



**TOWN OF HIRAM
2018
ANNUAL REPORT**



RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED TO
DAVID & GLORIA PARO

Town of Hiram

The 2018 Town Report is graciously dedicated to
David & Gloria Paro

David & Gloria have been instrumental in developing our exciting, fun-filled, large 4th of July Parade! It takes most of the year to plan and invite the next years' participants and park events for the day. It has been enjoyed by hundreds from all around for many, many years and hope to continue for many more. Dave and Gloria not only organize the parade..... Dave has been an active member of the Hiram Fire Department as well as chief for a period and past driver for the Sacopee Rescue Unit. David and Gloria were the recipients of the Hubert Clemons Award in 2014 from the Hiram Historical Society.

Dave & Gloria have served, and still serve on, several committees for the town including, members of the Hiram Historical Society, Hiram Community Club, cemetery committee, and Gloria an election clerk for several years and previously were a huge help with the Town's bicentennial year-long celebrations planning and volunteering to work on all events held during the year, on the Hiram beautification committee, and Hiram Crime Watch committee where we held a huge Wake Up Call event at the school. Dave was instrumental in getting the Old Town grader out of the bushes behind his house to a platform located by the Historical Society building for it to be on display for all to see.

Since the beginning of the town Christmas giving, Dave and Gloria have been a big help. Dave delivers all the wrapped presents for Santa via HFD firetruck (when possible) to the families on the East end of Hiram and Gloria is a huge Santa's helper by doing some shopping and wrapping for Santa.

Even after the devastation of losing their home to fire in 2007, they still never sit still for long always on the go to lend a helping hand. Even working at the booth at the Fryeburg Fair for many years, making Dave's famous chili and corn chowder. Gloria always bringing sinful home baked goodies to all the events and meetings.

You two are a valuable asset to this community and we want you to know your efforts are not unnoticed or appreciated. Thank you!



*At left & top left: Dave & Gloria cooking at the Bicentennial Santa breakfast;
Right: Final install of town grader at HHS*

Town of Hiram, Maine

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

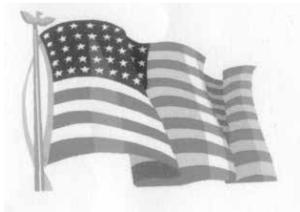


**For the Fiscal Year Ending
December 31, 2018**

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DISCLAIMER

*This town report is for informational purposes only.
We apologize for any errors or omissions that
we may 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, 2019, notify in writing the assessors of Hiram, and furnish proof of entitlement. Excerpt of Public Laws of the State of Maine passed by 95th 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, 2019, 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 2018

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Elected – 3 year terms – March

Herbert J Marshall	2019
Joyce Siracuse	2020
Eric Durgin	2021

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

Gary Pierce

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

Elected – 3 year term – March

Sue Melanson	2019
Amanda Watson	2020
Arthur Melanson	2021

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Elected – 5 year term - March



Sally Williams	2019
Ellie Stein	2020
Susan Hamilton	2021
Dan Hester	2022
Dianne Jewett	2023

Alt. Trustees

Patrica Dietzel	2019
Pamela Hild	2020

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Appointed – 2 year term – January 2021

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

Bruce Smith

**APPEALS BOARD
FAIR HEARING AUTHORITY**

Appointed – 3 year term

Sylvia Pease	April	2019
Elwyn Day	March	2020
Grace Gilpatrick	April	2020
Jan Williams	April	2021
William Johnson	April	2021

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Appointed – 3 year term – April

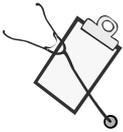
Added two Positions 2018

Stacey Richard	2019
Walter Brink (fill resignation)	2019
Donna Ward	2020
J. Bruce Nason	2020
Harold Gillman	2020
Delbert Gilpatrick	2021
Michael Singleton	2021

HEALTH OFFICER

Appointed – 3 year term – March

Dr. Joseph DeKay, D.O. 2021



TOWN HISTORIAN

Appointed – 1 year term – March

Hubert Clemons



PLANNING BOARD

Appointed – 3 year term - March

Stephanie Rainieri (fill resignation)	2019
John Bonanno (fill resignation)	2019
Carol Goode	2020
Ron Richards	2021
Guy Lehouillier	2021

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 & DEVELOPMENT COMM.

Appointed 1 Year Term

Jan Williams

Joyce Siracuse - Alt

TOWN COUNSEL

Leah Rachin
Bergen & Parkinson, LLC

TRI-TOWN WASTE DISPOSAL BOARD

Hiram -	Herbert J Marshall Joyce Syracuse
Baldwin -	Eric Durgin Jim Dolloff Dwight Warren
Porter -	Jeff Sanborn Ron Silvia Brent Day Rob Heard – Chair
Secretary/Bookkeeper	Terry Day
Station Attendants	Joe McNulty Michael Cote Tim Caldwell



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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Maine
Senate District 19

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Appropriations and Financial Affairs
Ranking Member

January 2019

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Let me start by thanking you for the honor to serve you in the Maine Senate. It has been an immense privilege for me to represent you in the Senate the past several years. This term marks my fourth and final term in the Maine Senate. When concluded, I will have completed sixteen total years of service in the Maine Legislature.

Following the November elections, the newly-elected 129th Legislature was sworn-in on December 5, 2018. One of the very first acts of this legislature was presiding over the inauguration of Governor Janet Mills. The Mills Administration has inherited a strong Maine economy with record-low unemployment and a state budget that has had surpluses instead of shortfalls. After years of sound fiscal management, such as paying off the \$500 million Maine owed to our hospitals, our state is in a much stronger position financially. Maintaining sound fiscal policies will be a top priority of mine.

Many decisions for the first six months of this legislature will surround the makeup of the next two-year budget. For the third straight term, I have been appointed to serve on the legislature's budget writing panel, the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee. Making sure that we maintain a state government that Mainers can afford will be a primary focus for me.

The current budget gave an historic increase in funding to K-12 education. Finding a way to maintain the increased funding along with funding other programs, including municipal revenue sharing and Medicaid expansion, will be the challenge for this legislature; compromises will need to be found.

The opioid epidemic continues to devastate our state and communities. Drug addiction affects Mainers from every walk of life: young to old, urban to rural, affluent to poor. Finding solutions that help quell the flow of these poisons into our state will be a priority for me. It is important that the legislature support treatment programs that have proven results for Maine families.

As your State Senator, I am glad to assist you in navigating our state's bureaucracy. If you ever have any state-related matters that you need help resolving, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached by email at james.hamper@legislature.maine.gov or by phone at (207) 287-1505. Thank you again for trusting me to represent you in Augusta.

Sincerely,



James M. Hamper
State Senator



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Dear Friends & Neighbors:

Now in my third term in Maine's House of Representatives, I want to take this opportunity to extend my gratefulness to the good people of Hiram for allowing me to be your voice in Augusta. My colleagues and I are optimistic about 2019, maintaining an open mind with a thoughtful and caring approach. Our state is positioned well economically: record-low unemployment, record-high State revenues, a record-high number of employers, and the fastest net-earning growth in New England. Accordingly, newly sworn-in Governor Mills is presented with the ability to keep Maine on course for continued success.

Over the coming months of the 129th Legislature's First Regular Session, I look forward to my new role as a member of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee. This panel's jurisdiction includes General Fund appropriations and general fiscal policy; federal funds allocations, special revenue, and block grant allocations when part of a biennial or supplemental budget; the Budget Stabilization Fund; general obligation bond issues; collective bargaining funding; budgeting methodologies; review of financial orders; and financial evaluation of agencies of State Government. Moreover, legislative leadership has appointed me as the ranking member of the House Ethics Committee.

As your representative, I encourage you to take an active interest in the events unfolding under the State House dome. You can always monitor committee proceedings and floor debate in the House and Senate via the Web, <http://legislature.maine.gov/>, while my regular e-newsletter contains beneficial administrative insight and public service announcements. If you have not yet signed up to receive this publication, please send me your e-mail address, and also be sure to "Like" my page on Facebook.

Again, the faith and trust you have placed in me to serve you at the capitol is appreciated. Should you have questions or concerns about State Government, or if I can be of assistance in navigating the oftentimes overwhelming State bureaucracy, feel free to contact my office, 287-1440.

Sincerely,

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

Nathan J. Wadsworth – State Representative

Town of Hiram, Maine

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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.

As Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, I worked to help ensure the well-being of our seniors. The *SeniorSafe Act* I authored became law last year and is empowering banks, credit unions, and other financial institutions to better protect seniors from financial fraud.

Following extensive committee investigations of prescription drug pricing, additional legislation I crafted became law, ending the egregious practice of pharmacy “gag clauses” that prevented pharmacists from informing patients on how to pay the lowest possible price.

This year, I was also successful in securing an extra \$425 million for Alzheimer’s research—the largest funding increase ever—bringing the total to \$2.34 billion. Additionally, the bipartisan *BOLD Act* I authored will create public health infrastructure to combat Alzheimer’s by promoting education, early diagnosis, and improved care management.

More than 40 million Americans—including 178,000 Mainers—are caregivers for parents, spouses, children, and other loved ones with disabilities or illnesses, such as Alzheimer’s. The *RAISE Family Caregivers Act* I authored was signed into law last year, giving caregivers more resources and training to better balance the full-time job of caregiving. Another law I wrote will help grandparents who are raising grandchildren, largely due to the opioid addiction crisis.

In addition to helping seniors, a major accomplishment over the past year is the increased federal investment in biomedical research that is leading to progress in the fight against numerous devastating diseases. Congress has boosted funding for the National Institutes of Health by \$7 billion in just the last three years, bringing total funding to more than \$39 billion.

One of my highest priorities as Chairman of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee is to improve our nation’s crumbling infrastructure and ensure that Maine’s needs are addressed. Since the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Grants program, formerly known

as TIGER, was established in 2009, I have secured \$160 million for vital transportation projects throughout Maine.

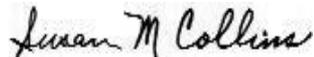
Congress also delivered a Farm Bill last year, which includes many important provisions that will help the agriculture industry in Maine and across the country. Specifically, I secured provisions that will strengthen support for young farmers, improve local farm-to-market efforts, and increase funding for organic research.

Congress took decisive action to address the opioid addiction epidemic. In addition to appropriating \$8.5 billion in federal funding last year, Congress enacted the *SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act*, a comprehensive package that embraces the multipronged approach I have long advocated for this epidemic: prevention, treatment, recovery, and enforcement to stop drug trafficking.

Maine plays a key role in ensuring a strong national defense. In 2018, Congress provided funding for five ships to be built at Bath Iron Works, which will help to keep our nation safe and provide our skilled shipbuilders a steady job. I also secured more than \$162 million for infrastructure projects at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to support their important work to overhaul Navy submarines.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. In December 2018, I cast my 6,834th consecutive vote, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact one of my state offices or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2019 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

Town of Hiram, Maine

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ARMED SERVICES
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INTELLIGENCE
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Dear Friends,

As I travel Maine, I hear from people who live in every corner of our state. I hear about their achievements, their successes, their work to improve their communities – I hear about the hope they have for our state. I also hear about our challenges, and all the work we have left to do. As I see it, that’s my job: to listen to you, act where I can to build on what’s good, and work on the tough parts. As 2018 comes to a close, I wanted to take a moment to share an update on some of the work we’re doing in Washington to lift up the accomplishments of Maine people and make progress on the challenges they face.

From Portland to Presque Isle, from Milo to Camden, I hear about the pain that the opioid epidemic is inflicting on Maine communities. I’ve met with Maine people in recovery, family members of those struggling with substance use disorders, treatment providers, and law enforcement officials to learn about their experiences with this terrible disease, and everyone agrees that in order to fully respond to these problems, we need a stronger federal effort to end the opioid epidemic. Fortunately, some help is on the way – in October, we overwhelmingly passed a sweeping, bipartisan opioids bill. I’ve pushed hard for this type of legislation and was proud to have provisions I’ve advocated for included in the bill. These priorities have been guided by the voices of Maine people, and we’ll keep working to confront this tragic problem.

I’ve also worked to strengthen the future of our forest economy. Maine’s forests have powered our state’s economy for generations, especially in our rural communities. So, when rapid shifts in the market led to the closure of many pulp and paper mills and biomass power plants, it required a collaborative approach to support future growth in this important industry. That’s why, together with the other members of the state’s Congressional delegation, I pushed to establish the Economic Development Assessment Team (EDAT). This integrated, multiagency effort aims to foster innovation and commercialization in Maine’s forest economy, and we’re already seeing the benefits: in recent months, several forest industry businesses have announced significant investments into Maine operations, and in September 2018, the Forest Opportunity Roadmap (FOR)/Maine released an action plan to make sure this industry, and the rural communities it supports, can continue to thrive for generations to come.

As I close this letter, please allow me to express my gratitude to each of you – for your dedication to our state, and to one another. It’s often said that Maine is like a big small town (with very long streets) – that’s because at our heart, we’re one big community. It’s not only a pleasure to serve you – it’s a pleasure to know you. Thank you for being the reason Maine is so special. Mary and I hope that 2019 will be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our great State.



Angus King Jr, United States Senator

Town of Hiram, Maine



STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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Dear Citizens of Maine:

For the past eight years as your Governor, my priority has been to make Maine prosperous. I am proud to say that my administration has had some success, but there is more that can be done.

Mainers experienced strong, record-setting economic growth in 2018, setting so many new records: a record-high number of employers; a record-high number of private-sector jobs; record-high revenues for the state; record-low unemployment; and the fastest net-earnings growth in New England. Our poverty rate declined to the lowest since 2005 with the fewest number of children in poverty in 17 years. Maine's future is the brightest it has been in decades: there's more new businesses, more money in your paycheck, and better opportunities for our children. And that's what it's all about: the future of our state.

We have brought stability to state finances and implemented pro-business, pro-growth policies across state government. The incoming administration is taking on a state government that is vastly improved—both structurally and financially—from the one I inherited. Therefore, I have suggested to the new administration that now is the time to cut taxes by an additional 20 percent.

My administration lowered taxes by 20 percent for more than half-a-million Mainers. Cutting taxes for our families has proven to be an excellent policy decision. Despite this cut, we are seeing higher revenue in almost every tax category—sales and use tax, individual income tax, and corporate income tax. We must always remember that the revenue we receive in taxes is due to the hard work of Maine's people. Democrats stated they want to use surplus money to fully fund revenue sharing at 5 percent, rather than the 2 percent the towns have received for the past 6 years. **However, there is no guarantee your local government will cut your property taxes by one penny—never mind dollar-for-dollar—if revenue sharing is increased.**

The people of Maine and the municipal balance sheets would be better off if the state cut income taxes and allowed municipalities to collect property taxes or service fees from non-profits to supplement the local property taxes. Everyone should contribute to the operation of local community governments.

I encourage you to pay attention to what happens in your municipality and in Augusta. So many good people have worked much too hard to achieve our current prosperity. We must avoid letting politicians drive Maine's finances and its economy back into the ground. I promise you that I will be watching.

