



TOWN OF WEST BATH



**Annual Report**  
**Town of West Bath, Maine**

for the Audited Year Ending June 30, 2015

## In Memory

*David P. Bourget*

1956 - 2015



David Paul Bourget, "Beav", died on Saturday May 23, 2015. David was serving his third year of his third term as Selectman for the Town of West Bath. He was elected in June 2003.

David previously served on the West Bath Finance Committee, had an interest in both the Shellfish Committee and the West Bath Fire Department. He served as a member of the Phippsburg Fire Department for over 40 years and was Assistant Chief for a time. Busy as he was, Beav was most content when out "haulin' traps" aboard *Odyssey*.

The Town of West Bath remembers and gratefully thanks David for his years of service to our Town.

**Front Cover Photo Courtesy of the West Bath Historical Society -  
West Bath Grange members at a picnic at the Lemont Cottage, Sabino, 1947.**



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Maine

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## **Budget Town Meeting**

Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 6:00 pm

& if necessary,

Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at 6:00 pm

West Bath School  
126 New Meadows Road  
West Bath, ME 04530

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## WEST BATH TOWN OFFICE STAFF AND INFORMATION

West Bath Town Office Hours  
Monday 8:30 am – 5:00 pm  
Tuesday – Friday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm  
Office Phone: 207-443-4342  
Office Fax number: 207-443-3256

Town Administrator  
Adam Garland, Town Hall Ext. 15  
[townadministrator@westbath.org](mailto:townadministrator@westbath.org)

Tax Collector/Treasurer  
Julie House, Town Hall Ext. 13  
[taxcollector@westbath.org](mailto:taxcollector@westbath.org)

Town Clerk/Registrar  
Brandi Lohr, Town Hall Ext. 11  
[townclerk@westbath.org](mailto:townclerk@westbath.org)

Assessing Agent  
Ronald Beal, Town Hall Ext 10  
[assessor@westbath.org](mailto:assessor@westbath.org)

Codes Enforcement Officer  
Ellis Reed, Town Hall Ext. 16  
[codes@westbath.org](mailto:codes@westbath.org)

Visit the West Bath website [www.westbath.org](http://www.westbath.org) or stop by the Town Office at 219 Fosters Point Road for information regarding each official and their duties, and upcoming meetings.

West Bath population: 1,877 (2010 Census) Area: 11.8 sq. miles of land; 3.2 sq. miles of water  
Longitude: W 69:51:35 Latitude: N 43:52:30

### Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

Peter Oceretko 443-5572 Term Expires November 2016  
Paula Nelson 443-3631 Term Expires November 2017  
Madelyn Hennessey 522-6357 Term Expires November 2018

### West Bath Municipal Holidays

Fiscal Year End Audit (close at noon)	Thursday June 30, 2016
Independence Day	Monday July 4, 2016
Labor Day	Monday September 5, 2016
Columbus Day	Monday October 10, 2016
Veterans Day	Friday November 11, 2016
Thanksgiving Day Eve (close at noon)	Wednesday November 23, 2016
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday November 24, 2016
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday November 25, 2016
Christmas Day (observed)	Monday, December 26, 2016
New Year's day (observed)	Monday January 2, 2017
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Monday January 16, 2017
Presidents Day	Monday February 20, 2017
Patriots Day	Monday April 17, 2017
Memorial Day	Monday May 29, 2017

## WEST BATH TOWN OFFICE INFORMATION

During Inclement weather, please call us at 443-4342 to make sure the Town Office is open. Delays and cancellations are announced on WCSH (NBC channel 6) and WMTW (ABC channel 8).

For assistance in contacting a Selectperson, the Town Administrator, Roads Commissioner, Harbor Master, or any member of a West Bath board or committee, please consult the town website ([www.westbath.org](http://www.westbath.org)), or call the town office at 443-4342.

The Assessing Agent, Ron Beal, is available at the Town Hall Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The Codes Enforcement Officer, Ellis Reed, is available at the Town Hall on Wednesdays 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm and Thursdays 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

## WEST BATH BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

**Board of Appeals:** Justin Hennessey, Chair ~ Gregory Bridgman ~ Debra Bruce

**Board of Assessment Review (BAR):** Juanita Wilson-Hennessey, Chair ~ Robert Morris ~ Richard Totten  
**Alternates:** Chester Garrison ~ Lisa Atkins

**Budget Advisory Committee:** David Hennessey, Chair ~ Donna Merry ~ Justin Hennessey  
Darlene Estabrook ~ Jeff Emerson ~

**Marine Resources Board:** Warren Swanson, Chair ~ Dale McNelly ~ Paul Mateosian  
David Morin ~ Tim Davis ~ Shawn Schutt ~

**Planning Board:** Darlene Estabrook, Chair ~ Richard Davis, Vice Chair ~ Wayne Renshaw  
James William ~ **Alternate members:** Jaye Paris ~ Scott Andresen

**Waterways & Harbors Committee:** Bruce Gadaree, Chair ~ Joe Vaillancourt, Harbormaster  
James Williams, Assistant Harbor Master, Peter Francisco

**Winnegance River Herring Commission (West Bath Appointees):** David Hennessey ~ Jonathan Davis



## MEETING SCHEDULES

The Town of West Bath's website [www.westbath.org](http://www.westbath.org) contains the official listing of meetings, times, locations and agendas. It is the most accurate source of scheduled meetings. To confirm a meeting please call the Town Office at 443-4342.

### REGULARY SCHEDULED MEETINGS AT THE TOWN HALL

**Board of Selectmen** normally meets at 5:30 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month. Meetings are scheduled around holidays and other important events. Additional meetings are scheduled as needed, and are announced on the town website. To discuss an agenda item, please contact the Town Administrator.

**Planning Board** meets at 6:30 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, with other meetings and hearings scheduled as needed.

**Marine Resources Board** meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm during the daylight savings time, and at 6:00 pm during the rest of the year.

Other town sponsored boards and committees meet in less formal schedules. Please check the Town of West Bath website, call the Town Office, or contact the appropriate board or committee chairperson for the next meeting date.

### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Police, Fire, Ambulance (emergency) 9-1-1 ~ Sheriff's Department (non-emergency) 443-8201  
Fire Station (non-emergency) 443-1500  
Morse High School 443-8250 ~ Bath Middle School 443-8270  
West Bath School 443-9145 ~ Superintendent of West Bath 443-9145  
Shellfish Fish Warden 443-3144 ~ Animal Control Officer 319-4715  
Maine District Court in West Bath 442-0200 ~ Bath Superior Court 443-9734  
Bureau of Motor Vehicles 1-800-452-1937 ~ Topsham BMV 725-6520  
Department of Human Services 287-3707 ~ County Registry of Deeds 443-8214  
West Bath Grange Hall Rental 504-1636 ~ West Bath Fire Hall 751-3489  
Old West Bath Meeting House and Littlefield School Rental 389-4498  
West Bath Historical Society 389-4498

### WEST BATH OFFICIALS

Road Commissioner Steve Renaud 442-0581 ~ Health Officer Jodie Lenardson 450-4711  
Shellfish Warden Douglas Alexander 443-3114 or 504-1523 ~ Red Tide Hotline 1-800-232-4733  
Fire Chief, Forest Fire Warden & EMA Director Jonathan Beane 449-2699  
Harbor Master Joseph Vaillancourt 443-6362 ~ James Williams Assistant Harbor Master  
Animal Control Officer Todd Stead 319-4715

## OTHER OFFICIALS THAT SERVE WEST BATH

### West Bath School Principal and Superintendent

Emily Thompson

Phone: 443-9145

Email: [ethompson@westbathschool.org](mailto:ethompson@westbathschool.org)

### West Bath School Board

Keith Hinds, Chair - [khinds@westbathschool.org](mailto:khinds@westbathschool.org)

Dennis Crews, Vice Chair - [dcrews@westbathschool.org](mailto:dcrews@westbathschool.org)

Robert McDaniel - [rmcdaniel@westbathschool.org](mailto:rmcdaniel@westbathschool.org)

Jordi St. John - [jstjohn@westbathschool.org](mailto:jstjohn@westbathschool.org)

Megan Hennessey - [mhennessey@westbathschool.org](mailto:mhennessey@westbathschool.org)

### Sagadahoc County District 3

Carol Grose 443-8200

### Maine State Representatives:

Maine House of Representatives 207-287-1400 (voice) 207-287-4699 (TTY)

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Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Maine Legislative Internet Website: <http://www.maine.gov/legis/house>

Year round toll free House of Representatives Message Center: 1-800-423-2900

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[Jay.McCreight@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Jay.McCreight@legislature.maine.gov)



Senator Linda Baker District 23

1 Homeplace

Topsham, ME 04086

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[Linda.Baker@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Linda.Baker@legislature.maine.gov)



## Board of Selectmen Report

Greetings to our friends and neighbors in West Bath:

Another year has flown by...where the time goes I'll never know. After the past several years, feeling as if we've been fighting a war, this year has been relatively quiet. We have taken the opportunity with the quiet-before-the-storm setting and put it to good use, though.

We are concluding the very first year of operating our own school since extracting ourselves from RSU-1 tyranny. Things seem to have gone well and the expected bumps and stumbles from the start-up phase, thankfully, proved to be few. Superintendent Emily Thompson and her team have done a great job and the school board seems to have everything running on all cylinders. Congratulations to all on a successful start-up effort. I think as we move forward, it's safe to breathe a sigh of relief and realize that our vision of our own school under our own control has come to pass. We can finally show the world what a real "world class education" looks like.

Road Commissioner Steve Renaud oversaw the first phase of the Hill Road overhaul, which was the major repairs part. We're trying to re-engineer the road so that it will be less subject to break-up by frost heaves and storm water. He'll do the second phase this year when the final paving is completed.

Tree trimming that Steve has undertaken over the past couple of years seem to have improved conditions on the roads. Steve's going to keep the trimming program going at least through the next year, if not longer.

The Town Office is running like a well-oiled machine, thanks to Administrator Adam Garland and his capable team. They've been looking closely at policy and procedures in an attempt to bring more efficiency to their work; to streamline the operation a little; so to be able to serve the public even better than they already do. The role of municipal government grows more complicated every year. The Town has done a good job by staying on top of changes and by so adapting to them.

Engineers are at work with a design recommendation for a new and larger salt shed. We're looking over the entire snow removal operation and will make appropriate changes to get a better snow removal and roads management result with a more cost efficient base; sort of to convert more of the cost into actual value. The roads in winter are important to us. Many of the problems that plague the process now aren't entirely anybody's fault. Armed with a few tools and a little bit of process and system help will go a long way to insure better winter roads care. We're looking, also, at working with county economic development consultant MCOG to maybe secure some grant money to use for some extensive roadside and culvert work.

The Selectmen ask that all citizens of West Bath recognize the efforts and hard work; the attention, loyalty, and dedication which has been demonstrated by town staff, all of the

## Board of Selectmen Report

departments, the Road Commissioner, the Fire Department, the Town Administrator, and the West Bath School. Excellent job.....Everybody! Thank you. Now, let's do it again next year.

Quite frankly, for me anyway, the most satisfying item that we've accomplished this year was to compel the City of Bath to grant us a tax abatement on a small piece of road over in Wing Farm. A little bit of road that was a part of fulfilling requirements in order to obtain a federal grant for the Wing Farm Development. The road doesn't even go anywhere. But it is nicely paved, has some nice shiny guard rails, city water, even fire hydrants, and a fine double yellow stripe down the middle. Bath apparently decided that because the road was "developed", they probably should tax us on it. Though the tax was only \$ 1,600.00, we resented being the only private road in all of Bath that was indeed being taxed.

We welcome Madelyn Hennessey as the newest Selectman. Madelyn joined us in November and brings fresh ideas and a great attitude to the table. We know she will be a perfect addition to the Board of Selectmen. Everyone wishes Madelyn success in her new adventure and thank her for stepping-up.

Speaking of "stepping-up" ..... there are several committee seats open which need to be filled. These seats are vital to the operation of the Town. The work can be really quite interesting. None requires a whole lot of time commitment. No special skills or experience is needed but if you have any to bring, please share. You'll get to work with other civic minded people. You'll certainly learn something new, and you will probably enjoy the experience. Please think about it. See Brandi Lohr at the Town Hall to get filled-in on what's needed.

Peter Oceretko, Chair  
Paula Nelson  
Madelyn Hennessey  
**Board of Selectmen**

*We Remember: Former Selectman Roger A. Green died on December 13, 2015 at his home in Portsmouth, NH. He was 74 years young.*

*Roger served the Town of West Bath on the Board of Selectmen from July 2002 until June 2005. He is remembered fondly by many. We all appreciate his service to the Town and regret his passing.*

## **Town Administrator's Report**

I cannot believe it; another year has come and gone! The town's staff, Board of Selectmen and various volunteers have worked diligently together to provide quality services to the townspeople of West Bath. I personally feel very fortunate to be working with such a wonderful group of people who value teamwork and believe in what they do. It is also important to recognize that this is the first full year West Bath has been operating its own municipal school department. It should be recognized the wonderful job School Superintendent Emily Thompson, the school board, as well as the school staff, have done as they stepping up to the challenges of establishing a new school department.

**Budget:** This year the Board of Selectmen, Budget Advisory Committee and I took a hard look at the towns budget. A great deal of time and effort went into going over every detail within the budget to ensure the taxpayers of West Bath are seeing their tax dollars used wisely and efficiently. I am happy to report both the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee are in agreement with every piece of the proposed FY 2016-2017 budget.

**Investment Committee:** During town meeting 2015 the town voted to form an investment committee to research the best option for the remaining settlement money received from RSU1 and the City of Bath. Thankfully, three townspeople, Steve Kalisz, Paul Coombs, and Robert Weir, stepped forward to volunteer to be on the West Bath Investment Committee. All three of these gentlemen brought a great deal of expertise to the table. After many meetings and much research, the Investment Committee found traditional investment options to be simply too risky to be considered. As a result, the Investment Committee is putting forward a recommendation for a long term capital plan as the town's best option moving forward. Details of this plan will be discussed at both the Town Meeting Public Information Session (May 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30, West Bath Fire Department) as well as during the Annual Town Meeting (May 31<sup>st</sup> at 6pm, West Bath School). As always townspeople are highly encouraged to participate in these discussions and cast their vote at town meeting.

**New Sand/Salt Shed Proposal:** Over the course of the last few years the town has come to the realization that our Sand/Salt Shed is simply too small and does not hold the necessary volume of sand needed for a winter season. In an effort to correct this problem the Selectmen and I have worked with an engineer to design a new proposed Sand/Salt Shed that will accommodate our needs moving forward. This proposal would involve removal of the old building and building a new structure capable of holding the necessary 2500 cubic yards of sand needed for a winter's plowing season. Details of this plan will be discussed at both the Town Meeting Public Information Session (May 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30, West Bath Fire Department) as well as during the Annual Town Meeting (May 31<sup>st</sup> at 6pm, West Bath School). Again, townspeople are highly encouraged to participate in these discussions and cast their vote at town meeting.

As always, if you have any questions, or ideas that you would like to discuss, please feel free to contact me at the Town Office or by email, [townadministrator@westbath.org](mailto:townadministrator@westbath.org). If you would simply like to stop in and chat, my door is always open and I would thoroughly enjoy meeting anyone who wishes to drop in to the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,  
Adam Garland  
West Bath Town Administrator

**Town of West Bath Employee Pay Rates FY 2016-2017**

**Municipal Employees**

Selectman, Chair	\$4,095
2 <sup>nd</sup> Selectman	3,780
3 <sup>rd</sup> Selectman	3,780
Town Administrator	55,000
Tax Collector/Treasurer	42,396
Town Clerk	39,966
Code Enforcement OFC	27,362
Assessing Agent	23,561
Health Officer	315
Road Commissioner	5,250
Animal Control OFC	1,890
Harbor Master	2,100
Fire Chief	10,500
Fire Deputy Chief	1,312
Fire Captain	630
Fire Captain	630
Fire Lieutenant	210
Fire Lieutenant	210
Shellfish Warden	11,063

**School Employees**

**School Administration 2.0 FTE**

Superintendent/Principal	115,119
Secretary/Office Manager	44,999

**Regular Education Teachers 10.8 FTE**

Classroom Teacher 1.0	36,087
Classroom Teacher 1.0	37,727
Classroom Teacher 1.0	41,009
Classroom Teacher 1.0	42,647
Classroom Teacher 1.0	44,287
Classroom Teacher 1.0	44,289
Classroom Teacher 1.0	50,849
Classroom Teacher 1.0	73,423
Classroom Teacher 1.0	73,423
Specialist Teacher 0.4**	20,338
Specialist Teacher 0.4	27,927
Specialist Teacher 0.5	27,063
Intervention Teacher 0.5	24,603

**Regular Education Support 1.0 FTE**

Regular Ed Technician	27,963
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**Student and Staff Support 2.4 FTE**

Nurse 0.2	8,445
Librarian 0.2	10,394
Library Ed Technician 1.0	36,046
Technology Support 1.0	35,000

**Food Service 1.5 FTE**

Food Service 1.0	24,432
Food Service 0.5	10,026

**Gifted and Talented 0.5 FTE**

Gifted/Talented Teacher 0.5	24,603
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**Special Education Staff 5.0 FTE**

Special Ed Teacher 1.0	45,927
Special Ed Teacher 0.7	51,396
School Counselor 0.8	43,303
Special Ed Technician 1.0	24,648
Special Ed Technician 1.0	23,116
Special Ed Tech 0.375	9,365
Special Ed Secretary 0.125	2,089

*FTE - Full Time Employee*

*\*\* - Contracted Employee*

**TOWN OF WEST BATH**  
**\*\*DRAFT\*\* TOWN MEETING WARRANT**  
**FOR MAY 31, 2016 BUDGET TOWN MEETING**

**TO:** Ellis Reed, a Constable of the Town of West Bath, County of Sagadahoc:

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of West Bath, in the said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the **West Bath School**, in said Town, on **Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 6 p.m.**, then and there to act on the following Articles, set out to wit:

**Art. 1** To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

**[NOTE: All municipal budget articles are recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee unless otherwise noted. All other municipal articles are recommended by the Selectmen unless otherwise noted.]**

*Arts. 2 – 16: The Moderator may entertain a motion to consider and vote on Articles 2-16 as a group, unless a voter requests one or more specific article(s) be set aside for individual consideration, which request shall be honored.*

**ALEWIVES**

**Art. 2.** To see if the Town will vote to maintain, and exercise if appropriate, its right to take alewives from the New Meadows Lake consistent with the terms and conditions specified at the March 1977 Town Meeting.

**Art. 3.** To see if the Town will vote to maintain a fishway on Winnegance Lake and to exercise its right to take alewives from Winnegance Lake in accordance with the terms and conditions specified at the June 1988 Town Meeting and an agreement with the City of Bath and the Town of Phippsburg.

**MUNICIPAL FISCAL MANAGEMENT**

**Art. 4.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all funds in the Transfer Station – Rent account in excess of \$50,000, and not otherwise appropriated herein, to reduce the tax commitment for the ensuing fiscal year. (FY 2015-16: \$50,000)

**Art. 5.** To see if the Town will vote to fix the date of October 17, 2016 as the date when taxes shall become due and payable and to charge a 7% interest rate (as allowed by 36 M.R.S.A. § 505(4), the State maximum rate) on unpaid taxes to start after that date.

**Art. 6.** To see if the Town will vote to set the rate of interest to be paid by the Town on refunds of taxes that are paid but later abated at 3% (as allowed by 36 M.R.S.A. § 506-A, the State maximum rate less 4%) and to authorize such interest paid or abatements granted to be appropriated from overlay funds or, if necessary, from unassigned fund balance (surplus).

