recycling and solid waste disposal, snow removal, fire department support ... the list goes on.

With Liz as tax collector, the Town purchased a computer and computer programs that could generate legible tax bills, a manageable Tax Commitment Book, and assessment and evaluation lists that could be built upon yearly. Liz collected excise and registration fees on residents' vehicles, and also improved that process considerably. In other words, Liz Rollins helped to transition Arrowsic into the future. She transitioned us with grace; not with force, but with intention and reliability.

Mary Louise Blanchard, who has worked with Liz, speaks of her friend as a private woman who has devotion for what she decides to do. Phine Ewing characterizes Liz as worldly, making mention of Liz's travels to Australia and Madagascar. Neighbor Art Dresser admits to being confounded that Liz would feed the deer and wild turkeys over-running our town.

Being a tax collector in a small Maine town involves a commitment to more than collecting taxes. It's about helping: pitching in to stop a fire or baking cookies for the town's art show. It is respecting the little parts of the job, even the classic shape of a neighbor's cape that lures a couple to town, the privacy of another's life, the wonder of smooth stones collected to circle the flag pole. After all, the simple life is not that simple all the time. It can be demanding, bearing strife, but Liz has shown us how to handle that if we've taken the time to watch her on her watch.



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Cover photo by Michael Kreindler:  
Kennebec River at Fiddler's Reach, looking south

Title page photo from 1948, courtesy Range Light Keepers:  
Kennebec River Range Light Station with keeper Harold Kilton



# town information

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Fax: 207-442-9082

**Town Office Hours**  
Wednesdays, 3:00-5:30 p.m.  
Thursdays, 8:30-11:00 a.m.

## Committee Meeting Dates and Times

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Board of Selectmen	2nd and 4th Monday	6 pm
Conservation Commission	3rd Tuesday	5 pm
Education Committee	4th Thursday	6 pm
Planning Board	1st Monday	7 pm
Recycling/Solid Waste	3rd Monday	6 pm
Road Commission	1st Tuesday	7 pm
Shellfish Conservation Committee	Quarterly	
Zoning Board of Appeals	As needed	
Regional School Unit 1 Board	4th Monday	6 pm

[www.arrowsic.org](http://www.arrowsic.org)



# elected officials

## **Selectmen, Assessors & Overseers of the Poor, Surveyors of Wood, Lumber, and Bark, Fence Viewers**

Michele Gaillard ('19) 442-7443 mgaillar@bowdoin.edu  
Suzannah Heard ('20) 443-6768 sukey.heard@arrowsic.org  
William Savedoff ('18) 443-2331 bill.savedoff@arrowsic.org

### **Treasurer**

Mary McDonald

### **Tax Collector**

Elizabeth Rollins

### **Town Clerk**

Barbara Boyce  
clerk@arrowsic.org

## **Regional School Unit 1 Representatives**

Stephen August, chair  
Anita Brown  
Lou Ensel  
Megan Fuller  
William Perkins  
Jennifer Ritch-Smith  
Alan Walton

# appointed officials

## **Code Enforcement Officer**

Michael Kreindler  
442-7443

## **State Fire Warden**

Dale Carlton  
442-8343

## **Town Constable**

Dale Carlton  
442-8343

## **Registrar of Voters**

Amy Smith  
443-4609

## **Health Officer**

Christine Woodman  
*cwoodman@arrowsic.org*

## **Director of Local Emergency Management Agency**

Brian Carlton  
443-4609

## **Fire Department**

Dale Carlton, Chief  
*carlton1302@gmail.com*  
Chris Carlton, deputy fire chief  
Mike Kreindler, captain  
Jeremy Blaiklock, captain

## **Planning Board**

Will Neilson, chair  
442-8163  
Chris Brett  
Matt Caras  
Jennifer Geiger  
Roger Heard  
Stanley Lane  
Donald Kornrumpf

## **Board of Appeals**

Mark Geiger, chair  
443-1072  
Wendy Briggs  
Lois Hewlett  
Robert Kalish  
Barbara Boyce

## **Recycling and Solid Waste Committee**

Katherine Smith, chair  
Rosalie Arienti  
Jon Biehler  
John Hinds  
Roz MacLean  
Bill Nickerson  
Paul Schlein

# appointed officials

## **Election Clerks**

Mary Louise Blanchard,  
Election Warden  
Paul Burgess  
Lois Hewlett  
Robert Kalish  
Marnie Kalkstein  
Lois Welsh  
Sandy Maggied

## **Road Commission**

James Stump, chair  
442-7527  
Brian Elwell  
John Wood  
Richard Elwell  
Jeff Galuza

## **Conservation Commission**

Josephine Ewing, chair  
443-9795  
Noreen Blaiklock  
Clarke Cooper  
Mildred Stafford  
Karen Robbins  
Paul Schlein

## **Animal Control Officer**

Sarah Mancini  
319-3922

## **Education Committee**

Camille Kauffunger  
*education@arrowsic.org*  
Ash Kahrl  
Anita Lichman  
Jerry Pieh (alt.)

## **Shellfish Conservation Committee**

William Blaiklock,  
acting chair - 443-3725  
Gretchen MacLeod  
Lisa Margonelli  
Phil Packard  
Paul Burgess  
Stephen Theodore  
Kevin Kaufunger

## **Shellfish Warden**

Jon Hentz  
371-2732

## **Town Historian**

Mildred Stafford  
443-5832

## **Webmaster**

Paul Kalkstein  
*news@arrowsic.org*



# county, state, and federal officials

## **State Senator**

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*eloise.vitelli@gmail.com*

## **Representative to the Legislature**

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Home Phone: (207) 737-9051  
*Jeffrey.Pierce@legislature.maine.gov*

## **Sagadahoc County Board of Commissioners**

Carol Grose  
*cgrose@sagcounty.com*

## **United States Senators**

Susan M. Collins  
Angus S. King

## **United States Representatives**

Chellie Pingree  
Bruce Poliquin

## **Governor State of Maine**

Paul R. LePage





STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
1 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE  
04333-0001

Dear Citizens of Arrowsic:

For the past seven years as your Governor, my priority has been to make Maine-our people prosper. Helping you keep more money in your wallet by reducing taxes has been part of that mission.

Too many Maine families are facing skyrocketing property taxes that strain household budgets. Our elderly on fixed incomes are particularly vulnerable to these increases. School budgets are often blamed for annual increases in property taxes. But there's another reason. A tremendous amount of land and property value has been taken off the tax rolls, leaving homeowners to pick up the tab.

As of 2016, towns and cities owned land and buildings valued at nearly \$5.5 billion statewide.. Large and wealthy non-profits, such as hospitals and colleges, often escape paying property taxes on their vast real estate holdings totaling more than \$5.1 billion statewide.

In Maine, nearly 2:5 million acres of land have been set aside for conservation by the federal and state governments and non-profit organizations, including land trusts. Municipalities are losing out on property taxes - an estimated \$2 billion in land that has been either removed from the tax rolls or prohibited from development-shifting the cost of municipal services to local homeowners through higher property taxes.

It's time to recognize the results of taking property off the tax rolls and identify solutions to reduce the burden on our homeowners. My administration's proposals have been met with staunch resistance.

In 1993, about 35,800 acres of land were documented as land-trust owned. That number has increased by an astonishing 1,270 percent. Land trusts now control over 490,000 acres with an estimated value of \$403 million. We must restore the balance. We will be working this session to ensure all land owners are contributing to the local tax base. It's time for them to pay their fair share.

I encourage you to ask your local officials how much land in your municipality has been taken off the tax rolls, as well as how much in tax revenue that land would have been contributing today to offset your property taxes.

If ever I can be of assistance to you or if you have any questions or suggestions, I encourage you to contact my office by calling 287-3531 or by visiting our website at [www.maine.gov/governor](http://www.maine.gov/governor).

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage  
Governor



**SUSAN COLLINS**  
UNITED STATES SENATOR *for* MAINE

Dear Friends:



It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust the people of our State have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments from this past year.

Maine has the oldest average age in the nation. As Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, my top three priorities for the Committee are fighting fraud and financial abuse directed at our nation's seniors, increasing investments in biomedical research, and improving retirement security. Following the Committee's investigation into skyrocketing prescription drug costs, I authored bipartisan legislation to foster generic competition, which was signed into law. The Aging Committee's toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for seniors to report suspected fraud and receive assistance. To support the 40 million family caregivers in the United States, I am proud to have authored the RAISE Family Caregivers Act to create a coordinated strategy to support family members who make countless personal and financial sacrifices to care for their loved ones.

The opioid crisis touches families and communities across our state. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, I fought for significant increases in funding to support community, law-enforcement, and public health efforts. In April, the State of Maine was awarded over \$2 million to fight this devastating public health crisis. Additionally, I have authored legislation to support grandparents and other extended family members who are raising grandchildren as a result of the nation's opioid epidemic.

Biomedical research has the potential to improve and save lives, and also supports good jobs at research facilities here in Maine. Last year, the Appropriations Committee approved a \$2 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health for the third consecutive year. This includes an increase of nearly 30 percent for research on Alzheimer's, our nation's most costly disease. As founder and co-chair of the Senate Diabetes Caucus, I work to raise awareness of the threats posed by diabetes, invest in research, and improve access to treatment options. My bill to establish a national commission of health care experts on diabetes care and prevention was signed into law in 2017.

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We owe our veterans so much. Last year, I worked to secure the authorization of a Community-Based Outpatient Clinic in Portland to support the health care of Maine's veterans in the southern part of our state. I also worked to secure funding extensions to help veterans throughout rural Maine receive health care within their communities. I also worked to secure funding for housing vouchers for veterans to reduce veterans' homelessness.

Maine's contributions to our national security stretch from Kittery to Limestone. I successfully advocated for critical funding for projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for construction of an additional ship that will likely be built at Bath Iron Works. This funding will strengthen our national security and preserve great jobs in our state.

As chairman of the Transportation and Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I worked to increase funding for the TIGER program that has provided Maine with more than \$122 million for vital transportation projects. For housing, I worked to provide \$160 million to help communities protect children from the harmful effects of lead poisoning.

Growing our economy remains a top priority. I supported the comprehensive tax reform bill because it will help lower- and middle-income families keep more of their hard-earned money; boost the economy; and encourage businesses, both small and large, to grow and create jobs here in Maine and around the country. This legislation contains key provisions I authored that are important to Mainers, including preserving the deduction for state and local taxes, expanding the deduction for medical expenses, and enabling public employees such as firefighters, teachers, and police officers, as well as clergy and employees of nonprofits, to make "catch-up" contributions to their retirement accounts. I led the effort to ensure that the tax cut will not trigger automatic budget cuts to Medicare or any other programs.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. As of December 2017, I have cast more than 6,500 consecutive votes, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Sagadahoc County and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Portland office at 207-780-3575 or visit my website at [www.collins.senate.gov](http://www.collins.senate.gov). May 2018 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,  
Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator

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NATURAL RESOURCES  
INTELLIGENCE  
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Dear Friends,

Representing Maine in the United States Senate is an honor.

I continue my work on the Senate Armed Services Committee, each year authorizing the funding required to build our military capabilities and ensuring that our service members are trained and equipped to defend our nation. I was pleased to be part of a bipartisan effort to enact a new law to simplify the appeals review process to reduce the backlog our veterans are facing, as well as a new law that provides critical funding to the VA Choice Program, allowing veterans in rural Maine to access services closer to home.

While my committee work is important, working to combat the opioid epidemic is one of my top priorities. Although Congress has made some important strides, much remains to be done to provide additional funding for prevention, treatment and enforcement. I am working with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pressure the Drug Enforcement Administration to reduce the amount of opioids produced and to thwart the flow of fentanyl and other deadly drugs into our country.

I am very optimistic about the integrated, multiagency effort I led with Senator Collins to foster innovation and commercialization in Maine's forest economy. Through the Economic Development Assessment Team (EDAT) we are already experiencing increased federal investments that will strengthen our existing forest products industry and help support job creation in rural communities. Initiatives like Cross Laminated Timber, Combined Heat and Power, nanocellulose, 3D printing with biobased materials and other biobased products will mean that Maine's wood-basket will continue to be a major jobs and economic contributor for our future.

Finally, the coming year will continue the work of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in the ongoing investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 election. Our Committee has held seven public hearings and numerous classified sessions, reviewed tens of thousands of pages of documents and conducted hundreds of interviews. I remain focused on the security of our elections and committed to developing strategies to prevent interference by foreign governments in our democracy.

May 2018 be a good year for you, your family, your community and our great State.

Best,



Angus S. King  
United States Senator

*Senator Eloise Vitelli  
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Fellow Residents of Arrowsic,

It is an honor and privilege to serve as your Senator in the Maine State Legislature. I hope 2018 finds you and your family doing well.

This past year, the Legislature made progress in providing direct property tax relief to Maine homeowners. I was outspoken in the effort to increase the Homestead Property Exemption from \$15,000 to \$20,000. In addition to direct property tax relief, we also protected state funding for local services such as fire departments and road maintenance, and increased public K-12 education funding by \$162 million over the biennium. These efforts will decrease the pressure on municipalities to increase mil rates. I know this is a top priority for many in our district and I will continue to work towards greater property tax relief.

I also sponsored a bill to lower prescription drug prices, which I have been working on again now that the Legislature is back in session. The bill would require drug manufacturers to report on their research and development costs, including how much was paid with taxpayer money or from marketing expenses and discount programs. The high cost of medicine burdens Mainers all over our state, while the pharmaceutical industry reaps a huge fortune. I don't think that's right, and I will continue to fight for lower drug costs for all the people in our state.

All in all, we considered over 1,600 pieces of legislation over the course of the last legislative session — including other bills I sponsored and issues that I worked on as a member of the Marine Resources committee.

As part of my effort to bring matters happening in Augusta back home to Sagadahoc County and Arrowsic, I am pleased to email a legislative newsletter to share information about ongoing legislative issues and useful resources. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to receive the e-newsletter, if you have a question or comment, or wish to share any concerns you may have. My office number is (207) 287-1515 and my email address is [Eloise.Vitelli@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Eloise.Vitelli@legislature.maine.gov).

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you in the Maine Legislature. I look forward to seeing you around.

Kind regards,  
Senator Eloise Vitelli



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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It has been an honor to serve as your Representative in the 128th Maine State Legislature. This is a responsibility that I take very seriously. We have faced some very substantial challenges over the past year in the Legislature, and I will continue to represent your interests to the best of my ability.

