

2019

Annual Report

Town of

STOW

Maine



TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

Margaret Robbins - Chairman
Raymond Ryan - Second
James Wilfong - Third

Term Expires 2020
Term Expires 2022
Term Expires 2021

TOWN CLERK, TAX COLLECTOR, EXCISE TAX COLLECTOR

Christine Carone

Term Expires 2020

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK, TAX COLLECTOR, EXCISE TAX COLLECTOR

Carrie Garland
(appointed)

TREASURER

Diana Davis

Term Expires 2022

BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONER

Board of Selectmen

DOG OFFICER

Stanley Mc Donald (207) 890-6992
(appointed)

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Ronald McAllister – Plumbing
Ronald McAllister – Building
(appointed)

AUDITOR

Smith & Associates, CPAs
500 US Route One – Suite 102
Yarmouth, Me 04096
(207) 846-8881

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Jay Robinson

MSAD #72 DIRECTORS

3 year term

Patricia Patnaude – Alternate

Term Expires July 1st 2020

PLANNING BOARD

4 year term

Alden Brown, Jr, Chairman	Term Expires 2020
Melvin Peterson	Term Expires 2020
Anthony Higgins	Term Expires 2021
Steven Dupuis	Term Expires 2021
Carrie Garland, Secretary	Term Expires 2022
Cynthia Butters, Alt.	

CEMETERY COMMISSION

3 year term

Patricia Patnaude	Term Expires 2020
Steven Dupuis	Term Expires 2021
Susan Smith	Term Expires 2022

BUDGET COMMITTEE

3 year term

Andrew Myers	Term Expires 2020
Janice Mendonca	Term Expires 2020
Kirsten Brown	Term Expires 2020
Carl Lindblade, Chairman	Term Expires 2021
Maureen Reilly	Term Expires 2021
Shelia Graves	Term Expires 2021
Patricia Chatman	Term Expires 2022

BOARD OF APPEALS

James Wilfong - resigned
Carl Lindblade
Samuel Nesbitt, Jr
William Bain
Paul Lusky
Jeffrey Blake, Alt.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

3 year term

Steven Dupuis	Term Expires 2020
Jane Nesbitt	Term Expires 2021
Maureen Reilly	Term Expires 2022

CIVIL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DIRECTOR

Board of Selectmen

E-911 COMMITTEE

Carrie Garland - appointed

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WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

To Christine Carone, Town Clerk of the Town of Stow, County of Oxford, State of Maine,
Greetings

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Stow, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town House on Saturday the 21st day of March, AD 2020 at 1 PM in the afternoon to act on the following articles to wit.

Article 1: To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2: To choose a Town Clerk-Excise Tax Collector-Tax Collector for a three year term and vote salary for the ensuing year.

Selectmen recommend: \$17,000.00 with all fees going to General Fund (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 3: To vote salary for Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Selectmen recommend: \$4,500.00 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 4: To choose a Selectman, Assessor, and overseer of the poor to serve three years.

Article 5: To vote salaries of Selectmen effective for fiscal year 2020.

Selectmen recommend: \$4000.00 chair, \$3500.00 second, \$3,000.00 third (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 6: To choose all other Town Officers for the ensuing year and vote salaries.

Article 7: 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 category of the 2020 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2021 to the 2021 annual Town meeting. The only exceptions being the Snow Removal Account and the General Assistance Account.

Selectmen recommend: Yes (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 8: To see what disposal the Town will vote to make of any money received from the National Forest Reserve Fund during the present fiscal year. This money must be used for schools or roads to comply with the law.

Selectmen recommend: All money going to Highway Account (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to put 2020 Excise Tax money into Equity Account.

Selectmen recommend: Yes (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to charge 9.00 % interest on all taxes not paid before December 1, 2020.

Selectmen recommend: Yes (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to allow any Tax payment to be applied to the oldest Tax bill and not to the current year Tax bill.

Selectmen recommend: Yes (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow in anticipation of taxes and if so, to pay the interest on same from equity.

Selectmen recommend: Yes (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 13: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell and dispose of property acquired by tax process at public auction or bid, except where it is being sold back to the former owner or to a party who has succeeded to title of the former owner, when private sale may be utilized. In each case conveyance to be made by quitclaim deed.

Selectmen recommend: Yes (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to accept the categories of funds listed below and any others that may come available as provided by the Maine State Legislature.

State Revenue Sharing

Education Block Grant

Roads Block Grant

Tree Growth Reimbursement

Snowmobile Refund

National Forest Reserve

Veterans Exemption

Taxation Reimbursement

Homestead Property Tax Exemption

General Assistance

Property Tax Relief

Selectmen recommend: Yes (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to use any moneys received from the State Treasurer for Snowmobile refund to maintain the snowmobile trails within the town.

Selectmen recommend: Yes (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to grant and raise \$84,872.96 and take from equity \$130,000.00 for the Highway Accounts. Anticipated Breakdown as follows:

\$ 15,000.00 for New Sand and Salt Shed	
\$ 15,000.00 for Equipment	Using \$ 9,924.00 from Block Grant
\$ 80,000.00 for Snow Removal	Using \$ 10,203.04 from Nat'l Forest Reserve
\$ 5,000.00 for Tar Account	Using \$ 84,872.96 from Taxes
\$110,000.00 for Town Roads & Bridges	Using <u>\$130,000.00</u> from Equity
<u>\$ 10,000.00</u> for Ezra Heald Bridge Repair	\$235,000.00 Total
\$235,000.00 Total	

Selectmen recommend: The above breakdown (3-0)

Budget Committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 17: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise this year for a Property Tax Revaluation. Proposed to be done in 2020. Total cost will be \$40,000.00. (\$20,000.00 was raised in 2019)

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$20,000.00 (3-0)

Budget Committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 18: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for Town Officer's bills for the ensuing year.

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$83,000.00 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 19: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for maintenance of the Municipal Building and grounds.

