



STARKS

Annual Report 2019

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Cover photo taken by Chelsey (Rackliff) Stevens, on June 23rd, 2019, titled "Thompson Bridge"

Town Report Photo Contest

Please submit original photographs of Starks via email to: erinenorton82@gmail.com

No later than December 1st, 2020 to be considered for the cover of next year's annual Town Report.

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2019 Annual Report Dedication

STARKS FIRE DEPARTMENT



At the Fire Station in front of Engine 92 from left: Lt. Danielle Pressey, Josh Gray, Chief Bill Pressey, Deputy Chief David Gray, John Robbins, Chad Gehrke, bottom row: Josh Dunham, Josh Harrington, Kelly Watson, Lt. Chip Irvine, Codey Casey and Cpt. Bo Pressey.

"What makes firefighters courageous in my eyes, isn't what they do day in and day out, it's what they are willing to do at any given moment".

-Frank Viscuso

This year's town report is dedicated to the Starks Fire Department and all the firefighters that have been and currently are members. The department was organized May 17, 1948 for the purpose of protecting Starks from fire danger and assisting in other emergencies.

Under Chief Pressy's leadership the department has been able to expand their assets and increase roster size. Today there are seventeen active firefighters, a significant number for a community of our size.



The department has fought fires, searched for lost persons, rescued people and animals from flood waters, controlled traffic, assisted in medical emergencies, offered mutual aid, and helped at an airplane crash site. In addition, there is ongoing equipment and building maintenance, training requirements, fire education services and participation in town and area community events.

During the winter of 2019/2020 a new generator was installed at the fire station with an addition constructed to house it. Starks receives an excellent return on the investment in its fire department and it is a pleasure to honor the people who make the organization roll.



"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time, they just have the heart".

-unknown

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS TERMS

Selectmen - 3 year

Joseph Hayden	3-2020
Ernest Hilton	3-2021
Paul Frederic	3-2022

Assessors - 3 year

Joseph Hayden	3-2020
Cathleen Horner	3-2021
Maryanne Gawlinski	3-2022

Tax Collector - 3 year

Jenn Zweig Hebert	3-2021
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Town Clerk - 3 year

Jenn Zweig Hebert	3-2022
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Registrar of Voters - 2 year

Jenn Zweig Hebert	1-2021
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Treasurer - 3 year

Erin Norton	3-2020
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Planning Board - 5 year

Gwen Hilton	4-2020
Ken Lust	4-2022
Stephen Hopkins (Alt.)	5-2022
Claire Nelson	5-2023
John Newsom	5-2023
Joe Hartigan	4-2024

CEO/Plumbing Inspector - 1 year

Leo Mayo	3-2020
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Fire Chief - 1 year

William Pressey	3-2020
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Town Fire Warden - 1 year

William Pressey	3-2020
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GA Administrator

Jenn Zweig Hebert	3-2020
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Animal Control Officer - 1 year

Danielle Pressey	Until Rescinded
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Health Officer - 3 year

Leo Mayo	5-2020
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Building Superintendent - 1 year

William Pressey	3-2020
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Town Sexton - 1 year

William Pressey	3-2020
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Warrant Officer - 3 year

Jerry Brackett	3-2020
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RSU # 9 School Board Director - 3 year

Carol Coles	7-2021
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Appeals Board - 5 year

George Martikke	9-2020
Sara Brusila	9-2021
Carol Coles	9-2022
Maryanne Gawlinski	9-2022
Jared Norton	9-2023

Budget Committee – 1 year

Carol Coles	3-2020
Jay Robinaon	3-2020
David Gray	3-2020
Ashley Hayden	3-2020
Ken Lust	3-2020

Water District - 3 year

Joe Hartigan	Operator
AnnMarie Simone	11-2022
Robin Melancon-Quimby	11-2022
Jared Norton	11-2020
Ashley Hayden	11-2021
Erin Norton	11-2023



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OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

March, 2020

2019 was a busy year for the town's capital improvements:

- We rebuilt over 3,000 feet of Chicken St. from the Fire Station up to near Carla Oliver's place, beyond Madge Frederic's house, while also rebuilding the Abijah Hill Road, and ditching and brush cutting about four miles of the Mayhew Road;
- We re-built the eaves and roofline on the Fire Station so the roof would shed snow better and the falling ice wouldn't damage the exterior walls as they have up to now;
- While doing the above, we built a lean-to to enclose a newly acquired generator to assure the Fire Station and the Town Garage have power when CMP's Starks Feeder power line goes down, as is occurring with ever greater frequency in recent years;

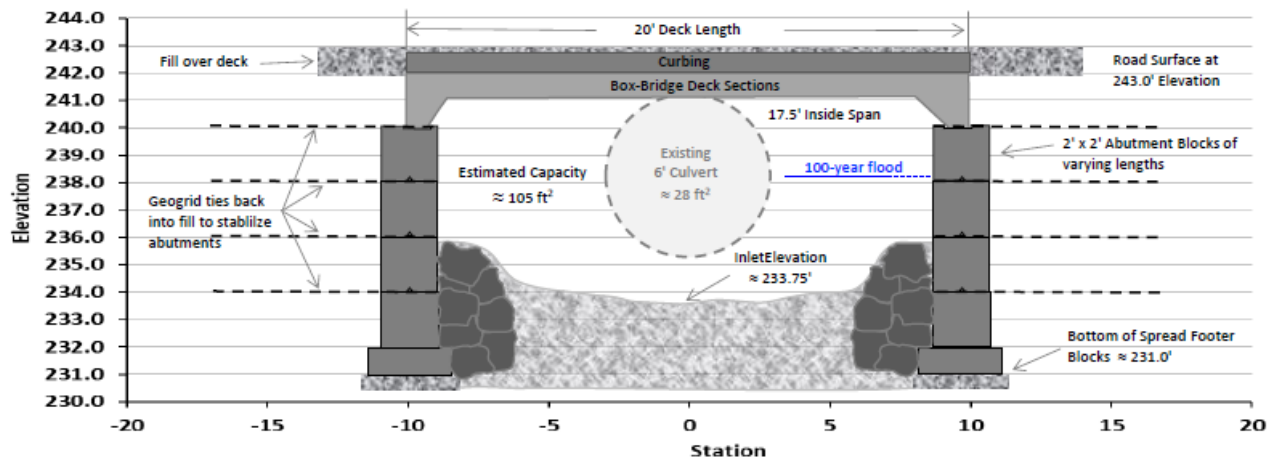
More capital projects are in the works for 2020. Principal among them is the town received a \$75,000 grant from the state to rebuild the Smith Brook culvert located about 100 yards east of the Lemon Stream bridge. At its culvert on the River Road, Smith Brook drains over two square miles in an area reaching over a mile north of Rt 43 near Jerry Brackett. It's a significant culvert. The state permit has been received. We have applied for and should receive the Army Corps permit shortly. Construction will cause the River Road to be shut down for through traffic for a few days in late August while town crews do the construction. While the project financing is premised on the town contributing a substantial portion of the cost, the town should actually be able to just about pay for the entire project including crew time and all materials with just grant funds. If we do so, it'll be a free permanent bridge.



Proposed Crossing - Inlet Elevation

Smith Brook at Sandy River Road, Starks, Maine

A. Abbott - US Fish and Wildlife Service - 12/11/19



With the advent of a new state administration more favorably disposed towards renewable energy, we've had a solar developer out to look at the town's depleted sand pit for development of solar PV power. In all it is seen as a good prospect, but its location a mile from the nearest three-phase transmission line means it may be pushed down the list a few years while other locations with adjacent transmission lines are developed first.

The Volvo plow truck we bought at a DOT auction in 2018 has worked out so well, we thought we'd try it again this past year. Unfortunately, the state chose not to put any wheelers out for auction in 2018, but they've told us there will be several (likely more than 20 to choose from) this year. We've put in an article to raise the funds to try again at the auction this coming May, 2020.

We've engaged with the Building Committee to investigate improvements to the heating system at the Community Center to make it more efficient and far less complex.

The Selectmen serve on a number of out-of-town and regional boards and advisory groups. Ernie is a member of the Somerset County Economic Development Corp., which provides low cost financing and seeks to provide leadership in economic development in Somerset County. Joe is treasurer of the Kennebec Valley Regional Waste Corp. (KVRWC- Recycling) and is on the executive board of the Anson/Madison/Starks (AMS) ambulance service. Paul represents Starks at the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG), and on the First Park Board in Oakland, and is a member of the Somerset County Budget Committee. All three selectmen are on the boards of KVRWC and AMS.

We thank everyone who helped make our town a better place during this past year. This especially includes the road crew, and all the members of the fire department who go to such great and self-less efforts to keep us safe. It also extends to the substantial volunteer efforts by so many of our citizens on so many fronts which often go unrecognized.

The Board meets at 7:00 pm on the first, third and fifth Mondays of each month. You are welcome at any of our meetings.

Board of Selectmen,
Paul Frederic, Joe Hayden, Ernie Hilton

FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN CLERK

As another busy year wraps up it has once again been a pleasure to serve Starks as Town Clerk!

I'd like to remind you to visit the official Town of Starks website. Check it out at www.starksme.com - it is packed with an amazing amount of information related to our town. Everything from paying your taxes online, tax maps, the annual town report, town adopted ordinances, to upcoming events is at your fingertips. There is also an official Town of Starks Facebook page which I welcome all to "like" as it has current events and happenings.

The Starks Community Center still thrives as the centerpiece of our town. Our Community Center continues to be the site of many private and public events. The town has continued with the maintenance and improvement of this wonderful building. As the clerk, my duties include scheduling, ensuring access, and collecting fees. Owning and maintaining a Community Center is a big responsibility for our small town but it has been a successful endeavor! Building Superintendent, **Bill Pressey's** maintenance, care and cleaning of the building has resulted in a true showpiece! **Danielle Pressey** and **John Robbins** often help out with building cleaning and maintenance as well. **THANK YOU BILL, DANIELLE and JOHN** for all your hard work! Even with our limited budget Starks has a Community Center that is the envy of many surrounding communities.

This year, **Maryanne Gawlinski** worked as my Deputy for times when I was unable to work. Maryanne has served our residents well. I enjoy working with Maryanne and am proud to call her friend. **THANK YOU Maryanne**. You are a great addition to the Town Office team.

Thank you to the Select Board, **Joe, Paul and Ernie** for their hard work and dedication to running the town successfully. As always, A *SPECIAL THANK YOU* goes to my office mate **Erin Norton**. We share a similar pride in serving customers. Erin's spirit of teamwork, upbeat attitude and friendship means so much to me! A fabulous team of new and experienced Election Workers got me through the busy elections in 2019, including a State wide Referendum election. I want to thank the following election workers: **Valerie Comstock, Maryanne Gawlinski, Cathleen Horner, Erin Norton, Danielle Pressey, Vicki Stevens, and Barbara Vischer**.

I also want to thank **Jerry Brackett**, Warrant Officer and **Denis Culley** for serving as Moderator at the Annual Town Meeting.

Vital records for 2019 were as follows:

<u>Births</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Marriages</u>
2	6	3

The town wide e-mail list continues to be a great way to communicate with citizens quickly and easily. If you haven't given me your e-mail address yet - consider being part of this effective way to be notified of the most current municipal happenings, public events and other important information. Your personal information will not be shared, the messages are sent with the recipient addresses blocked.

Town office hours are **Mondays 10 am-2 pm, Wednesdays 3pm-7pm, and the first Saturday of the month 8 am -11 am**. I understand these limited hours can be frustrating for some - so I am willing to help folks (in a pinch) during off hours. Call me on my home phone (696-3756), cell phone (578-0341) or email me at mthungermaine@gmail.com and I will do my best to accommodate your needs.