Sincerely,
Paul R. LePage
Governor

2018 APPROPRIATIONS

APPROVED BY VOTERS:

Town Office Operations	35,000.00
MMA	2,523.00
Computer Software/equipment	5,000.00
Update tax maps	1,600.00
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	23,600.00
Audit	6,500.00
Update Assessing	4,500.00
Towns Share Social Security	12,000.00
Town Staff	75,120.00
Code Enforcement Officer	14,500.00
Election Clerks	1,800.00
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.	18,538.00
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	37,600.00
General Roads	100,000.00
Road Resurfacing	100,000.00
Roads,Bridges, town lot	50,000.00
Winter Roads	240,000.00
Town equipment purchase	40,000.00
Town equipment maintenance & repairs	2,500.00
Radios for public works trucks	12,200.00
General Assistance	5,000.00
Solid Waste	74,250.00
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	2,000.00
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

Town of Hiram, Maine

Revaluation Reserve	3,500.00
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	655.38
Park Upkeep	2,000.00
Mt. Cutler Grant	130,000.00

TOTAL TOWN BUDGET 1,214,524.38

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

Unemployment Compensation	1,000.00
Park Upkeep	2,000.00
Emergency Fund	10,000.00
Library reimbursement	7,100.00
Snowmobile revenues	655.38
State revenue sharing	69,000.00
Park Fee Sharing	6,000.00
Veteran reimbursement	1,100.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	20,000.00
Interest earned	15,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	25,000.00
Excise Tax	260,000.00
Surplus	20,000.00
Local Roads	50,000.00
SHFD	3,093.00
Harvest Hills	1,620.00
Roads, bridges, town lot	19,300.00
Winter roads	6,800.00
Equipment purchases	20,000.00
Equipment repairs	1,800.00
Computer	3,000.00
Town property	6,800.00
Mt. Cutler Grant funds	130,000.00

TOTAL FUNDS/SURPLUS & REVENUES \$ 679,268.38
TO REDUCE COMMITMENT:

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Real Estate Valuation	\$ 154,834,140.00
Homestead Exemption Valuation	8,335,320.00
Personal Property Valuation	772,070.00

TOTAL VALUATION:	\$ 163,941,530.00
TOTAL TAXABLE VALUATION	155,606,210.00
Homestead	5,209,575.00

Base Assessment	\$ 160,815,785.00
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Raised at Town Meeting	\$ 1,214,524.38
MSAD #55 Assessment	1,554,517.62
County Tax	142,199.00
Overlay	111,113.37

ASSESSMENTS	\$ 2,911,241.00
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*LESS ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS	- 679,268.38
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TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT W/OVERLAY	\$2,267,182.48
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Rate of taxation - \$14.57 per thousand

Committed to the Tax Collector July 12, 2018 and interest started 60 days after commitment date, September 11, 2018

!!!! 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**

**MARCH 1st & 2nd, 2019
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 1st, 2019 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
 - Soldiers Memorial Library Trustee Alternate – 5 yr term
 - Road Commissioner – 3 year term

When the polls are closed, the meeting will recess until 9:00 a.m. Saturday, the 2nd day of March 2019, 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 \$615.66 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 \$615.66.
- ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,200.00 for operating and maintenance costs for the Sacopee Rescue Unit.
Municipal Officers & BC recommend raise and appropriate \$24,200 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

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- ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Time Warner (Spectrum) Franchise Fee and any grant monies for Sacopee TV received by the town minus the amount spent for high speed internet service to the Town Office and South Hiram Fire Department to the Sacopee TV at the SVHS. 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 1301.
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 \$4,600.00
- ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the Seniors Plus Organization, per their request by petition.
Municipal Officers & BC recommend \$1,000.00
- 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 & BC recommend: \$1,500
- 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
- ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for the Smooth Feather Youth and Excursions team per their request by petition.
Municipal Officers and BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$600.00**

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.
- 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 2019 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2020, to the March 2020 annual Town Meeting.
Explanation: This article legalizes municipal expenditures made after the fiscal year ends but before the annual town meeting.

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- 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 2019.
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 **and further allow the Municipal Officers to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic foreclosures when it is in the best interest of the Town.**
- 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 2019 commitment date.
The Municipal Officers and budget committee recommend 60 days after the 2019 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 2019 Overlay abated taxes to any property owner that have paid their taxes prior to approval of the abatement.
Municipal Officers & BC recommend 3% for 2019
- ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to accept any and all types of trusts and/or grant funds that are in the best interest of the Town. 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.
- 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.

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- 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 \$200.00 plus fees received for the Hiram Planning Board and Hiram Appeals Board.
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$200.00 plus fees received**
- ARTICLE 25. 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 26. 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 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,563.00 for MMA dues for 2019.
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$2,563.00.
- ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$591.00 for dues to the Southern Maine Planning and Development for 2019.
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$591.00
- ARTICLE 29. 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 30. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing necessary software and/or equipment for office.
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$5,000.00
- ARTICLE 31. 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 2019.
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$1,600.00

- ARTICLE 32.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$37,840.00** for upkeep and repairs to any town owned properties which includes up to **\$12,000.00** to be taken from the building maintenance reserve account.
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$37,840.00. (this includes \$17,840.00 to come from surplus and up to \$12,000 from Building maintenance reserve account to reduce the commitment)
- ARTICLE 33. 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 34. 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 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,800.00 for Municipal Officers Compensation and Mileage reimbursement.
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$14,800.
- ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 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 \$3,000.00.
- ARTICLE 37.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$73,700.00** for Town Office Staff and **\$4,000** for Fire Chiefs, totaling **\$77,700.00** for compensation.
Municipal Officers and BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$73,700 for Town office Staff, \$4,000.00 for Fire Chiefs, totaling \$77,700.00 for compensation.
- ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for the Elections.
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$2,500.00
- ARTICLE 39. 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.
- ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for the Town of Hiram Health Officer stipend.
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$800.00

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- ARTICLE 41. 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 42. 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 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,500.00 for the Town's Share of Social Security on employees of the Town.
Municipal Officers and BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$12,500.00.**

RESERVE ACCOUNT ARTICLES:

- ARTICLE 44. 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
- 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 \$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 47. 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 48. 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 49. 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.

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ARTICLE 50. 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.

PROTECTION ARTICLES:

ARTICLE 51. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,200.00 for the Communications Account for the dispatching and communication services for all departments. Any unexpended balance at years end will be put into a special revenue account for communications. Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise & appropriate \$12,200.00

ARTICLE 52. 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. **Any unexpended balance at year end will be put into a designated special revenue account for the HFD**
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise & appropriate \$16,880.00 with unexpended balance going to special revenue account.

ARTICLE 53. 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. **Any unexpended balance at year end will be put into a designated special revenue account for the SHFD.**
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$18,538.00 with unexpended balance going to special revenue account.

ARTICLE 54. 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 55. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000.00 for existing street lights for the ensuing year. Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$11,000.00

ARTICLE 56. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$57,800.00** 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: raise and appropriate \$57,800.00.
BC recommends: raise and appropriate: \$38,600.00

ARTICLE 57. 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 58.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,350.00 which includes reimbursement from the State for the General Assistance Account.
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$9,350.00 which includes reimbursements.
- ARTICLE 59. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000.00 for the Solid Waste Account.
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$90,000.00

ROAD ARTICLES:

- ARTICLE 60. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,400.00 for final payment for the land purchase from Delbert and Grace Gilpatrick.
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: raise and appropriate \$8,400.00
- ARTICLE 61. 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 62.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000.00 for Summer Roads as follows:
\$100,000.00, for the General Road Maintenance
\$100,000.00, for Paving
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: Raise and appropriate \$200,000.00 which includes monies received from Local Roads.
- ARTICLE 63. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$245,000.00 for Winter Road Maintenance.
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: Raise and appropriate \$245,000.00,
- ARTICLE 64. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$30,000.00 from the Public Works Reserve Account, which includes monies from the sale of the previously town owned loader/backhoe, for the purpose of purchasing a dump truck and flatbed trailer. (A committee would be formed to review any equipment prior to any purchase being made.)
Municipal Officers and BC recommend raise & appropriate up to \$30,000.00 to be taken from the Public Works reserve account.
- ARTICLE 65. 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.

ARTICLE 66. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Officers to enter into a contract for a period of not more than three (3) years, for the purpose of providing winter road maintenance for the South End, on such terms as they deem to be in the Town's best interest.
Municipal Officers & BC recommend: to do so

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

ARTICLE 67. 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 68. 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:

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 69. 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 70. 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 71. 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 72. 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

ARTICLE 73. 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 74. 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 75.** Shall the Inhabitants of the Town of Hiram vote to adopt the up-to-date State mandated Shoreland Zoning Ordinance as written and repeal the current Shoreland Zoning Ordinance in its entirety. Planning board & CEO recommend to do so.
- ARTICLE 76.** To see if the Town will vote change the Soldiers Memorial Library Trustees from elected to appointed positions beginning with the 2020 town meeting. Municipal Officers recommend to do so
Library trustees recommend: to do so.
- 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,
H. Jamie Marshall
Joyce Syracuse
Eric Durgin
Town of Hiram
Municipal Officers

Municipal Officers Report
Year Ending December 31, 2018

Greetings from your selectboard and town staff. I feel confident in stating that everyone has done their absolute best to try and keep the local tax burden to a minimum during 2018. Through grants and local donations we have finally completed the acquisition of the Mt. Cutler Park, an area of immense beauty that is now available free of charge for all to enjoy. Hopefully, in the future, we will make it even more accessible with the addition of trailhead parking on Hiram Hill Rd. All of this being done at no cost to the town! The town is fortunate to have involved, forward thinking citizens who help by finding grant monies and volunteer their time to do the necessary paperwork to secure it.

We have improved our infrastructure and made more dollars available for direct work on our roads. With the assistance of the Road Commissioner, we were able to find a suitable backhoe for use on our local roads. This shifts part of the road budget from rental of equipment to increased man-hours of ditching, brushwork, culvert replacement, etc. This will increase the longevity of our roads and save us all more tax money in the long run. We have an article in the warrants today to purchase a medium sized dump truck and trailer for use by our Road Commissioner to haul around that new backhoe and limit the wear and tear of driving it from one end of town to the other. We hired a contractor to replace the bridge on Ten Mile Brook Rd at a fraction of previous estimates for this type of work. We hope to continue these types of projects and work to improve our roadways as much as the tax dollars allow. I want to take a moment and personally thank our Road Commissioner, Greg Sawyer, for his cooperation and willingness to work with the board as we try to find ways to save us all money.

We will surely face many tough decisions in the future when it comes to how we spend our tax dollars. It should go without saying that our children's education is crucial and no dollar can be better spent than that invested in their future. A well-educated and gainfully employed person is happier, healthier, and a more productive member of society. The Board wants to thank the efforts of the School Board, Administrative Staff and most of all, the classroom teachers and direct support staff for their outstanding work and efforts to fulfill the mission, vision and guiding principles of MSAD 55. My personal hope is that we continue to expand the availability of training for the trades and other professional services. Earlier (local) training and employment opportunities help steer our youth away from other distractions and provide self-worth, hope, and a vision for the future.

In closing, the Board wishes to recognize the years of dedicated service our town staff has given, and continues to give on a daily basis. Everyone that interacts with the office can easily see the work that Terry and Marylou do to serve our citizens. However, prior to my tenure on this board, I had no idea the immense amount of work that goes on behind the scenes. Simply put, we would be foundering without them. As we

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progress through the new year, I would ask that you look inward and ask yourself if you are doing all you can do? Are you working to improve yourself? Are you doing all you can do to help your neighbor? If you answered yes to these two questions, and still have a desire to do more, consider volunteering for a town board or committee, or better yet-be a volunteer firefighter!

May the circle be unbroken, may the good in mankind be the only seed you sow, may the sun shine upon you and just enough rain fall to let your crops grow. We wish all who have passed fair winds and following seas, and welcome our newest members with open arms and warm hugs.

Respectfully Submitted,
Herbert James Marshall, Chairperson



2018 Sacopee TV crew at town meeting

MUNICIPAL OFFICER'S REPORT



EXCISE TAX



Received:	
Auto Registrations	\$ 291,302.48
Boat Registrations	1,678.00
Transferred to other towns	- 1,774.50
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Total	\$ 291,205.98
Applied to 2018 commitment	\$ 260,000.00
Balance to Surplus	\$ 31,205.98



Del and Grace Gilpatrick receiving the Spirit of America award for 2018

COUNTY TAX

Assessed:		\$ 142,199.00
Paid:		
Oxford County Treasurer		\$ 142,199.00



STATE MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING

Received from State Treasurer		\$ 76,682.17
Applied to 2018 commitment	\$ 69,000.00	
Balance to Surplus		\$ 7,682.17

OVERLAY

Assessed 2018 Commitment	\$ 111,113.37
Supplements	866.74
Abatements	- 2,184.29
Balance	\$ 109,795.82



David & Gloria receiving the Hubert Clemons award in 2014

ADMINISTRATION



LEGAL EXPENSES

Raised at town meeting		\$ 5,000.00
Paid:		
Town issues	\$ 617.50	
CEO issues	1,697.50	
Total expenses	<hr/>	\$ 2,315.00
Total		\$ 2,685.00



MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES



Received:		
Town Fees		\$ 6,445.50
Plumbing Permit Fees (75%)		3,070.00
Vital Statistics fees		953.80
Building Permit Fees		5,761.27
Lien Charges & Fees		4,701.21
Lease income		3,600.00
Miscellaneous		2,522.76
Total Received		<hr/>
Applied to reduce 2018 commitment	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 27,054.54
Balance to Surplus		\$ 2,054.54



2018 Town Meeting





TOWN OFFICE OPERATIONS



Raised	\$ 35,000.00
Received Reimb. for office supplies	103.97

Bal	\$ 35,103.97
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Paid:	
Heating Oil 1,056.30 gals	\$ 2,114.45
Electric Bill	2,217.55
Telephone Bill	988.63
Water Bill	478.59
Office Supplies	3,424.47
Postage	3,547.90
Town report	907.17
Moderator	100.00
Posting warrants	40.00
Furnace repair/cleaning	441.62
Mowing	372.00
Shoveling	225.00
Cleaning Town Office	1,560.00
Copier contract	274.45
Software agreement	9,957.81
Postage Meter contract	425.37
Workshops	482.57
Dues	309.00
Registry of Deeds	2,640.30
Ads	1,674.90
Town office mileage	106.04
Town Clerk mileage	424.56



Total Expenses	\$ 32,712.38
Balance lapsed to surplus	\$ 2,391.59



Hiram Town Office
25 Allard Circle



COMPUTER SOFTWARE/EQUIPMENT

Appropriated		\$ 5,000.00
Paid:		
Installed SQL	525.00	
Fixed anti-virus	75.00	
Computer monitor & program	221.43	
3 new computers	2,960.00	
Computer repairs	75.00	
Scanner for CVR	322.81	
Total	<u>\$ 4,179.24</u>	
Balance to surplus		\$ 820.76