While we were able to address many issues during the first session, on January 3, 2018, the Legislature came in to begin the second regular session which is the session where we only take up bills considered to be emergency legislation. I can assure you that there are many challenges ahead of us, and I will do my best to address the issues with a thoughtful approach. Maine's drug crisis, Medicaid expansion funding, and recreational marijuana laws will be at the forefront of several issues considered this half of the session.

As many of you know, I am the House Republican Lead on the Joint Standing Committee on Government Oversight. This session we will be diving into the possibility of making changes to the referendum and citizen initiative process. Over the past few years, we have had a number of ballot initiatives that have been pushed by out of state groups and I believe it is our duty as a legislature to ensure the integrity of the process. I look forward to keeping you updated as this process moves forward.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to represent you, the people of District 53. Please call me anytime at 737-9051 or email at [Jeffrey.Pierce@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.Pierce@legislature.maine.gov) to keep me updated on those concerns. If you would like to be added to my email update list, you can do so by emailing me directly with your request.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Pierce  
State Representative



COUNTY OF SAGADAHOC COMMISSIONER CAROL A. GROSE  
District 3 – Arrowsic, Georgetown, Phippsburg, Richmond, West Bath & Woolwich

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is my honor to continue to serve the citizens of Arrowsic as a Sagadahoc County Commissioner. As I continue my third term, I remain totally committed to insuring that the services provided by the County are delivered in the most cost effective and professional way possible.

As we move forward in an economic climate which for us is accentuated by the uncertainty of issues such as the funding of county jails, the Commissioners remain acutely aware of the impact the County tax assessment has on Sagadahoc municipalities. In FY 2017-18 the overall budget increased by 1%, and we remain committed to minimizing increases as we enter into the FY 2018-19 budget process.



During 2017 the County's many activities and accomplishments included the following:

Administration continued to oversee the self-funded health insurance program, which will have NO rate increase in the coming year. Over the past three years, our premiums have gone up 10% less than those of our previous insurer. In addition, the County had another successful year financially, with no material or significant weaknesses identified by the auditors.

Probate Court was busy processing petitions for guardianship, conservatorship, change of name, adoption, and estates. They also processed passport applications and continued to back-scan records into an electronic database.

Deeds continued its efforts to make all documents available for viewing at [sagadahocdeedsme.com](http://sagadahocdeedsme.com). They also stayed busy handling increased recordings due to the improved housing market.

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The Emergency Management Agency Staff continued to work on the planning and implementation of regional training; assist local EMA Directors and community officials to meet federal emergency preparedness requirements; and collaborate with area emergency responders and public health agencies.

The Communications Center continued to make significant equipment upgrades. In addition, the joint Task Force with the County's Fire Chiefs continued to explore long term improvements to the E-911 system.

The District Attorney's Office handled a high volume of court cases and added a part-time employee to assist with the implementation of a new court process.

The Sheriff's Office saw a slight increase of approximately .74% in the number of calls when compared with 2016, from 5,133 to 5,171. The Transport Division handled 742 transports last year and continued to monitor inmates on home release. The community public works program resulted in the performance of approximately 2,160 hours of labor in Sagadahoc County, saving over \$43,795 in labor costs. The Civil Division continues to serve orders and writs in a consistently professional manner.

In order that I may represent you effectively, it is important that I am aware of your questions and concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 319-5290. And I encourage interested persons to attend Board of Commissioners' meetings, which are held at 3:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the County Courthouse, 752 High Street, Bath, Me. (For details, call 443-8202 or check our web site: [www.sagcounty.com](http://www.sagcounty.com).)

Sincerely,  
Carol A. Grose





# selectmen's report



Arrowsic is a unique town on the Kennebec River that began in 1649 as Newtown on Arrowsic, one of the first permanent European settlements in the area. Part of a much larger swath of land that included Georgetown, Phippsburg, Woolwich, Bath and West Bath, Arrowsic eventually incorporated as the town we know today in 1841. We are the smallest town in the smallest county in the State of Maine, with a population of less than 500 people.

Arrowsic has continued to function as a town for 177 years because of the dedication of a small group of people who choose to donate their time, experience, hard work and common sense to perform the duties required to be a town. Much has changed over that time but much has remained the same. All year long, our boards and committees come together for their regular meetings to discuss issues such as school construction, trash pick-up, water quality, road paving, red tide, and fire pump capacities. The town hall opens twice a week, every week, so residents can register their cars, boats, snowmobiles and dogs, and buy licenses to hunt, fish and harvest clams. Taxes are paid, bills are processed, and voters are registered.

The town realizes great value from our committees and officials. In addition to their regular duties, year after year they look for creative ways to improve life for the island's people, plants and animals. Without their extra effort we wouldn't have the beautiful alewife culvert, a clam farm at Squirrel Point, the green crab roundup, the scholarship flea market, the fall festival, the spring roadside cleanup, the Arrowsic Stewardship Guide, or our modern fire station.

So many people contribute and have contributed through the years. Special thanks go to those folks whose long continuous service and institutional knowledge are invaluable to the smooth operation of the town. Most of us cannot remember a time when they were not involved. On the Conservation Commission-Phine Ewing, Noreen Blaiklock, Millie Stafford, and Karen Robbins. On the Shellfish Conservation Committee-Bill Blaiklock. On the Planning Board-Roger Heard and Will Neilson. On the Recycling and Solid Waste Committee-Roz McLean, Paul Schlein and John Hinds. On the Road Commission-Jim Stump, John Wood and Dick Elwell. On the Fire Department-Dale Carlton, Mike Kreindler and Jeremy Blaiklock. As Elections Warden-Mary Louise Blanchard. As people join and leave the committees, their long-term service has provided continuity and stability.

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In addition, as a town we rely on the wisdom and advice of those who served previously and willingly re-engage to provide background and context to our decision-making process. Art Dresser, Nancy Brown Stump, Eloise Vitelli, Jody Jones, Don Hudson and Tim Harkins come to mind. Many others donate their skills like Paul Kalkstein, Bob Ater, Mark Jorgensen, John Starbird, Rob Shultz, Brian Elwell, Mark Geiger, and John McLuer. And thank goodness that new people step up each year to add to the ranks and carry the town forward.

After 22 years of service to Arrowsic, Elizabeth Rollins has decided to retire from her position as tax collector. One would imagine that the tax collector would not be the most popular person in a town, but in Arrowsic, you would be wrong. At a recent meeting to discuss potential changes to the town's administrative organization, residents were unanimous in their respect and affection for Liz, and worried what her leaving would mean for the "soul" of the town. In those twenty plus years, Liz's fair but meticulous nature combined with her extreme dependability has kept the town running, single-handedly at times. We are so grateful for her contribution and wish her the best in the years ahead.

In anticipation of more retirements in the upcoming years, and cognizant of additional demands posed by changes in technology, difficulties in recruitment, and increased State training and requirements, the Selectmen are proposing several new paid town positions on this year's warrant. These recommendations are based on research on how other towns organize their functions, and resident input from two public meetings held in November and March. Based on that research and input, the Selectmen created Article # 5 that would allow implementation of the plan. Information about the article with back-up research is available at the town hall and on the website. We hope that you will attend the Town Meeting and vote to approve this warrant article.

For many of us, living in Arrowsic is like living in a fairy tale. To outsiders, the town itself sort of disappears between the Dairy Queen and Reid State Park, as if people go into a magical sleep between the two points. Quiet and industrious, and mostly unnoticed, our inhabitants have so far been protected from evil influences. No kings or queens covet our gold. No emperors strut around naked.

Lucky us.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michele Gaillard  
Sukey Heard  
Bill Savedoff

# Town of Arrowsic Annual Report 2018

Pages 19-33 of the Annual Report contain the Taxpayer List which is available for consultation at the Town Hall, 340 Arrowsic Road, Arrowsic, ME 04530. A copy can also be obtained (for a processing fee) by calling 207-443-4609.

# treasurer's report

Town of Arrowsic  
Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds  
June 30, 2017

## ASSETS

### Cash in Banks

Cash - FFS - Checking	\$	18,693.32
Cash - Northeast Bank		154,046.62
Cash - Bath Savings - CD		106,601.17
Cash - Androscoggin Bank		350,928.29
NE Bank - Scholarships		45,258.01
S.B. of ME CD-4 - Water Access		<u>77,788.11</u>

Total Cash in Banks 753,315.52

### Taxes, Liens, & Accounts Receivable

Accounts Receivable		3,482.00
FY 16-17 Taxes Receivable		20,900.32
FY 15-16 Tax Liens Receivable		<u>6,327.05</u>

Total Taxes and Liens Receivable 30,709.37

### Total Assets

784,024.89

## LIABILITIES AND FUNDS BALANCES

### Current Payables

Fisheries & Wildlife Payable		16.00
State Permits & Fees Payable		517.50
Deferred Tax Revenue		23,000.00
Accounts Payable		<u>51,522.07</u>

Total Current Payables 75,055.57

### Total Current Liabilities

75,055.57

### Special Revenue Funds

Due To Alewives Project		5,817.66
Due To Capital Improvements		46,582.83
Due To Fire Dept. Capital Imp.		162,815.33
Due To Water Access		77,788.11
Due To Scholarships		45,258.01
Due To Shellfish Conservation		3,954.88
Due To Assessing Reserve		<u>35,000.00</u>

Total Special Revenue Funds 377,216.82

### Total Liabilities and Fund Balances

452,272.39

### Surplus (Deficit)

Undesignated Funds - Surplus		231,332.84
Net Revenues (Expenditures)		<u>100,419.66</u>

Total Surplus (Deficit) 331,752.50

### Total Liabilities and Funds Balances

784,024.89

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Town of Arrowsic  
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures  
Summary of Warrant Articles To Be Raised  
June 30, 2017

	Fiscal Year to Date	Fiscal Year Warrants/Projections	Fiscal Year Variance
<b>Revenues</b>			
Property Tax	\$ 909,475.23	\$ 902,567.00	6,908.23
Nature Conserv/ME TREE Found	1,750.00	0.00	1,750.00
Shellfish Licenses & Fines	417.00	0.00	417.00
Animal Ordinance Fines	80.00	0.00	80.00
Animal Control Income	202.00	0.00	202.00
Copies - Lists - Discharges	438.74	0.00	438.74
Town C.E.O. Fees	6,354.38	0.00	6,354.38
Town Clerk Fees	453.90	0.00	453.90
Town Tax Agent Fees	1,746.00	0.00	1,746.00
Auto Excise Tax	113,521.22	95,000.00	18,521.22
M.D.O.T. Block Grant	7,956.00	7,900.00	56.00
ME. Municipal Revenue Sharing	9,286.87	9,120.00	166.87
Homestead/ Veteran Exemptions	12,806.00	0.00	12,806.00
Tree Growth	1,000.22	0.00	1,000.22
Interest Income - F.F.Savings	65.36	0.00	65.36
Interest Income - BOA /NE	669.94	0.00	669.94
Interest Income - Bath Savings	92.19	0.00	92.19
Interest Income - Androscoggin	572.64	0.00	572.64
Interest Income-Property Tax	2,025.41	0.00	2,025.41
Fire Dept. Training & Grants	732.50	0.00	732.50
Snowmobile Refunds	99.30	0.00	99.30
Sales of Town Items	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Insurance Refunds	554.00	0.00	554.00
Supplemental Property Tax	2,554.61	0.00	2,554.61
Small Income	203.64	0.00	203.64
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,078,057.15</b>	<b>1,014,587.00</b>	<b>63,470.15</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Animal Control Expenses	427.00	427.00	0.00
Payments - Election Workers	1,510.00	3,500.00	(1,990.00)
Salaries-Officers & Employees	41,281.58	41,478.00	(196.42)
Town C.E.O. Payments	6,354.38	0.00	6,354.38
Town Clerk Payments	453.90	0.00	453.90
Town Tax Agent Payments	1,746.00	0.00	1,746.00
Payroll Taxes	3,829.01	3,735.00	94.01
Contingency	217.00	3,500.00	(3,283.00)
Administration	11,527.01	10,200.00	1,327.01
Annual Report	3,204.29	3,500.00	(295.71)
Insurances	9,100.00	9,000.00	100.00
Assessor Fees/Assessing Costs	1,500.00	2,000.00	(500.00)
Auditors' Report	7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00
Municipal Utilities	2,992.61	4,000.00	(1,007.39)
LEMA / LHO	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
Planning Board	595.39	1,000.00	(404.61)
Zoning Board of Appeals	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
Shellfish Conservation	341.88	0.00	341.88
Conservation Commission	61.77	400.00	(338.23)
Town Property Maintenance	924.39	5,000.00	(4,075.61)
Legal Services	2,164.50	5,000.00	(2,835.50)
County Taxes	166,985.00	166,985.00	0.00
School Account	507,962.00	507,962.00	0.00
Education Review Committee	0.00	250.00	(250.00)
Road Maintenance	135,224.50	176,950.00	(41,725.50)
Septage	3,116.00	2,500.00	616.00
Solid Waste	25,140.56	28,000.00	(2,859.44)
Recycling	10,144.12	11,500.00	(1,355.88)
Fire Department	12,732.50	12,000.00	732.50
Ambulance Services	4,860.00	6,500.00	(1,640.00)
Organizations	12,309.00	0.00	12,309.00
Arrowsic Arrow	148.75	0.00	148.75
M.M.A. Dues	1,474.00	1,500.00	(26.00)
Abatements	1,810.35	0.00	1,810.35
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>977,637.49</b>	<b>1,014,587.00</b>	<b>(36,949.51)</b>
<b>Net Revenues (Expenditures)</b>	<b>\$ 100,419.66</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>100,419.66</b>

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Town of Arrowsic  
Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds  
March 31, 2018