**Art. 7.** To see if the Town will vote to apply the unassigned fund balance (surplus) in excess of 12% of the total non-capital expenditures for FY 2015-16, and not otherwise appropriated herein, to reduce the tax commitment for the ensuing fiscal year.

**Art. 8.** To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. § 506, will vote to authorize the Tax Collector/Treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed and to pay no interest on any excess prepaid over the amount finally committed.

**Art. 9.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and dispose of all tax acquired property held by the Town on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quitclaim deeds for such property.

**Art. 10.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to waive the foreclosure of tax lien mortgages pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 944 upon a finding by the Selectmen that ownership of the property that is subject to the tax lien mortgage would be contrary to the Town's best interests.

**Art. 11.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate from unassigned fund balance (surplus) up to \$10,000 to meet unanticipated financial obligations.

**Art. 12.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for State, federal (including Community Development Block Grants) and other grants on the Town's behalf for purposes deemed by the Selectmen to be in the best interests of the Town; to accept such grants, including, when necessary, the authority to sign contracts and related documents and to accept conditions of approval; and to appropriate such grant funds for any purpose for which the Town has appropriated funds in FY 2016-17.

**Art. 13.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept or reject donations of personal property and/or to accept or reject gifts of money to the various accounts of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year and to appropriate those moneys donated for specific purposes.

**Art. 14.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept conditional or unconditional gifts of real property provided that no single gift will obligate the Town to incur liabilities that total \$1,000 or more per year, as determined by the Selectmen.

**Art. 15.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose by sealed bid of Town-owned personal property with a value of over \$500 and deemed by the Selectmen to be surplus.

**Art. 16.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to annually set fees for returned checks; copies of Town ordinances and other documents; permit, license and land use application fees; notary services; and various other fees.

**Art. 17.** To see if the Town will vote to carry forward the following appropriated but unexpended funds at the end of FY 2015-16, provided that the funds are used for the same purpose as originally appropriated:

- a) General Assistance
- b) Marine Resources/Harbor and Waterway
- c) Transfer Station – Rent
- d) Excise Tax/Urban Rural Initiative Program (URIP) (for Major Road Projects)

- e) General Roads
- f) Public Works Roads Capital Improvement Fund
- g) Boat Excise (for Harbor & Waterways/Marine Resources expenses)
- h) Fire Department – Operations
- i) Fire Department – Capital Fund
- j) Planning Board Expenses/Permit Application Fee Account
- k) Fire Department – Reimbursement for Services
- l) Business/Economic Development
- m) Ambulance
- n) Municipal Capital Improvement Fund

### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**Art. 18.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$442,780 from motor vehicle excise tax revenue for the maintenance of public roads, hot-topping, construction, salt shed utilities, signs, plowing and sanding of Town roads and parking lots, the Road Commissioner’s annual stipend (\$5,250) and other public works related projects. (FY 2015-16: \$362,454)

**Art. 19.** To see if the Town will vote to deposit any motor vehicle excise tax revenue not otherwise appropriated elsewhere in this Warrant in the Public Works Roads Capital Improvement Fund and to appropriate the same for road projects; provided, however, that the Selectmen shall conduct a public hearing on the proposed expenditure of any such funds prior to such expenditure.

**Art. 20.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, from revenue generated from the Transfer Station - Rent account as follows: (a) \$11,750 to operate the public Drop-Off/Recycling Center (FY 2015-16: \$11,750); and (b) \$1,200 for use by the Recycling Committee for hazardous waste drop-offs and other special events (FY 2015-16: \$1,000).

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Art. 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$74,655 for Fire Department Operations. (FY 2015-16: \$72,863)

**Art. 22.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any Fire Department Reimbursement for Services funds that are received during FY 2016-17 for purposes approved by vote of the Selectmen.

**Art. 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$18,400 for the Fire Department Fire Protection Account to be used for the fire fighter reimbursement and incentive program. (FY 2015-16: \$18,400)

**Art. 24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000 for the Fire Department Capital Improvement Fund. (FY 2015-16: \$15,000)

### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION**

**Art. 25.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for wages and stipends, payroll taxes, worker’s compensation insurance, unemployment payments, and benefits (health insurance for full-time employees and retirement contribution for full-time employees, Assessing

Agent and CEO). [Note: The amount excludes the Shellfish Warden’s wages and the Harbor Master and Road Commissioner’s stipends, which are funded by associated revenue accounts.]

**SELECTMEN AND BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: \$312,082**  
(FY 2015-16: \$287,343)

**Art. 26.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$92,467 for municipal operating expenses, which include, but are not limited to, utilities, advertising, elections, supplies, property/casualty/liability insurance, postage, animal control expenses, grounds and building maintenance, janitorial service, training/seminars, travel, deed fees, and all computer-related network support and support contracts. (FY 2015-16: \$85,750)

**Art. 27.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all dog licensing fees and penalties collected during FY 2016-17, with the exception of the recording fee that must be retained by the municipal clerk pursuant to State law, as additional payment to the Animal Control Officer for services rendered to the Town.

**Art. 28.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for the accounts below:

	<u>FY 2016-17</u>	<u>FY 2015-16</u>
Ambulance	\$ 55,000	\$40,000
General Assistance	00	7,500
Hydrant Rental	27,160	27,160
Street Lights	1,400	1,200
Cemetery Repairs/Maintenance	2,100	2,000
Business/Economic Development	00	00
Selectmen’s Contingency Fund	5,000	5,000

**Art. 29.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate from unassigned fund balance (surplus) up to \$10,000 to meet unanticipated legal and litigation expenses. (FY 2015-16: \$10,000)

**Art. 30.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,807 for professional services/dues/memberships (MMA, Lincoln County Animal Shelter, town maps, annual report, auditing, Board of Assessment Review, Board of Appeals, legal services and litigation expenses). (FY 2015-16: \$65,017)

**Art. 31.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer funds from budget accounts that have unexpended balances at the end of FY 2016-17 to budget accounts that have overruns at the end of FY 2016-17, provided that any such transfer is not more than ten percent (10%) of the funds appropriated under the municipal budget and any such transfer is first approved at a properly called public meeting of the Selectmen.

**Art. 32.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the dedicated Municipal Emergency Capital Improvements Sinking Fund for repairs to Town owned properties. (FY 2015-16: \$3,000)

## COMMUNITY AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS

**Art. 33.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following as donations to community agencies:

	<u>FY 2016-2017</u>	<u>FY 2015-16</u>
a. Bath Senior Citizens	875	875
b. Bath Area Food Bank	1,500	00
c. Senior Spectrum	1,365	1,365
d. Sweetser/Shoreline Mental Health	2,252	2,252
e. Midcoast Maine Community Action	730	730
Total:	\$6,722	\$5,222

**Art. 34.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$31,909 as a donation to the Patten Free Library. (FY 2015-16: \$30,971)

## WATERWAYS & HARBORS

**Art. 35.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$3,250 from the Boat Excise/Mooring Fee/Marine Resources Joint Revenue Account to be used for the Harbor Master's stipend (\$2,100) and reimbursements/expenses (\$1,150). (FY 2015-16: \$3,480)

## MARINE RESOURCES

**Art. 36.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$14,877 from the Boat Excise/Mooring Fee/Marine Resources Joint Revenue Account for Marine Resource expenses to be used for Shellfish Warden wages (\$11,061) and expenses (\$3,816). (FY 2015-16: \$14,351)

**Art. 37.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$800 from the dedicated Boat Excise/Mooring Fee/Marine Resources Joint Revenue Account to be used for maintenance, equipment, fuel, and servicing of the Town boat. (FY 2015-16: \$800)

## RSU 1 SETTLEMENT FUNDS DISPOSITION

**Art. 38.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$775,000, which is the remaining amount of the settlement money received from the City of Bath and RSU 1 in late 2014 as part of the RSU 1 cost sharing litigation, from unassigned fund balance (surplus) to a new Long Term Capital Improvement Fund reserve account. (Any expenditure of this reserve account will require approval from Town Meeting.) **(This article is recommended by the Selectmen, the Budget Advisory Committee, and the Investment Committee)**

**Art. 39.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$102,622, which is the amount of money received by the Town as part of the RSU 1 fund balance reconciliation audit performed after the Town withdrew from RSU 1, from unassigned fund balance (surplus) to a new Long Term Capital Improvement Fund reserve account. (Any expenditure of this reserve account will require approval from Town Meeting.)

**Art. 40.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$370,000 from the Long Term Capital Improvement Fund established under Article 38 and/or Article 39 for the construction of a new salt/sand shed.

## PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMIT (LD 1)

**Art. 41.** (Written ballot required by State statute). To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$550,018 established for the Town of West Bath by State law, but only in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding Articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

## ORDINANCES

**Art. 42.** Shall an ordinance entitled “2016 Amendments to the Marine Resource Conservation Ordinance” be enacted?

[The proposed ordinance amendments are available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office and will be available at the Town Meeting.]

**Art. 43.** Shall an ordinance entitled “2016 Amendments to the Land Use Ordinance, Development Review Ordinance and Definitions Ordinance to Update Various Administrative Provisions” be enacted?

[The proposed ordinance amendments are available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office and will be available at the Town Meeting.]

**Art. 44.** Shall an ordinance entitled “2016 Amendments to the Land Use Ordinance and Definitions Ordinance Regarding Accessory Residential Units” be enacted?

[The proposed ordinance amendments are available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office and will be available at the Town Meeting.]

**Art. 45.** Shall an ordinance entitled “2016 Amendments to the Land Use Ordinance Regarding Solar Energy Systems” be enacted?

[The proposed ordinance amendments are available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office and will be available at the Town Meeting.]

**Art. 46.** Shall an ordinance entitled “2016 Amendments to the Land Use Ordinance Regarding Communications Towers” be enacted?

[The proposed ordinance amendments are available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office and will be available at the Town Meeting.]

**Art. 47.** Shall the Town vote to revise the current zoning properties east of New Meadow’s Road and south of U.S. Route 1 from a Residential Zone to a Business and Commercial Zone. (*Note: This is a draft article, language subject to change prior to Town Meeting*)

[The proposed zoning documents are available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office and will be available at the Town Meeting.]

**WEST BATH SCHOOL BUDGET**

**Art. 48.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for **Regular Instruction.**

**School Board of Directors Recommends: \$2,012,839.17**

*Explanation: This article covers salaries and benefits for regular education teachers and support personnel, as well as classroom supplies, equipment, books, and repairs for grades K-5. This article also includes the contracted services for pre-kindergarten students and tuition costs for students in grades 6-12.*

**Art. 49.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for **Special Education.**

**School Board of Directors Recommends: \$465,800.17**

*Explanation: This article provides salaries and benefits for special education teachers and support personnel, out of district placement, and professional services.*

**Art. 50.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for **Career and Technical Education.**

**School Board of Directors Recommends: \$0**

*Explanation: Career and Technical Education will be provided through RSU 1 and is included in tuition rates.*

**Art. 51.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for **Other Instruction.**

**School Board of Directors Recommends: \$4,500.00**

*Explanation: This article includes costs to provide students with learning experiences not included under other programs (i.e., co-curricular, extra-curricular activities).*

**Art. 52.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for **Student and Staff Support.**

**School Board of Directors Recommends: \$233,986.17**

*Explanation: This article covers salaries and benefits for Guidance, Health, Technology, Improvement of Instruction, Staff Development, Library, and Student Assessment.*

**Art. 53.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for **System Administration.**

**School Board of Directors Recommends: \$70,724.85**

*Explanation: This article provides salaries and benefits for the Office of the Superintendent. It also covers expenses for the School Board of Directors, financial software, insurance, advertising, dues and fees, legal fees, and auditing expenses.*

**Art. 54.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for **School Administration.**

**School Board of Directors Recommends: \$186,557.41**

*Explanation: This article includes salaries and benefits for the Principal and support staff. It includes equipment, supplies, dues and fees, and contracted services.*

**Art. 55.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for **Transportation.**

**School Board of Directors Recommends: \$141,520.06**

*Explanation: This article covers expenses for transporting students to and from school.*

**Art. 56.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for **Facilities Maintenance.**

**School Board of Directors Recommends: \$222,700.00**

*Explanation: This article covers expenses for facilities operations and contracted services for the West Bath School and grounds.*

**Art. 57.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for **Debt Service and Other Commitments.**

**School Board of Directors Recommends: \$0**

*Explanation: There is no current outstanding indebtedness relating to the West Bath School.*

**Art. 58.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for **Other Expenditures, including Food Service.**

**School Board of Directors Recommends: \$30,000**

*Explanation: This article covers expenses relating to the school lunch program.*

### **Revenues**

**Art. 59.** To see what sum the Town will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services

Funding Act and to see what sum the Town will raise and assess as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

**School Board of Directors Recommends Total Appropriated: \$2,172,871.53**

**School Board of Directors Recommends Total Raised: \$2,060,312.58**

*Explanation: The school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that the municipality must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.*

**Art. 60.** (written ballot required) To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**the School Board of Directors recommends \$836,863.54**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**the School Board of Directors Recommends \$1,195,756.30**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

**The School Board of Directors recommends \$836,863.54 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$1,195,756.30:**

**The additional local funds represent local costs to support the school administrative unit school programs that are not included in the State's funding model, including costs for transportation and special education services.**

*Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the school administrative unit's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act that will help to achieve the budget for educational programs.*

**Art. 61.** To see what sum the Town of West Bath will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017 from the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, Section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

**School Board of Directors Recommends: \$3,368,627.83**

*Explanation: This article is a summary article and approves expenditures of the proposed budget of \$3,368,627.83. This article authorizes the School Board of Directors to expend the money appropriated in the previous articles, plus other revenues. This article does not raise any additional money. The following estimated revenue sources to be used are:*

Local Allocation	\$2,060,312.58
Additional Local Allocation	\$836,863.54

EPS State Subsidy	\$112,558.95
Tuition Credit (from RSU 1)	\$189,175.00
Carryover	\$169,717.76

**Total:           \$3,368,627.83.**

**Art. 62.** In addition to the amount in Article 60, shall the School Board of Directors be authorized to accept and expend any state, federal, and other grants, aid, and receipts during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, for school purposes, provided that such grants, aid, and receipts do not require the expenditure of other local funds not previously appropriated?

**School Board of Directors Recommends a YES vote.**

**Art. 63.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the amounts appropriated in Article 57 to the reserve fund that supports the school nutrition program, and to authorize the expenditure of funds from that reserve fund.

**School Board of Directors Recommends a YES vote.**

The Registrar of Voters will hold office hours while the polls are open to correct any error in or change a name or address on the voting list, to accept the registration of any person eligible to vote and accept new enrollments.

Given under our hands at said West Bath, Maine, this 11th day of April, 2016.

Town of West Bath Board of Selectmen

Peter Oceretko, Chair  
 Paula Nelson  
 Madelyn Hennessey

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015**  
**YEAR END BALANCE: RESOURCES**

	\$300.00	
PETTY CASH	\$114,439.54	
ANDROSCOGGIN SAVINGS CHECKING	\$216,182.47	
BATH SAVINGS GEN FUND CD's	\$2,354,855.21	
ANDROSCOGGIN SAVINGS GEN FUND CD	\$2,685,777.22	<b>\$2,685,777.22</b>
<b>Year End Balance:</b>		

**REAL ESTATE & PROPERTY TAX REVENUES**

REAL ESTATE TAXES 2015 (Prepayments)	\$9,537.24	
REAL ESTATE TAXES 2014	\$3,638,833.59	
TAX LIENED PROPERTY 2013 AND OLDER	\$133,961.59	<b>\$3,782,332.42</b>
<b>TOTAL TAX REVENUE:</b>		

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT REVENUES**

AGENT FEES	\$9,023.00	
PLUMBING PERMITS	\$1,190.00	
BUILDING PERMITS	\$2,130.95	
PLANNING BOARD	\$1,000.00	
SHELLFISH CONSERVATION	\$7,225.00	
BOUNCED CHECK FEES	\$34.00	
FINES	\$4,500.00	
DEATH, BIRTH, MARRIAGES	\$1,616.40	
MDOT ROAD ASSISTANCE	\$23,408.00	
MOORING FEES	\$1,510.00	
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	\$121.96	
EXCISE TAX	\$393,354.11	
BOAT EXCISE TAX	\$8,095.70	
FRANCHISE FEE	\$23,259.85	
SNOWMOBILE REFUND	\$463.40	
VETERANS REIMBURSEMENT	\$1,307.00	
INTEREST INCOME	\$5,145.81	
TRANSFER STATION RENT	\$42,900.00	
TRANSFER STATION FEES	\$47,120.81	
SALT SHED RENT	\$3,025.00	
SEPTIC FEES	\$1,332.50	
DAVENPORT TRAINING GRANT	\$500.00	
INTEREST ON TAXES	\$17,512.52	
LIEN FEES	\$2,737.41	
STATE REVENUE SHARING	\$42,958.71	
TREE GROWTH & BETE REIMBURSEMENT	\$12,374.96	
RSU #1 SETTLEMENT	\$1,250,000.00	
HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION	\$18,991.00	<b>\$1,922,838.09</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES:</b>		
<b>TOTAL ALL REVENUES:</b>		<b>\$5,705,170.51</b>

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES**

FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS	\$71,356.28	
FIRE DEPARTMENT INCENTIVE	\$17,584.20	
FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL	\$13,000.00	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT SALARIES & BENEFIT	\$279,975.02	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND MEMBERSHIP	\$172,230.17	
MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS	\$66,403.98	
PUBLIC WORKS	\$239,350.95	
COMMUNITY SUPPORT	\$39,462.00	
MISCELLANEOUS	\$15,490.32	
HARBORS AND WATERWAYS/MARINE RESOU	\$32,712.97	
SOLID WASTE RECYCLING CENTER/COMMITT	\$11,927.86	
TRAINING GRANT	\$1,200.00	
CEMETERY MAINTENANCE	\$1,650.00	
COUNTY TAX	\$624,949.00	
SPECIAL MEETING/SETTLEMENT	\$16,500.00	
RSU #1 WITHDRAWAL/TRANSITION COMMIT	\$55,462.52	
EDUCATION	\$2,735,509.08	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES:</b>		<b>\$4,394,764.35</b>

**LIABILITIES**

WING FARM INDUSTRIAL LOAN PAYMENT	\$262,500.00	
	\$0.00	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES:</b>		<b>\$262,500.00</b>

**CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS**

Frank J Fowler	\$283.79	
Ruth F Coombs	\$687.48	
Fred D Winter	\$300.40	
Martha D Oliver	\$219.72	
Odie M Rich	\$515.15	
Lee Brothers	\$565.06	
<b>TOTAL CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS:</b>		<b>\$2,571.60</b>

**TRUST FUND**

Marietta T Atwood Memorial		<b>\$1,641.66</b>
<b>TOTAL TRUST FUNDS:</b>		<b>\$4,213.26</b>

*Respectfully submitted,  
Julia M. House, Treasurer*

TOWN OF WEST BATH Schedule A-12  
 SUPPLEMENTAL TAXES AND ABATEMENTS  
 JUNE 30, 2015

SUPPLEMENTAL TAXES

L.H. Housing, LLC	\$ 1,593.24	
Geiger, Marjorie A.	14,879.79	
	14,879.79	\$ 16,473.03

ABATEMENTS

Real Estate

2014

Bank of America Leasing	\$ 15.49	
Brug, Timothy & Deborah	1,118.46	
Chase, Lori	1,249.65	
GE Capital Information Teck	67.49	
Haskell, Sally	422.21	
Hennessey, David & Joyce	186.66	
Herzog, Derek & Amber	1,593.24	
Pecci, Kenneth & Kleo Graffam	64.26	
Rent-A-Center	59.62	
U.S. Bank National	88.09	
U.S. Bank National	203.69	
Waterhouse, Edna J.	61.20	
Whistlers Cove, LLC	93.84	
	93.84	\$ 5,223.90