I am honored to be working as the Clerk for the Town of Starks. I hope to continue to serve you well. Feel free to be in touch with any suggestions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenn

Jennifer A Zweig Hebert

Non Zero Balance on All Accounts

Tax Year: 2019

As of: December 31, 2019

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	1	Abbott, Brandi S.	298.06	0.00	298.06
	18	Ames, Peter E.	423.73	0.00	423.73
	19	Anger Jr. Robert K	979.13	1.38	977.75
	711	Ashby, Deborah	316.68	130.17	186.51
	26	Atwood, John T. and Meader, T	138.01	0.00	138.01
	767	Bellefleur, Brad	82.96	0.00	82.96
	629	Bellefleur, Eileen M.	401.72	0.00	401.72
	324	Bellefleur, Sarah	425.22	0.00	425.22
	388	Bengal, Carrier M	442.01	0.00	442.01
	611	Bessey, Craig J.	868.72	0.00	868.72
	38	Blackburn, Robert Jr.	2,248.82	0.00	2,248.82
**	56	Bliss, Christine	402.84	0.00	402.84
**	60	Boucher, Douglas A.	861.44	0.23	861.21
**	331	Boucher, Douglas A.	181.28	0.00	181.28
	471	Brann Jr., David A.	270.80	0.00	270.80
	319	Brewer, Taylia M.	371.14	0.00	371.14
	149	Brower, Howard S.	302.13	0.00	302.13
	479	Bucciano Daniel	617.69	0.00	617.69
	702	Bushey, Jason B.	1,180.55	0.00	1,180.55
	77	Cassidy, Christine M	1,274.35	0.00	1,274.35
	87	Churchill, Caleb	593.07	0.00	593.07
	88	Churchill, David N.& Craig A	167.85	0.00	167.85
	89	Churchill, William C.Sr.	2,106.52	0.00	2,106.52
*	416	Clark,Kelly D	688.93	0.00	688.93
	337	Coconis, Michael	1,280.14	8.32	1,271.82
	98	Colburn, Gary	1,269.88	0.00	1,269.88
	111	Costigan, Julie L.	628.69	0.00	628.69
	409	Costigan, Kenneth	555.86	0.00	555.86
	112	Cotton, Dennis L.	954.69	0.00	954.69
*	115	Cowan, Edward	959.39	353.78	605.61
	118	Crockett, Stephen & Diane	742.64	0.00	742.64
	120	Curran, Thomas & Jennifer	306.61	0.00	306.61
	136	Deming, Roi A.	532.27	23.16	509.11
	138	Denis, Emanuel	320.03	7.94	312.09
	139	Denis, Emanuel T.	33.94	4.54	29.40
	141	Denis, Emanuel T.	306.61	7.17	299.44

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	145	Denis, Emanuel T.	312.57	0.00	312.57
	146	Denis, Emanuel T.	214.66	0.00	214.66
	150	Denis, Emanuel T.	311.08	13.22	297.86
	266	DeRosa, Christopher	372.07	0.00	372.07
	619	Desjardins, Thomas R.	2,125.54	0.00	2,125.54
	455	Donovan, Gregory J.	344.47	0.00	344.47
	167	Dube, Brad A	1,682.98	0.00	1,682.98
	786	Dudash, Shane	291.69	0.00	291.69
	173	Duley, Richard	492.36	90.90	401.46
	176	Dyke et Al, Darrell A.	1,001.32	229.52	771.80
	179	Edwards, Ivan	242.45	0.00	242.45
	283	Esposito, Maureen H.	1,575.74	0.00	1,575.74
	648	Esposito, Robert	527.79	0.00	527.79
	109	Esposito, Robert M.	2,508.98	0.00	2,508.98
	292	Esposito, Robert M.	1,070.51	0.00	1,070.51
	185	Evans Jr., William A.	943.69	798.11	145.58
	678	Farrell, Donna M.	1,471.15	0.00	1,471.15
*	749	Fields Jr., Bruce W.	421.49	0.00	421.49
	157	Forever Green MP Homes	1,242.09	0.00	1,242.09
	201	Frederic, Joseph W.	1,713.94	0.00	1,713.94
	205	Friend, Tara M.	879.16	0.00	879.16
	207	Frith, Monica L.	631.30	0.00	631.30
	211	Gaeta, Lorraine Ann	2,467.77	0.00	2,467.77
	147	Glidden, Errol R.	1,344.67	0.00	1,344.67
	434	Gordon-Taylor, Lisa M.	1,610.05	669.40	940.65
	231	Greenleaf, Scott	340.55	0.00	340.55
	561	Gulnick, Sandra L.	492.36	0.00	492.36
	238	Hall, Leslie E. & Suzanne T.	876.74	1.45	875.29
	241	Hand, Roger & Carolee	485.83	0.00	485.83
	245	Harris, Nelson N	296.16	0.00	296.16
	747	Hartigan, David	469.98	0.00	469.98
	249	Hartigan, Dennis P.	1,046.45	6.74	1,039.71
	32	Hartigan, Joseph W.	460.66	0.00	460.66
	703	Hayden, Joseph P.O.	1,568.84	500.00	1,068.84
	262	Henckel, Peter N.	536.00	0.00	536.00
	607	Hendershot, Damon	768.38	0.00	768.38
*	269	Hill, James. P	919.45	438.99	480.46
*	280	Hogg, Mark E.	821.91	0.00	821.91

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	285	Horelick, Estate of, Walter	626.64	0.00	626.64
	299	Irvine, Carl H Jr.	267.07	0.00	267.07
	651	Johnson, Kyle W	2,069.70	0.00	2,069.70
	386	Johnson, Christopher	605.75	0.00	605.75
	673	Keach, Marie A.	239.84	0.00	239.84
	739	Kiger, Nathan A	2,373.77	0.00	2,373.77
	326	Kozielewicz, Edward & Marilyn	425.97	0.00	425.97
	45	Kozielewicz, Marilyn A.	546.82	0.00	546.82
	708	Lane, James	227.53	0.00	227.53
*	688	Leahy, Barry F	926.53	695.94	230.59
	345	Leal, Robert J. & Kathleen	315.56	0.00	315.56
	349	Lejoy, Susan L	224.55	0.00	224.55
	348	Lejoy, Susan L.	516.42	0.00	516.42
	350	Lemay, George E. Jr. & Carlene A	262.03	0.00	262.03
	351	Lemay, George E. Jr. & Carlene A	1,592.52	0.00	1,592.52
	760	Lemay, George E. Jr. & Carlene A	2,363.14	0.00	2,363.14
	357	Libby, Kevin & Mary	439.21	0.00	439.21
	385	Libby, Timothy D,	312.20	0.00	312.20
	365	Locke Hill Land Trust	544.21	0.00	544.21
	742	Locke, Duane M.	967.94	500.00	467.94
**	23	Louder, David R., JR	297.36	0.00	297.36
	368	Mansfield, John Michael	718.58	0.00	718.58
	715	Mansfield, Kelly Jayne	64.36	0.00	64.36
	389	Martikke, George & Rosalie	658.35	0.00	658.35
	390	Martikke, George F& Rosalie	1,083.38	0.00	1,083.38
	395	McCahan, Kenneth R	1,631.69	0.00	1,631.69
	405	McPherson, Wayne	226.04	0.00	226.04
	407	Meagher, Brian	3,475.80	0.00	3,475.80
	529	Merrill, Danielle L.	1,006.91	0.00	1,006.91
	547	Mitchell, Karen P.	507.28	0.00	507.28
	595	Morey ,Shaun	351.37	6.59	344.78
	171	Napoleon, Alexander G.	436.41	0.00	436.41
**	429	Newsom, John	408.06	0.00	408.06
	430	Newton, Kirt	1,522.77	0.00	1,522.77
	675	Nichols, Michael A.	797.47	0.00	797.47
	214	Niskach, Lauren	234.99	0.15	234.84
	436	Norton, David L.	197.69	0.00	197.69
	690	Norton, Erin E.	3,141.59	100.00	3,041.59

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	261	Norton, Jared M.	291.69	0.00	291.69
	565	Norton,Jared M	431.93	0.00	431.93
	439	O'Donald, Melissa	253.64	0.28	253.36
*	442	Olafson Sr., Anders N.	2,698.66	0.00	2,698.66
	448	Oliver, Carla J.	1,759.44	0.00	1,759.44
	444	Oliver, Herbert E.	245.43	0.00	245.43
	456	Osgood, Wanda	1,121.05	0.00	1,121.05
	465	Patenaude, Alan	376.73	0.00	376.73
	466	Patenaude, Alan	223.80	0.00	223.80
	452	Perrone, John	812.21	0.00	812.21
	485	Peters, Bruce	402.84	0.00	402.84
	486	Peters, Bruce	525.93	0.00	525.93
	202	Peterson Revocable Trust , Eric J.	1,829.57	0.00	1,829.57
	724	Phillips, Steven A. & Teresa B.	175.31	0.00	175.31
	492	Piche, Bradley M.	770.62	0.00	770.62
	497	Presbyterian Memorial Hall	1,826.77	765.00	1,061.77
	763	Prescott, Ellen	342.41	1.13	341.28
	762	Prescott, Gerald S.	342.41	0.00	342.41
	778	Pressey, Heirs of Ruby	458.79	0.00	458.79
	499	Pressey, Robert M. & Crystal L.	1,025.75	0.00	1,025.75
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	591.21	0.00	591.21
	197	R. J. Fortier Hydropower, Inc.	790.57	0.00	790.57
	510	Rackliff, Michael A.	389.23	0.00	389.23
	517	Randall, Lewis G. & Barbara J.	581.88	0.00	581.88
	9	Riley, Megan	220.82	0.00	220.82
	528	Rioux Family Revocable Trust	161.51	0.00	161.51
	70	Rosie, Crystal	342.60	0.00	342.60
	777	Ross, Jon A.	1,146.97	0.00	1,146.97
	665	Russo, Diane M.	1,344.11	100.00	1,244.11
**	130	Sanville, Robert Sr	234.99	117.50	117.49
	463	Semas Joseph,J	1,020.34	600.00	420.34
	555	Shaw, Kenneth	688.56	0.00	688.56
	556	Sheen, Jada F.	548.31	0.00	548.31
	558	Sherrer, Charles R.	1,120.68	0.00	1,120.68
	560	Sherrer, Earskin	272.29	0.00	272.29
	731	Smedberg, Elizabeth	344.84	0.00	344.84
	579	Staph, Mike	1,113.03	0.69	1,112.34
	593	Sterry Earl R. Jr.	469.23	0.00	469.23

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*	691	Stevens, Charles L.	899.86	0.00	899.86
	574	Sweetser, Jeff A.	795.98	0.00	795.98
	604	Taylor, Darlene A.	1,628.15	0.00	1,628.15
	606	Taylor, Darlene A.	346.89	0.00	346.89
	605	Taylor, David E.	1,376.74	190.39	1,186.35
	615	Thayer, Erika L.	933.43	0.00	933.43
	613	Thayer, James & Elaine	1,364.25	0.00	1,364.25
	617	Theberge, Andre & Patricia	2,997.99	0.00	2,997.99
	754	Tibbitts, Antonio	684.27	0.00	684.27
	627	Tracy, Alice C. and Truman G.	83.93	0.00	83.93
*	393	Tracy, Howard S.	537.31	13.49	523.82
	774	Tracy, Trista A.	234.99	0.00	234.99
	628	Tracy, Truman G.	361.81	0.00	361.81
	631	Tutt, Dawn	1,500.39	1.12	1,499.27
	636	Van Tol, Gary	196.57	0.00	196.57
	639	Vincent, Edward B.	194.71	0.00	194.71
	410	Vomorde, Carson C.	1,484.54	0.00	1,484.54
	647	Waters, Leona	1,611.55	0.00	1,611.55
	352	Webber, Archie L.	197.69	0.00	197.69
	782	Welcome, Cordell	48.49	0.00	48.49
	781	Welcome, Jeffery	115.82	0.00	115.82
	467	Whipple, Charles Bruce	1,542.54	0.00	1,542.54
	658	Whipple, Charles Bruce	139.88	0.00	139.88
	659	Whipple, Charles Bruce	1,259.06	0.00	1,259.06
	660	White, Stephen	623.84	0.00	623.84
	580	Whitmore, Robert	477.63	0.00	477.63
	676	Worthley, Melinda	736.30	0.00	736.30
	677	Worthley, Melinda	178.29	0.00	178.29
	746	Wyman, Joseph	1,029.48	0.00	1,029.48
	748	Wyman, Joseph	469.98	0.00	469.98
	692	Zink Jr., George H.	553.91	276.96	276.95
		Total for 181 Accounts:	144,317.69	8,051.80	136,265.89

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	1	Abbott, Brandi S.	200.27	0.00	200.27
	711	Ashby, Deborah	341.45	0.00	341.45
	87	Churchill, Caleb	648.49	0.00	648.49
**	416	Clark,Kelly D	744.60	689.56	55.04
	111	Costigan, Julie L.	268.97	0.00	268.97
	120	Curran, Thomas & Jennifer	361.26	0.00	361.26
	266	DeRosa, Christopher	349.44	0.00	349.44
	455	Donovan, Gregory J.	383.01	0.00	383.01
	678	Farrell, Donna M.	1,531.67	0.00	1,531.67
	201	Frederic, Joseph W.	1,756.11	0.00	1,756.11
	207	Frith, Monica L.	51.37	0.00	51.37
	241	Hand, Roger & Carolee	502.07	0.00	502.07
	747	Hartigan, David	525.07	0.00	525.07
	285	Horelick, Estate of, Walter	682.15	2.06	680.09
	299	Irvine, Carl H Jr.	291.70	0.00	291.70
	386	Johnson,Christopher	661.21	0.00	661.21
	385	Libby, Timothy D,	329.34	0.00	329.34
	368	Mansfield, John Michael	744.42	0.00	744.42
	715	Mansfield, Kelly Jayne	118.38	0.00	118.38
	405	McPherson, Wayne	262.71	0.00	262.71
	529	Merrill, Danielle L.	1,033.51	0.00	1,033.51
	171	Napoleon, Alexander G.	491.42	0.00	491.42
	430	Newton, Kirt	1,580.66	0.00	1,580.66
	436	Norton, David L.	252.06	0.00	252.06
	448	Oliver, Carla J.	1,788.03	0.00	1,788.03
	444	Oliver, Herbert E.	270.02	111.23	158.79
	456	Osgood, Wanda	1,154.81	0.00	1,154.81
	485	Peters, Bruce	457.76	0.00	457.76
	486	Peters, Bruce	581.17	0.00	581.17
	492	Piche, Bradley M.	826.51	4.76	821.75
	778	Pressey, Heirs of Ruby	513.86	0.00	513.86
	499	Pressey, Robert M. & Crystal L.	1,052.40	0.00	1,052.40
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	616.70	0.00	616.70
	517	Randall, Lewis G. & Barbara J.	607.35	0.00	607.35