<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b><u>Cash in Banks</u></b>		
Cash - FFS - Checking	\$ 42,435.46	
Cash - Northeast Bank	388,221.56	
Cash - Bath Savings - CD	121,712.39	
Cash - Androscoggin Bank	201,279.28	
NE Bank - Scholarships	42,153.16	
S.B. of ME CD-4 - Water Access	<u>77,788.11</u>	
Total Cash in Banks		873,589.96
<b><u>Taxes, Liens, &amp; Accounts Receivable</u></b>		
FY 17-18 Taxes Receivable	49,337.18	
FY 15-16 Tax Liens Receivable	5,911.04	
FY 16-17 Tax Liens Receivable	<u>6,576.73</u>	
Total Taxes and Liens Receivable		<u>61,824.95</u>
<b><u>Total Assets</u></b>		<b><u>935,414.91</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUNDS BALANCES</b>		
<b><u>Current Payables</u></b>		
Fisheries & Wildlife Payable	183.00	
State Permits & Fees Payable	930.00	
State Dog Registration Payable	9.00	
State Vitals Fees Payable	2.00	
Deferred Tax Revenue	<u>23,000.00</u>	
Total Current Payables		<u>24,124.00</u>
<b><u>Total Current Liabilities</u></b>		<b><u>24,124.00</u></b>
<b><u>Special Revenue Funds</u></b>		
Due To Alewives Project	5,628.66	
Due To Capital Improvements	56,582.83	
Due To Fire Dept. Capital Imp.	208,815.33	
Due To Water Access	78,281.01	
Due To Scholarships	42,153.16	
Due To Shellfish Conservation	3,954.88	
Due To Assessing Reserve	<u>41,300.00</u>	
Total Special Revenue Funds		<u>436,715.87</u>
<b><u>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</u></b>		<b><u>460,839.87</u></b>
<b><u>Surplus (Deficit)</u></b>		
Undesignated Funds - Surplus	264,452.50	
Net Revenues (Expenditures)	<u>210,122.54</u>	
Total Surplus (Deficit)		<u>474,575.04</u>
<b><u>Total Liabilities and Funds Balances</u></b>		<b><u>935,414.91</u></b>

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Town of Arrowsic  
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures  
Summary of Warrant Articles To Be Raised  
March 31, 2018

	Fiscal Year to Date	Fiscal Year Warrants/Projections	Fiscal Year Variance
<b>Revenues</b>			
Property Tax	\$ 902,264.80	\$ 916,943.00	(14,678.20)
Nature Conserv/ME TREE Found	750.00	0.00	750.00
Shellfish Licenses & Fines	407.00	0.00	407.00
Animal Control Income	174.00	0.00	174.00
Copies - Lists - Discharges	209.54	0.00	209.54
Town C.E.O. Fees	4,592.05	0.00	4,592.05
Town Clerk Fees	190.50	0.00	190.50
Town Tax Agent Fees	1,224.00	0.00	1,224.00
Auto Excise Tax	83,156.90	97,500.00	(14,343.10)
M.D.O.T. Block Grant	8,084.00	7,900.00	184.00
ME. Municipal Revenue Sharing	7,425.16	9,550.00	(2,124.84)
Homestead/ Veteran Exemptions	12,748.00	0.00	12,748.00
Tree Growth	1,076.89	0.00	1,076.89
Interest Income - F.F.Savings	61.03	0.00	61.03
Interest Income - BOA /NE	886.94	0.00	886.94
Interest Income - Bath Savings	111.22	0.00	111.22
Interest Income - Androscoggin	350.99	0.00	350.99
Interest Income-Property Tax	527.44	0.00	527.44
Fire Dept. Training & Grants	1,241.88	0.00	1,241.88
Snowmobile Refunds	132.40	0.00	132.40
Insurance Refunds	501.00	0.00	501.00
Small Income	1,144.82	0.00	1,144.82
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,027,260.56</b>	<b>1,031,893.00</b>	<b>(4,632.44)</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Animal Control Expenses	467.00	525.00	(58.00)
Payments - Election Workers	705.00	1,850.00	(1,145.00)
Salaries-Officers & Employees	41,126.34	41,494.00	(367.66)
Town C.E.O. Payments	3,974.55	0.00	3,974.55
Town Clerk Payments	72.00	0.00	72.00
Town Tax Agent Payments	753.00	0.00	753.00
Payroll Taxes	3,513.30	4,000.00	(486.70)
Contingency	0.00	5,000.00	(5,000.00)
Administration	8,946.76	12,000.00	(3,053.24)
Annual Report	0.00	3,500.00	(3,500.00)
Insurances	9,184.00	9,200.00	(16.00)
Assessor Fees/Assessing Costs	17,014.46	2,000.00	15,014.46
Auditors' Report	7,900.00	7,900.00	0.00
Municipal Utilities	2,598.24	4,000.00	(1,401.76)
LEMA / LHO	55.00	200.00	(145.00)
Planning Board	254.37	1,000.00	(745.63)
Zoning Board of Appeals	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
Shellfish Conservation	445.90	0.00	445.90
Conservation Commission	146.00	400.00	(254.00)
Town Property Maintenance	1,309.87	3,500.00	(2,190.13)
Legal Services	259.00	5,000.00	(4,741.00)
County Taxes	166,759.00	166,759.00	0.00
School Account	400,427.97	536,515.00	(136,087.03)
Education Review Committee	0.00	250.00	(250.00)
Road Maintenance	101,763.23	163,450.00	(61,686.77)
Septage	1,645.00	3,000.00	(1,355.00)
Solid Waste	17,080.79	27,000.00	(9,919.21)
Recycling	6,427.43	11,500.00	(5,072.57)
Fire Department	7,031.95	14,000.00	(6,968.05)
Ambulance Services	2,835.00	6,000.00	(3,165.00)
Organizations	5,450.00	0.00	5,450.00
Arrowsic Arrow	70.86	200.00	(129.14)
Patten Free Library	7,404.00	0.00	7,404.00
M.M.A. Dues	1,518.00	1,550.00	(32.00)
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>817,138.02</b>	<b>1,031,893.00</b>	<b>(214,754.98)</b>
<b>Net Revenues (Expenditures)</b>	<b>\$ 210,122.54</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>210,122.54</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary McDonald, Treasurer

# independent auditor

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June 30, 2017

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## Independent Auditors' Report

**To the Selectboard  
Town of Arrowsic  
Arrowsic, Maine**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Arrowsic, Maine, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, 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.

**Auditors' 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. 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, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Arrowsic, Maine as of June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position 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 on page 3 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*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Town's basic financial statements. The supplementary information on page 20 is presented for purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

This supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate 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 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, the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

*Purdy Powus & Company*  
Professional Association

**Portland, Maine**  
**November 8, 2017**

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**SELECTMAN FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

This discussion and analysis of the Town of Arrowsic's financial performance provides an overview of the Town's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2017 and is a requirement of the audit process. Prepared annually and included with the Auditor's Report, it presents the highlights of the Town's financial position in comparison and over time rather than only in terms of revenues and expenses. It is intended to answer the question: "Has there been a change in Arrowsic's financial position as a result of this fiscal year's activities?" It will be most meaningful if read in conjunction with the Town's financial statements.

**USING THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

This annual auditor's report consists of a series of financial statements:

The **Statement of Net Position** presents the relationship between Arrowsic assets and liabilities at the end of the fiscal year.

The **Statement of Activities** provides information about the annual financial activities of the Town and adds the context of the previous year.

**Fund Financial Statements** tell how Arrowsic's expenditures were financed for this year's operation as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the town's operations in more detail by providing information about Town funds.

**The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities**

These statements include all assets and liabilities using the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by many private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report Arrowsic's change in net position. Over time, an increase or decrease in net position is one indicator of whether our financial health is improving or deteriorating. Because Arrowsic does not carry debt, preferring to finance operations out of tax revenues or the undesignated fund, it is the value of our assets that is most important. Our assets include cash (tax payments, undesignated funds, and designated funds), taxes unpaid but expected, tax liens expected, and our capital assets like town properties, buildings and equipment. Tax payments are all earmarked for specific annual expenses so they flow in as revenues and out as we pay our bills. Each year, we use undesignated funds to pay for certain expenditures. If we spend less than approved and money is left over at the end of the year, it is added to the undesignated funds. The designated funds (fire department capital improvement, water access, scholarship, capital improvement) increase or decrease as voted at Town Meeting. Our net position as of June 30, 2017 was \$1,212,477. This was \$45,833 more than last year.

The following schedule is a summary of net position for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016:

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>		
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>Change</b>
Current and other assets	\$ 784,025	\$ 718,687	\$ 65,338
Capital assets	480,508	515,743	(35,235)
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,264,533</b>	<b>1,234,430</b>	<b>30,103</b>
Accounts payable	52,056	67,786	(15,730)
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>52,056</b>	<b>67,786</b>	<b>(15,730)</b>
Net position:			
Net investment in capital assets	480,508	515,743	(35,235)
Unrestricted	731,969	650,901	81,068
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 1,212,477</b>	<b>\$ 1,166,644</b>	<b>\$ 45,833</b>

The following is a summary of the Statement of Activities for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016:

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>		
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>Change</b>
Revenues:			
Program revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 9,692	\$ 12,742	\$ (3,050)
Operating grants and contributions	8,689	8,877	(188)
General revenues:			
Taxes	1,008,589	967,105	41,484
Intergovernmental	23,093	19,678	3,415
Investment	3,814	3,017	797
Miscellaneous	9,858	16,357	(6,499)
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,063,735</b>	<b>1,027,776</b>	<b>35,959</b>
Expenses:			
Town administration	94,806	97,193	(2,387)
Public safety	41,795	44,006	(2,211)
Public works	184,658	210,619	(25,961)
County tax	166,985	163,126	3,859
Education	507,962	452,468	55,494
Dues and support	13,932	13,158	774
Capital outlay	924	5,069	(4,145)
Unclassified	6,840	21,848	(15,008)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,017,902</b>	<b>1,007,487</b>	<b>10,415</b>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 45,833</b>	<b>\$ 20,289</b>	<b>\$ 25,544</b>

Other indications of fiscal health are non-financial factors, such as the condition of the Town's roads and buildings, and the likelihood of an unexpected large expense that would affect tax rates.

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, our basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash.

**Fund Financial Statements**

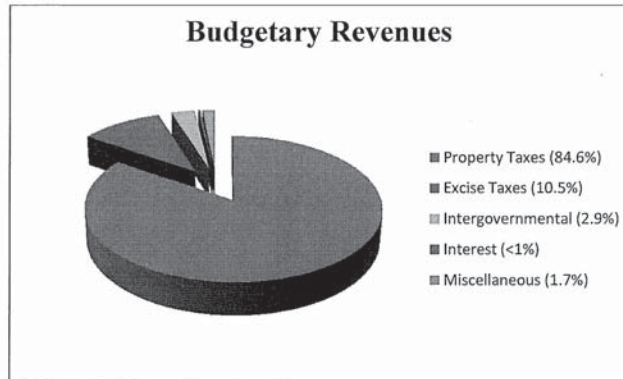
The Governmental Fund Statements provide a detailed short-term view of our general municipal operations and the basic services we provide. Governmental fund information helps us determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance town programs. We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds in the reconciliation at the bottom of the fund financial statements.

**HOW IS THE TOWN'S FINANCIAL HEALTH?**

**General Fund-Town Revenues and Expenses-Budgetary Basis**

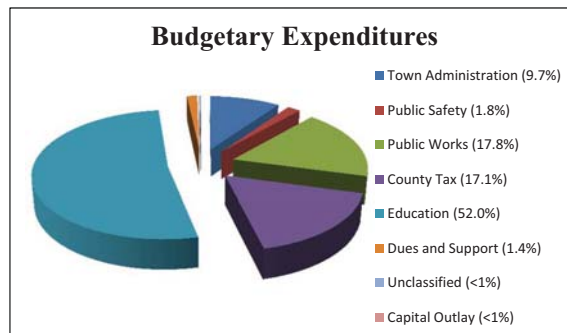
The Town of Arrowsic took in revenues of \$1,078,057 from property taxes, excise taxes, intergovernmental revenues, interest, and miscellaneous revenue. Revenues exceeded expectations by \$54,430. This overage is mostly attributable to better than expected property and excise tax receipts.

The Town's General Fund operating fund revenues on a budgetary basis were as follows:



Total expenditures were \$977,638. Education expenses accounted for 52.0% of total expenses, followed by public works (roads, septage, solid waste, recycling) at 17.8%, taxes paid to Sagadahoc County at 17.1%, town administration (salaries, insurance, utilities, legal, auditing, assessing, and contingency expenses) at 9.7%, public safety (fire and ambulance) at 1.8%, dues and support at 1.4%, and capital outlays and other at less than 1.0%. Total departmental expenditures were \$62,492 below budget.

The Town's General Fund operating fund expenditures on a budgetary basis were as follows:



**State Support**

In FY 2017, we received \$31,782 in intergovernmental revenues compared to \$28,555 in 2016. This is an increase of \$3,227 but well short of the high of \$198,070 in 2002.

**Unassigned Fund**

Unassigned funds are used to defray certain town expenses, according to the wishes of the Town as expressed at Town Meeting. They also provide liquidity to allow the Town to pay bills between July and December when tax receipts come in. We started the year with an unassigned fund balance of \$323,907 and ended with \$331,751 (with adjustments). The net effect on the fund was \$7,844.

**Assigned Funds**

We have seven assigned funds as of June 30, 2017:

- Shellfish Conservation Fund increased by \$75 to \$3,955.
- Fire Department Capital Fund increased by \$83,169 to \$162,815.
- Water Access Fund increased by \$2,167 to \$77,788.
- Capital Improvement Fund increased by \$5,000 to \$46,583.
- School Scholarship Fund increased by \$617 to \$45,259.
- Alewives Project Fund decreased by \$979 to \$5,818.
- Conservation Grants Fund decreased by \$2,825 to \$0.
- Assessor's Reserve Fund increased by \$5,000 to \$35,000.

The total of these assigned funds is \$377,218. The Town continues to build balances in the Fire Department Capital Fund and the Town Capital Improvement Fund to ensure our ability to maintain our facilities and equipment over the long-term. The balance in the Fire Department Capital Fund has been earmarked for the replacement of the mini pumper, our primary fire attack vehicle.

#### **Town Debt**

Arrowsic continues to fund town needs from annual revenues, designated and undesignated funds. We have no plans to use debt in the near future.

#### **Assessed Value and Mil Rate**

Each year the Selectmen determine the amount needed to fund the warrant articles voted at Town Meeting and divide that amount by the aggregate assessed value of the town to determine the mil rate. For the year ending June 30, 2017, \$890,475 was voted to be raised from property taxes for payment of town expenses and the total assessed value of the town was \$66,403,820 making the actual mil rate \$13.41 per thousand dollars of valuation.

#### **WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON?**

The Fire Department Truck Committee has been meeting with vendors and working to specify a new truck to replace the mini pumper, as voted on at the June 2016 Town Meeting. The original estimate for the truck was \$165,000 and their expectation is that it will come in close to that price. The Town has been planning on this for some time and sufficient funds presently exist in the Fire Department Capital Fund for the purchase.

The Selectmen have been meeting with members of the Arrowsic-Georgetown Broadband Initiative who have been investigating upgrading the speed of internet on our islands. Most recently, their collaboration has also included Southport and the Rockland-based Island Institute. The Town held a Special Town Meeting in October and voted to contribute \$5,000 from surplus to fund an engineering design for broadband internet infrastructure to serve the three towns. This is a step-by-step process and the study should give us information regarding feasibility and potential project costs. We hope that residents will continue to follow and show an interest in this initiative.

