



**TOWN OF HIRAM  
2017  
ANNUAL REPORT**



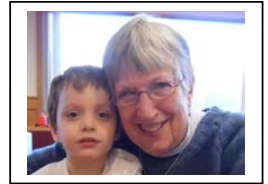
RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED TO  
**MS. JANE GAVIN**

*Town of Hiram*

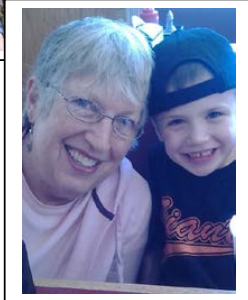
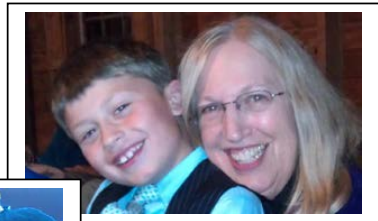
*The 2017 Town Report is graciously dedicated to*



*Ms. Jane Gavin*



*Jane has been an active member of this community for many years. She was postmaster for several years in South Hiram Post Office and then the Hiram Post Office before retiring. She also has served on our Planning Board, Appeals Board, and been an election clerk. She also assisted Dave & Gloria Paro on the 4th of July Parades. This lady does amazing knitting and crocheting work as well. She has two sons and cherished grandchildren, Jane loves her family. We look forward to seeing Jane around town during her well-deserved retirement years. Enjoy your family, friends, books, and crafts.*



*Town of Hiram, Maine*

*Annual Report  
Of the  
Municipal Officers  
Of the  
Town of Hiram  
Maine*



*For the Fiscal Year Ending  
December 31, 2017*

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*Disclaimer*  
*This town report is for informational purposes only - We apologize for any errors or omissions that we have missed during editing.*

**--- NOTICE ---**

This report is submitted subject to an audit by a qualified public accountant, in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 216, Public Laws of Maine, 1937.

**--- SPECIAL NOTICE ---**

To veterans or other persons who desire to secure any exemption of taxes in Hiram, shall on or before the first day of April, 2018, notify in writing the assessors of Hiram, and furnish proof of entitlement. Excerpt of Public Laws of the State of Maine passed by 95<sup>th</sup> legislature, Chapter 160, Public Laws of 1951.

**--- ASSESSOR'S NOTICE ---**

To bring to the assessors of the Town of Hiram, a true and perfect list by all persons, and all their estates, real and personal, not by law exempt from taxation, which they possessed or otherwise held on the first day of April, 2018, also to be prepared to take oath to the truth of the same.

**--- NOTICE ---**

Excerpts from Statutory provisions governing Town Reports. A list shall be included of all unpaid taxes which have been committed for collection, giving the names of all delinquent taxpayers and the amount due from each; except persons receiving pauper assistance.

**TOWN OFFICE HOURS**

**MON – THURS 9 A.M. – 3 P.M.**

**\*\* THURS EVENINGS 6 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.**

**FRI- 9 A.M. – NOON**

**MUNICIPAL OFFICER'S MEETINGS EVERY THURS  
EVENING AT 7 P.M.**

## TOWN OFFICERS FOR 2017

### MUNICIPAL OFFICER'S, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Elected – 3 year terms – March

Harold Gillman	2018
Herbert J Marshall	2019
Joyce Siracuse	2020

### MODERATOR

Elected

Walter Brink

### TOWN CLERK, TAX COLLECTOR, TREASURER

Appointed – 1 year term - March

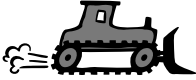
Marylou F. Stacey

### BOOKKEEPER/SECRETARY

### DEPUTY TOWN CLERK, TAX COLLECTOR, TREASURER

Appointed – 1 year term - March

Terry Day



### ROAD COMMISSIONER

Elected – 3 year term – March 2019

Greg Sawyer

### FIRE CHIEFS

Elected within departments

Bruce Pyburn

Hiram Fire Dept.

James Siracuse

So. Hiram Fire Dept.

### EMA DIRECTOR

Appointed – 1 year term- March

Michael Singleton

### DIRECTORS OF M.S.A.D. #55

Elected – 3 year term – March

Arthur Melanson	2018
Sue Melanson	2019
Amanda Watson	2020

**TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Elected – 5 year term - March



Dianne Jewett	2018
Sally Williams	2019
Ellie Stein	2020
Susan Hamilton	2021
Dan Hester	2022

Alt. Trustees

Patrica Dietzel	2018
Pamela Hild	2020

**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

Appointed – 2 year term – January 2019

Marylou F. Stacey

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

Appointed – 1 year term – March

Cindy Eaton

890-5313



**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

**BUILDING INSPECTOR – PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

Appointed – 1 year term – March

Steve Sanborn resigned in October

Mike Gilpatrick Interim CEO

Bruce Smith – Appointed in December

**APPEALS BOARD  
FAIR HEARING AUTHORITY**

Appointed – 3 year term

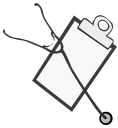
Two Positions Vacant

Grace Gilpatrick	March	2018
William Johnson	March	2018
Sylvia Pease	March	2019
Elwyn Day	March	2020

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Appointed – 3 year term – April

Delbert Gilpatrick	2018
Stacey Richard	2019
Eric Durgin	2019
Donna Ward	2020
J. Bruce Nason	2020



**HEALTH OFFICER**

Appointed – 3 year term – March  
Dr. Joseph DeKay, D.O. 2018

**TOWN HISTORIAN**

Appointed – 1 year term – March  
Hubert Clemons



**PLANNING BOARD**

Appointed – 3 year term - March

Ron Richards	2018
Guy Lehouillier	2018
David Romeika	2019
Jan Williams	2019 (resigned)
Carol Goode	2020

Planning Board Currently  
has Two Alternate Vacancies

**SACO RIVER CORRIDOR COMMISSION**

Appointed – 3 year term - November  
Dan Hester 2019  
Priscilla Howard 2019 – Alt

**SOUTHERN MAINE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Appointed  
Jan Williams  
Joyce Siracuse - Alt



**TOWN COUNSEL**

Leah Rachin  
Bergen & Parkinson, LLC



**TRI-TOWN WASTE DISPOSAL BOARD**

Hiram -	Harold Gillman - Chair
	Joyce Siracuse
	Herbert J Marshall
Baldwin -	Bob Flint
	Dwight Warren
	Jeff Sanborn
Porter -	Ron Silvia
	Brent Day
	Rob Heard
Secretary/Bookkeeper	Terry Day
Station Attendants	Joe McNulty- manager
	Michael Cote
	Alan Darling – manager (resigned)
	Ted Day – resigned
	Tim Hartnett - resigned

**HIRAM PARADE COMMITTEE**

Dave & Gloria Paro

**Animal Control Officer**

**Cindy Eaton**

Please call

**207-590-5313**

or

1-800-733-1421

Oxford County Dispatch

For all your ACO needs



## STATE REPRESENTATIVE AND SENATE CONTACT INFORMATION

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Augusta, ME 04333-0002

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## SENATE INFORMATION

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## **Annual Report to the Town of Hiram**

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to represent you in the Maine Senate. It has been an honor to work on your behalf to make our state an even better place to live, work and conduct business.

On August 2, Maine lawmakers finally adjourned for the year, after what proved to be the longest session in recent memory due to a brief government shut down over budgetary disagreements. While no state budget is ever perfect, the end product was a state budget that makes a record investment in our students, supports our communities and will tremendously benefit small businesses and our economy.

Perhaps the most significant action the Legislature took last year, as part of the biennial budget, was the removal of the burdensome, job-killing surtax that was already hurting small businesses, doctors and other professionals that we so critically need. In November 2016, voters sent a clear message that education funding was to be a priority of the 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature, and we heard that message loud and clear. However, the funding mechanism which was included in the measure – the surtax – presented a serious threat to the state’s economy. This new tax gave Maine the ominous distinction of being the highest-taxed state in the country and primarily impacted small businesses, which are the backbone of our economy, taxing them at a rate that is higher than larger corporations are subject to pay. I am proud to say that after much hard work and negotiating, thanks to our rebounding economy, we were able to support our local schools at a level we have never been able to before – without any additional taxation.

The Homestead Exemption, which provides much-needed property tax relief for homeowners, was also preserved in the budget with an increased exemption of \$20,000.

The Legislature also passed a measure to make Maine compliant with the REAL ID Act. As a result of this important new law, the federal government has granted Maine a waiver, meaning that Maine citizens can continue to use their driver’s licenses to board commercial airplanes and access certain federal buildings.

While we accomplished much, there is still a lot of work ahead of us next session. Again, thank you for putting your trust in me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me if you need my help in navigating the state bureaucracy. I can be reached at home, 539-4586, in Augusta at 287-1505, or by email at [senatorhamp@gmail.com](mailto:senatorhamp@gmail.com).

Sincerely,  
James M. Hamper , State Senator, District 19



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Nathan.Wadsworth@legislature.maine.gov

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is an honor to serve you as your State Representative for House District 70. Last year we completed the longest legislative session in Maine history. I'm proud of the positive reforms to state government we were able to accomplish and our ability to move Maine forward. During our first session we were able to pass a balanced State biennial budget without raising taxes, lowering the tax burden on our small businesses, and reforming education.

Currently I serve as the Republican Lead on the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee. During the 1st session I've worked hard to ensure our state is considering all forms of electricity including hydro, natural gas, and biomass. This is recognition of the fact that it's going to take an entire effort to reduce our overall cost of energy as well as a continued focus on reducing our air pollution.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Representative at our Capitol. Please feel free to contact me anytime at Nathan.Wadsworth@legislature.maine.gov with any thoughts or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nathan J. Wadsworth".

Nathan J. Wadsworth  
State Representative

*Town of Hiram, Maine*

SUSAN M. COLLINS  
MAINE

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1904

COMMITTEES:  
SPECIAL COMMITTEE  
ON AGING  
RANKING MEMBER  
APPROPRIATIONS  
SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON INTELLIGENCE

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.

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.

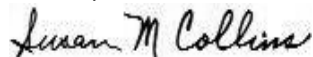
As chairman of the Transportation and Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I worked to increase funding for the TIGER program that has provided Maine with more than \$122 million for vital transportation projects. For housing, I worked to provide \$160 million to help communities protect children from 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 Oxford County and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Lewiston office at 207-784-6969 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

*Town of Hiram, Maine*

ANGUS S. KING, JR.  
MAINE

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**United States Senate**  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

COMMITTEES:  
ARMED SERVICES  
BUDGET  
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.

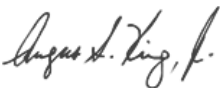
While my committee work is important, working to combat the opioid epidemic is one of my top priorities. Although Congress has made some important strides, much remains to be done to provide additional funding for prevention, treatment and enforcement. I am working with colleagues on both sides of the 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, JR  
UNITED STATES SENATOR



**UNITED STATES**  
**HOUSE** of  
**REPRESENTATIVES**

Fellow Mainers,

It is a true honor to serve on behalf of the honest and hardworking men and women of our Great State. As your Representative, I am proud that, by working with everyone – Republicans, Democrats, and Independents – we were able to achieve some major victories for Maine in 2017.

Creating and protecting jobs has been and remains one of my top priorities in Congress, and this year we had some big successes. Continuing our work from last Congress, I joined forces with Senators Collins and King to fight to ensure the Department of Defense uses American tax dollars to purchase American made products, like the shoes made by the nearly 900 hardworking Mainers at New Balance. Too often in the past, our foreign competitors made these shoes for our troops, but we won the fight this year and now those shoes can be made in the Pine Tree State. This is a huge victory for the 900 hardworking Mainers at New Balance in Skowhegan, Norway, and Norridgewock.

In addition, the House of Representatives voted 418 – 1 to pass my bill to help business development and job creation in Old Town, and the House Natural Resources Committee voted unanimously in favor of my bill to help worm and clam harvesters settle boundary disputes with Acadia National Park. These are two more big wins for job creation in Maine, and I will not let up one inch until they become law.

Thankfully, this year we stopped the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) in its tracks and fought against other unfair trade deals. I testified before the International Trade Commission (ITC) on behalf of Colombia Forest Products in Aroostook County when illegal Chinese products were hurting their business and threatening its 161 workers. I was thrilled the ITC ruled in favor of Mainers and against illegal Chinese manufacturers. Mainers are the hardest working people in the world and we can compete and win against anyone, but the rules must be fair.

As a new member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, I created a Veterans Advisory Panel comprised of Maine Veterans from all corners of our Great State. This panel gives Maine Veterans a direct seat at the table and a voice in Washington, D.C. Together, we worked to address malpractice at Togus, resolved numerous late payments from the Department of



Veterans Affairs (VA) to several rural Maine hospitals, and settled dozens of Maine Veteran's disability claims at the VA.

Unacceptably, this past year multiple members of Congress committed sexual harassment in the workplace. This is reprehensible behavior and should not be tolerated anywhere. As the lead Republican, I joined Democrats and Republicans to pass a resolution that significantly changes outdated sexual harassment procedures in the House of Representatives. Employees should always feel safe and comfortable in their own workplace, and it is past time Congress resolves this issue.

Lastly, I am extremely proud of the services that our Congressional office has been able to provide to help hundreds of Mainers in the past two years. Whether it is a helping a Veteran navigate the bureaucracy at the VA, assisting an elderly Mainer with Medicare issues, or advising a Mainer with a case at the IRS, my office is always available to help. I encourage anyone who is experiencing problems with a government agency, including our Veterans when dealing with the VA, to contact one of my Congressional offices in Maine—Bangor (942-0583), Lewiston (784-0768), Caribou (492-1600)—or visit my website at [Poliquin.House.Gov](http://Poliquin.House.Gov).

We have made great progress, but our work is far from over. The Great State of Maine and our Nation face many critical challenges. Please know that I am working hard, every day, to serve you and that I will continue to work here at home and in Washington D.C. for our families, Veterans, elderly Mainers, local small businesses and communities. It is an honor to represent you and our fellow Mainers in Congress.

Best wishes,



Bruce Poliquin  
Member of Congress

**Congressman  
Bruce Poliquin  
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*Town of Hiram, Maine*



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

Dear Citizens of Hiram:

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 on 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

## 2017 APPROPRIATIONS

### APPROVED BY VOTERS:

Town Office Operations	35,000.00
MMA	2,501.00
Computer Software/equipment	6,000.00
Update tax maps	1,500.00
Legal Expenses	5,000.00
Planning Board	100.00
Appeals Board	100.00
Municipal Officer's Compensation & Mileage	14,800.00
Southern Maine Regional Planning Comm.	488.00
Soldiers Memorial Library	21,500.00
Audit	6,500.00
Update Assessing	4,000.00
Towns Share Social Security	11,000.00
Town Staff	70,400.00
Code Enforcement Officer	14,500.00
Election Clerks	1,500.00
Unemployment	1,000.00
Town Building Repairs	25,000.00
Emergency funds	10,000.00
Hiram Fire Dept.	16,880.00
So. Hiram Fire Dept.	19,126.30
EMA director	1,800.00
Animal Control Officer	2,150.00
Harvest hills	1,620.00
Health Officer	800.00
Hydrants	16,500.00
Street Lights	10,000.00
Insurance	37,040.00
General Roads	80,000.00
Road Resurfacing	80,000.00
Roads,Bridges, town lot	50,000.00
Winter Roads	240,000.00
Town equipment purchase	20,000.00
Town equipment maintenance & repairs	2,500.00
Radios for public works trucks	12,200.00
General Assistance	5,000.00
Solid Waste	70,000.00
Solid waste Reserve	15,000.00
Land payment	8,400.00
Sacopee Rescue	22,000.00
Sacopee Rescue Reserve	10,000.00
District Recreation	3,500.00
Hiram Parade	1,000.00
Hiram Historical Society	500.00
Senior Plus	1,000.00
Community Concepts	1,500.00
Hiram Community Club	500.00
Hiram Development Association	500.00
Care of Cemeteries	4,800.00
Outlying Cemeteries	2,000.00
Memorial Purposes	600.00
Road Reconstruction Reserve	10,000.00
Building Maintenance Reserve	5,000.00
Revaluation Reserve	2,500.00

Town of Hiram, Maine

Public Works Reserve	10,000.00
Vehicle Purchasing Reserve	5,000.00
SW Oxford County Food Pantry	5,000.00
Saco River Festival	300.00
Snowmobile clubs	298.00
Park Upkeep	1,000.00
TOTAL TOWN BUDGET	<hr/> 1,006,903.00

FROM FUND BALANCE/SURPLUS (CARRY FORWARDS) & REVENUES  
TO REDUCE COMMITMENT BY:

So. Hiram Fire Department	\$ 538.00
So. Hiram Fire Department grant	588.30
Town Building Repairs	17,000.00
Winter roads	43,000.00
Unemployment Compensation	1,000.00
Park Upkeep	1,000.00
Emergency Fund	10,000.00
Library reimbursement	5,000.00
Snowmobile revenues	298.00
State revenue sharing	60,000.00
Park Fee Sharing	4,500.00
Veteran reimbursement	1,100.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	21,000.00
Interest earned	17,200.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	19,000.00
Excise Tax	255,000.00
Surplus	20,000.00

TOTAL FUNDS/SURPLUS & REVENUES  
TO REDUCE COMMITMENT: 

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\$ 510,824.30

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT**

Real Estate Valuation	\$ 148,406,930.00
Homestead Exemption Valuation	8,275,320.00
Personal Property Valuation	607,980.00

<b>TOTAL VALUATION:</b>	<b>\$ 157,290,230.00</b>
<b>TOTAL TAXABLE VALUATION</b>	<b>149,014,910.00</b>

Raised at Town Meeting	\$ 1,006,903.00
MSAD #55 Assessment	1,526,287.55
County Tax	118,711.00
Overlay	103,496.67

<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>\$ 2,755,398.22</b>
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Assessed on Real Estate	\$ 2,120,735.03
Assessed on Personal Property	8,688.03
*Excise Tax Revenue Applied	255,000.00
*Interest Revenue Applied	17,200.00
*Miscellaneous Revenue Applied	19,000.00
*Park & Recreation Revenue Applied	4,500.00
*State Revenue Sharing Applied	60,000.00
*Local Road Assistance	50,000.00
*Sale of Tax Acquired Property	25,000.00
*Homestead Exemption Applied	59,127.16
*Carry Forward & fund Balance	20,997.14

<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>*LESS ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS</b>	<b>- 510,824.30</b>

<b>NET ASSESSMENT FOR COMMITMENT</b>	<b>\$ 2,085,053.55</b>
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Rate of taxation - \$14.29 per thousand  
 Committed to the Tax Collector July 14, 2017 and interest started 60 days after  
 commitment date, September 12, 2017.