** Indicates Paid in Full after December 31, 2019

* Indicates Partial Payment after December 31, 2019

Non Zero Balance on All Accounts

Tax Year: 2018

As of: December 31, 2019

	9	Riley, Megan	245.33	0.00	245.33
	70	Rosie, Crystal	367.44	0.00	367.44
*	558	Sherrer, Charles R.	1,184.34	0.00	1,184.34
	606	Taylor, Darlene A.	408.51	0.00	408.51
	615	Thayer, Erika L.	959.84	0.00	959.84
	774	Tracy, Trista A.	259.54	139.58	119.96
	639	Vincent, Edward B.	249.07	0.00	249.07
*	410	Vomorde, Carson C.	1,512.40	198.05	1,314.35
	467	Whipple, Charles Bruce	1,167.47	0.00	1,167.47
	658	Whipple, Charles Bruce	194.10	0.00	194.10
	659	Whipple, Charles Bruce	1,316.25	0.00	1,316.25
	660	White, Stephen	672.62	632.32	40.30
		Total for 46 Accounts:	30,516.86	1,777.56	28,739.30

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*** Indicates Partial Payment after December 31, 2019**

Non Zero Balance on All Accounts

Tax Year: 2017

As of: December 31, 2019

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	1	Abbott, Brandi S.	168.55	8.85	159.70
	87	Churchill, Caleb	610.38	11.23	599.15
	120	Curran, Thomas & Jennifer	338.60	0.00	338.60
	455	Donovan, Gregory J.	341.91	2.06	339.85
	241	Hand, Roger & Carolee	448.83	0.00	448.83
	747	Hartigan, David	493.60	69.00	424.60
	299	Irvine, Carl H Jr.	255.08	0.00	255.08
	386	Johnson, Christopher	622.41	3.00	619.41
	430	Newton, Kirt	1,492.45	643.51	848.94
	436	Norton, David L.	235.26	134.49	100.77
	448	Oliver, Carla J.	1,670.99	0.00	1,670.99
	456	Osgood, Wanda	1,072.00	905.82	166.18
	485	Peters, Bruce	429.90	0.00	429.90
	486	Peters, Bruce	546.68	0.00	546.68
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	562.61	0.00	562.61
*	517	Randall, Barbara J.	553.76	166.59	387.17
	9	Riley, Megan	216.11	89.57	126.54
	70	Rosie, Crystal	326.74	286.48	40.26
	606	Taylor, Darlene A.	383.52	97.69	285.83
	639	Vincent, Edward B.	232.43	0.00	232.43
	658	Whipple, Charles Bruce	180.41	0.00	180.41
	659	Whipple, Charles Bruce	1,242.25	0.00	1,242.25
		Total for 22 Accounts:	12,424.47	2,418.29	10,006.18

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Non Zero Balance on All Accounts

Tax Year: 2016

As of: December 31, 2019

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	120	Curran, Thomas & Jennifer	278.29	-6.85	285.14
	241	Hand, Roger & Carolee	478.29	250.78	227.51
	299	Irvine, Carl H Jr.	305.14	70.13	235.01
	485	Peters, Bruce	403.58	-6.85	410.43
	486	Peters, Bruce	517.08	-6.85	523.93
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	594.26	197.99	396.27
		Total for 6 Accounts:	2,576.64	498.35	2,078.29

Non Zero Balance on All Accounts

Tax Year: 2015

As of: December 31, 2019

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	485	Peters, Bruce	412.19	-25.70	437.89
	486	Peters, Bruce	528.47	-25.70	554.17
		Total for 2 Accounts:	940.66	-51.40	992.06

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From the Treasurer's Desk

Greetings friends! I've been your Treasurer since 2008 Can you believe it? Audit is complete and we're excited about the Warrant and this year's budget. We're continuing the trend of adding to reserve accounts which is an important piece of planning for the future of Starks! It's great to see these balances grow. Like past years I've included plenty of information for you to mull over before Town Meeting on my Expense, Revenue and other Reports. They can be found just a few pages down from this one.

Several cost areas have come in under budget this year. These unexpended balances can also be found on the Expense Report and are accounted for in article 44 in this year's Town Meeting Warrant. This article will help to lower our Town's commitment to taxes.

I successfully completed the audit with RHR Smith in January. We have a well-established relationship with their firm. They're always willing to make themselves available when I have questions or concerns at any point in the year. I've been working with a new Senior Accountant, Samantha for two years now.

I'm delighted to report that we didn't have to take out a Tax Anticipated Note for the seventh year in a row -the progressive financial direction of our little town is impressive and noted by those around us! The group that I worked with on the Budget Committee this past year was a great one! Thank you to, Carol Coles, Ashley Hayden, Ken Lust, John Robinson & Dave Gray. Their commitment to this committee and Starks is commendable. We worked late into the night as usual hashing out the budget set before you in the "Articles of Warrant" section of this report. If you're interested in the budget process, and would consider being nominated, please reach out!

As always I have to extend a *HUGE* & gracious thank you to Jenn Hebert, our Town Clerk and Tax Collector for working as my deputy in the collection of delinquent taxes. She works hard for the Town at satisfying all our needs and is instrumental in all things related to Starks. I lean on her for more things than most people know and I truly appreciate her so much! **Thank you Jennie for everything you do!**

Each year I note how this role changes with time, and requires more attention from me at different points. I've really come to love my position, and work as Treasurer now in New Sharon and Chesterville as well. Working in three towns has me very busy, but has really helped to hone my skills! I hold regular office hours Wednesday evenings from 5pm-7pm. If you ever have questions regarding Town finances, expired tax liens or would like to make special payment arrangements on your taxes, please feel free to reach out. I'm happy to meet by appointment and answer your questions.

We are still reeling in town government after the loss of our beloved Kerry Hebert in November of 2017. Navigating the Assessing and commitment process without him is still difficult. Working though it was a collective effort on the part of all town officials, with a little outside help from friend and colleague Bill Vantuinen, and Joe Sally who works for Maine Revenue Services. Kerry was very special to my family, and is still greatly missed.

2020 is off to a great start and I hope to see many familiar faces at Town Meeting!

Respectfully,

Erin Norton

2019 Treasurer's Revenue Report

Account #	Account	Credit
98	Real Estate Payments	890,473.02
99	Supplemental Payments	4,718.00
	TOTAL	895,191.02

Revenue Summary

Account #	Account	Debits	Credits	Balance
100	- Excise - Auto	\$0.00	\$101,423.64	\$101,423.64
101	- Excise - Boat	\$0.00	\$600.60	\$600.60
102	- Fees - Agent	\$0.00	\$3,553.45	\$3,553.45
103	- Over Short	\$36.67	\$63.22	\$26.55
104	- Interest - Real Estate	\$117.77	\$8,914.56	\$8,796.79
105	- Lien Fees	\$124.14	\$4,132.58	\$4,008.44
106	- Dog Fees	\$0.00	\$465.00	\$465.00
107	- Plumbing Permit Fees	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
108	- Building Permit Fees	\$0.00	\$325.00	\$325.00
109	- Copier Income	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
110	- Homestead Exemption	\$0.00	\$55,589.00	\$55,589.00
111	- Prior Year's Write Offs	\$64.74	\$0.00	-\$64.74
112	- Veteran's Exemption	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
113	- First Park	\$0.00	\$2,118.00	\$2,118.00
114	- Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$13,830.88	\$13,830.88
115	- Operating Interest	\$161.44	\$3,376.31	\$3,214.87
116	- Revenue Sharing	\$3,376.12	\$43,099.98	\$39,723.86
117	- Insurance Receivables	\$0.00	\$1,989.00	\$1,989.00
118	- MMA Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$831.55	\$831.55
119	- Miscellaneous Revenue	\$52.00	\$2,176.03	\$2,124.03
120	- General Assistance Reimbursements	\$0.00	\$2,848.86	\$2,848.86
121	- Higgins Trust Interest	\$0.00	\$2,415.51	\$2,415.51
122	- Snowmobile Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$331.00	\$331.00
123	- Maine Forestry Grant	\$0.00	\$1,209.00	\$1,209.00
124	- Stephen & Tabitha King FD Grant	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
125	- MMA Fire Dept. Grant	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
126	- Local Road Assistance Program LRAP	\$0.00	\$28,904.00	\$28,904.00
127	- Building Rental/donation Fees (to BIF)	\$0.00	\$835.00	\$835.00
Total		\$3,932.88	\$307,182.17	\$303,249.29

Total Revenue Received by Starks **1,198,440.31**
(The Total Sum of Cash Receipts Report and Revenue Summary)

Expense Report 2019

Article #	Description	Budget	Expended	Balance	% Spent
14	Contingency	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
17	Administration	\$98,166.00	\$94,809.95	\$3,356.05	96.58%
18	Former Town Hall	\$3,500.00	\$946.71	\$2,553.29	27.05%
19	CEO Legal	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	0.00%
20	CEO Salary	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
20	Deputy Clerk	\$3,000.00	\$1,295.00	\$1,705.00	43.17%
20	Elections	\$4,500.00	\$2,608.00	\$1,892.00	57.96%
20	Assessors	\$8,750.00	\$8,750.00	\$0.00	100.00%
20	Selectmen	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
20	Clerk	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$0.00	100.00%
20	Tax Collector	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
20	Treasurer	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$0.00	100.00%
20	Building Superintendent	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
20	Health Officer	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	0.00%
20	Sexton	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	100.00%
20	GA overseer	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	100.00%
21	Planning & Appeals Boards	\$1,000.00	\$4.00	\$996.00	0.40%
22	Training of outgoing Officers	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	0.00%
23	Road Foreman Stipend	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	100.00%
24	Community Center	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
25	Fire Department	\$45,300.00	\$47,937.90	-\$2,637.90	105.82%
26	Fire Chief Salary	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
27	Animal Control	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%
28	AMS Ambulance	\$12,160.00	\$12,159.96	\$0.04	100.00%
29	Street Lights	\$1,500.00	\$1,308.59	\$191.41	87.24%
30	Equipment	\$46,000.00	\$46,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
31	Garage	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
32	Summer Roads Maintenance	\$72,500.00	\$72,500.00	\$0.00	100.00%
33	Winter Roads	\$62,000.00	\$63,192.30	-\$1,192.30	101.92%
34	Comercial Generator	\$10,326.00	\$10,326.00	\$0.00	100.00%
35	Town Dump Maintenance	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	100.00%
36	General Assistance	\$4,000.00	\$740.80	\$3,259.20	18.52%
37	Recreation/Library Reimbursements	\$2,000.00	\$1,070.00	\$930.00	53.50%
38	Salt Shed	\$9,787.00	\$9,786.48	\$0.52	99.99%
39	River Road Bond	\$31,109.00	\$31,108.39	\$0.61	100.00%
40 assessment	First Park	\$5,000.00	\$4,824.86	\$175.14	96.50%
41	Social Organizations	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
44	Capital Improvements	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
46	Building Improvement Fund (BIF)	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
47	Capital Roads Account	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
Assessment	County Tax	\$128,283.76	\$128,283.76	\$0.00	100.00%
Assessment	RSU #9	\$472,298.52	\$472,298.52	\$0.00	100.00%
	Totals	\$1,165,880.28	\$1,144,351.22	\$21,529.06	98.15%

2019 FUND BALANCES

2019 Town of Starks	BALANCES	
	As of 12/31/18	As of 12/31/19
Skowhegan Savings Primary Checking Account	102,500.83	479,185.18
General Fund Sweep Account	559,651.01	100,000.00
Total	\$ 662,151.84	\$ 579,185.18

2019 Reserve Funds	BALANCES		
	As of 12/31/18	Due To/Due From	As of 12/31/19
LRAP - Local Roads Assistance Program	106,906.43	28,904.00	0.00
Re-Valuation Account	41,241.66	0.00	41,241.66
Capital Roads Reserve	35,000.00	5,000.00	40,000.00
Capital Improvement Reserve	38,036.21	20,000.00	58,036.21
Fire Department Capital Reserve	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
BIF - Building Improvement Fund	32,415.65	18,835.00	51,250.65
Helen Reed Scholarship Fund	4,610.97	0.00	4,610.97
TOTAL	273,210.92	72,739.00	210,139.49

Due to / Due From Summary

LRAP - DOT revenue & balance totaled \$135,810.43. Fully Expended on Chicken Street Paving Project.