Personal Property

2014

Santiago, Michael	\$ 45.32	
Velocita Wireless, LLC	27.35	
	27.35	72.67

2013

NcNeil, Jeanne	\$ 21.00	
Santiago, Michael	48.77	
Rueda-Garreton, Antonio	20.65	
Velocita Wireless, LLC	28.48	
	28.48	118.90

2012

Santiago, Michael	\$ 41.80	
Velocita Wireless, LLC	24.41	
	24.41	66.21

2011

Santiago, Michael	\$ 47.81	
Cotton, John	17.05	
Velocita Wireless, LLC	31.02	
	31.02	95.88

TOWN OF WEST BATH Schedule A-12 Continued  
 SUPPLEMENTAL TAXES AND ABATEMENTS  
 JUNE 30, 2015

ABATEMENTS

Personal Property (Cont'd)

2010

Lavalley Lumber	\$ 11.77	
Velocita Wireless, LLC	30.56	
DFS-SPV-LP	4.73	
		\$ 47.06

2009

Velocita Wireless, LLC		29.00
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2008

Lavalley Lumber	\$ 10.57	
Velocita Wireless, LLC	23.60	
DFS-SPV-LP	4.25	
Sanford, Greg	9.33	
		47.75

2007

Cressey, Lynn	\$ 58.52	
Sanford, Greg	11.27	
DFS-SPV LP	6.31	
DFS Funding LP	190.39	
Citicapital Vendor Finance	48.48	
Citicorp Vendor Finance	48.48	
Mobile Media/Arch Paging	180.26	
		543.71

2006

Steve's Auto	\$ 154.05	
New Meadows Inn - Cabins	118.88	
Velocita Wireless, LLC	173.32	
VFS Lease Residual Holding, LLC	273.73	
Lyon Financial Services	158.87	
DFS-SPV LP	653.31	
DFS Funding	12.50	
Citicapital Vendor Finance	167.52	
Citicorp Vendor Finance	105.31	
CC Net, Inc.	460.24	
Custom Hardwood Floors	517.56	
Robbins Junk Yard	17.85	
Mobile Media/Arch Paging	229.05	
Safety Kleen Corp.	32.24	
		3,074.43

TOWN OF WEST BATH Schedule A-12 Continued  
 SUPPLEMENTAL TAXES AND ABATEMENTS  
 JUNE 30, 2015

ABATEMENTS

Personal Property (Cont'd)

2005

Steve's Auto	\$	148.87	
New Meadows Inn - Cabins		114.89	
Velocita Wireless		167.50	
DFS Funding LP		1.24	
CC Net, Inc.		444.77	
Custom Hardwood Floors		500.16	
Robbins Junk Yard		17.25	
			\$ 1,394.68

2004

Velocita Wireless, LLC	\$	165.07	
CC Net, Inc.		438.33	
Custom Hardwood Floors		492.92	
Robbins Junk Yard		17.00	
Reno's Metal Fab - Leased Equip		27.54	
Reno's Metal Fab		78.37	
Sanford's Towing		37.40	
			1,256.63

2003

Velocita Wireless, LLC	\$	150.51	
CC Net, Inc.		399.65	
Custom Hardwood Floors		449.42	
Robbins Junk Yard		15.50	
Reno's Metal Fab - Leased Equip		25.11	
Reno's Metal Fab		71.46	
Sanford's Towing		34.10	
			1,145.75

2002

Velocita Wireless, LLC	\$	165.07	
CC Net, Inc.		438.33	
Custom Hardwood Floors		457.42	
Robbins Junk Yard		17.00	
Reno's Metal Fab - Leased Equip		27.54	
Reno's Metal Fab		78.37	
			1,183.73

2001

Robbins Junk Yard	\$	15.25	
Reno's Metal Fab		70.30	
Custom Hardwood Floors		410.33	
			495.88

2000

Reno's Metal Fab		66.85	
			\$ 14,863.03

TOWN OF WEST BATH  
2014 TAXES RECEIVABLE (Schedule A-8)  
JUNE 30, 2015

(\*" after the name means taxes were paid in full after 6/30/2015)

2014 Real Estate

120 Brighams Cove Road, LLC	\$	5,154.06	*
Arbuckle, Bethel		1,812.57	*
Babine, Shawn		139.74	
Babine, Shawn		204.00	
Babine, Shawn A.		227.46	
Barter, Merrill & Mary		1,000.00	*
Bertrand, Jared		1,809.48	*
Bonzagni, LLC		4,004.78	*
Bouchard, Thomas S.		18.82	*
Broomhead, Edmund & Susan		4,445.16	
Burnette, Kenneth & Laurie		596.70	
Carver, John E. & Cynthia C.		2,471.46	
Curts, Hollie N.		3,778.08	*
Curts, Hollie N.		4,408.44	*
Doyle, Stephen		3,114.06	
Dudley, Patricia		932.28	*
Estes, Yushin		659.94	*
Estes, Yushin O.		1,090.38	
Fitzgerald, Brian A.		1,075.08	
Fraser Enterprises, Inc.		2,861.10	*
Gardner, David A.		532.44	*
Gilbert, James		1,771.74	*
Gilliam, Joseph D.		1,889.04	
Greenleaf, Gay D.		696.66	*
Hallowell, Clifton E.		771.12	*
Hallowell, Clifton E.		723.18	
Harris, Michelle		763.98	*
Hasenus, Curt R.		3,442.50	*
Heirs of Sally E. Coffin		1,693.20	*
Howard, Greg		1,897.20	*
Jenks, Tolanda E.		1,755.42	
Kelly, Denise J.		135.66	
Labonte, Albert J.		3,166.08	
Lathan, Arlene Whorff		221.34	*
Lenardson, Eric A.		3,063.06	
Levesque, Carol		2,881.95	*
Long Reach Development Company, LLC		1,576.92	*
Long Reach Development Company, LLC		848.64	*
Losee, Rita H.		1,340.28	*
Lots of Land, LLC		467.16	*
Lozier, Michael L.		2,433.72	
Lozier, Michael L.		1,023.06	
McCourt, Warren H.		2,563.26	*
Mcintire, Dean R.		2,511.24	*
McNeill, Gregory L.		453.80	*
Merry, Elizabeth W.		680.95	*
Morin, Mildred		1,426.98	*
Mosse (Bailey), Joanne		34.68	*

TOWN OF WEST BATH  
 2014 TAXES RECEIVABLE (Schedule A-8 cont.)  
 JUNE 30, 2015  
 ("\*" after the name means taxes were paid in full after 6/30/2015)

2014 Real Estate (Cont'd)

Murray, Edward F., Jr.	\$ 80.57	*
Nelson, Mark A.	2,006.34	*
Otis, Jeremy B.	1,429.02	*
Parthemore, Theresa H.	1,642.20	
Powers, Joanne	2,598.96	*
RA Cummings, Inc. - DBA Auburn Concrete	1,187.51	*
Rogers, Toben C.	751.74	*
Rose, Frank	655.86	
Rose, Stanley	1,555.50	
Ryan, Lori A.	1,161.78	
Sanford, Donald A.	93.84	*
Sanford, Donald	2,321.52	
Sanford, Donald	4,521.66	
Sanford, Donald A. & Rowena L.	2,625.48	
Sanford, Donald A.	1,671.78	*
Smith, James P.	342.72	*
Swinburne, Timothy A.	5,779.32	*
Szczepanski, John E.	2,313.36	*
Tremblay, Edward	2,589.78	*
Trial, Lucy Lee	4,244.17	*
Trimble, Don	1,614.66	*
Veevers-Carter, Digby H.	286.62	*
Veevers-Carter, Digby H.J.	108.12	*
Wallace, Deborah	1,391.28	
Whistlers Cove, LLC	1,109.76	
White, Christopher Alan	439.39	*
Wood, Gail S.	1,083.24	*
Yorke, Michael	384.91	*
	\$ 126,559.94	

2014 Personal Property

Ad Wear	\$ 40.35	
Ambrose, Merle	29.46	
AT&T Mobility, LLC	154.87	*
AT&T Wireless Services	65.06	*
Auburn Concrete	1,799.98	
Bath Electrical	45.81	
Beneath The Bark Woodworking	66.39	
Bonzagni, LLC	20.65	*
Brawn, Bruce	221.65	*
C/O Dave	30.54	
CTE, Inc.	159.83	
Everett, Steve	81.39	
Hoare, James	9.54	
Jaiden Landscaping	115.44	
Maine Today Media, Inc.	235.62	
McIntire, Dean	113.45	
New Meadows Auto Sales	93.30	
Patton, Rick & King, David	105.02	

Town of West Bath  
 2014 Taxes Receivable (Schedule A-8 cont)  
 For the year ended June 30, 2015

<u>2014 Personal Property (Cont'd)</u>		
Pitney Bowes, Inc.	\$	8.51
RC Rogers & Sons		55.61
S Corp		462.01
Sanford, Smith		79.99
Sanford, Don		100.96
Shea, Scott		8.10
Shutt, Eric		2.01
Sprint Nextel Corp.		149.09
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	\$	4,254.63
	\$	<u>130,814.57</u>

**Schedule A-3**  
**For year ended June 30, 2015**

28 **Unappropriated Surplus, July 1, 2014** \$ 612,880.09

<b>INCREASE:</b>		
Operating Account Balances Lapsed (Net) (Schedule A-4)	\$	109,124.76
Decrease in Deferred Taxes		<u>24,444.03</u>
		133,568.79
<b>DECREASE:</b>		
Regular Town Meeting	\$	100,000.00
Special Town Meeting		40,000.00
Article 14 - Unanticipated Financial Obligations		<u>7,275.50</u>
		147,275.50
<b>Unappropriated Surplus, June 30, 2015</b>		<u><u>\$ 599,173.38</u></u>

TOWN OF WEST BATH (Schedule A-11)  
 PRIOR YEARS TAXES RECEIVABLE  
 JUNE 30, 2015

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	TOTALS
<u>Personal Property</u>												
Ad Wear	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 43.83	\$ 81.40
Adams, Heather					23.31	30.69	32.44	34.18	34.71	37.57		155.33
Ambrose Auto Repair	64.33	53.89	54.68	56.58								229.48
Ambrose, Merle					29.52	28.64	30.27	31.90	32.39	28.32	33.04	214.08
Auburn Concrete							654.36 *	1,844.00 *	2,240.08 *	1,666.10 *	1,890.48 *	8,295.02
Bath Electrical		70.64	71.67	74.17	43.90	41.88	44.26	46.64	47.35	39.07	45.58	525.16
Bisson Moving & Storage				6,593.79	3,536.45	3,281.56						13,411.80
C/O Dave										30.35	35.40	65.75
Bonzagni, LLC											27.38	27.38
CTE, Inc.					185.31	161.92	171.12	180.32	183.08	152.69	178.13	1,212.57
Degussa Admixtures, Inc.					250.62							250.62
DFS Equipment Holdings					22.90							22.90
DFS - SPV LP				61.70								61.70
Edward R. Schenk									95.67	83.65		179.32
Everett, Steve							106.34	112.05	113.77	99.48	85.23	516.87
Hilltop Redemption	6.67	7.31	7.42	7.68		15.73	16.63	17.52	17.79	15.56	11.12	29.08
Hoare, James							111.05 *	117.02 *	119.79 *	104.74 *	122.20	574.80
McIntire, Dean											5.89	5.89
Maine Today Media, Inc.											95.77	95.77
New Meadows Auto Sales									61.22	54.24	108.12	223.58
Patton, Rick & King, David											6.58	6.58
RC Rogers & Sons					78.88	75.20	79.47	83.74	85.02	69.47	63.32	535.10
Rent A Center					128.90	111.13	117.44	123.75	125.65	109.86	120.31	837.04
Sanford, Don			387.09	399.84								786.93
Sanfords Auto Center												
Shea, Scott										11.51	8.06	19.57
Shutt, Eric							1.83	1.93	1.96	1.71	2.00	12.87
	\$ 71.00	\$ 131.84	\$ 520.86	\$ 7,193.76	\$ 4,301.50	\$ 3,748.48	\$ 1,365.21	\$ 2,593.05	\$ 3,158.48	\$ 2,504.32	\$ 2,882.44	\$ 28,470.94

TOWN OF WEST BATH  
TAX LIENS (Schedule A9)  
JUNE 30, 2015

2013

Babine, Shawn	\$ 139.06	
Babine, Shawn	203.00	
Babine, Shawn A.	226.35	
Broomhead, Edmund & Susan	4,423.37	*
Burnette, Kenneth & Laurie	593.78	*
Carver, John E. & Cynthia C.	2,459.35	*
Doyle, Stephen	1,892.39	*
Fitzgerald, Brian A.	1,069.81	*
Fraser Enterprises, Inc.	2,834.12	*
Gilliam, Joseph D.	1,879.78	*
Hallowell, Clifton E.	737.16	*
Jenks, Tolanda A.	1,746.82	
Kelly, Dennis J.	135.00	
Labonte, Albert J.	3,150.56	*
Lenardson, Eric A.	3,048.05	
Lozier, Michael L.	2,421.79	*
Lozier, Michael L.	1,018.05	*
Mosse (Bailey), Joanne	34.51	*
Parthemore, Theresa H.	1,634.15	*
Rose, Stanley	1,547.88	*
Ryan, Lori A.	903.56	*
Sanford, Donald	2,310.14	*
Sanford, Donald	4,499.50	*
Sanford, Donald A. & Rowena L.	1,827.94	*
Szczepanski, John E.	1,412.41	*
Tremblay, Edward	<u>2,577.09</u>	*
		\$ 44,725.62

2012

Green Acres Limited Partnership		19,792.50
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2011

Green Acres Limited Partnership		<u>22,636.25</u>
		<u>\$ 87,154.37</u>

TOWN OF WEST BATH (Schedule A-10)  
TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY  
JUNE 30, 2015

2012

Babine, Shawn	\$ 119.19	
Babine, Shawn	174.00	
Babine, Shawn A.	194.01	
Bickford, Alice E. (Wyman)	542.88	
Crimmins, Frances	1,308.48	
Jenks, Tolanda E.	771.89	
Kelly, Denise J.	115.71	
Whistlers Cove, LLC	1,512.93	\$ 4,739.09

2011

Bickford, Alice E. (Wyman)	\$ 620.88	
Crimmins, Francis	1,060.08	
Whistlers Cove, LLC	1,730.30	3,411.26

2010

Whistlers Cove, LLC	\$ 1,704.22	
Wyman, James T.	611.52	2,315.74
		\$ 10,466.09

TOWN OF WEST BATH Schedule A-4  
STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS  
JUNE 30, 2015

	BALANCE FORWARD 7/1/14	APPROPRIATIONS	CASH RECEIPTS	OTHER CREDITS	TOTAL	CASH DISBURSED	OTHER CHARGES	TOTAL	UNEXPENDED (OVER/DRAFT)	BALANCE FORWARD 6/30/15
<b>EDUCATION:</b>										
Common School - RSU #1	\$ -	\$ 2,735,509.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,735,509.00	\$ 2,735,509.08	\$ -	\$ 2,735,509.08	\$ (0.08)	\$ -
RSU #1 Withdrawal Committee	\$ 27,678.26	\$ 2,735,509.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,678.26	\$ 27,585.48	\$ -	\$ 27,585.48	\$ 92.78	\$ -
	\$ 27,678.26	\$ 2,735,509.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,763,187.26	\$ 2,763,094.56	\$ -	\$ 2,763,094.56	\$ 92.70	\$ -
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>										
Selectmen's Contingency	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,398.02	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,898.02	\$ 1,101.98	\$ -
Town Maps		2,300.00		340.00	2,640.00	2,640.00		2,640.00		
Insurance		51,800.00	1,223.00	4,083.39	57,106.39	55,883.39	300.00	56,183.39	923.00	
Municipal Operations		62,385.00	487.63	799.43	63,672.06	52,455.96		52,455.96	11,216.10	
Officers' Salaries		206,942.00			206,942.00	198,210.97		198,210.97	8,731.03	
Social Security		18,250.00			18,250.00	17,615.42		17,615.42	634.58	
Retirement Employee		6,200.00		1,765.24	7,965.24	7,965.24		7,965.24		
Planning Board	4,957.40		1,000.00		5,957.40	995.32		995.32		4,962.08
Tree Growth Reimbursement			4,651.96		4,651.96		3,300.00	3,300.00	1,351.96	
General Assistance	11,361.62	7,500.00			18,861.62	2,285.71		2,285.71		16,575.91
Town Report		2,600.00			2,600.00	2,224.00		2,224.00	376.00	
Town Audit		7,500.00			7,500.00	7,500.00		7,500.00		
Legal Services	32,823.42	61,500.00			94,323.42	81,096.79		81,096.79	13,226.63	
Capital Improvements	10,000.00			50.00	10,050.00	10,050.00		10,050.00	(20,000.00)	
Special Meeting - Settlement		16,000.00		25,245.00	25,245.00	16,500.00	45,245.00	45,245.00		
BETE Reimbursement			7,723.00	500.00	7,723.00	16,500.00		16,500.00		3,826.96
Business and Economic Development	1.96	4,500.00			4,501.96	675.00	8,698.51	8,698.51	(975.51)	5,989.22
Wing Industrial Park	5,989.22				5,989.22					
Wing Industrial Loans		31,325.00			31,325.00	30,509.80		30,509.80	815.20	
RSU #1 Settlement			1,250,000.00		1,250,000.00					1,250,000.00
West Bath School Transition Committee	\$ 65,133.62	\$ 483,802.00	\$ 1,265,085.59	\$ 72,783.06	\$ 1,886,804.27	\$ 27,877.04	\$ 58,043.51	\$ 575,926.17	\$ 12,122.96	\$ 1,281,354.17
<b>PROTECTION:</b>										
Animal Control	\$ -	\$ 2,400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,199.86	\$ -	\$ 2,199.86	\$ 200.14	\$ -
Ambulance	15,711.49	40,000.00			55,711.49	48,431.81		48,431.81		7,279.68
Hydrant Rental		25,860.00			25,860.00	25,852.00		25,852.00	8.00	
Street Lights		1,200.00		166.82	1,366.82	1,366.82		1,366.82		
Fire Department - Operations		74,335.00	2,831.14		77,166.14	71,356.28		71,356.28		5,809.86
Fire Department - Incentives		18,400.00			18,400.00	17,584.20		17,584.20	34.95	780.85
Fire Department - Capital Equipment Fund	27,655.77	15,000.00			42,655.77	13,000.00		13,000.00		29,655.77
Fire Department - Training Grant	5,000.00		500.00		5,500.00	1,200.00		1,200.00		4,300.00
	\$ 48,367.26	\$ 177,195.00	\$ 3,331.14	\$ 166.82	\$ 223,060.22	\$ 180,990.97	\$ -	\$ 180,990.97	\$ 243.09	\$ 47,826.16
<b>SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:</b>										
County Tax	\$ -	\$ 624,949.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 624,949.00	\$ 624,949.00	\$ -	\$ 624,949.00	\$ -	\$ -
Overlay		61,968.38			61,968.38	2,976.98	11,886.05	14,863.03	47,105.35	
	\$ -	\$ 686,917.38	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 686,917.38	\$ 627,925.98	\$ 11,886.05	\$ 639,812.03	\$ 47,105.35	\$ -

TOWN OF WEST BATH Schedule A-4 Continued  
STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS  
JUNE 30, 2015