The Selectmen have met with representatives of RSU1 and Architect Ron Lamarre about the new Morse High School project and its potential fiscal impact on Arrowsic. Although the State Department of Education is responsible for 91% of \$75,000,000 construction expense, the towns of RSU1 will be responsible for the rest, in the \$7,000,000 ballpark. This will likely result in 20 years of debt coverage. The Selectmen will keep you updated as we determine how that will affect taxes and the mil rate.

The town property revaluation process began in the summer of 2017 with representatives of the assessing agent visiting properties for measuring and listing. Updated values will be based on recent sales of comparable properties in our town and neighboring towns and will be used for taxes billed in November 2018. Given that sales prices for properties have risen in the 17 years since the last valuation, it is likely that most properties will be valued higher than before. This does not necessarily mean higher taxes since a property owner is only responsible for the portion of taxes that corresponds to their percentage of total town value. Certain classes of property, like waterfront, may have risen in value more than other classes of property, like interior, so values will not rise equally. Your input and questions will be welcomed throughout the process.

In anticipation of upcoming retirements of elected officials who have served the town for many years, the Selectmen are studying the Town's administrative organization and workload to determine if changes to the structure would help us better handle Town business. In many towns, administrative positions are combined and/or a salaried town administrator is hired on a part-time or full-time basis to handle the many disparate tasks required to meet our obligations. The Selectmen will be asking for residents' input with the intent of bringing a proposal/warrant article to Town Meeting in June.

#### **CONTACTING THE TOWN'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and creditors with a general overview of the Town's finances and to show the Town's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, please contact one of the Selectmen.

**Statement of Net Position**  
**Town of Arrowsic, Maine**  
**As of June 30, 2017**

	Governmental Activities
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash	\$ 753,316
Taxes receivable	20,900
Tax liens receivable	6,327
Due from other governments	3,482
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	480,508
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,264,533</b>
 <b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable	52,056
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>52,056</b>
 <b>Net Position</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	480,508
Unrestricted	731,969
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 1,212,477</b>

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.



**Statement of Activities**

**Town of Arrowsic, Maine**

**For the Year Ended June 30, 2017**

Function/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	(Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
				Governmental Activities
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>				
Town administration	\$ 94,806	\$ 9,692	\$ -	\$ (85,114)
Public safety	41,795	-	733	(41,062)
Public works	184,658	-	7,956	(176,702)
County tax	166,985	-	-	(166,985)
Education	507,962	-	-	(507,962)
Dues and support	13,932	-	-	(13,932)
Capital outlay	924	-	-	(924)
Unclassified	6,840	-	-	(6,840)
<b>Total Governmental Activities</b>	<u>\$ 1,017,902</u>	<u>\$ 9,692</u>	<u>\$ 8,689</u>	<u>(999,521)</u>
General revenues:				
Taxes:				
				893,030
				115,559
				23,093
				3,814
				9,858
			<b>Total General Revenues</b>	<u>1,045,354</u>
			<b>Change in Net Position</b>	45,833
			Net position at beginning of year	<u>1,166,644</u>
			<b>Net Position at End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 1,212,477</u>

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

**Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds**

**Town of Arrowsic, Maine**

**As of June 30, 2017**

	<u>General Fund</u>
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash	\$ 753,316
Taxes receivable	20,900
Tax liens receivable	6,327
Due from other governments	<u>3,482</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 784,025</u></b>
<b>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable	<u>\$ 52,056</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>52,056</b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	<u>23,000</u>
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b>23,000</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>	
Assigned	377,218
Unassigned	<u>331,751</u>
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b><u>708,969</u></b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances</b>	<b><u>\$ 784,025</u></b>

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**Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Balance Sheet  
to the Statement of Net Position**

**Town of Arrowsic, Maine**

**As of June 30, 2017**

**Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds** \$ 708,969

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of  
Net Position is different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial  
resources and therefore are not reported as assets in governmental  
funds. The cost of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation is: 480,508

Property tax revenues are presented on the modified accrual basis  
of accounting in the governmental funds but in the Statement of  
Activities, property tax revenue is reported under the accrual method.  
The balance in unavailable revenue - property taxes in the  
governmental funds as a deferred inflow is: 23,000

**Total Net Position - Governmental Activities** \$ 1,212,477

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances  
Governmental Funds**

**Town of Arrowsic, Maine**

**For the Year Ended June 30, 2017**

	<u>General Fund</u>
<b>Revenues</b>	
Property taxes	\$ 912,030
Excise taxes	115,559
Intergovernmental revenues	31,782
Miscellaneous revenues	<u>23,364</u>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,082,735</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
Current	
Town administration	94,806
Public safety	17,593
Public works	173,625
County tax	166,985
Education	507,962
Dues and support	13,932
Unclassified	6,840
Capital outlay	<u>924</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>982,667</b>
<b>Revenues Over Expenditures</b>	<b>100,068</b>
Fund balances at beginning of year	<u>608,901</u>
<b>Fund Balances at End of Year</b>	<b>\$ <u>708,969</u></b>

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**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in  
Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities**

**Town of Arrowsic, Maine**

**As of June 30, 2017**

**Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds** \$ 100,068

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement  
of Activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures.  
However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets  
is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.  
This is the amount by which depreciation expense differed from  
capital asset additions in the current period:

Deferred inflows of resources for property taxes	(19,000)	
Depreciation expense	<u>(35,235)</u>	
		<u>(54,235)</u>

**Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities** \$ 45,833

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**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance  
Budget and Actual - General Fund (Budgetary Basis)**

**Town of Arrowsic, Maine**

**For the Year Ended June 30, 2017**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with
	Original	Final	Budgetary Basis	Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<b>Revenues</b>				
Property taxes	\$ 890,475	\$ 890,475	\$ 912,030	\$ 21,555
Excise taxes	95,000	95,000	113,521	18,521
Intergovernmental	29,598	29,598	31,782	2,184
Interest	-	-	3,425	3,425
Miscellaneous	8,554	8,554	17,299	8,745
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>1,023,627</u>	<u>1,023,627</u>	<u>1,078,057</u>	<u>54,430</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current				
Town administration	108,474	108,474	94,806	13,668
Public safety	18,500	18,500	17,593	907
Public works	218,950	218,950	173,625	45,325
County tax	166,985	166,985	166,985	-
Education	507,962	507,962	507,962	-
Dues and support	14,009	14,009	13,932	77
Unclassified	250	250	1,811	(1,561)
Capital outlay	5,000	5,000	924	4,076
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>1,040,130</u>	<u>1,040,130</u>	<u>977,638</u>	<u>62,492</u>
<b>Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	(16,503)	(16,503)	100,419	116,922
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Transfers to assigned fund balances	(257,600)	(257,600)	(92,500)	165,100
Utilization of assigned fund balance	3,880	3,880	-	(3,880)
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	270,709	270,709	-	(270,709)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<u>16,989</u>	<u>16,989</u>	<u>(92,500)</u>	<u>(109,489)</u>
<b>Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses</b>	\$ 486	\$ 486	7,919	\$ 7,433
Budgetary fund balance at beginning of year			<u>327,785</u>	
<b>Budgetary Fund Balance at End of Year</b>			<u>\$ 335,704</u>	

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## Notes to Financial Statements

### Town of Arrowsic, Maine

#### Note A - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Town of Arrowsic, Maine (the "Town") was incorporated under the laws of the State of Maine and operates under a Selectboard form of government. The accounting policies of the Town of Arrowsic conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the Town are discussed below.

#### Principles Determining Scope of Reporting Entity

The basic financial statements include the accounts of all Town operations. The criteria for including organizations as component units within the Town's reporting entity, as set forth in GAAP include whether:

- the organization is legally separate (can sue and be sued in their own name)
- the Town holds the corporate powers of the organization
- the Town appoints a voting majority of the organization's board
- the Town is able to impose its will on the organization
- the organization has the potential to impose a financial benefit/burden on the Town
- there is fiscal dependency by the organization on the Town

Based on the aforementioned criteria, the Town of Arrowsic has no component units.

#### Basis of Presentation

##### Government-wide Financial Statements

The statement of net position and statement of activities report information about the reporting government as a whole. Governmental activities are normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. The Town does not allocate indirect expenses to functions in the statement of activities. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges by a given function and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the Government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

**Notes to Financial Statements - Continued**

**Town of Arrowsic, Maine**

**Note A - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued**

**Fund Financial Statements**

Fund financial statements of the reporting entity are organized into funds, each of which are considered to be separate accounting entities. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts, which constitute its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures.

**Governmental Activities**

Governmental funds are those funds through which the governmental functions of the Town are reported. The acquisition, use and balances of the Town's expendable financial resources and related liabilities are accounted for through governmental funds.

The Town's *General Fund* is the only governmental fund. It is the operating fund of the Town and is always classified as a major fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

**Basis of Accounting**

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting is related to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

**Accrual**

Governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements and the fiduciary fund financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

**Modified Accrual**

Governmental funds financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual; i.e., both measurable and available. "Available" means collectible within the current period or within 60 days after year end. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred. The exception to this general rule is that principal and interest on general obligation long-term debt is recognized when due.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The Town's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

**Inventories**

Inventories of supplies are considered to be expenditures at the time of purchase.





**Notes to Financial Statements - Continued**

**Town of Arrowsic, Maine**

**Note A - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued**

**Capital Assets**

In the government-wide financial statements, capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$10,000 or more are reported at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributed assets are reported at fair market value as of the date received. Additions, improvements and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line method. Estimated useful lives are as follows: land improvements, 20 years; buildings and improvements, 20 to 50 years; infrastructure, 40 to 50 years; and vehicles and equipment, 10 to 15 years.

In the fund financial statements, capital assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition. Capital assets are not capitalized and related depreciation is not reported in the fund financial statements.

**Vacation and Sick Leave**

Under the terms of the personnel policies of the Town, paid vacation and sick leave is not available. As such, no liability for accrued compensated absences exists.

**Budget**

The Town's policy is to adopt an annual budget for operations. The budget is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. The following procedures are followed in establishing budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- Early in the second half of the last fiscal year the Town prepared a budget for this fiscal year beginning July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- A vote of the inhabitants of the Town of Arrowsic was then taken for the purpose of adopting the proposed budget after public notice of the vote was given.
- The budget was adopted subsequent to passage by the inhabitants of the Town.

**Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Notes to Financial Statements - Continued**

**Town of Arrowsic, Maine**

**Note A - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued**

**Revenue Recognition - Property Taxes**

The Town's property tax for the current year was levied November 21, 2016, on the assessed value listed as of April 1, 2016, for all real and personal property located in the Town. Taxes were due January 20, 2017. Interest on unpaid taxes commenced on January 21, 2017 at 4.0% per annum.

Property tax revenues are recognized when they become available. Available includes those property tax receivables expected to be collected within sixty days after year end. The remaining receivables have been recorded as unavailable revenue from property taxes.

The Town is permitted by the laws of the State of Maine to levy taxes up to 105% of its net budgeted expenditures for the related fiscal period. The amount raised in excess of 100% is referred to as overlay, and amounted to \$486 for the year ended June 30, 2017.

Tax liens are placed on real property within twelve months following the tax commitment date if taxes are delinquent. The Town has the authority to foreclose on property eighteen months after the filing of the lien if tax liens and associated costs remain unpaid.

**Government-wide Fund Net Position**

Government-wide net position is divided into three components:

*Net investment in capital assets* - consist of the historical cost of capital assets less accumulated depreciation and less any debt that remains outstanding that was used to finance those assets.

*Restricted net position* - consists of the net position that is restricted by the Town's creditors (for example, through debt covenants), by the state enabling legislation (through restrictions on shared revenues), by grantors (both federal and state), and by other contributors.

*Unrestricted* - All other net position is reported in this category.

**Governmental Fund Balances**

In the fund financial statements, government fund balance is presented in five possible categories:

*Nonspendable* – resources which cannot be spent because they are either a) not in spendable form or; b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

*Restricted* – resources with constraints placed on use of resources are either a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.



**Notes to Financial Statements - Continued**

**Town of Arrowsic, Maine**

**Note A - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued**

*Committed* – resources which are subject to limitations the government imposes upon itself at its highest level of decision making, and that remain binding unless removed in the same manner.

*Assigned* – resources neither restricted or committed for which a government has a stated intended use as established by Town Selectboard or a body or official to which the Town Selectboard has delegated authority to assign amounts for specific purposes.

*Unassigned* – resources which cannot be properly classified in one of the other four categories. The General Fund should be the only fund that reports a positive unassigned fund balance amount.

**Use of Restricted Resources**

The Town has no formal fund balance policy. For purposes of fund balance classification, expenditures are to be spent from restricted fund balance first, followed in order by committed fund balance, assigned fund balance and lastly unassigned fund balance.

**Note B - Cash**

The Town conducts all its banking transactions with its depository banks.

**Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits**

At June 30, 2017 the carrying amount of the Town's deposits was \$753,316 and the bank balance was \$797,825. The difference between these balances relates to deposits in transit, outstanding checks, and cash on hand at year-end.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Town's deposits may not be returned to it. The Town does not have a deposit policy on custodial credit risk. At June 30, 2017, none of the Town's bank balance of \$797,825 was exposed to credit risk.

**Certificate of Deposit**

A certificate of deposit totaling \$75,750 is included in cash in the accompanying financial statements. The certificate bears interest at 0.15 percent and has a one year maturity, with a penalty for early withdrawal. Any penalty for early withdrawal would not have a material effect on the financial statements.

**Notes to Financial Statements - Continued**

**Town of Arrowsic, Maine**

**Note C - Capital Assets**

A summary of capital assets transactions for the year ended June 30, 2017, follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Retirements	Ending Balance
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>				
Non-Depreciable Assets:				
Land	\$ 74,001	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 74,001
Depreciable Assets:				
Land improvements	1,479,319	-	-	1,479,319
Buildings and improvements	168,185	-	-	168,185
Vehicles and equipment	<u>260,144</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>260,144</u>
Totals at historical cost	1,981,649	-	-	1,981,649
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Land improvements	1,269,364	11,033	-	1,280,397
Buildings and improvements	26,398	4,202	-	30,600
Vehicles and equipment	<u>170,144</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>190,144</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>1,465,906</u>	<u>35,235</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,501,141</u>
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 515,743</u>	<u>\$ 35,235</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 480,508</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to the following functions:

<b>Governmental Activities:</b>	
Public safety	\$ 24,202
Public works	<u>11,033</u>
Total governmental activities depreciation expense	<u>\$ 35,235</u>

**Note D - Risk Management**

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets, errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the Town either carries commercial insurance or is effectively self-insured. Currently, the Town carries commercial insurance for any risks of loss to which it may be exposed.