**!!!! IMPORTANT NOTICE !!!!**

*You may notice that all the articles in the town meeting warrant state that all funds are being **RAISED AND APPROPRIATED** instead of some of them being just appropriated. This is by the advice of our auditor. This will not change the bottom line at tax commitment time, funds will still be taken from Undesignated Fund Balance and other revenues to reduce the total budget figures.*

**TOWN OF HIRAM  
TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

This is not the official posted warrant, it is for informational purposes only. Articles are subject to change

**MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**

**9 am. at the SACOPEE VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL**

To \_\_\_\_\_, a resident of the Town of Hiram in the County of Oxford, in the State of Maine.

**GREETINGS:**

You are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Hiram, in said County, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the **Hiram Town Office on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018** at 3:45 o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator for said meeting.  
The Moderator will then open the polls, to vote on Article 2, at the **Hiram Town Office** at 4 p.m. and close at 8 p.m.

ARTICLE 2. To elect by secret ballot the following Town Officers:  
  
Municipal Officers/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor – 3 yr term  
MSAD 55 School Board Director – 3 yr term  
Soldiers Memorial Library Trustee – 5 yr term

**TWO REFERENDUM QUESTIONS:**

ARTICLE 2a. Shall this municipality authorize the State to issue licenses for the sale of liquor to be consumed on premise of licensed establishments on days other than Sunday?

ARTICLE 2b. Shall this municipality authorize the State to issue licenses for the sale of liquor to be consumed on premise of licensed establishments on Sundays?

When the polls are closed, the meeting will recess until 9:00 a.m. Saturday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2018, to meet at the **Sacopee Valley Middle School**, then and there to act on the following articles to wit:

**ARTICLES FOR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:**

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$655.38 which is the snowmobile reimbursement received from the State. One half of the amount to be given to the Sacopee Snowdrifters Club and the other half to be given to the Hiram Hillclimbers. The money to be used for various purposes, such as trail maintenance and construction, or purchases of equipment and material. These trails to be open to the public during the winter season.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: Appropriate the Snowmobile Reimbursement from the State of \$655.38.

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- ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,000.00 for operating and maintenance costs for the Sacopee Rescue Unit.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend raise and appropriate \$22,000 for SRU
- ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be placed in a town reserve account for the Sacopee Rescue Unit capital expenses.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend raise and appropriate \$10,000 to reserve account
- ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Time Warner (Spectrum) Franchise Fee and any grant monies for TV2 received by the town minus the amount spent for high speed internet service to the Town Office and South Hiram Fire Department to the TV 2 Club at the Sacopee Valley High School. The money they receive will be used to purchase equipment for their studio in order to continue to broadcast town, school and community events on Channel 2.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend to do so.
- ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 for the Sacopee Recreation Council.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend raise and appropriate \$3,500.00
- ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,600.00 for the Southwest Oxford County Nutrition, Inc. (Brownfield Food Pantry), per their request by petition.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend \$4,600
- ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for the Seniors Plus Organization, per their request by petition.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend \$1,000
- ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,980 for Community Concepts, Inc., per their request by petition.  
Municipal Officers recommend: \$1,500  
BC make no recommendation
- ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the Saco River Festival, per their request by petition.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend raise and appropriate \$300.00

**ADMINISTRATION ARTICLES:**

- ARTICLE 13. To act on the reports of the Municipal Officers, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, and other Town Officers.

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- ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2018 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2019, to the March 2019 annual Town Meeting.  
Explanation: This article legalizes municipal expenditures made after the fiscal year ends but before the annual town meeting.
- ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during calendar year 2018.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise & appropriate \$10,000.00 (this figure is included in the amount taken from surplus to reduce the commitment)
- ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers on behalf of the Town to dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on terms as they may deem advisable but pursuant to a written policy adopted by them, and to execute Quitclaim Deeds for such real estate.
- ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36MRSA §506 and to set that rate of interest at 2% that the town will vote to pay thereon and appropriate said amount from the Overlay account.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend to pay 2% on any prepaid taxes.
- ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to charge **8%** of interest on unpaid taxes and set the date for interest to commence at 60 days after the 2018 commitment date.  
The Municipal Officers and budget committee recommend 60 days after the 2018 commitment date and interest rate of **8%**
- ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will vote to set the interest rate of 3% to be paid by the town on abated taxes pursuant to 36MRSA section 506-A and authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate from the 2018 Overlay abated taxes to any property owner that have paid their taxes prior to approval of the abatement.  
Municipal Officers recommend 3% for 2018  
BC recommends 3% for 2018
- ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to accept any and all types of trusts that are in the best interest of the Town whether previously set up or any future trusts. The Town to disperse interest earned on each trusts in accordance with provisions therein.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: to do so.
- ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to accept any and all interest earned on checking account, Reserve Accounts, and savings accounts and disperse said interest on notes to the banks and apply a portion to the current year taxes.



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- ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to dispose of any town owned personal property they deem necessary and place the funds received from the sale into a specified account. Such as: sale of fire truck, funds would be placed into the vehicle purchasing reserve account etc.
- ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,500.00 for an audit of the Town Books.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$6,500.00
- ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 plus fees received for the Hiram Planning Board.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$100.00 plus fees received
- ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 plus any fees received for the Hiram Appeals Board.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise & appropriate \$100.00 plus any fees received
- ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for legal expenses incurred and approved by the Municipal Officers prior to expenditure by any department, committee or board acting on behalf of the town.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise & appropriate \$5,000 for legal expenses.
- ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,600.00 which includes revenue from the trustees for any expenses over \$16,500.00 for the Soldiers Memorial Library.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$23,600.00 which includes revenue from Library.
- ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,523.00 for MMA dues for 2018.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$2,523.00.
- ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$488.00 for dues to the Southern Maine Planning and Development for 2018.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$488.00
- ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000.00 for town office operations and administration including printing and postage.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$35,000.00
- ARTICLE 31. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of purchasing necessary software and/or equipment for office.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 (\$3,000 to come from surplus to reduce the commitment)

- ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,600.00 to have John O'Donnell Associates update the town tax maps for 2018.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$1,600.00
- ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 for upkeep and repairs to any town owned properties.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$25,000.00.  
(this includes \$6,800.00 to come from surplus to reduce the commitment)
- ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to accept and appropriate all building permit fees and 75% of the plumbing permit fees collected by the building and plumbing inspector. The remaining 25% of the plumbing permit fees to be sent to the State Treasurer. These fees will be collected into the Revenue Account and used to reduce the tax commitment each year.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend to do so.

**SALARY ARTICLES:**

- ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,500.00 for Code Enforcement Officer, Building Inspector, and Plumbing Inspector's combined salary, Mileage, Training courses and any other miscellaneous materials or supplies needed.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$14,500.00
- ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000.00 for Municipal Officers Compensation and Mileage reimbursement.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$13,000.
- ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 for the update assessing for the 2018 tax commitment. This is a written contract with a single assessor.  
Municipal Officers and BC recommend to raise and appropriate \$4,500.00.
- ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$71,120.00 for Town Office Staff and \$4,000 for Fire Chiefs, totaling \$75,120.00 for compensation.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$71,120.00 for Town office Staff, \$4,000.00 for Fire Chiefs, totaling \$75,120.00 for compensation.
- ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,800.00 for the Elections.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$1,800.00
- ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,150.00 for Animal Control.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$2,150.00.

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- ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for the Town of Hiram Health Officer yearly salary.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$800.00
- ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,800 for the Town of Hiram EMA Director for salary and mileage/training expenses.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$1,800.00
- ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for unemployment benefits for town employees.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 .  
(This will be taken from surplus to reduce the commitment.)
- ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 for the Town's Share of Social Security on employees of the Town.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$12,000.00.

**RESERVE ACCOUNT ARTICLES:**

- ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be put into the Road Reconstruction Reserve Account for the purpose of future road projects.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 for the Road Reconstruction reserve.
- ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be put into the Building Maintenance Reserve Account for any unforeseen town building repairs.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 for the Building Maintenance Reserve Account.
- ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 to be put into the Revaluation Reserve Account for saving for the future revaluation.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$3,500.00 for the Revaluation Reserve Account.
- ARTICLE 48. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for the Tri-Town Waste Reserve account.  
BC & Municipal Officers recommend to raise and appropriate \$15,000.00 and authorize Municipal Officers to withdraw funds as needed.
- ARTICLE 49. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be put into the Vehicle Purchasing Reserve Account for the purpose of saving for a vehicle for the town.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 for Vehicle Reserve Account

- ARTICLE 50. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be put into the Public Works Reserve Account for the purpose of purchasing vehicles and or equipment to utilize on town roads.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend \$10,000 for Public Works Reserve Account
- ARTICLE 51. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the Capital Improvement Reserve Account.  
Municipal Officers and BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$5,000**

**PROTECTION ARTICLES:**

- ARTICLE 52. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,200.00 for the Communications Account for the dispatching services for all departments and the purpose of purchasing, installation and maintenance of all radio equipment, for the fire depts., road commissioner, and town office. Any unexpended balance at years end will be placed in reserve account to be used for radio upgrades at a later date.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise & appropriate \$12,200.00
- ARTICLE 53. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,880.00 for the Hiram Fire Department operating and maintenance costs.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise & appropriate \$16,880.00
- ARTICLE 54. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,538.00 for the South Hiram Fire Department operating and maintenance costs. (\$3,093.00 to be taken from surplus from insurance reimbursement)  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$18,538.00 (\$3,093.00 taken from surplus)
- ARTICLE 55. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,500.00 for Hydrant Rental.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$16,500.00
- ARTICLE 56. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for existing street lights for the ensuing year.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$10,000.00
- ARTICLE 57. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,600.00 for the Towns Auto, Property & Liability Insurance, volunteer insurance, and Office Staff Health Insurance for 2 full-time employees for the ensuing year.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$37,600.00.

ARTICLE 58. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,620.00 for the Harvest Hills Animal Shelter, Inc. to help defray expenses for upkeep of animals the town turns into them.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$1,620.00

**HEALTH & SANITATION ARTICLES:**

ARTICLE 59. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 plus reimbursements from the State for the General Assistance Account.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 plus reimbursements.

ARTICLE 60. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$74,250 for the Solid Waste Account.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$74,250.00

**ROAD ARTICLES:**

ARTICLE 61. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,400.00 for payment for the land purchase from Delbert and Grace Gilpatrick.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$8,400.00

ARTICLE 62. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of road reconstruction, bridge repairs and to help cover large scale projects.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for roads, & bridges.

ARTICLE 63. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00, for the General Road Maintenance, this amount includes \$25,000 from Local Roads.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: Raise and appropriate \$100,000.00 which includes \$25,000 from Local Roads.

ARTICLE 64. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 for the Road Resurfacing Account, this amount includes \$25,000 from Local Roads. Roads to be resurfaced will be determined by the Municipal Officers & Road Commissioner.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: to raise and appropriate \$100,000.00 which includes \$25,000 from Local Roads.

ARTICLE 65. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$240,000.00 for Winter Road Maintenance.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: Raise and appropriate \$240,000.00, (includes \$6,800 from surplus)

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- ARTICLE 66. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$40,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a backhoe. (A committee would be formed to review any equipment prior to any purchase being made.)  
Municipal Officers and BC recommend raise & appropriate up to \$40,000.00 (\$20,000.00 will come from surplus)
- ARTICLE 67. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for the purpose of operation, maintenance, repair and supplies needed for any town owned equipment.  
Municipal Officers and BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$2,500 (\$1,800 to be taken from surplus)
- ARTICLE 68. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 MRSA subsection 2953.

**CEMETERY, PARKS, RECREATIONAL, AND ANY OTHER TOWN DEPTS ARTICLES:**

- ARTICLE 69. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the restoration and maintenance of Outlying Cemeteries where veterans are buried, per MRSA 1964, Chap. 58, Section 3. Any unexpended balance at year end will be put into a special revenue account.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$2,000.00
- ARTICLE 70. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,800.00 for the Care of Cemeteries. The \$4,800.00 to be appropriated as follows:
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|---------------------|-----------------|
| Pleasant Ridge Cem. | \$ 1,000.00     |
| Stanley Cem.        | 2,000.00        |
| Tare Cem.           | 100.00          |
| Hiram Village Cem.  | <u>1,700.00</u> |
| Total appropriated  | \$ 4,800.00     |
- Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$4,800.00
- ARTICLE 71. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for Memorial Purposes.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: \$600.00
- ARTICLE 72. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the Hiram Historical Society.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise & appropriate \$500.00
- ARTICLE 73. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the Hiram Development Association for the purpose of upkeep of the K of P park.  
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$500.00
- ARTICLE 74. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the Hiram Community Center.  
Municipal Officers and BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$500.00

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- ARTICLE 75. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 plus any balance in the Parade account for the Hiram Parade Committee to use for the Fourth of July Parade and any unexpended balance to be kept in a special revenue account for future parades. Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 plus any balance in the Parade account
- ARTICLE 76. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for any park upkeep expenditures. Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$2,000.00
- ARTICLE 77. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ established for the Town of Hiram by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved in the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit. This article must be voted on by secret ballot.
- ARTICLE 78. Entertain a motion to adjourn

Respectfully submitted,  
Harold Gillman  
Herbert J. Marshall  
Joyce Syracuse  
Town of Hiram  
Municipal Officers



Municipal Officers Report  
Year Ending December 31, 2017

The past year, 2017, has been a balancing act in meeting the obligations of our town while considering how the expense of those obligations impacts our residents. I am sure most of you have seen that there are many critical financial issues in our government at the federal, state and local level. The expense of all services continues to rise and each year we need to make crucial changes to our spending whether that means stopping certain services, changing providers or looking for better and less expensive ways for the town to provide services while controlling costs.

Our single largest expense is our school system. Working with the Select Boards in our five towns, our School Board Members, the Superintendent and administrative staff we strive to create a school budget that is manageable for our residents. The education of our children is the future for our town, state and nation. Our having a high quality well rounded educational system has resulted in our graduates going on to become business owners, teachers, film producers, scientists, military personnel and many other occupations that strengthen our society. We are fortunate to have a dedicated teaching staff and School Board.

Our second largest expense is our road maintenance budget. Holding this budget down is becoming increasingly difficult. Several years ago, the town was fortunate to secure grant funding to repair Richardson Road. Over the last three years this type of funding has almost dried up resulting in our being pushed into a corner to find other solutions to provide high quality services while containing the cost to residents. A potential solution for this issue would be towns working together to share the cost. We already have a track record of working together to control costs with Baldwin and Porter at Tri-Town for waste disposal and at our five-town school system.