	BALANCE FORWARD 7/1/14	APPROPRIATIONS	CASH RECEIPTS	OTHER CREDITS	TOTAL	CASH DISBURSED	OTHER CHARGES	TOTAL	UNEXPENDED (OVERDRAFT)	BALANCE FORWARD 6/30/15
<b>HEALTH, SANITATION, AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT:</b>										
Lincoln County Animal Shelter	\$ -	\$ 877.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 877.00	\$ 877.00	\$ -	\$ 877.00	\$ -	\$ -
Jessie Albert Dental Clinic		900.00			900.00	900.00		900.00		
Coastal Transportation		900.00			900.00	900.00		900.00		
Bath Senior Citizens		875.00			875.00	875.00		875.00		
Sweetser		2,252.00			2,252.00	2,252.00		2,252.00		
Elmhurst Association		1,000.00			1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00		
Senior Spectrum		1,365.00			1,365.00	1,365.00		1,365.00		
Patten Free Library		30,063.00			30,063.00	30,063.00		30,063.00		
Midcoast Maine Community Action		730.00			730.00	730.00		730.00		
New Hope For Women	112,557.29	500.00			500.00	500.00		500.00		
Transfer Station - Rent		155,457.29	42,900.00		155,457.29	42,900.00	46,800.00	46,800.00		108,657.29
Transfer Station Tip Fees		47,120.81	47,120.81		47,120.81	47,120.81	35,000.00	35,000.00	12,120.81	
Solid Waste/Recycling Committee Expense		1,000.00		70.62	1,070.62	1,070.62		1,070.62		
Solid Waste Disposal - Recycling		11,750.00			11,750.00	10,857.24		10,857.24	892.76	
	<u>\$ 112,557.29</u>	<u>\$ 52,212.00</u>	<u>\$ 90,020.81</u>	<u>\$ 70.62</u>	<u>\$ 254,860.72</u>	<u>\$ 51,389.86</u>	<u>\$ 81,800.00</u>	<u>\$ 133,189.86</u>	<u>\$ 13,013.57</u>	<u>\$ 108,657.29</u>
<b>HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:</b>										
General Roads	\$ 64,473.27	\$ 35,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 99,473.27	\$ 72,797.48	\$ -	\$ 72,797.48	\$ -	\$ 26,675.79
Snow Removal		137,700.00			137,700.00	137,700.00		137,700.00		
MDOT Local Road Assistance			23,408.00		23,408.00		25,000.00	25,000.00	(1,592.00)	
Roads - Capital Projects	27,272.55	146,000.00		95,241.41	268,513.96					268,513.96
Salt Shed		500.00	9,460.00		9,960.00	553.47	3,300.00	3,853.47		6,106.53
	<u>\$ 91,745.82</u>	<u>\$ 319,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 32,868.00</u>	<u>\$ 95,241.41</u>	<u>\$ 539,055.23</u>	<u>\$ 211,050.95</u>	<u>\$ 28,300.00</u>	<u>\$ 239,350.95</u>	<u>\$ (1,592.00)</u>	<u>\$ 301,296.28</u>
<b>UNCLASSIFIED:</b>										
Plumbing and Building Inspection	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,490.95	\$ -	\$ 3,490.95	\$ 170.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,170.00	\$ 320.95	\$ -
Miscellaneous			19,856.36		19,856.36	1,298.50	12,825.00	14,123.50	5,732.86	
Marine Resources/Harbor and Waterways	40,953.04	18,031.00	16,885.70		75,869.74	16,712.97	16,000.00	32,712.97		43,156.77
Interest and Charges on Taxes			19,755.62		19,755.62		26,800.00	26,800.00	(7,044.38)	
Supplementals				16,473.03	16,473.03				16,473.03	
Cemetery Maintenance		2,000.00			2,000.00	1,650.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	350.00	
Interest on Cash Accounts			5,145.81		5,145.81		20,000.00	20,000.00	1,645.81	
Cable TV Franchise			23,259.85		23,259.85				3,259.85	
	<u>\$ 40,953.04</u>	<u>\$ 20,031.00</u>	<u>\$ 88,394.29</u>	<u>\$ 16,473.03</u>	<u>\$ 165,851.36</u>	<u>\$ 19,831.47</u>	<u>\$ 82,125.00</u>	<u>\$ 101,956.47</u>	<u>\$ 20,738.12</u>	<u>\$ 43,156.77</u>
	<u>\$ 386,435.29</u>	<u>\$ 4,474,866.38</u>	<u>\$ 1,479,699.83</u>	<u>\$ 184,734.94</u>	<u>\$ 6,525,736.44</u>	<u>\$ 4,372,166.45</u>	<u>\$ 262,154.56</u>	<u>\$ 4,634,321.01</u>	<u>\$ 109,124.76</u>	<u>\$ 1,782,290.67</u>



TOWN OF WEST BATH  
RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

Cash on Hand		\$ 300.00
Androscoggin Savings Bank:		
Balance Per Bank Statement	\$ 151,786.02	
Add: Deposits in Transit	341.54	
Deduct: Outstanding Checks	<u>37,688.02</u>	
Balance Per Books		114,439.54
Bath Savings Institution:		
Certificate of Deposit - General Fund		216,182.47
Androscoggin Savings Bank:		
ICS Savings - General Fund		2,354,855.21
Cash Balance, June 30, 2015		<u><u>\$ 2,685,777.22</u></u>

STATEMENT OF TAXES RECEIVABLE  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
2014	\$ 130,814.57	\$ -
2013	2,882.44	139,260.10
2012	2,504.32	2,912.84
2011	3,158.48	3,284.61
2010	2,593.05	2,640.11
2009	1,365.21	1,394.21
2008	3,748.48	3,901.31
2007	4,301.50	4,845.21
2006	7,193.76	10,268.19
2005	520.86	1,915.54
2004	131.84	1,388.47
2003	71.00	1,216.75
2002		1,183.73
2001		495.88
2000		66.85
	<u><u>\$ 159,285.51</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 174,773.80</u></u>

TOWN OF WEST BATH  
BALANCE SHEETS - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

	<u>GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES</u>		2015 TOTALS	2014 TOTALS
	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>WING FARM SPECIAL REVENUE</u>		
<b>ASSETS:</b>				
Cash	\$ 2,685,777.22	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 2,735,777.22	\$ 1,382,385.60
Accounts Receivable	6,254.00		6,254.00	8,187.00
Taxes Receivable	159,285.51		159,285.51	174,773.80
Tax Liens	87,154.37		87,154.37	92,529.91
Tax Acquired Property	10,466.09		10,466.09	2,315.74
Due From Other Funds	30,029.01		30,029.01	30,029.01
Total Assets	<u>\$ 2,978,966.20</u>	<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,028,966.20</u>	<u>\$ 1,690,221.06</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE:</b>				
Liabilities:				
Accounts Payable	\$ 35.00	\$ -	\$ 35.00	\$ -
Deferred Excise Taxes	393,354.11		393,354.11	420,241.41
Deferred Revenue (Note G)	25,075.27		25,075.27	17,182.47
Deferred Tax Revenue (Note H)	179,037.77		179,037.77	203,481.80
Due To Other Funds		30,029.01	30,029.01	30,029.01
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 597,502.15</u>	<u>\$ 30,029.01</u>	<u>\$ 627,531.16</u>	<u>\$ 670,934.69</u>
Fund Balance:				
Committed for Capital Projects (Note F)	\$ -	\$ 19,970.99	\$ 19,970.99	\$ 19,970.99
Assigned for Other Purposes (Note F)	1,782,290.67		1,782,290.67	386,435.29
Unassigned	599,173.38		599,173.38	612,880.09
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$ 2,381,464.05</u>	<u>\$ 19,970.99</u>	<u>\$ 2,401,435.04</u>	<u>\$ 1,019,286.37</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 2,978,966.20</u>	<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,028,966.20</u>	<u>\$ 1,690,221.06</u>

TOWN OF WEST BATH  
RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES  
TO NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

	2015	2014
GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES:		
Restricted for:		
Capital Projects	\$ 19,970.99	\$ 19,970.99
Other Purposes (Schedule A-4)	1,782,290.67	386,435.29
Unrestricted (Schedule A-3)	599,173.38	612,880.09
 Total Governmental Fund Balances	 \$ 2,401,435.04	 \$ 1,019,286.37
 Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statements of Net Position are different because:		
 Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	3,635,091.44	3,835,232.44
 Deferred outflows are deferred as expense in the fund financial statements. In the government-wide financial statements as expense in the year following the year paid.	14,215.00	4,645.00
 Notes payable are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.	(262,500.00)	(280,000.00)
 Pension liability is not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.	(24,472.00)	(45,965.00)
 Property taxes not collected within the 60 days after year end are deferred as revenue in the fund financial statements. In the government-wide financial statements the revenue is income in the year it is assessed.	179,037.77	203,481.80
 Deferred outflow are deferred revenues related to pension expenses that are amortized in the government-wide financial statements.	(25,991.00)	
 Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit A)	 \$ 5,916,816.25	 \$ 4,736,680.61

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of West Bath, as of and for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of West Bath as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of West Bath's basic financial statements. The introductory section, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, and statistical section, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole. The introductory and statistical sections have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

July 14, 2015

Note: The complete audit is on file at the Town Office for review.

# TOWN OF WEST BATH

## TOWN CLERK ANNUAL REPORT

### DOG REGISTRATIONS



Dog Licenses expire each year on December 31<sup>st</sup> and fees must be paid by January 31<sup>st</sup> or a late fee of \$25 will be charged in addition to the license fee. We normally receive the next year's tags in October and they are available for sale beginning October 15<sup>th</sup>. **From October 15<sup>th</sup> through January 31<sup>st</sup> each year you may obtain a new license or renew your dog license On-Line at this website: [https://www1.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/dog\\_license/index.pl](https://www1.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/dog_license/index.pl) .**

To do this, you will need the following:

- Credit Card
- Rabies Certificate
- Veterinarian's Information
- License/Tag number (if renewal)
- Spay or Neuter Certificate (if your dog has been altered)



## **13 BIRTHS IN WEST BATH FOR 2015.**



### **Weddings January 1—December 31, 2015**

*Carrie Leigh Hart and James Scott Nisbet*  
*Philip Campbell Gilley and Krista Gabrielle Ashton*  
*Denise Hook and John Edward Gregoire*  
*Tammy Lee Moore and John Howard Johnson*  
*Joshua David Streevey and Crystal Lynn Ferger*  
*Nathan William Briggs and Stephanie Nicole Perry*  
*Joshua Matthew Reno and Cassidy Miranda Pfenning*  
*Brandon G. Leighton and Laura Kelley*  
*Todd Cameron Stevenson and Michelle Lynn Sanborn*  
*Patrick Shawn Thomas and Lisa Jean Lee*  
*Theodore Edward Disbennett and Molly Caitlin Malone*

### **Date Married**

*April 5, 2015*  
*June 27, 2015*  
*August 16, 2015*  
*August 22, 2015*  
*September 5, 2015*  
*September 19, 2015*  
*October 1, 2015*  
*October 16, 2015*  
*October 31, 2015*  
*November 28, 2015*  
*December 13, 2015*

**TOWN OF WEST BATH  
CLERK REPORT CONTINUED**

**Total of 21 deaths in 2015**

**IN MEMORY OF**

<b>Deaths - January 1 – 31 December 2015</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>
Ahearn, David Wayne	05/09/2015
Armour, Matthew	12/04/2015
Barter, Merrill J.	11/14/2015
Boucher, Mary Frances	02/11/2015
Bourget, David P.	05/23/2015
Buckley, Thomas C. Jr.	04/16/2015
Chadbourne, Wesley G.	09/22/2015
Coffin, Carroll W. II	12/11/2015
Dauphin, Edward R.	09/24/2015
Dolan, David Allen	07/28/2015
Hill, James Robert Sr.	11/09/2015
Hilton, Maria C.	06/11/2015
Jackson, Herbert Xavier	03/13/2015
Johnson, Lorraine L.	01/09/2015
Madore, Joseph L.	06/05/2015
Malcolm, Elizabeth Rosalie	10/04/2015
McCole, Joseph F. III	02/16/2015
McPhee, Matthew Wesley	03/28/2015
Prest, Albert H.	10/21/2015
Stover, Jerrold Courtney	03/18/2015
Swanson, Eleanor Ruth	03/18/2015

**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS REPORT**

**(2015)**

For the calendar year 2015, the Town of West Bath had several elections and special town meetings. This was the first year that we had a School Board Election for the West Bath School Administrative Unit.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ELECTION/TOWN MEETING</b>	<b>VOTER TURN OUT - %</b>
01/13/2015	Withdrawal Referendum from RSU 1	565 Voters 36 %
02/23/2015	Special Town Meeting	18 Voters 1%
04/07/2015	School Board Election for WBSAU	136 Voters 9%
05/26/2015	WBSAU Budget Meeting	31 Voters 2%
06/02/2015	WSBSAU Budget Validation	90 Voters 6%
06/17/2015	Budget Town Meeting (Special)	61 Voters 4%
11/03/2015	Municipal and Referendum Election	403 Voters 26%

**TOWN OF WEST BATH  
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS REPORT CONTINUED**

Without the help of my wonderful Election Workers, I would not be able to hold these elections in such a professional manner. I would like to thank each of them for taking time out of their busy schedules to serve the Town of West Bath. Below is the list of the Election Clerks with the term ending A 2016:

Ashleigh Randall	Debra Bruce	Maria Morris	Beth Brewer
Robin Orm Hansen	Patricia Ring	Sara Hennessey	Margaret Totten
Sandra Tuttle	Robin Whorff	Jonathan Davis	Richard Totten
Judy Stallworth	Martha Garrison	Carol Beal	
Ernest Stallworth	Phyllis McNelly	Catherine Powers	
Evelyn Desmond	Joseph Pluto	Richard Totten	

*Robin Whorff, Paula Nelson and Catherine Powers served as Moderators and Deputies for 2015.*



Respectfully submitted,

*Brandi D. Lohr*

Brandi D. Lohr, Registrar of Voters

# Assessor's Report

Date of Commitment: August 10, 2015

## TAXABLE PROPERTY VALUATION

Real Estate	\$367,535,252.00
Personal Property	+ 4,924,358.00
Total Taxable Valuation	<u>\$372,459,610.00</u>

Homestead Exemption and BETE Reimbursement Valuation	+ 3,177,560.00
Total Valuation Base	<u>\$375,637,170.00</u>

## APPROPRIATIONS

County Tax	\$ 627,093.00
Municipal	+ 1,059,461.00
Education	+ 2,878,108.00
Total Appropriation	<u>\$ 4,564,662.00</u>

## REVENUES

Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$ 52,232.24
Other Revenues (Excise, MDOT, others)	+ 675,381.00
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 727,613.24</u>

## ASSESSMENT

Total Taxable Valuation	\$ 375,637,170
Mil Rate of .0087% (commonly referred to as 8.70)	X .01040
Tax Commitment	<u>\$ 3,873,579.94</u>

## OVERLAY

Tax Commitment	\$ 3,873,579.94
Homestead Reimbursement	+ 25,532.00
BETE Reimbursement	+ 7,514.62
Total	<u>\$ 3,906,626.56</u>

Total Appropriation	\$ 4,564,662.00
Total Revenue to Reduce Commitment	- 727,613.24
Net Raised by Property Tax	<u>\$ 3,837,048.76</u>

Total Commitment + Homestead and BETE Reimbursement	\$ 3,906,626.56
Net raised by property tax	- 3,837,048.76
Overlay (1.8% of the Net Raised by Property Tax)	<u>\$ 69,577.80</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Beal  
Assessor

## Codes Enforcement Officer

Total permits issued in calendar year 2015: 50 (increase of 8 permits from 2014)

Total fees: \$4,832.30

<u>Type of occupancy for which permits were issued</u>		<u>District in which permits were issued</u>	
Dwelling	7	Summer colony	11
Commercial	2	Commercial	2
Farm or outbuilding (shed)	7	Residential	12
Garage	9	Rural Residential	21
New residence created	7	Rural residential shore land	10
Deck	6		
New structure	7		
Alterations	15		
Demolitions	0		
Docks and floats	4		

Respectfully submitted,

Ellis Reed  
Codes Enforcement Officer

## Plumbing Inspector

### Plumbing permits issued during calendar year 2015

Internal plumbing	7
External plumbing	18
Seasonal conversion	0
Total issued	25
Total pending	0

### Amount of fees:

Total collected	\$6,055.60
Total sent to state	\$1,075.00
(1/4 of septic permits)	
Total retained by town	\$4,980.60

Respectfully submitted,

Ellis Reed  
Plumbing Inspector

## ROADS COMMISSIONER REPORT

2015 we continued roadside tree trimming, including the Sabino, Hill, Hennessey and Bull Rock Roads. We will be doing more trimming this year. The project on Hill Road included ditching, rebuilding of a few sections along with a new guard rail. We will complete the project in the spring when we are sure winter is over. Ditching and grading was completed all throughout Town.

### Upcoming Projects:

- Complete reconstruction of Hill Road
- Repair frost heave on Bull Rock Road
- Continue ditching and grading, primarily Mountain Road
- Tree Trimming

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have. I can be reached at (207) 442-0581.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Renaud  
Roads Commissioner



**Berrys Mill Bridge (Photo Courtesy of West Bath Historical Society)**

There have been many changes to Berry's Mill Road over the years, including the construction of Mill Cove Bridge in 1765. It was built just north of where Joseph Berry's mill dam crossed the cove. (A portion of the dam is seen here.) Local residents, as well as Littlefield School students on field trips, used to picnic near the bridge and often jumped from it to swim in the cove. The bridge was repaired and rebuilt many times. Then, in 1933, the town voted to spend \$200 on new railings because the bridge was considered dangerous after an automobile had plunged off the roadside and gone into the cove. In 1939, the State Highway Department removed the structure, filled in the area, and installed two five-foot diameter metal culverts to handle the tidal flow.

## WEST BATH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dear Citizens,

It has been a busy year for the members of the West Bath Fire Department. We currently have thirty active members on our roster; firefighters and EMS personnel. We provide service to the town with the following apparatus:

<b>Apparatus</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Make</b>	<b>Specifications</b>
Engine 8	1996	Central States	1250 GPM pump, 750 gallon tank, compressed air foam capabilities
Tank 8	2002	Freightliner	1250 GPM pump, 2550 gallon tank
Squad 8	2005	Ford F550	Onboard twin line hydraulic Jaws of Life Pump, cold water rescue equipment
Service 8	2000	GMC 2500	Equipment and personnel transport
Brush 8	2006	Jeep Wrangler	Forestry unit

We responded to 230 calls for service in 2015. These numbers are important to us; we recognize that each time we are called someone is experiencing an unexpected, and often times unfortunate, event. We strive to provide a professional response and support those in our community during their time of need.

It is also our goal to have interaction with our community aside from calls for assistance. This year's annual Fire Prevention Week Open House was held on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, and provided an opportunity for some excellent community outreach. Over one hundred members of our community were in attendance. Multiple businesses from West Bath and surrounding towns were represented. Midcoast Hospital and Sagadahoc County Communications had tables and provided information to our citizens. There were complementary refreshments and a bounce house for entertainment. People were able to tour all of our apparatus and participate in hands on activities such as a fire hose game and a smoke room.

Please remember these important fire safety tips: install smoke detectors on every level of the home and in all sleeping areas; test your smoke detectors on a monthly basis; change your batteries when you change your clocks for Daylight Savings Time; have an escape plan and practice it; choose a meeting place a safe distance away from your home. Never go back inside a burning building.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Chief Jonathan Beane

## **SHELLFISH WARDEN REPORT**

It was a pleasure to serve the citizens of West Bath as your shellfish warden.