Based on the coverage provided by commercial insurance, the Town is not aware of any material actual or potential claim liabilities, which should be recorded at June 30, 2017.

**Notes to Financial Statements - Continued**

**Town of Arrowsic, Maine**

**Note E - Change in General Fund Assigned Fund Balance**

The following summarizes the change in assigned fund balance for the year ended June 30, 2017:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Budgeted Appropriation</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<i>Carryforward:</i>					
Shellfish Conservation Commission	\$ 3,880	\$ -	\$ 417	\$ (342)	\$ 3,955
<i>Other reserves:</i>					
Fire Dept. Capital Improvement	79,646	82,500	669	-	162,815
Water Access Fund	75,621	-	2,167	-	77,788
School Scholarship Capital Improvement Fund	44,642	-	1,817	(1,200)	45,259
	41,583	5,000	-	-	46,583
Alewives Project	6,797	-	25	(1,004)	5,818
Conservation Grants	2,825	-	-	(2,825)	-
Assessor Reserve	<u>30,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,000</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<u>\$ 284,994</u>	<u>\$ 92,500</u>	<u>\$ 5,095</u>	<u>\$ (5,371)</u>	<u>\$ 377,218</u>

**Notes to Financial Statements - Continued**

**Town of Arrowsic, Maine**

**Note F - Budget to Actual Reconciliation**

An explanation of the differences between budgetary inflows and outflows and revenues and expenditures determined in accordance with general accepted accounting principles follows:

**Budgetary Basis:**

Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses \$ 7,919

*Sources/inflows of resources - reconciling items*

The Town does not budget for revenues received in assigned fund balance accounts:

Interest income	389
Excise taxes	2,038
Miscellaneous revenue	2,251

*Uses/outflows of resources - reconciling items*

The Town does not budget to use assigned fund balance amounts:

School scholarship	(1,200)
Miscellaneous expense	(3,829)

Transfers to assigned fund balances are outflows of budgetary resources but are not expenditures for financial reporting purposes 92,500

**Generally Accepted Accounting Principles Basis:**

Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses \$ 100,068

**Note G - Related Party Transaction**

The Town conducts business with Richard and Brian Elwell, construction contractors, who are also members of the Town's Road Commission. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, the Town paid the Elwell's approximately \$18,000 for road maintenance services.

**Note H - Subsequent Events**

Subsequent to year end the Town of Arrowsic has entered into a contract for the plowing and sanding of Town roads. Future required payments under the contact are as follows:

Year ending June 30

2018	\$ 82,450
2019	82,450
2020	<u>82,450</u>
	<u>\$ 247,350</u>

**Schedule of Valuation, Assessment and Collection of Taxes**

**Town of Arrowsic, Maine**

**For the Year Ended June 30, 2017**

<b>Valuation</b>		
Real estate		\$ 66,403,820
Personal property		<u>-</u>
	<b>Total Valuation</b>	<u><u>\$ 66,403,820</u></u>
<b>Assessment</b>		
Valuation x rate - \$66,403,820 x 0.01341	\$	890,475
Supplementals		<u>2,555</u>
	<b>Total Assessment Charged to Collector</b>	\$ 893,030
<b>Collection and Credits</b>		
Cash collections		870,320
Tax abatements		<u>1,810</u>
	<b>Total Collection and Credits</b>	<u>872,130</u>
	<b>2017 Taxes Receivable - June 30, 2017</b>	<u><u>\$ 20,900</u></u>

See accompanying independent auditors' report.

# tax collector's report

July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

## 2015-2016 Taxes

Uncollected as of June 30, 2016	37,775.06	
Interest	726.15	
		38,501.21
Principal collected	26,990.73	
Interest	726.15	
Tax liens deposited with Treasurer, Arrowsic	10,784.33	
		38,501.21

## 2016-2017 Taxes

Commitment	890,475.39	
Interest	378.43	
Overpayments	105.07	
		890,958.89
Principal collected	867,771.86	
Abatement	1,786.21	
Interest	378.43	
Overpayments	105.07	
Uncollected as of June 30, 2017	20,917.32	
		890,958.89

## 2016-2017 Abatement

L.R Investment Trust	923.95	
McCamis, Marvin & MacKay, Elizabeth	862.26	
		1,786.21

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**2016-2017 Supplemental Bill**

Galuzza, James & Andrea	2,530.47	
Supplemental collected		2,530.47

**2016-2017 Uncollected Taxes as of June 30, 2017**

Bassett, Kenneth L.	2,800.01	
*Bertschy, Melane	2,909.97	
Brett, Chris	4,916.11	
*Tardiff, Joseph	24.14	
*Demers, Thomas	16.38	
Elwell, Robert	3,289.47	
*Inman, Harry & Elwell, Fred	1,105.56	
Martin, M.T. & A.J.	3,298.86	
Orr, Wanda B.	1,108.54	
*Phinney, William T.	1.34	
Pinette, Jeffrey	698.66	
*White, John L.	748.28	
		20,917.32

\*Paid in full before going to lein

**Fees Collected**

Certified Mail Fees	116.46	
Lien Fees	54.00	
		170.46
Retained by Tax Collector	54.00	
Paid to Treasurer	116.46	
		170.46

*continued*

**2016-2017 Excise Taxes Collected**

Boat excise taxes	2,038.10	
Vehicle excise taxes	113,521.22	
		115,559.32
Paid to Treasurer		115,559.32

**Registration Fees Collected**

Boat Registration Fees	99.00	
Vehicle Registration Fees	1,743.00	
		1,842.00
Retained by IFW & Motor vehicle agent		1,842.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Rollins  
Tax Collector

# town clerk's report

## VITAL STATISTICS

1/01/2017 thru 12/31/2017

### BIRTHS

0 births

### DEATH

McDonald, Franklin

### MARRIAGES

0 marriages

## SHELLFISH LICENSES

1/01/2017 thru 12/31/2017

Residential Commercial (0)	\$0.00
Non- Resident Commercial (3)	597.00
Residential Recreational (2)	18.00
Residential Senior (4)	N/C
Residential Junior (0)	N/C
Non-Residential Recreational (0)	0.00
Clerk Fee	5.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$620.00</u>

## DOG LICENSES

1/01/2017 thru 12/31/2017

Town Share	\$190.00
State Fee	325.00
Clerk Fee	99.00
Late Fee	50.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$664.00</u>

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**BOAT, ATV, SNOWMOBILE and IF&W REGISTRATIONS**  
**7/01/2016 to 6/30/2017**

Boat Registration	\$2199.00
FWS/Milfoil	290.00
Agent	93.00
ATV	397.00
Agent	12.00
Snowmobiles	630.00
Agent	15.00
IF&W Licenses	602.25
Agent	36.50
Total Fees to State	\$4118.25
Agent Fee	156.50
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$4274.75</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Boyce  
Town Clerk



# committee reports

## Code Enforcement Officer

In the year from April 28, 2017 through April 2, 2018, Code Enforcement included the application review, site inspection and granting of:

### **16 Conditional Use Permits**

- 6 Structure in Shoreland
- 6 Vegetation Removal
- 2 Driveway Construction
- 2 Earthmoving

### **16 Building Permits**

- 2 New House
- 6 Addition
- 5 Accessory Structure
- 3 Dock, Haulout, Stair

### **6 Internal Plumbing Permits**



### **5 Septic System Permits**

- 3 new systems
- 1 replacement
- 1 expansion

In addition, assistance to the Planning Board included working with applicants in the preparation and the Board in review of five Conditional Use Permits and one Subdivision Plan Amendment.

This year saw the five-year-cycle external review of our Floodplain policies and land use under the FEMA Flood Insurance Community Rating System (CRS). We are awaiting final determination, but indications are good that the combined benefits of Arrowsic open space, prohibition on building in the 100-year floodplain, and enforcement of Shoreland Zoning will result in a discount on flood insurance premiums.

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On the enforcement front, I have been active in resolving a number of non-compliant land use activities under our ordinances. Here are a few tips to avoid violations:

- Stairs to access the shoreline are structures that may be permitted only after the applicant demonstrates that no reasonable alternative exists on the lot.
- Temporary shelters, standby generators and patios are types of structures that must meet setbacks and are subject to permitting.
- Configuring a built space to support independent living creates a dwelling that also requires a sufficient amount of land area for each dwelling unit on the lot.

Please contact me for assistance with any questions about our land use regulations.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Kreindler  
Codes Enforcement Officer

## **Animal Control Officer**

April 2017- This month saw a couple of loose dog calls, one of which involved them chasing deer.

May 2017- More loose dogs, some frequent flyers :(

September 2017- New dog in town unfortunately got a free trip to the shelter but was quickly reunited with her owner! Yay!!

October 2017- This was an adventurous month for an elderly dog who traveled quite a way during a storm. He was found by a kind family and returned to his worried mom after a brief stay at the shelter.

November 2017- Hunting season kicks off with a bang and a report from a conscientious hunter of a loose dog in his woods. The dog turned out to be visiting Arrowsic with his human and just got a little too curious about the neighborhood.

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December 2017- Winter started with a concerned citizen who had an unwanted frequent visitor in the form of the neighbor's dog.

January and February 2018- All quiet. Too much snow for any doggies to be wandering around.

March 2018- No animal related calls but was lucky enough to attend a pet first aid and cpr class for my continuing education requirements.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Mancini  
Animal Control Officer

## Local Health Officer

### TRAINING:

I attended three Local Health Officer trainings this year, including a case review of bed bug infestation strategies, and LHO meetings which includes all town LHO's from Sagadahoc County. These meetings allow resource sharing and updates.

### COMMUNITY:

We have held three community-based CPR trainings this past fall/ winter. Fourteen Arrowsic residents are now American Heart Association-trained in CPR and AED use. I used funds from the LHO budget to purchase mandated books for the training, and each resident spent \$5 to obtain their American Heart Association card. Further trainings are planned for anyone who is interested; a sign-up sheet is in the town office on the LHO kiosk board. Or, contact me at [cwoodman@arrowsic.org](mailto:cwoodman@arrowsic.org).

I also participated in the Fall Festival for blood pressure screening, and conducted an informal "brown-tail moth caterpillar" survey to give residents an opportunity to share their health reactions and concerns regarding any infestation exposures. Of 16 responses, two had "significant" rashes. The remaining respondents had "minimal" affect from exposure. Opportunity for discussion was available.

I have attended meetings for *Age-Friendly Community* at the Patten Free Library and Georgetown. This is a recent development and I will submit further reports in upcoming issues of *The Arrow*.

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RESEARCH:

I am aware of tick borne vector disease. The deer population, according to Keel Kemper (State Wildlife biologist), is the primary source of widespread dissemination of these diseases, due to browsing habit and range. I spoke with Mr. Kemper at length, as well as Georgetown Game Warden Doug Kulis and Jack Witham at the Holt Research Forest here in Arrowsic. Concepts of deer population control were vocalized, and after further dialogue with Arrowsic's Conservation Committee, I realized that no action on this issue is presently planned. I will continue to research these issues, and also concerns regarding other potential deer-carried diseases. Here is a suggested link for information:

<https://www.maine.gov/ifw/hunting-trapping/hunting-laws/chronic-wasting-disease.html>

I am honored to have been in this official capacity this year, and grateful for residents' support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Woodman R.N.  
Local Health Officer

## Zoning Board of Appeals

The zoning board of appeals had no meetings in the year 2017. Also, we request that any appropriated funds go back to the town, as none were spent or required.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark C.Geiger, Chair  
Lois Hewlett  
Bob Kalish  
Barbara Boyce  
Wendy Briggs



## Recycling and Solid Waste Committee

### **The Arrowsic Recycling and Solid Waste Committee and Its Program**

The Arrowsic Recycling and Solid Waste Committee (ARSWC) aims to provide the Town of Arrowsic with convenient, cost-effective, waste-reduction and recycling programs, and to promote environmental sustainability and preservation. We track tonnages of materials collected in order to measure the success of our efforts and calculate our recycling rate.

### **Education and Outreach**

*Trash Relay Race at the Arrowsic Fall Festival:* Arrowsic residents participated in a Trash Relay Race at the Arrowsic Fall Festival hosted by the Education Committee. Participants and spectators not only had fun but learned a few tips about what can and can't be recycled!

*25th Annual Maine Recycling and Solid Waste Conference & Trade Show:* Bill Nickerson, member of the ARSWC attended on the town's behalf.

*Left Behind Slips:* The committee has prepared "left behind slips" which RC Rogers will attach to items that are not in keeping with our town waste contracts. The "left behind slip" is intended to inform residents about issues with the trash or recycling they put out. Included is contact information for the ARSWC.

*Articles and Meeting Minutes:* Quarterly articles and reminders were submitted to *The Arrowsic Arrow*, and committee meeting minutes were regularly posted on the town website to keep town residents informed.

*Conservation Commission Roadside Cleanup:* ARSWC helped volunteers sort trash from recyclables collected.

### ***Arrowsic Recycles Brochure Updated!***

### **Household Hazardous Waste Collection (HHW)**

Last spring, the town's successful program of participating with Bath in Hazardous Waste Collection was continued, with seven households participating and dropping off 15 units of materials at Bath Public Works building. The total cost, including setup and other administrative fees, was \$327, well under the \$600 budgeted amount.

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## **Bulky Items Pickup**

Arrowsic residents again participated in the Annual Bulky Items Pickup, for large items, such as sofas and appliances, which cannot be put out with regular trash. Private arrangements were made with RC Rogers & Sons, Arrowsic's trash/recycling hauler, for these items to be picked up on two separate occasions in late summer. The ARSWC plans to arrange for this event each year.

## **How much trash and recycling did our town generate in 2017?**

*Curbside Trash:* 121.08 tons (almost exactly the same as previous year!)

*Curbside Recycling:* 59.04 tons (down 6 tons). Are we buying less, recycling less, or buying items with less packaging?

*Collected and Recycled from the Recycling Shed:*

- Scrap metal: 205 lbs.
- Assorted electronics: 190 lbs.
- Rechargeable and alkaline batteries: 231 lbs.
- CDs/DVDs: ~105 items.

## **Composting**

Our Committee encourages Arrowsicans to continue their excellent efforts to compost. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the committee. Please refer to Composting Brochure, online or at the Town Hall, for more information.