Our school system has changed and consolidated. We now have a central campus because of closing outlying schools and consolidating services in one location. Students now have easy access to various services and supports with reduced time and expense related to service providers traveling to outlying schools. This change took place over many years and it was not an easy or smooth process for all involved, but the result is that we are saving tax dollars and still delivering high quality educational services for our students.



In the future we will need to continue paying more and more for less road repair, maintenance and services or we will need to consolidate road maintenance services with another town whether it is a municipal garage or public works. Many residents are having a hard time paying their taxes so anything we can do to lessen the increase needed will help. The idea about working together for road services is not about spending more, it is about spending less over the long term by combining services and working together for the betterment of all residents.

CEO Steve Sanborn resigned towards the end of 2017. We wish him well in his future endeavors. We welcome Bruce Smith as Hiram's new Code Enforcement Officer. Bruce comes to us with 23 years of experience as a CEO from multiple Maine towns.

Our deepest sympathies go out all who have lost loved ones, friends and neighbors this year.

We wish everyone a happy, healthy and productive 2018.

Finally, thanks to all who volunteer on behalf of our town, we appreciate all you do and could not run this town without your dedicated efforts.

Respectfully submitted

Harold F. Gillman, Chairperson

**MUNICIPAL OFFICER'S REPORT**



**EXCISE TAX**



Received:	
Auto Registrations	\$ 265,013.78
Boat Registrations	1,773.80
Transferred to other towns	- 1,048.18
Total	<hr/> \$ 265,739.40
Applied to 2017 commitment	\$ 255,000.00
Balance to Surplus	\$ 10,739.40



**2017  
DENMARK  
SHEEPFEST**  
Some of our Hiram ladies working at  
the Sheepfest:  
**Janet Conner, Mary Hannaford, Dianne  
Jewett and Sue Hamilton**



**COUNTY TAX**

Assessed:  
Paid:  
Oxford County Treasurer



\$ 122,687.00  
\$ 122,687.00



**STATE MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING**

Received from State Treasurer		\$ 71,485.93
Applied to 2016 commitment	\$ 60,000.00	
Balance to Undesig. Fund Bal.		\$ 11,485.93

**OVERLAY**

Assessed 2016 Commitment	\$ 103,496.67
Supplements	20,109.33
Abatements	- 10,488.03
Balance	\$ 113,117.97



**BOBBIN MILL BRIDGE REMOVED  
2017 AND BOBBIN MILL ROAD  
RELOCATED**

**ADMINISTRATION**



**LEGAL EXPENSES**

Raised at town meeting		\$ 5,000.00
Paid:		
Town issues	\$ 183.50	
CEO issues	1,645.00	
Total expenses	<hr/>	
	\$ 1,828.50	
Total		\$ 3,171.50

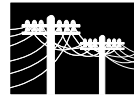


**BOB & MARY IRISH HAVE A GREAT TIME AT  
THE HIRAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY/HIRAM  
COMMUNITY CLUB TRASH CAN TURKEY  
DINNER 2017**




**MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES**

Received:		
Town Fees		\$ 6,777.25
Plumbing Permit Fees (75%)		4,317.00
Vital Statistics fees		1,427.60
Building Permit Fees		5,330.30
Lien Charges & Fees		4,385.98
Lease income		3,600.00
Tax Acquired Property sales		25,423.45
Miscellaneous		3,534.55
Total Received		<hr/> \$ 54,796.13
Applied to reduce 2017 commitment	\$ 19,000.00	
Balance to Fund Balance		\$ 35,796.13

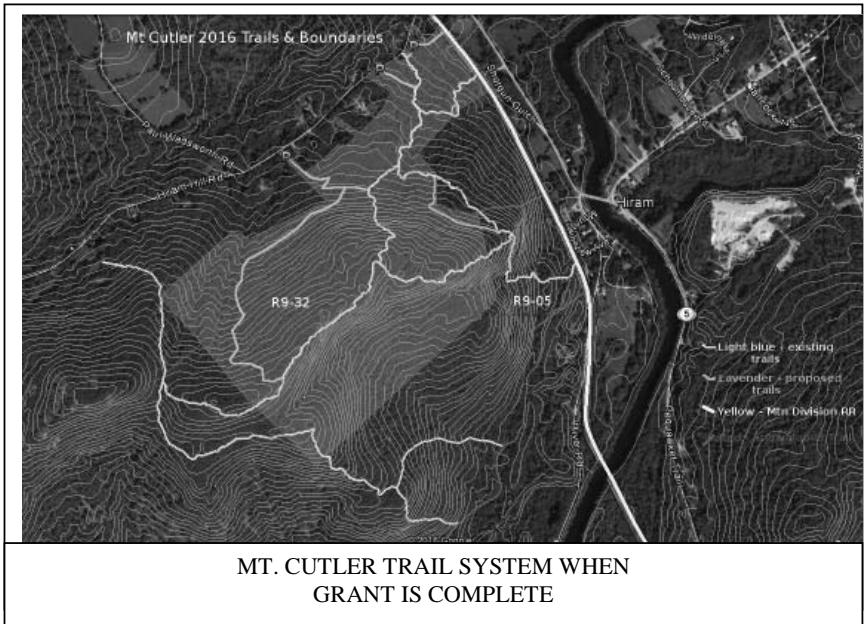


**TOWN OFFICE OPERATIONS**

Raised		\$ 35,000.00
Received Reimb. for office supplies		924.51
Bal		<hr/> \$ 35,924.51
Paid:		
Heating Oil 677.6 gals		\$ 1,162.82
Electric Bill		2,178.84
Telephone Bill		1,105.10
Water Bill		460.56
Office Supplies		3,832.64
Postage		2,807.07
Town report		982.02
Extinguishers		19.50
Mowing		426.00
Shoveling		195.00
Cleaning Town Office		1,710.00
Copier contract		261.88
Software agreement		8,298.18
Computer program, SQL		2,700.00
Postage Meter contract		559.08
Update assessing agent		625.00
Workshops		285.00

Town of Hiram, Maine

Dues	180.00	
Registry of Deeds	2,463.20	
Ads	1,940.90	
Town office mileage	47.08	
Town Clerk mileage	641.39	
Lunches for auditors	64.28	
Office temp help	25.00	
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 32,970.56</u>	
Balance lapsed to surplus		\$ 2,953.95





**COMPUTER SOFTWARE/EQUIPMENT**

Appropriated		\$ 6,000.00
Paid:		
Keyboard	92.52	
Repair planning board computer	75.00	
Battery back up	125.47	
Kaspersky license	250.00	
Installation	75.00	
Sit Stand station (used)	199.00	
Supplies	99.99	
Copier	4,495.00	
Software	179.00	
Total	<u>\$ 5,590.98</u>	
Balance to surplus		\$ 409.02

**MMA DUES**

Raised:		\$ 2,501.00
Paid:		
Maine Municipal Association		\$ 2,501.00

**PLANNING BOARD**

Raised:		\$ 100.00
Received from fees		348.00
PB reserve acct		317.69



Total		<u>\$ 765.69</u>
Paid:		
Ads	\$ 76.50	
Workshops	275.00	
Postage	283.92	
Law books	120.00	
Total	<u>\$ 755.42</u>	
Balance to PB reserve account		\$ 10.27



### APPEALS BOARD

Raised:	\$ 100.00
No expenses	
Balance lapsed to fund balance	\$ 100.00



### STATE PLUMBING FEES

Received from Plumbing Permits	\$ 1,424.00
Paid:	
Treasurer State of Maine	\$ 1,424.00



### MUNICIPAL OFFICERS MILEAGE

Raised:	\$ 1,800.00
Paid:	
Harold Gillman	600.00
Herbert J.Marshall	600.00
Joyce Siracuse	600.00
Total	<hr/> \$ 1,800.00

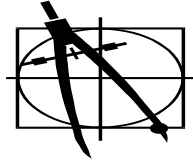
### UPDATE ASSESSING

Raised at a special town meeting	\$ 4,000.00
Overdrawn	275.00
Total	<hr/> \$ 4,275.00
Paid:	
Ben Thompson, single assessor	\$ 4,275.00



**SOUTHERN MAINE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Raised		\$ 488.00
Paid:		
SMRPC dues		\$ 488.00



**SOLDIERS MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

Raised:		\$ 15,000.00
Appropriated		1,500.00
Received from Library		5,408.55

Total		<hr/> \$ 21,908.55
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Paid:		
Librarian salary	\$ 20,714.79	
Heating Oil 526.10gals	874.26	
Extinguishers	154.50	
Mowing	35.00	
Shoveling/plowing	130.00	

Total	<hr/>	\$ 21,908.55
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**AUDIT**

Raised		\$ 6,500.00
Paid:		
RHR Smith, town audit	\$ 5,000.00	
Balance in end of year account		\$ 1,500.00

**UPDATE TAX MAPS**


Raised		\$ 1,500.00
Overdrawn		69.60
Balance		<hr/> \$ 1,569.60
Paid:		
John O'Donnell & Assoc		\$ 1,569.60



**UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION**

Appropriated from Fund Balance		\$ 1,000.00
Paid:		
Department of Labor	19.40	
Balance to fund bal.		\$ 980.60

**TOWN OFFICE STAFF**

Raised:		
Town Office Staff		\$ 66,400.00
Fire Chiefs		4,000.00
Total raised		<u>\$ 70,400.00</u>
Reimbursement from Tri-town		1,950.00
		<u>\$ 72,350.00</u>

Paid:		
Terry Day/Admin.Assist./deputy		
E911 address officer/GA admin		
PB & AB secretary	\$ 30,923.72	
Terry Day/Tri-Town Treas/Sec	1,912.80	
Marylou Stacey/Twn Clk, Tx. Coll.,		
Treasurer, Reg.of Voters	34,342.82	
Bruce Pyburn, HFD chief	2,000.00	
James Siracuse, SHFD chief	2,000.00	

Total Expenditures \$ 71,179.34

Balance \$ 1,170.58



**MUNICIPAL OFFICER'SS COMPENSATION**

Raised:		\$ 13,000.00
Overdrawn		.76
Total		<u>\$ 13,000.76</u>
Paid:		
Municipal Officers		\$ 13,000.76



**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**



Raised:		
CEO, salary		\$ 12,000.00
Training/workshops		500.00
Mileage		2,000.00

Total Raised		<u>\$ 14,500.00</u>
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Paid:		
Steve Sanborn, CEO salary	\$ 10,000.00	
Michael Gilpatrick, temporary CEO	1,500.00	
Bruce Smith, New CEO	500.00	
CEO supplies	55.27	
CEO training	105.00	
CEO postage	20.35	
Mileage	2,000.00	

Total	<u>\$ 14,180.62</u>	
Balance to fund bal.		\$ 319.38

**ELECTION OFFICIALS/WORKERS**

Raised:		\$ 1,500.00
Paid:		
Election Workers	\$ 1,307.37	
Election food	119.17	



Total	<u>1,380.83</u>	
Balance		\$ 73.46



**TOWNS SHARE OF SOCIAL SECURITY**

Raised		\$ 11,000.00
Received reimb. from Tri-town		150.00
Librarian taxes from library account		1,472.07
Total		<hr/> \$ 12,622.07
Paid:		
Towns Share of IRS tax deposits	\$ 10,782.49	
Balance to fund Balance	<hr/>	\$ 1,839.58



**MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION**



Opening balance		\$ 35.00
Received from registrations (state portion)		\$ 120,511.06
Paid:		
Secretary of State, MVD		\$ 120,257.06
Balance		289.00




**INLAND FISH & WILDLIFE  
LICENSES & RV'S**



Opening balance		\$ 4,972.73
Received from Lic. Fees (State portion)		\$ 21,114.93
total		<hr/> \$ 26,087.66
Paid:		
Treasurer State of ME		\$ 22,372.66
Balance		\$ 3,715.00

### ANIMAL WELFARE

Opening balance		\$ 249.00
Received from licenses		1,148.00
Total		<u>\$ 1,397.00</u>
Paid:		
Animal Welfare Board	\$ 1,188.00	
Balance		\$ 209.00

### EDUCATION

Assessed:		\$ 1,526,287.55
Paid:		
MSAD #55		\$ 1,526,287.55

### EMERGENCY EXPENSES

Voted at town meeting to appropriate up to		\$ 10,000.00
Paid:		
Removed fallen tree	\$1,500.00	
Balance		\$ 8,500.00



Sally Williams planting lilies at the Library - 2017



## HEALTH & SANITATION



### GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Raised:		\$ 5,000.00
Received reimbursement for 2016 expenses		696.35
Received reimbursement for 2017 expenses		2,314.35
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Total		\$ 8,010.70
Paid:		
Heating Oil, 320 gals	\$ 551.50	
Electricity bills	310.37	
Food Vouchers	638.35	
Furnace repair	437.56	
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Total expenses	\$ 1,937.78	
Balance to fund balance		\$ 6,072.92



### SOLID WASTE



Raised:		\$ 70,000.00
Raised for reserve		15,000.00
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Total		\$ 85,000.00
Paid:		
Tri-Town Waste Disposal Board	\$ 70,000.00	
Placed into a reserve	15,000.00	
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Total		\$ 85,000.00

### TRI-TOWN WASTE RESERVE ACCOUNT

Withdrew	\$ 11,000.00
Paid:	

Tri-Town Waste for 1/3 share of purchasing a backhoe \$ 11,000.00





**SACOPEE RESCUE UNIT**



Raised:	\$ 22,000.00
Raised for Reserve	10,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 32,000.00</b>
<b>Paid:</b>	
Sacopee Rescue Unit	\$ 22,000.00
Put into a reserve account	10,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 32,000.00</b>



**HEALTH OFFICER**

Raised	\$ 800.00
Paid:	
Dr. Joseph Dekay, D.O.	\$ 800.00



**High school seniors help clean cemetery stones**

**Del Gilpatrick & Bruce Nason fixing a sunken gravestone**



### TOWN BUILDING REPAIRS

Raised & Appropriated		\$ 25,000.00
Received		500.00
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Balance		\$ 25,500.00
Paid:		
Heat pump for meeting room	\$3,336.16	
Shoveled SHFD & Town garage roofs	540.00	
SHFD light repair	40.00	
SHFD roof repairs	9,171.00	
Library water issue	372.58	
HFD building repairs	584.52	
HFD siding repairs	3,740.00	
Town Office outside light	42.10	
Repairs to meeting room ceiling	380.40	
Repairs to town office vent pipe	416.14	
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Total	\$ 18,620.90	
Balance		\$ 6,877.10



**Dan Hester presenting Helen Rankin with the  
2017 Hubert Clemons Award**





## HIGHWAYS



### LOCAL ROAD ASSISTANCE

Received from State		\$ 50,872.00
Appropriated to commitment	\$50,000.00	
Lapse to reserve account		\$ 872.00



### GENERAL ROADS MAINTENANCE



Raised:		\$ 60,000.00
Appropriated from URIP		20,000.00

Total		<u>\$ 80,000.00</u>
Reimbursed		75.00

Total		<u>\$ 80,075.00</u>
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Paid:		
Greg Sawyer, Road Commissioner	\$ 10,542.00	
Road Crew	8,856.00	
Culverts	879.00	
Cold Patch	10,352.40	
Hot Top/paving, Notch rd sections	5,717.12	
Gravel	4,033.12	
Road signs	749.84	
Parts & supplies	1,106.19	
Sweeping roads	796.00	
Excavator rental	500.00	
Wheeler rented	300.00	
Grading dirt roads	1,187.50	
Reset rocks and moved equipment	165.00	
Ads	20.00	

Equipment Rental,		
Greg Sawyer, Backhoe	17,465.00	
Truck	14,081.00	
Dump truck	3,116.00	

Total	<u>\$ 79,866.17</u>	
Balance		\$ 208.83



## ROAD RESURFACING ACCOUNT

Raised:	\$ 60,000.00
Appropriated from URIP	20,000.00
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Total	\$ 80,000.00
Paid:	
Paved: Notch Road	\$ 80,000.00



## WINTER ROADS



Raised:		\$ 240,000.00
Paid:		
CMP	\$ 628.60	
Salt-North End 163.93 tons		
South End 459.35 tons	38,731.27	
Snowplow Contract NE-		
Steve Sawyer –	90,139.67	
Put up Salt/sand pile-NE –Geo. Anderson	8,352.00	
1,152 yards		
Snowplow Contract SE		
Snowplow contract – Greg Sawyer	70,742.00	
Put up Salt/sand pile – SE		
1,000 yds	5,000.00	
Oct – put up 2,000 yds +		
screened 3,000yds above	19,500.00	
GPCOG, salt bid fee	67.97	
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Total	\$ 233,161.51	
Balance		\$ 6,838.49