In 2015, I checked the following: 267 commercial harvesters; 184 bushels of shellfish; 292 marine worm diggers.

Your shellfish harvesters work hard to keep the waters clean and the trash picked up around the shore and landings.

Any questions or complaints, please call my cell at 504-1523 or home at 443-3114.

Respectfully submitted,

*Douglas Alexander*

Doug Alexander

Shellfish Warden

## **HARBOR MASTER REPORT**

Here we are, another boating season nears. There are a few changes. Moorings are now \$10 and an ordinance of only two moorings are allowed. Remember moorings are to be maintained properly. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. When you register your boat don't forget to register your moorings. It is important to remember your wake when you are boating. It is common courtesy when on the water.

Have a safe season,

*Joseph Vaillancourt*

Joseph Vaillancourt  
Harbor Master

## WINNEGANCE RIVER HERRING COMMISSION REPORT

At the January 27, 2016 meeting the Commission awarded Greg Gilliam the fishing rights for Winnegance Bay for the next three years. His winning bid was \$5.00 per bushel.

This year's harvest was 238 bushels of river herring which was down from the 2014 harvest of 264.5 bushels. Once again it was a long cold winter and spring which seems to have an effect on the harvest.

As of December 31, 2015 our savings account had a balance of \$10,511.43 and there was \$2,073.39 in the checking account.

The Commission received permission from the Department of Marine Resources to raise the water level during the harvest season.

The current members of the Winnegance River Herring Commission are as follows:

Bath - Lori Benson and Jamie Omo

Phippsburg - Brett Gilliam and Peter Roberts

West Bath - Jon Davis and David Hennessey

Respectfully submitted,

*David Hennessey*

David Hennessey,

Chairman



## Marine Resources Committee

This year the harvesters of West Bath had several reseeded events where we harvested seed from our neighbors in Phippsburg and transplanted them into several coves in West Bath. These clams ranged in size from ¼ to 1 ¼ inch long and should mature within a year or two. The reasoning for having to harvest clams from Phippsburg was because our seed beds have decreased considerably. The reason for the depletion is due to several reasons. To name a few, I would say climate change, green crabs and the over use of our flats from several different fishing industries.

This year instead of reseeded events by the harvesters of West Bath we tried other things. We got some netting from our neighbors in Phippsburg and put it out to catch spats. The reasoning for having to do this is the depletion of clams over the last few years. Luckily Mother Nature did provide some new seed beds this and we'll go back to distributing it around town. The Marine Resource Committee also had a cleanup event and picked up trash left behind over the years on our shoreline. This accomplishes two things, obviously a cleaner shoreline but also an opportunity for harvesters to gain conservation time.

The Marine Resources Committee will continue to do random water quality testing as required by the Department of Marine Resources (DMR) with the Town Boat. These are done to identify any pollution sources so they can be corrected in a timely manner. This includes shoreline surveys which are done on a tri-annual basis. In addition, accelerated testing is being done twice a month to re-categorize and reopen areas that have been closed earlier due to pollution

West Bath is proud of our Marine Resources conservation efforts. We feel that our shellfish fisheries are important and implement our own sustainability program. To maintain a commercial shellfish license, clammers must complete 12 hours of conservation time. This conservation time is a combination of reseeded, surveys, clean up, meetings and water quality tests. These hours have resulted in the cleanup of all overboard discharges, repair of faulty systems and a much cleaner water quality. Our water along the coast of West Bath now meets Department of Marine Resource quality standards. Money is often available to help repair shoreline pollution problems.

The town's Shellfish Warden, Doug Alexander has been patrolling and monitoring the clam flats for illegal diggers. Feel free to contact Doug if you have any questions regarding clam digging, suspicious shoreline activity or whether areas are open or closed.

The Shellfish Committee meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 6 pm from October to March and 7 pm from April to September. Please contact me regarding surveys, harvesting, pollution or potential pollution problems, or with any shellfish questions in general. Also, please feel free to attend any of our committee meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

*Warren Swanson*

Warren Swanson,

Chairman

# **Town of West Bath**

## **Board of Assessment Review (BAR)**

The Board of Assessment Review (BAR) had one appeal hearing for the Tax Commitment effective April 1, 2015. The hearing was held 01-28-2016 to consider an abatement denial regarding property identified as Tax Map R05 Lot 006-08 and it was the unanimous decision of the Board that the assessed value stood.

A second appeal application submitted 01-06-2016 was withdrawn prior to a hearing date being scheduled. The subject property is identified as Tax Map R05 Lot 006-07.

Each year any taxpayer who feels an error or irregularity has occurred in the assessment of his/ her property has 185 days from formal tax commitment (usually in the fall) to first discuss the concern with the Assessing Agent and then to file a formal request for abatement if the taxpayer's concern is not alleviated. If the abatement is denied by the elected Assessors the taxpayer may then appeal the denial to the local BAR. BAR Hearings are open to public attendance and are advertised in the Times Record and posted on the website calendar. The decision of the BAR may be appealed directly to Superior Court by either the taxpayer or by the town.

Respectfully submitted,

Juanita Wilson-Hennessey, Chair

Term ends 2017

Robert Morris, Secretary

Term Ends 2018

Richard Totten

Term Ends 2016

Chet Garrison (Alternate)

Term Ends 2016

Lisa Atkins (Alternate)

Term Ends 2017

# Board of Appeals

Calendar Year 2015

The first paragraph of the Maine Municipal Board of Appeals Manual introduces the duties of the West Bath Board of Appeals best. It states, "Serving on a municipal board of appeals is probably one of the most difficult jobs that a citizen can volunteer to do. The board of appeals, more than any other board, generally performs the same function at the local level as an appeals court judge. Like a judge, the appeals board must decide difficult questions in accordance with local ordinances, State laws, and court cases. Often those decisions will seem harsh and contrary to "common sense," both to board members and to the general public. This is particularly true when the board is asked to decide a request for a variance. However, the board is bound to follow the law until the law is changed. Explaining this to citizens seeking help from the board probably is one of the board's most unpleasant tasks."

The Board of Appeals takes action on the first Tuesday of each month at the Town Office, provided there is business for the Board to address. If you need to request a hearing, please pick up an application at the Town Office. Make sure the entire application is completed before submitting it along with the filing fee, so a date may be scheduled with no delay.

In 2015 there were no applications made to the appeals board.

Respectfully submitted,  
Justin Hennessey  
Board of Appeals Chair



## Budget Advisory Committee

The coming fiscal year will not show much of a change in taxes. Both the municipal and school budgets will remain basically flat.

With the school board and superintendent completing their first year, there is a better understanding of the school budget. Academically the school is making great strides but the town is having to make building repairs that RSU 1 ignored. The plan is to do these repairs in this budget year. More details concerning these repairs will be presented at town meeting.

The other major budget concerns are how to best use the remaining RSU 1 lawsuit funds and the replacement of the town's salt shed.

At last town meeting an article was passed instructing the Board of Selectmen to form a committee to decide how to use these funds. This committee started meeting last fall and has devised a plan that would allow the town to "self-bank" future major funding projects and then to repay this fund over time. By adopting this funding method the town will save interest charges and have these funds available in later years as needed.

The Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) does back this method and more information will be forthcoming at town meeting.

As far as the salt shed goes our current building does not meet the requirements of the town's snow contract. The proposed replacement building cost is estimated at \$350,000 and the BAC is in favor of replacing the salt shed. The plan is to pay for the salt shed "up front" by using the RSU 1 funds and to repay this fund over several years.

Members of the BAC will be at town meeting to answer any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

David P. Hennessey, Chair  
Budget Advisory Committee

# The Planning Board

Dear Townspeople of West Bath:

The Planning Board exists to encourage appropriate use of land within the Town of West Bath through regulations outlined in our ordinances. The Board consists of volunteers from the community, five (5) regular members and two (2) alternate members. A quorum of three (3) members is required to conduct a meeting. The documents used when conducting Planning Board business are the Land Use Ordinance and Development Review Ordinance. Copies are available at the Town Offices or online at [www.westbath.govoffice.com](http://www.westbath.govoffice.com).

The Planning Board meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm. Additional meetings for ordinance work sessions are scheduled as needed throughout the year and are posted in the Times Record and on the Town web site.

This past year has seen applicants seeking approval for home expansions in shoreland areas, subdivision modifications, business expansions, and new businesses moving into existing spaces.

In addition to the monthly meetings, work continues to bring West Bath's ordinances on par with adjacent communities, to become more aligned with the West Bath Comprehensive Plan and comply with the ever changing State of Maine laws and mandates. These ordinance changes make West Bath a more competitive community for both business and residential projects.

FEMA has updated the Flood Maps around the state, including West Bath. FEMA mandated that all Towns incorporate their new Floodplain Management Ordinance which the Town adopted last year. The Flood Plain maps and Ordinances can be found on the Town's website or requested at the Town Hall.

The Board created new application forms for Subdivisions to make the process easier for the applicant. We continue to work toward replacing our current "catch-all" application with more user friendly applications tailored to each specific need (i.e. shoreland expansion, new business, etc.). We are also adjusting and improving the application process to better serve the applicant and provide more guidance when needed.

Please consider joining our Planning Board. We need another member who is objective and without an agenda who wishes to spend one evening a month looking out for what's reasonable and best for our Town and its townspeople.

You are always welcome and encouraged to attend any and all Planning Board meetings and workshops. Public input, support and awareness is an important element to the success of the Planning Board.

Respectfully submitted,

*Darlene*

Darlene Estabrook, Chair  
Rick Davis, Vice Chair  
Wayne Renshaw  
Jim Williams  
Vacant seat  
Scott Andresen (Alternate)  
Jay Paris (Alternate)

## **WEST BATH CEMETERY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT**

To the Inhabitants of the Town of West Bath:

The following is a report of the West Bath Cemetery Association for the year ending December 31, 2015.

Four new lots were sold at the Orchard Hill Cemetery this year. To date, 116 families or individuals have purchased a total of 210 grave lots.

Since bank interest rates are still at an all-time low and are likely to remain that way for a number of years to come. The cemetery liability insurance has gone up a lot the past two years, but the annual income from Perpetual Care is insufficient to pay for maintenance of the cemetery grounds. This year the mowing was done by Cory Wallace of Phippsburg again, he has done a very nice job, the mowing is being done more consistently than in the past. However, it would be most helpful if lot owners were to trim grass and locate flags accordingly, flowers and ornamentals in close proximity to all monuments. This would allow us to do a better job mowing around the grave sites.

Approximately 46 lot spaces remain available. Sixty percent of the \$400.00 lot purchase price goes to the Perpetual Care Fund. The remainder goes toward operating costs of the Orchard Hill Cemetery. Those interested in purchasing a cemetery lot or offering their services for minor cemetery maintenance should contact Ronald G. Beal, Peter Oceretko or Gerry Mitchell, Jr.

This spring the cemetery needs to have a good clean up from fallen branches, leaves and debris and a new flag to be erected on the V.F.W. flag pole.

The West Bath Cemetery Association wishes to thank Cory Wallace for the great job he did on the Orchard Hill Cemetery Grounds last summer.

The Cemetery Association needs to find a secretary this year and also some new members as well as a new president all will be discussed when we have our next meeting.

The flag pole that was constructed by the V.F.W. two years ago has been an excellent addition at the Orchard Hill Cemetery.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronald G. Beal, President  
Mary J. McGloin  
Everett J. McNelly  
Peter Oceretko  
Gerry Mitchell, Jr.  
Darlene Estabrook



## West Bath Historical Society



**West Bath's Historical Society is non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to improving our town's sense of community. Our mission:**

- Preserve the history and traditions of West Bath, Maine
- Identify, research, and record locations of historical sites, buildings, and artifacts
- Identify, record, and catalog photos and the written and oral history of West Bath
- Publish quarterly historic/current events newsletter, *The Middle Ground*
- Serve as a resource for the West Bath School and Patten Free Library's History Room
- Hold free events with historical content for members and the community

As part of that mission, we have spearheaded the challenging restoration of West Bath's two important historical buildings: Old West Bath Meeting House located at 680 Berrys Mill Road, and Littlefield School at 363 Berrys Mill Road. For both those efforts we enjoyed a great deal of community support, both financially and with volunteer efforts. Now that the buildings are safely restored, our challenge today is to maintain their integrity and to open them to the public for special events and occasions.

The Old West Bath Meeting House, built in 1839, needed a great deal of help, including shoring up the building, repairing and repainting walls and exterior, refinishing the floors, modernizing the electricity within a historic perspective while preserving old kerosene lamps, and repairing the stained glass windows. Littlefield School, one of Maine's few remaining one-room school houses, and now listed on the National Register of Historic Places, was in even worse shape. Built in 1853, it is a classic one-story Greek Revival, timber-framed building; by 2007 it was in precarious condition. Its foundation had shifted and was collapsing. At one point, it was slated for a fire department exercise burn. Only community outrage stopped that from happening. This lovely old building is now restored, thanks in part to a generous bequest from the late Bruce Burden, whose mother attended the school, and a federal grant awarded to the West Bath Historical Society.

### **West Bath Historical Society events in 2015**

- WBHS participated in the annual *Town History Series* offered by The Sagadahoc History and Genealogy Room and sponsored by the Patten Free Library, with a presentation by Dave Hennessey, on his family's Winter Point Oyster.
- WBHS organized the always popular, non-sectarian, traditional candlelight *Annual Community Christmas Service & Carol Sing*, led this past year by Stephanie Batterman with

readings from members of every generation in our community. WBHS shares the evening's offering to a local non-profit organization, again this past year, the Bath Area Food Bank.

- Our *Annual General Meeting and Potluck Supper* was held on a late summer afternoon, at the Old West Bath Meeting House. Avery Hunt Meyers and Pete Guild led this past year's memorable 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary presentation.
- *Open Houses* at our historic buildings, held annually at Littlefield School and Old West Bath Meeting House, on July 4, and enjoyed by many visitors during Heritage Days.
- A gallery at Littlefield School: *Quilted Wall Hangings and Wood Turnings, Batterman Gallery* at Littlefield School House, July through September, 2015.

## **Membership**

We thank The Town and its citizens for continued support of and contributions to our efforts. 2015 highlights of volunteer time and talent, and board members organizing:

- Publication of the *Middle Ground*, the WBHS newsletter
- restoring all eight sets of the Old West Bath Meeting House shutters
- a "new" flag pole at Littlefield School
- treatment to rid roof moss on Old West Bath Meeting House
- trial gallery rental of Littlefield School
- modifications to stabilize Littlefield School chairs
- trimming trees
- placing numbers on buildings coordinated with GPS
- assisting with genealogy research
- new print media brochures

## **West Bath Historical Society 2015 Board of Directors**

Amy Wesson—President, Sally Graves—Recording Secretary, W.N. (Pete) Guild—Acting Secretary/Treasurer, Avery Hunt Meyers—President Emeritus, Leah Zartarian, Bob Bittner, Raisa Bittner, Beth Brewer, Ivon Boyer. Kerry Nelson—Archivist, Betty Fitzjarrald—Littlefield School Chair, Fran Soverel—Archival Contributor

Please visit our webpage on the Town of West Bath's website for more information about our history, facilities rentals, membership, current and past issues of our newsletter, the *Middle Ground*.

Respectfully submitted, *Amy Wesson*, President (389.4498)

April 1, 2016

To the Citizens of West Bath,

We are three-quarters through our first year as an independent school district, and by all accounts, it has been a tremendous year. In Expeditionary Learning Schools, success is measured in three ways: through the mastery of knowledge and skills, through the development of student character and leadership, and through the creation and production of high-quality work. With this extended definition of success in mind, I am appreciative of having the opportunity to reflect upon this inaugural year of the West Bath School Administrative Unit.

With the support of the West Bath community, in this first year we have been able to create a partnership with 4 area pre-kindergarten programs to enable West Bath to offer publically funded pre-k 5 mornings per week. We have doubled our technology devices that are available to students from 20-40 devices, allowing 5<sup>th</sup> graders to have 1:1 access in their classroom, allowing for just-in-time learning experiences. The staff has initiated an updated math program, enabling us to better prepare students to meet the standards we are held accountable to. We have developed a new Gifted and Talented program, and have broadened the areas in which are able to identify and work with students through expedition-type structures. We created and actualized an exciting STEM-based summer school program, with academic and social/emotional results that have far surpassed prior programs. The availability of the school counselor has been increased from 2 days per week to 4 days per week, allowing us to better support children, families, and teachers. We have increased our staffing for food service, enabling us to bring back hot breakfasts and salad bar to students and to prepare for farm-to-school initiatives and have welcomed the Bath YMCA into our school to support before and after-care on site. Through the volunteer efforts of resident Patrick Bowdish, students have been exposed to introductory coding as an entry point to computer programming. We have also begun a partnership with the Maine Maritime Museum, providing our 5<sup>th</sup> graders with the opportunity to learn first-hand boat building skills in support of their spring expedition.



Our staff has continued to grow and learn as educators through working deeply with Expeditionary Learning – now referred to as EL Education – as we work towards being a fully credentialed EL school. The staff has created the beginnings of a standards-based report card in mathematics and is more accurately reporting students’ attainment of our Code of Character and Habits of Scholarship. We have developed fall expeditions and a fall Celebration of Learning for the first time, as we move towards having three expeditions per school year. Additionally, staff has attended professional development in the area of Executive Functioning, to better support students who have ADHD, Executive Dysfunction, and autism and are learning to develop mindfulness strategies to support student learning. Teachers have devoted their professional learning time to deeply understand the new Next Generation Science Standards and to develop a content curriculum map upon which to build our expeditions.



West Bath School students and staff have been recognized this year through grants, honors, news articles, and school recognition. Gifted and Talented Program Coordinator Beth Jarvis was awarded a \$5,000 Lowes Toolbox for Education Grant, which will fund tools and materials to support the building and creation of an outdoor classroom. West Bath was also awarded a \$500 ExxonMobil math and science grant to support technology in our school. We’ve also been awarded a \$4,600 PEPG Development Grant, to support professional development. West Bath teachers Lori Franklin and Sheryl Winchester presented their work at a national conference in San Diego, California in the fall, focused on how to best support students with academic and behavioral needs in an EL school setting. The school was also recognized by Maine Math

and Science Alliance as a school that is creating innovative learning opportunities for students in the area of science and staff will take part in a panel presentation to discuss innovation in schools. The groundbreaking work of Mr. Schulz’s

fifth grade class and their fall expedition on mindfulness was disseminated nationally and internationally through the news media and educational publications.



Most importantly, our students are making their mark in the world. As an example, Mrs. Upham's third grade class focused their fall expedition around food insecurities. As a result of their expedition, they raised and donated \$445 to the Bath Area Food Bank, and donated copies of the healthy food cookbook they wrote. The students also organized a peanut butter drive, and were able to deliver 166 jars or 3,725 ounces of peanut butter to the food bank. The students also presented their work and service to students and staff at Morse High School, in an effort to call the high school students to action and service.

This year's state assessment data showed that West Bath's literacy scores were 11.94% higher than the state average, while math scores were 14.67% higher than state average and science scores were 19.02% higher than state average. Additionally, the assessment participation rate was 100%, which was 11% higher than state average in math and literacy, and 10% higher than average in science.

Our School Board of Directors has worked tirelessly to write and approve more than 100 policies for the new school department, to help establish structures and protocols for the system to run, and to participate in committee work to create and approve technology, facility, and certification plans. In partnership with the Town's Administrator, staff and the Board of Selectmen, we have been able to move forward with significant capital improvement projects, including a complete upgrade for our heating and ventilation controls, upgrades to our back parking lot to eliminate flooding and frost heaves, and the exciting upcoming addition of a basketball court on the playground.