## **Meetings**

The ARSWC holds its meeting at the Town Hall on the third Monday of every month at 6:00 PM; please join us.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ros Arienti  
Jon Biehler  
John Hinds  
Bill Nickerson,  
Roz McLean  
Paul Schlein  
Katherine Smith

***The Aim of Recycling is to Reduce – disposal is getting harder and more expensive.***



## Arrowsic Fire Department

I would like to thank all the members of the fire department and their families for their commitment to making trainings and emergency incidents and to continue to allow me to serve as Chief of the Arrowsic Fire Department.

Our new truck should be coming in November. We will get training in on it before snow flies.

By the time this report comes out we will have 16 new forestry helmets and four lengths of forestry hose that we received from a Volunteer Firefighter Grant

I would like to thank the truck committee for their commitment to complete the complex task of finding the Town of Arrowsic the right truck for the job.

Calls we have had over the past year have been:

- \* Fire 15
- \* EMS 16
- \* Mutual Aid 6.

Remember to clean your chimney and check your smoke detector batteries annually.

We are always looking for volunteers. If you are interested, please see a member of the Fire Department. I would like to thank the firefighters and their families, my officers, and the citizens, for their support in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dale Carlton  
Chief and Town Fire Warden



## Local Emergency Management Agency

The talk of 2017 in Emergency Management was the wind storm at the end of October, which resulted in extensive power outages and tree damage. Arrowsic was spared the worst of the physical damage, though it was one of the last places to get power back. Many thanks go to all Arrowsic citizens for your patience during this storm, with additional thanks to the Fire Department and Brian Elwell for their assistance with clearing roads. There has been a Presidential Declaration regarding this storm, which opens up the ability for the Town to get reimbursed for up to 90% of costs incurred due to this storm. I have submitted all paperwork regarding this and will continue to try to get these funds reimbursed, though the process can take up to two years.

An issue that has been a part of Arrowsic for years is starting to be a more consistent problem, and that is road flooding. We are seeing flooding in the expected areas, as well as some new areas. If a road is flooded, do not drive through it as it could be washed out underneath. I will be working with County and State officials to locate mitigation funds to help with these flood prone roads.

Please consider signing up for Code Red through the Sagadahoc County Emergency Management Agency. This system is similar to a “Reverse 911” system, and allows emergency officials to contact specific groups of citizens regarding specific events. This system has been utilized in other Towns to locate lost people and can also be used to notify of road closures due to flooding. This system requires the approval of three County level officials before it is used, meaning that it is not overused. To sign-up, go to [sagcounty.com](http://sagcounty.com) and go to the Emergency Management Page.

If your residence or business in Arrowsic is ever damaged due to a weather event, please let me know. There are often opportunities for assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency, but I cannot offer these programs unless I know about the damages.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns. The best way to reach me is at [lemo@arrowsic.org](mailto:lemo@arrowsic.org).

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian Carlton  
Local Emergency Management Officer



## General Assistance

As of the date of publication in the fiscal year 2017-2018, the Town received no requests for general assistance and therefore allocated no funds from surplus for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michele Gaillard  
Selectman and General Assistance Administrator

## Arrowsic Conservation Commission

The Arrowsic Conservation Commission continues its focus on Sewall Pond and environs. Our alewife trapping season ran from April 20 to June 5, and with the help of over a dozen volunteers counting twice daily, we documented over 32,000 alewives entering the pond. This compares to less than 1100 alewives the first season we counted, ten years earlier. Mike Brown from the Department of Marine Resources made a presentation to ACC and our fish volunteers about the Sewall Pond alewife population. We are grateful for all the help we get from our enthusiastic fish volunteers.

Our water quality testing showed a slight downward trend in total phosphorus (a good trend). Two visiting Department of Environmental Protection scientists who joined us on the pond for one of our biweekly water tests postulated that the high phosphorus load may be a result of the natural chemistry of the water, rather than coming from external sources. Sewall Pond may be able to be removed from the “phosphorus impaired” category. The water at the swimming hole passed the annual *Escherichia coli* test (coliform bacteria count) with flying colors.

Another day of trail work at the conservation area included replacement of water bars and wood chip spreading, and we thank the volunteers who joined us. More work is in order following the October windstorm. Weekly patrols of the conservation area were carried out throughout the swimming season.

Thirty volunteers joined us for our annual roadside clean-up, run in conjunction with the Recycling Committee, at the end of April. Our thanks as always to our steadfast crew.

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We conducted a town wellhead survey, the results of which can be viewed on our new Conservation Commission page on the Arrowsic website.

Our annual November field trip took us to Jim and Joyce Spencer's property on Spring Cove. In all, twenty townsfolk gathered at the roadside and walked down the winding driveway to the Spencers' new house overlooking the Sasanoa River. Jim Spencer showed us Spring Cove, and talked about the history of the Clarke and Lake settlement.



We continue to confer with our Conservation Commission colleagues in Georgetown, Phippsburg, and Westport Island.

Respectfully submitted,  
Noreen Blaiklock  
Clarke Cooper  
Phine Ewing  
Susan Fenn  
Karen Robbins  
Paul Schlein  
Mildred Stafford

## **Shellfish Warden**

The European green crab is still threatening Maine's coastal fisheries and ecosystems. Decreases in clam populations and degradation of coastal habitats have been observed up and down the coast. As a result, your shellfish committee and the Kennebec Estuary Land Trust, (KELT) along with interested parties throughout the areas are working on projects that allow us to better understand the green crab life cycle. The crabs are known to eat all sizes of soft shell clams, and have an adverse affect on eelgrass beds by eating eelgrass shoots and burrowing into the banks of intertidal marshes, where they destroy the marsh grasses. It will take a significant research effort to show us where Arrowsic ranks with the green crab population on our flats. In this country at the present time there is very little economic value to the green crab once harvested. Some possibilities for commercial use around the world are creating aquaculture feed, lobster bait, pet food supplements, and fertilizer. Crab meat for human consumption in an overseas market may be a possibility in the near future.

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Over the past several years the Maine Shellfish Advisory Council and various business ventures have been busy working on aquaculture programs. This is the way of the future. The Heal Eddy Restoration effort in Georgetown is funded by Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences, which is a commercial-scale project to restore clam flats to ecological and economic productivity. This effort has become a great educational tool for surrounding town's shellfish committees and many local school children use it as an extended classroom.

Prior to harvesting any shellfish in Arrowsic an individual must first obtain a shellfish license from the town office. At that time they should ask to look at the "administrative letters" which will show all the clam flats that are open for safe harvest of shellfish and those closed due to pollution, rainfall (Maine coast flood), and/or red tide (paralytic shellfish poisoning). For the most up to date status of any flat, visit Maine Department of Marine Resources website and go to *Shellfish Sanitation & Management*. There you will find a wealth of information for the most up to date status of the flats. This way you can be absolutely sure that the flats you plan to dig on are open. If you need assistance with this procedure, please call me for guidance through the site.

Open areas are now entirely controlled by the rate of the ebbing Kennebec River. Effective immediately, due to intermittent seasonal pollution, the shore, flats and waters of some areas are classified as "conditionally approved" and shall be closed to the harvest of clams, quahogs, oysters, and mussels when river discharge meets or exceeds 30,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) between October 1 and December 31; when river discharge meets or exceeds 60,000 cfs between January 1 and April 30; and when river discharge meets or exceeds 40,000 cfs between May 1 and September 30.

Also be aware that the town may have a conservation closure in effect on flats where seed clams are growing to maturity. Prior to digging, contact the Town office by calling 443-4609 or the shellfish warden, Jon Hentz at 371-2732 for the most up to date information. Openings and closings are subject to change without warning. The warden makes every effort to post a closure sign on the bulletin board outside the town hall. However, never trust the absence of a sign, for signs can be, and in many cases are, damaged or vandalized. The only notice you can completely trust is the one located in the town office or the DMR website.

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Please remember that if you use someone else's property to get to the clam flats you must first obtain their permission.

Red Tide Hotline number is 1-800-232-4733. If you have a problem understanding this recording, please look at a chart or map to find the points of reference being spelled out. If you are still in doubt, please call me at home so I can provide assistance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jon L. Hentz  
Arrowsic Shellfish Conservation Warden

## **Planning Board**

During 2017, the Planning Board approved five conditional use permits for activity in the Shoreland Zone, of which two were for expansion of non-conforming structures, two were for construction of driveways, and one was for the repair of an earthen dam. In addition, the Planning Board reviewed and approved the division of a lot in the Pettis Bluff Subdivision on Bald Head Road.

There are no Zoning Ordinance changes recommended by the Board for the 2018 Town Meeting.

The Planning Board welcomed Stanley Lane as an alternate member in April 2018, bringing its membership to a full complement.

Planning Board meetings are held on the first Monday of the month except when that day is a holiday, in which case the regular monthly meeting is moved to the first Wednesday. The public is always welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,  
Will Neilson, Chair  
Chris Brett, Secretary  
Matt Caras  
Jennifer Geiger  
Roger Heard  
Donald Kornrumpf  
Stanley Lane





## Shellfish Conservation Committee



The Arrowsic Shellfish Conservation Committee is charged with management of the Town's soft shell clam (*Mya Arenaria*) resource, including enforcement of the Town shellfish conservation ordinance and applicable State regulations. This work includes several areas: license allocation and issuance, enforcement, shellfish conservation and administration. In addition to the Committee members, we rely heavily on Town Clerk Barbara Boyce, Shellfish Warden Jon Hentz, Department of Marine Resources Regional Biologist Peter Thayer, Ruth Indrick of Kennebec Estuary Land Trust and volunteer licensed harvesters.

In 2017 the Committee continued our annual survey program including a clam population survey of North Squirrel Point, and spring and fall green crab surveys on the Kennebec, Sasanoa, and Back River flats. These surveys confirmed that clam populations are continuing to decrease, even on the Kennebec side where a conservation closure is in effect. Green crabs are prevalent everywhere and continue to affect the clam resource.

We also completed our experimental clam restoration project on North Squirrel Flat, involving seven experimental plots with various combinations of seeded (with spat) and unseeded, net protected and exposed areas. The goal was to determine which techniques might be effective in restoring this flat, which has very few native clams. We learned a lot from this project including test plot identification, use of the nets, and the effort required to support this type of restoration. Perhaps the most significant lesson learned was that the flat can support a thriving clam population if the clams are protected from predators. This result affirmed the town and committee decision to support a clam farm on this flat.

In 2017, as in previous years, we surveyed the green crab population around the island. We found no green crabs above Fisher Eddy on the Kennebec during our annual survey, but we did find green crabs in all three traps on the Sasanoa. The Sasanoa green crabs tend to be larger than those on the Kennebec. Based on additional monitoring of the green crab, we suspect they have progressed up the island—perhaps in response to changes in salinity and water temperature. By mid-August we had green crabs north of the Doubling Point lighthouse. Also this year, we identified Asian shore crabs as another invader of our waters. We catch these small crabs coincidentally as they fall thru the mesh of our green crab traps. We will be allocating additional resources this year to aid us in monitoring this possible new threat.

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Because of the number of predators, we believe that the best way to keep clams growing on the town's flats will involve protecting them with nets. Manomet, a non-profit organization with a base in Brunswick, has been working with communities and clammers in Maine to provide seed, nets, and expertise to create half-acre clam farms, such as the one at Heal Eddy in Georgetown. With one of Arrowsic's commercial clammers, Wendell Cressey, the ASCC and the town are partnering with Manomet to create an experimental clam farm on North Squirrel Point. This project will start in the summer of 2018, and may continue for three years or more. The ASCC will update the town as the project progresses.

Again this year, Arrowsic kids and parents were invited to participate in clam and crab sampling. This year Ralph Pope led an all-ages excursion to Reed State Park's intertidal zone to identify seaweeds. We also participated in the Fall Festival. We expect to continue similar efforts in 2019, as we are continue to work with the Arrowsic Education Committee.

We encourage all residents to take an interest in our clam resource. The Back River flats are open and clams are relatively plentiful. If you would like to get involved with clam management please call the Town Office, or ASCC Chair William Blaiklock at 443-3725.

Respectfully submitted,  
William C. Blaiklock, Acting Chair  
Paul Burgess  
Kevin Kauffunger  
Gretchen MacLeod (alternate)  
Lisa Margonelli, Secretary  
Philip Packard  
Steven Theodore (alternate)



## Education Committee


In 2017, the Arrowsic Education Committee(AEC), a small group of three, continued to organize around education-related activities involving the Town of Arrowsic relations with and among residents, Town education policies, and Town relations with our school district.

Last year marked the Committee's first year officially managing the Arrowsic Scholarship Fund. Based on resident feedback, we increased our presence online for easier access and experimented with a successful online application process, well received by the three high school seniors who applied and received scholarships in 2017. The annual Arrowsic Yard Sale, also well supported by the town, raised nearly \$780, including revenue raised through consignment of unsold yard sale items. Our Scholarship Fund is healthy, and with the annual contributions raised by the AEC, we are well positioned to offer awards of at least \$2000 to our growing number of Arrowsic students. In the year ahead, the AEC will reflect on the current award amount, experiment with new fundraising and yard sale strategies, and generally nurture this valuable program.

In an ongoing effort to build connection with Arrowsic families and support educational opportunities, the AEC collaborated with other Arrowsic residents and committees to organize the third annual Arrowsic Fall Festival and Clam Camp activities. Over 17 volunteers supported the Arrowsic Fall Festival with 10 activity and information stations for 50+ festival participants. We are grateful for all the community members that have made this new Arrowsic tradition a fun networking success for our families and participating Arrowsic Committees and Town Officers. Clam Camp, a collaboration between the AEC and Shellfish Conservation Committee, offered a seaweed education program with the expertise of resident Ralph Pope, providing hands-on learning at Reid State Park to approximately 12 adults and five children. Offering similar place-based educational opportunities with Arrowsic experts is something we hope to plan more of in the future.

Serving as a liaison between the Town and the RSU 1, the AEC assisted with the recruitment of an Arrowsic representative for the Board of Education, maintained a consistent presence at School Board meetings and events, monitored the RSU 1 student count, reviewed education expenses billed to the Town and alerted the Select Board and residents to important district issues as needed. AEC member Ash Kahrl represented Arrowsic on a short-term RSU 1 Communications Committee established to evaluate the current condition of

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communication strategies used in the district to connect with families and communities, explore opportunities for improvement, and make recommendations to the School Board.

The AEC values input from the community about education-related concerns, and we encourage residents to refer neighbors to the AEC for resources and advocacy when needed. Additional AEC members are critical to sustaining current initiatives and expanding the group's scope. To discuss joining or volunteering for a specific annual event or program, please reach out by emailing [education@arrowsic.org](mailto:education@arrowsic.org).