Capital Roads - Appropriation from 2019 Annual Meeting

Capital Improvement - 2019 Annual Meeting

BIF - Appropriation from 2019 Annual Town Meeting and rental income & donations

Helen Reed Scholarship - Adopted at 2017 Annual Meeting

Bank of America / US Trust Account	BALANCES		
	As of 10/31/18	Gain / Loss	As of 10/31/19
John W Higgins Trust Fund Market Value	193,542.91	14,194.78	207,737.69

Cemetery Trust Balance December 31st 2019

\$10,020.01

Frederic Cemetery	Total Trust	% of Trust	2019 Interest
John W. Higgins	\$5,000.00	79%	\$10.11
Frederic Cemetery Trust	\$157.10	2%	\$0.26
Alice Frederic Fields Trust Fund	\$180.27	3%	\$0.38
Sawyer and Trask Fund	\$334.74	5%	\$0.64
M.D. Frederic Trust Fund	\$100.00	2%	\$0.26
Bertha Waugh Smith-Georgia & Clifford Brann Lot	\$59.37	1%	\$0.13
Glen Frederic Trust Fund	\$500.00	8%	\$1.02
Total	\$6,331.48	64%	\$12.80
Locke Cemetery			
Bertha Waugh Smith-Sampson & Mary Duley Lot	\$59.38	6%	\$0.14
Clarence Norton	\$100.00	9%	\$0.22
Calvin Bryant Fish & Herietta Fish Lot	\$200.00	17%	\$0.40
Arthur Morse Trust Fund	\$350.00	30%	\$0.73
David J. Taylor-Milia Taylor Trust Fund	\$100.00	9%	\$0.22
Artthur Buffington Fund-William Gillis Lot	\$40.00	4%	\$0.10
Robert R Bichols & George Nichols Lot	\$100.00	9%	\$0.22
Frank Sterry Fund- Williamson Lot	\$200.00	17%	\$0.40
Total	\$1,149.38	12%	\$2.40
Tupper or Williamson Cemetery			
Captian Stevenson & George Williamson Lots	\$95.88	18%	\$0.18
Emma J. Frederic Trust Fund	\$139.81	27%	\$0.27
Betsy Wook Trust Fund	\$59.93	11%	\$0.11
Betsy Smith Cemetery Lot Trust Fund	\$79.17	15%	\$0.15
William P. True Fund Lot	\$150.00	29%	\$0.29
Total	\$524.79	5%	\$1.01
Brake Hill Cemetery			
Arthur and Susie Morse Lot	\$200.00	22%	\$0.40
Brake Hill Cemetery Lot	\$608.02	67%	\$1.21
Maude Rankin & Anne Ederly Fund-Lovell Lot	\$100.00	11%	\$0.20
Total	\$908.02	9%	\$1.80
Churchill Cemetery			
Arlin L. & Lucinda Chapman			
Justin O. & Sarah T. Chapman	\$1,000.00	10.00%	\$2.00
Total Trust	\$10,000.00	100.00%	
Issued to Ferderic Cemetery			\$12.80
Issued to Locke Cemetery			\$2.40
Issued to Town of Starks			\$4.81
Transferred to the General Fund on January 20th, 2020			\$20.01
Prepared by Erin Norton			

PLANNING BOARD REPORT FOR 2019

The Starks Planning Board meets regularly on the first Wednesday of every month at 7 PM at the Starks Community Center. Additional meetings and hearings may be called to address business before the Board, and if this is no business meetings may be cancelled. The Board sends out meeting notices via email and places the notices on the Town's facebook page. The public is encouraged to attend all meetings of the Board. Members of the Board are Gwen Hilton (Chair), Ken Lust (Vice Chair), Claire Nelson (Secretary), Joe Hartigan, and John Newsom.

Permitting Activity during 2019: The following is a list of permitting activity during 2019:

- The Board issued a Site Plan Review Ordinance permit to Mark Pinkham for a 6,000 sq. ft. storage building/garage on 168 acre site.
- The Board decided that a proposed Martin Woods Farm indoor storage/riding arena would be an agricultural exemption under the Site Plan Review Ordinance, and therefore did not require a site plan Review permit from the Board.
- Pre-application conferences: CMP NECEC corridor and solar array facility (484 Anson Road)
- No other permit applications were considered during 2019.

Ordinance Updates: In addition to issuing permits, the Planning Board is also responsible for proposing amendments to existing ordinances and developing new ordinances, where needed. Input from other town officials and the public is critical in any of the Board's work on ordinances. Public meetings are always held on proposed changes to the town's ordinances. This included:

- New Site Plan Review and Subdivision Ordinances adopted at the March 2019 Referendum
- New Mass Gathering Ordinance adopted on November 5, 2019 Referendum
- New Fee Schedule adopted by the Board of Selectmen
- 2020 Proposed Amendment to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Starks

Proposed amendments to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Starks

March 13th referendum question: The Shoreland Zoning Ordinances have been required by State Law since the early 1970s. Shoreland Zoning is applicable to areas within 250 feet of the Kennebec River, Sandy River, Lemon Stream and certain wetlands, and areas with 75 feet of Hilton, Pelton, Josiah and Falls brooks.

The proposed amendments to the existing Shoreland Zoning Ordinance will:

- Bring the town's ordinance in compliance with state law
- Shift the responsibility for issuing permits for timber harvesting in shoreland zones from the Town to the State Bureau of Forestry (this was recommended by the state district forestry and our town code enforcement officer)

Copies of the proposed ordinance are available at the Town Office and posted on the Town's website. The Selectmen are required to hold public hearing prior to the vote being taken.

Copies of the all Town's ordinances can be obtained from the Town Clerk, and are available on the Town of Starks website at: www.starksme.com.

Respectfully submitted, Starks Planning Board



ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT

Town of Starks 2019

Greetings Town of Starks,

I was sworn in as the Town's new ACO in November of 2019. I've been training online and will complete the in-class work when the online portion is finished.

Don't forget to license your dogs! Licenses are due by January 31st or a hefty late fee of \$25 will be imposed. If you haven't done so yet, please get proof of rabies vaccinations and head to the town office to license them.

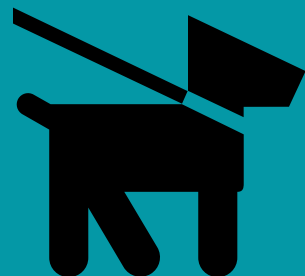
Please feel free to contact me directly to avoid tying up dispatch with any animal related complaints. You can call or text me on my cell anytime. Leave a message if I miss your call.

I look forward to this new opportunity, and to working with you all on any animal control related issues that arise in Starks.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Pressey

Animal Control Officer: 207-399-1399
Animal Control Officer Dispatch: 207-474-7400
Franklin County Animal Shelter: 207-778-2638
Animal Poison Control: 1-888-426-4435
Starks Town Office: 207-696-8069





CODE ENFORCEMENT & LPI REPORT

Town of Starks 2019

There were six plumbing permits issued in 2019. Three complete septic systems, three internal permits and inspections for compliance as is required.

Site reviews and issuance of thirteen permits for construction included three single family dwellings, three additions to existing structures -one out building, one 60' X 100' indoor riding arena, one 60' X 100' storage/garage. One deck or porch and three garages.

Please remember: Before you get start on any construction on your home or property you should contact the Code Enforcement officer to determine requirements for your project.

Code Enforcement hours are the first and third Wednesdays from 3:00PM – 6:00PM at the Town Office.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leo May

Leo Mayo
Code Enforcement & LPI
57 Anson Road Starks, ME 04911

Office: (207) 696-8069
Home: (207) 566-7341

BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Greetings,

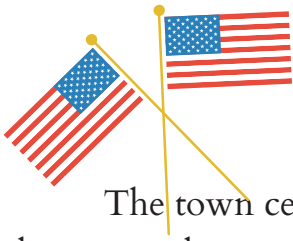
The Community Center is in good overall shape. We are at this time, having a company evaluate the heating system to see where improvements may be needed.

A new piece of playground equipment was added this past fall. Thanks to Kevin and Marie Deluca for taking the lead on its assembly and reconstruction, and thanks to all who lent a hand. It seems to be getting lots of use from area children.

Along with private events held there during the year, the building has offered a great place for meetings, voting, Mug-Up, the library, the Christmas program, and other public events including a training facility for Starks Fire when hosting multiple departments. It would be great to see more folks taking advantage of this great community resource.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Pressey
Building Superintendent





SEXTON REPORT

The town cemeteries remain in fair condition. A few problems arose over the last year due to weather, and fallen trees taking down sections of fencing and damaging stones.

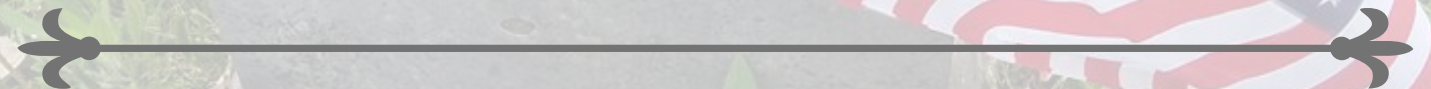
This year I'll be reaching out to a number of different companies to find the most beneficial source for addressing the much needed repairs to a number of significantly damaged headstones. There will also be more fence repair and removal done on an as needed basis. Each spring, and as soon as weather allows, we will be placing new flags on the stones of each veteran -an important form of memorializing heroes of the past.

I'm looking forward to much progress being made in the 2020 year as we continue to improve the condition of our Town maintained Cemeteries.

Respectfully,
Danielle Pressey

Town Maintained Cemeteries

Brake Hill Cemetery- Industry Road
Churchill Cemetery- New Sharon Road
Didsonon Cemetery- Mount Hunger Road
Fairbanks Gravesite- Sawyers Mills Road
Greenleaf Cemetery- New Sharon Road
Piper-Williamson Cemetery- River Road
Tupper-Williamson Cemetery- River Road



STARKS LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

The Starks Library Committee and volunteers have been active in supporting a number of activities throughout the year including Starks SummerKids, a presentation by the L.C. Bates Museum, book giveaways, books and treats for Halloween, arts and crafts, and our traditional Christmas program.

We have a variety of book sections in the upstairs hallway: a Western section that includes authors Louis L'Amour, James Hendryx, Larry McMurty, and others; an International Crime section with authors Jo Nesbo, PD James, Hakar Nesser, Jussi Adler-Olsen, and many more; a Stephen King section; plus sections on gardening, cooking, arts & crafts, and sports including hunting and fishing.

The downstairs area includes books by Maine authors for adults, young adults, and children; adult fiction and non-fiction sections; a young adult fiction section; and books in large print. The children's section includes picture books, easy readers, and chapter books. In our cozy reading nook we have a children's book display that changes seasonally.

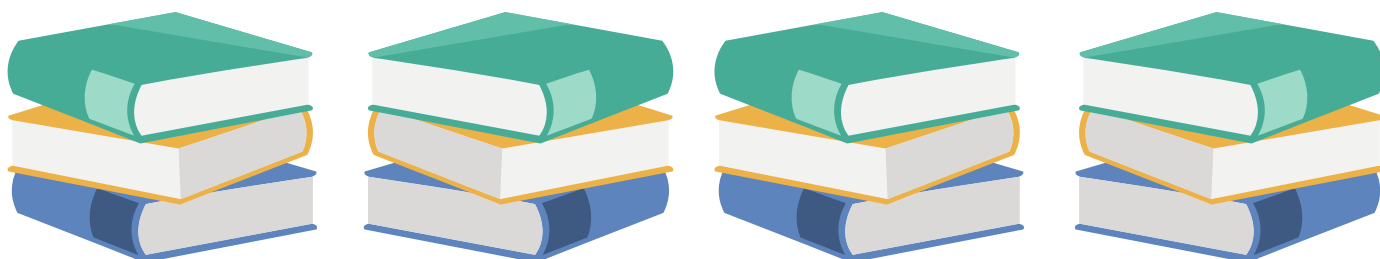
Use of the library is encouraged even when no one from the library committee is available. Look around, find the books you would like to take with you, and check out the books in the notebook provided on the library desk. Include the book title and author, your name, and date. When you return the books, note date returned. If it is your first time taking out books, please leave your name, address, and contact information on the sheet in the front cover pocket of the notebook.

We have two computers that are available for use by residents: one located in the library and one located in the hall leading to the upstairs.