MMA DUES

Raised:		\$ 2,523.00
Paid:		
Maine Municipal Association		\$ 2,523.00

PLANNING BOARD

Raised:		\$ 100.00
Received from fees		1,046.88
Total		<u>\$ 1,146.88</u>
Paid:		
Ads	\$ 286.20	
Postage	234.03	
Total	<u>\$ 520.23</u>	
Balance to PB reserve account		\$ 626.65





APPEALS BOARD

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



STATE PLUMBING FEES

Received from Plumbing Permits	\$ 1,186.25
Paid:	
Treasurer State of Maine	\$ 1,186.25

**MUNICIPAL OFFICERS COMPENSATION
&
MILEAGE**

Raised:	\$ 13,000.00
Special town meeting	1,800.00
Removed at special town meeting	- 4,766.82
Total	<hr/> \$10,033.18
Paid:	
Municipal Officers	\$10,033.18

UPDATE ASSESSING

Raised at a special town meeting	\$ 4,500.00
Paid:	
Ben Thompson, single assessor	\$ 2,250.00
Balance to Surplus	\$2,250.00



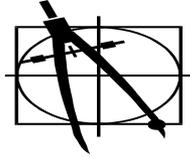
Dave & Gloria's house fire in 2007



Dave & Gloria's new home same lot

SOUTHERN MAINE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Raised		\$ 488.00
Paid:		
SMRPC dues		\$ 488.00



SOLDIERS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Raised:		\$ 16,500.00
Received from Library		6,986.38

Total		<hr style="width: 100%; border: 0.5px solid black;"/> \$ 23,486.38
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Paid:		
Librarian salary	\$ 22,174.93	
Heating Oil 620 gals	1,231.45	
Shoveling/plowing	80.00	

Total	<hr style="width: 100%; border: 0.5px solid black;"/>	\$ 23,486.38
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AUDIT

Raised		\$ 6,500.00
Paid:		
RHR Smith, town audit		\$ 6,500.00

UPDATE TAX MAPS

Raised		\$ 1,600.00
Paid:		
John O'Donnell & Assoc		\$ 1,600.00



UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Appropriated from Fund Balance		\$ 1,000.00
Balance to fund bal.		\$ 1,000.00

TOWN OFFICE STAFF

Raised:		\$ 75,120.00
Special town meeting		4,766.82
Received reimbursement from Tri-Town		1,670.46
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		\$ 81,557.28

Paid:		
Terry Day/Admin.Assist./deputy		
E911 address officer/GA admin		
PB & AB secretary	\$ 35,364.41	
Terry Day/Tri-Town Treas/Sec	1,670.46	
Marylou Stacey/Twn Clk, Tx. Coll., Treasurer, Reg.of Voters	38,497.86	
Bruce Pyburn, HFD chief	2,000.04	
James Siracuse, SHFD chief	2,000.04	



Total Expenditures	<hr/>	\$ 79,532.81
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Balance		\$ 2,024.47
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CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Raised:		
CEO, salary		14,500.00

Paid:		
Bruce Smith, CEO		12,000.00
CEO supplies		152.67
CEO training		316.00
Mileage		2,000.00

Total	<hr/>	\$ 14,468.67
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Balance to fund bal.		\$ 31.33
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ELECTION OFFICIALS/WORKERS

Raised:		\$ 1,800.00
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Paid:		
Election Workers		\$ 1,470.00
Election food		110.94

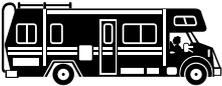
Total	<hr/>	1,580.94
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Balance		\$ 219.06
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TOWNS SHARE OF SOCIAL SECURITY

Raised		\$ 12,000.00
Received reimb. from Tri-town		127.79
Librarian taxes from library account		1,575.85
Total		<hr/> \$ 13,703.64
Paid:		
Towns Share of IRS tax deposits	\$ 11,439.12	
Balance to fund Balance		<hr/> \$ 2,264.52



MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION

Opening balance		\$ 289.00
Received from registrations (state portion)		\$ 144,879.44
Paid:		
Secretary of State, MVD		\$ 142,946.99
Balance		\$ 2,221.45



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



Opening balance		\$ 3,715.00
Received from Lic. Fees (State portion)		\$ 21,271.87
total		<hr/> \$ 24,986.87
Paid:		
Treasurer State of ME		\$ 22,221.07
Balance		\$ 2,765.80

ANIMAL WELFARE

Opening balance		\$ 209.00
Received from licenses		1,004.00
Total		<hr/> \$ 1,213.00
Paid:		
Animal Welfare Board	\$ 976.00	
Balance		\$ 237.00

EDUCATION

Assessed:		\$ 1,554,517.62
Paid:		
MSAD #55		\$ 1,554,517.62

EMERGENCY EXPENSES

Voted at town meeting to appropriate up to		\$ 10,000.00
Paid:		
Mt. Cutler closing taxes	661.12	
Code Books	299.75	
Voting Booth	915.30	
SHFD 10 buckets foam	950.00	
Total Paid	<hr/> \$ 2,826.17	
Balance		\$ 7,173.83



Sally Williams receiving the 2018 Hubert Clemons Award



HEALTH & SANITATION



GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Raised:		\$ 5,000.00
Received reimbursement for expenses		3,878.46
Total		<u>\$ 8,878.46</u>
Paid:		
Heating Oil, 896.3 gals	\$ 2,204.50	
Electricity bills	109.65	
Food Vouchers	2,930.44	
Furnace repair	401.92	
Medicines	42.23	
Gas	10.00	
Rents	3,010.00	
Total expenses	<u>\$ 8,708.74</u>	
Balance to fund balance		\$ 169.72



SOLID WASTE



Raised:		\$ 74,250.00
Raised for reserve		15,000.00
Total		<u>\$ 85,000.00</u>
Paid:		
Tri-Town Waste Disposal Board	\$ 74,250.00	
Placed into a reserve	15,000.00	
Total	<u>\$ 85,000.00</u>	

TRI-TOWN WASTE RESERVE ACCOUNT

Withdrew		\$ 5,000.00
Paid:		
Tri-Town Waste for 1/3 share of capital expenses		\$ 5,000.00

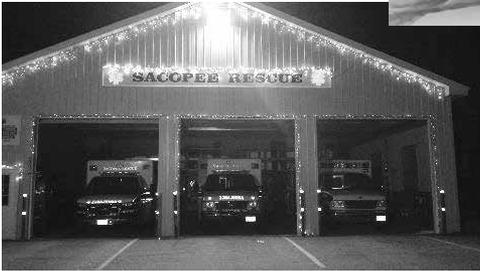
Town of Hiram, Maine



SACOPEE RESCUE UNIT
17 Allard Circle, Hiram



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



HEALTH OFFICER

Raised
Paid:
Dr. Joseph Dekay, D.O.



\$ 800.00
\$ 800.00



TOWN BUILDING REPAIRS

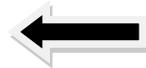
Raised & Appropriated		\$ 25,000.00
Received from insurance company for damaged Cemetery fence		3,618.00
Balance		<u>\$ 28,618.00</u>
Paid:		
Misc. repairs		
SHFD repairs	106.68	
HFD repairs	802.88	
Town office repairs	7,073.48	
Spring Cemetery fence repairs	3,618.00	
Total	<u>\$ 11,576.04</u>	
Balance		\$ 17,841.96



DAMAGE DONE TO SPRING CEMETERY FENCE BY AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT



Repairs done
 By
 Tim Greene
 DBA/Standfast
 Works Forge
 Parsonsfield, ME
 Beautiful Job!
 Thank-you
 Tim





HIGHWAYS



LOCAL ROAD ASSISTANCE

Received from State		\$ 50,946.00
Appropriated to commitment	\$50,000.00	
Lapse to reserve account		\$ 946.00



GENERAL ROADS MAINTENANCE



Raised:		\$ 100,000.00
Received reimbursements		493.24

Total		\$ 100,493.24
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Paid:

Greg Sawyer, Road Commissioner	\$ 14,217.00
Road Crew	10,303.00
Culverts	6,648.85
Cold Patch	10,643.10
Gravel	7,996.34
Hot top	7,762.15
Road signs	349.41
Parts & supplies	3,936.85
Workshop	250.00
Sweeping Roads	941.80
Town backhoe fuel & oils	242.57
Town backhoe manuals	1,049.27
Equipment Rental,	
Greg Sawyer, Backhoe	13,865.00
Truck	12,590.00
Dump truck	7,393.00

Total	\$ 98,188.34	
Balance		\$ 2,304.90

Replacement of Ten Mile Bridge - 2018



Old Bridge



New Bridge done by Dirigo Timberlands





ROAD RESURFACING ACCOUNT

Raised:		\$ 100,000.00
Paid:		
Paved: Durgintown Road	\$ 98,468.84	
Graded shoulders after paving	1,171.16	
Backhoe rental	360.00	
Total		\$ 100,000.00



WINTER ROADS



Raised:		\$ 240,000.00
Paid:		
CMP	\$ 597.18	
Salt-North End 421.33 tons		
South End 458.24 tons	50,675.25	
Snowplow Contract NE-		
Steve Sawyer –1/1-4/30	58,903.46	
PY Estes & Son – 5/1-12/31	38,879.94	
Put up Salt/sand pile-NE –Geo. Anderson	3,625.00	
500 yards		
Snowplow Contract SE		
Snowplow contract – Greg Sawyer	70,742.00	
Put up Salt/sand pile – SE		
1750 yds	9,500.00	
GPCOG, salt bid fee	101.66	
Road commissioner	140.00	
Backhoe	270.00	
Truck	100.00	
Supplies	49.98	
Total	\$ 233,584.47	
Balance		\$ 6,415.53

Total for NE Contractor PY Estes & Son 4 yr contract to 4/30/22 4,800 per mile



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:		
Fletcher road emergency repair	\$ 7,290.00	
Tree removal	800.00	
Ten Mile Bridge replacement partial	41,910.00	
Total		<hr/> \$ 50,000.00

TOWN EQUIPMENT REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

Raised:		\$ 2,500.00
Overdrawn		48.94
Total		<hr/> \$ 2,548.94
Paid:		
Backhoe fuel	\$ 519.91	
Backhoe repairs	2,029.03	
Total expenses		<hr/> \$ 2,548.94

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

Raised:		\$ 40,000.00
Purchased backhoe	\$ 37,500.00	
Back to reserve		\$ 2,500.00



2009 John Deere 310G Loader/Backhoe



PARKS & RECREATION



PARKS & RECREATION REVENUES

Received:		
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$ 19,587.81	
Veterans Reimbursement	1,160.00	
Total		\$ 20,747.81
Anticipated to apply to 2018 commit.	\$ 27,100.00	
Balance		\$ -6,352.19

OUTLYING CEMETERIES

Operate		\$3,902.92
Raised		2,000.00
Total		\$5,902.92
No expenditures		
Balance to 2019		\$5,902.92



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		\$ 4,800.00



Senior students Kylie, Taylor, Danny and Kathy help Priscilla Howard clean the Tarr Cemetery - 2018

MEMORIAL PURPOSES

Raised		\$ 600.00
Paid:		
Purchased Flags	\$ 311.50	
Bloomers Flowers	110.00	
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Total	\$ 421.50	
Balance		\$ 178.50



DISTRICT RECREATION COUNCIL

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



PARK UPKEEP

Appropriated:		\$ 2,000.00
Paid:		
Mowing Sawmill Park	\$ 168.00	
Balance		\$ 1,832.00



MT. CUTLER GRANT PROJECT

Received from Grant	99,559.60
Received	8,940.40
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	\$ 108,500.00
Purchased Mt. Cutler land	\$ 108,500.00



Municipal Officers finalizing the purchase of Mt. Cutler Project with grant funds received.



SNOWMOBILE CLUBS

Received from State		\$ 655.00
To be paid to:		
Hiram Hillclimbers	\$ 327.50	
Sacopee Snowdrifters	327.50	
Total	<hr/>	\$ 655.00

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		\$ 1,623.02
Raised		1,000.00
Received		579.00
Total	<hr/>	\$ 3,202.02
Paid:		
Parade items/supplies	\$ 1,429.92	
Balance to 2019		\$ 1,772.10





**SACOPEE HIGH SCHOOL
TV 2**



Received from franchise fees		\$ 6,563.44
Paid:		
Time Warner, high speed internet		
for town office & SHFD	\$ 1,531.32	
Sacopee Valley TV2	5,032.12	
Total		<hr/> \$ 6,563.44

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:		\$ 4,600.00
Paid:		
SW Oxford Cty Nutrition		\$ 4,600.00



COMMUNITY CONCEPTS

Raised:		\$ 2,000.00
Paid:		
Community Concepts		\$ 2,000.00



HIRAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Raised:
Paid:
HHS



\$ 500.00
\$ 500.00

HIRAM COMMUNITY CLUB

Raised:
Paid:
HCC



\$ 500.00
\$ 500.00

HIRAM DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Raised:
Paid:
HDA

\$ 500.00
\$ 500.00



Display at Hiram Historical Society



PROTECTION



HIRAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Raised at town meeting		\$ 16,880.00
Paid:		
Heating Oil – 1,565.90 gals	\$ 3,251.39	
Propane	249.56	
Electricity	1,428.48	
Telephone	520.12	
Supplies	123.47	
Truck fuel	288.90	
Flow test	975.00	
Truck Maintenance/parts	2,566.52	
Truck inspections	180.00	
Radio/pager repairs	2,593.85	
Extinguishers	470.80	
Plowing station	1,900.00	
Furnace repairs	355.68	
Firefighter dues	190.00	
Total	<hr/>	\$ 15,093.77
Balance		\$ 1,786.23



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	
Received from other towns for Learn no to burn program		200.00	
Total			\$ 18,738.00
Paid:			
Heating Oil 626.31 gals	\$ 1,182.15		
Electricity	1,157.36		
Telephone	614.16		
Water Bill	475.47		
Fuel for trucks	702.65		
Supplies	538.97		
Benchtest/SCBA	617.00		
Pump test	495.06		
Parts	7,708.08		
Extinguisher inspections	299.08		
Truck Maintenance	370.75		
Truck Inspections	135.00		
Ladder testing	200.00		
Radios	168.00		
Rebuild Jeep	2,404.37		
Plowing	920.00		
Training	288.05		
Dues	160.00		
Food for training sessions	104.92		
Total	\$ 18,541.07		
Balance		\$	196.93



**Tragic
House Fires in
Hiram
2018
So very sorry
for everyone's
loss**



RADIOS/DISPATCHING

Raised		\$ 12,200.00
Paid:		
Dispatching contract w/Gray	6,952.00	
Tower rental	1,140.00	
Road Commissioners Cellphone	572.83	
SHFD radios batteries	310.80	
Total paid	<u>\$ 8,975.63</u>	
Balance to radio reserve account		\$ 3,224.37



ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER



Raised		\$ 2,150.00
Paid:		
Animal Control Officer	\$ 825.50	
ACO mileage	751.99	
Total	<u>\$ 1,577.00</u>	
Balance		\$ 572.51



**NOTE FOR 2018 LICENSES
THE STATE FEES FOR DOG
LICENSES ARE THE SAME:
SPAYED/NEUTERED - \$6.00
NOT SPAYED/NEUTERED - \$11.00
FEB. 1ST -
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.	\$ 15,869.64	
Balance	<hr/>	\$ 630.36



STREET LIGHTS

Raised:		\$ 10,000.00
Paid:		
CMP	\$ 9,617.65	
Balance	<hr/>	\$ 382.35



INSURANCE

Raised:		\$ 37,600.00
Received Insurance funds		1,190.00
Total	<hr/>	\$ 38,790.00

Paid:		
MMA General Liability & Auto	12,752.00	
MMA Workers Comp.	3,625.00	
Health Insurance for town office staff	19,411.22	
Volunteer insurance for firefighters	764.00	

Total	<hr/>	\$ 36,552.22
Balance		\$ 2,237.78



**ROAD RECONSTRUCTION
RESERVE ACCOUNT**

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



**REVALUATION
RESERVE ACCOUNT**

Raised at Town Meeting	\$ 3,500.00
Deposited into reserve	\$ 3,500.00



**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

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
RESERVE ACCOUNT**

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



DEBT AND INTEREST

INTEREST

Received from	
Money Market and Checking	\$ 9,338.18
Interest from Taxes paid	14,475.78
Interest applied to pre-paid taxes	- 615.12
Total	\$ 23,198.84
Applied to commitment	\$ 15,000.00
Balance to surplus	\$ 8,198.84

LAND PAYMENT

Purchased 8 acres from Delbert & Grace Gilpatrick	\$42,000.00
To be paid over 5 years interest free.	
Raised	\$ 8,400.00
Fourth payment paid:	\$8,400.00
Balance	\$ 8,400.00



Richard warding off a moose while on a hike in the woods



**Sadly in October 2018
We lost one of our dear
friends, long-time resident,
Richard Hammond
Our deepest condolences to all.**



Richard loved Civil War History



HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

416 GRANTED BY ASSESSORS

416 applications	\$ 121,445.62
Received from State	\$ 72,431.00

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. FORMS MUST BE FILED WITH THE TOWN ASSESSORS BY APRIL 1ST, 2019. It usually amounts to around \$291. 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 2018

INLAND FISH AND WILDLIFE

LICENSE SALES



Combination	46
Hunting	27
Fishing	39
Junior Hunting	4
Archery	7
Bear Permits	6
Misc. Lic	21
Migratory Birds	11
Muzzleloader	11
Turkey	17
Expanded Archery	2
Superpack	0
Non Resident Licenses	10

**INLAND FISH AND WILDLIFE
REGISTRATIONS**



Boats Registered	95
Snowmobiles	72
ATV's	58

DOGS LICENSED

2018

Males/Females	32
Neutered/Spayed	110

2019

Males/Females	12
Neutered/Spayed	78



Shylee

One of many
office visitors ☺



VITAL STATISTICS

*In memory of our
community members
who have left us this past year.*

They will be sadly missed.

Jack Barnes	12/24/2018
Sandra Butterfield	07/04/2018
Richard Cultrea	02/26/2018
Howard Farley	05/15/2018
Helen Forsythe	08/06/2018
Jane Gavin	06/01/2018
Cheryl Gilpatrick	12/29/2018
Linda Glatzer	08/21/2018
Samuel Hamill	02/14/2018
Gordon Hamman	03/13/2018
Brenda Jones	05/20/2018
Cynthia Kennedy	12/07/2018
Grace Moore	08/07/2018
Donald Morrisoin	03/25/2018
Alexander Mudgett	12/01/2018
John Ramsey	12/18/2018
Tracy Richardson	01/22/2018
Stanley Sawyer	01/06/2018
Randall Smith	12/18/2018
Denis Welch	06/15/2018
Roy Yarborough	07/17/2018

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

14 BIRTHS IN 2018



9 MARRIAGES IN 2018

Hannah Hageman & Kyle Jordan	06/16/2018
Karla Bridges & Mark Hollister	06/26/2018
Amanda Bradeen & Cory Hale	07/07/2018
Kelly Charles & T. Scott Hansen	08/11/2018
Teresa Barnes & Robert Sanborn	08/18/2018
Amanda Jordan & Keith Anderson	08/23/2018
Cassidy Hartwell & Jake Holmes	09/15/2018
Katrina Durkee & Scott Hackett	10/27/2018
Denise Glatzer & Brian Morse	12/29/2018

**TAX COLLECTORS REPORT
2018 TAXES**

Assessed Value \$155,606,210
Tax Rate \$ 14.57 per thousand
Committed July 13, 2018

Committed	\$ 2,267,182.48
Supplements	863.74
Received	2,078,458.28
Interest applied to Taxes	615.12
Abatements	1,727.28
Balance Due 12/31/2018	\$ 187,245.54

**2018 Outstanding Taxes
As of December 31, 2018**

Almadani, Carrie		911.64
Avanzato, Charlotte	Bal	1,466.67
Ballachino, Theodore		305.10
Ballou Robert		1,342.63
Barrier, Ira	Bal	529.83
Barry, Robert		8.95
Batchelder, Tracy		188.68
Bean, Paul Est of		1,114.31
Benson, Mary		2,203.71
Bernard, Michael		443.07
Black, James Est of		1,742.57
BNL Properties		4,065.47
Bragdon, Valerie		2,113.09
Brown, Donna		559.20
Brown, Gregory		508.20
Cantor, Theadore		1,720.43
Canwell, Thomas		447.59
Carey, Michael		928.84
Chang, Huichen		590.67
Chase, Leslie		577.26
Ciasullo, Gary		2,052.62
Cingiene, Gema		469.59
Coburn, John	Bal	739.18
Coe, Thomas	Bal	396.82
Conant, Andrew	Bal	381.41
Corbin-Walker, Lisa		1,828.10
Cox, Ronald	Bal	180.80
Cram, Michael	Bal	1,520.57
Cryan, Mary		71.83

Town of Hiram, Maine

Curit, Virginia		954.92
Currier, Jeannie		743.02
D and N Construction		601.01
Davis, Philip		1,488.62
Day, Basil		1,713.43
Decker, Dwight		429.09
Demers, Ellen		1,291.78
Deutsche Bank National		1,087.07
Deutsche Bank National		37.01
Doucette, Scott		293.29
Drew, James		1,621.79
Drew, James		682.02
Dunnells, Craig		2,679.86
Dunnells, Craig		57.84
Edwards, Art		132.59
Fitzgerald, Gregory		564.30
Foley, David		2,822.06
Foord, Carol		3,676.89
Foord, Carol		2,193.51
Foord, Carol		1,098.58
Fox, Leslie Jr.		419.18
Fyler, William		2,727.80 *
Gavett, Gregory	Bal	542.41 *
Glatzer, Denise		736.01
Golder, David		794.71
Golder, David		480.86
Golder, Karen		1,545.44
Gordon, Peter		753.65
Grant, Peter		985.95
Greene, Marie	Bal	1,479.59 *
Griggs, Edward		844.91
Hammond, Deborah		2,528.77
Harmon, Kenneth E.		1,753.35
Harmon, Kenneth R.		361.77
Harmon, Kenneth R.		1,227.81
Harris, John		628.70
Hartford, Jane		2,083.07
Hartman, Robert		996.30 *
Haskell, Mary		526.64 *
Healey, David Est of		518.40
Heaney, William	Bal	2,802.49
Howard, Deborah	Bal	42.03
Howard, Deborah	Bal	59.80
Howard, Deborah		84.65
Hunt, Christopher		2,210.27

Town of Hiram, Maine

Iott, Evelyn		363.52 *
Jamerson, Tanya	Bal	4.64
Jenkins, Debbie		517.82
Jensen, Henry		610.92
JMC Hiram Nominee	Bal	1,035.93
Kelly, Louis		15.44
Kimball, Kenneth		957.69
Kimball, Kenneth		2,608.44
Kimball, Sharon		333.80
Labrecque, Erin		1,406.01
Leavitt, Robert		349.39 *
Leavitt, Robert Est of		578.87 *
Leonard, William		2,202.98
Leveille, Mark		7.29
Lewis, Peter		919.37
Lindstedt, John		471.05
MacDonald, RA		390.48
Malynowski, Stephen		1,881.79 *
Marston, Richard		46.62 *
Martell, Lester		1,851.99
McWilliams, Henry		606.11 *
Miller, Steve		191.45
Mitchell, Donald		1,996.38
Morris, William		1,398.43
Nevers, Ronald		443.22
Nevers, Ronald		463.18
Norton, Jack		509.95
Novom, Peter		21.86
Numberg, Anthony		67.75
O'Grady, Daniel		557.30
Oxford County Soil & Water		4,490.47
Palker, Joseph		496.65
Pantano, Christopher		1,850.54
Peabody, Wade		1,269.78
Pelletier, Robert		150.80
Perro, Kevin		367.02
Pierce, Francina		513.45 *
Pierce, Leonard		2,325.66
Pinkerton, Joyce		961.33
Pitt, David	Bal	693.34
Pittman, Jared		575.52
Porter, Earle Est of		905.96
Porter, Earle Est of		791.88
Pudvah, Anna	Bal	1,199.82 *
Rankin, Isabelle		1,422.32
Reardon, MC		1,573.27

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Remillard, Wilfred		357.84
Remillard, Wilfred		477.38
Ridlon, Joyce		776.00
Robinson, Gordon		1,849.37
Rounds, Elizabeth		1,317.42 *
Sanborn, Frances		738.01
Sanborn, Tracey		1,045.98
Sargent, Rita		1,246.90
Smalley, Tammy		648.80
Souza, John		944.72
Stanley Trafton Holdings		26,081.71
Stosez, Joseph		1,713.87
Sykes, Marie	Bal	237.78 *
Tavener, Kenneth	Bal	604.02
Teixeira, Elman		2,617.50 *
Thomas, Lisa		2,765.53
Three Zero Eight		4,335.30
Valley, Jeannette		420.34
Vanwart Real Estate Trust		2,031.35
Vittum, Brandi		698.05
Ward, Bruce		650.99
Ward, Willis	Bal	784.30
Ward, Willis		779.35
Waterman, Russell		1,415.92
Watts, Vinal Est of		161.58
Whipple, George		906.40
Wiesner, Eliza		15.96
Wing, John		2,273.65
Winslow, Cheryl		1,234.66
Wright, Jodi		130.84
Wright, Norman		1,765.30
Wylie, John		1,245.73
Yattaw, Frank		421.22
Zulick, Patrick		2,195.84
Balance Year End		\$ 187,245.54

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 12/31/2018 to 1/31/2019

2017 Outstanding Taxes

Opening Balance	\$ 185,049.54
Abatement	162.33
Received	113,572.80
Transferred to Liens	\$ 71,314.41
Balance	0.00

**2017 Outstanding Tax Liens
As of December 31, 2018**

Opening Balance	\$ 71,314.41
Received	30,178.63
Total Due as of 12/31/2018	\$ 41,135.78

2017 Outstanding Tax Liens

Anderson, John	1,814.97
Batchelder, Tracy	185.06
Bean, Paul Est of	1,092.90
Black, James, Est of	1,709.08
Bolling, David	187.77
Bragdon, Valerie	2,021.24
Carey, Michael	625.19
Chang, Huichen	578.46
Chase, Leslie	566.17
Curit, Virginia	936.57
D and N Construction	589.46
Drew, James	1,590.62
Drew, James	668.91
Edwards, Art	130.04
Fox, Leslie	411.12
Golder, Karen & David	1,515.74
Grant, Peter	40.00 *
Harmon, Kenneth	354.82
Harmon, Kenneth	1,204.22
Harris, John	616.61
Hunt, Christopher	2,167.79
Jenkins, Debbie	Bal 195.35
Jewett, Martin	1,269.58
Leavitt, Robert Est of	342.67 *
Leavitt, Robert Est of	567.74 *
Leonard, William	2,160.65
Lewis, Peter	2,454.31

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McWilliams, Henry Est of		594.46 *
Morris, William		1,371.55
Norton, Jack		500.15
Numberg, Anthony		66.45
O'Grady, Daniel		546.59
Pierce, Francina		503.58 *
Rankin, Isabelle		1,309.25
Ridlon, Joyce		761.09 *
Sargent, Rita		1,222.94
Thomas, Lisa		2,712.38
Vanwart, Real Estate Trust		1,992.31
Ward, Willis	Bal	769.24
Ward, Willis		764.37
Wing, John	Bal	114.53
Winslow, Cheryl		1,496.73
Yattaw, Frank		413.12

Total Due as of 12/31/2018 \$ 41,135.78

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

* Paid in full after book closed 12/31/2018 to 1/31/2019

2016 Outstanding Tax Liens

Beg. Balance		\$ 50,197.58
Received		46,347.34
Balance due		\$3,850.24
Batchelder, Tracy		190.24
Bragdon, Valerie	Bal	1,260.49
Carey, Michael		716.14
Chang, Huichen		591.86
Leavitt, Robert Est Of		352.27 *
Leavitt, Robert Est of		583.63 *
Numberg, Anthony		68.31
Ward, Willis	Bal	87.30 *
Total Due as of 12/31/2018		\$ 3,850.24

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

2015 Outstanding Tax Liens

Beg Balance	\$ 1,886.66
Received	505.55
Balance Due	1,381.16
Batchelder, Tracy	145.79
Bragdon, Valerie	1,235.37
Balance 12/31/2018	\$1,381.16

Tax Acquired Property

Property Acquired Dec 2017	\$ 4,028.36
Payment Received	4,028.36
Balance 12/31/2018	\$ 0.00

Taxes Paid in Advance 2019

Opening Balance	\$ 24,937.13
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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

2018 Taxes	\$ 2,055,150.45
2017 Taxes	\$ 185,049.54
2017 Tax Liens	\$ 30,178.63
2016 Tax Liens	\$ 46,347.34
2015 Tax Liens	\$ 505.50
2014 Tax Liens	\$ 23.57
2017 Taxes Paid In Advance	\$ 25,437.13
TAP Redeemed	\$ 4,028.36

Received in Interest

Taxes	\$ 14,475.78
Peoples United Bank	\$ 9,338.18

Received from Town Agent

Motor Vehicle	
Excise (Town)	\$ 289,527.98
Registration (State)	\$ 142,946.99

Inland Fisheries & Wildlife	
Boat Excise (Town)	\$ 1,678.00
State Sales Tax, Reg. & Lic Fees	\$ 22,209.07

Animal Welfare	
Animal Control (Town)	\$ 592.00
Animal Welfare (State)	\$ 976.00

Agent Fees (Town)	\$ 6,445.50
Vital Statistics (Town)	\$ 953.80

Received from the State	
Homestead	\$ 72,431.00
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$ 3,878.46
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	\$ 1,160.00
Park Fee Sharing	no longer receive
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$ 19,587.91
State Revenue Sharing	\$ 76,682.17
Local Roads	\$ 50,946.00