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$6,000.00 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 20: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for the Planning Board Budget. Requested \$1,500.00

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$1,500.00 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 21: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for the Computer System. This account will be a carry forward.

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$1500.00 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 22: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for the Conservation Committee for the ensuing year. Requested \$150.00

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$150.00 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 23: To see if the Town will take from equity up to \$1,000.00 for General Assistance for the ensuing year.

Selectmen recommend: Yes (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 24: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for Disposal of Rubbish & Recyclable for the ensuing year.

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$58,000.00 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to grant and raise \$4,590.62 towards the support of the Fryeburg Rescue Unit for the ensuing year. Requested \$4,590.62

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$4590.62 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to grant and raise \$1,250.00 for the Fryeburg Rescue, so that Fryeburg Rescue may invest this money into an interest bearing account. These funds are solely to be used towards the purchase of a newer Rescue Vehicle.

Requested \$1,250.00

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$1,250.00 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to grant and raise \$14,363.25 for the Saco Valley Fire Association for the ensuing year. Requested \$14,363.25

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$14,363.25 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (3-1 abstained)

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to grant and raise \$2,000.00 for the Saco Valley Fire Assoc. for the future purchase of a newer fire truck. Requested \$2,000.00

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$2,000.00 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (3-1 abstained)

Article 29: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise this year for the Care of Cemeteries. Requested \$1,000.00

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$1,000.00 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to grant and raise \$600.00 for Community Concepts, Inc. to provide a local match for federal, state, or private grants and help defray the cost of providing services to the residents of Stow. Requested \$600.00

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$600.00 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 31: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for the Charlotte Hobbs Memorial Library in Lovell. Requested \$2,400.00

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$1,750.00 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 32: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for support of Harvest Hills Animal Shelter. Requested \$385.00

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$385.00 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 33: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for the Lovell Recreation Department for the ensuing year. Requested \$2,500.00

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$1,500.00 (2-1)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to grant and raise \$385.00 for Lifeflight Foundation to help defray operating costs. Requested \$385.00

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$385.00 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 35: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for the Southwest Oxford County Nutrition/Brownfield Pantry. Requested \$250.00

Selectmen recommend: Raising no money (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 36: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for the Sweden Food Pantry. Requested \$275.00

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$275.00 (3-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (4-0)

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for Stow by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax limit. Must be by written ballot.

Selectmen recommend: Yes (3-0)

**Given under our hands at
Stow, Maine
March 2020**

Margaret Robbins, Chairman

Raymond Ryan, Second

James Wilfong, Third

Proposed Budget 2020

Account	Total Budgeted	Carry Forward	Amount Asked For	From Taxes	From Equity
Highway Account					
New Sand & Salt Shed	19,896.52	4,896.52	15,000.00	15,000.00	
Equipment	26,538.65	11,538.65	15,000.00	15,000.00	
Snow	80,086.36	86.36	80,000.00		80,000.00
Tar	7,590.99	2,590.99	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Town Roads & Bridges	140,236.82	30,236.82	110,000.00	60,000.00	50,000.00
Ezra Heald Bridge Repair	20,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	
	294,349.34	59,349.34	235,000.00	105,000.00	130,000.00
Road Block Grant	(9,924.00)	-	(9,924.00)	(9,924.00)	-
National Forest Reserve	(10,203.04)	-	(10,203.04)	(10,203.04)	-
	274,222.30	59,349.34	214,872.96	84,872.96	130,000.00
 Revaluation	 40,000.00	 20,000.00	 20,000.00	 20,000.00	
 Town Officers Bills	 83,000.00	 -	 83,000.00	 83,000.00	
Municipal Office	11,554.76	5,554.76	6,000.00	6,000.00	
Planning Board	3,585.50	2,085.50	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Computer System	2,100.01	600.01	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Conservation Committee	513.82	363.82	150.00	150.00	
General Assistance	1,000.00	-	1,000.00		1,000.00
Rubbish & Recyclable	58,604.60	604.60	58,000.00	58,000.00	
Fryeburg Rescue	4,590.62	-	4,590.62	4,590.62	
Fryeburg Rescue - New Unit	1,250.00	-	1,250.00	1,250.00	
Saco Valley Fire	14,363.25	-	14,363.25	14,363.25	
Saco Valley Fire - truck fund	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Cemeteries	4,068.58	3,068.58	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Community Concepts	600.00	-	600.00	600.00	
Charlotte Memorial Library	2,400.00	-	2,400.00	2,400.00	
Harvest Hills Animal Shelter	385.00	-	385.00	385.00	
Lovell Recreation Committee	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Lifeflight Foundation	385.00	-	385.00	385.00	
SOCN Brownfield Pantry	250.00	-	250.00	250.00	
Sweden Food Pantry	275.00	-	275.00	275.00	
Totals	507,648.44	91,626.61	416,021.83	285,021.83	131,000.00
Other Expenditures					

2019 Report of the Board of Selectmen

Greetings!

It has been an active year. Our plans for the coming year are as follows:

1. The Town Real Estate Assessment will be done this year once the second installment of \$20,000 is approved.
2. The Ezra Heald Bridge traveled way was replaced by the Stoneham Snowmobile Club. We have \$10,000 in reserve and are requesting \$10,000 more to increase the fund for futures repairs recommended by the DOT bridge report.
3. We sold the excavator and are investing in a sand, gravel and loam vibrating screen. We can utilize the material in the pit to help repair our roads and perhaps future sales.
4. We introduced a new road ordinance limiting vehicle weight to 26,000 lbs. in order to prevent more damage to our roads. Permits are issued upon request.
5. We are trying the best we can to maintain our roads. With their current conditions, it is an endless battle. Considering the current cost to maintain the roads, we are looking into securing a bond to upgrade and pave all the roads. Our current annual need for road repair has increased to the point that it would pay the annual bond payment.

We are looking forward to discussing our goals and continuing our efforts to serve the Town of Stow.