On the first Saturday of each month you can enjoy Mug Up in the library – a time to share coffee, tea or hot chocolate, a tasty treat, and pleasant conversation with friends and neighbors. Mug Up hours are the same as the Town Office hours – 8:00 to 11:00 am.

The Starks Library Committee appreciates and thanks all of the people in the community who have volunteered and supported the library over the years.

The Starks Library Committee includes Maryanne Gawlinski, Nancy Lagin, and Linda LaRose.



Starks Water District

P.O. Box 599 ♦ Anson, Maine 04911 ♦ 866-696-6491 ♦ starkswater@gmail.com

Starks Water District Annual Report

The Starks Water District is available by phone on Wednesdays from 4-7PM, by email as needed and in person by appointment. If you need to make a payment or arrangement outside of office hours, someone is available to do that, just call ahead. Payments can also be dropped off at the Town Office and a receipt will be mailed to you. Please note that the Water District is a separate entity from the Town, so payments should always be made out to Starks Water District, and no credit card payments can be taken by the Town. We do take credit card payments by phone or mail.

If you have a problem with your water service please let us know and we will address it as soon as possible.

We meet at the Starks Community Building on the third Wednesday of every month at 7PM. The Starks Water District Board of Trustees remaining meetings for 2020 will be as follows:

March 18	August 19
April 15	September 16
May 20	October 21
June 17	November 18
July 15	December 16

Any changes to Board meeting dates or times will be posted at the Starks Community Building and posted on the All Things Starks Facebook page one week in advance except in the case of weather emergency or illness. If schools are canceled and/or the Town Office is closed due to weather conditions, the meeting will also be canceled. If you will be attending a board meeting, calling ahead is always a good idea.

Starks Water District income from water service, fees, and transfers for 2018 was \$9,670.71 (with \$718.24 in receivables at the end of the year), and our total expenses were \$9,422.79, resulting in a net gain of \$248.12 (not including an AP balance at year end) We have worked hard to reduce our annual expenses and have gained one customer this year. We would like to encourage customers to pay their water service bills in a timely manner so that we can continue to provide clean, safe drinking water to the community.

We currently have a full Board of Directors/Trustees, appointed for 3 year terms:

Ashley Steward-Hayden, Chair	2021
Erin Norton, Vice-Chair	2023
Ann Marie Simone, Clerk/Treasurer	2020
Robin Melancon-Quimby	2020
Jared Norton	2020

A copy of the Terms and Conditions and current rates and fees are available on request.

Report prepared by:
Ann Marie Simone, M.Ed., D.D.
Clerk/Treasurer



Starks Fire Calls 2019

Structure Fires - 2
Chimney Fires - 2
Wires Down W/Fire - 5
Trees Down in Roadway - 9
Motor Vehicle Accidents - 11
Assist AMS Ambulance - 4
Flooding in Roadway - 2
Smoke Investigation - 3
Bomb Threat - 1
Assist Citizen - 4
Stand by Franklin County - 1
Mutual Aid (All Calls) - 17

ADDRESS

39 Chicken Street
Starks, ME 04911

CONTACT

207-696-1082
starksfire@yahoo.com

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT 2019

Your Starks Fire had a busy year. We responded to a total of sixty one calls. As the role of fire departments change, the call volume increases. When a citizen dials 911, and there is a question as to who should respond, it goes to the fire department. So far, we have risen to the challenge.

We are pleased to report that a standby generator is up and running at the fire station and the town garage. This will provide a place for Starks citizens' to access power, warmth, and shelter in the event of major outages.

In keeping with our commitment to ensure the safety of our members, new turn out gear was purchased for all. This was done with the help of a grant from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation. The grant of \$25,000 was obtained thanks to the hard work of Sam Whitmore. Thank you Sam!

We were also awarded grants from Maine Forest Service and Maine Municipal Association which enabled us to purchase tools, radios, and safety equipment.

Work on the fire station was completed in the fall to prevent snow and ice from destroying the walls of the metal sided building. There was also a small storage building added to shelter the generator. Thanks to Team Hayden for that!

We took the opportunity to add a pad in front of the station bay doors during the Chicken Street paving project. The addition was pledged by Fine Line Paving for merely the cost of the tar.

In the fall the department was gifted a new gas detector by Bob's Cash Fuel owner Bob Shibley. It was one of the several given to area departments after the tragic explosion in Farmington, one of our mutual aid companies. It also led to the re-evaluation of our response to possible gas leaks.

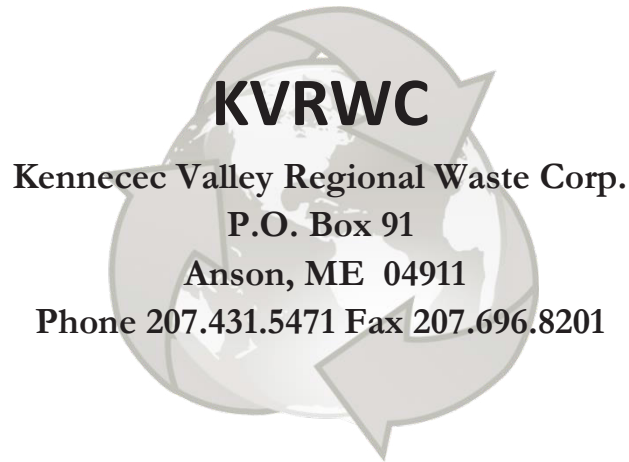
A post on social media prompted generous donations from dozens of community members that allowed us to purchase new dress uniforms this year. We received an anonymous pledge of \$500 from a local couple that was immediately met by Harry Brown's Farm and another local anonymous donor. All of these donations made it possible to fund dress uniforms without using taxpayer dollars to purchase what we felt was outside our budget for the year. A heartfelt thanks to all who contributed.

In 2020, we are looking to build upon our skills and training, and we aim to do whatever is necessary to safely serve the community whenever we are called upon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Pressey

Chief, Starks Fire



Kennebec Valley Regional Waste Corporation is the recycling outfit co-owned by Anson and Starks. It's Board and officers are made up of the Boards of Selectmen in both towns as well as two local citizens.

The yearly tonnage of recycled material stayed about the same at one hundred thirty tons processed at the recycling plant located on Route 201 in Bingham. After collecting plastic for years, we assembled enough for a full load to be processed –a proud moment for this small outfit. Reducing plastic waste is at the forefront of recycling, which made this a notable achievement for a small outfit. There are still a little over one hundred participating residents from Anson/North Anson and around one hundred participating residents from Starks. Participation in the recycling program remains consistent in all three communities. Increased support will reduce operating costs and increase revenue, plus it's great for the environment!

Employee Rusty Sterry continues to be an exemplary employee for KVRWC. He's taken on extra tasks as well as all regular pickups and maintaining the facility in Bingham.

There was recently a slight increase to the price paid for cardboard, but plastic and paper remained the same. As a result we had a small increase to revenues. The purchase of the new truck in 2017 continues to keep maintenance costs down.

If you're interested in recycling, a schedule for pick up in your area can be found at the Town Office. If you have any other questions please feel free to call Joe Hayden or Arnold Luce.

Respectfully,

Joe Hayden, Treasurer

Anson/Madison & Starks Ambulance Service

P.O. Box 277
Madison, Maine 04950
(207) 696-5332

AMS Ambulance responded to 1669 calls in 2019, this was 40 more than in 2018. In March we took delivery of a new ambulance to replace an 11 year old model with 250,000 miles.

In October the decision was made to purchase a 6 year old ambulance from Harmony Ambulance which only had 40,000 miles. This was to replace a 9 year old model with 180,000 miles that was starting to have problems. In buying this used model it gave the service a dependable low mileage ambulance that was much cheaper than buying a new model and will save the service over \$50,000 over the next 5 years. This decision became even more valuable when just a few short weeks later the ambulance that was going to be replaced was involved in an accident and was a declared a total loss!

In the event you are involved in a medical emergency and need to call 911, please stay on the line with the dispatcher until you are told it is OK to disconnect. There may be information that you need to provide before the arrival of the ambulance.

I hope you all have a healthy and good year!

George Demchak AMS Ambulance Director



Starks Food Cupboard

A Program of East Parish Housing Ministry, Inc.

Annual Report 2019

We would like to take the time and thank everyone that has made this year another successful year for our Food Cupboard. Because of the selfless generosity of local gardeners and citizens of Starks that donated, we were able to make 41 Thanksgiving Baskets last year and provide assistance to the town's people throughout the year.

Thank you to the citizens at the Annual Town Meeting for your continued support of this much needed program. It's a huge help and is greatly appreciated, at a time when the federal surplus is getting smaller with each delivery.

We were still able to meet the needs of the town's people. We had 8 new clients added to our families and are continuing to grow each year as times are hard for people to get the necessities they need.

We would also like to extend a huge thank you to the volunteers that donate their time to ensure that the boxes are made, deliveries are picked up and shelves are stocked. We couldn't operate without you.

The Starks Food Cupboard is open the first and third Wednesday of each month from 10am to 12pm unless school is cancelled in which case we'll also be closed. In response to emergency requests: please contact Cindy at 696-4337 or Deborah at 399-3137.

Respectfully Yours,

Cynthia Kimball, Coordinator

Income	
Beginning Balance	\$3,152.45
FEMA	\$2,000.00
Miscellaneous Donations	\$3,000.00
Town of Starks	\$900.00
Total Income	\$9,052.45

Expenses	
Good Shepard Food Bank	\$30.00
Save A Lot	\$2,619.86
Hannaford	\$506.00
Insurance	\$1,279.00
CMP	\$608.00
Oil	\$686.00
Plowing	\$568.00
Lawn Mowing	\$680.00
Total Expenses	\$6,815.86

Ending Check book Balance \$2,236.59

Town of Starks, Maine
Budget Committee Report for 2019

The Budget Committee is established by town ordinance and consists of 5 members elected at the annual Town Meeting. Candidates are nominated from the floor and serve a one-year term.

According to the ordinance, “The Committee shall have the following powers and duties¹

- A) To review and make recommendations on the annual operation budget as proposed by the selectmen.
- B) To review and make recommendations on annual expenditures as proposed by the selectmen.
- C) To review and make recommendations on supplemental appropriations and expenditures and other budgetary action whenever proposed by the selectmen.
- D) To make such other recommendations on fiscal matters as it may from time to time deem advisable “

Elected members of the 2019 Budget Committee are the following:

Carol Coles	carolrcoles@gmail.com
David Gray	grayalice@hotmail.com
Ashley Hayden	ashleyhayden25@yahoo.com
Jay Robinson	sweetlandfarms97@gmail.com
Ken Lust	kenlust@gmail.com

The role of the Budget Committee is to assist the Board of Selectmen, the Town Treasurer and the Board of Assessors in establishing the mil rate as well as helping to craft a budget that best serves the people of the Town of Starks. The Budget Committee is advisory only and has no decision-making authority.

The Budget Committee met with the Board of Selectmen, members of the Board of Assessors and the town Treasurer on August 29, 2019 to review revenue projections and anticipated expenses for the remainder of the year as work proceeded to set the annual property tax rate. All members of the Budget Committee attended that meeting with the exception of Carol Coles who had a prior commitment for the school board. The same group and the Town Clerk meet in January to review and reach consensus on all budget items, both revenue and expenses, for consideration by the town at the March Town Meeting.

This report is submitted by Committee Member Ken Lust on behalf of the 2019 Budget Committee.



¹ Town of Starks Budget Committee Ordinance enacted November 5, 2002

Starks Community Center Standing Committee Annual Report for 2019

The Starks Community Center Standing Committee is an advisory group. Its function is to make recommendations to the Starks Board of Selectpersons for their approval and action.

Meetings are held quarterly, on the second Thursday of January, April, July and October at 5pm in the Library.

Current members include:

- Paul Frederic
- Maryanne Gawlinski
- Jennifer Zweig Hebert
- Nancy Lagin
- Linda LaRose
- Ken Lust
- Erin Norton
- Carol Coles

The defective carpet in the Selectmen's Room was replaced free of charge by Northland Flooring. The successful installation was completed on August 23rd.

Our playground gets better every year! A donation from Somerset Public Health of a high quality climbing, slide structure was assembled by volunteers and is being enjoyed even when snow is on the ground.

We want to remind everyone of the availability of low cost rental for our facility, of the amazing free Library, of the monthly Mug Up! coffee time, and of the free rental of snowshoes for all ages and sizes. Contact any of us to learn more.

As we write this report our heating system, which is quite old, is being assessed and any changes will be recommended along with cost estimates given.

An energy audit was done several years ago and the recommendations made have been, for the most part, accomplished. We do recommend that the free opportunity for another energy audit presented by KVCOG be accessed for its cost saving potential.

During the winter months, snow and ice can pose a danger along the west sidewalk between the side door and kitchen door. We will no longer clear snow there as a deterrent to use. The doorways will be shoveled, but the walkway will not.