I would like to give special thanks and recognition to our tireless Parent/Teacher Organization, under the leadership of Michelle Lambert, which has focused their efforts on developing community-based events that bring our community together. Through game nights and chili/chowder cook-offs, Paint Nights, and festivals, our PTO not only fiscally supports the children of West Bath, but helps to generate volunteers and compassion in our community. Thank you!

Our spring expeditions are in full swing. Students are engaged with working with experts, making observations, and taking part in fieldwork. The grade level guiding questions are:

- K – What do squirrels need to survive?
- 1 – How does nature inspire our problem solving and inventions?
- 2 – How can we support plant and pollinator interaction at West Bath School?
- 3 – How do my roots influence who I am?
- 4 – What makes Maine a destination for tourism? How does tourism benefit Maine's economy?
- 5 – What does it take to plan for and survive an 18<sup>th</sup> century expedition?



**Spring expeditions will be highlighted at our school Celebration of Learning on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM. Please join us and see our students in action!**

On behalf of the West Bath School staff, students, and School Board of Directors, I'd like to sincerely thank the parents of West Bath and of the extended West Bath School community for the continued support of our wonderful school. The future of the West Bath School Administrative Unit is bright!

Respectfully submitted,  
Emily Thompson  
West Bath School Principal  
West Bath School Administrative Unit Superintendent



On behalf of the Board, Corporators, and Staff of the Patten Free Library, thank you to the Town of West Bath for making the Patten Free Library *your* library. Your support of the library in 2014-15 has enabled:

169,406 people to visit the Library  
129,933 items to be borrowed  
25,932 items to be borrowed and loaned through interlibrary loan  
25,219 people to use the public computers  
10,501 reference questions to be answered  
6,942 eBooks and audiobooks to be borrowed  
6,128 people to participate in 257 children's programs  
2,445 people to attend 125 adult programs  
1,599 teens to participate in 130 programs  
544 children to participate in the Summer Reading Program  
69 teens to participate in the Teen Summer Reading Program

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

Some highlights of the Library's service in 2014-15 include:

- ❖ The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Town History Series, which featured “Raising Oysters in West Bath” presented by David Hennessey
- ❖ An evening with Senator George Mitchell, live music concerts, film showings, author talks, and genealogy workshops
- ❖ *Pop-In with Mary Poppins* children's summer reading program with 544 participants
- ❖ 7 entries West Bath teens in the Annual Teen Writing Contest over the past 3 years; entries from West Bath teens in last year's Teen Art Show
- ❖ 12 Bath history expeditionary learning classes for Morse High School Academy students
- ❖ Over 40 instructional/informational sessions for middle and high school students

Respectfully submitted,  
*Lesley Dolinger*  
Director



## Sagadahoc County Emergency Management Agency Board of Health

*Eric N. Sawyer, AEM*  
*Director*

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### **Sagadahoc County Emergency Management Agency 2015 Annual Report**

The Sagadahoc County Emergency Management Agency (SCEMA) is responsible for policy development, planning, agency coordination, education and training surrounding the health and safety of those who live, work and play in the ten municipalities of Sagadahoc County. We are charged with creating the framework within which communities reduce vulnerability to hazards and cope with disasters. We protect communities by coordinating and integrating all activities necessary to build, sustain, and improve the capability to mitigate against, prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural disasters, acts of terrorism or other man-made disasters. Existing partnerships were perfected and new partnerships with government, non-profit and industry were cultivated.

SCEMA was successful in bringing nearly \$112K of Federal Homeland Security Grants into the County for fiscal year 2015. These funds translated into a number of projects across the county. Some of the major projects include; unit identifiers for County Law & County Fire primary frequencies, floors and basins for hospital decontamination tents, radio caches and chargers, incident support vehicle and equipment, cell booster, GPS devices and mapping software, tourniquets for all law enforcement personnel in the county, tablets and accessories, a portable radio repeater and an identification card printer with software.

SCEMA worked with city and town administrators and our partners in the state and federal government to ensure that communities impacted by the two-day winter weather event in early 2015 were reimbursed for their additional expenses. As a result of these partnerships, West Bath received nearly \$1,000 in federal and state aid to defray the costs of materials utilized and personnel activated to combat the federally-declared emergency.

Every five years, SCEMA works with our local partners, the Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to update our County Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan encompasses analysis of county-wide environmental hazards as well as specific municipal hazards and proposed projects to address those issues. The data in the Hazard Mitigation Plan is a major prerequisite if and when federal funding becomes available for local mitigation projects. SCEMA staff, in partnership with personnel from the Midcoast Council of Governments, have performed site visits as well as met with municipal leaders, subject matter experts, concerned citizens, and other pertinent stakeholders to gather input for the plan update. This project continues and is scheduled to be presented to FEMA for approval in early 2016.

Several updates were made to ensure the readiness of the state-of-the-art public notification system (CodeRed) that allows for a tailored and comprehensive approach to alerting the public of events such as severe weather warnings, amber and silver alerts, evacuation information and missing persons notifications. Alerts can be sent to cell phone, land lines, TTY, text message and email based on geography with pinpoint

accuracy. Land line telephones are automatically included in the database. Other numbers and notification modes can be added on the 'Emergency Notifications' page at: [www.sagcounty.com/emergency-notification](http://www.sagcounty.com/emergency-notification).

SCEMA facilitated communication between the County Commissioners and the Legislators at the State House to emphasize the importance of the Healthy Maine Partnerships and their impact on the overall health of Sagadahoc County. The SCEMA also conducted multiple interviews with various news media on a variety of Emergency Management and public health topics. Similar information was shared on the SCEMA Facebook page as well as on the County website and at the Public Health kiosks located in each municipality.

Working closely with the Board of Health, SCEMA staff partnered with neighboring jurisdictions, subject matter experts and the County's Human Resources staff to research, develop and implement a tobacco-free property program for the county. This policy has been lauded by public health advocates as yet another major step by the County as we continue to lead the way towards a healthier community.

For more information, visit us at [www.sagcounty.com/ema](http://www.sagcounty.com/ema) and like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/SagadahocCountyEMA](http://www.facebook.com/SagadahocCountyEMA). We look forward to another successful year of service to the residents of Sagadahoc County.

**Sagadahoc County  
Communications Center Report for West Bath  
2015**

- Requests for Police Response            1,039
- Requests for Fire Response             98
- Requests for Ambulance Response    212
  
- ❖ Police had an decrease of 95 calls from 2014
- ❖ Fire had an increase of 3 calls from 2014
- ❖ Ambulance had an increase of 54 calls from 2014

As smart phones become more and more popular, they are also causing significant issues in the 9-1-1 world. Accidental phone calls to our 9-1-1 occur on a daily basis and ties up the dispatcher and responders as they attempt to trace the call back. Federal regulations require wireless devices capable of reaching 9-1-1 to work, even if they are not connected to a wireless network. So unless the phone does not have power and you call 9-1-1 on it, it will go through. The sounds that come from a phone that has been accidentally dialed from a pocket book or pants pocket-muffled speech, repeated banging, and mysterious wind-like noises-are similar to those that might come from a phone call made from someone in trouble. The dispatcher is now committed to using their resources to track this call, tying up precious time.

Sagadahoc County has created an in-house database called the Wandering Program. This program is designed to assist first responders by enabling the rapid deployment of personal information for individuals with Autism, Alzheimer's, Dementia or other like conditions, and that may be prone to wandering. Timely and secure access to this information, including a detailed description and photo, potential triggers as well as calming techniques can not only save first responders valuable time when trying to locate and return a wanderer to their home, but also aid in ensuring safety of the individual as well as the first responders. For more information on the program or to sign up, visit [sagcommunications.com](http://sagcommunications.com)

**Remember to use 9-1-1 for all fire, medical and police emergencies.**

- ✓ If you dial 9-1-1 by mistake, don't hang up! Stay on the line when the dispatcher answers. We'd rather know the call was made in error than not know if a real problem exists.
- ✓ Don't be shy, and don't delay. If it seems like an emergency, dial 9-1-1. We're here to help you.
- ✓ Cordless phones don't work when the electricity is out. Always have a conventional phone available to plug in during power outages.
- ✓ Phones using Voice Over Internet Protocol also do not work when the power is out. Users may wish to have a back up plan, such as an agreement with a neighbor or a cellular phone.

For more information about the Sagadahoc County Communications Center and public safety services throughout our county, please call Brodie Hinckley at 386-5800 or email at [director@sagcommunications.com](mailto:director@sagcommunications.com). Please check out our website at [www.sagcommunications.com](http://www.sagcommunications.com)



**Sagadahoc County  
Sheriff's Office**

**Joel A. Merry, Sheriff**  
Brett Strout, Chief Deputy

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### **Sheriff's Report**

To the Residents of the Town of West Bath:

On behalf of the members of the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office I want to thank the residents of West Bath for their continued support. The Sheriff's Office is committed to keeping you and your family safe. Specifically to the Town of West Bath, the Sheriff's Office responded to **919** incidents, a decrease of **8%** from 2014. Of that total, 28% were for motor vehicle related incidents. There were 101 motor vehicle accidents reported last year, a 9% increase from the previous year. Of that total, 25 involved personal injury, which was twice as many as the previous year. Fortunately, there were no fatalities. As for criminal activity, we continue to see a decrease in overall crime, including West Bath.

The Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office remains proactive in keeping our communities safe and healthy. We continue to work with service providers for seniors and the elderly, such as Merrymeeting Bay TRIAD and AARP driver safety course. Once again we took part in the National Medicine Collection and Safe Disposal program, and we continue to work closely with the Sagadahoc Emergency Management Agency (EMA). New programs that began over the past year were the Prescription Drug Diversion Alert program and the eTip program.

The Sheriff's Office continues to provide a public works program where inmates from Two Bridges Regional Jail can give back to the community. In 2015 our public works program saved taxpayers in Sagadahoc County over \$44,000 in potential labor costs.

Regarding corrections, Sagadahoc County continues to utilize alternative sentencing practices such as Adult Day Reporting, Home Release and Pre-Trail programs that reduce the number of inmates and keeps correctional costs flat. Our home release program saved 533 bed days in 2015.

The Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office is committed to the prevention of crime, the protection of life and property, and the preservation of peace. By doing so, we can help make West Bath a safe place in which to live, work, and raise a family.

It is my pleasure to serve you. Please feel to get in touch with us by calling my office at 443-8228 or through our new website at [www.sagsheriff.com](http://www.sagsheriff.com).

Respectfully submitted,

*Joel A. Merry*

Joel A. Merry, Sheriff



# COUNTY OF SAGADAHOC

## COMMISSIONER CAROL A. GROSE

District 3 – Arrowsic, Georgetown, Phippsburg, Richmond, West Bath & Woolwich

Citizens of West Bath,

It is my honor to continue to serve the citizens of West Bath as a Sagadahoc County Commissioner. After completing seven years on the Board, I remain totally committed to insuring that the services provided by the County are delivered in the most cost effective and professional way possible.

As we move forward in this tenuous economic climate, which for us is accentuated by issues related to the funding of Two Bridges Regional Jail, the Commissioners remain acutely aware of the impact the County tax assessment has on Sagadahoc municipalities and remain committed to minimizing increases as we enter into the FY 2016-17 budget process. While our reserves cannot subsidize all of the unavoidable increases in operating and capital costs, we continue to seek other savings to reduce the impact on our citizens. The overall budgetary increase for FY 2015-16 was **0.7%**.

During 2015, the County's many activities and accomplishments included the following: **The County** converted to a protected self-funded health insurance plan which has the potential to control the soaring costs associated with this benefit in the future. **Administration** restructured its staffing to include the services of a part-time human resources specialist at no additional cost, and reviewed and revised various financial policies in an effort to institute strong checks, balances and financial accountability. **Probate Court** was busy processing petitions for guardianship, conservatorship, change of name, adoption, and estates. They also processed passport applications and continued to back-scan records into an electronic database. **Deeds** continued its efforts to make all documents available for viewing at [sagadahocdeedsme.com](http://sagadahocdeedsme.com) by contracting with a company that specializes in this work to complete a substantial portion of this project. They also stayed busy handling increased recordings due to the improved housing market. The **Emergency Management Agency** continued to assist with the planning and implementation of regional training, working with local EMA Directors and community officials to meet federal emergency preparedness requirements, and working closely with area emergency responders and public health agencies, including the **Sagadahoc County Board of Health**. The **Communications Center** filled all departmental vacancies during the past year and also made significant equipment upgrades. Director Brodie Hinckley was named as the State's "Communications Director of the Year". The **District Attorney's Office** handled a high volume of court cases and added a second full-time ADA to its Sagadahoc staff. It also implemented a new court process known as the "Unified Criminal Docket", which is designed to reduce costs.

In 2015, the **Sheriff's Office** saw a decrease of approximately 6.5% in the number of calls when compared with 2014, from 5,576 to 5,207. The **Patrol Division** and **Detective Divisions** are currently at full staffing levels. The S.O. continues to work collaboratively with various task forces to solve our most serious crimes. The **Transport Division** handled in excess of 800 transports last year and continued to monitor inmates on home release. The community public works program resulted in the performance of approximately 2,214 hours of labor in Sagadahoc County, saving over \$40,000 in labor costs. The **Civil Division** continues to serve orders and writs in a consistently professional manner.

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

Respectfully,  
Carol A. Grose, Sagadahoc County Board of Commissioners



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## Joyce McCreight

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Dear West Bath Residents,

It is an honor to serve as your State Representative. I want you to know that I am working hard to retain your trust through my efforts at the State House and in the community. Working together with West Bath's Administrator, Selectmen and concerned residents, I have taken my responsibilities as your advocate and your liaison with state government very seriously. The repair of the railroad track on the New Meadows Road and the ongoing work toward a permanent solution to the flooding on the State Road are a couple of examples.

This year the Legislature's agenda has been limited mostly to emergency legislation and complex bills carried over from 2015. We are scheduled to adjourn by the end of April.

One of the most important issues we are working on is Maine's heroin epidemic. This is a true crisis and finding solutions is a top priority. We already passed – and the governor signed – one bill that boosts treatment, prevention and enforcement, but we continue to look at bills that go into greater detail in each of those three areas. Key to the process is employing the smartest methods to stop traffickers while doing a better job helping addicts recover and rejoin society.

Other priorities include finding ways to increase good-paying jobs and a skilled workforce, develop renewable energy policy to help reduce fossil fuel use and lower energy and heating costs, support seniors, take care of veterans, support our schools, and protect property taxpayers.

In terms of my own legislation this year, I submitted a bill to help improve college affordability. As I write this, the bill has passed the Legislature, but it is uncertain what the governor will do or whether the bill will receive the funding it needs to go into effect. It remains very important to make sure people can afford to get the education and training they need to get a good job.

I have also continued my work on both the Judiciary and the Marine Resources Committees. We need to make sure that everyone in our district who depends on the ocean – whether we're talking about the open sea, our harbors or our clam flats – can continue to earn a living and pass that legacy to their children.

Whether we are dealing with the above issues or any other topic, I have done my best to work with all my colleagues, regardless of party affiliation, to make sure we're doing the best work we can for the people of our district and all the people of Maine.

Please contact me if I can be of any help. My email is [jay.mccreight@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:jay.mccreight@legislature.maine.gov) and my phone number is 449-3293. I also send out e-newsletters from time to time. If you're not already receiving them, let me know and I'll make sure you do.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joyce S. McCreight".

Joyce "Jay" McCreight  
State Representative



**Senator Linda L. Baker**  
Chair, Marine Resources  
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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you in the Maine Senate. I am honored that you have put your trust in me and I will continue to work tirelessly for the betterment of our communities and the state.

Despite what you may have read in the papers, we accomplished a great deal during the first session of the 127<sup>th</sup> Legislature. We passed a biennial budget that gave Maine families a tax cut, eliminated the income tax on military pensions, and restructured portions of our welfare system to ensure more money is available to those that are truly in need. To that end, we increased funding for nursing homes and put additional dollars into programs to reduce or eliminate the waiting list for individuals with disabilities who require services.

As Senate Chair of the Marine Resources Committee, I was proud to represent our fishing interests in the Legislature. With the marine industry being such an integral part of our region, I was pleased to chair my first choice committee. I have enjoyed working on behalf of the men and women who work so hard to promote and preserve this vital industry. I attended a number of meetings dealing with current marine issues across the state and I am pleased that so many citizens are taking an active role in the preservation and betterment of our coastal livelihood.

One of my priorities as your Senator has been supporting our small businesses within the district. We know that these businesses are the backbone of our communities; providing jobs and the tax dollars to keep this state moving forward. I have visited numerous local small businesses and have encouraged people to continue to shop locally.

The best way to know all sides of an issue is to reach out to everyone in my communities for their input so I have held constituent meetings in most of my towns and plan to continue that practice during the next session. As always, you can contact me by email at [linda.baker@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:linda.baker@legislature.maine.gov), 729-8381 or during session at 287-1505 if you have questions, comments, or if you need assistance navigating our state's bureaucracy. To keep up with Senate news, please visit my Senate Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/BakerForMaine](http://www.facebook.com/BakerForMaine).

With Warm Regards,

Linda Baker  
State Senator, District 23



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Paul R. LePage  
GOVERNOR

Dear Citizens of West Bath:

Maine has a long tradition of civil participation in both state and local government, and I thank you for being informed and involved citizens.

My vision for Maine is prosperity, not poverty. For this reason, one of my top priorities is the reduction and eventual elimination of the income tax. Some are pushing to raise the minimum wage, but I want Mainers to earn a maximum wage. Reducing the income tax is the biggest and most immediate pay raise for all hard-working Mainers.

Not only does an income tax cut put more money back in your pockets, but it will also attract businesses that can offer good-paying careers to keep our young people here in Maine. It shows the nation that we are serious about wanting people and businesses to come—and stay—in Maine.

Another of my priorities is to lower the cost of student debt in Maine. If young people are struggling with too much student debt, they are unable to afford homes or vehicles. We are now offering programs to help them lower their debt, stay in Maine, begin their careers and start families.

To provide good-paying jobs for our young people, we must also work hard to reduce our energy costs. High energy costs are a major factor in driving out manufacturers, mills and other businesses that need low-cost electricity. I am committed to lowering the cost of energy, not only to attract job creators, but also to allow Maine people to heat and power their homes affordably and effectively.

And finally, we are making progress to address the drug pandemic in our state. It is my most important duty to keep the Maine people safe. While education, treatment and prevention efforts are important, we must get the dealers off the streets. I am pleased the Legislature has finally agreed to fund my proposal for more drug agents to stem the supply of deadly opiates flowing into our communities, but our law enforcement agencies are still understaffed. We must do more.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul R. LePage".

Paul R. LePage  
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CHELLIE PINGREE  
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT, MAINE

Dear Friend,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I appreciate the opportunity to give you an update on my work in Maine and Washington. It continues to be a great honor to serve the people of Maine's 1<sup>st</sup> District in Congress.

Over the last year, I have introduced a number of bills to address the problems my constituents face. One of the most concerning issues is hunger. Nearly 50 million Americans don't have reliable access to enough food. At the same time, 40 percent of the food produced in the country goes to waste. That is why I introduced the Food Recovery Act, comprehensive legislation to cut food waste while providing more food to the people who need it.

The Safe and Affordable Drugs from Canada Act takes on another serious concern for Maine families—the high cost of prescription drugs. Just over the border in Canada, the same medications are available at half the price on average. My bill would lift a ban that prohibits consumers from importing those medications. Other bills I introduced touch on a number of issues, from helping veterans secure benefits to protecting our coastal economies. For more information on all my legislation, go to [www.pingree.house.gov](http://www.pingree.house.gov).