Total for NE Contractor Steve Sawyer 3 yr contract to 4/30/19 \$3,800/mile-16/17 \$3,900/milr-17/18 \$4,000/mile-18/19
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Total for SE Contractor Greg Sawyer – contractor 3 yr contract to 4/30/19 3,100/mile
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**ROADS, BRIDGES & TOWN LOT**

Raised:		\$ 50,000.00
Paid:		
Road Commissioner, payroll	742.00	
Road crew, payroll	490.00	
Cold patch for bridges	1,382.95	
Gravel	858.00	
Bobbin Mill bridge removal	4,400.00	
River Road culvert project	20,080.00	
Backhoe rental	1,125.00	
Truck rental	925.00	
Trafton bridge repair	680.56	
Total	<hr/>	\$ 30,683.51
Balance		\$ 19,316.49

**TOWN EQUIPMENT REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE**

Raised:		\$ 2,500.00
Paid:		
Fuel for loader	\$ 75.17	
Parts	596.93	
Supplies	21.98	
Total expenses	<hr/>	\$ 694.08
Balance		\$ 1,805.92

**EQUIPMENT PURCHASE**

Raised:		\$ 20,000.00
Did not find a backhoe for that amount		
Balance		\$ 20,000.00



## PARKS & RECREATION



### PARKS & RECREATION REVENUES

Received:

Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$ 20,418.30
Park Fee Sharing	6,451.49
Veterans Reimbursement	1,173.00

Total	<hr/>	\$ 28,042.79
Anticipated to apply to 2017 commit.	\$ 26,500.00	
Balance	<hr/>	\$ 1,542.79



### OUTLYING CEMETERIES

Opening balance		\$3,642.89
Raised		2,000.00
Total		<hr/> \$5,642.89
Paid:		
Cemetery signs & Posts	\$ 1,149.97	
Bush hog outlying cemetery	90.00	
Cut trees out of cemetery	500.00	
Total expenses	<hr/> \$ 1,739.97	
Balance to 2018		\$ 3,902.92

### CARE OF CEMETERIES

Raised		\$ 4,800.00
Paid:		
Pleasant Ridge Cemetery	\$ 1,000.00	
Stanley Cemetery	2,000.00	
Tarr Cemetery	100.00	
Hiram Village Cemetery	1,700.00	
Total	<hr/>	\$ 4,800.00



**MEMORIAL PURPOSES**

Raised		\$ 600.00
Paid:		
VFW Post #7642, flags	\$ 311.50	
Lily's Flowers	180.00	
Total	<hr/>	
Balance	\$ 491.50	\$ 108.50



**DISTRICT RECREATION COUNCIL**

Raised:		\$ 3,500.00
Paid:		
District Recreation Council		\$ 3,500.00



**PARK UPKEEP**

Appropriated:		\$ 2,000.00
Paid:		
Mowing Sawmill Park, & K of P Park	572.00	
Total	<hr/>	
Balance	\$ 572.00	\$ 628.00



**MT. CUTLER GRANT PROJECT**

Raised:	\$ 130,000.00
No activity yet so no expenditures	
Balance	\$ 130,000.00



**SNOWMOBILE CLUBS**

Received from State		\$ 298.00
Paid:		
Hiram Hillclimbers	\$ 149.00	
Sacopee Snowdrifters	149.00	
Total	<hr/>	\$ 298.00

Your local snowmobile clubs would like you to join and help keep snowmobiling a fun, safe recreation. Each club has their trail maps for sale and membership cards at the Hiram Town Office.



**HIRAM PARADE**



Opening Balance		\$ 1,962.61
Raised		1,000.00
Received		976.00
Total	<hr/>	\$ 3,938.61
Paid:		
Parade items/supplies	\$ 2,614.91	
Balance to 2018		\$ 1,323.70





**SACOPEE HIGH SCHOOL  
TV 2**



Received from franchise fees		\$ 5,890.95
Paid:		
Time Warner, high speed internet		
for town office	\$ 719.88	
for SHFD	719.40	
Sacopee Valley TV2	4,451.67	
Total		\$ 5,890.95



**SENIOR PLUS**

Raised:		\$ 1,000.00
Paid:		
Senior Plus		\$ 1,000.00

**SACO RIVER FESTIVAL**

Raised:		\$ 300.00
Paid:		
Saco River Festival		\$ 300.00



**SOUTHWESTERN OXFORD COUNTY  
NUTRITION  
(BROWNFIELD FOOD PANTRY)**

Raised:		\$ 5,000.00
Paid:		
SW Oxford Cty Nutrition		\$ 5,000.00

**COMMUNITY CONCEPTS**

Raised:		\$ 1,500.00
Paid:		
Community Concepts		\$ 1,500.00

**HIRAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Raised: \$ 500.00  
Paid:  
HHS \$ 500.00

**HIRAM COMMUNITY CLUB**

Raised: \$ 500.00  
Paid:  
HCC \$ 500.00



Enjoying Trash Can Turkey Dinner at the HCC



MIC NIGHT AT THE COMMUNITY CLUB

**HIRAM DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

Raised: \$ 500.00  
Paid:  
HDA \$ 500.00





## PROTECTION



### HIRAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Raised at town meeting		16,880.00
Paid:		
Heating Oil – 1,213.68 gals	\$ 2,026.18	
Propane	68.89	
Electricity	1,228.01	
Telephone	529.78	
Supplies	49.71	
Truck fuel	955.49	
Pump test	1,098.50	
Fit test	1,015.70	
Truck Maintenance/parts	2,469.83	
Radio/pager repairs	605.46	
Inspections	135.00	
Extinguishers	572.05	
Plowing station	1,900.00	
Shoveled roof	300.00	
Firefighter dues	40.00	
Furnace cleaned	181.43	
Protective Gear	980.17	
Total	<hr/> \$ 14,156.20	
Balance		\$ 2,723.80

### EMA DIRECTOR

Raised:		\$ 1,800.00
Paid:		
EMA director	\$1,200.00	
EMA mileage	600.00	
Total	<hr/> \$ 1,800.00	



**SOUTH HIRAM FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Raised at town meeting		\$ 18,538.00
Grant received		588.30
Received from other towns for Learn no to burn program		200.00
Overdrawn		60.77
Total		<hr/> \$ 19,387.07
Paid:		
Heating Oil 658.5 gals	\$ 1,120.14	
Electricity	1,313.83	
Telephone	529.81	
Water Bill	458.86	
Fuel for trucks	484.58	
Supplies	433.03	
Benchtest/SCBA	1,285.27	
Pump test	1,001.30	
Parts	2,204.65	
Extinguisher inspections	343.35	
Truck Maintenance	450.00	
Truck Inspections	280.00	
Ladder testing	175.00	
Foam	609.00	
Protective gear	3,323.93	
Chainsaw	365.03	
Training	90.00	
Learn not to burn	595.40	
Plowing	1,270.00	
Dues	160.00	
Safety equipment w/grant funds	1,253.89	
Grant equipment SCBA's	1,640.00	
Total	<hr/>	\$ 19,387.07



**RADIOS/DISPATCHING**

Raised		\$ 12,200.00
Paid:		
Dispatching contract w/Gray	6,758.00	
Tower rental	1,140.00	
Road Commissioners Cellphone	623.70	
HFD 4 pagers & battery	1,763.00	
Total paid	<u>\$ 10,284.70</u>	
Balance to radio reserve account		\$ 1,915.30



**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**



Raised		\$ 2,150.00
Paid:		
Animal Control Officer	\$ 776.75	
ACO mileage	771.46	
Total	<u>\$ 1,548.21</u>	
Balance		\$ 601.79

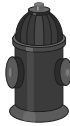


**NOTE FOR 2018 LICENSES  
THE STATE FEES FOR DOG  
LICENSES ARE THE SAME:  
SPAYED/NEUTERED - \$6.00  
NOT SPAYED/NEUTERED - \$11.00  
FEB. 1<sup>ST</sup> -  
LATE FEE \$25.00 PER DOG PLUS  
REGISTRATION FEES  
There are rabies clinics being held  
in many surrounding towns at a  
very low price. Watch the local  
shopping guide.**



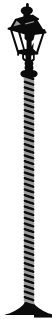
**HARVEST HILLS SHELTER**

Appropriated		\$ 1,620.00
Paid:		
Harvest Hills Animal Shelter		\$ 1,620.00



**HYDRANTS**

Raised:		\$ 16,500.00
Paid:		
Maine Water Co.	\$ 15,393.54	
Balance	<hr/>	\$ 1,106.46



**STREET LIGHTS**

Raised:		\$ 10,000.00
Paid:		
CMP	\$ 9,423.45	
Balance	<hr/>	\$ 576.55



**INSURANCE**

Raised:		\$ 37,040.00
Received Insurance funds		889.00
Total	<hr/>	\$ 37,929.00
Paid:		
MMA General Liability & Auto	12,686.00	
MMA Workers Comp.	4,781.00	
Health Insurance for town office staff	18,738.46	
Volunteer insurance for firefighters	772.00	
Total	<hr/>	\$ 36,977.46
Balance		\$ 951.54



**ROAD RECONSTRUCTION  
RESERVE ACCOUNT**

Raised at town meeting	\$ 10,000.00
Deposited into reserve	\$ 10,000.00



**REVALUATION  
RESERVE ACCOUNT**

Raised at Town Meeting	\$ 2,500.00
Deposited into reserve	\$ 2,500.00



**BUILDING MAINTENANCE  
RESERVE ACCOUNT**

Raised at Town Meeting	\$ 5,000.00
Deposited into reserve	\$ 5,000.00

**TRI-TOWN WASTE DISPOSAL  
RESERVE ACCOUNT**

Raised at Town Meeting	\$ 15,000.00
Deposited into reserve	\$ 15,000.00

**VEHICLE PURCHASING  
RESERVE ACCOUNT**

Raised at Town Meeting	\$ 5,000.00
Deposited into reserve	\$ 5,000.00

**PUBLIC WORKS  
RESERVE ACCOUNT**

Raised at Town Meeting	\$ 10,000.00
Deposited into reserve	\$10,000.00



## DEBT AND INTEREST

### INTEREST

Received from	
Money Market and Checking	\$ 2,710.85
Interest from Taxes paid	13,188.86
Total	<hr/> \$ 15,899.71
Applied to commitment	\$ 17,200.00

### LAND PAYMENT

<b>Purchased 8 acres from Delbert &amp; Grace Gilpatrick</b>	<b>\$42,000.00</b>
<b>To be paid over 5 years interest free.</b>	
Raised	\$ 8,400.00
Third payment paid:	\$8,400.00
Balance	\$ 16,800.00





## HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

### 415 GRANTED BY ASSESSORS

Exemption amount increased to \$20,000 from \$15,000 in 2017

415 applications	\$ 118,607.00
Received from State	\$ 54,971.00

REMINDER

**If you have not applied for the homestead exemption and you think you may be eligible contact the Town Office for more information. You can get the forms at the town office or on our website: [townofhiram.org](http://townofhiram.org). FORMS MUST BE FILED WITH THE TOWN ASSESSORS BY APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2018. It usually amounts to around \$286 taken off your tax bill – every little bit helps!**  
*If you have already filed last year you do not have to refile*



### TOWN CLERK REPORT 2017

#### INLAND FISH AND WILDLIFE LICENSE SALES

Combination	50
Hunting	25
Fishing	43
Junior Hunting	6
Archery	7
Bear Permits	3
Misc. Lic	15
Migratory Birds	11
Muzzleloader	11
Turkey	9
Expanded Archery	5
Superpack	0
Non Resident Licenses	12



#### INLAND FISH AND WILDLIFE REGISTRATIONS



Boats Registered		99
Snowmobiles	84	
ATV's	64	

#### DOGS LICENSED

	<b>2017</b>	
Males/Females	34	
Neutered/Spayed		138
	<b>2018</b>	
Males/Females	16	
Neutered/Spayed		78







## VITAL STATISTICS

*In memory of our  
community members  
who have left us this past year.  
They will be sadly missed.*

Elizabeth Arthur	7/2/2017
Paula Barber	10/13/2017
Eugene Cole	3/7/2017
Joan deKay	9/8/2017
Norman Frizzell	11/13/2017
John Glencross	3/15/2017
Adam Healey	4/15/2017
Joseph Labbe	3/25/2017
Sarah Lennox	3/29/2017
Evelyn Merritt	4/26/2017
Virginia Miller	3/18/2017
Marilyn Oberg	12/28/2017
Dale Perry	2/26/2017
Harold Sawyer	1/10/2017
Lorraine Thorne	1/27/2017
Janet Vickery	2/26/2017

*When someone you love becomes a memory,  
the memory becomes a treasure*

## 14 BIRTHS IN 2017

## 13 MARRIAGES IN 2017

Nicolaus Fox & Elizabeth Swasey	3/31/2017
Joey Eastman & Lynn Lehan	5/13/2017
Brian Garnett & Keisha Hanscome	5/6/2017
Courtney Sanborn & Sean McNulty	6/10/2017
Alyssa Adam & Peter Ronfeldt	6/10/2017
Morgan Sanborn & Tyler Ross	6/17/2017
Brian Scamman & Melissa MacPherson	6/17/2017
Samantha DiFalco & Micheal LaPrade	6/24/2017
Vanessa Stacey & Tyler Wheeler	7/14/2017
Katelyn Allain & Christopher Jones	8/5/2017
Brittney Stitson & Nicholas Durgin	8/19/2017
Shannon Nee & Cheryl Black-Ives	8/26/2017
Shannon Cope & Philip Hyman	12/22/2017

**TAX COLLECTORS REPORT**

**2017 TAXES**

Assessed Value \$149,014,910  
 Tax Rate \$ 14.29 per thousand  
 Committed July 14, 2017

Committed	\$ 2,129,422.97
Supplements	12,434.60
Received	1,949,889.92
Interest applied to Taxes	519.20
Abatements	6,398.91
Balance Due 12/31/2017	\$ 185,049.54

**2017 Outstanding Taxes  
 As of December 31, 2017**

Adams, Chad		1,610.91
Anderson, Jason		236.21
Anderson, John		1,814.97
Avanzato, Charlotte	Bal	1,293.09
Ballou Robert		1,316.82 *
Baranick, Elizabeth		1,765.49
Barrier, Ira	Bal	798.19
Batchelder, Tracy		185.06
Bean, Paul Est of		1,092.90
Benson, Mary		2,161.36
Black, James Est of		1,709.08
Bolling, David		187.77
Bragdon, Valerie		2,072.48
Brown, Donna		548.45
Bucknell, David		539.16
Bucknell, David	Bal	758.94
Bucknell, Linda		743.51
Burgess, Wayne		1,163.92
Burgess, Wayne		1,373.13
Caldwell, Denise	Bal	714.00
Cantor, Michael		1,687.36
Carey, Michael		625.19
Chang, Huichen		578.46
Chase, Leslie		566.17
Ciasullo, Gary		2,013.18
Coe, Thomas	Bal	1,686.07
Conant, Andrew	Bal	1,457.92
Cox, Ronald	Bal	268.31
Cram, Michael		62.45

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Cram, Michael		1,739.38
Curit, Harvey	Bal	45.85 *
Curit, Virginia		936.57
D and N Construction		589.46
Davis, Philip		1,460.01
Day, Basil		1,680.50
Demers, Ellen		1,266.95
Doucette, Scott		287.66
Dow, Alfred & Barbara		1,089.61 *
Drew, James		1,590.62
Drew, James		668.91
Edwards, Art		130.04
Finn, George		13.06
Foley, David		1,725.80
Fox, Leslie Jr.		411.12
Friedman, Major		794.95
Fyler, William	Bal	994.36 *
Gavett, Gregory		1,386.13
Golder, Lawrence & Willis		314.52
Golder, Karen & David		1,515.74
Gordon, Peter		753.65
Grant, Peter		967.00
Greene, Marie	Bal	1,032.78 *
Hammond, Deborah		2,480.17
Harmon, Judith		751.94
Harmon, Kenneth E.		1,719.66
Harmon, Kenneth E.		697.35
Harmon, Kenneth E.		3,775.42
Harmon, Kenneth E.		3,932.75
Harmon, Kenneth R.		354.82
Harmon, Kenneth R.		1,204.22
Harrington, Donald		1,651.45
Harris, John		616.61
Hayes, Travis		480.00
Healey, David Est of		508.44
Heaney, William	Bal	1951.38
Henderson, Barry		1,387.56
Hiram Scenic Land		742.62
Hunt, Christopher		2,167.79
Jamerson, Tanya		1,736.13
Jenkins, Debbie		507.87
Jewett, Martin		1,680.93
JMC Hiram Nominee	Bal	75.35
Kalesinskas, Audra		2,312.43
Kalesinskas, Gil		1,903.53