Sincerely, Your Selectmen

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Real Estate Valuation	53,663,852.00	
Homestead Exemption	1,251,250.00	
Personal Property Valuation	<u>78,063.00</u>	
	54,993,165.00	
ASSESSMENTS		
Highway Accounts	49,660.31	
Revaluation	20,000.00	
Town Officer's Bills	83,000.00	
Municipal Office	5,000.00	
Planning Board	1,500.00	
Computer System	500.00	
Conservation Comm.	150.00	
Rubbish & Recyclables	47,000.00	
Fryeburg Rescue	4,241.74	
Fryeburg Rescue - new unit	1,250.00	
Saco Valley Fire Department	13,662.50	
Saco Valley Fire - truck fund	2,000.00	
Cemeteries	2,000.00	
Community Concepts	600.00	
Charlotte Hobbs Mem. Library	1,750.00	
Harvest Hills Animal Shelter	385.00	
Lovell Recreation Committee	2,500.00	
Lifeflight Foundation	385.00	
Sweden Food Pantry	275.00	
Brownfield Food Pantry	<u>250.00</u>	236,109.55
County Tax	51,097.00	
MSAD #72	519,355.18	
Overlay	<u>22,164.49</u>	<u>592,616.67</u>
		828,726.22
Less: State Revenue Sharing	(14,827.38)	
Less: Homestead Reimbursement	<u>(18,518.50)</u>	<u>(33,345.88)</u>
Net Assessment for Commitment		795,380.34

TOTAL RECEIPTS

2020 Prepaid Taxes	30.47
2019 Property Taxes	714,486.44
2019 Personal Property Taxes	1,155.34
2018 Property Taxes	67,765.48
2017 Tax Liens	3,788.01
2016 Tax Liens	1,151.13
Fish & Wildlife	1,403.75
Boats, ATV & Snowmobile Reg.	2,985.00
Animal Welfare Board	395.00
Vital Statistics - State	14.80
Maine Sales Tax	1,803.19
Building Permits	1,068.68
Plumbing Permits	1,716.00
Tax Anticipation Note	250,000.00
Excise Tax - Automobiles	82,303.71
Excise Tax - Boats	560.20
State Revenue Sharing	19,926.73
Homestead	18,801.00
Nat'l Forest Reserve Fund	10,203.04
Dog Licenses	267.00
Town Clerk Fees	1,851.50
Vital Statistics - Town	100.20
Interest - General Fund	746.71
Interest - Property Taxes	3,225.98
Miscellaneous Revenues	2,465.04
Roads Block Grant	9,924.00
State of Maine - Tree Growth	13,007.18
State of ME - Veterans Refund	493.00
Snowmobile Refund - 2018	125.78
Equipment - Sold Excavator	47,500.00
Roads & Bridges - State FEMA	2,421.38
Friends of Lovell Recreation	31.00
Charlotte Hobbs Library - Refund overpayment	250.00
Printer-Reimbursement	258.98
MMA Insurance - Siding Damage	3,000.00
Workers Comp - Refund	753.00
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	1,265,978.72
Cash on Hand 1/1/19	<hr/>
	168,442.66
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	1,434,421.38

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

Fish & Wildlife	1,199.75
Boats, ATV & Snowmobile Reg.	2,490.00
Animal Welfare	331.00
Vital Statistics	20.00
Maine Sales Tax	1,379.88
Building Permits	1,068.68
Plumbing Permits	1,112.50
Tax Anticipation Note	250,000.00
Tax Anticipation Note - Interest	4,051.92
Tax Anticipation - Bond Council	1,200.00
Town Officer's Bills	73,158.31
Payroll Tax Expense	3,385.15
State Withholding Tax	483.75
Municipal Office Expense	7,433.60
Planning Board	58.50
Computer System	399.99
Conservation Committee	-
Rubbish & Recyclables	46,395.40
Fryeburg Rescue	4,241.74
Fryeburg Rescue - new truck	1,250.00
Saco Valley Fire Department	13,662.50
Saco Valley Fire Department - new truck	2,000.00
Equipment	54,379.77
Snow Removal	98,413.64
New Sand and Salt Shed	12,252.91
Roads & Bridges	20,438.26
Tar Account	2,559.30
Cemeteries	969.50
MSAD #72	519,355.18
Oxford County Tax	51,094.00
Lifeflight Foundation	385.00
Community Concepts	600.00
Charlotte Hobbs Mem. Library	2,000.00
Harvest Hills Animal Shelter	385.00
Lovell Recreation Committee	2,500.00
InterState Snowgoers	125.78
Brownfield Food Pantry	250.00
Sweden Food Pantry	275.00
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	1,181,306.01
Ending Balance 12/31/19	253,651.12
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	1,434,957.13

ITEMIZED EXPENSES

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT

From Equity	110,000.00	
From Taxes	49,660.31	
National Forest Reserve	12,695.69	
Road Block Grant	<u>9,644.00</u>	
Total Available	182,000.00	

Transferred to:

Equipment	15,000.00	
Snow Account	77,000.00	
New Sand & Salt	15,000.00	
Town Roads & Bridges	60,000.00	
Tar Account	5,000.00	
Ezra Heald Bridge	<u>10,000.00</u>	
Total Available	182,000.00	

EQUIPMENT

Balance from 2018		3,418.42
Transferred from Highway Account		15,000.00
Town of Lovell - sale of excavator		<u>47,500.00</u>
Total Available		65,918.42
Paid: Androscoggin Bank - lease payment	11,475.79	
Androscoggin Bank - payoff sold excavator	42,903.98	<u>54,379.77</u>
Balance to 2020		11,538.65

SNOW ACCOUNT

Transferred from Highway Account		77,000.00
Paid: Morton Salt	19,702.12	
Southern Maine Region Planning-admin bid fee	49.09	
Conway Daily Sun - ads for snow contract bids	260.00	
Wilson Excavation - winter sand	16,000.00	
Clyde Watson Inc - winter sand	9,620.75	
Clyde Watson Inc - snow contractor	31,166.68	
H Drew's Logging - snow contract	20,680.00	
H Drew's Logging - moving screen	935.00	98,413.64
		<u>(21,413.64)</u>
Transfer from Roads & Bridges		21,500.00
Balance to 2020		86.36