We are grateful to Bill Pressey and Danielle Pressey for their cleaning of our amazing facility & for recommending cost effective repairs. Their hard work and caring are much appreciated.

Mt. Blue Regional School District (RSU#9)

It is an honor to be serving, since July 1st, 2018, as the Starks representative on the Mt. Blue Regional School District Board of Directors.

Our District's Superintendent, Tina Meserve, began her tenure on the same day I joined the board. She has been a collaborative leader and has brought all staff together to determine budget needs with the result that the annual school budget passed on the first vote for the first time in a few years.

Good schools and access to education for all, both young and old, requires the whole community's support and involvement: to put it in the simplest of terms, "It Takes a Village". Please reach out to me by phone (207 631 8460) or by email (carolrcoles@gmail.com) if I can help you to locate the correct avenue and person to address any issues or problems that you may encounter. I want to work with you to assure that all of our Starks children, as well as our adults are well served by their school district.

All board members are expected to serve on at least one committee and I have been serving on the Personnel and Finance Committee. Analyzing the monthly expenditure report is part of our subcommittee's role, and I take our oversight of the \$35 million/year school budget very seriously.

Along with my board colleague, Jesse Silanpaa (representing Industry) I serve on the state mandated Drop Out Prevention Committee along with staff and parents.

I am also serving on the contract negotiation committee. During the past school year, I also attended all Budget Committee meetings and intend to volunteer to serve officially on that committee this year.

I am pleased overall with the Mt. Blue RSU9 School District. Its ability to offer the resources of Foster Tech at the same campus increases access to a wide range of educational opportunities for our town's children and adults.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve our town and school district.

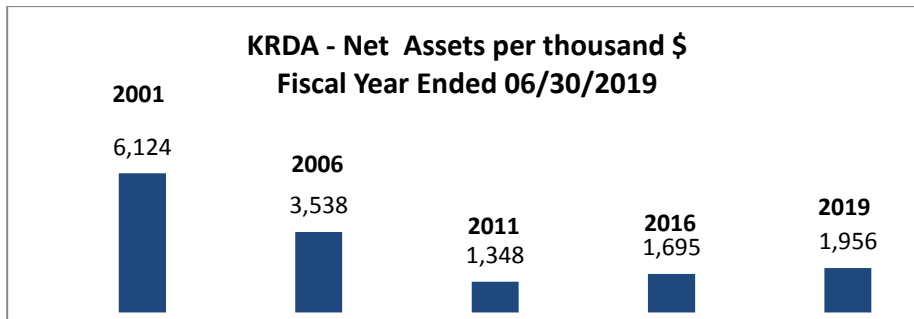
Sincerely,

Carol Riemer Coles

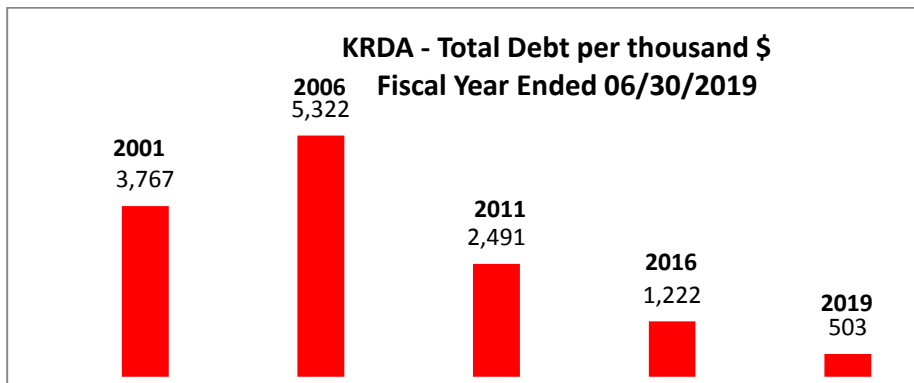
Kennebec Regional Development Authority - Annual Report: as of June 30, 2019

Kennebec Regional Development Authority (KRDA) has continued to improve its financial condition as evidenced by the graphical presentations below.

KRDA has grown what we own by sound fiscal management, including level budgeting and reduction of debt. Assessments to municipal members have remained unchanged since 2007.



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



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

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

Respectfully Submitted,
James W. Dinkle
Executive Director, KRDA/FirstPark

Articles of Warrant

Greetings, in the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Starks; qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Starks Community Center, 57 Anson Road, in the said Town of Starks on Friday, March 13th, 2020, from noon until 8 PM. The Annual Town Meeting will be held the following day, Saturday, March 14th, 2020 beginning at 9 AM at the Starks Community Center, 57 Anson Road in said Town of Starks.

Article #1

To choose a moderator to preside over said meeting.

Article #2

To choose by Australian ballot all Town Officers for the current year.

Article #3

To see if the Town will vote to apply available excise taxes, interest, and lien charges toward the 2020 budget.

Article #4

To elect five budget committee members from the floor.

Article #5

To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the annual budget in each budget category of the 2020 annual budget during the period from January 1st, 2021 to the 2021 Annual Town Meeting.

Article #6

To see if the Town will vote to make taxes due and payable upon the date of commitment.

Article #7

To set the rate of interest to be charged on unpaid taxes, after the date set in the preceding article. Interest rate shall not exceed 9.00% per year to accrue beginning 60 days from the date of commitment.

Explanation: 2019 interest rate on unpaid taxes @8.00%

Article #8

To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of 2020 taxes from January 1st, 2020 to the 2020 date of commitment.

Article #9

To see if the Town, in accordance with T. 36 M.R.S. § 506, will vote that if a taxpayer pays an amount in excess of their final assessment it shall be refunded in the amount of the overpayment.

Article #10

To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real-estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes; to thereon advertise and accept sealed bids only; and to execute the appropriate deeds for such property. Except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

Article #11

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to apply for a tax anticipation note, but only if necessary for operating expenses.

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget committee.

Article #12

To see if the Town will vote to apply lien cost revenue to the lien cost expense account.

Article #13

To see if the Town will vote to apply overlay to cover abatements.

Article #14

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$3,000** to pay for **Unanticipated Expenses** and emergencies.

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #15

To see if the Town will vote to apply all revenues from Community Center donations and any lease revenue from the former Town Office to the Building Improvement Fund.

Article #16

To see if the Town will vote to apply all revenues from the sale of tax acquired property to lower the commitment.

Article #17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$107,180** for **General Administration** and additional administrative expenses in the current year.

Description	Taxation/Requested
Payroll Taxes	\$13,000
Workman's Compensation	\$6,750
Mileage	\$2,000
Training Workshops	\$800
Unemployment	\$50
Annual Drug Testing Fee	\$350
Postage	\$2,000
Dues	\$3,000
Miscellaneous	\$5,000
Audit	\$5,350
Trio Renewal/Upgrades	\$7,500
Legal	\$8,000
Town Report	\$1,030
Ads	\$500
Xerox Lease	\$1,500
Water Rent	\$5,000
KVRWC	\$8,100
Large Item Drop Off	\$13,000
Cemetery Maintenance	\$1,750
MMA Insurance	\$21,000
Admin Security Expense	\$1,500
Total	\$107,180

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Explanation: Increase to Large Item is to account for a twice annual drop off in the spring and fall.

Article #18

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$3,500** for **Former Town Hall** operating expenses at the 10 Locke Hill Road building in the current year.

Description	2019 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Former Town Hall Building	\$3,500	\$3,500

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$7,000** for the **Legal Expenses** of Code Enforcement in the current year.

Description	2019 Budget	Taxation/Requested
CEO/Legal	\$7,000	\$7,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #20

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation for **Salaries** in the current year.

Description	2019 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Assessor Chair	\$3,250	\$3,250
Assessor	\$2,750	\$2,750
Assessor	\$2,750	\$2,750
Selectman Chair	\$3,000	\$3,000
Selectman	\$3,000	\$3,000
Selectman	\$3,000	\$3,000
Town Clerk	\$8,500	\$8,500
Tax Collector	\$12,000	\$12,000
Treasurer	\$8,500	\$8,500
Building Superintendent	\$6,000	\$6,000
Health Officer	\$1,800	\$1,800
Sexton	\$100	\$100
GA Administrator	\$500	\$500
Town Report Administrator	\$500	\$500
CEO	\$3,000	\$3,000
Deputy-Clerk TC & Treas.	\$3,000	\$3,000
Elections	\$4,500	\$4,500
Total	\$66,150	\$66,150

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #21

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$1,000** for the **Appeals Board** and **Planning Board** in the current year.

Description	2019 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Planning & Appeals Boards	\$1,000	\$1,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #22

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$500** for the **Training** of an incoming elected official by the outgoing officer. This applies only to Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Treasurer's positions.

Description	2019 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Training of Officers	\$500	\$500

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #23

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$7,500** for a **Road Foreman** Stipend payable at the discretion of the Selectmen.

Description	2019 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Road Foreman Stipend	\$7,500	\$7,500

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #24

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$18,000** for the **Community Center** in the current year.

Description	2019 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Community Center Operating Expenses	\$17,500	\$18,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #25

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$51,100** for the **Fire Department** in the current year.

Description	2019 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Fire Department	\$45,300	\$51,100

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #26

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Fire Chief's** Salary in the current year.

Description	2019 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Fire Chief	\$4,000	\$4,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #27

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$1,000** for the **Animal Control Officer** and expenses for the current year.

Description	2019 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Animal Control	\$1,000	\$1,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #28

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$12,160** for the Anson Madison Starks **Ambulance Service** in the current year.

Description	2019 Budget	Taxation/Requested
AMS Ambulance	\$12,160	\$12,160

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #29

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$1,500** for the Town's **Street Lights** in the current year.

Description	2019 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Street Lights	\$1,500	\$1,500

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #30

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$216,500** for **Public Works** in the current year.

Description	2019 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Equipment	\$46,000	\$55,000
Summer Roads Maintenance	\$72,500	\$72,500
Garage	\$9,000	\$14,000
Winter Roads	\$62,000	\$75,000
Total	\$189,500	\$216,500

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #31

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$300** for the maintenance of the Starks **Town Dump** in the current year.

Description	2019 Budget	Taxation Requested
Town Dump	\$300	\$300

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #32

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$4,000** for **General Assistance**, and to apply all GA reimbursements from the State to the GA account.

Description	2019 Budget	Taxation/Requested
General Assistance	\$4,000	\$4,000
GA Reimbursements 2019	\$2,848.86	

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #33

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$2,000** for **Rec Sports** and **Library Membership** reimbursements in the current year.

Description	2019 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Rec Sports/Library Reimbursements	\$2,000	\$2,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #34

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$9,787** for the **Debt Service** on the **Salt Shed** Bond in the current year.

Description	2019 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Salt Shed	\$9,787	\$9,787

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Explanation: Sand & Salt Shed bond pay off date: January 15th 2029

Article #35

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$5,000** for **First Park** in the current year.

Description	2019 Revenue	2019 Budget	Taxation/Requested
First Park	\$2,118	\$5,000	\$5,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #36

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation **\$5,000** for **Social Organizations** in the current year.

Organization	Taxation/Recommended
Starks Food Cupboard	\$900
Franklin County Animal Shelter	\$1,408
Family Violence	\$250
Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$542
Memorial Day Fund	\$100
Maine Public Broadcasting Network	\$200
KVCAP	\$250
Farmington Sexual Assault and Prevention	\$250
Hospice Volunteers	\$500
East Parish Housing Ministry	\$500
American Red Cross	\$100
Total	\$5,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #37

To see if the Town will vote to forward the snowmobile reimbursement from the State of Maine, to the Anson-North Anson Snowmobile Club for maintaining the trails in Starks.

Explanation: Snowmobile Refund for Received January 2020 \$456.78

Article #38

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$20,000** for the **Capital Improvement Fund**.

Description	2019 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Capital Improvements	\$20,000	\$20,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Capital Improvement Account Balance December 31st, 2019 \$58,036.21

Article #39

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to use the balance of the Capital Improvement Fund for the purchase of an additional truck(s) with any proceeds from the sale of older trucks returned to the Capital Improvement Fund.

Information: 2019 Cap. Imp. Balance if article 38 (above) passes will be \$78,036.21

Article #40

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$15,000** for the **Building Improvement Fund (BIF)**.

Description	2019 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Building Improvement Fund	\$15,000	\$15,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Explanation: Building Improvement Fund Balance December 31st, 2019 \$51,250.65

Article #41

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$5,000** for the **Capital Roads Reserve**.

Description	2019 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Capital Roads	\$5,000	\$5,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Explanation: Capital Roads Account Balance December 31st, 2019 \$40,000

Article #42

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$5,000** for the **Fire Department Capital Reserve**.

Description	2019 Budget	Taxation/Requested
FD Capital Reserve	\$0	\$5,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Explanation: Fire Department Capital Account Balance December 31st, 2019 \$15,000

Article #43

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$1,200** for custom made **Voting Booths** to replace old/broken plastic booths.