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Kelly, Louis		15.15
Kelly, Louis		2,571.49
Kilbride, Ann Marie		2,312.12
Kimball, Kenneth		939.28
Kimball, Kenneth		2,844.14
Kimball, Sharon		327.38
Labrecque, Erin		1,378.99
Leavitt, Robert		342.67
Leavitt, Robert Est of		567.74
Leonard, William		2,160.65
Leveille, Mark		7.15
Lewis, Peter		2,454.31
Martell, Lester		1,814.54
Maxcy, Monja		183.34 *
Maxcy, Monja		567.88 *
Maxcy, Monja		558.17 *
Maxcy, Monja		549.45 *
Maxcy, Monja		550.45 *
Maxcy, Monja		566.88 *
Maxcy, Monja		583.32 *
McDonough, Peter		1,216.20
McDowell, Donnalee	Bal	322.76
McGrath, Roger		534.59
McMahon Family Trust		2,454.88
McWilliams, Henry		594.46
Meehan, Stephen		258.36
Meehan, Stephen		1,605.62
Mitchell, Donald		1,958.02
Morris, William		1,371.55
Nevers, Ronald		434.70
Nevers, Ronald		454.28
Norton, Jack		500.15
Novom, Peter		20.12
Numberg, Anthony		66.45
O'Grady, Daniel		546.59
Palker, Joseph		553.74
Peabody, Wade		1,224.22
Pelletier, Robert		147.90
Perro, Kevin		359.97
Pierce, Francina		503.58
Pierce, Leonard		2,280.97
Pitman, Jared		564.45
Pomelow, Philip	Bal	333.17
Porter, Earle Est of		602.75
Porter, Earle Est of		776.66

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Ranieri, Stephanie		541.73
Rankin, Isabelle		1,309.25
Reardon, MC	Bal	1,542.93
Remillard, Wilfred		468.57
Ridlon, Joyce		761.09
Rivard, Earl	Bal	390.69
Rogers, Brent		486.00
Rush, David		564.45
Sargent, Rita		1,222.94
Savary, Pam		988.87
Smalley, Tammy		636.33
Stanley Trafton Holdings		26,430.93
Sykes, Marie	Bal	615.33
Tavener, Kenneth		690.49
Teixeira, Elman		2,567.20
Thomas, Lisa		2,712.38
Thombs, Harvey		574.46
Thorne, Lorraine		700.35 *
Valley, Bryan		412.27 *
Vanwart Real Estate Trust	Bal	1,992.31
Vittum, Brandi		684.63
Ward, Bruce		638.48
Ward, Willis		931.57
Ward, Willis		764.37
Waterman, Russell		1,400.99
Watts, Vinal Est of		147.62
Whitney, Christian		1,882.14
Wilson, Diane	Bal	500.00
Wing, John		2,229.95
Winslow, Cheryl		1,496.73
Wright, Jodi		128.24
Wright, Norman		452.56
Wylie, John		1,221.79
Yattaw, Frank		413.12
Zulick, Patrick		2,152.33
Balance Year End		\$ 185,049.54

The above amounts do not include any interest or other fees.

**Liens will be filed in June 2018 for any unpaid taxes.  
The Tax Collector will accept weekly or monthly payments on the above  
outstanding balances.**

\* Paid in full after books closed 12/31/2017 to 1/31/2018

**2016 Outstanding Taxes**

Opening Balance	\$ 204,943.01	
Supplement	4,179.80	
Abatement	3,491.85	
Received	135,990.70	
Transferred to Liens	\$ 69,640.26	
Balance		0.00

**2016 Outstanding Tax Liens  
As of December 31, 2017**

Opening Balance	\$ 69,640.26
Received	19,442.68
Total Due as of 12/31/2017	\$ 50,197.58

**2016 Outstanding Tax Liens**

Batchelder, Tracy	190.24
Bean, Paul Est of	1,123.49
Black, James, Est of	1,756.92
Bragdon, Valerie	1,695.49
Carey, Michael	716.14
Chang, Huichen	591.86
Chase, Leslie	577.46
Curit, Virginia	962.78
D and N Construction	605.96
Drew, James	1,862.10
Drew, James	687.64
Edwards, Art	133.68
Golder, Lawrence	1,558.17
Gordan, Peter	641.22
Grant, Peter	967.63
Harmon, Judith	772.99
Harmon, Kenneth	3,481.09
Harmon, Kenneth	2,301.47
Harmon, Kenneth	364.75
Harmon, Kenneth	1,237.93
Harris, John	566.29
Henderson, Barry	1,499.85
Hiram Scenic Land	763.44
Hunt, Christopher	2,228.47
Kilbride, Ann Marie	Bal 2,283.83

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Leavitt, Robert Est of		352.27
Leavitt, Robert Est of		583.63
Leonard, William		2,221.13
Lewis, Peter		2,596.46
McWilliams, Henry Est of		611.10
Morris, William		1,559.78
Nevers, Ronald	Bal	413.66 *
Nevers, Ronald	Bal	346.86 *
Norton, Jack		587.60
Numberg, Anthony		68.31
Peabody, Wade		1,228.67
Pierce, Francina		811.48
Rankin, Isabelle		1,594.45
Ridlon, Joyce		782.39
Rush, David		580.26
Sargent, Rita		1,330.62
Thombs, Harvey		659.58
Ward, Willis		1,084.12
Ward, Willis		785.77
Winslow, Cheryl		1538.63
Wright, Norman		465.23
Yattaw, Frank		442.69

Total Due as of 12/31/2017 \$ 50,197.58

**The above amounts do not include any interest or other fees.**

\* Paid in full after book closed 12/31/2017 to 1/31/2018

**2015 Outstanding Tax Liens**

Beg. Balance	\$ 42,601.16
Received	40,714.50
Balance due	\$1,886.66
Batchelder, Tracy	145.79
Bradgdon, Valerie	1,740.87
Total Due as of 12/31/2017	\$ 1,886.66

**The above amounts do not include any interest or other fees.**

**2014 Outstanding Tax Liens**

Beg and Ending Balance	\$ 259.81
Batchelder, Tracy	144.79
Komulainen, Angel	115.02
Total Due as of 12/31/2017	\$ 259.81

**Tax Acquired Property**

Property Acquired Dec 2017	\$ 4,126.20
Payment Red'd	97.84
Balance 12/31/2017	\$ 4,028.36

**Taxes Paid in Advance 2018**

Opening Balance	\$ 27,490.43
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Payment for taxes can be made several ways.  
You can make partial payments throughout the year; a lot of people find it easier to budget and send in a monthly payment if your taxes are not escrowed.  
If you have any questions at all about your taxes please be sure and call the office and speak with Marylou  
625-4663



**TREASURERS REPORT**



*Received from Taxes*

2017 Taxes	\$ 1,942,733.48
2016 Taxes	\$ 143,369.40
2016 Tax Liens	\$ 21,218.83
2015 Tax Liens	\$ 40,714.50
2014 Tax Liens	\$ 3,613.77
2017 Taxes Paid In Advance	\$ 27,490.43
Sale of Tax Acquired Property	\$ 25,423.45

*Received in Interest*

Taxes	\$ 12,702.50
Peoples United Bank	\$ 3,010.02

*Received from Town Agent*

*Motor Vehicle*

Excise (Town)	\$ 264,001.00
Registration (State)	\$ 120,511.06

*Inland Fisheries & Wildlife*

Boat Excise (Town)	\$ 1,738.40
State Sales Tax, Reg. & Lic Fees	\$ 21,114.93

*Animal Welfare*

Animal Control (Town)	\$ 656.00
Animal Welfare (State)	\$ 1,148.00

Agent Fees (Town)	\$ 6,370.75
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Vital Statistics (Town)	\$ 1,427.40
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*Received from the State*

State Revenue Sharing	\$ 71,485.93
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$ 3,100.70
Urban Rural Initiative Program	\$ 50,872.00
Park Fee Sharing	\$ 6,541.49
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	\$ 1,173.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$ 20,418.30
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	\$ 54,971.00



*Received from Permits*

<i>Building Permits</i>	\$ 5,330.30
<i>Plumbing Permits</i>	\$ 4,317.00
<i>Plumbing State Share</i>	\$ 1,424.00
<i>State Septic Fee</i>	\$ 180.00

*Received from Boards  
Planning Board*

348.00

*Received from Miscellaneous*

<i>Lease Income</i>	\$ 3,600.00
<i>Online Fire Permits</i>	\$ 30.00
<i>Time Warner Cable</i>	\$5,890.95
<i>Insurance Dividends</i>	\$ 889.00
<i>Business License</i>	\$ 60.00
<i>Tri Town</i>	\$ 2,642.74
<i>Photocopies</i>	\$ 98.30
<i>MMA Safety Grants (2)</i>	\$ 3,308.35
<i>Efficiency Maine Refund</i>	\$ 500.00
<i>Driveway Permit Fees</i>	\$ 300.00
<i>Tapestry Sales</i>	\$ 100.00
<i>Insurance Claims</i>	\$ 3,093.55

*Interest Received on Cemetery Trust*

<i>Charles Watson Cemetery Fund</i>	\$ 3.51
<i>Eastman Tripp Cemetery</i>	\$ 8.32
<i>Hiram Village Green – K of P</i>	\$ 20.98
<i>Isaac W. Gray</i>	\$ 22.89
<i>Spring Cemetery</i>	\$ 3.49
<i>Charles Bean Cemetery Fund</i>	\$ 5.30
<i>Day-Durgin-Ward Cemetery Fund</i>	\$ 3.43
<i>Stanley Burial Grounds</i>	\$ 100.01

**TOWN RESERVE FUNDS  
FOR THE TOWN OF HIRAM**

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESERVE**

Balance (no changes) \$ 91,376.57

**ROAD CONSTRUCTION RESERVE**



Opening Balance \$ 97,144.95  
    Added per Town Vote 10,000.00  
Ending Balance \$ 107,144.95

**PUBLIC WORKS RESERVE**

Opening Balance \$ 19,307.13  
    Added per Town Vote 10,000.00  
Ending Balance \$ 29,307.13

**BUILDING MAINTENANCE RESERVE**

Opening Balance \$ 67,407.95  
    Added per Town Vote 5,000.00  
Ending Balance \$ 72,407.95

**VEHICLE PURCHASE RESERVE**



Opening Balance \$ 41,518.27  
    Added per Town Vote 5,000.00  
Ending Balance \$ 46,518.27

**TRI TOWN WASTE RESERVE**

Opening Balance	\$ 20,492.72
Withdrew for backhoe purchase	11,000.00
Added per Town Vote	15,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 24,492.72

**SACOPEE RESCUE RESERVE**

Opening Balance	\$ 5,000.00
Added per Town Vote	10,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 15,000.00

**REVALUATION RESERVE**

Opening Balance	\$ 53,623.02
Added per Town Vote	2,500.00
Ending Balance	\$ 56,123.02

**TRUST FUNDS**



**CHARLES BEAN CEMETERY**

Balance of CD	\$ 1,512.13
Interest Added to CD	5.30
Balance of CD	\$ 1,517.43

**DAY DURGIN WARD**

Balance of CD	\$ 979.25
Interest Added to CD	3.43
Balance of CD	\$ 982.68

**CHARLES WATSON CEMETERY TRUST**

Balance of CD	\$ 2,000.00
Account Opening Balance	\$ 1,030.26
Interest Received	3.51
Account Balance	\$ 1,033.77

**EASTMAN TRIPP CEMETERY TRUST**

Balance of CD		\$ 2,002.00
Account Balance	\$ 2,596.23	
Interest Received	8.32	
Account Balance	\$ 2,604.35	

**HIRAM VILLAGE GREEN / K OF P TRUST**

Balance of CD		\$ 5,675.64
Account Opening Balance	\$ 2,165.57	
Interest Received	20.98	
Account Balance	\$ 2,186.55	

**ISAAC WALDEN GRAY (OLD SETTLERS) TRUST**

Balance of CD		\$ 6,000.00
Account Balance	\$ 3,705.20	
Interest Received	22.89	
Account Balance	\$ 3,728.09	

**SPRING MARSHALL TRUST - CD**

Account Balance	\$ 536.56	
Interest Received	3.49	
Account Balance	\$ 540.05	



**STANLEY BURIAL GROUNDS**

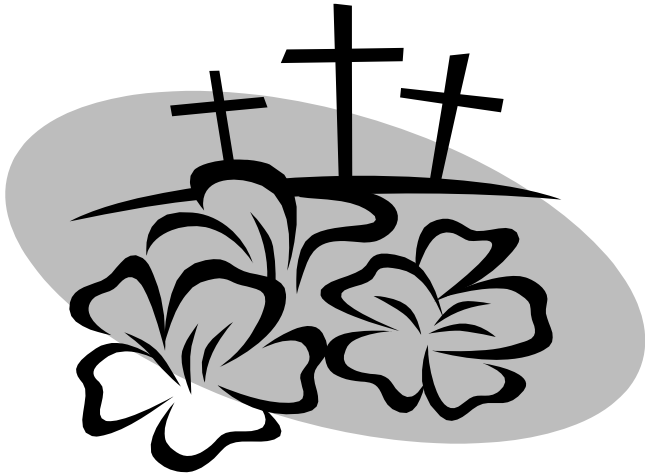
Opening Balances of CD's (6 at \$5,000.00)	\$ 30,000.00
2 Savings Bonds each \$500.00	1,000.00

**NOW CHECKING ACCOUNT**

Opening Balance	\$ 64.48
Deposits	2,000.00
Expenses	1,895.57
Ending Balance	\$ 168.91

**MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT**

Opening Balance	\$ 14,831.65
Interest of checking account	13.46
Interest on CD's	86.52
Savings Bond Dividends	15.00
Transfer to NOW Acct	0.00
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 14,946.63</b>



**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER  
2017 Annual Report**

This year the code enforcement office issued a total of 27 building permits. The permit breakdown is as follows:

New Homes	11
Out Buildings – Sheds Etc.	1
Additions	4
Garages	5
Renovations	1
Mobile Homes	1
Barns	0
Camps	1
Decks	2
Porches	1
Sap House	0
Foundation	0

This year on Saturday October the 28<sup>th</sup> I resigned my position as Code Enforcement Officer. This year I will be seventy years young and felt like it was time to move on to the next phase in my life, setting in the LBC and spending time at my camp.

If you have any questions relating to the building permit process please feel free to contact the town office.

Sincerely:  
Stephen A. Sanborn  
CEO

**PLUMBING INSPECTOR  
2017 Annual Report**

This year my office issued a total of twenty nine plumbing permits. Subsurface wastewater disposal systems accounted for eighteen of them and the remaining eleven were for interior plumbing.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your local plumbing inspector and if you have any questions please feel free to contact the town office.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Stephen A. Sanborn, LPI

**HIRAM PLANNING BOARD  
2017 Annual Report**

In 2017 the Hiram Planning Board received two requests to build full basements under shore land camps; the Board approved one, and required that the other camp be moved before a foundation could be built. The Board issued one Conditional Use Permit. A second application for a Conditional Use Permit was withdrawn.

In addition, the Board considered three important issues of interest to the Town:

**Retail Sale of Marijuana**

The Maine State referendum calls for the legalization of retail sale of recreational Marijuana; the Legislature and Governor have yet to develop the legal framework to implement the referendum. One provision of the referendum allows towns to ban retail sale of recreational marijuana.

The Planning Board, with the Select Board, conducted a public hearing to gauge public opinion regarding a ban on marijuana sales. At the hearing residents expressed both pro and con opinions, but the overall sense of those present was in favor of retail sales.

The Planning Board recommends that the Town wait for State legislation and regulation before drafting additional zoning statutes regarding retail sale of marijuana.

**Adoption of new State Wetlands Zoning**

The State of Maine has developed new wetlands zoning guidelines. Each Maine town is obligated to enact wetlands zoning that matches the guidelines, or is more restrictive. The Planning Board members attended a workshop at which a State DEP representative reviewed and discussed the new guidelines. The Planning Board recommends that the Town adopt the new guidelines as written.

**Winter Occupation of Campers**

The Hiram Code Enforcement Officer requested that the Planning Board consider a statute to limit the Winter occupancy of trailers and recreational vehicles. Concerns included both safety and maintenance of community values. Initial discussions raised additional issues, including rights of property owners and variations in the design of trailers and RVs. The Planning Board expects to continue discussions and to hold public hearings on this topic in 2018.