SAND & SALT SHED

Balance from 2018		2,149.43
Transferred from Highway Account		<u>15,000.00</u>
Total Available		17,149.43
Maine Municipal Bond Bank - CWSRF loan payment	10,846.74	
Central Maine Power	891.17	
Kenneth Fox - plowing & sanding	365.00	
Fox & Son LLC plowing	<u>150.00</u>	12,252.91
Balance to 2020		4,896.52

TAR ACCOUNT

Balance from 2018		150.29
Transferred from Highway Account		<u>5,000.00</u>
Total Available		5,150.29
Paid: Clyde Watson, Inc - cold patch		<u>2,559.30</u>
Balance to 2020		2,590.99

TOWN ROADS & BRIDGES

Balance from 2018	9,753.70	
Transfer from Highway Account	60,000.00	
MEMA - 2018 reimbursement State portion for Lake Rd	<u>2,421.38</u>	72,175.08

Paid: Roads & Bridges - Maintenance		
C E Drew & Sons - road work 2018	4,870.19	
H Drew's Logging - road work	11,750.00	
Central Maine Power Co - street lights	336.42	
K & W Aggregates, LLC - crushed gravel & rip rap	431.00	
Clyde Watson Inc - trucking crushed gravel & rip rap	375.00	
Burke Quarry, LLC - material for Lake Rd	347.76	
Paris Farmers Union - culverts	1,528.63	
White Signs	703.92	
Conway Dailey Sun - posted roads	26.00	
Trumbulls Hardware - sign post & bolts	69.34	
	<u>20,438.26</u>	
		51,736.82
Transfer to Snow Account		<u>21,500.00</u>
Balance to 2020		30,236.82
Ezra Heald Bridge Repair		
Transfer from Highway Account	10,000.00	
Paid:	<u>-</u>	
Balance to 2020	10,000.00	
TOWN OFFICER'S BILLS		
Appropriation	83,000.00	
Carrieann Garland - bought printer (ordered wrong one)	258.98	
Workers' Compensation Audit Refund	<u>753.00</u>	84,011.98
Paid: Smith & Associates - audit	4,640.00	
John O'Donnell - tax maps	777.75	
John O'Donnell - support & upgrade	1,500.00	
John O'Donnell - assessing	8,500.00	
MMA - Dues	1,552.00	
MMA - Workers Comp	1,540.00	
MMA - Insurance	5,077.50	
Southern Maine Regional Planning - dues	446.00	
Kyes Agency Inc. - Forest Fire Ins.	1,517.00	
Salaries: Christine Carone - Town Clerk/Tax Collector	16,400.00	
Carrieann Garland - Deputy Clerk/Tax Collector	4,922.50	
Diana Davis - Treasurer/Bookkeeper	7,375.03	
Diana Davis - Secretary to Selectmen	120.00	
Carrieann Garland - Secretary to Selectmen	800.00	
Margaret Robbins - Head Selectman	4,000.00	
Raymond Ryan - Second Selectman	3,500.00	
James Wilfong - Third Selectman	3,000.00	
Ballot Clerks: Jean Magee	120.00	
Carrieann Garland	120.00	
Christine Carone - election warden & registrar	240.00	
Margaret Robbins - mileage for class	35.50	
Consolidated Communications	1,866.20	
Registry of Deeds	971.00	
Cardinal Printing - Town Reports/envelopes	407.97	
Hutchins Brothers - Treasurer's Receipts	105.00	
Price Digest - Auto Red Book	202.97	
Harris Computer System Maintenance TRIO	1,103.12	
Porter Office Machines Corp. maintenance contract	38.55	
Staples Credit Plan-office supplies	772.27	
Walmart - checks order	64.05	
U.S. Post Office	997.70	
Petty Cash	75.20	
Fernald's Hill Homeowner's Assoc - dues on foreclosure	200.00	
Conway Sun - Notices	156.00	
Return Check Charges	15.00	
Payroll Tax	<u>3,385.15</u>	<u>76,543.46</u>
Balance to Equity		7,468.52

MUNICIPAL OFFICE EXPENSES		
Balance from 2018	4,988.36	
MMA Insurance reimbursement for siding damage	3,000.00	
Appropriation	<u>5,000.00</u>	12,988.36
Paid: Central Maine Power	630.17	
B & L Oil - fuel	1,033.17	
Firesafe Equipment Inc - fire extinguisher inspect & refill	115.26	
Jean Magee - cleaning office	530.00	
Fox & Son LLC - plowing	300.00	
Kenneth Fox - plowing	365.00	
H Drew's Logging - plowing	135.00	
K.E.Y. Service LLC - replaced & repaired siding	4,000.00	
Howard Allen - mowing	<u>325.00</u>	7,433.60
Balance to 2020		5,554.76
PLANNING BOARD		
Balance from 2018	644.00	
Appropriation	<u>1,500.00</u>	2,144.00
Paid: Conway Daily Sun		<u>58.50</u>
Balance to 2020		2,085.50
COMPUTER SYSTEM		
Balance to 2018	500.00	
Appropriation	<u>500.00</u>	1,000.00
Paid: Staples Credit Plan		<u>399.99</u>
Balance to 2020		600.01
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE		
Balance from 2018	213.82	
Appropriation	<u>150.00</u>	
Balance to 2020		363.82
FRIENDS OF LOVELL RECREATION		
Donation from Stow Corner Store	31.00	
Paid	<u>-</u>	
Balance to 2020		31.00
GENERAL ASSISTANCE		
Taken from Equity		1,000.00
Paid:		<u>-</u>
Balance to Equity		1,000.00
FUEL FOR NEIGHBORS		
Balance from 2018		1,243.96
Paid:		<u>-</u>
Balance to 2020		1,243.96
TOWN ASSISTANCE:		
FUEL FOR NEIGHBORS - GIBSON		
Balance from 2018		2,500.00
Paid:		<u>-</u>
Balance to 2020		2,500.00
TAX RELIEF FOR ELDERLY - GIBSON		
Balance from 2018		2,084.80
Paid: two vouchers		<u>-</u>
Balance to 2020		2,084.80