Received from Permits

Plumbing Permits	\$ 3,070.00
Building Permits	\$ 5,761.27
Plumbing State Share	\$ 1,021.25
State Septic Fee	\$ 165.00

Received from Boards

Planning Board	\$ 1,046.88
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Received from Miscellaneous

Lease Income	\$ 3,600.00
Misc State Income	230.32
Time Warner Cable	\$6,563.44
Insurance Dividends & Claims	\$ 4,808.00
Business License	\$ 80.00
Tri Town	\$ 1,798.25
Photocopies	\$ 79.47
LAWF Grant	\$ 108,500.00
Driveway Permit Fees	\$ 100.00
Misc Inc	\$ 683.76
Code Violation Revenue	\$ 1,500.00

Interest Received on Cemetery Trust

Charles Watson Cemetery Fund	\$ 8.59
Eastman Tripp Cemetery	\$ 11.31
Hiram Village Green – K of P	\$ 23.50
Isaac W. Gray	\$ 27.20
Spring Cemetery	\$ 3.52
Charles Bean Cemetery Fund	\$ 5.32
Day-Durgin-Ward Cemetery Fund	\$ 3.44
Stanley Burial Grounds	\$ 247.55



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



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESERVE

Balance	\$ 91,376.57
Added per Town Vote	5,000.00
Ending Balance	\$96,376.57

ROAD CONSTRUCTION RESERVE

Opening Balance	\$107,144.95
Withdrew for Ten Mile Bridge	16,340.00
Added per Town Vote	10,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 100,804.95

PUBLIC WORKS RESERVE

Opening Balance	\$ 29,307.13
Added per Town Vote	10,000.00
Sale of Loader	17,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 56,307.13

BUILDING MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Opening Balance	\$ 72,407.95
Added per Town Vote	5,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 77,407.95

VEHICLE PURCHASE RESERVE

Opening Balance	\$ 46,518.27
Added per Town Vote	5,000.00
Sale HFD Tanker	1,200.00
Ending Balance	\$ 52,718.27

TRI TOWN WASTE RESERVE

Opening Balance	\$ 24,492.72
Withdrew Cap Exp	5,000.00
Added per Town Vote	15,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 34,492.72

SACOPEE RESCUE RESERVE

Opening Balance	\$ 15,000.00
Withdrew for Defibrillator	4,000.00
Added per Town Vote	10,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 21,000.00

REVALUATION RESERVE

Opening Balance	\$ 56,123.02
Added per Town Vote	3,500.00
Ending Balance	\$ 59,623.02

TRUST FUNDS



CHARLES BEAN CEMETERY

Balance of CD	\$ 1,517.43
Interest Added to CD	5.32
Balance of CD	\$ 1,522.75

DAY DURGIN WARD

Balance of CD	\$ 982.68
Interest Added to CD	3.44
Balance of CD	\$ 986.12

CHARLES WATSON CEMETERY TRUST

Balance of CD	\$ 2,000.00
Account Opening Balance	\$ 1,033.77
Interest Received	8.59
Account Balance	\$ 1,042.36

EASTMAN TRIPP CEMETERY TRUST

Balance of CD	\$ 2,002.00
Account Balance	\$ 2,604.35
Interest Received	11.31
Account Balance	\$ 2,615.66

HIRAM VILLAGE GREEN / K OF P TRUST

Balance of CD	\$ 5,675.64
Account Opening Balance	\$ 2,186.55
Interest Received	23.50
Account Balance	\$ 2,210.05

ISAAC WALDEN GRAY (OLD SETTLERS) TRUST

Balance of CD	\$ 6,000.00
Account Balance	\$ 3,728.09
Interest Received	27.18
Account Balance	\$ 3,755.27

SPRING MARSHALL TRUST - CD

Account Balance	\$ 540.05
Interest Received	3.52
Account Balance	\$ 543.57



STANLEY BURIAL GROUNDS

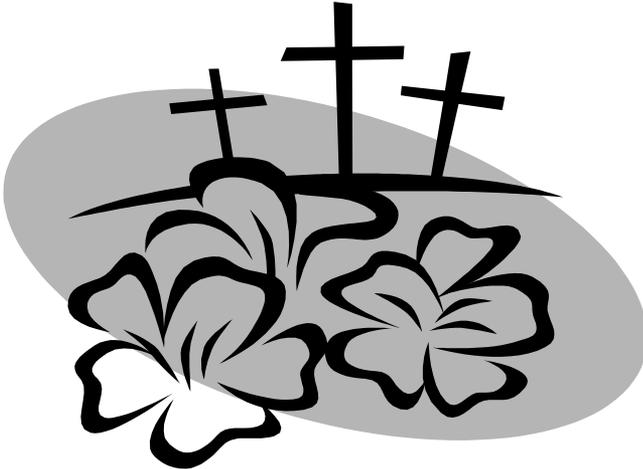
Opening Balances of CD's (6 at \$5,000.00)	\$ 30,000.00
2 Savings Bonds each \$500.00	1,000.00

NOW CHECKING ACCOUNT

Opening Balance	\$ 168.91
Deposits	2,250.00
Expenses	2,321.88
Ending Balance	\$ 97.03

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT

Opening Balance		\$ 14,946.63
Interest of checking account	16.62	
Interest on CD's	230.93	
Savings Bond Dividends	15.00	
Transfer to NOW Acct	250.00	
Ending Balance		\$ 14,959.18



**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

36 Building Permits were issued as follows:

New Single/Family Homes	9
Outbuildings - Sheds, etc.	8
Additions	1
Garages	7
Renovations	3
Mobile Homes	2
Barns	1
Decks	3
Replace cell tower antennas	2

LOCAL PLUMBING INSPECTOR 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

24 Plumbing Permits were issued as follows:

Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Systems	14
Internal plumbing	11

Respectively Submitted,
Bruce A Smith
Code Enforcement Officer
Local Plumbing Inspector

Bruce Smith is our new code enforcement officer.
His office hours are on Wednesdays from 8am to
noon. He can be reached via email at
hiramceo@gmail.com
or his cell number is 207-232-0183

HIRAM PLANNING BOARD
2018 Annual Report

In 2018 the Hiram Planning Board welcomed two new members; Stephanie Ranieri and John Bonanno – thanks for stepping up!

We received a C.U.P. request to operate a recreational park; the Board scheduled a public hearing but the request was withdrawn by the applicant before the hearing took place.

Another C.U.P. application was submitted to operate a gunsmith business; the application was approved, a public hearing was held and the C.U.P. was approved.

The Board reviewed and approved a request to build an addition to a commercial garage for office space. The review was required based on a previously imposed condition set by the Planning Board in 2001.

A request was received to build two bridges across a brook on a resident's property so that access could be gained to that area. Request was approved with the understanding that all applicable state and local Shoreland Zoning requirements were met.

A public hearing was conducted to discuss the state mandated Shoreland zoning regulations. The Board edited the wording of the state guidelines in order to match the verbiage found in the town ordinance. The draft was sent to the state for review and a few minor changes were made. The new Shoreland zoning regulations will be presented to the town for acceptance at the Annual Meeting. The Planning Board recommends the Town adopt the new guidelines as presented.

A public hearing was held to discuss the removal of permit fees from the town ordinance and move them to a "fee schedule" instead. Several workshop meetings were held to discuss and draft a new permit fee schedule that would reflect updated costs related to administration of these permits. Changes to the fee schedule must be approved by the PB and Municipal Officers.

Respectfully submitted,
Guy Lehouillier
Chairman

**HIRAM FIRE DEPARTMENT
2018 Report**



18	MOTOR VEHICLE INCIDENTS
7	TREE / WIRE HAZARDS
3	RESIDENTIAL FIRES
3	SMOKE / INVESTIGATION
1	CHIMNEY FIRES
10	ASSIST RESCUE / OTHER
2	OUTDOOR FIRES
8	MUTUAL AID CALLS

HFD was dispatched to 52 calls in 2018, an increase of 33% from 2017. This was the 2nd year of double digit increases in calls and the highest number ever for the department. The number of calls proved a challenge given our limited manpower, but members performed well in some tough situations. Sadly, Hiram suffered 2 major residential fires in 2018 and both were very difficult scenes. Our hearts go out to all those affected, especially by the very tragic loss in the Ben Gilpatrick Rd. fire.

HFD personnel performed more than 650 hours of service in 2018. This is the documented time spent responding to calls, attending meetings, training, and performing equipment repairs and maintenance. Many more hours never get recorded, but hopefully they're always appreciated.

It was an exceptionally active year for HFD. Besides the high number of calls, we also completed the objectives of the Stephen & Tabitha King Foundation grant, receiving new Hydraulic Rescue Tools (Jaws of Life), 3 new Thermal Imaging Cameras (1 to SHFD), and additional safety equipment. The grant also allowed the purchase and installation of a standby generator for the station. This improves HFD response times during power outages as well as increases the stations capacity as a public shelter.

The stations radio antenna was replaced with a new, smaller unit attached to the building. This allows the removal of old tower that was in need of repairs and was becoming a growing insurance liability.

After years of on and off discussions, fund-raising and plenty of good intentions, the revitalization project for the 1937 Dodge Fire Truck has begun. The towns first fire truck has been sent to Firefly Restorations in Hope, Maine for a mechanical overhaul and some restoration work. The project is being fully funded with money raised over many years by HFD members at the old Bingo games, suppers and other donations. The work will keep this piece of Hiram history around for future generations. Barring unforeseen problems we expect the work to be completed in time for the 2019 Fourth of July Parade, and hope the whole community will be proud to see it rolling through the village once again.

The HFD forestry unit received repairs to leaking seals and other items, and is ready for spring fire season. The old Tank 3 Ford has been sold, freeing up space in the bay for work, training and storage.

Town of Hiram, Maine

We had one of our newest members, Justin Groetzing, enroll in the Firefighter training program at SMCC, and he graduated Dec.14 to become our 3rd firefighter certified to FFII level.

At the Select Boards request, a list of building repair items has been submitted for consideration in 2019. Items include repairs & upgrades to exterior and interior lighting and repairing water damage.

The 2019 budget request is the same as 2018, holding a flat budget line for 3 years straight. It's likely that given increased costs and call volumes, it'll be difficult to maintain the same level indefinitely.

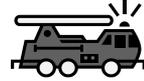
We are actively working to recruit new members. The department simply must get new and younger members in order to meet our current and future needs. We ask that all able bodied citizens in the community consider joining to prevent a collapse of the service when our senior members begin to retire in the coming years. The need is real and becoming urgent. Talk to a member to learn more.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Pyburn
HFD chief



Items purchased with Stephen & Tabitha King Grant

**SOUTH HIRAM FIRE DEPARTMENT
2018 Report**



SOUTH HIRAM FIRE DEPARTMENT 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

The department responded to fifty-nine incidents this last year. We received mutual aid for seven calls and responded to eighteen requests for our assistance to mutual aid companies. The members logged about two hundred and fifty hours attending to these calls of which two involved fatalities.

Structure Fires	6	Field/ Woods Fires	3	Rekindles	2
Co/ Smoke Alarms	5	Smoke Investigation	1	Vehicle Crashes	13
Wires Down	7	Trees in Road Hazards	5	Public Assist	4
Lift Assist, Res	8	Standby/Station Coverage	3	Cancel Call	2

We presently have six members of which two are certified to fight a working fire. Our department, as with many similar fire companies, are under staffed and rely on our mutual aid companies automatically for any structure fire or event that can overwhelm the limited resources available. Recruiting is difficult with the training and commitment obligations and retention gets more difficult as members grow older. Most of our mutual aid companies have a pay per call or stipend to defray time and fuel cost to incident responding members. I would like the town folks to entertain this idea.

This last year we mechanically went over our Forestry Jeep to respond to field/woods fires. We have applied for an equipment grant through the Maine Forestry Department and will know in April if we have been approved. The Hiram Fire Department gave us a New hand held Thermal Imaging device that is being used and we are very grateful for, Thank You. With the help of two members of the Kezar Falls F.D. we gave the “Learn not to Burn” program to the Elementary School, which has 300+ pupils now that the other outlying schools have closed, as well as a local Day Care. We continue to observe fire drills at all the school and assisted with flooding the ice ring at the elementary school. We also attended to various parade duties, James Day Funeral traffic control and Christmas Gifts that the town gives to members of our community.

Within house training, outside fire courses, equipment upkeep and station maintenance the members put in about 340 additional hours. We thank our Mutual Aid companies and the Town Citizens for their support.

Respectfully Submitted

James Siracuse

Chief South Hiram Fire Department



SACOPEE RESCUE

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



This year Sacopee Rescue responded to 748 calls for service in 2018. There have been instances where the Rescue is handling a call for service and a second call for service comes in. In those instances, if we are unable to man a second ambulance to cover that call for service, then the call is handled by a neighboring agency at their cost. We are constantly looking for ways to improve our service numbers, but are limited by budget constraints in having two crews on duty full time. When the Rescue started it was an all-volunteer organization. Today all positions are paid. Therefore, payroll and related expenses make up the bulk of the budget for the Rescue (greater than 60%). Currently we can use qualified volunteers as drivers. However, if no qualified volunteers are present or available for the call, then we must use paid drivers. As a cost saving measure, we are looking to expand the pool of qualified volunteer drivers to pull from.

The 2018 annual yard sale was a success. We also received several donations through the year. Any donations made to the Rescue (which is a non-profit) is tax deductible. One of the larger donations, \$600.00, was received from CAB (Cornish Association of Businesses). The CAB funds were used to purchase small equipment items for the Rescue. For the future we are exploring new and exciting fund raising events. We can always use assistance in planning and running such events and you do not need to be a member of the Board of Directors to assist us in these endeavors.

We were able to replace one of the two remaining older defibrillators with a new Zoll defibrillator. We obtained an end of the year model at a discounted price of just over \$21,000.00. We have a third defibrillator that is over 10 years old that we are looking to replace in the coming years. We are also working towards the purchase of a newer ambulance in the next three to five years.

It has been brought to our attention that there are some in the community that are unaware that the Rescue charges for its services. When the Rescue was all volunteer there was no charge for residents. However, this changed when the Rescue moved from volunteer to paid positions. Currently the Rescue receives the bulk (over 70%) of its funds from insurance, Medicaid, Maine Care and billings for service. If the patient has insurance and it is determined that there is still a balance owed on the service after the insurance has processed the claim, then the patient is responsible for the remainder. If the patient does not have insurance and receives billable services, then the patient is responsible for the billed services. Several years ago, the Rescue set up a

monthly payment plan system through our billing company for individuals who owe the Rescue funds.

If anyone in the community has any questions or suggestions for the Rescue, 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 any interest, contact your town office. Also as stated above we are looking for volunteers to assist with fundraisers and other community events. We are very appreciative and thankful for all the support the community and its citizens give us.