My seat on the House Appropriations Committee—which has a powerful role in setting federal funding levels—has also put me in a position to influence policies and programs that affect Mainers. A couple of examples from the last year include pushing to make Lyme disease a higher federal priority and working to protect funding for a program that has extended pre-school to hundreds of Maine children.

But not all my work takes place at the Capitol. Here at home, I had the chance to visit many communities to help celebrate their victories and discuss their concerns—critical feedback to take to Washington. And over the last year, my hard-working staff has helped hundreds of constituents on their issues with federal programs and agencies.

I hope the last year has been a good one for you and your family. As we head into another year of challenges and opportunities for our nation, I promise that your interests will continue to guide my work. Please contact my office if there's ever anything I can do for you.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chellie R" followed by a long horizontal line.

Chellie Pingree  
Member of Congress

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COMMITTEES:  
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Dear Friends of West Bath:

It has been a privilege to serve the State of Maine since being sworn into the U.S. Senate.

Much of my time in Washington this past year has been devoted to the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Select Committee on Intelligence. Protecting our homeland and the people of Maine from terrorism and violence remains one of my top priorities. Through my work on the Armed Services Committee, I was able to secure several provisions in the 2016 National Defense Authorization Act that benefit Maine. The legislation authorizes the construction of an additional DDG-51 Arleigh Burke Class Destroyer that could be built at Bath Iron Works and expands the HUBZone program to stimulate economic growth at former military installations like the former Brunswick Naval Air Station.

Returning control to teachers, school districts, and states has also been a primary concern of mine. I am encouraged that the Every Student Succeeds Act has become law. It eliminates the burdensome requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act and ensures access to a quality education for all students. A provision I helped author in the bill will give states the opportunity to pilot the use of their own proficiency-based assessments in lieu of federally-mandated standardized tests. Also included in the bill are several measures I secured to promote local input, fund education technology initiatives, and explore new strategies to increase student access to the internet outside of school.

Communities across Maine have taken bold action to improve their broadband connectivity, and I have been proud to foster federal support for these types of projects. My amendments to the Every Student Succeeds Act will promote the type of work already occurring in Washington County, where students who lack broadband access are able to check out mobile hotspots from their local libraries. Additionally, a bill I co-sponsored, the Community Broadband Act, helped pave the way for the FCC to enact rules protecting the ability of municipalities to invest in better broadband. I am excited by Maine's leadership on this important economic development issue and will continue to support local efforts in this area.

After extensive negotiations, the Senate passed a five-year transportation bill that will increase highway and transit funding in Maine and provide stability to improve our transportation infrastructure. The legislation contains provisions I cosponsored to cut red tape and improve predictability and timeliness by streamlining the federal permitting process for large infrastructure projects. Also incorporated in this bill are my provisions to relieve financial regulations on Maine's community banks and credit unions and to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank, a critical tool that supports communities and small business across the state.

Following my inquiries in the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the National Park Service has announced they will begin exploring strategies to allow park visitors to purchase electronic passes online and will pilot the program at Acadia National Park. These passes would improve access to our nation's most treasured landscapes and would generate resources for years to come. I remain deeply engaged in preserving Maine's natural beauty and strengthening our outdoor recreation economy.

It is with solemn responsibility that I have focused my energy addressing the opioid epidemic in Maine. This work includes convening roundtables with a wide-range of health care and law enforcement professionals to combat addiction; introducing a proposal to safely dispose of excess prescription drugs; cosponsoring a

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Senate-passed bill that addresses mothers struggling with addiction and the alarming effect it has on newborns; cosponsoring the TREAT Act, which expands the ability of medical specialists to provide life-saving medication-assisted therapies for patients battling heroin and prescription drug addiction; and calling on the Commander of U.S. Southern Command to increase efforts to stop the flow of heroin at our southern border.

I like to think of Maine as a big small town – and in a small town, the leaders are accessible and eager to listen. In that spirit, I've made it a priority to stay connected with people from all over Maine who e-mail, write, and call with suggestions or questions. If I can ever assist in your interaction with a federal agency, or you have thoughts, concerns, or personal input on a matter that is currently before Congress I hope you will contact me, let me know where you stand, and engage in this critical part of democracy. Please call my toll-free line at **1-800-432-1599** or one of my offices: Augusta (207) 622-8292, Presque Isle (207) 764-5124, Scarborough (207) 883-1588, or Washington, D.C. (202) 224-5344. You can also write me on our website at [www.king.senate.gov/contact](http://www.king.senate.gov/contact).

As always, I am honored to represent the people of Maine and look forward to working with you for the betterment of our great state.

Sincerely,



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Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust the people of our State have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments from 2015.

Growing the economy by encouraging job creation was and remains my top priority. The tax-relief bill signed into law at the close of last year contains three key provisions I authored to help foster job creation and provide small businesses with the certainty they need to invest, grow, and, most important, hire new workers. Another provision I authored that became law last year gives a boost to both Maine's economy and traffic safety. This provision permanently changed the federal law that previously had forced the heaviest trucks onto our country roads and downtown streets, rather than allowing them to use Maine's federal Interstates. In addition, I was glad to help secure another significant award for the University of Maine's deepwater offshore wind initiative, which has the potential to advance an emerging industry and create thousands of good jobs in our state.

Maine's historic contributions to our nation's defense must continue. In 2015, I secured funding toward a much-needed additional Navy destroyer, likely to be built at Bath Iron Works. Modernization projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard that I have long advocated for were also completed, as were projects for the Maine National Guard.

I was also deeply involved in crafting the new education reform law to better empower states and communities in setting educational policy for their students. The law also extends a program I co-authored that provides additional assistance to rural schools, which has greatly benefitted our state. A \$250 tax deduction I authored in 2002 for teachers who spend their own money on classroom supplies was also made permanent last year.

As a result of a scientific evaluation of the nutritional value of potatoes required by a law that I wrote, the wholesome fresh potato finally was included in the federal WIC nutrition program. I also worked on other issues important to Maine's farmers and growers, including research on wild blueberries and pollinating bees.

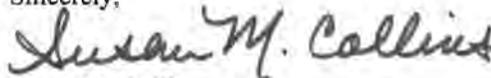
As Chairman of the Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I have made combating veterans' homelessness a priority. This year's housing funding law includes \$60 million for 8,000 new supportive housing vouchers for homeless veterans. Since this program began in 2008, the number of homeless veterans nationwide has dropped by one third. Maine has received nearly 200 vouchers to support homeless veterans.

Last year, I became Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee. My top three priorities for the committee are retirement security, investing more in biomedical research, and fighting fraud and financial abuses targeting our nation's seniors. I advocated for the \$2 billion increase in funding for the National Institutes of Health to advance research on such diseases as diabetes and Alzheimer's. The Senate also unanimously passed my bill to support family caregivers. The Aging Committee's toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for senior citizens to report suspected fraud and receive assistance and has already received more than 1,000 calls.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. As 2015 ended, I cast my 6,072<sup>nd</sup> consecutive vote, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve West Bath and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Portland Office, 207-780-3575, or visit my website at [www.collins.senate.gov](http://www.collins.senate.gov). May 2016 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator

**MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF WEST BATH'S  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING JANUARY 13, 2015**

A legal Town Meeting was held at the West Bath Fire Hall in the Town of West Bath, Maine on the 13<sup>th</sup> of January 2015. The meeting was called to order January 13, 2015 at 7:45 am by Brandi Lohr, Town Clerk for the Town of West Bath, who subsequently read the warrant through to Article 1.

**Art. 1.** Paula Nelson was nominated as Moderator and seconded. By way of written ballot, Paula Nelson was voted as Moderator (2-0) and sworn in by Brandi Lohr at 7:46 am. In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town.

**Art. 2.** The polls were then opened at 8:00 am the West Bath Fire Hall for the townspeople to cast their referendum ballots for the West Bath RSU1 Withdrawal Referendum:

“Do you favor filing the withdrawal of the Town of West Bath from the Regional School Unit No.1 (“RSU1”), subject to the terms and conditions of the Withdrawal Agreement dated November 13, 2014?”

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approval

At the close of the polls the following results were announced by Moderator Paula Nelson – with a total of 565 ballots cast:

Yes – 468  
No -- 97  
Total: 565

**ADJOURNMENT**

**The Moderator closed the polls at 8:00 pm, concluding the Special Town Meeting.**

Town of West Bath Board of Selectmen  
Paula Nelson, Chairman  
David Bourget  
Peter Oceretko

I attest that this is a true copy of the Minutes of the Town of West Bath’s Special Town Meeting of January 13, 2015.

ATTESTED BY: Brandi D. Lohr, Town Clerk  
Town of West Bath, Maine

**MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF WEST BATH  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING FEBRUARY 23, 2015**

A legal Town Meeting was held at the West Bath Town Hall in the Town of West Bath, Maine on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 2015. The meeting was called to order February 23, 2015 at 5:30pm by Brandi Lohr, Town Clerk for the Town of West Bath, who subsequently read the warrant through to Article 1.

**Article 1.** Mr. Adam Garland was nominated as moderator. It was moved and seconded that the nominations close. By way of written ballot, Mr. Adam Garland was voted as Moderator (3-0) and sworn in by Brandi Lohr at 5:35 pm.

**Article 2.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$ 40,000 from unassigned fund balance, authorized disbursement subject to a 2/3 majority vote in the affirmative of the West Bath Board of Selectmen, for expenses to be incurred relating to the establishment of the West Bath School Administrative Unit (WBSAU) and the Town's transition from Regional School Unit No. 1 to WBSAU, including but not limited to School Board election costs, software and technology costs, legal/consulting fees, and any other miscellaneous expenses incurred by the West Bath School Board.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS: YES

**VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED AT 5:39 PM.**

**Motion made and seconded, by verbal acclamation, the town voted to adjourn at 5:40 pm.**

Town of West Bath Board of Selectmen  
Paula Nelson, Chair  
David Bourget  
Peter Oceretko

I attest that this is a true copy of the Minutes of the Town of West Bath's Special Town Meeting of February 23, 2015.

Attested By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brandi D. Lohr, Town Clerk  
Town of West Bath, Maine

**MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF WEST BATH'S  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING APRIL 7, 2015**

A legal Town Meeting was held at the West Bath Fire Hall in the Town of West Bath, Maine on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April 2015. The meeting was called to order April 7, 2015 at 7:50 am by Brandi Lohr, Town Clerk for the Town of West Bath, who subsequently read the warrant through to Article 1.

**Art. 1.** Paula Nelson was nominated as Moderator and seconded. By way of written ballot, Paula Nelson was voted as Moderator (2-0) and sworn in by Brandi Lohr at 7:51 am. In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town.

**Art. 2.** The polls were then opened at 8:00 am the West Bath Fire Hall for the townspeople to cast their ballots for the West Bath School Board:

Voted by secret ballot for the following School Board positions:

- One School board position to expire November 2016
- Two School Board positions to expire November 2017
- Two School Board positions to expire November 2018

At the close of the polls the following results were announced by Moderator Paula Nelson:

Three year term – Scott Andresen – 33  
Dennis Crews – 113  
Keith Hinds – 104  
Sarah Cunningham – 1

Two year term – Robert Brown - 66  
Jordi St. John - 78  
Robert McDaniel - 92  
Sarah Cunningham - 1  
Scott Andresen – 1  
Margaret Malloy – 1  
Jess Avery – 1  
David Hennessey – 1  
Deb Bruce - 1

One year term – Meagan Hennessey – 98  
Margaret Malloy - 34  
Jan Drive – 1

**ADJOURNMENT**

**The Moderator closed the polls at 8:00 pm, concluding the Special Town Meeting.**

Town of West Bath Board of Selectmen  
Paula Nelson, Chairman  
David Bourget  
Peter Oceretko

I attest that this is a true copy of the Minutes of the Town of West Bath's Special Town Meeting of April 7, 2015.

ATTESTED BY: Brandi D. Lohr, Town Clerk  
Town of West Bath, Maine

## MINUTES FOR THE WEST BATH SCHOOL

### BUDGET MEETING MAY 26, 2015

A legal special Town meeting was held at the West Bath Elementary School in the Town of West Bath, Maine on Tuesday, the 26<sup>th</sup> of May, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Dennis Crews, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Selectman Peter Oceretko spoke of the passing of Selectman David Bourget. A moment of silence was held in his honor.

Dennis Crews, West Bath School Board Chairman, read the warrant through to Article 1.

**Article 1.** Mark Bower was nominated as moderator and the seconded. It was moved and seconded that the nominations close. By way of written ballot, Mark Bower was voted as Moderator (3-0) and sworn in by Julia House at 6:05 pm.

Moderator Mark Bower made a recommendation to have a motion to allow the Town Administrator Adam Garland and Superintendent/Principal Emily Thompson permission to speak as they are non-residents.

**Motion** by David Hennessey, seconded by Paula Nelson. **Voted, approved.**

#### Expenditures

##### Article 2

To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for **Regular Instruction. \$1,846,866.88**

**Motion** by Melissa Belanger to increase the amount to \$1,881,866.88, seconded by Robert Brown. **Motion failed.**

**Voted, approved as recommended amount.**

##### Article 3

To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for **Special Education. \$500,299.38**

**Voted, approved as recommended amount.**

**Article 4**

To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for **Career and Technical Education. \$0**

**Voted, approved as recommended amount.**

**Article 5**

To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for **Other Instruction. \$2,000.00**

**Motion** by Melissa Belanger to increase the amount to \$10,000, seconded by Robert Brown. **Motion failed.**

**Motion** by Melissa Belanger to increase the amount to \$4,500, seconded by Juanita Wilson-Hennessey. **Voted, approved for \$4,500.**

**Article 6**

To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for **Student and Staff Support. \$198,755.77**

**Voted, approved as recommended amount.**

**Article 7**

To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for **System Administration. \$92,851.24**

**Voted, approved as recommended amount.**

**Article 8**

To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for **School Administration. \$179,146.48**

**Voted, approved as recommended amount.**

**Article 9**

To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for **Transportation. \$119,986.14**

**Voted, approved as recommended amount.**

**Article 10**

To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for **Facilities Maintenance. \$149,978.00**

**Voted, approved as recommended amount.**

**Article 11**

To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for **Debt Service and Other Commitments. \$0**

**Voted, approved as recommended amount.**

**Article 12**

To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for **Other Expenditures, including Food Service. \$63,458.79**

**Voted, approved as recommended amount.**

**Revenues**

**Article 13**

To see what sum the Town will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to see what sum the Town will raise and assess as the municipality’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

**School Board of Directors Recommends Total Appropriated:  
\$2,352,518.97**

**School Board of Directors Recommends Total Raised:  
\$2,217,357.33**

**Voted, approved as recommended amounts.**

**Article 14** (written ballot required)

To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds **(the School Board of Directors recommends \$658,250.45)**, which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **(the School Board of Directors Recommends \$935,985.35)** as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board. **Motion by Michael Hennessey to amend the local funds to \$660,750.45, EPS model amount to \$938,485.35, seconded by David Hennessey. Secret ballot vote: approved 31 yes -2 no**

**Article 15**

To see what sum the Town of West Bath will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 from the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, Section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools. **\$3,153,342.68**

**Motion by Michael Hennessy to amount the amount to \$3,155,842.68, seconded by Jordi St. John.**

Local Allocation	\$2,217,357.33.
Additional Local Allocation	\$660,750.45.
RSU 1 Tuition Credit	\$142,573.26.
EPS State Subsidy	\$135,161.64.

**Total: \$3,155,842.68.**

**Article 16**

In addition to the amount in Article 15, shall the School Board of Directors be authorized to accept and expend any state, federal, and other grants, aid, and receipts during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, for school purposes, provided that such grants, aid, and receipts do not require the expenditure of other local funds not previously appropriated? **Recommends Yes.**

**Voted, approved as recommended.**

**Article 17**

To see if the Town will vote to create a Food Service Fund, to transfer the amounts appropriated in Article 12 to that reserve fund, and to authorize the expenditure of funds from that reserve fund. This fund is used to support the school nutrition program. **Recommends YES.**

**Voted, approved as recommended.**

**Motion made by David Hennessey to adjourn, seconded by Keith Hinds. The  
Town voted to adjourn at 7:11 p.m. on May 26, 2015**

Town of West Bath Board of Selectmen

*Paula Nelson, Chair*

*Peter Oceretko*

I attest that this is a true copy of the Minutes of the Town of West Bath School  
Budget Town Meeting of May 26, 2015.

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Julia M. House, Deputy Town Clerk

Town of West Bath, Maine

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Date

**MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF WEST BATH  
BUDGET (Special) TOWN MEETING JUNE 17, 2015**

A legal Town Meeting was held at the West Bath Elementary School in the Town of West Bath, Maine on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 2015. The meeting was called to order June 17, 2015 at 6:00 pm by Brandi Lohr, Town Clerk for the Town of West Bath, who subsequently read the warrant through to Article 1.

**Art. 1.** Roger Therriault was nominated as moderator and then seconded. It was moved and seconded that the nominations close. By way of written ballot, Roger Therriault was voted as Moderator (3-0) and sworn in by Brandi Lohr at 6:03 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Selectman Peter Oceretko recognized the loss of Selectman David Bourget and there was a moment of silence in his honor.

Moderator Therriault described the Town Meeting process to be followed and proceeded moderating the Town Meeting.

**Motion** made and **seconded** to allow Town Administrator Adam Garland, Tax Collector/Treasurer Julie House, Codes Enforcement Officer Ellis Reed, Superintendent Emily Thompson and Town Clerk Brandi Lohr to speak if necessary. Motion made, seconded and **Approved** at 6:06 pm.

**TOWN MEETING ARTICLES FOR CONSENT AGENDA**

In an effort to help improve the efficiency of the Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen have agreed to propose a motion for Articles 2 through 16 as they are presented, written and recommended in the Warrant by both the Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee. ***If anyone would like to discuss a particular Article s/he may request that it be removed from the motion.***

This one page handout is a quick reference guide, and the full text of each Article is included in the Warrant.

Article #	Summary	Approved 2014
2	Attend and Act Upon Annual Reports	YES
3	Taking of Alewives at New Meadows Lake	YES
4	Taking of Alewives at Winnegance	YES
5	Appropriate Alewives Account Revenues	YES

6	Apply Transfer Station Rent Account in Excess of \$50,000 to Reduce Tax Commitment	YES
7	Set Rate of 7% Interest (or State Maximum) on Unpaid Taxes	YES
8	Set Rate of 3% Interest (or State Maximum) on Refunds for Tax Abatements	YES
9	Apply Portion of Undesignated Fund Balance to Reduce the Tax Commitment	YES
10	Authorize Tax Collector to Accept Pre-payment of Taxes Without Interest	YES
11	Authorize Selectmen to Sell and Dispose of Tax Titles Held by Town	YES
12	Authorize Treasurer to Waive Foreclosure of a Tax Lien Mortgage	YES
13	Authorize Selectmen to Appropriate up to \$10,000 From Unappropriated Fund Balance for Unanticipated Financial Obligations	YES
14	Authorize Administrator and Selectmen to Apply for and Expend Grants; Accept and Expend Donated Monies/Equipment/Land; Dispose of Surplus Equipment; Accept donated equipment and land; Dispose of surplus equipment valued over \$500 by sealed bid.	YES
15	Authorize Selectmen to Set Annual Fees for Returned Checks, Copies, Notary Services, Planning Board Services	YES
16	Appropriate funds from 2015 Overlay to Pay Tax Abatements and Interest	YES

**[NOTE: All budget articles are recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee unless otherwise noted. All other Articles are recommended by the Selectmen unless otherwise noted.]**

**Art. 2.** To attend and act upon the reports of the Selectman, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor; Town Administrator; Assessor; Treasurer; Tax Collector; Town Clerk; Public Health Officer; Animal Control Officer; Road Commissioner; Fire Chief; Harbor Master; Harbor & Waterways Committee; Marine Resource Board; Budget Advisory Committee; Shellfish Warden; Planning Board; Codes Enforcement Officer; Board of Appeals; Board of Assessing Review; and Cemetery Association

### **ALEWIVES**

**Art. 3.** To see what action the Town will take in regards to the taking of Alewives at New Meadows Lake, subject to the terms and conditions specified at the March 1977 Town Meeting.