RUBBISH & RECYCLABLES		
Balance from 2018	(449.33)	
Taken from Equity - Article 19-Town Warrant 2019	449.33	
Appropriation:	<u>47,000.00</u>	47,000.00
Paid: Mid -Maine Waste Action Corp.	13,432.00	
Town of Lovell	<u>32,963.40</u>	46,395.40
Balance to Equity		604.60
FRYEBURG RESCUE		
Appropriation		4,241.74
Appropriation - new unit		<u>1,250.00</u>
Total Available		5,491.74
Paid: Fryeburg Rescue		<u>5,491.74</u>
		-
SACO VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT		
Appropriation		13,662.50
Appropriation for newer truck		<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Available		15,662.50
Paid: Saco Valley Fire Department		<u>15,662.50</u>
		-
CARE OF CEMETERIES		
Balance from 2018	2,038.08	
Appropriation	<u>2,000.00</u>	4,038.08
Paid: Trumbulls Hardware - flags	44.50	
Howard Allen - raking, mowing & cleanup	<u>925.00</u>	969.50
Balance to 2020		3,068.58
SCHOOLS		
Appropriation		519,355.18
Paid: MSAD #72		<u>519,355.18</u>
		-
COUNTY TAX		
Appropriation		51,094.00
Paid: Oxford County Treasurer		<u>51,094.00</u>
		-
LIFEFLIGHT FOUNDATION		
Appropriation		385.00
Paid: Lifeflight Foundation		<u>385.00</u>
		-
COMMUNITY CONCEPTS		
Appropriation		600.00
Paid: Community Concepts		<u>600.00</u>
		-
CHARLOTTE HOBBS MEMORIAL LIBRARY		
Appropriation		1,750.00
Paid: Charlotte Hobbs Library		<u>2,000.00</u>
		(250.00)
Charlotte Hobbs Library - reimbursement for overpayment		<u>250.00</u>
		-
HARVEST HILLS ANIMAL SHELTER		
Appropriation		385.00
Paid: Harvest Hills Animal Shelter		<u>385.00</u>
		-
LOVELL RECREATION COMMITTEE		
Appropriation		2,500.00
Paid: Lovell Recreation		<u>2,500.00</u>
		-

INTERSTATE SNOGOERS		
Rec'd - Secretary of State for 2018		125.78
Paid: Interstate Snowgoers		<u>125.78</u>
		-
BROWNFIELD FOOD PANTRY		
Appropriation		250.00
Paid: Southwest Oxford County Nutrition, Inc		<u>250.00</u>
		500.00
SWEDEN FOOD PANTRY		
Appropriation		275.00
Paid: Sweden Food Pantry		<u>275.00</u>
		-
FISH & WILDLIFE		
Rec'd - Town Clerk		1,403.75
Paid: Treasurer of State		<u>1,199.75</u>
Balance to 2020		204.00
RV, BOAT, ATV REGISTRATIONS		
Rec'd Town Clerk		2,985.00
Paid: Treasure of State		<u>2,490.00</u>
Balance to 2020		495.00
ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD		
Balance from 2018	18.00	
Rec'd Town Clerk	<u>395.00</u>	413.00
Paid: Animal Welfare Board		<u>331.00</u>
Balance to 2020		82.00
VITAL STATISTICS		
Balance from 2018	8.00	
Rec'd Town Clerk	<u>14.80</u>	22.80
Paid: Treasure of State		<u>20.00</u>
Balance to 2020		2.80
MAINE SALES TAX		
Rec'd Town Clerk		1,803.19
Paid: Treasurer of State		<u>1,379.88</u>
Balance to 2020		423.31
STATE WITHHOLDING		
Balance from 2018	120.00	
Payroll Deductions	<u>483.75</u>	603.75
Paid: Treasurer of State		<u>483.75</u>
Balance to 2020		120.00
FICA/ MED / FWH		
Payroll Deductions	4,565.15	
Towns' Payroll Tax Expense	<u>3,385.15</u>	7,950.30
Paid: EFTPS		<u>7,950.30</u>
		-
BUILDING PERMITS		
Rec'd: Ronald McAllister		1,068.68
Paid: Ronald McAllister		<u>1,068.68</u>
		-
PLUMBING PERMITS		
Balance from 2018	652.50	
Rec'd: Ronald McAllister	<u>1,716.00</u>	2,368.50
Paid: Ronald McAllister	802.50	
Treasurer of State	270.00	
Nathaniel Bennett - refund for overpayment	<u>40.00</u>	1,112.50
Balance to 2020		1,256.00

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE

Rec'd: Androscoggin Bank		250,000.00
Paid: Androscoggin Bank	250,000.00	
Interest	4,021.92	
Wire Transfer Fees	30.00	
Bernstein Shur - Bond Counsel	<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>255,251.92</u>
		(5,251.92)
Taken from Equity		<u>5,251.92</u>

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NATIONAL FOREST RESERVE

Balance from 2018		12,695.69
Rec'd: Treasurer State of Maine		<u>10,203.04</u>
	Total Available	22,898.73
Transfer to Highway Account		<u>12,695.69</u>
Balance to 2020		10,203.04

ROADS BLOCK GRANT

Balance from 2018		9,644.00
Rec'd: State of Maine		<u>9,924.00</u>
		19,568.00
Transfer to Highway Account		<u>9,644.00</u>
Balance to 2020		9,924.00