Respectfully

Sacopee Board of Directors



HIRAM JULY 4th PARADE

We lost a special person this year, Jane Gavin. We missed her infectious laugh and her personality. She is sorely missed. Jane and Deb Gregory were with us since we took over the parade. They are both missed very much.

We now have Jody Hamman and Coleen Gardner at the raffle and 50/50 table. They filled in perfectly and did a great job. Come see them.

We want to thank Denise Martus, Craig Thompson and Ron Rice for their help. A thank you to Amy Irish who did the bake sale table. She had "retired" but came back to fill in for Holly Welch, who moved away. Thanks Amy.

Also want to thank Nate Wadsworth for being the MC and Demi & Jen Peabody for the bicycle. A big thank you to the West Baldwin Methodist Church band for the music. A thank you to all who baked for the bake sale, delicious. Would also like to thank the anonymous donor for the electric fireplace. And a big thank you for all who come to watch and/or participate in the parade. Thank you, thank you.

This year there will be a flea market in the Community Center (old VFW). I believe the hours are 9am-2pm. There will be posters put up and will have the correct times. There will be all kinds of vendors there. Come see what you can find that you can't live without.

Respectfully,
Dave and Gloria Paro



Hiram Historical Society Annual Report 2018 to the Town of Hiram

2018 was another year of achievement for Hiram Historical Society.

A new continuous stair lift to the second floor was installed thanks to a grant from the Davis Foundation - now everyone can enjoy the main collection in addition to exhibitions on the ground floor and the stairwells.

A grant from the Maine State Archives allowed the conversion of VHS video tapes to DVD and audiocassettes to CD. The converted DVD of Raymond Cotton's film "Time Marches On" was put on sale and the first run sold out in four weeks.

HHS also supported seven events in Hiram in 2018. They were:

May 12 –Aurelia Scott, Portland author of "Otherwise Normal People: Inside the thorny world of competitive rose growing". At Soldiers Memorial Library.

June 9 rescheduled to July 17 at 6 pm –Peter Hagerty, Porter, author of "Out Watering Horses". Joint with Soldiers Memorial Library at Great Ossipee Museum.

July 14 – Sally Williams told the dramatic untold story of the Barker family for whom Barker Pond was named – a family of success, tragedy, adventure, crime.

August 11 – Jake Morrel, author of "Dick Folsom : Bush Pilot - A Legend Reflects".

September 8 –."Hiram Hometown" and other vintage videos of Hiram.

October 13 – Sean Turley, apple columnist for the Portland Press Herald, on heirloom apples.

October 20 – The final event of the season was the popular and delicious "Trash Can Turkey Roast". It included music by David Foley, a talk by Dave Paro on the history of the road grader, tours of the Great Ossipee Museum, and two special exhibits:

- The beginnings of a display of Hiram's churches centered around donations by the Friends of Soldiers Memorial Library of two ministers' assistants' chairs and one candelabrum used in the Methodist/Congregational Church at 8 Hancock Avenue;
- "School Days" photos and items depicting school life over 100 years. The exhibit will be expanded for the Reunion of Mt. Cutler scholars to be held October 19, 2019 simultaneous with the Turkey Roast.

We couldn't have done it without the support of the Town of Hiram, our dedicated volunteers, and our generous donors. Thank you, Hiram. Explore our town's unique heritage with us. We welcome visitors and new members!

Come see us in the 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, and the monthly programs on the second Saturday of the same months at 1:30. We have some great speakers lined up for 2019!

Town of Hiram, Maine

A sad note in 2018 was the fire at the Wentworth Estate, 306 Hampshire Street, on November 15, which consumed the main house and barn of Hiram's unique historical property listed on the Hiram maps of 1858 and 1880.

Submitted by Sally Williams, President



Wentworth Estate - 2010

Hiram Historical Society
Meets second Saturday from May thru September
President Sally Williams - 207-615-4390
gardenlit@gmail.com



Hiram Community Club



Hiram Community met monthly from March to December. For those new to our town, we are a nonprofit organization working to hold events to bring the community together. The Community Center is for ALL of Hiram. Two years ago we put out a “Welcome to Hiram” packet which contains a map locating 18 sites throughout the town that a new resident might find helpful. The only site that has not been included is the 8 Hancock Art Center, which is beside the library. Also included is information about Soldiers Memorial Library, Hiram Historical Society and the Town Office. Packets may be picked up at the library, Four Corners Store, the Town Office, or by contacting Priscilla Howard at 625-8074.

The Center had one rental for a memorial gathering this year, and hosted the Historical Society’s annual Trash Can Turkey Roast. We had a “rent your space” Flea Market in July and plan another in 2019. “Open Mic Night” is still gaining in popularity. We began on the 2nd Sat. in June this year and had guest emcee Amy Irish for June and July, before Katherine Rhoda and David Wallace-Lawrence returned to finish out the season which goes to November. Admission is free, but we do accept donations. Snacks and soft drinks are sold or BYOB. Performers and audience always have a good time! Roast Beef suppers continue to be a big hit! They are held from the 1st Sat. in May through the 1st Sat of Nov. Start time is 5PM.

Two Pot Luck suppers were held, one in April and one in September. All participants enjoyed sampling all the delicious contributions! Anyone may come and if you don’t cook, feel free to purchase something to bring.

Donations this year went to the Memorial Day Committee, Fourth of July Parade Committee and Town of Hiram to help with Thanksgiving Baskets Christmas gifts.

Some updates to the building this year were the installation of 3 smoke detectors, emergency lighting over both upstairs entrances and in both bathrooms, and foundation work to seal up 4 windows in the basement and sewage clean-out repair, as well as the addition of stone along the outside walls to help drain water away from the building.

As always, we are grateful to the town for its monetary contribution to our upkeep. We are always looking for new members and ideas for how to use our building more efficiently. If you are interested, please contact Pres. Dave Paro 256-0136 or

Priscilla Howard 625-8074.
Respectfully,
Priscilla Howard, Sec.





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Soldiers Memorial Library

From your Library's Mission Statement: "As a town service, partially supported by the local taxes, the Library shall provide general reading materials for all age levels for home use, access to reference material in the Library collection, access to computer and Internet services, meetings and programs of general interest and of educational value, and shall provide literacy and intellectual freedom by providing access to materials which reflect all points of view."

The following examples will help to explain our efforts at accomplishing those purposes in 2018:

Our funding requests from the Town have not increased over the past eleven years, a tribute to the capabilities of the Library Trustees to manage a tight budget. Some budget detail near end of this report.

Informal attendance records indicate close to 2,000 visits for the year.

Informal records indicate hundreds of uses of the patron computers. We do not have the means to track the use of our free, 24/7 outside Wi-Fi service, but we do see frequent use both during and after hours. We even have an out-of-state couple who send a donation every year in appreciation of their ability to use it during the summer when they have no local access of their own!

A state library grant has allowed us to join the Interlibrary Loan Van Delivery Service. This provides weekly, cost-free borrowing and lending of materials from other libraries throughout Maine. This service makes it much easier to help patrons borrow titles we don't otherwise carry, and for us to reciprocate by filling some requests of other libraries. It is especially helpful for our monthly Book Discussion Club, hosted by Sue Moulton, where there can be as many as 12-15 members needing to read the same title.

Attempts to revive the Children's Story Hour, with hopes of encouraging more families to visit, were unfortunately unfruitful. We greatly appreciate the volunteers who gave their valued time to the program, and hope that, in the near future, more young families will move to Hiram and take advantage of all we can offer. Updates in the choice of books for children's section are underway.

By combined efforts of the Arts Center at 8 Hancock and the Library, we offered several programs featuring Maine authors. One of the best attended was that of young adult author Andrew Clements. As a young man, Mr. Clements spent many summers with his family at their summer cottage on Barker Pond. A nationally known author, he now resides in Baldwin. He shared a delightful program about his books, including a display of his books' jacket covers that stretched from one side of the Arts Center to the other!

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At the Arts Center, we also hosted a panel of three Maine mystery writers, including Bruce Coffin, Dick Cass and Barbara Ross. It was fascinating to hear how they each approached their genre, and they were very appreciative of the questions the audience posed.

The Library was the setting for the third Maine author, Tim Caverly. This creator of the Allagash Tails series shared an engrossing power-point of his life for 32 years as a Maine Wilderness Park Ranger. The program, "So You Think You Know Maine!", both educated and entertained us as Tim shared his wit and wisdom. Did you know that the art work from the film "Bambi" included sketches from Disney artist Jake Day's visits to the Maine forests?

Your Library has regularly-scheduled programs, such as the Knotty Knitters, on Thursdays, who generously donate their proceeds from an annual Christmas Craft Sale. The Library also has Scrabble on Tuesdays, Adult Coloring, and is also a location for some of the ACE Adult Education courses. Self-instructed, weekly Yoga classes and Tai Chi classes are held at the adjacent Hancock Ave Arts Center. The Library is also a public meeting space for such events as the League of Women Voters information session about ranked choice voting, a cold weather location for the Hiram Community Club, and other events that continue to demonstrate the diverse needs and use of your Library.

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 2018 was a total of \$26,712, 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 totaled almost \$900, \$1830 was used from Library savings, and FoSML provided \$7500. There is a separate report by FoSML elsewhere in this booklet. A detailed financial report for 2018, with our Budget Plan for 2019, is available at the Library, at the Town Office, and at the Annual Town Meeting. More information: Internet: www.soldier.lib.me.us and FB pages: www.facebook.com/Soldiers-Memorial-Library-240088390763/

We are very grateful for your support, and hope to meet many more of you in 2019 as we continue to work to bring you both quality and quantity of offerings you can appreciate without needing to leave your very special hometown!

Respectfully Submitted, Library Director: Pam Slattery-Thomas.

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

Library Hours
Tuesdays 2-5 pm
Wednesday & Thursday 10 am to 5 pm
Saturday 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
Phone 625-4650

Friends of Soldiers Memorial Library and Hancock Avenue Arts Center 2018 Annual Report

The Friends of Soldiers Memorial Library (FoSML) is a 501c3 non-profit organization established in 2012 for the purpose of supporting your public library.

The purposes of FoSML include:

- Supporting and promoting the charitable, educational and literary purposes of the Library.
- Supporting the financial well-being of the Library by fund-raising, by providing publicity and programs in support of Library purposes, and by supporting volunteer work.
- Lessening the burdens of Town government by fund-raising for Library programs and projects.

During 2018 FoSML accomplished those purposes through fund-raising projects including the annual membership campaign which raised about \$3100. In addition, there were many other fund-raising efforts such as our Annual Town Meeting food sale, the Memorial Day Bake Book and Blooms Sale, and catering for the Denmark Sheep Fest and the Fiber Arts Program. In total, the FoSML volunteers raised \$6300 during this year and provided \$7500 of funding in support of the Library. (Details of Library funding & expenses: see the SML report elsewhere in this Annual Report booklet.)

Since 2016, FoSML has also had another major project in support of the Library and Community. The former Congregational Church next to the Library was donated to FoSML for the purpose of supporting Library programs and becoming a public facility for community use. This building, at 8 Hancock Avenue, shares the parking lot with the Library, and has been used for programs that need more room than the limited space of the SML building. During the past year, the Hancock Ave Arts Center has been used for Yoga classes, adult education classes, Tai Chi sessions, the Memorial Day Bake, Book & Blooms Sale, a meeting of the Sacopee Valley Networking Group, two memorial services in January of 2019, and many other meetings, performances and informational programs.

Here is a list of most of the major events:

- April 22 - "SLUKES" The Sebago lake Ukulele Society had an Earth Day celebration sing-along.
- May 12 – Sacopee Community Band concert with "Bring Your Mother to the Movies!"
- May 19 – Panel with 3 Maine Mystery Authors: Richard Cass, Bruce Coffin, Barbara Ross.
- June 16 – Carlos Angeles, singer/songwriter in concert. (June 15.)
- June 24 – Mike Preston & Kim Curry, country-western duet. (Date uncertain for 2019.)
- July 21 – Andrew Clements, local author of books for children and young adults.
- July 28 – Milltown Roadshow, a 5-piece band, "Americana" music, original and familiar. (Aug 3)
- August 5 – Marc Black, live performance, "A History of the 50's & 60's in Popular Songs."
- August 25 - "Hungrytown" Rebecca Hall & Ken Anderson, original and familiar folk songs.
- September 22 – Mountaineer Ed Webster interactive slide show, "Everest, The Hard Way!"
- October 20 – Carey Kish, slide show by editor of the new AMC Maine Mtn Guide, 11th edition.
- Dec 7 – Sacopee Community Band Christmas Concert after the community Tree Lighting & caroling.

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We hope that you were able to join with us for some of these performances and programs. Some of the performers above will return to the Arts Center in 2019 (dates in parentheses above), and we will be adding a variety of new events. Here is a “sneak peek” at a few new events that are planned for 2019:

March 17, 2 PM - Michael Greenham - St. Patrick's Day bagpipes concert

April 23, 12:30 PM – Chewonki: “Owls of Maine.” An educational program with live owls.

May 11, 7 PM – Oen Kennedy, award winning singer-songwriter-naturalist, and a bird whistler.

June 28, 7 PM – Bellamy Jazz Band, award winning 8-piece band a loose, jamming Chicago style.

We are planning to have at least one performance or program each month during all of this year. Updated schedules of events will be available at the Library, and at the Hiram Town Office. The building can also be rented for private functions, weddings, meetings, etc. Information can be provided by email <soldiersmemoriallibraryfriends@gmail.com> or by a phone call or visit at the Library next door.

During 2016-2017, many repairs and improvements were made to better maintain the building and to make it more comfortable for year-round use. Renovations will continue with new lighting, new projection equipment, and improvements to make the main floor venue an even more inviting space.

We want to express sincere appreciation for the great effort and dedication of all the volunteers who give a great deal of their time in helping to support this much needed community resource. This continues to enhance our community, help to make our area a great place to live, and serve to help support growth of our community.

Respectfully submitted, FoSML Board Members: Pat Dietzel, Sue Hamilton, Mary Hannaford, Dan Hester, Sue Moulton, Pam Slattery-Thomas, Amy Wentworth, Sally Williams.



Carlos Angeles



Tri- Town Waste Facility
Board Report
2018



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

This year, the Tri-town board has been faced with many financial challenges. The tipping fees have increased substantially, which caused the drastic increase of operation costs. In addition, we have also seen an increased amount of tonnage in trash. Our Secretary has provided a comprehensive explanation of all the details explaining the increases and expenses. This summary will be distributed and included in the municipal town reports, available at town meetings and/ or posted on municipal websites.

A roll-off container was purchased this year to upgrade and add to our fleet of existing containers. One container was in poor condition and not safe for the road. We also purchased a snow-pusher as an attachment for our backhoe, which now allows us to use our own equipment for snow removal and eliminate the need for hiring a plowing contractor. Over time, this will save us a lot of money on snow removal. This tractor has been very useful in many ways and has saved us a lot of money.