Jan Williams  
Chairman



**HIRAM FIRE DEPARTMENT  
2017 Report**



12	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	6	TREE / WIRE HAZARDS
4	RESIDENCE FIRES	2	SMOKE/INVESTIGATION
3	CHIMNEY FIRES	5	ASSIST RESCUE / OTHER
3	WOODS / GRASS FIRES	4	MUTUAL AID

HFD was dispatched to 39 calls in 2017, a significant increase from previous years. Our personnel compiled more than 550 hours while responding to incidents, training, performing maintenance, attending meetings and other public assistance.

The two top department officers roles changed in 2017. Longtime chief Darryl Ward has stepped into role of 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief, and the former 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Bruce Pyburn moved up to Department Chief. Darryl has been a stalwart member of HFD and has provided leadership and guidance as Chief for many years. We can all appreciate the countless hours and hard work he has given in the role, and we are very thankful that we will still have his experience and knowledge on the department.

The departments active roster has dropped to 10 active members at the close of the year. Membership had been growing in recent years, but any gains we made of young members has been offset by moves out of town or pursuing other endeavors. This reflects one of the many challenges facing volunteer departments nationwide these days. We encourage and welcome any resident with interest and ability to become a member.

On the plus side, HFD received a very generous and timely grant from the Stephen and Tabatha King Foundation. The \$50,000 grant was prepared and submitted by member Mike Doe, and we certainly appreciate his timing and efforts. The grant provided the funds to replace our broken and obsolete Thermal Imaging Camera and our outdated Hydraulic Extrication equipment. As of this writing, we received the Thermal Imagers and are completing evaluations of extrication tools. The technology for both items has advanced a lot in recent years, and the modern units will be a great improvement from the gear it replaces. As First Responders we truly appreciate the capabilities this equipment provides, and are so very thankful for the Stephen and Tabatha King Foundations remarkable generosity. The Foundation has made outstanding contributions in many ways throughout the state, and deserves the highest praise. Thank you, Stephen and Tabatha King.

*Town of Hiram, Maine*

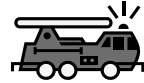
There were no significant apparatus maintenance issues last year, and our rolling inventory remains sound. We expect to have some maintenance done on the Forestry truck before summer, although nothing major. We are still looking to find a new home for our old tanker.

The 2018 budget request is identical with 2017. We have held a relatively flat budget line over the last few years, and will work to continue the trend as long as possible. Grants can reduce the pressure of financing new equipment, but unfortunately can't be counted upon for regular funding.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce Pyburn  
HFD chief



**SOUTH HIRAM FIRE DEPARTMENT  
2017 Report**



The department responded to forty-three dispatched calls in 2017. We received mutual-aid for five in our first response area and gave mutual aid to twelve incidents in other towns.

Structure Fire	4	Vehicle Crash	15
Missing Persons	1	Chimney Fire	2
Tele/Electric	9	Lift Assist	3
Field/Woods Fire	1	CO/Fire alarm	1
Standby	1	Smoke Investigation	1
Severe Weather	1	Canceled in	3
Service Call	1		

Hours logged for dispatched incidents - 230

We presently have eight members of which two are interior attack certified. Two members completed the Emergency Vehicle Operations Course. Members also attended Elevator training at the three schools, CMP training, Solar Panel Hazard training along with our Annual Department of Labor and In House training. Estimated training hours – 115. In Station hours, (gear checks, equipment maintenance, apparatus up keep, station up keep, and various other tasks including meetings came to about 270 hours. At this years budget meeting I again requested stipends for members that fulfilled the requirements of the state laws and our bylaws. Not a paid department but at least some reimbursement for their efforts.

I met with the Insurance Service Organization, (ISO) A consulting firm that agents use in determining home insurance rates, with mixed results.

The department continues to observe Fire drills at our three schools and gave the “Learn Not to Burn” program for the Elementary students and faculty.

We received a 50/50 grant from Maine Municipal Association for safety equipment last year and most likely will apply again this year.

We would like you please to install and maintain Smoke and CO detectors in your homes, have a few ABC fire extinguishers located in plain sight on each floor of the house or work area easy to reach and above all BE SAFE.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted;

James Siracuse

Chief South Hiram Fire Department



**SACOPEE RESCUE**

P.O... Box 367  
Parsonsfield, ME 04047  
207-625-3088



To the Residents of Hiram

This year Sacopee Rescue responded to 775 patients. This is a record number of calls for our service. Even though we have answered a record number of calls there are still calls we are unable to respond to because our ambulance and crew are on another cal. When that happens one of our neighboring ambulance services comes in to respond. In the coming year we will be exploring ways that we can answer more of those calls.

In August we have another successful yard sale. We updated some of our smaller equipment with the money earned. In several of our meeting we discussed other fund raising events, from having a golf tournament to a barbecue competition. Watch the Shopping Guide for those possible events.

We replaced a 12 year old defibrillator with a new Zoll defibrillator this year at a cost of \$28,000. We have two more defibrillators that are ten years old. Our plan is to cycle those out, one at a time, over the next five years. Even though the two remaining defibrillators are ten years old we have them maintained every six months to keep them in perfect working order. We have also updated all our fluorescent light fixtures in the station with LED fixtures. We should see a cost savings over the next year. Beverly Russell representative from Hiram is looking into grants for vehicles and equipment to try to reduce our expenses.

If anyone in the community has any questions or suggestions for the service, we encourage you to contact a Board member. WE are in need of at least one board member to represent each town. If you have an interest, contact your town office. As always we appreciate and are thankful for the support from the citizens from the area.

Respectfully,  
Sacopee Rescue Board of Directors

2017 Calls by Town

Cornish	175	Hiram	171	Parsonsfield	175
Porter	176	Baldwin	20	Health Center	59
Other	9				

**HIRAM JULY 4th PARADE**

We would like to thank everyone for another successful parade. A big thank you to those who helped on the day of the parade; William Collomy and Jesse Day for helping with the tables, chairs and tents (putting up, taking down and putting away); Holly Welch for the bake sale and Denise Martus for helping me; to Craig Thompson and Ron Rice for helping Dave. We could never forget to give a huge thank you to Jane Gavin and Deb Gregory who have been with us since we took the parade over in, 2005 I believe. Also to Will Rankin, who also has been with us since 2005, and his father-in-law for bringing the big flag. The West Baldwin United Methodist Church band for the music, before, during and after the parade. To everyone who participated in the parade and all of you who came to watch, a very big thank you. The parade is a success because of all of you. Oh, I don't want to forget to thank everyone who baked something for the bake sale, everything is so delicious.

Thanks again to Demi and Jenny for the girls and boys bicycles. We could always use donations for the raffle. It could be anything for a man, woman or child. Does not have to be expensive.

Thank you for your support and we will see you on July 4th.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dave and Gloria Paro



**Hiram Historical Society Annual Report  
2017 for the Town of Hiram**

2017 was another banner year for Hiram Historical Society. Publishing calendars with vintage photos has become a regular feature. This year's was devoted to Hiram at Leisure.

First, HHS began regularly scheduled hours of opening of Great Ossipee Museum in the former Mt. Cutler School. The hours are 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the third Saturday of months May to October.

Second, we continue to mount special exhibitions on the ground floor which is wheelchair accessible. In 2017 HHS received 501(c)3 status as a public charity by the IRS. This will allow us to write a grant proposal to install a new stair chair lift to the second floor so everyone can enjoy the collections on both floors.

Third, HHS contributed to the 21 Club's program on the great flood of 1936, held in Porter, and supported seven events in Hiram in 2017, five of which were held in the newly renovated spaces of the Museum. They were:

May 13 – Jake Morrel, author of "Hardscrabble Lodge" told stories of his days as bush pilot for his sporting camp in deep woods Me.

June 10 –Maine Audubon Society presented a program on Using Native plants for Wildlife. Joint with Soldiers Memorial Library.

July 8 –Allen Crabtree shared stories in his book "Uncle Charlie's Tapeworm and Other Effingham Yarns" passed on to him from his father. Joint with Soldiers Memorial Library.

August 12 –In "What Does Pequawket Mean?" Bates professor, Joseph Hall explained how our native Wabanaki tribes interacted with European settlers who held different concepts of ownership of land and how the natives cultivated ties to their homeland even as they were displaced from them.

September 9 – Artist Sandy Howe showed how she paints murals in the style of Rufus Porter, particularly in the Blazo-Leavitt house in Parsonsfield.

October 14 –Steven Bridge, author of "Unearthed", told the history and significance of fascinating artifacts he continues to dig up at St. Joseph's College.

The final event of the season was on October 21, the delicious "Trash Can Turkey Roast". It included music by David Foley, 3 raffles, a talk by Dave Paro on the history of the road grader, tours of the Great Ossipee Museum, and two special exhibits:

- "Hiram in World War 1" included the gift of Fred E. Horne's uniform and other items loaned by Clayton and Gloria Burnell and Walter Norris

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“Hiram in the Great Wildfires of 1947” included photographs of houses burned and saved and the realistically frightening film “October Fury”.

Our “Trash Can Turkey Roast: was a rousing success (attended by 95 people from all over New England) and so much fun we may do it again in 2018! We couldn’t have done it without the support of the Town of Hiram and our generous donors. Thank you, Hiram - come see what we have for you in 2018! Explore our town’s unique heritage with us. We welcome visitors and new members!

Submitted by Sally Williams, President



**Viewing Exhibits 1947 Fire**

## HIRAM COMMUNITY CLUB ANNUAL REPORT

Hiram Community Club met monthly from March through December. For those new to our town, we are a non-profit organization working to hold events to bring the community together. In fact, if you are a new (or fairly new) resident to our town, the Club has produced a free "Welcome to Hiram" packet which contains a map locating 18 sites throughout the town that a new resident might want to know. It has information about Soldiers Memorial Library, Hiram Historical Society, and the Town office. A packet may be picked up at the Town office, Soldiers Memorial Library, or by contacting Priscilla Howard at 625-8074.

The Center had two rentals for functions this year. We rent the hall for any occasion and the Center hosted the Hiram Historical's Trash Can Turkey Roast in October, for the second year, which has gained a lot of popularity. We also held a Flea Market in July that was so successful we have decided to do it again next summer! "Open Mic Night" has continued to be successful and is held the second Saturday from July through November. Katherine Rhoda and David Wallace-Lawrence are a tremendous help doing the technological set-up and emceeing. Last Spring we voted to go in halves with FoSML to purchase a sound system that could be left set up on the stage most of the time. Our Open Mic in November had the largest attendance yet and everyone had a good time!

Some more painting was done last fall, which included all the rest of the trim and the rear exit from the basement. Double ovens were purchased for the kitchen to help with food preparation for the Roast Beef suppers, which occur the first Saturday from May through November. The ovens are a huge help! At the end of our last supper in November (as the power outages were coming to an end) we had food left over and invited the electrical power workers to partake in a free meal. We served 25 workers total!

We donated money to the Memorial Day committee, the 4th of July parade committee, and the Town to help with Thanksgiving dinners and Christmas donations. We are always looking for new members with ideas on how to use our building for free town gatherings.

If you are interested, please contact Pres. Dave Paro 256-0136 or Priscilla Howard 625-8074.

Respectfully,  
Priscilla Howard, Sec.





**ANNUAL REPORT - 2017  
Soldiers Memorial Library**

Your Library had a very productive 2017, and plans are for the same and more in 2018. Library volunteers, Trustees, Friends and townspeople are our bedrock. Hiram's greatly appreciated support motivates our continued efforts to provide a quality institution.

We began the year with an important revitalization of our web page. If you wish to search our online catalog, view upcoming events, find the next title for the monthly book club, connect with the Maine State Library services, link to our Facebook page or contact us, you can do it all via [www.soldiers.lib.me.us](http://www.soldiers.lib.me.us). Other local ways to connect are through the Your Weekly Shopping Guide's "What's Going On" section or specific block ads, posters, the Library signboard, and email via [smlhiram@gmail.com](mailto:smlhiram@gmail.com) or [hiramlibrary@soldiers.lib.me.us](mailto:hiramlibrary@soldiers.lib.me.us) or call (207) 625-4650.

We attempt to update our collection to satisfy the needs of our patrons, most of whom are adults that enjoy "bestsellers". We also subscribe to a vendor which offers prize-winning titles for Young Adults. With the dearth of pre-schoolers for East Hiram in recent years, there has not been as much of an emphasis to add many titles for that age-group. However, we are hoping that we can take advantage of some of the new young families who have moved here, and once again offer a regular story-time.

The Third Thursday monthly Book Discussion Club continues its popularity with selections offering many insights and points of view. There is even a Poetry month for February. Titles for 2017 included Backman's *A Man Called Ove* and Stedman's *The Light Between Oceans*. For March, 2018 we will explore Maine's *Remarkable Women* by Kate Kennedy.

Another thriving and dedicated group is the Knotty Knitters. Several new members have joined, finding the camaraderie as pleasurable as the crafting. Their annual holiday craft sale at the Library adds significantly to our funds, and provides a means to "shop locally." Sadly, we lost two of our highly treasured members this year. Joan deKay and Jane Sumner, both members since the group began over ten years ago, were dedicated and skilled, always willing to help others. They are greatly missed.

Our Maine author program series was very active throughout the early summer and fall. Included were police crime writer Bruce Coffin, Channel 6 weatherman Kevin Mannix and his wife, Linda Rota, and Denmark, Maine's Allen Crabtree. We also participated in the state-wide library program, "Read ME," which offered two titles for any Maine patrons to read and then join with their local libraries for individualized activities. We were fortunate to receive a grant through this initiative, which brought one of the authors, Debra Sparks, here in July to discuss her book, *Unknown Caller*. Bruce Coffin will return this summer with the third installment in his *Detective Sergeant John Byron* series. Other

authors will include Tim Caverly of Allagash Tales and Porter's Peter Hagerty, reading from his book *Out Watering Horses*.

Our dedicated "art wall" is a means for us to pay tribute to our talented local painters or their families. We have shared the beautiful "Scenes from Out West" of Dan Hester's grandmother, Connie Prim and the local landscapes and portraits of his mother, Hazel Hester. The fascinating creativity of Barker Pond's Karen Strandberg and the delightfully whimsical feline drawings of Susan Wentworth were also displayed. Others have included Saco River views and other Hiram locales by photographer Marilyn Pageau and Mary Cobb's striking watercolors. We invite anyone who would like to participate to contact us. There is always a space waiting for you!

Your generous annual appropriation of \$16,500 pays for most of the salary of the Library Director and makes it possible to keep the Library open for 20 hours each week. The cost of maintaining and running the Library for all of 2017 was a total of \$26,771, and the difference has been made up by donations, gifts and the fund-raising work of the Friends of the Library (FoSML). Individual donations to the Library for the past year totaled almost \$4,500 and FoSML provided \$8,000 that was raised by volunteer efforts. There is a separate report by FoSML elsewhere in this booklet. A detailed financial report for 2017, with our Budget Plan for 2018, is available at the Library, at the Town Office, and at the Annual Town Meeting.

In addition to the financial support, we sincerely appreciate the work of many volunteers who kept the Library open and available for patrons when our Library Director used her well-deserved vacation time and needed time to manage her health care. There were also volunteers who kept the Library open for extended hours into evenings and on an extra day when many of our community were coping with the protracted power outages from the October 30 storm. We were able to provide water, power to charge phones, Internet services, and a warm place for those who needed whatever we could do. The Trustees will consider whether there are improvements to consider to make SML even more useful as a resource during emergencies.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported the Library in any form or manner throughout the year. Please visit us often, and "bring your friends" - we will be looking forward to meeting them to introduce and share the numerous resources available.

Respectfully Submitted,

Library Director: Pam Slattery-Thomas.

Trustees: Pat Dietzel, Sue Hamilton, Dan Hester, Pam Hild, Dianne Jewett, Ellie Stein, Sally Williams

## **Mt Cutler Project**

At the time of writing this report, the Town of Hiram was still working with Dan Hester to develop a new deed and to work with the Maine Bureau of Lands and the federal Land & Water Conservation Fund to complete the purchase of the 173 acres that will be the Mt Cutler Park. By the time that you read this, the purchase of the property may be accomplished or this may still be a work in progress.

Here is some of the work that was accomplished during 2017.

March 27 – Announcement from Maine Dept of Conservation, Agriculture & Forestry that The Town of Hiram has been awarded a grant for the purpose of purchasing the Mt Cutler Park lands and for developing new parking and trails to improve the public access.

The grant is for \$112,500. Most of the grant will be used to purchase the property, and remaining funds will be used to develop a new parking area and necessary signage. During this year, the only costs to the Town should be for some legal services and perhaps some advertising. The Town will have responsibility for maintenance costs in the future.