**Art. 4.** To see what action the Town will take in regards to the taking of Alewives at Winnegance in accordance with the terms set at the June 1988 Town Meeting, in cooperation with the City of Bath and the Town of Phippsburg.

**Art. 5.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all alewives account revenues received during the upcoming fiscal year to the fund designated as the “West Bath Alewives Reserve Fund” and to expend monies from this account by recommendation of the Alewives Committee and by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Selectmen. Any funds accumulated in this account and not spent at the end of any fiscal years will not lapse into surplus.

### **FISCAL MANAGEMENT**

**Art. 6.** To see if the Town will vote to apply all funds in the ‘Transfer Station – Rent’ account in excess of \$50,000, and not otherwise appropriated herein, to reduce the tax commitment for the ensuing fiscal year. (LY- \$50,000)

**Art. 7.** To see if the Town will vote to set the rate of 7% interest (or whatever is the State maximum rate) on unpaid taxes on October 16, 2015.

**Art. 8.** To see if the Town will vote to set the rate of 3% interest (or whatever is the State maximum rate less 4%) on refunds for taxes that are paid but later abated.

**Art. 9.** To see if the Town will vote to apply the undesignated fund balance (surplus) in excess of 12% of the total non-capital expenditures for FY 2015-16, and not otherwise appropriated herein, to reduce the tax commitment for the ensuing fiscal year.

**Art. 10.** To see if the Town, in accordance with M.R.S.A Title 36 Section 506, will authorize the Tax Collector/Treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed and to pay no interest thereon.

**Art. 11.** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell and dispose of all tax titles held by the Town on such terms as they deem advisable and execute Quit Claim Deeds for such property.

**Art. 12.** To see if the Town will authorize the municipal Treasurer to waive the foreclosure of a Tax Lien Mortgage by recording a Waiver of Foreclosure in the Registry of Deeds in which the Tax Lien Certificate is recorded, prior to the right of redemption expiring, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 944.

**Art. 13.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate from the unappropriated fund balance up to \$10,000 to meet unanticipated financial obligations.

**Art. 14** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Administrator and Selectmen to:

1. Apply for available grants, receive said grants, expend the grant funds for purposes stated in the grant;
2. Accept donated monies for specified purposes, expend donated monies as specified;
3. Accept donated equipment;
4. Accept donated land, and
5. Dispose of surplus equipment valued over \$500 by sealed bid.

**Art. 15.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to annually set fees for returned checks, copies of Town ordinances and other documents, Planning Board Service, notary services, and various other fees.

**Art. 16.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, from the overlay generated by the 2015 tax commitment, money to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during FY 2015-16.

**MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO APPROVE ARTICLES 2-16 AS PRINTED.**

**VOTED AS PRINTED AT 6:11 PM**

**LOANS**

**MOTION MADE, SECONDED AND APPROVED TO MOVE ARTICLES 17 -18 TO BE PRESENTED BEFORE ARTICLES 45 AND 46 AT 6:12**

**Art. 17.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$275,000 from the \$1,250,000 settlement money received from the City of Bath and RSU1 to pay in full the Wing Farm Loan.

**VOTED AS PRINTED AT 7:12 PM**

**Art. 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,325 for the sixth of twenty (20) payments on the Wing Farm Loan. (LY - \$31,325)

**MOTION MADE, SECONDED AND PASSED TO TABLE ARTICLE 18 AT 7:13 PM**

**Art. 19.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a date of October 15, 2015 as the due date for real estate and personal property taxes.

**VOTED AS PRINTED 6:13 PM**

**Art. 20.** To see if the Town will vote to carry forward the following end of year account balances:

- a) General Assistance
- b) Marine Resources/Harbor and Waterway
- c) Transfer Station – Rent
- d) Excise Tax/URIP (for Major Road Projects)
- e) General roads
- f) Public Works Roads Capital Improvement Fund
- g) Boat excise (for Harbor & Waterways/Marine Resources expenses)
- h) Fire Department – Operating Fund
- i) Fire Department – Capital Fund
- j) Alewives Revenue
- k) Planning Board Expenses (Permit Application Fee Account)
- l) Fire Department – Reimbursement for Services
- m) Business/Economic Development
- n) Ambulance
- o) Municipal Capital Improvement Fund

**VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED 6:14 PM**

**Art. 21.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, for the purpose specified, the following carry forward, end of year account balances:

- a. General Assistance (An additional \$7,500 will be raised and appropriated elsewhere in this Warrant.)
- b. Planning Board Expenses/Permit Application Fee Account (This account is used by the Planning Board to pay its advertising expenses and other administrative costs.)
- c. Ambulance
- d. Business/Economic Development (for expenses related primarily to the Wing Farm Business Park expansion)

**VOTED AS PRINTED 6:15 PM**

**TAX CAP LIMIT**

**Art. 22** To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$521,440 established for the Town of West Bath by State law, only in the event that the municipal budget approved under the articles herein will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit. [Note: This Article requires a written ballot.]

WRITTEN BALLOT RESULTS: YES – 39  
NO – 18

**ARTICLE PASSED BY SECRET BALLOT VOTE 6:22 PM**

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**Art. 23.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$362,454 from motor vehicle excise tax revenue, the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) account, the E-911 account, and any end of year account balances that may be carried forward, for the maintenance of public roads, hot-topping, construction, salt shed utilities, signs, plowing and sanding of Town roads and parking lots, the Roads Commissioner’s annual stipend (\$5,000) and other public works related projects. (LY \$324,200)

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**Art. 24.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any motor vehicle excise tax revenue not otherwise appropriated elsewhere in this Warrant for deposit in a dedicated Roads Capital Improvements Sinking Fund for future road projects.

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**Art. 25.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, from income generated from the Town’s ‘Transfer Station - Rent Account:

1. \$11,750 to operate the public Drop-Off/Recycling Center (LY- \$11,750), and

2. \$1,000 for use by the Recycling Committee for hazardous waste drop-offs and other special events. (LY-\$1,000)

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Art. 26.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$72,863 and to appropriate any funds carried forward in the FY 2014-15 operating fund and in the “Reimbursement for Services” account for the Fire Department General Operating Budget. (LY - \$74,335)

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**Art. 27.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any “Reimbursement for Services” funds that are received by the Fire Department during Fiscal Year 2015-16 for purposes approved by a two-thirds vote of the Selectmen.

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**Art. 28.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$18,400 for the Fire Department Fire Protection Account to be used for the fire fighter reimbursement and incentive program. (LY-\$18,400)

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**Art. 29.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000 for deposit in a dedicated Fire Department Capital Improvement Fund for future purchases. (LY- \$15,000)

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**GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION**

**Art. 30.** To see what amounts the Town will vote to set as the maximum wages and stipends:

<b><u>Selectman and Budget Committee Recommended Amounts</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2015-16</u></b>	<b><u>LY</u></b>
Selectman, Chairman	3,900	3,900
Selectman	3,600	3,600
Selectman	3,600	3,600
Town Administrator	48,350	47,920
Treasurer, Tax Collector, Deputy Town Clerk	40,377	39,228
Town Clerk, Deputy Tax Collector	38,063	37,158
Shellfish Warden	10,535	10,535
Codes Enforcement Officer (LPI, BI)	26,059	25,300
Assessing Agent	22,439	21,786
Fire Chief/EMA	10,000	10,000
Road Commissioner	5,000	5,000
F.D. Maintenance (& Burn Permits)	00	2,500
Harbor Master	2,000	2,000
Animal Control Officer	1,800	1,800

Deputy Fire Chief	1,250	1,250
Fire Captains (2) (\$600 each)	1,200	1,200
Fire Lieutenants (2) (\$200 each)	400	400
Health Officer	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>
Total	\$218,873	\$217,477

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**Art. 31.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for wages and stipends, payroll taxes, workers compensation insurance, unemployment payments, and benefits (health insurance for full-time employees and retirement for full-time employees, the assessing agent and CEO). [Note: The amount excludes Shellfish Warden wages and Harbor Master and Roads Commissioner stipends, which are funded by associated revenue accounts.] **SELECTMEN AND BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: \$287,343 (LY- \$256,792)**

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**Art. 32.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,750 for municipal operating expenses, which include but are not limited to utilities, advertising, elections, supplies, property/casualty/liability insurance, postage, animal control expenses, grounds and building maintenance, janitor service, training/seminars, travel, deed fees, and all computer-related network support and support contracts. (LY - \$80,185)

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**Art. 33.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer to the Animal Control Officer, as an additional payment for his services, all dog licensing fees and penalties collected during FY 2015-16, with the exception of the recording fee that is retained by the municipal clerk pursuant to state law.

**VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED 6:40 PM**

**Art. 34.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for the accounts below:

	<u>FY 2015-16</u>	<u>LY</u>
Ambulance	\$ 40,000	\$40,000
General Assistance	7,500	7,500
Hydrant Rental	27,160	25,860
Street Lights	1,200	1,200
Cemetery Repairs/Maintenance	2,000	2,000
Business/Economic Development	00	4,500
Selectmen's Contingency Fund*	5,000	5,000

\*(Expenditures require 2/3 vote of Selectmen)

**VOTED AS PRINTED 6:48 PM**

**Art. 35.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, from unappropriated reserves, up to \$10,000 for unanticipated legal fund and litigation fund expenses for the time period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. (LY-\$10,000)

**VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED 6:49**

**Art. 36.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,017 for professional services/dues/memberships (MMA, Lincoln County Animal Shelter, town maps, annual report, auditing, Board of Assessment, Board of Appeals and legal services, litigation expenses). (LY-\$78,777)

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**Art. 37.** The following applies only to Articles 31, 32, 33 and 36: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer not more than ten (10) percent of the funds appropriated for any Article to another Article if such a transfer is deemed to be necessary for the proper financial management of the Town.

**VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED 6:52 PM**

**Art. 38.** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$3,000 for the dedicated Municipal Capital Improvements Sinking Fund for repairs to the Town Hall. (LY 00)

**VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED 6:53 PM**

**COMMUNITY AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS**

**Art. 39.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following donations for community agencies:

	(FY 2015-16)	(LY)
a. Bath Senior Citizens	875	875
b. Jesse Albert Dental Clinic	00	900
c. Elmhurst Inc.	00	1,000
d. Coastal Trans Inc.	400	900
e. Senior Spectrum	1,365	1,365
f. Sweetser/Shoreline Mental Health	2,252	2,252
g. Midcoast Maine Community Action	730	730
h. New Hope for Women	<u>00</u>	<u>500</u>
Total:	\$ 5622	\$8522

**VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED 6:56 PM**

**Art. 40.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30, 971 for a donation to the Patten Free Library. LY \$30,063

**VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED 6:58 PM**

## WATERWAYS & HARBORS

**Art. 41.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$3,480 from the Boat Excise/Mooring Fee/ Marine Resources Joint Revenue Account to be used for the Harbor Master's stipend (\$2,000) and reimbursements/expenses (\$1,480). (LY - \$2,570)

**VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED 6:59 PM**

**Art. 42.** Shall an Ordinance entitled "Town of West Bath Waterways and Harbors Ordinance" be amended as set forth below to become effective January 1, 2016?

### IV. RULES AND REGULATIONS

#### 1. Mooring(s) Rights

Add new Subsection 3 as follows:

#### 3. Limitation on Mooring(s)

Each applicant for a mooring location, other than those locations grandfathered under Section I above, will be limited to two (2) moorings. For just cause shown, an applicant may apply to the Harbormaster to exceed the two (2) mooring limit. The applicant will be required to show a need for the additional mooring and that the mooring will not interfere with other existing mooring locations.

#### 34. Fees

Fees will be assigned according to the town of West Bath Mooring Registration Application. All transactions will be handled at the Town Office. The mooring registration fees and agent processing fees may be amended from time to time by action of the Board of Selectmen after a public hearing.

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## MARINE RESOURCES

**Art. 43.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$14,351 from the Boat Excise/Mooring Fee/ Marine Resources Joint Revenue Account for Marine Resource expenses (Shellfish Warden wages of \$10,535 and expenses of \$3,816). (LY - \$14,351)

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**Art. 44.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$800 from the dedicated Boat Excise/Mooring Fee/Marine Resources joint Revenue Account to be used for maintenance, equipment, fuel, and servicing of the Town boat. (LY-\$1,930)

**VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED 7:03 PM**

## SETTLEMENT DISPOSITION

**Art. 45.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$147,000 from the \$1,250,000 settlement money received from the City of Bath and RSU1 to be placed in a capital account for the West Bath School. All spending from this capital account will require a two thirds vote from the selectmen.

**VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED 7:31 PM**

**Art. 46.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$53,000 from the \$1,250,000 settlement money received from the City of Bath and RSU1 to be allocated to the West Bath School budget Start Up/Unanticipated Expense Account.

**VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED 7:36 PM**

**Art. 47.** To see if the Town will vote to approve Option A, Option B, or Option C below with regard to the disposition of the funds remaining from the \$1,250,000 settlement money received from the City of Bath and RSU1:

**Option A:** Allow the remaining settlement funds to be placed at interest and the Selectmen shall form an Investment Committee to research investment opportunities for the balance of the settlement funds. The Committee formed by the Selectmen will report back to the Budget Town Meeting in 2016 with a recommendation for the investment and management of the funds.  
**(This Option is recommended by the Selectmen and the Town Administrator.)**

**Option B:** To appropriate one third of the remaining settlement funds to offset the FY 2015-2016 tax commitment.

The remaining funds will be placed at interest and shall be applied to offset the FY 2016-2017 tax commitment, and the remaining sum with accumulated interest, shall be applied to offset the FY 2017-2018 tax commitment. (The disposition of the remaining funds is stated as an intent since this Town Meeting cannot bind the Town Meetings for 2016- 2017 or 2017-2018. Any disposition of the remaining funds will have to be approved at those respective Town Meetings.)  
**(This Option is recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee.)**

**Option C:** To appropriate the remaining balance of the settlement money be applied to the FY 2015-2016 tax commitment.

**MOTION BY DARLENE ESTABROOK TO VOTE ON ARTICLE 47 BY SECRET BALLOT SECONDED FAILED.**

**MOTION BY STEVE WINTER TO VOTE ON OPTION B FIRST SECONDED AND PASSED TO VOTE ON OPTION B. MAJORITY OF VOTES FOR THE OPTIONS IS THE ARTICLE THAT PASSES.**

**OPTION B: YES – 23 NO – 28 VOTED ON AND DID NOT PASS AT 7:56 PM**

**MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND PASSED TO VOTE ON OPTION A**

**OPTION A: YES – 30 NO – 15**

**OPTION A HAD MAJORITY VOTES PASSED AS WRITTEN AT 7:57 PM  
THEREFORE OPTION C WAS NOT VOTED ON**

**Art. 48.** To see if the Town will vote to enact the following Ordinance which will have the terms for the School Board members held over until November of 2016 which coincides with the Annual Town Meeting.

**VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED 7:58 PM**

**Art. 49.** To see if the Town will vote to enact an ordinance entitled “Floodplain Management Ordinance for the Town of West Bath” dated June 17, 2015?

(Ordinance is on file with the Town Clerk and copies are available for review at the Town Office.)

**VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED AT 7:59 PM**

**PLANNING & LAND USE/DEVELOPMENT REVIEW ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS**

**Art. 50.** To see if the Town will vote to approve the Amendments to its Land Use and Development Ordinances in accordance with the changes set forth in the attachment to this Warrant Article, which is incorporated herein and made a part of this Article.

(These Amendments are recommended by the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen. They are presented in this format as a single Article requiring one vote to adopt the Amendments. Should anyone wish to address any particular Amendment or series of Amendments individually then that Amendment(s) may be removed from the Article and considered separately.) See attachment for the full details of ordinance changes.

**VOTED APPROVED AS PRINTED 8:12 PM**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion made and seconded, by verbal acclamation, the town voted to adjourn at 8:12 pm on June 17, 2015**

Town of West Bath Board of Selectmen  
*Paula Nelson, Chair*  
*Peter Oceretko*

I attest that this is a true copy of the Minutes of the Town of West Bath’s Budget (Special) Town Meeting of June 17, 2015.

ATTESTED BY: Brandi D. Lohr, Town Clerk  
Town of West Bath, Maine

**MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF WEST BATH'S  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING NOVEMBER 3, 2015**

A legal Town Meeting was held at the West Bath Fire Hall in the Town of West Bath, Maine on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 2015. The meeting was called to order November 3, 2015 at 7:40 am by Brandi Lohr, Town Clerk for the Town of West Bath, who subsequently read the warrant through to Article 1.

**Art. 1.** Robin Whorff was nominated as Moderator (&Warden) and seconded. By way of written ballot, Robin Whorff was voted as Moderator (4-0) and sworn in by Brandi Lohr at 7:45 am. Robin Whorff later swore in Catherine Powers as her Deputy Moderator/Warden. In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town.

**Art. 2.** The polls were then opened at 8:00 am at the West Bath Fire Hall for the townspeople to cast their ballots for: One (1) Selectman, who shall also be an Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, for a three year term.

**Election Results are as follows:**

Selectperson for three-year term: Madelyn Hennessey

**ADJOURNMENT**

**The Deputy Moderator/Warden closed the polls at 8:00 pm, concluding the Annual Town Meeting.**

Town of West Bath Board of Selectmen  
Paula Nelson, Chairman  
Peter Oceretko

I attest that this is a true copy of the Minutes of the Town of West Bath's Annual Meeting of November 3, 2015.

ATTESTED BY: Brandi D. Lohr, Town Clerk  
Town of West Bath, Maine

**MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF WEST BATH  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING DECEMBER 8, 2015**

A legal Special Town Meeting was held at the West Bath Fire Hall in the Town of West Bath on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December 2015. The meeting was called to order December 8, 2015 at 5:30 pm by Brandi Lohr, Town Clerk for the Town of West Bath, who subsequently read the warrant through to Article 1.

**Article 1:** Mr. Adam Garland was nominated as moderator. It was moved and seconded that the nominations close. By way of written ballot, Mr. Adam Garland was voted as moderator (3-0) and sworn in by Brandi Lohr at 5:31 pm.

**Article 2:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$21,200 from the Public Works Roads Capital Improvement Fund for design, permitting, survey and engineering costs associated with a possible new salt and sand storage building for the Public Works Department, any future construction of which would require subsequent Town Meeting approval.

BOARD OF SELECTMAN RECOMMENDS:        **YES**

VOTED AS PRINTED AT 5:35

**Motion made and seconded, verbal acclamation, the town voted to adjourn at 5:36 pm.**

TOWN OF WEST BATH BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

*Peter Oceretko, Chair*

*Paula Nelson*

*Madelyn Hennessey*

I attest that this is a true copy of the Minutes of the Town of West Bath's Special Town Meeting of December 8, 2015.

Attested By:    Brandi D. Lohr, Town Clerk  
                          Town of West Bath, Maine

~ NOTES ~