Respectfully submitted,  
Arrowsic Education Committee  
Camille Kauffunger, Chair  
Anita Lichman, Secretary  
Ash Kahrl

*Tax deductible donations to the Scholarship Fund can be made throughout the year to the Town of Arrowsic, and gently used donations can be consigned under the Arrowsic Scholarship Fund at Jadore and Buy Low Baby in Bath. The next "Back to School" Arrowsic Yard Sale will be held in early September. See AEC members for details.*

## **Road Commission**

Much of the road work in the 2017-2018 year focused on maintenance of the sides of the road and storm clean-up. This included clearing back brush and overhanging tree limbs along the Town roads.

The Commission continued repairing and building the Bald Head Road.

Following completion of the paving of the Mill Island Road and Indian Rest Road, the usual shoulder fill was required.

The above work was done by Brian Elwell, Elwell Enterprises, as he continues to take over the road work done for many years by Dick Elwell. Dick is, of course, still assisting his grandson in this work. Since both Brian and Dick are Commission members, it is invaluable for the Town to have their input in managing the road work and their ability to do the maintenance work. The Town is fortunate to have their expertise and hard work.

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Charlie Collins and Maine Moss begin the first year of their three-year snowplow contract. While the total snowfall to date does not look like a record setter, we have had some near record snow storms. Early March was particularly snowy. The Maine Moss crews did an excellent job keeping our roads safe under difficult conditions. The Commission thanks residents for understanding that the roads will not always be clear and may, in fact, be difficult to travel for some periods of time.

As we are all aware, one early March storm was accompanied by very high winds and high tides resulting in significant road flooding. The Commission thanks Brian Carlton, Town Emergency Management Director, for his work in dealing with the flooding condition. And thanks to the Town Fire Department who did an excellent job of directing traffic at the Route 127 marsh during the high tides. And for the first time in my recollection, it was necessary to plow ice floes off the roads left by the flooding. The Commission appreciated Brian Elwell's night expedition to take care of Spinney Mill Road.



While the Road Commission continues to maintain the Emergency 911 database, there were no new roads added in 2017-2018 to date. As usual, if you have questions about your address or the E911 addressing system or need an address assigned, please contact Jim Stump.

Every year the Commission spends quite a bit of effort on the Bald Head Road, repairing pot holes, grading ditches, shimming the gravel shoulder, and grading. This year is no different, so the Commission has a line in our budget again this year for this on-going work.

At the 2017 Town Meeting, there was discussion about the safety of the Route 127 and Route 1 intersection going south in Woolwich. The State did some adjustment of the line painting there, but it does not appear to me to have done much to address that concern.

The Commission has posted Town roads again this year. It seems that every year we get a call to plead for leniency in use of a posted Town road. We try to be as helpful as possible in this regard, but we ask residents to understand that the Town roads will surely be posted every year from about mid-March to about May 1. Please plan the use of Town roads by heavy equipment accordingly.

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The Commission is pondering what, if any, roads should be paved this year. We will be making a determination in that regard soon and will report at the Town Meeting either what we have done or what we intend to do.

As a heads-up, the State has notified the Town that it will be doing Light Capital Paving (LCP) of Route 127 in Arrowsic this year. Let it be said, when they say “light” they truly mean *light*. But it does give the Town a chance to try to correct the fog line (white side line) placement that was put in the wrong place at the past LCP effort. As you may recall, the Town paid for paving a three-foot shoulder from the Woolwich bridge to the Town Hall. And while the paving was placed, we obviously did not get a three-foot shoulder. The Commission has been in communication with the Maine Department of Transportation about the side line painting and we will report the status of that at Town Meeting.

Speaking of the Woolwich/Max Wilder bridge, it is our understanding from MDOT that there will be significant work on the bridge this year that will likely impact traffic.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Stump, Chair



# organization reports

## RSU 1 School Board

RSU 1 Annual Report to the Towns of Arrowic, Phippsburg, and Woolwich:



The communities and residents that make up RSU 1 share a common goal when it comes to the education of their youth: they want the best educational opportunities possible for the students of the RSU. They also expect the district Board of Directors and administration to be fiscally responsible and accountable. This year has seen some significant achievements for the district not only in the classroom but in laying the foundation for continuing success of our students into the future.

Important steps were finally taken that will eventually lead to a new Morse High School building. After years of planning, the district was successful in getting approval of the project from the Maine Department of Education. Presentations were given in each town to keep the public aware of progress and committees charged with advising the district on site planning, visioning, and facilities met regularly through the year. The result was an extremely successful public vote that gave the RSU authorization to borrow for construction of the new Morse High School. Community members are integral to the committee process, and the Board is committed to the practice of involving all members of the school community - including students - in the building process. We will be bidding-out site work in the spring of this year and still anticipate that Morse students will be in a new facility in the Fall of 2020.

With the exception of the high school, the Board is not planning any immediate changes affecting the operation of other schools in the district. While our schools are getting older, the facilities staff do an excellent job keeping the buildings in good condition and no major projects are anticipated.

The district also continues to make progress on developing a proficiency-based learning curriculum with the goal of meeting the State's requirement for implementation. Administration and teachers meet regularly and update the Board periodically on this initiative. We have enhanced our behavior support services in the schools that will help us

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move students with behavioral issues back into the regular classroom as quickly as possible. Participation in the Morse High School Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) Academy continues to grow as well. Our environmentally themed learning programs that connect our students to the coastal heritage of the region present opportunities that are unique to the RSU and good vehicles for teaching. Fundamental Learning on Water (FLOW) and the boat building programs at the Maine Maritime Museum are examples.

The district has also been working on new teacher and administrator evaluation systems. As part of the evaluation process, observations of classrooms are more frequent and feedback to staff is used to enhance teaching and administrative outcomes. The RSU has an extremely talented and dedicated faculty and our strong reputation as a system that supports the pursuit of excellence in the classroom has helped us both retain good teachers and administrators and recruit new ones when necessary.

We face challenges as well. The cost of special education interventions for our students continues to grow as the numbers of students needing those services increase. This is a trend affecting schools statewide, even nationally. We have entered into a shared program with some neighboring districts to offer services collaboratively using grant funds from the state and, hopefully, this will lead to opportunities that both enhance our services to these students and reduce the cost through the sharing arrangement. Other challenges include a rise in the number of youth from homeless families served by our schools; again, not an issue unique to the RSU. Finding innovative ways to integrate technology into the classroom also continues to be a challenge as well although the addition of a tech integrator to the technology staff has proven to be highly successful.

The responsibility of educating our youth is a shared responsibility. The Board, administration, and teachers of RSU1 work hard to help our students achieve academically and become productive members of the community. Students must be active learners and parents should also be engaged in the process. Thank you for your support of our schools.

Stephen August, Chair  
RSU1 Board of Directors



## Patten Free Library



On behalf of the Board, Corporators, and Staff of the Patten Free Library, thank you to the Town of Arrowsic for making the Patten Free Library *your* library. Your support of the library in 2016-17 has enabled:

**169,821** people to visit the Library  
**128,068** total items to be borrowed  
**25,540** items to be borrowed and loaned through interlibrary loan  
**21,944** people to use the public computers  
**10,023** reference questions to be answered  
**7,394** eBooks and audiobooks to be borrowed  
**4,898** items to be added to the collection  
**4,115** people to participate in **259** children's programs  
**1,548** people to attend **56** adult programs  
**1,926** young adults to participate in **177** programs  
**516** children to participate in the Summer Reading Program  
**51** teens to participate in the Teen Summer Reading Program

Our mission is to transform lives, inspire lifelong learning, preserve local history, and build community through joyful, creative exploration and dialogue for the citizens of Arrowsic, Bath, Georgetown, Woolwich, and West Bath.

Some highlights of the Library's service in 2016-17 include:

- ❖ The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Town History Series, featuring Arrowsic: "Champlain's Circumnavigation of Arrowsic" presented by Matthew Caras
- ❖ *Book-a-Librarian* individual instruction, local history and genealogy research assistance, book discussions, live music concerts, robotics for middle schoolers, and daily storytimes
- ❖ *Wild About Reading* children's summer reading program with 516 participants; 7 of them from Arrowsic
- ❖ 177 programs for young adults with 1926 attendees; activities include a Teen Writing Contest, a Teen Art Show, the Haunted Patten fundraiser, and college prep workshops

Respectfully submitted,  
*Lesley Dolinger*  
Director

## Friends of Doubling Point Light

Maine Maritime Museum opened a permanent wing and lighthouse exhibit last June. For this very special event, Doubling Point Light and the Kennebec Range Lights were invited to develop a temporary wall display in the grand front hall of the museum.

Fortunately for us at Doubling Point Light, neighboring Michael Kriendler at the Range Lights and Bell Tower had the vision and talent to create the combined wall exhibit above. Searching through the many photos in our collections, Mike chose and arranged those best able to show the progress of work at each site over the past twenty years. His find of an antique map, which he enlarged into a central banner, became the focal point of the journey around Fiddler's Reach. The results were colorful, instructive, and imaginative! We are indebted to Mike for the many hours he worked on this creative exhibit which we couldn't have accomplished without him. Many thanks to the people of Arrowsic for their continuing support of Doubling Point Light.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joyce Spencer  
Jim Spencer



## Citizens for Squirrel Point Light

Last year saw major new progress in Squirrel Point Light's ongoing restoration. The two Residence porches gained new sills and a new roof, as did the sloping Boathouse, at a total cost of \$35,046 plus much in-kind support. Vigorous volunteer activity on three separate days cleaned out the Boathouse and literally opened up SP's horizons by clearing swathes of honeysuckle and other invasives (subsequently disposed of via a controlled burn by our Arrowsic Fire Department.)

For 2018 the Board judges that our priority should be to complete the Boathouse restoration, including that of the original wooden rail-ramp if funding permits. Thanks to many dozen donations from CSP members and visitors, plus a \$7,500 grant from Maine's Community Foundation, CSP entered the New Year with over \$17,000 in our account, largely due to a magnificent \$10,000 matching gift, but we need to seek out new grants and financial sources.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roman Wasilewski





*Squirrel Point burn team - Arrowsic firefighters, from left to right: Steven Theodore, Robert Ferris, Joe Bonnett, Chief Dale Carlton, Deputy Chief Chris Carlton, Captain Jeremy Blaiklock, Bill Savedoff.*

## Range Light Keepers

Sharpening our focus on the pressing needs at the range lights we shifted our energy away from completion of the Fiddler's Reach Fog Signal. By mid-2017, with planning and fund raising in full swing, we tackled the rear range light tower exterior restoration. Maine Historic Preservation Commission reviewed and approved our work proposal. The US Coast Guard provided technical support. Ed Blaiklock worked with us to determine a plan of action.



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Ed and his crew did great work in implementing the plan and reacting to the inevitable surprises and challenges. The project commenced in August with the tower surrounded in scaffolding. Stripping away years of wood rot and small animal tailings revealed unexpected internal structural damage that had to be painstakingly restored before closing up the shell. All this occurred while preserving intact the interior finishes and keeping the light functioning 24/7. Long-lost architectural details have been recreated and precautions taken to keep the tower drier in the future. By late October the finished results were pretty spectacular: a structurally and aesthetically restored range light that should last well into the future.

Historic restorations are difficult for the often-hidden challenges and we unfortunately exceeded our budget, but thankfully donated materials and labor and more generous gifts made completion of phase 1 possible. Undaunted, the Range Light Keepers have regrouped in preparation for phase 2; the restoration of the front range light tower scheduled for this summer.

The front tower, with its stone rubble base that is regularly inundated by tide waters of the Kennebec, promises to hold even greater challenges. There's no chance that there will be anything boring about restoring another range light. We hope you'll visit the site and follow our progress on [Instagram.com/rangelights](https://www.instagram.com/rangelights).

The town's annual donation is very much appreciated because it recognizes our organization's continuing work to preserve an important local historic site. We also need your support.

With your help, the range lights will be saved. Please contribute at [RLK.ORG](https://www.rlk.org).

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Kreindler

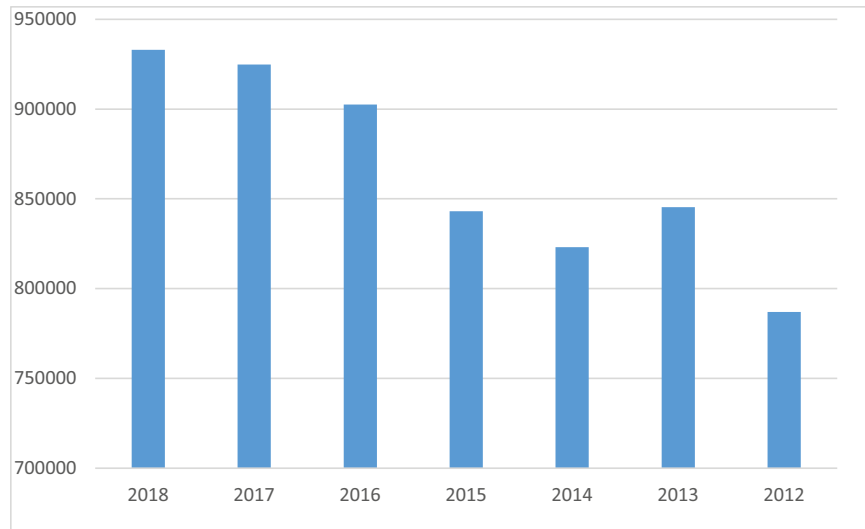
# 2018 TOWN MEETING

Article	Description	Surplus & Dedicated Funds	To Be Raised	Amount Voted
5	Salaries		\$54,287	
6	Election Workers		\$1,850	
7	Payroll Taxes		\$4,800	
9	Fire Department Budget		\$14,000	
10	Fire Department Capital	\$46,000		
11	Ambulance Services (Bath)		\$6,000	
12	Scholarship Fund Disbursement	\$8,000		
14	Education Review Committee		\$250	
15	Roads		\$58,050	
16	Recycling		\$16,500	
17	Solid Waste		\$28,500	
18	Septage		\$3,000	
19	Utilities		\$3,500	
20	Town Property Maintenance		\$3,500	
21	Town Capital Improvement	\$25,000		
22	Animal Control Services		\$575	
23	Assessing		\$2,000	
24	Auditor's Report		\$8,200	
25	Insurance		\$10,000	
26	Legal Services		\$3,000	
27	Administration		\$15,000	
28	Arrow		\$200	
29	Annual Report		\$3,500	
30	Dues		\$1,600	
31	Contingency		\$5,000	
32	Planning Board		\$500	
33	Zoning Board of Appeals		\$100	
34	Conservation Commission		\$400	
35	Shellfish Conservation Commission	\$600		
36	Local Emergency Management		\$100	
37	Local Health Officer		\$100	
38	Patten Free Library	\$7,554		
39	Non Profit Contributions	\$5,850		
42	Tax Reduction from Surplus	20,000	(20,000)	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$113,004</b>	<b>\$224,512</b>	