The new parking area will be accessed from the Hiram Hill Road across from the fenced corral owned by Natalie & Kevin Perro. There is good visibility for that entrance both up and down the road. The original trail-head between the tracks along Mtn View Avenue will still be maintained, but that is not on the park lands and may someday need to change if there is development of the Mountain Division for either rail or trail use. The trails from that trail head pass through Merrill Park, and this access will be maintained in cooperation with the Hiram Development Association that owns the 21 acres surrounding Merrill Park.

Many trails on Mt Cutler also continue onto land of abutting land owners. As long as these land owners are still willing to have visitors on their lands, these trails will continue to be maintained for public use. However, visitors should only use the designated trail heads that are shown on the Mt Cutler Trails guide. Copies of the Trails Guide and Map are available at the Town Office, at the Library and at the kiosk of the trail-head parking area off Mtn View Avenue.

The Mt Cutler Park will permit the same uses that have always been allowed on Mt Cutler. Hiking will be encouraged. Sight-seeing from the many trail viewpoints will always be the main attraction. Off-trail exploration is always welcome, but when visitors are near a trail, they should stay on trails as much as possible. Camping will not be allowed except with special permission. Legal hunting will be allowed as it always has been. Non-commercial foraging for berries, mushrooms, etc. will still be allowed. Some areas of the park will have tree harvesting at times in compliance with a forest management plan.

While maintenance of the park will ultimately be the responsibility of the Town, trail maintenance, sign updates and other needs will continue to be done by volunteers. Members of the Appalachian Mountain Club, the Healthy Sacopee hikers, and the Denmark Mountain Hikers have already been doing this work. These volunteers will also develop an additional half mile of new trails that are planned.

It will be best for the park to have an organization that will be designated by the Town to determine the needs and assure that work gets done. One possibility is for this park to be a reason for re-enabling the Hiram Conservation Commission in order to manage the park on behalf of the Town and to work on other conservation projects that may be needed. If this does not happen, it may be best to have a land trust, such as the Francis Small Heritage Trust or some similar organization that is willing to accept those responsibilities. In the short term, Dan Hester is willing to continue the management as he has done while he has owned this land for the past ten years.

November 29. On this day, the survey map was recorded at the Oxford County Registry of Deeds. The boundary survey for Mt Cutler and Merrill Park had been a work in progress since June of 2016. Many updates were accomplished during the last year and Jan & Sally Williams entered into a boundary agreement to assure that the ownership near Hiram Hill Road was clearly understood. The last work to be done before the survey was recorded was to have the survey company install six boundary marker pins to assure that work near the Hiram Hill Road would be done in the right locations.

Funds provided by the Land & Water Conservation Fund will be available until September of 2019, but we hope that work to develop the park will be accomplished before the end of this year. Hopefully, when you have the time, you will soon be able to walk the trails on the Mt Cutler Park and Conservation Area of the Town of Hiram.

Respectfully,

Dan Hester and the Hiram Selectboard: Harold Gillman, Herbert J. Marshall, Joyce Siracuse.





## **SACOPEE VALLEY RECREATION COUNCIL**

Sacopee Valley Recreation Council continues to provide a wide variety of programs for members of the communities in the area. The council conducts business through a board of directors who are volunteers and now three paid part time program coordinators. In 2017, one coordinator resigned. A hiring committee was created and held interviews which led to the hiring of two additional coordinators.

The traditional sports programs for youth from grade K-6 include baseball, softball, field hockey, soccer and basketball.

We try to offer activities for the whole family such as cross country skiing, open gym, woman's gym night, cribbage and the annual Barn Dance in March. We continue to provide/maintain the ice rink for skating in the winter and gets a lot of use when the weather permits. We continue to offer a learn to skate program that has increasing participation numbers over the past six years. There are also programs for adults including woman's gym night and cribbage.

None of these things would be possible without the help and support of the citizens of the five towns we serve. This past year we had five new committed members join the council. We would be happy to have more people join or get involved in some way; be it refereeing, coaching, helping at dances or offering new program ideas. Volunteers are always welcome.

SVRC is a registered non-profit organization. We continue to lease the Horizons Building and must pay the heat and lights for that. Liability insurance, advertising, and equipment costs are always increasing and our fundraising through dances and other events help to keep the cost of the program down for the participants. Even so, most programs do still need to share a fee.

We would like to thank everyone for their help this past year and we look forward to another great year of programs for community member of all ages. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please let us know.

Sincerely,

SVRC Board of Directors



## TV2

First and foremost we truly appreciate the continued support of the Tv2 High School program. This year has been an exciting and refreshing one for the student managed Tv2 program. We continue to add an extensive amount of updated programming for our viewers across the MSAD55 community. We have continued to provide programming to those not served by TWC-SPECTRUM by use of streaming web media content. Our USTREAM site allows viewers who do not have access to Tv2 on their televisions to view the same content online simultaneously. By simply going to our website [www.sad55.org/tv2](http://www.sad55.org/tv2), and clicking on the “Live Now Click Here” anyone can view our live programming 24/7. We have affirmed our Tv2 online programming the same as our channel 2 programming. Again this year, SVHS students continue to work particularly hard setting up live sound and live remote broadcasting from the many school board public forums that took place during the school budget process, as well as other community and school events. Right now the number of live events on Tv2 is over 30 events for the year. This is including the 12 MSAD55 School Board Meetings, boys and girls home sporting events, the MSAD55 School Budget and other events as well. We continue to provide coverage of all school board meetings and were able to record and broadcast all of the town meetings. Every day at 7am and 7pm we replay the entire MSAD55 School Board Meeting from the past month so viewers can catch up if they missed the event. Our schedule is always posted in our bulletin board on Tv2. We also broadcasted some town events during the past year and will continue to increase the amount of events we cover in the towns that support Tv2. We made it a class goal of covering more town events in the year 2018.

Tv2 students continue to work in a classroom format perfecting their skills with processing school and community events, and updating information on our bulletin board for viewers. Students actively engage in learning valuable real life TV/Video experiences as they develop skills necessary to manage the public access channel, all usually while broadcasting, “on-the-fly”. We are very proud to provide coverage and look to always improve on the program. Many students benefit from this educational component created by the Tv2 Community Television Program in the school, several of which have pursued careers in this discipline after graduation. For most students in the program, it is their first time broadcasting events and quickly learn the skills required for the job.

In 2018, we will continue to see the results of our franchise agreement negotiations. The grant funds we received last year have enhanced the ability to provide HD broadcasting signals, audio enhancements, bringing old equipment & cameras up to date, provide a much clearer signal and more access to web capabilities, all things that have previously been a struggle. The equipment grants have placed the Tv2 station in line with the infrastructure to enhance our current operations. We look forward to continuing to reach more viewers, provide more event coverage and further expand on our current broadcasting service. As previously mentioned, our class goal is to provide more events in 2018 for all 5 towns.

If you have any important dates or events you would like townspeople to know about, please contact us and we will be glad to list them on Tv2. We may be reached at 625-2450 or via e-mail directly to the Tv2 Coordinator at [hcormier@sad55.org](mailto:hcormier@sad55.org)

This article does not require the town to raise any revenue. The franchise fee is a fee paid by each cable subscriber to TWC-SPECTRUM - above and beyond the regular cable rate - and is returned to the towns. Most municipalities dedicate these fees to the local access station, in our case Tv2. It is our goal to have Tv2 be self-sufficient, and not need to use school funds or request donations from local businesses to maintain operations.

All funds for Tv2 are managed through the MSAD #55 Finance Office and are audited every year with records kept for at least seven years.

Please feel free to contact us if you would like additional information regarding Tv2.

**Town of Hiram Health Officer  
Report for 2017**

2017 was a busy year in town with various people living alone needing to be checked on and sometimes helped. Some renters had problems with mold. Some neighbors had problems with livestock which while not in violation of town ordinances did raise hygiene concerns that were readily addressed. The fire departments on both ends of town continue to attract great volunteers who had health exams to keep them safe and involved in accord with state requirements. We hope to see the Four Corners Store reopening soon and have tried to facilitate health and safety concerns and training for proper food handling with very good cooperation on the new owners' part as well as the state.

Respectfully submitted.

Dr. Joseph R.D. deKay, D.O.

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT 2017**

To the citizens of Hiram,

It has been my pleasure to serve as Animal Control Officer for the Town of Hiram and would like to thank everyone for their help and support. If you have any question, concern or need to make a report please call me at **207-890-5313** or Oxford County Dispatch at **1-800-733-1421**.

**Dogs over the age of six months to be licensed each year by December 31<sup>st</sup> accordance with the laws of the state.** To license your dog bring proof of rabies and spay or neuter certificate, the cost to license your dog is \$6.00 (spayed or neuter) and \$11.00 (unaltered). Substantial late Fee of \$25.00 per dog becomes effective January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Also a reminder we have a **Disturbing the peace ordinance**. It shall be unlawful for anyone owning, possessing or harboring a dog to cause or permit such dog to disturb the peace of any person.

Please put tags on your pets collar (Rabies and Town Tag) it is the State Law and it helps if they are lost to get them home as soon and as safe as possible. It is against the law for any dog to be running at large.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cynthia (Cindy) Eaton



**SACO MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
Annual Report



The Saco River Festival Association would like to thank the Town of Hiram for their continued support of our programs. SRFA is a non-profit organization founded in 1976 by Frank and Ruth Glazer. Our mission is to promote quality music and arts programs in the Saco Valley area. 2017 was a busy year for us.

1. SRFA has been planning and presenting the Cornish Bandstand Series for ten years now. The summer concerts are held on Tuesday evenings beginning at 7:00 P.M. There are no admission fees, but donations are welcome. We try to find performers of a variety of musical styles, many of whom are from Maine. Refreshments are sold to help defray the cost of the performers. The summer concerts have become very popular and attendance has continued to grow. All Hiram residents are welcome to attend, and we encourage you to invite friends.
2. We dedicated some funds to start a scholarship program for summer music camps, and in 2017 helped to send two local students to unique courses.
3. Saco Elementary students enjoyed an SRFA-sponsored educational program in September by the Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers.
4. We partnered with Silas Hagerty at the Kezar Falls Theater to present a wonderful Celtic harp concert in October by Maeve Gilchrist.
5. Also in October, SRFA donated some funds to help with transportation of students to see the Portland Symphony Orchestra.
6. Additional funds provided some keyboard pedals for the SAD 55 Music Department, and a donation toward the student film-making program at the Kezar Falls Theater.
7. For a number of years the SRFA has brought the Portland Community Chorus to the Middle School Auditorium for a late fall holiday concert, but in 2017 we were not able to coordinate a date. We plan to try again this year.

We invite you to visit our website at [www.sacoriverfestival.org](http://www.sacoriverfestival.org) for additional information about our organization.

Respectfully Submitted  
Sharon Beaver, President  
Saco River Festival Association  
SRFA Board Member



## SeniorsPlus

SeniorsPlus is your Area Agency on Aging. Our mission is to assist older adults and adults with disabilities to remain independent and at home as long as possible. We do this by providing information on services, connections to services, assistance to families in navigating what the next step is in care for family members, and educational information on important ongoing topics such as Scams and Fraud, Live Well Plan Now and Informed Aging. We also provide support for family caregivers and education about anything to do with the aging process and serviced available.

We are Medicare experts, providing one-on-one assistance to pick a Medicare policy and if eligible, help enroll people in Medicare Savings Programs. Through our Marketplace to Medicare program we assist those that need to transfer from their Affordable Care Act (ACA) plan to a Medicare plan that is affordable and meets their individualized needs.

We also provide Meals on Wheels to homebound older adults and adults with disabilities. Our services are free, although donations are greatly appreciated, and we are available by phone, and home visits if needed. Your local SeniorsPlus staff member is Valerie Cole, who lives and works in Oxford County.

Our website is [www.seniorsplus.org](http://www.seniorsplus.org), and our toll-free number is 1-800-427-1241. No question or concern is too small – call us anytime.

This past year we provided services to 100 Hiram residents, including Meals on Wheels, Medicare counseling, family caregiver support and information and assistance.

## **Tri-Town Transfer Station Report**

Greetings from the Board of Directors of Tri-Town Transfer Station.

We would like to thank Alan Darling, Tim Hartnett and Teddy Day for another year of service working to help all our residents of the Tri-Town area. We wish them all the best in their new endeavors and look forward to seeing them in the community.

We welcome Mike Cote to the team as well as Joe McNalty for stepping up and taking the lead position as supervisor. They have been working very hard with long hours cleaning up the transfer station, removing the paint shack, while running a safe, efficient and effective operation. The Tri-Town Board is extremely pleased with the current operation and appearance of the Station as should be our patrons. We do have a vacancy on the staff which we will be filling in early 2018.

We have implemented many improvements at the Transfer Station this year. We continue to work on streamlining the safe operation to make waste disposal and recycling easier for our patrons. Patrons can drive in and out of the station in a single circular fashion making it much more convenient to initially drop off recyclable bulbs, batteries, cans and bottles for the SAD 55 Athletic Programs, next is household trash, then metals, construction debris, furniture and finally our ecomaine recycling. No matter what you need to discard with minimal exception we can handle it and believe that few transfer stations can do what Tri-Town does with great service for the residents of Hiram, Baldwin and Porter.

The Tri-Town Board would also like to give a big great job well done to Scott Chapman who hauls our containers into Portland. Scott is an integral part of our team and an invaluable asset. He works with the Board by using his years of experience and knowledge to improve our operations.

On October 30, 2017, three Municipal Officer's went to Sweden, Maine to inspect and operate a 2005 Case Backhoe. It was everything the Transfer Station needed for future snow removal next year (we already signed a contract for this year) as well as using it to crush down refuse in our open top containers. As we trained our Station staff on its use we tested the backhoe's ability to crush and compact refuse in three of our open top containers. When we finished compacting the refuse with the backhoe, Scott Chapman said that he felt that we saved the three towns over \$500 in tipping fees, fuel and three round trips to Portland. We are now able to double our weight in a single haul.

After purchasing the backhoe, we needed a building to store it and our hauling vehicle in. Ron Silva found a 24x40 used portable garage that we acquired for \$1000. We repaired one support pole and sewed in thirty-two feet of new zippers to prevent us from purchasing a new support pole and a new zippered end saving \$1000. Between Tim, Mike, Joe and the Selectman from all three towns we were easily able to assemble the garage which took over 85 hours to complete all aspects of the job. So, by doing the work ourselves and purchasing a used portable garage we reduced the expense by \$9,000. (New portable garage = \$8000 and cost to assemble = \$3000 total \$11,000)

Would we also like to thank all the local Businesses who helped us clear space, remove and haul trees, do electrical work and maintain of our equipment with their services.

A hardy well done and thank-you to Terry Day. Monthly, Terry keeps us informed and on track as we work throughout the year to provide quality services to our patrons.

Terry has the new Transfer Station stickers which will have the vehicle license plate number on it, so it cannot be transferred.

**Please continue to increase your recycling it will save money.**

Look for the new exciting TV-2 ads by our MSAD 55 students about the Transfer Station. Over the last five years the Tri-Town Board has sponsored a project/contest with the MSAD 55 TV-2 students to create an informative five-minute video spelling out the lay out, sticker requirement, materials that are accepted and the benefits of recycling.