Description	Taxation/Requested
Custom made Voting Booths	\$1,200

Requested by Clerk, Tax Collector & Treasurer

Article #44

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from **Undesignated Funds, \$21,529.06** to lower the tax commitment. Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

The amount requested in this article represents all the remaining balances from Articles 1-47 at the 2019 Annual Town Meeting, including deductions for an overdraft of \$2,637.90 under Fire Department, and \$1,192.30 under Winter Roads, and can be found in detail on the Treasurers Expense Report toward the front of this book.

Explanation: (Surplus) Undesignated Fund Balance December 31st, 2019 \$321,276

Article #45

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to **\$3,000** from the **Building Improvement Fund** for analysis of the estimated remaining life and efficiency of the Community Center's heating system.

Funding Source	Requested
Building Improvement Fund	\$3,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Explanation: Building Improvement Fund Balance December 31st, 2019 \$32,415.65

Article #46

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following gifts grants and funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature and any other sources and apply the funds to lower the commitment or benefit the town in such other ways as the Selectmen deem reasonable.

Maine Municipal Revenue Sharing
State Aid to Education (including federal pass through funds and property tax relief)
Public Library State Aid
Tree Growth Reimbursements
General Assistance Funds
Veterans Exemption Funds
Homestead Exemption Funds
FEMA Reimbursements
Civil Emergency Funds (Emergency Management Assistance)
State and Federal Grants
Any Other Funds or Gifts

Article #47

To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Starks by State law to the extent statutorily allowed in the event the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles resulted in a tax commitment that is greater than the so-called LD 1 property tax levy limit.

Article #48

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of assets with an estimated value of \$500 or less without having to place legal ads, the details of these assets to be emailed to an available email list and posted inside and outside the Town Office for bids. This does not include tax acquired property.

Article #49

To see if the Town will vote to close the books on December 31, 2020.

Article #50

To see if the Town wishes to hold the next Annual Town Meeting on March 12th and 13th 2021.

Given under our hands at the Starks Town Office this 2nd day of March, 2020

Paul Frederic, Selectman Chair

Joseph Hayden, Selectman

Ernest Hilton, Selectman

A true copy of the warrant

Attest:

Jennifer A Zweig Hebert, Clerk of Starks

Warrant Officer's Return:

By virtue of the herein warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Starks to be assembled at the time and place, and for the purpose therein named by posting attested copies of the warrant in five (5) conspicuous places within said town, the 2nd day of March, 2020. The Starks Town Office inside and out, the Town Garage, the Starks Food Cupboard and Steve's Garage.

Jerry Brackett, Warrant Officer



Proven Expertise & Integrity

February 6, 2020

Board of Selectmen
Town of Starks
Starks, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Starks, Maine and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Starks, Maine as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019. The following schedules have been excerpted from the 2019 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town. Included herein are:

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

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TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2019

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds	
			2019	2018
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 518,395	\$ -	\$ 518,395	\$ 644,761
Investments	-	10,020	10,020	10,019
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):				
Taxes	134,549	-	134,549	131,957
Liens	33,881	-	33,881	45,619
Other	10	-	10	10
Tax acquired property	5,715	-	5,715	4,979
Due from other funds	-	218,948	218,948	290,466
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 692,550	\$ 228,968	\$ 921,518	\$ 1,127,811
LIABILITIES				
Due to other governments	\$ 676	\$ -	\$ 676	\$ 419
Due to other funds	218,908	40	218,948	290,466
TOTAL LIABILITIES	219,584	40	219,624	290,885
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Prepaid taxes	96	-	96	26
Advanced payment of LRAP funding	-	-	-	14,318
Deferred tax revenues	145,879	-	145,879	145,879
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	145,975	-	145,975	160,223
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable - tax acquired property	5,715	-	5,715	4,979
Restricted	-	33,648	33,648	123,453
Committed	-	195,280	195,280	162,694
Assigned	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	321,276	-	321,276	385,577
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	326,991	228,928	555,919	676,703
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 692,550	\$ 228,968	\$ 921,518	\$ 1,127,811

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TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 895,191	\$ -	\$ 895,191
Excise	102,024	-	102,024
Intergovernmental revenues	142,075	15,527	157,602
Charges for services	5,143	-	5,143
Miscellaneous revenues	24,962	27,838	52,800
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>1,169,395</u>	<u>43,365</u>	<u>1,212,760</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	182,283	-	182,283
Public safety	65,407	-	65,407
Public works	190,992	-	190,992
Community service	1,811	-	1,811
Education	472,299	-	472,299
County tax	128,284	-	128,284
Unclassified	214,085	1,239	215,324
Capital outlay	-	36,249	36,249
Debt service:			
Principal	38,114	-	38,114
Interest	2,781	-	2,781
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>1,296,056</u>	<u>37,488</u>	<u>1,333,544</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(126,661)</u>	<u>5,877</u>	<u>(120,784)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	135,000	71,904	206,904
Transfers (out)	<u>(71,904)</u>	<u>(135,000)</u>	<u>(206,904)</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>63,096</u>	<u>(63,096)</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(63,565)	(57,219)	(120,784)
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	<u>390,556</u>	<u>286,147</u>	<u>676,703</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u><u>\$ 326,991</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 228,928</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 555,919</u></u>

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TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final	Amounts	Positive (Negative)
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1	\$ 390,556	\$ 390,556	\$ 390,556	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	891,641	891,641	895,191	3,550
Excise taxes	98,038	98,038	102,024	3,986
Intergovernmental revenues:				
State revenue sharing	33,798	33,798	39,724	5,926
Homestead exemption	50,495	50,495	55,585	5,090
Local Road Assistance	28,904	28,904	28,904	-
Tree growth	14,095	14,095	13,831	(264)
Veterans exemption	350	350	350	-
General assistance	-	-	2,849	2,849
FEMA/MEMA	4,158	4,158	832	(3,326)
Interest income	-	-	3,215	3,215
Interest on taxes	6,155	6,155	8,797	2,642
Charges for services	3,875	3,875	5,143	1,268
Miscellaneous revenues	17,918	17,918	12,950	(4,968)
Transfers from other funds	135,000	135,000	135,000	-
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>1,674,983</u>	<u>1,674,983</u>	<u>1,694,951</u>	<u>19,968</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	201,315	201,315	182,283	19,032
Public safety	63,960	63,960	65,407	(1,447)
Public works	189,800	189,800	190,992	(1,192)
Community service	6,000	6,000	1,811	4,189
Education	472,299	472,299	472,299	-
County tax	128,284	128,284	128,284	-
Unclassified	166,914	166,914	214,085	(47,171)
Debt service:				
Principal	38,114	38,114	38,114	-
Interest	2,782	2,782	2,781	1
Transfers to other funds	43,000	43,000	71,904	(28,904)
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>1,312,468</u>	<u>1,312,468</u>	<u>1,367,960</u>	<u>(55,492)</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 362,515</u>	<u>\$ 362,515</u>	<u>\$ 326,991</u>	<u>\$ (35,524)</u>
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	<u>\$ 28,041</u>	<u>\$ 28,041</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (28,041)</u>

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TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
General government -					
Administration	\$ 98,165	\$ -	\$ 98,165	\$ 94,423	\$ 3,742
Town hall operating	3,500	-	3,500	947	2,553
Code enforcement officer	10,000	-	10,000	3,406	6,594
Deputy clerk	3,000	-	3,000	1,295	1,705
Elections	4,500	-	4,500	2,608	1,892
Plumbing inspector	-	-	-	750	(750)
Assessors	8,750	-	8,750	8,750	-
Selectmen	9,000	-	9,000	9,000	-
Town clerk	8,500	-	8,500	8,500	-
Tax collector	12,000	-	12,000	12,000	-
Treasurer	8,500	-	8,500	8,500	-
Janitor	6,000	-	6,000	6,000	-
Health officer	1,800	-	1,800	-	1,800
Sexton	100	-	100	100	-
General assistance overseer	500	-	500	500	-
Appeals Board	500	-	500	-	500
Planning Board	500	-	500	4	496
Outgoing officer to train incoming	500	-	500	-	500
Road foreman stipend	7,500	-	7,500	7,500	-
Community center	18,000	-	18,000	18,000	-
	<u>201,315</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>201,315</u>	<u>182,283</u>	<u>19,032</u>
Public safety -					
Fire department	45,300	-	45,300	47,938	(2,638)
Fire chief	4,000	-	4,000	4,000	-
Animal control	1,000	-	1,000	-	1,000
AMS service	12,160	-	12,160	12,160	-
Street lights	1,500	-	1,500	1,309	191
	<u>63,960</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,960</u>	<u>65,407</u>	<u>(1,447)</u>

TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
Public works -					
Equipment	46,000	-	46,000	46,000	-
Garage	9,000	-	9,000	9,000	-
Summer roads	72,500	-	72,500	72,500	-
Winter roads	62,000	-	62,000	63,192	(1,192)
Closure of the Starks dump	300	-	300	300	-
	<u>189,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>189,800</u>	<u>190,992</u>	<u>(1,192)</u>
Community service -					
General assistance	4,000	-	4,000	741	3,259
Community center	2,000	-	2,000	1,070	930
	<u>6,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>1,811</u>	<u>4,189</u>
Debt service -					
Principal	38,114	-	38,114	38,114	-
Interest	2,782	-	2,782	2,781	1
	<u>40,896</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,896</u>	<u>40,895</u>	<u>1</u>
County tax	<u>128,284</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>128,284</u>	<u>128,284</u>	<u>-</u>
Education -					
RSU #9	<u>472,299</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>472,299</u>	<u>472,299</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>472,299</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>472,299</u>	<u>472,299</u>	<u>-</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
Unclassified -					
First Park	5,000	-	5,000	4,824	176
Social services	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-
Snowmobile	-	-	-	735	(735)
Contingency	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	-
Overlay	8,588	-	8,588	-	8,588
Lien costs	-	-	-	2,223	(2,223)
Local roads-Chicken Street	135,000	-	135,000	185,924	(50,924)
PW & FD generator	10,326	-	10,326	10,326	-
Abatements	-	-	-	2,053	(2,053)
	<u>166,914</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>166,914</u>	<u>214,085</u>	<u>(47,171)</u>
Transfers to other funds -					
Capital projects funds	<u>43,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,000</u>	<u>71,904</u>	<u>(28,904)</u>
	<u>43,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,000</u>	<u>71,904</u>	<u>(28,904)</u>
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS	<u>\$ 1,312,468</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,312,468</u>	<u>\$ 1,367,960</u>	<u>\$ (55,492)</u>

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TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2019

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Investments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,020	\$ 10,020
Due from other funds	45,169	169,166	4,613	218,948
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 45,169</u>	<u>\$ 169,166</u>	<u>\$ 14,633</u>	<u>\$ 228,968</u>
LIABILITIES				
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40	\$ 40
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>40</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-
Restricted	3,927	15,128	14,593	33,648
Committed	41,242	154,038	-	195,280
Assigned	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>45,169</u>	<u>169,166</u>	<u>14,593</u>	<u>228,928</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 45,169</u>	<u>\$ 169,166</u>	<u>\$ 14,633</u>	<u>\$ 228,968</u>

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TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	\$ 1,209	\$ 14,318	\$ -	\$ 15,527
Interest income	-	-	3	3
Other	27,000	835	-	27,835
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>28,209</u>	<u>15,153</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>43,365</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Capital outlay	25,000	11,249	-	36,249
Other	1,209	-	30	1,239
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>26,209</u>	<u>11,249</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>37,488</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>2,000</u>	<u>3,904</u>	<u>(27)</u>	<u>5,877</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	71,904	-	71,904
Transfers (out)	-	(135,000)	-	(135,000)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>-</u>	<u>(63,096)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(63,096)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	2,000	(59,192)	(27)	(57,219)
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	<u>43,169</u>	<u>228,358</u>	<u>14,620</u>	<u>286,147</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 45,169</u>	<u>\$ 169,166</u>	<u>\$ 14,593</u>	<u>\$ 228,928</u>

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Integrity Respect Fairness Dedication
SOMERSET COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2019 Annual Communication



Dale P. Lancaster
Sheriff

As your Sheriff, it is an honor and privilege to serve the citizens of Somerset County. The men and women of the Somerset County Sheriff's Office work diligently every day endeavoring to make Somerset County a safer place to live. The Sheriff's Office is responsible for the operation of the County Jail, law enforcement, court security, and civil process. Somerset County is approximately 4,000 square miles. The County is comprised of 27 towns, 6 plantations, and 83 unorganized townships. In 2019, I was elected as 2nd Vice President for the Maine Sheriff's Association.

Law Enforcement

The patrol division is comprised of 11 rural patrol Deputies. One Deputy is dedicated to patrolling the unorganized townships. The patrol division is overseen by a Lieutenant. The Detective division is comprised of three Detectives and is overseen by a Lieutenant. In addition, the Sheriff's Office has partnered with MDEA (Maine Drug Enforcement Agency) to have an agent assigned to the Detective division.