TAX COLLECTORS REPORT

Original Commitment	\$795,380.34
Paid Treasurer	(\$714,486.44)
Paid Treasurer Personal Property	<u>(\$1,155.34)</u>
Unpaid Taxes as of Dec 31,2019	\$79,738.56

Allison, Stephen C	\$197.62
Anderson, Michael	\$1,275.98
Begley, Walter	\$391.31
**Bemis, Eben & Karen	\$1,823.36
Brayman, David M	\$1,671.02
*Butters, Paul C	\$572.15
Buzzell, Cheryl A.	\$2,714.29
Carrier, Maurice J. & Betsy N.	\$3,675.14
Cook, Timothy D	\$2,765.93
**Crivello, Dominic	\$952.51
Davison, Richard A	\$1,391.08
*Defeo, Francis & Kelly	\$597.27
Derby, Thomas & Nancy	\$471.26
*Doyle, Marion	\$1,204.08
Durkee, James G.	\$887.04
*Erickson, Dana E.	\$340.90
Espinola, Dawn E.	\$532.80
Flagg, Richard J	\$340.70
Franey, Myles & Claire	\$198.91
Graves, Peter L. Sr & Gail M	\$891.70
*Graves Peter Jr	\$967.55
Great Land Associates Inc	\$194.18
Hassler, Daniel	\$830.04
Hassler, Daniel	\$209.27
Hefler, John	\$214.90
*Hilarides, William K	\$670.63
*Holden, Reed K	\$7,435.37
*Holden, Reed K	\$1,326.45
**Holt, George C. Trustee	\$892.03
*Hubley, Robert & June	\$2,322.74
Jensen, Michael	\$351.41
Johanson, Brigit	\$288.56
Johanson, Brigit	\$313.57
Kearney, Leo & Pamela	\$1,581.93
King, Jay Douglas	\$59.11
***Knapp, Timmy	\$942.03
Labonte, Albert	\$346.62
Labonte, Albert	\$327.67
Lacouture, Mark J.	\$882.82
***Mahoney, Robert J. & Jayne S.	\$348.10
Martin, Thomas J	\$212.23
Martin, Thomas J	\$208.98

Moore, Jr Richard & Lisa	\$1,787.37
Moore, Jr Richard & Lisa	\$1,714.40
Moran, John & Susan	\$1,726.46
Morlock, Richard D.&Cynthia A.	\$2,678.34
**Murray, Jerusha	\$844.43
*Neddenriep, Sara J	\$20.96
O'Neil, Tamsen & Bryan, Kimberlee	\$361.56
Parker, James	\$372.07
Parmenter, Dorothy	\$713.00
Pelkie, Ronald	\$705.10
Peterson, Lars	\$1,412.22
Remson, John	\$577.20
*Routhier, Marcel & Christina	\$301.58
**Routhier, Marcel & Christina	\$1,370.12
*Sargent, Barbara B	\$608.86
Seymour, Janet	\$3,702.34
**Shackford, David E	\$238.65
*Smith, Kenneth M	\$995.49
*Smith, Steven & Candace	\$6,336.80
Stone, Terence J.	\$1,460.42
*Thayer, Megan Estate of	\$346.02
Three Girls Realty	\$713.51
***Tufts, Steven & Spiller, Zoe S.	\$1,663.19
*Waldrep, Michael J	\$325.30
Walker, Peggy	\$3,165.48
**Whidden, Louise	\$5,489.10
White, Brian	\$33.30
**Wilkie, Robert & Lee Ann	\$208.98
Williams, Evan P	\$1,551.29
*Williams, Sarah fiske, Fiske, Francis III	\$291.56
*Willoughby, Gary & Anna	\$1,481.35
***Wilshusen, Jane P	\$536.50
*Young, Kevin R	\$196.25

* Paid after Books Closed

** Partial Payment

*** Parial Payment after Books Closed

Respectfully Submitted

Christine Carone Tax Collector

TOWN CLERKS REPORT

There was one birth in 2019

There was one marriage in 2019

There were two deaths in 2019

Ronald Butters 03/17/2019

James Smith 10/11/2019

There were 76 dogs licensed

There were 2 Kennel licenses

Respectfully Submitted

Christine Caone Town Clerk

Treasurer's Report

Balance in Treasury - January 1, 2019	168,442.66	
Received:		
TD Bank		
Public Finance Moneymarket - interest	720.07	
Checking - interest	26.64	
Androscoggin Bank - Tax Anticipation Loan	250,000.00	
Roads & Bridges-MEMA State's part for Lake Rd	2,421.38	
Equipment-sold excavator	47,500.00	
MMA Insurance- for siding damage	3,000.00	
Workers Comp Refund	753.00	
Charlotte Hobbs Library-refund overpayment	250.00	
Friends of Lovell Recreation - donation	31.00	
Nat'l Forest Reserve Fund	10,203.04	
State Treasurer		
Revenue Sharing	19,926.73	
Roads Block Grant	9,924.00	
Veterans Reimbursement	493.00	
Tree Growth Refund	13,007.18	
State of Maine Snowmobile 2018	125.78	
Homestead Reimbursement	18,801.00	
Town Clerk		
Auto Excise	82,303.71	
Boat Excise	560.20	
Boat, Snowmobile,ATV Registration	2,985.00	
Fish and Wildlife	1,403.75	
Dogs(state)	395.00	
Dogs (town)	267.00	
Vital Statistics(state)	14.80	
Vital Statistics(town)	100.20	
Maine Sales Tax	1,803.19	
Clerk Fees	1,851.50	
Plumbing Permits	1,716.00	
Building Permits	1,068.68	
Printer - reimbursement	258.98	
Miscellaneous	2,465.04	
Tax Collector		
2016 Tax Liens	1,151.13	
2017 Tax Liens	3,788.01	
2018 Property Taxes	67,765.48	
2019 Personal Property Taxes	1,155.34	
2019 Property Taxes	714,486.44	
2020 Prepaid Taxes	30.47	
Interest from Taxes	3,225.98	1,434,421.38
Less Warrants 1-29		<u>1,181,306.01</u>
		253,115.37
Accounts Payable		<u>535.75</u>
Balance to 2020		253,651.12