We would like to thank Joe McNulty and his staff for working hard to keep things clean and organized. The Maine Department of Environmental Protection recognized our facility as one of the best operating transfer facilities in the State of Maine. Our facility also received praise from Eco Maine for not having any contamination in the loads and the large of amount of recycling we have done.

A big thanks to our Citizens for their recycling efforts and their continued support of the Board to keep this facility operating at its best capacity.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey Sanborn, Baldwin Selectman
Chair, Tri-Town Board of Directors



**TRI-TOWN WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY
2018 ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE TOWNS OF BALDWIN, HIRAM AND PORTER**

Opening Balance		\$ 16,332.61
Received from:		
Town of Baldwin	\$ 74,250.00	
Town of Baldwin CD \$	5,000.00	
Town of Hiram	74,250.00	
Town of Hiram CD \$	5,000.00	
Town of Porter	74,250.00	
Town of Porter CD \$	5,000.00	
Demo Debris Fees	8,860.00	
Stickers sold for Freon removal	2,080.00	
Reimb. For metals	3,964.70	
Bulky Waste fees	5,711.00	
Reimb for electronic waste	367.99	
Misc. revenues	753.49	
MSAD #55 payment to participate	16,000.00	
Total Receipts	\$ 275,487.18	
Total		\$ 291,819.79
Paid:		
TIPPING FEES:		
ECOMAINE –1,726.35 tons	148,938.01	
ECOMAINE – Bulky waste 35.53T + 42 Mattresses	2,444.21	
CPRC – demolition debris 93.04T	7,694.41	
Electronic waste 19.05T	93.08	
BUILDING REPAIRS:		
Anderson (door for shelter)	2,100.00	
Station repairs	2,096.46	
EQUIPMENT PURCHASES:		
Atlantic Recycling container	6,050.00	
Snow pusher	2,450.00	
EQUIPMENT REPAIRS		
S Chamberlain, hydraulics repairs	3,494.00	
Compactor parts	99.66	
Tractor registration	350.18	
Backhoe fuel	196.01	
TRUCK EXPENSES:		
KF Auto Parts	1,648.13	
Fuel Decal	5.00	
Dicks Used Cars & Repairs	35.00	
CN Brown fuel 2,518.19 gals	7,434.70	
Truck registration	2,916.56	
IRS-HUVT fee	320.00	
Central Tires	756.60	
TRUCK DRIVER EXPENSES:		
Driver – Salary	12,005.76	
MMTA dues –	31.78	
Drug tests	40.00	
ATTENDANTS PAYROLL:		
John Parkhurst	4,111.23	

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Michael Cote	11,739.97	
Joseph McNulty	19,037.12	
Tim Caldwell	3,602.90	
Pre-employment physicals	208.00	
PAYROLL EXPENSES:		
IRS tax deposits & state tx dp	10,624.32	
SECRETARIAL SERVICES & OFFICE SUPPLIES		
Town of Hiram reimbursed	1,798.25	
Terry Day mileage	40.33	
Recycling video contest	230.00	
Shopping Guide Ads	776.50	
Miscellaneous	340.95	
Audit	1,500.00	
Stickers	924.08	
STATION OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Water bill	481.71	
CMP bill	4,346.93	
Telephone bill	750.51	
Plowing/sanding	9,210.86	
Extinguishers	241.50	
Supplies	544.72	
Bank service charges	437.64	
Annual license fees	474.00	
INSURANCES:		
General Liability/Workers Comp & Auto Insurance	17,483.00	
Total Expenses	\$ 290,104.07	
Balance Carry Forward to 2019		\$ 1,715.72

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: JOE MCNULTY
ATTENDANTS: MIKE COTE, TIM CALDWELL
TRUCK DRIVER – SCOTT CHAPMAN
STATION TEL NUMBER: 207-625-7633
OFFICE TEL NUMBER: 207-625-4663***

THE TRI-TOWN BOARD WOULD LIKE TO THANK JOE, MIKE, TIM AND SCOTT FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE TO OUR TOWNS AND FOR KEEPING THE TRANSFER STATION IN TIP TOP SHAPE. KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!

Mt Cutler Park Project - 2018 Update Report

During 2018 there were several major accomplishments in the planning and development of the Mt Cutler Park, but there were also some delays in our work.

The two major accomplishments:

(1) On June 14 the Town of Hiram became the owners of the 173 acres that is the Mt Cutler Park. This land includes the main ridge of the mountain, most of the major hiking trails, 416 ft of frontage on the Hiram Hill Road, 706 ft of frontage on the Mountain Division RR, and a 900 ft boundary with Merrill Park. In the process of developing this project and applying for a grant, this property was appraised twice and found to have value of \$217,000. To purchase this property, Dan Hester was paid \$108,500 and he donated the other half of the value to the Town.

(2) In September, the Town received a reimbursement check in the amount of \$99,559.60 from the State of Maine. This money was provided through the State of Maine Dept of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF), but the money actually comes from a grant that was awarded to the Town by the Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) of the USDA Dept of the Interior. This grant is providing up to \$112, 517.40 in support of the purchase of this land and the development of new parking and signage. Depending upon the cost of the development projects, we will receive the remaining \$12,957.80 balance of the grant, or at least a large part of that balance. An additional donation to the town in the amount of \$8,940.40 completed the reimbursement in 2018 of the \$108,500 that was paid for the property, so the only cost to the Town during this year has been the cost of legal services paid to develop an appropriate Warranty Deed and to accomplish the purchase of the land.

You will notice that there was a three month delay between purchase of the property in June and reimbursement from the grant in September. This was an unexpected delay when there was confusion about the LWCF grant that had been awarded in March of 2017. During 2018, our state government denied the use of grant funds for the purchase of public property, and our grant funds were returned to the federal government. When this was finally cleared up with understanding that the grant was awarded in 2017, and the funding was returned, we had almost reached the end of September. Other than some frustration, the only real problem this has caused is that it delayed our work to have a contractor found to develop a new parking area and delayed plans for developing new trails and new signs. We should be able to accomplish these projects during the coming spring and early summer. The LWCF grant is still available until end of September.

Even though the development projects have been delayed, the use of Mt Cutler has continued with the mountain becoming better used and more of a magnet for many visitors. If you are not familiar with Mt Cutler, its 5 miles of trails, and the many spectacular views from its cliffs and high ridges, a display and materials will be available at the Town Meeting. But you can also see some of this on line...

Go to: <https://www.alltrails.com/us/maine> and search for "Mt Cutler." (Notice that there is another Mt Cutler in Colorado!) You should find over 100 reviews of our mountain and its trails. In the reviews (which are usually 4-to-5 out of 5 stars, with high praise for the views), you will also see negative comments about the steepness of the climb on the Barnes Trail to the front ledges from Merrill Park. This is a real problem, but the newer North Trail and White Flag Trail already solve this problem by giving a more gentle, less risky route from the Hiram Hill Road to the Main Ridge or to the Front Ledges. At this time, those trails cannot be fully utilized because we do not yet have a parking area on the Hiram Hill Road. That is what we will accomplish using the grant funds and some additional donations.

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When the new parking area and new signs are developed, we will NOT close the trail-head at the old Hiram Depot location just off Mt View Avenue. The original trail will still be maintained, but we will make the Hiram Hill Rd trail-head become the preferred start for hiking the mountain.

Another place to find information about Mt Cutler is in the newly-published 11th edition of the AMC Maine Mtn Guide (MMG). This book is the “Bible” for hiking mountain trails in Maine. On October 20, the Hancock Avenue Arts Center (which has a good view of Mt Cutler) was host for a presentation by Carey Kish. Carey is the editor of the MMG, and he had a slide show of many fascinating and familiar places for hiking in Maine. He also had copies of the book to sell, and made a presentation of a copy of the new book to Dan Hester in recognition of the years of work to develop and maintain the Mt Cutler trails. In the new edition of the MMG, Mt Cutler has a map and five pages of trail descriptions, showing it very well as a special place among the many treasured hiking opportunities in Maine.

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 help to develop an additional half mile of new trails that are planned.

In cooperation with the Selectboard members, Dan Hester will also be working to develop a group to accept responsibility for managing park improvements and maintenance. Any volunteers??

Respectfully, Dan Hester and the Hiram Selectboard: Eric Durgin, Jamie Marshall, Joyce Siracuse.



SACO RIVER CORRIDOR

Hiram is one of twenty towns from Fryeburg to Saco that are in the Saco River Corridor. The Corridor includes lands near the Saco, Ossipee and Little Ossipee rivers. Each town can appoint one Commissioner and one Alternate to serve on the Saco River Corridor Commission (SRCC). The Commission usually meets once each month. The purpose of these meetings is to consider applications for uses to be located near these rivers. The Corridor and the Commission were established by Maine Public Law, The Saco River Corridor Act of 1973. The Corridor works in cooperation with local zoning ordinances, and assures that lands nears the waters of the Saco River have similar application requirements and restrictions of uses through all of the 20 towns.

The Saco River Corridor has an office at 81 Maple Strret in Cornish with parking near the back of the Family Dollar store. The Corridor has two staff members, Executive Director Dalyn Houser and Administrative Assistant Joy Chasse.

Dan Hester has served as your Commissioner for several years, and Priscilla Howard is your Alternate Commissioner. Working together, we have assured that you had representation at every meeting.

The eleven meetings of this past year were all in meeting rooms at either the Porter Town Hall or at the Dayton Town Hall. The choice of location usually alternates, but may also depend upon the locations of most of the current permit applications. Dan has also attended most of the Rules Committee meetings that are held at the Cornish office two weeks before each SRCC meeting. The Rules Committee reviews applications to assure that details are not overlooked, and also considers needed rules and policies.

Although the SRCC considered about a hundred applications during the past year, this year was unusual in that there were no applications from Hiram. However, your commissioners did have

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several site visits in Hiram to verify permit compliance and to assure that a permit application was not needed.

Two continuing projects of special interest for those of us in Hiram:

(1) The SRCC continues to work with the Hiawatha Reservation Campground with efforts to improve compliance and to assure a limited risk of flood damage. We commend the managers and campers for their efforts to work for better compliance with the annual removal of the RV/campers from their sites near edge of the river bank to a location about 250 ft from the river. This assures that during spring run-off and high water the trailers are parked where flood waters are not likely to float the trailers downstream. The group has also been moving most decks and platforms away from the water. As with all docks and floats on the river system, these must be removed annually to avoid being dislodged by ice damage or flooding.

We have all been fortunate in that we have not had any serious flooding in Hiram Village for more than 20 years, but this should not let us forget the risks. In 1987 and 1997 flooding put Main Street (from the bridge to the Fire Station) and parts of Pequawket Trail under water and damaged many of our homes as well as trailers in that campground. We are working together to assure better preparation for flooding that will certainly happen again at some time in our future.

(2) There have been extensive site visits, plan reviews and deliberations of a large development project called "The Waters" in a 6 acre parcel of nearly vacant land on Factory Island in Saco. (There have been recent local newspaper reports about this project.) You might question why your commissioners from Hiram are concerned with development in the City of Saco, about 50 miles downstream from Hiram. There are two reasons: (1) Development requiring permits anywhere in the Saco River Corridor is reviewed by commissioners representing all of the twenty towns that are in the Corridor. This shared decision-making assures uniform, consistent treatment for any development along the rivers from Fryeburg to Saco. Your commissioners are involved to better understand all possible projects and to assure consistent treatment for all applicants. (2) In this project, the developer allowed a large, illegal clear-cut of trees on the island. The SRCC wants to maintain the same methods of enforcement whether a violation occurs in Brownfield, Hiram, Baldwin, Biddeford or Saco.

The SRCC celebrated the 500th meeting on April 25. At the same time, we celebrated the hiring of our new Executive Director, Dalyn Houser. After many years of hard-working and dedicated service to our communities, Dennis Finn has retired. Dan Hester served on the search committee for the new ED. We enthusiastically welcome Ms Houser as the new ED and we know that we have an experienced, energetic, personable and very capable Director to continue the history of hard work by Mr. Finn.

More information is available at the office or at the web site, src-maine.org. Links are provided to access the law, other documents and policies, and additional information.

Feel free to visit the office Mon-Thur 9AM-4PM, or to call at 207-625-8123.



Sacopee Valley Recreation Council Annual Report

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 two part time paid program coordinators.

The traditional sports programs continue for our youth; for grades K-6, which include baseball, softball, t-ball, field hockey, soccer, basketball, cheering and karate.

We continue to host three middle school dances per school year for sixth, seventh and eighth grades as well as a variety of summer camps. This past summer, we offered 11 different camps. We were excited to bring back swim lessons and introduce a one-week full day camp for ages 6-10, which was a great success to end the summer.

Our whole family activities continue such as cross-country skiing, open gym, woman's gym night, cribbage and the annual Barn Dance in March continue. We continue to provide/maintain the ice rink for skating in the winter; which includes the learn to skate program. In 2018 we added a second Barn Dance in September as well as Spring crafts, one time a week for four weeks.

Also, in 2018, we introduced a website!!! This website can be used to verify information about our programs, calendar with events and register your child for the program of your choosing. This has been an exciting addition to SVRC.

None of these things would be possible without the help and support of the citizens of the five towns we serve. We currently have 13 active board members. We would be happy to have more people join or get involved in some way.

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

Participant Numbers for Hiram: Winter (basketball, cheering/karate) – 28

Spring (tball/baseball/softball) – 33

Summer (swim/summer camps) – 10

Fall (soccer/field hockey/cheering/karate) - 29

**Town of Hiram Health Officer
Report for 2018**

018 Health officer complaint calls usually involved residents with housing and mental health problems associated with isolation. Aging in place presents ongoing challenges centered around personalities and differing preferences just as much as the availability of help. Often the help offered by families living elsewhere and local agencies was not just in line with the demands of Hiram residents in need and as health officer I was called to intervene. Our town office employees went above and beyond their duties to help as well.

The fire departments on both ends of town were fortunate to have the volunteers ready to work. Health officer responsibility involved interviewing and performing limited examinations on firefighters for safety in conformity with state requirements and simply for safety's sake. Unlike previous years, renter's complaints about mold and unsafe conditions were rare. There was a reduction in opioid related deaths locally.

Respectfully submitted.

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

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT 2018

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 31st 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 become effective January 1st .

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 appreciates the continued support of our programs from the Hiram citizens. SRFA is a non-profit organization founded in 1976 by Frank and Ruth Glazer. Our mission is to promote quality music programs in the Sacopee Valley area and to support music and arts education in the schools.

1. In 2018, our 11th year of presenting the Cornish Bandstand Series, we had another good variety of bands, including bluegrass, jazz, folk, international, and dance music. The summer concerts are held on Tuesday evenings beginning at 7:00 P.M. There are no admission fees, but donations are welcome, and refreshments are sold to help with the cost of the performers. We encourage you to attend and also invite friends.
2. We have expanded our scholarship program for music classes and camps, and in 2018 provided funds for three students to attend piano, violin, and strings camp programs.
3. In April we organized a Sacopee Variety Show as a fundraiser for the ongoing renovations of Pike Hall in Cornish. Everyone was great on the stage and the audience had fun; we hope to make this an annual event, so watch for ads this spring, get some friends together, and start practicing!
4. Toward our goal of promoting the arts, SRFA donated funds to help with bus transportation of Sacopee students in May to Boston's famous Wang Theater to see a production of *The Sound of Music*.
5. In June, Silas Hagerty at the Kezar Falls Theater worked with SRFA to present another concert by Celtic harpist Maeve Gilchrist, this time with guitarist Keith Murphy.
6. With SRFA sponsorship, Sacopee Elementary students enjoyed a special school program in October by the Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers, returning this year and presenting their version of *The Grinch*.