Total from Surplus and Dedicated	\$113,004	
To Be Raised		\$224,512
County Taxes		168,849
Municipal Revenue Sharing		(10,100)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$113,004</b>	<b>383,261</b>
Education Expense		549,714
<b>Total Amount to be Raised</b>		<b>932,975</b>

Amount to Be Raised  
(Previous Years)

2018	932,975
2017	924,776
2016	902,567
2015	843,163
2014	823,108
2013	845,305
2012	787,064



## Warrant for Town Meeting

Sagadahoc, ss:

To Dale Carlton, Constable for the Town of Arrowsic,  
County of Sagadahoc, 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 Arrowsic qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Arrowsic Fire Station on Thursday, the 14th of June A.D. 2018, at six-thirty in the evening, to act on the following articles to wit:

### ELECTIONS

**Art. 1.** To elect by ballot a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

**Art. 2.** To elect a Town Clerk for FY 2018-2019.

**Art. 3.** To elect by ballot, for a three-year term:

Selectman, Assessor & Overseer of the Poor,  
Surveyor of Wood, Lumber, and Bark, Fence Viewer

**Art. 4.** To elect for FY 2018-2019:

A Treasurer  
A Tax Collector  
Any other Town Officers

*Notes: FY 17-18 amounts reflect expenditures through 4/9/2018.*

*All articles reflect appropriations for fiscal year 2018-2019 unless otherwise noted.*

**Art. 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$54,287 to pay the following salaries to the Town Officers: *Note: Salaries include employee FICA & Medicare taxes (7.65%); approval of this article as written will make it possible to create four new paid positions - Administrator, IT coordinator, Deputy Tax Collector and Deputy Town Clerk.*



	<b>FY 16-17</b>	<b>FY 17-18 as of 4/9/18</b>	<b>FY 18-19</b>
Selectman Chair	6,497	6,497	4,873
Selectmen (2 @ \$3,519)	8,124	8,124	7,038
Town Clerk	4,873	4,873	5,956
Treasurer	4,873	4,873	5,956
Tax Collector	4,873	4,873	5,956
Town Administrator	0	0	7,580
Deputy Town Clerk	0	0	1,083
Deputy Tax Collector	0	0	1,083
IT Coordinator	0	0	1,590
Registrar	541	541	541
LEMA Director	108	108	108
Shellfish Committee	0	0	0
Shellfish Warden	541	541	541
Codes Enforcement Officer	3,249	3,249	3,970
Constable	541	541	541
Animal Control Officer	541	541	541
Fire Chief	3,249	3,249	3,249
Deputy Chief	1,624	1,624	1,624
Captain (2 @ \$200)	217	434	434
Planning Board	541	541	541
Road Commission	433	433	541
Recycling	452	452	541
Board of Appeals	0	0	0
Conservation Commission	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>41,282</b>	<b>41,494</b>	<b>54,287</b>

**Art. 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,850 to pay the following wages to Town Election Workers.

	<b>FY 16-17</b>	<b>FY 17-18 as of 4/9/18</b>	<b>FY 18-19</b>
Registrar	200	300	300
Deputy Registrar	300	250	250
Election Wardens	300	300	300
Election Clerks	250	500	500
Election Counters	245	500	500
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,510</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>1,850</b>

**Art. 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,800 to pay the payroll taxes on all of the salaries and wages paid (7.65%).

<b>FY 16-17</b>		<b>FY 17-18 as of 4/9/18</b>		<b>FY 18-19</b>
<b>Request</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Request</b>
3,735	3,829	4,000	3,513	4,800

**Art. 8.** To see if the Town will vote to expend to the Town Codes Enforcement Officer, Town Clerk, and Tax Collector fees collected to these respective individuals in the form of wages.

**Art. 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,000 for Fire Protection.

FY 16-17		FY 17-18 as of 4/9/18		FY 18-19
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
12,000	12,733*	14,000	7,205	14,000

\* Includes \$733 funded through grants/other revenues.

**Art. 10.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$46,000 from **surplus** for the Fire Department Capital Improvement Fund. Current fund balance: **\$208,815**.

**Art. 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 to provide the Town with Ambulance Service.

FY 16-17		FY 17-18 as of 4/9/18		FY 18-19
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
6,500	4,860	6,000	2,835	6,000

**Art. 12.** To see if the Town will vote to expend the following amount from the Scholarship Fund for the purpose of providing scholarships to worthy and deserving students from the Town pursuing post-secondary education at an accredited educational institution; to be selected by the Selectmen on the recommendations of the Education Committee.

<b>FY 16-17</b>		<b>FY 17-18 as of 4/9/18</b>		<b>FY 18-19</b>
<b>Request</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Request</b>
2,400	2,400	3,600	3,600	8,000

**Art. 13.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept donations to the Arrowsic Scholarship Fund and to provide appropriate receipts thereof.

**Art. 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250 for the Miscellaneous Expenses of the Education Committee.

<b>FY 16-17</b>		<b>FY 17-18 As of 4/9/18</b>		<b>FY 18-19</b>
<b>Request</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Request</b>
250	0	250	0	250

**Art. 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$58,050 for general maintenance and repair of Town Ways and other Properties, including snow removal. The amount to be raised takes into consideration the use of Town excise taxes and the MDOT Block Grant to cover Road expenses.

	<b>FY 16-17 Actual</b>	<b>FY 17-18 as of 4/9/18</b>	<b>Request for FY 18-19</b>
Expenses	135,225	101,763	165,950
Excise Tax	113,521	88,171	100,000
MDOT Block Grant	7,956	8,084	7,900

<b>Road Commission Proposed Budget 2018-2019</b>	
General Maintenance	7,500
Culverts	1,500
Roadway Grading/Rebuild	10,000
Asphalt and Gravel Maintenance	3,500
Road Sign Replacement	1,000
Paving	50,000
Emergency	10,000
Snowplow	82,450
<b>Total</b>	<b>165,950</b>
Appropriations:	
Excise Tax	100,000
MDOT Block Grant	7,900
<b>Amount to be Raised:</b>	<b>58,050</b>

**Art. 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,500 to cover the costs of recycling and other related activities.

FY 16-17		FY 17-18 as of 4/9/18		FY 18-19
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
11,500	10,144	11,500	6,475	16,500

**Art. 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,500 to cover the costs of solid waste disposal.

FY 16-17		FY 17-18 as of 4/9/18		FY 18-19
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
28,000	25,141	27,000	17,328	28,500

**Art. 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for disposal of septage waste.

FY 16-17		FY 17-18 as of 4/9/18		FY 18-19
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
2,500	3,116	3,000	1,645	3,000

**Art. 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 for Municipal utilities.

FY 16-17		FY 17-18 as of 4/9/18		FY 18-19
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
4,000	2,993	4,000	2,634	\$3,500

**Art. 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 for improvements and maintenance expenses of Town properties.

FY 16-17		FY 17-18 as of 4/9/18		FY 18-19
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
5,000	924	3,500	1,521	3,500

**Art. 21.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$25,000 from **surplus** to contribute to the Town Capital Improvements Fund for future capital improvement projects. Current fund balance: \$32,333.

**Art. 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$575 for the purpose of providing animal control support services including housing and sheltering of stray animals.

FY 16-17		FY 17-18 as of 4/9/18		FY 18-19
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
427	427	525	467	575

**Art. 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for assessing expenses, including an Assessor's Agent.

FY 16-17		FY 17-18 as of 4/9/18		FY 18-19
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
2,000	1,500	2,000	42	2,000

**Art. 24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,200 for the Auditor's Report and associated services.

FY 16-17		FY 17-18 as of 4/9/18		FY 18-19
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
7,500	7,500	7,900	7,900	8,200

**Art. 25.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for Insurance.

FY 16-17		FY 17-18 As of 4/9/18		FY 18-19
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
9,000	9,100	9,200	9,184	10,000

**Art. 26.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to provide Legal Services.

FY 16-17		FY 17-18 As of 4/9/18		FY 18-19
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
5,000	2,165	5,000	259	3,000

**Art. 27.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate



the sum of \$15,000 for Administration expenses such as bank service charges, office supplies, postage, printing, software, payroll processing, dues, training, small repairs, travel reimbursements, and computer expenses.

FY 16-17		FY 17-18 as of 4/9/18		FY 18-19
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
10,000	11,527	12,000	8,999	15,000

**Art. 28.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 for expenses related to the publishing of “The Arrowsic Arrow.”

**Art. 29.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 for production of the Annual Report.

FY 16-17		FY 17-18 as of 4/9/18		FY 18-19
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
3,500	3,204	3,500	0	3,500

**Art. 30.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,600 for professional dues for the Maine Municipal Association.

FY 16-17		FY 17-18 as of 4/9/18		FY 18-19
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
1,500	1,474	1,550	1,518	1,600

**Art. 31.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for Contingent Expenses. The Town utilized \$2,503 from contingency in FY 2016-2017 to cover the portion of expenditures that exceeded particular line items that year.

FY 16-17		FY 17-18 As of 4/9/18		FY 18-19
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
3,500	2,503	5,000	0	5,000

**Art. 32.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the Miscellaneous Expenses of the Planning Board.

FY 16-17		FY 17-18 as of 4/9/18		FY 18-19
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
1,000	595	1,000	254	500

**Art. 33.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 for the Miscellaneous Expenses of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

FY 16-17		FY 17-18 as of 4/9/18		FY 18-19
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
100	0	100	0	100

**Art. 34.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400 for the Miscellaneous Expenses of the Conservation Commission.

FY 16-17		FY 17-18 as of 4/9/18		FY 18-19
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
400	62	400	146	400

**Art. 35.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$600 from the **dedicated Shellfish Conservation Fund** for the Miscellaneous Expenses of the Shellfish Conservation Committee and the Shellfish Warden.

FY 16-17		FY 17-18 as of 4/9/18		FY 18-19
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
800	342	600	446	600

**Art. 36.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 for the Miscellaneous Expenses of the Local Emergency Management Agency.

FY 16-17		FY 17-18 as of 4/9/18		FY 18-19
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
100	0	100	0	100

**Art. 37.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 for the Miscellaneous Expenses of the Local Health Officer.

FY 16-17		FY 17-18 As of 4/9/18		FY 18-19
Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
0	0	100	55	100

**Art. 38.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from **surplus** the sum of \$7,554 for the Patten Free Library. *Note: Last year was \$7,404.*

**Art. 39.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from **surplus** the sum of \$5,850 to fund the following non-profit organizations:

	<b>FY 16-17</b>	<b>FY 17-18</b>	<b>FY 18-19</b>
Bath Food Bank	350	400	450
Bath Freight Shed Alliance	100	100	0
Bath Area Senior Citizens, Inc.	350	400	450
Bath Area Family YMCA	350	400	450
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Bath-Brunswick	350	400	450
Citizens for Squirrel Point	100	100	100
Elmhurst Assn. for Retarded Citizens, Inc.	350	400	450
Friends of the Doubling Point Light	100	100	100
Georgetown Historical Society	100	100	100
Kennebec Estuary Land Trust	300	300	300
LifeFlight Foundation	100	100	100
Maine Public Broadcasting	250	250	250
Maine's First Ship	100	100	100
MCM Community Action	350	400	450
Maine Chapter Red Cross	100	100	100
New Hope for Women	350	400	450
SEARCH-GB (formerly GBEON)	100	100	100
Spectrum Generations (Meals on Wheels)	350	400	450
Sweetser	350	400	450
Tedford Housing	350	400	450
The Range Light Keepers	200	100	100
<b>Totals</b>	5,050	5,450	5,850

**Art. 40.** To see if the Town will vote to draw from **surplus** such funds as necessary to meet the Town's legislated responsibilities for providing General Assistance in accordance with the Town's General Assistance Ordinance passed in 2016. (Actual 17-18, \$0).

**Art. 41.** To see if the Town will vote to draw from **surplus** such funds as necessary to meet the Town's responsibilities for uncollectible ambulance fees. (Actual 17-18 \$0).

**Art. 42.** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from **surplus** for reducing the amount of money to be raised by taxes. Selectmen recommend \$20,000.

**Art. 43.** To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$250,828 established for the Town by State law, in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles results in a tax commitment that is greater than this property tax levy limit.

**Art. 44.** To see if the Town will vote to keep the Town alewife and blueback herring resource closed to harvesting during the 2019 season for conservation purposes.

**Art. 45.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the categories of State funding listed below, as provided by the Maine State Legislature.

State Municipal Revenue Sharing	Estimated	10,100
MDOT Block Grant	Estimated	7,900
Tree Growth Reimbursement	Estimated	1,000
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	Estimated	225
Snowmobile Registration Revenues	Estimated	125
Homestead	Estimated	21,385
State grants or other funds not included above		Unknown

**Art. 46.** To see if the Town will vote to continue to allocate all revenues from the sale of shellfish licenses, and any fines received for violation of the Shellfish Conservation Ordinance, to the dedicated Shellfish Conservation Fund, to be used by the Shellfish Conservation Committee for shellfish management, conservation, and ordinance enforcement.

**Art. 47.** To see if the Town will vote to collect all Watercraft Excise Taxes in a dedicated Water Access Fund. Current fund balance: \$78,281.

**Art. 48.** To see if the Town will vote to allocate all revenues from dog license fees to a dedicated Animal Control Account and authorize the Selectmen to draw from that account for the purpose of funding animal control work in town.



**Art. 49.** To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen to accept and expend the following monies: miscellaneous contributions, donations, grants and reimbursements.

**Art. 50.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to draw from **surplus** such funds as necessary for tax abatements due to overpaid taxes.

**Art. 51.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property.

**Art. 52.** To see if the Town will vote to allocate all proceeds from the sale of tax delinquent property to the Undesignated Surplus.

**Art. 53.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of taxes.



**Art. 54.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to utilize balances in Town dedicated funds to postpone or eliminate the need to borrow in anticipation of taxes. Funds reduced in this way would be restored with incoming tax revenues.

**Art. 55.** To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize for Annual Interest on all taxes paid 60 days after posting.  
Selectmen recommend 4.0% (State Maximum Allowed—8%)

**Art. 56.** To see what date the Town will select for the 2019 Annual Town Meeting. Selectmen recommend Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 6:30 P.M.

Selectmen:

Michele Gaillard  
Suzannah Heard  
William Savedoff