Tax Lien: 2018

** Begley, Walter	446.54
** Brayman, David M.	\$1,685.48
Carrier, Maurice	\$3,625.72
** Davison, Richard	\$1,414.45
Flagg, Richard	\$397.54
Hefler, John	\$275.75
Johanson, Brigit	\$393.90
Johanson, Brigit	\$568.82
Labonte, Albert	\$403.27
** Labonte, Albert	\$384.93
Parmenter, Dorothy	\$757.98
Seymour, Janet	\$3,665.75
* Thayer, Megan	\$402.70
Three Girls Realty	\$758.47

Tax Lien: 2017

* Carrier, Maurice & Betsy	\$3,214.09
* Johanson, Brigit	\$346.68
* Johanson, Brigit	\$508.59

* Paid after books closed ** Partial payment

*** Partial Payment after books closed

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Davis, Treasurer

Fryeburg Rescue Town Report for 2019

To the citizens of Fryeburg, Brownfield, Lovell, Stow, and Chatham

First and foremost I want to thank all of the citizens of the Towns we cover for your continued support of Fryeburg Rescue. We could not do our job as well as we do without it. We appreciate your feedback and are constantly evaluating and refining our service to suit the changing needs of the communities we serve.

We have a “new” unit 504; this was formerly our “crash truck”. The new truck is better equipped to serve our needs with its primary mission as a wilderness extrication support vehicle. Please feel free to stop by and look at this vehicle.

We will be replacing 503 this summer as it is 14 years old and approaching its service limits. Much time and effort was spent to ensure the replacement unit will meet our needs well into the future, maximizing its value and investment.

We responded to 915 calls for our service in 2019. The breakdown was as follows: 544 calls in Fryeburg, 183 in Brownfield, 115 in Lovell, 27 in Chatham, 23 in Stow and mutual aid to other Towns and services 23.

Our Rescue Station is physically staffed from 6:00 A.M. through 6:00 P.M., 7 days a week with a minimum of 2 people available for all responses. At night we schedule 2 or 3 staff on-call. (We strive to position 1 person in Fryeburg, 1 in Brownfield and 1 in Lovell.)

For clarification, our budget to the Towns covers only the cost of our operations; including items such as fuel, medical supplies, building maintenance, and utilities. Up until now our payroll and all associated expenses were covered by the revenues we received from billing but, unfortunately, as costs – including the state mandated wage increase and associated employee expenses – continue to rise, our budget is being stretched ever tighter.

The total cost to operate Fryeburg Rescue for 2019 was \$418,000.00+-.

We continue to offer community outreach programs including CPR and AED placements and we are in the process of reinvigorating our Junior Rescue program as well. We are always looking for people who would like to join our organization. EMS is an excellent way for you to serve your community, while learning some very valuable skills. Applications are available in our Rescue station, please stop by to inquire or apply.

The Fryeburg Rescue EMS officers for the 2019 calendar year were the following:

Chief, Stephen Goldsmith
Deputy Chief, Eric Meltzer
Assistant Deputy Chief Roberta Lord

The Board of Directors for the 2020 Calendar Year Are:

President, Eric Meltzer
Vice President, Penny Parmenter
Treasurer, Bob Ramsay

Other Board Members include, Julie Ontengco, Joann Sparks, Pam Douglass and Bill Kane

If you have any questions or concerns about Rescue please feel free to contact me.
Thank you again for all of your support.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Stephen Goldsmith, Chief of Fryeburg Rescue 2017
Ghse@fairpoint.net 925-2572(home) or 935-3024 (station)

Oxford County Sheriff's Office

Christopher R. Wainwright, Sheriff

Sheriff
Christopher R. Wainwright
Chief Deputy
James D. Arquhart



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January 06, 2020

Board of Selectmen
Town of Stow
710 Stow Rd
Stow, ME 04037

Dear Stow Residents:

Please find enclosed the 2019 annual report of law enforcement activities provided by the Oxford County Sheriff's Office within your community. This report includes:

- Total Law Enforcement Incidents
- Calls for service by Incident type

Also included, the calls received through the Oxford County Regional Communications Center:

- Total Emergency Medical / Fire

If you have any questions / concerns, then please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Christopher R. Wainwright
Christopher R. Wainwright
Sheriff

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OXFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Christopher R. Wainwright



Sheriff

Christopher Wainwright

Chief Deputy

James Urquhart

2019 Annual Report

Dear Neighbors, Residents, and Tax Payers,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Sheriff. As our agency prepares to enter the new decade, we look back at 2019 as one of our busiest and most challenging years. Not only did our county wide calls for service increase, but we also struggled, as most law enforcement agencies have, with attracting and retaining qualified law enforcement professionals.

This past year, the Oxford County Sheriff's Office has worked hard to rebuild the agency after trying times. To our agency's credit, I want you to know that my staff handled the year's challenges with dedication and professionalism. The work that they do each day with crime prevention, drug intervention, and jail services is often overlooked. I am proud to tell you that even in difficult times, the men and women of the Sheriff's Office have continued our mission to proudly serve and protect our neighbors in Oxford County.

Looking forward to 2020, I feel confident many of our challenges are in the past. We have plans to improve our visibility and response times by utilizing our substations in Brownfield, Rumford, and Bethel. Additionally, we have plans to convert our current jail facilities from a 72-hour holding facility back to a full-service operation. This will allow the county to restore local control and save our taxpayers money. Our agency has begun partnership with Central Maine Community College's Law Enforcement Program to recruit and train future law enforcement professionals. Through this new partnership, we have sent instructors and have successfully hired five patrol and corrections personnel. We hope that this will serve as a promising pathway to address some of the hiring challenges in Western Maine.