Respectfully submitted,  
Harold F. Gillman, Hiram Selectman  
Chair, Tri-Town Board of Directors

***Reminders***

***Recycling saves you money!***

***We accept: Demo debris, metals, items with Freon, batteries, cellphones, electronic waste, florescent light bulbs, bulky waste. Check your towns websites for more details***

***Station hours: Tues, Weds, Fridays – 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.***

***Sat. 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.***

***Sun. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.***

***STATION MANAGER: ALAN DARLING (RESIGNED) NOW JOE MCNULTY***

***ATTENDANTS: MIKE COTE, TIM HARTNETT(RESIGNED)***

***TRUCK DRIVER – SCOTT CHAPMAN***

***STATION TEL NUMBER: 207-625-7633***

***OFFICE TEL NUMBER: 207-625-4663***

***THE TRI-TOWN BOARD WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALAN DARLING AND TIM HARTNETT FOR THEIR MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE TRANSFER STATION AND GOOD LUCK IN YOUR NEW ENDEAVORS.***



**TRI-TOWN WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY  
2017 ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE TOWNS OF BALDWIN, HIRAM AND PORTER**

<b>Opening Balance</b>		<b>\$ 46,240.44</b>
Received from:		
Town of Baldwin	\$ 70,000.00	
Town of Baldwin CD \$	11,000.00	
Town of Hiram	70,000.00	
Town of Hiram CD \$	11,000.00	
Town of Porter	70,000.00	
Town of Porter CD \$	11,000.00	
Demo Debris Fees	13,339.33	
Stickers sold for Freon removal	1,820.00	
Reimb. For metals	3,590.15	
Reimb for electronic waste	204.17	
Misc. revenues	844.01	
MSAD #55 payment to participate	16,510.93	
Total Receipts	<hr/> \$ 279,308.63	
Total		\$ 325,549.07
Paid:		
<b>TIPPING FEES:</b>		
ECOMAINE –1,637 tons	139,091.22	
CPRC – demolition debris 93.88T	8,029.49	
ECOMAINE – Bulky waste 86.95T	4,538.53	
Electronic waste	121.68	
<b>BUILDING REPAIRS:</b>		
PY Estes and Son, excavating for ditch, area For shelter, and fix washout	2,142.00	
<b>EQUIPMENT PURCHASES:</b>		
2005 CASE BACKHOE	36,000.00	
Portable shelter	1,000.00	
<b>EQUIPMENT REPAIRS</b>		
Container repairs	3,277.50	
S Chamberlain, hydraulics repairs	2,047.02	
Eastmans Welding	51.24	
Install Fencing	1,373.78	
Tractor registration	351.18	
<b>TRUCK EXPENSES:</b>		
KF Auto Parts	1,759.48	
Fuel Decal	5.00	
Dicks Used Cars & Repairs	174.00	
CN Brown fuel 2,518.19 gals	6,959.08	
Truck registration	3,691.66	
IRS-HUVT fee	320.00	
<b>TRUCK DRIVER EXPENSES:</b>		
Driver – Salary	12,005.76	

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Spare driver	184.70	
MMTA dues –	50.00	
Drug tests	210.00	
<b>ATTENDANTS PAYROLL:</b>		
Alan Darling	6,540.09	
Tim Hartnett	9,365.68	
Michael Cote	4,961.15	
Joseph McNulty	14,120.27	
Pre-employment physicals	466.00	
<b>PAYROLL EXPENSES:</b>		
Special withholding	1,012.41	
IRS tax deposits & state tx dp	11,348.81	
<b>SECRETARIAL SERVICES &amp; OFFICE SUPPLIES</b>		
Town of Hiram reimbursed	2,642.74	
Terry Day mileage	59.13	
Recycling video contest	275.00	
Shopping Guide Ads	528.00	
Quickbooks update	232.05	
Miscellaneous	246.66	
Demo tickets	267.25	
Brochures	512.80	
<b>STATION OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>		
Water bill	508.88	
CMP bill	4,002.22	
Telephone bill	738.27	
Plowing/sanding	10,282.57	
Extinguishers	120.50	
Supplies	176.16	
Hazard cabinet	270.00	
Paint & signs	133.58	
Annual license fees	461.00	
<b>INSURANCES:</b>		
General Liability/Workers Comp & Auto Insurance	16,645.00	
Total Expenses	\$ 309,299.54	
<b>Balance Carry Forward to 2018</b>		<b>\$ 16,249.53</b>

**Reminders**

***Single-sort recycling now – no need to sort your recyclables  
YOU CAN NOW BRING YOUR ELECTRONIC WASTE TO THE STATION***

***Station hours: Tues, Weds, Fridays – 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.***

***Sat. 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.***

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Town of Hiram, Maine



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February 1, 2018

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Hiram, Maine  
Hiram, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Hiram, Maine and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Hiram, Maine as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2017 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, is available for inspection at the Town Office.

Included herein are:

Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Budgetary Basis – Budget and Actual – General Fund	Schedule 1
Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds	Statement C
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds	Statement E
Schedule of Departmental Operations – General Fund	Schedule A
Combining Balance Sheet – Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule B
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule C

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TOWN OF HIRAM, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – BUDGETARY BASIS  
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1	\$ 1,964,396	\$ 1,964,396	\$ 1,964,396	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property Taxes	2,129,423	2,129,423	2,160,782	31,359
Excise Taxes	255,000	255,000	265,738	10,738
Interest on Taxes	-	-	12,702	12,702
Total Taxes	<u>2,384,423</u>	<u>2,384,423</u>	<u>2,439,222</u>	<u>54,799</u>
Intergovernmental Revenues:				
State Revenue Sharing	60,000	60,000	71,486	11,486
Homestead Exemption	59,127	59,127	54,971	(4,156)
GA Reimbursement	-	-	3,011	3,011
Local Road Assistance	50,000	50,000	50,768	768
Veteran Reimbursement	1,000	1,000	1,173	173
Park Fee	4,500	4,500	6,451	1,951
Tree Growth Reimbursement	21,000	21,000	20,418	(582)
State Snowmobile	-	298	298	-
Other	-	-	30	30
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	<u>195,627</u>	<u>195,925</u>	<u>208,606</u>	<u>12,681</u>
Licenses, Permits & Fees	<u>19,000</u>	<u>19,000</u>	<u>22,238</u>	<u>3,238</u>
Charges for Services:				
Library	5,000	5,409	5,409	-
Planning Board	-	-	348	348
Lease Income	-	-	3,600	3,600
Animal Control	-	-	656	656
Total Charges for Services	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,409</u>	<u>10,013</u>	<u>4,604</u>
Investment Income	<u>17,200</u>	<u>17,200</u>	<u>2,491</u>	<u>(14,709)</u>
Miscellaneous Revenues:				
Cable TV Franchise Fees	-	5,891	5,891	-
Sale of Town Assets	25,000	25,000	25,423	423
Miscellaneous Revenue	-	-	3,510	3,510
Transfers from Other Funds	589	589	589	-
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>25,589</u>	<u>31,480</u>	<u>35,413</u>	<u>3,933</u>
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>4,611,235</u>	<u>4,617,833</u>	<u>4,682,379</u>	<u>64,546</u>



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SCHEDULE 1 (CONTINUED)

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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – BUDGETARY BASIS  
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General Government	177,440	177,440	165,736	11,704
Boards and Associations	31,000	31,000	31,306	(306)
Maintenance	26,000	26,000	18,495	7,505
Community Services	29,800	29,800	29,800	-
Culture and Recreation	26,500	33,098	33,098	-
Protection	80,277	78,362	73,413	4,949
Cemeteries	5,400	5,400	5,292	108
Highway and Roads	450,000	450,000	423,636	26,364
Health and Sanitation	75,800	75,800	72,738	3,062
Education	1,526,288	1,526,288	1,526,288	-
County Tax	122,687	122,687	122,687	-
Unclassified	118,986	118,986	15,671	103,315
Debt Service:				
Principal	8,400	8,400	8,400	-
Capital Outlay	20,000	20,000	-	20,000
Transfers to Other Funds	60,500	62,415	62,415	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>2,759,078</u>	<u>2,765,676</u>	<u>2,588,975</u>	<u>176,701</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 1,852,157</u>	<u>\$ 1,852,157</u>	<u>\$ 2,093,404</u>	<u>\$ 241,247</u>
Utilization of Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 32,058	\$ 32,058	\$ -	\$ (32,058)
Utilization of Assigned Fund Balance	75,500	75,500	-	(75,500)
Utilization of Committed Fund Balance	4,681	4,681	-	(4,681)
	<u>\$ 112,239</u>	<u>\$ 112,239</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (112,239)</u>

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TOWN OF HIRAM, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2017

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,550,295	\$ 27,708	\$ 2,578,003
Investments	-	47,218	47,218
Accounts receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	185,050	-	185,050
Liens	52,344	-	52,344
Tax acquired property	4,028	-	4,028
Due from other funds	-	452,564	452,564
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 2,791,717</u>	<u>\$ 527,490</u>	<u>\$ 3,319,207</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 18,223	\$ -	\$ 18,223
Due to other governments	4,252	-	4,252
Due to other funds	452,564	-	452,564
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>475,039</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>475,039</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Deferred revenues	170,200	-	170,200
Advanced payment of LRAP funding	25,584	-	25,584
Prepaid taxes	27,490	-	27,490
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<u>223,274</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>223,274</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Nonspendable	4,028	68,259	72,287
Restricted	-	10,335	10,335
Committed	10	448,661	448,671
Assigned	50,000	3,903	53,903
Unassigned	2,039,366	(3,668)	2,035,698
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>2,093,404</u>	<u>527,490</u>	<u>2,620,894</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>\$ 2,791,717</u>	<u>\$ 527,490</u>	<u>\$ 3,319,207</u>

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TOWN OF HIRAM, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND  
BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Taxes:			
Property taxes	\$ 2,173,484	\$ -	\$ 2,173,484
Excise taxes	265,738	-	265,738
Intergovernmental revenues	208,606	-	208,606
Charges for services	32,251	-	32,251
Miscellaneous revenues	37,315	8,044	45,359
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>2,717,394</b>	<b>8,044</b>	<b>2,725,438</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Current:			
General government	165,736	-	165,736
Boards and associations	31,306	-	31,306
Maintenance	18,495	-	18,495
Community services	29,800	-	29,800
Culture and recreation	33,098	-	33,098
Protection	73,413	-	73,413
Cemeteries	5,292	-	5,292
Highway and roads	423,636	-	423,636
Health and sanitation	72,738	-	72,738
Education	1,526,288	-	1,526,288
County tax	122,687	-	122,687
Unclassified	15,671	22,038	37,709
Debt service:			
Principal	8,400	-	8,400
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2,526,560</b>	<b>22,038</b>	<b>2,548,598</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>190,834</b>	<b>(13,994)</b>	<b>176,840</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>			
Transfers in	589	62,415	63,004
Transfers (out)	(62,415)	(589)	(63,004)
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>(61,826)</b>	<b>61,826</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>129,008</b>	<b>47,832</b>	<b>176,840</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1</b>	<b>1,964,396</b>	<b>479,658</b>	<b>2,444,054</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31</b>	<b>\$ 2,093,404</b>	<b>\$ 527,490</b>	<b>\$ 2,620,894</b>

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SCHEDULE A

TOWN OF HIRAM, MAINE  
 SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
General Government -					
Legal and professional	5,000	\$ -	5,000	1,829	\$ 3,171
Town office operation	35,000	-	35,000	31,892	3,108
Update assessing	4,000	-	4,000	4,000	-
Town staff	70,400	-	70,400	69,229	1,171
Fringes	12,000	-	12,000	9,180	2,820
Insurance	37,040	-	37,040	36,088	952
Audit of Town books	6,500	-	6,500	6,500	-
Computer	6,000	-	6,000	5,591	409
Elections	1,500	-	1,500	1,427	73
	<u>177,440</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>177,440</u>	<u>165,736</u>	<u>11,704</u>
Boards and Associations -					
Selectmen	14,800	-	14,800	14,800	-
Tax maps	1,500	-	1,500	1,570	(70)
Code enforcement	14,500	-	14,500	14,181	319
Planning board	100	-	100	755	(655)
Appeals board	100	-	100	-	100
	<u>31,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,000</u>	<u>31,306</u>	<u>(306)</u>
Maintenance -					
Upkeep of buildings	25,000	-	25,000	18,123	6,877
Park upkeep	1,000	-	1,000	372	628
	<u>26,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,000</u>	<u>18,495</u>	<u>7,505</u>
Community Services -					
Sacopec Rescue	22,000	-	22,000	22,000	-
Southwest Oxford County	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-
Community Concepts	1,500	-	1,500	1,500	-
Seniors Plus	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-
Saco River Festival	300	-	300	300	-
	<u>29,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,800</u>	<u>29,800</u>	<u>-</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF HIRAM, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
<b>Culture and Recreation -</b>					
Soldiers Memorial Library	21,500	409	21,909	21,909	-
Sacopec recreation	3,500	-	3,500	3,500	-
Historical Historical Society	500	-	500	500	-
Hiram Development Association	500	-	500	500	-
Hiram Community Center	500	-	500	500	-
Snowmobile club	-	298	298	298	-
Sacopec High School TV	-	5,891	5,891	5,891	-
	<u>26,500</u>	<u>6,598</u>	<u>33,098</u>	<u>33,098</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Protection -</b>					
Hiram fire department	16,880	-	16,880	14,156	2,724
South Hiram fire department	19,127	-	19,127	19,187	(60)
EMA director	1,800	-	1,800	1,800	-
Communications	12,200	(1,915)	10,285	10,285	-
Animal control	2,150	-	2,150	1,548	602
Harvest Hills Animal Shelter	1,620	-	1,620	1,620	-
Hydrants	16,500	-	16,500	15,394	1,106
Street lights	10,000	-	10,000	9,423	577
	<u>80,277</u>	<u>(1,915)</u>	<u>78,362</u>	<u>73,413</u>	<u>4,949</u>
<b>Cemeteries -</b>					
Care of cemeteries	4,800	-	4,800	4,800	-
Memorial purposes	600	-	600	492	108
	<u>5,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,400</u>	<u>5,292</u>	<u>108</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF HIRAM, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Highway and Roads -					
General roads	80,000	-	80,000	79,791	209
Resurfacing account	80,000	-	80,000	80,000	-
Roads/bridges	50,000	-	50,000	30,684	19,316
Winter roads	240,000	-	240,000	233,161	6,839
	<u>450,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>450,000</u>	<u>423,636</u>	<u>26,364</u>
Health and Sanitation -					
Solid waste account	70,000	-	70,000	70,000	-
Health officer	800	-	800	800	-
General assistance	5,000	-	5,000	1,938	3,062
	<u>75,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,800</u>	<u>72,738</u>	<u>3,062</u>
Education -					
RSU #55	1,526,288	-	1,526,288	1,526,288	-
	<u>1,526,288</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,526,288</u>	<u>1,526,288</u>	<u>-</u>
County Tax -					
Oxford County	122,687	-	122,687	122,687	-
	<u>122,687</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>122,687</u>	<u>122,687</u>	<u>-</u>
Unclassified -					
Contingency	10,000	-	10,000	1,500	8,500
Maine Municipal Association	2,501	-	2,501	2,501	-
Southern Maine Planning	488	-	488	488	-
Town equipment maintenance	2,500	-	2,500	694	1,806
Abatements/overlay	103,497	-	103,497	10,488	93,009
	<u>118,986</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>118,986</u>	<u>15,671</u>	<u>103,315</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF HIRAM, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Debt Service - Principal	8,400	-	8,400	8,400	-
	<u>8,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,400</u>	<u>8,400</u>	<u>-</u>
Capital Outlay - Public works backhoe	20,000	-	20,000	-	20,000
	<u>20,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,000</u>
Transfers to Other Funds -					
Road reconstruction	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-
Building improvement	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-
Revaluation reserve	2,500	-	2,500	2,500	-
Capital improvements	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-
Tri-Town capital reserve	15,000	-	15,000	15,000	-
Vehicle reserve	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-
Sacopec Valley Rescue	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-
Outlying cemeteries	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	-
Hiram parade	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-
Radio reserve	-	1,915	1,915	1,915	-
	<u>60,500</u>	<u>1,915</u>	<u>62,415</u>	<u>62,415</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS	\$ 2,759,078	\$ 6,598	\$ 2,765,676	\$ 2,588,975	\$ 176,701

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TOWN OF HIRAM, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2017

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,708	\$ 27,708
Investments	-	-	47,218	47,218
Due from other funds	66,316	386,248	-	452,564
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 66,316</b>	<b>\$ 386,248</b>	<b>\$ 74,926</b>	<b>\$ 527,490</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>				
Nonspendable - principal	-	-	68,259	68,259
Restricted	-	-	10,335	10,335
Committed	62,413	386,248	-	448,661
Assigned	3,903	-	-	3,903
Unassigned	-	-	(3,668)	(3,668)
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>66,316</b>	<b>386,248</b>	<b>74,926</b>	<b>527,490</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 66,316</b>	<b>\$ 386,248</b>	<b>\$ 74,926</b>	<b>\$ 527,490</b>

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TOWN OF HIRAM, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES  
IN FUND BALANCES – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Interest income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 173	\$ 173
Miscellaneous	5,856	-	2,015	7,871
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>5,856</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,188</u>	<u>8,044</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Program expenditures	9,142	11,000	1,896	22,038
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>9,142</u>	<u>11,000</u>	<u>1,896</u>	<u>22,038</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(3,286)</u>	<u>(11,000)</u>	<u>292</u>	<u>(13,994)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	7,415	55,000	-	62,415
Transfers (out)	(589)	-	-	(589)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>6,826</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61,826</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	3,540	44,000	292	47,832
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	<u>62,776</u>	<u>342,248</u>	<u>74,634</u>	<u>479,658</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 66,316</u>	<u>\$ 386,248</u>	<u>\$ 74,926</u>	<u>\$ 527,490</u>

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