In June 2019, the man who murdered Corporal Eugene Cole in the Town of Norridgewock was convicted of murder by a jury in the Cumberland County Superior Court. In September 2019, the man was sentenced to life in prison. In August 2019, the 2nd Annual Corporal Cole Memorial 5K & Half Marathon was held in the Town of Norridgewock. Hundreds of people participated in this fundraiser.

On October 18, 2019, a memorial stone was erected in front of the Sheriff's Office for Deputy Charles Baker, Sr. who lost his life in the line of duty on December 28, 1999.

On June 3, 2019, Michael O. Mitchell joined the Somerset County Sheriff's Office as the Chief Deputy. Chief Deputy Mitchell has three Masters Degrees, is a combat veteran, and has 35 years of police experience that he brings to the agency.

In 2019, two Deputies graduated from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy Basic Training Program; Deputy Racean Wood and Deputy Brandon Lambert.

The Sheriff's Office coordinated two Drug-Take Back Days for Somerset County in 2019. 743.34 pounds of expired and/or unwanted prescription drugs were collected and properly disposed.

On December 22, 2019, Deputies were involved with a police shooting that originated in Waterville where a Waterville Police Officer was shot. The case culminated with the shooter being wounded and taken into custody in the Town of Canaan.

Throughout 2019, the Sheriff's Office Detective Division executed drug search warrants which culminated in numerous individuals being charged. The type of illegal drugs confiscated in Somerset County include heroin, fentanyl, cocaine, oxycodone, and crystal meth.

In 2019, the Crimes Against Persons Detective investigated 40 sex crimes. 28 of those cases involved child sexual abuse where forensic interviewing was utilized. Detective Jeremy Leal is a Children's Advocacy Center forensic interviewer. The Somerset County Sheriff's Office Criminal Division tracked 149 individuals who are required by law to register as sex offenders.



Integrity Respect Fairness Dedication

SOMERSET COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Jail

The Somerset County Jail, when operating at full capacity, operates with 36 budgeted Correctional Officers, 8 Shift Supervisors, 2 cooks, 12 program and support staff, and 9 administrative staff to include Major Cory Swope, who is the Jail Administrator.

- The County Jail is nationally accredited through the American Correctional Association and is operating under nationally accepted best practice standards. The County Jail is also PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) certified.
- In 2019, the Somerset County Jail processed 1,566 bookings, a slight decrease from 2018.
- A facility-wide project was initiated to transition to interior and exterior LED (light-emitting diode) lighting. LED lights are extremely efficient, and have a lifespan far exceeding incandescent or fluorescent lights. The Sheriff's Office and Jail are already seeing thousands of dollars being saved in electrical expenses.
- Refurbishment was completed in one of the two 64-bed male General Population housing units.
- An agreement was solidified to house inmates for Waldo County, wherein Waldo is leasing up to 35 beds from the Somerset County Jail. This was accomplished without having to increase staffing levels or having to open an additional housing unit, and with no additional cost to Somerset County taxpayers.
- A MAT (Medication Assisted Treatment) program was developed and implemented for prisoners with substance use disorders being detained at the jail in an effort to combat recidivism. One of my primary goals is to reduce recidivism. As defined by SAMSHA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration), MAT "is the use of FDA-approved medications, in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies, to provide a "whole-patient" approach to the treatment of substance use disorders." Simultaneously with the implementation of MAT, the Somerset County Jail entered into an agreement with Redington-Fairview General Hospital, who was awarded grant funding to provide Community Case Management Services for offenders as they re-enter the community. Designated hospital nurses work in collaboration with inpatient providers, primary care providers, home care agencies, and tertiary care facilities to identify and manage complex/high risk patients who have been identified as needing intensive case management and follow-up across the continuum of care. This partnership is already proving to have a positive impact by continuing to provide treatment and programming initiated in the jail for offenders after release.

Civil Process

In 2019, the Somerset County Sheriff's Office Civil Deputies received 2,452 papers to process and serve.

Calls for Service

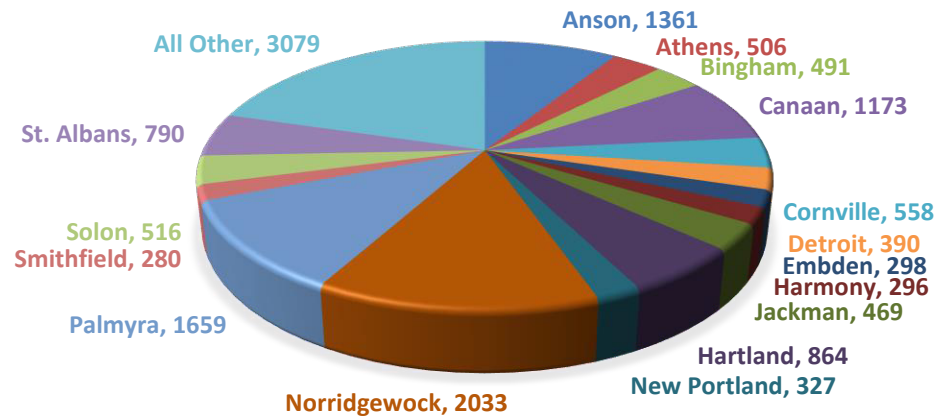
- In 2019 the Sheriff's Office received 15,090 calls for service from our citizens. This represents a 2.6% increase over 2018.
- During 2019, the Sheriff's Office responded to 178 calls for service from the Town of Starks, which is a slight increase over 2018. These calls included 28 motor vehicle accidents, 3 calls requesting citizen assistance, 4 domestic disturbances, as well as calls for theft, welfare checks, and other requests for police services.

The Somerset County Sheriff Office remains committed to our core values: INTEGRITY-RESPECT-FAIRNESS-DEDICATION. The following graph represent our calls for service:

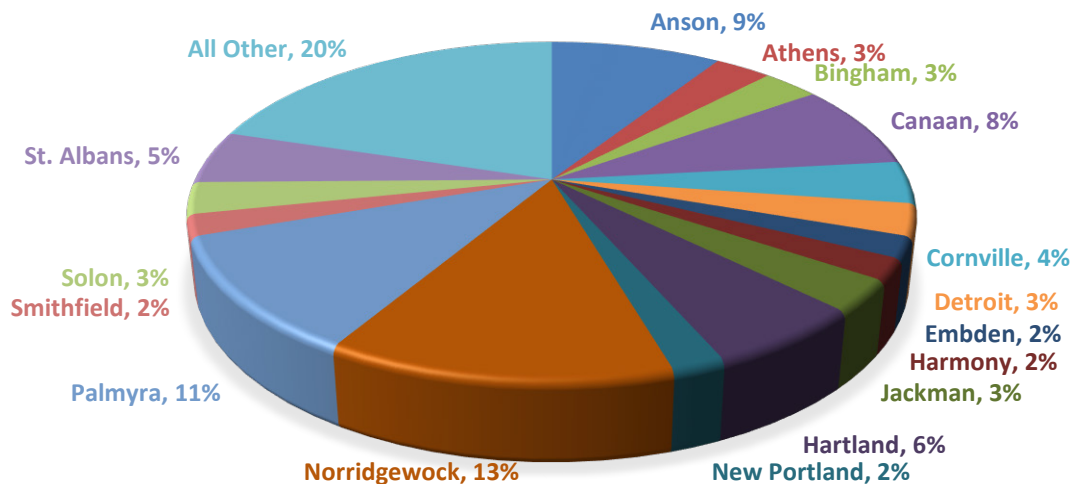


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Dear Friends,

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,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 1, 2020

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Dear friends,

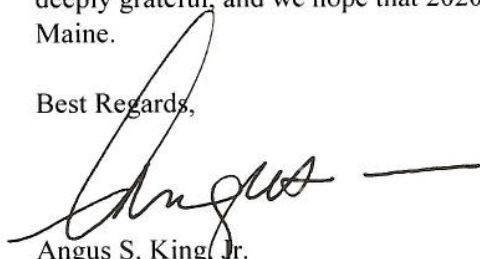
The beginning of a new year provides the opportunity to reflect on the progress of the past 12 months. If you've been watching cable TV, you might think that every waking moment of 2019 in Washington has been consumed by divisive, partisan issues – and while there's no shortage of those debates, there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

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

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

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

Best Regards,



Angus S. King, Jr.
United States Senator

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

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully,

Jared Golden
Member of Congress

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November 2019

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I would first like to thank the residents of Starks for electing me to be your State Representative. It is a responsibility I have taken seriously for the last two terms. I look forward to continuing my service in the 129th Legislature. Currently, the State of Maine is facing many critical issues that will require thoughtful action.

I have been proudly serving on the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee, which reviews legislative proposals involving many important topics such as; food and rural resources; animal control and welfare; food safety, inspection and labeling; dairy industry; pesticides regulation; farmland preservation; state parks, historic sites, public lands; geological surveying and mapping and forest management. This session I am also serving on the Environmental and Natural Resources Committee, discussing legislative proposals concerning; air and water quality; natural resource protection; management and disposal of solid, hazardous, biomedical and special wastes; hydropower and dams; waste-to-energy facilities and general environmental policy.

The most rewarding component of serving as your State Representative is helping you navigate the bureaucracy that is Maine State Government. Should you ever find yourself in need of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at Thomas.Skolfield@legislature.maine.gov or feel free to call me anytime at **585-2638**. If you would like to be added to my email update list, you can do so by emailing me directly with your request.

Thank you again for giving me the honor of serving you in Augusta!

Sincerely,

Thomas Skolfield
State Representative



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A Message from Senator Brad Farrin

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

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

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

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

This year, I was appointed to the Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation to study and recommend funding solutions for the state's transportation systems. I'm especially concerned with the issues rural Maine faces, and this next session it is my greatest priority to find ways to improve Maine roads and infrastructure.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. The 129th Legislature certainly has a great deal more work to do; but I believe that if we come together, there is nothing we can't accomplish. Please feel free to contact me at (207) 287-1505 or Brad.Farrin@legislature.maine.gov if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,

Brad Farrin
State Senator

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Town Office Hours

Mon. 10 am - 2 pm
Wed. 3 pm - 7 pm
1st Sat. of the Month
8 am - 11 am



Selectmen Meetings

1st, 3rd & 5th Mondays - 7 pm
Board of Assessors
Thursdays - 7 pm
Phone: 207-696-8069
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2019-2020 Dates to Remember:

- November 16** - Last day to make 2019 Tax Payments without incurring interest. (Will accept postmarked date)
- December 1** - May start purchasing Hunting/Fishing Licenses for the 2020 year. 2019-20 Snowmobile Registrations available.
- December 5** - Nomination Papers will be available for the 2020 Town Election of Officers. 2020 Elections will be for for Selectman, Assessor, and Treasurer (3 year terms).
- January 14** - Last day to submit completed Nomination Papers for the 2020 Town Election.
- January 31** - Last day for Dog Licensing without incurring a \$25 late fee. (Bring current rabies and neuter/spay certificate)
- March 13** - Annual Town Meeting opens - voting by Australian "Secret" Ballot from 12 pm - 8 pm.
- March 14** - Annual Town Business Meeting begins at 9 am.
- April 1** - Notifications for Homestead Exemptions, Veterans Exemptions and Tree Growth Applications due to Board of Assessors .
- April 15** - Liens for 2017 Taxes will expire and Board of Selectmen will begin foreclosure process.
- August 15**- Projected date for 30 day notice to be mailed for 2019 Lien process.
- September 20** - Projected date for Recording of 2019 Tax Liens.

Town Office Closed

Dec. 25, 2019 - Christmas
Jan 1, 2020 - New Year's
Feb 17 - President's Day
May 25 - Memorial Day
July 4 - Independence Day
Sept 7 - Labor Day

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STARKS "MUG-UP"

Join us at the Community Center the first Saturday of each month From 8 - 10:30 AM, hot coffee, hot chocolate and tea will be available for \$1.00 a cup. All proceeds to benefit SEEdS. Donations are always welcomed. Please come....it is informal, unstructured and relaxing. Every-one is welcome!

Room Rentals Available

The beautiful Starks Community Center
- at 57 Anson Road has rooms, the gym
and the kitchen facility available for
rent for private parties and meetings!
(1/2 day rentals start at \$10 for residents and \$20 for non-residents)
Call the Town Office during regular
hours for more information and
availability.

Starks Town Library

Have you checked out the town library lately? The book collection has really grown - there is something for every child and adult. The library is open:
Mondays from 10 am - 2 pm
Wednesdays from 3 - 7 pm
1st Saturday - 8 - 11 am
Stop by and Check it out!!!!

Stay Informed! Send your email address to Town Clerk, Jenn Hebert and get regular updates on town events, important dates and deadlines, and any unexpected changes in town office hours.
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