We invite you to visit our website at www.sacoriverfestival.org for additional information about our organization and upcoming events.

Respectfully Submitted
Sharon Beever, President
Saco River Festival Association

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 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 services available.

We are Medicare experts, providing one-on-one assistance to choose 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. We also offer our Meals to Recovery (MTR) program for those who are returning home after a hospital or rehab stay, or even after day surgery. Meals are provided up to 4 weeks to help them with their recovery process.

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, 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 21 Hiram residents, including Meals on Wheels, Medicare counseling, MoneyMinders support and information and assistance.

Sacopee TV

We can't thank the towns enough for the continued support of the Sacopee TV program. I'm sure you are wondering, why the name change? Spectrum changed their programming and TV2 was moved to Channel 1301. Instead of being called Channel 1301 we wanted a unified name that the community could relate to. We voted as a class and Sacopee TV became the new name for TV2. As a class and program we still operate everything the same way. WE continue to add updated programming for our viewers across the MSAD 55 community. WE have continued to provide programming to those not served by spectrum by use of streaming web media content. Our YouTube Channel allows viewers who do not have access to Sacopee TV on their televisions to view the same content online. By simply going to our website www.sad55.org/sacopeetv, and clicking on the YouTube logo, anyone can view our most recent programming. We always show the most recent MSAD 55 School Board Meeting on demand as well. Right now the number of live events on Sacopee TV is over 35 events for the year. This includes the School Board meetings and boys and girls home basketball games. We also broadcast some town events and will continue to cover in the towns that support Sacopee TV. With our new YouTube channel and new broadcasting equipment we are able to stream more events in the upcoming year.

Students continue to work in a classroom format 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 the program. Many students benefit from this, several have pursued careers in this discipline after graduation.

In 2019 we will continue to see results of our franchise agreement negotiations. The grant funds we received last year have enhanced our ability to provide more on demand content online from our YouTube channel. With our Wirecast application we can stream live events online from more locations and we have updated our graphics to look professional. The equipment grants have placed Sacopee TV 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 2019 for the 5 towns that support Sacopee TV. With our new broadcasting equipment called Wirecast, Sacopee TV has the ability to go live on our YouTube channel from any location as long as that location has WI-FI.

Once again we would like to thank the towns for their continued support of the Sacopee TV program. Please check out Sacopee TV located on Channel1301 and for those who don't have Spectrum please see our website as it has most of our programming including on demand content at www.sad55.org/sacopeetv.



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February 13, 2019

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, 2018. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2018 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

RHR Smith & Company

Certified Public Accountants

TOWN OF HIRAM, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1	\$ 2,093,404	\$ 2,093,404	\$ 2,093,404	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property Taxes	2,267,182	2,267,182	2,252,523	(14,659)
Excise Taxes	260,000	260,000	291,206	31,206
Interest on Taxes	-	-	19,177	19,177
Total Taxes	<u>2,527,182</u>	<u>2,527,182</u>	<u>2,562,906</u>	<u>35,724</u>
Intergovernmental Revenues:				
State Revenue Sharing	69,000	69,000	76,682	7,682
Homestead Exemption	75,904	75,904	72,431	(3,473)
GA Reimbursement	-	-	3,878	3,878
Local Road Assistance	50,000	50,000	50,946	946
Veteran Reimbursement	1,100	1,100	1,160	60
Park Fee	6,000	6,000	-	(6,000)
Tree Growth Reimbursement	20,000	20,000	19,588	(412)
State Snowmobile	655	655	655	-
Other	130,000	130,000	230	(129,770)
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	<u>352,659</u>	<u>352,659</u>	<u>225,570</u>	<u>(127,089)</u>
Licenses, Permits and Fees	-	-	17,073	17,073
Charges for Services:				
Library	7,100	7,100	6,986	(114)
Planning Board	-	-	1,047	1,047
Lease Income	-	-	3,600	3,600
Animal Control	-	-	592	592
Total Charges for Services	<u>7,100</u>	<u>7,100</u>	<u>12,225</u>	<u>5,125</u>
Investment Income	15,000	15,000	11,284	(3,716)
Miscellaneous Revenues:				
Miscellaneous Revenue	25,000	25,000	1,680	(23,320)
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>1,680</u>	<u>(23,320)</u>
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>5,020,345</u>	<u>5,020,345</u>	<u>4,924,142</u>	<u>(96,203)</u>

Town of Hiram, Maine

SCHEDULE 1 (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF HIRAM, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General Government	183,520	183,520	167,626	15,894
Boards and Associations	29,300	31,100	31,155	(55)
Maintenance	27,000	27,000	7,326	19,674
Community Services	29,900	29,900	29,900	-
Culture and Recreation	29,255	29,255	29,141	114
Protection	79,688	79,688	72,896	6,792
Cemeteries	5,400	5,400	5,222	178
Highway and Roads	490,000	490,000	481,279	8,721
Health and Sanitation	80,050	80,050	83,759	(3,709)
Education	1,554,518	1,554,518	1,554,518	-
County Tax	142,199	142,199	142,199	-
Unclassified	126,624	126,624	8,386	118,238
Debt Service:				
Principal	8,400	8,400	8,400	-
Capital Outlay	40,000	40,000	37,500	2,500
Transfers to Other Funds	196,500	196,500	66,500	130,000
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>3,022,354</u>	<u>3,024,154</u>	<u>2,725,807</u>	<u>298,347</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 1,997,991</u>	<u>\$ 1,996,191</u>	<u>\$ 2,198,335</u>	<u>\$ 202,144</u>
Utilization of Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 20,000	\$ 21,800	\$ -	\$ (21,800)
Utilization of Assigned Fund Balance	75,413	75,413	-	(75,413)
	<u>\$ 95,413</u>	<u>\$ 97,213</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (97,213)</u>

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TOWN OF HIRAM, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2018

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,723,942	\$ 24,679	\$ 2,748,621
Investments	-	48,731	48,731
Accounts receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	187,246	-	187,246
Liens	46,603	-	46,603
Other	24	-	24
Due from other funds	-	511,180	511,180
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,957,815	\$ 584,590	\$ 3,542,405
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 9,153	\$ -	\$ 9,153
Due to other governments	5,304	-	5,304
Due to other funds	511,180	-	511,180
TOTAL LIABILITIES	525,637	-	525,637
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred revenues	183,544	-	183,544
Advanced payment of LRAP funding	25,362	-	25,362
Prepaid taxes	24,937	-	24,937
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	233,843	-	233,843
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable - principal	-	68,259	68,259
Restricted	-	9,868	9,868
Committed	871	505,277	506,148
Assigned	-	5,903	5,903
Unassigned	2,197,464	(4,717)	2,192,747
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	2,198,335	584,590	2,782,925
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 2,957,815	\$ 584,590	\$ 3,542,405

TOWN OF HIRAM, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property taxes	\$ 2,271,700	\$ -	\$ 2,271,700
Excise taxes	291,206	-	291,206
Intergovernmental revenues	225,570	108,500	334,070
Charges for services	29,298	-	29,298
Miscellaneous revenues	12,964	21,443	34,407
TOTAL REVENUES	2,830,738	129,943	2,960,681
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	167,626	-	167,626
Boards and associations	31,155	-	31,155
Maintenance	7,326	-	7,326
Community services	29,900	-	29,900
Culture and recreation	29,141	-	29,141
Protection	72,896	-	72,896
Cemeteries	5,222	-	5,222
Highway and roads	481,279	-	481,279
Health and sanitation	83,759	-	83,759
Education	1,554,518	-	1,554,518
County tax	142,199	-	142,199
Unclassified	8,386	139,343	147,729
Debt service:			
Principal	8,400	-	8,400
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,659,307	139,343	2,798,650
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	171,431	(9,400)	162,031
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	66,500	66,500
Transfers (out)	(66,500)	-	(66,500)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(66,500)	66,500	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	104,931	57,100	162,031
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	2,093,404	527,490	2,620,894
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 2,198,335	\$ 584,590	\$ 2,782,925

SCHEDULE A

TOWN OF HIRAM, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
General Government -					
Legal and professional	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	2,315	\$ 2,685
Town office operation	35,000	-	35,000	32,608	2,392
Update assessing	4,500	-	4,500	2,250	2,250
Town staff	75,120	-	75,120	73,096	2,024
Fringes	13,000	-	13,000	9,735	3,265
Insurance	37,600	-	37,600	35,362	2,238
Audit of Town books	6,500	-	6,500	6,500	-
Computer	5,000	-	5,000	4,179	821
Elections	1,800	-	1,800	1,581	219
	<u>183,520</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>183,520</u>	<u>167,626</u>	<u>15,894</u>
Boards and Associations -					
Selectmen	13,000	1,800	14,800	14,800	-
Tax maps	1,600	-	1,600	1,600	-
Code enforcement	14,500	-	14,500	14,469	31
Planning board	100	-	100	286	(186)
Appeals board	100	-	100	-	100
	<u>29,300</u>	<u>1,800</u>	<u>31,100</u>	<u>31,155</u>	<u>(55)</u>
Maintenance -					
Upkeep of buildings	25,000	-	25,000	7,158	17,842
Park upkeep	2,000	-	2,000	168	1,832
	<u>27,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,000</u>	<u>7,326</u>	<u>19,674</u>
Community Services -					
Sacopec Rescue	22,000	-	22,000	22,000	-
Southwest Oxford County	4,600	-	4,600	4,600	-
Community Concepts	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	-
Seniors Plus	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-
Saco River Festival	300	-	300	300	-
	<u>29,900</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,900</u>	<u>29,900</u>	<u>-</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF HIRAM, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Culture and Recreation -					
Soldiers Memorial Library	23,600	-	23,600	23,486	114
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	655	-	655	655	-
	<u>29,255</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,255</u>	<u>29,141</u>	<u>114</u>
Protection -					
Hiram fire department	16,880	-	16,880	15,094	1,786
South Hiram fire department	18,538	-	18,538	18,341	197
EMA director	1,800	-	1,800	1,800	-
Communications	12,200	-	12,200	8,976	3,224
Animal control	2,150	-	2,150	1,577	573
Harvest Hills Animal Shelter	1,620	-	1,620	1,620	-
Hydrants	16,500	-	16,500	15,870	630
Street lights	10,000	-	10,000	9,618	382
	<u>79,688</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>79,688</u>	<u>72,896</u>	<u>6,792</u>
Cemeteries -					
Care of cemeteries	4,800	-	4,800	4,800	-
Memorial purposes	600	-	600	422	178
	<u>5,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,400</u>	<u>5,222</u>	<u>178</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF HIRAM, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Highway and Roads -					
General roads	100,000	-	100,000	97,695	2,305
Resurfacing account	100,000	-	100,000	100,000	-
Roads/bridges	50,000	-	50,000	50,000	-
Winter roads	240,000	-	240,000	233,584	6,416
	<u>490,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>490,000</u>	<u>481,279</u>	<u>8,721</u>
Health and Sanitation -					
Solid waste account	74,250	-	74,250	74,250	-
Health officer	800	-	800	800	-
General assistance	5,000	-	5,000	8,709	(3,709)
	<u>80,050</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,050</u>	<u>83,759</u>	<u>(3,709)</u>
Education -					
RSU #55	1,554,518	-	1,554,518	1,554,518	-
	<u>1,554,518</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,554,518</u>	<u>1,554,518</u>	<u>-</u>
County Tax -					
Oxford County	142,199	-	142,199	142,199	-
	<u>142,199</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>142,199</u>	<u>142,199</u>	<u>-</u>
Unclassified -					
Contingency	10,000	-	10,000	2,826	7,174
Maine Municipal Association	2,523	-	2,523	2,523	-
Southern Maine Planning	488	-	488	488	-
Town equipment maintenance	2,500	-	2,500	2,549	(49)
Abatements/overlay	111,113	-	111,113	-	111,113
	<u>126,624</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>126,624</u>	<u>8,386</u>	<u>118,238</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF HIRAM, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Debt Service -					
Principal	8,400	-	8,400	8,400	-
	8,400	-	8,400	8,400	-
Capital Outlay -					
Public works backhoe	40,000	-	40,000	37,500	2,500
	40,000	-	40,000	37,500	2,500
Transfers to Other Funds -					
Road reconstruction	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-
Building improvement	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-
Revaluation reserve	3,500	-	3,500	3,500	-
Capital improvements	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-
Tri-Town capital reserve	15,000	-	15,000	15,000	-
Vehicle reserve	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-
Public works reserve	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-
Mount Cutler grant	130,000	-	130,000	-	130,000
Sacopee Valley Rescue	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-
Outlying cemeteries	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	-
Hiram parade	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-
	196,500	-	196,500	66,500	130,000
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS	\$ 3,022,354	\$ 1,800	\$ 3,024,154	\$ 2,725,807	\$ 298,347

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

TOWN OF HIRAM, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2018

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,679	\$ 24,679
Investments	-	-	48,731	48,731
Due from other funds	72,072	439,108	-	511,180
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 72,072</u>	<u>\$ 439,108</u>	<u>\$ 73,410</u>	<u>\$ 584,590</u>
LIABILITIES				
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable - principal	-	-	68,259	68,259
Restricted	-	-	9,868	9,868
Committed	66,169	439,108	-	505,277
Assigned	5,903	-	-	5,903
Unassigned	-	-	(4,717)	(4,717)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>72,072</u>	<u>439,108</u>	<u>73,410</u>	<u>584,590</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 72,072</u>	<u>\$ 439,108</u>	<u>\$ 73,410</u>	<u>\$ 584,590</u>

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Town of Hiram, Maine

SCHEDULE C

TOWN OF HIRAM, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Interest income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 333	\$ 333
Intergovernmental	108,500	-	-	108,500
Miscellaneous	2,910	18,200	-	21,110
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>111,410</u>	<u>18,200</u>	<u>333</u>	<u>129,943</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Program expenditures	112,154	25,340	1,849	139,343
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>112,154</u>	<u>25,340</u>	<u>1,849</u>	<u>139,343</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(744)</u>	<u>(7,140)</u>	<u>(1,516)</u>	<u>(9,400)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	6,500	60,000	-	66,500
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>6,500</u>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,500</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	5,756	52,860	(1,516)	57,100
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	<u>66,316</u>	<u>386,248</u>	<u>74,926</u>	<u>527,490</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 72,072</u>	<u>\$ 439,108</u>	<u>\$ 73,410</u>	<u>\$ 584,590</u>

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