As I begin my 29th year of service to Oxford County, my commitment to service and to meeting the challenges of law enforcement in rural Maine have never been stronger. Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Sheriff, and I look forward to the progress that our agency will make in the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher Wainwright".

Sheriff Christopher R. Wainwright



Oxford County Sheriff's Office

2019 Calls for Service by Location

Stow

Administrative	1	Psychiatric	1
Agency Assist	2	Request Call	4
Alarm	2	Request Officer	1
Animal Problem	4	Shots Fired	1
Attempt-Locate	1	Suspicious	4
Civil Problem	3	Threat	1
Drug	1	Traff Complaint	2
E911 HANG UP	2	Traffic Hazard	1
Gaming & Weapon	2	Traffic Offense	3
Information	1	Trespassing	1
Juvenile Prob	3	Unattended Deat	1
LE Accident	4	VIN Inspection	1
Mental Subject	1	Warrant Arrest	1
PD Accident	1	Welfare Check	7
PI Accident	1		

Total Calls for Service **58**



OXFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2019 FIRE AND EMS TOTAL CALLS BY TOWN OR TERRITORY

Town	EMS Calls	Fire Calls
Adamstown Twp	1	0
Andover North	1	1
Andover West	0	1
Albany	19	12
Andover	55	35
Bethel	233	93
Brownfield	127	41
Buckfield	162	48
Byron	13	4
Canton	170	15
Denmark	55	42
Dixfield	223	47
Fryeburg	448	100
Gilead	17	10
Grafton	3	5
Greenwood	50	19
Hanover	20	11
Hartford	69	25
Hebron	110	40
Hiram	78	22
Lovell	106	43
Lincoln Plt	4	2
Magalloway	2	1
Mason Twp	0	2
Mexico	460	71
Milton Plt	9	0
Newry	95	76
Norway	669	151
Otisfield	141	37
Oxford	564	135
Paris	896	154
Peru	124	42
Porter	45	13
Richardson Twp	0	1
Roxbury	37	14
Rumford	1173	223
Stoneham	19	9
Stow	21	15
Sumner	67	28
Sweden	27	13
Upton	4	1
Waterford	107	32
Woodstock	121	48
West Paris	157	23

NOTE: These numbers do not include calls for service that were taken directly by the responding agency, and, these numbers do include calls taken and an emergency agency was not dispatched.

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January 1, 2020

COMMITTEES:
ARMED SERVICES
BUDGET
ENERGY AND
NATURAL RESOURCES
INTELLIGENCE
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Dear friends,

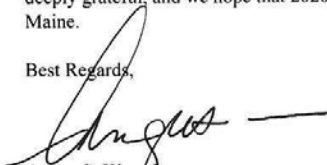
The beginning of a new year provides the opportunity to reflect on the progress of the past 12 months. If you've been watching cable TV, you might think that every waking moment of 2019 in Washington has been consumed by divisive, partisan issues – and while there's no shortage of those debates, there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

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

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

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

Best Regards,



Angus S. King, Jr.
United States Senator

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Dear Friends,

As 2019 ends and 2020 begins, I am pleased to report that Congress made progress on a number of issues important to Maine families despite the polarization in our country.

In a major win for surviving military and retiree spouses to whom we are deeply indebted, I was proud to co-lead the repeal of what is often referred to as the “Military Widow’s Tax,” an unfair offset of survivor benefits that has prevented as many as 67,000 surviving spouses—including more than 260 from Maine—from receiving the full benefits they deserve.

The high cost of health care and prescription drugs continues to be a top issue for families and seniors. To provide continued relief for more lower- and middle-income individuals, I led the charge to extend for another two years the medical expense tax deduction that I included in the 2017 tax law. Without this extension, nearly 20,000 Mainers and millions of Americans with high medical expenses, including many with preexisting conditions, would have faced an increased tax burden. In other good news, the CREATES Act I cosponsored became law. It will prevent pharmaceutical companies from blocking access to a sufficient supply of brand-name drugs needed for the studies that allow less expensive alternatives to enter the marketplace.

Improving people’s health and wellbeing remains my priority. On a per capita basis, Maine has the highest incidence of Lyme disease in the country. In August, I held a Senate hearing at the University of Maine’s Tick Lab on this growing public health crisis. A comprehensive public health strategy to combat this epidemic is needed, and the new law I authored will do just that.

In addition, I helped champion another \$2.6 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health, our nation’s premiere biomedical research institution, including significant boosts for Alzheimer’s disease and diabetes research. Last year, NIH funded more than \$111 million for research at 14 Maine institutions.

To help prepare the graduates of Maine Maritime Academy, I secured \$300 million for a new training ship, which will ensure rigorous instruction for MMA students for decades to come.

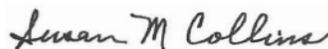
Significant federal funding was approved for work at Bath Iron Works and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Funding appropriated by Congress will pay for three new destroyers, make a down payment on an additional ship, and finance infrastructure improvements at PNSY.

As Chairman of the Transportation and Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I have led efforts to improve our nation’s crumbling infrastructure and ensure that Maine’s housing needs are addressed. For Maine’s roads, bridges, airports, and seaports, tens of millions in federal funding will help make urgently needed upgrades and improve safety. Funding will also support housing assistance to low-income families and seniors and aid communities in reducing homelessness among our youth. The Community Development Block Grant program will assist numerous towns and cities in our State.

The Aging Committee I chair has continued its focus on financial security for our seniors. A new law I authored will make it easier for small businesses to offer retirement plans to their employees. Our Aging Committee’s Fraud Hotline fielded more than 1,200 calls this year. Congress passed a new law to crack down on robocallers who are often the perpetrators of these scams. And a new law I authored will expand the IRS’ Identity Protection PIN program nationwide to prevent identity theft tax refund fraud.

At the end of 2019, I cast my 7,262nd consecutive vote. In the New Year, I will keep working to deliver bipartisan solutions to the challenges facing Maine and the nation. 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 2020 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



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Jared Golden
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Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully,

Jared Golden
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