

Town of Stonington Annual Report 2015



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MEMORIAL AMBULANCE CORPS.

Dedication

It is with great pride that we dedicate our
2015 Town of Stonington Annual Report
to the Memorial Ambulance Corps.

MAC was started on the island in the 1960s, since then there have been numerous volunteers who have unselfishly dedicated countless hours of their own blood, sweat and tears to keeping our island safe. They make about 280 runs, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. There really is no way to thank these people enough for their services.

On the cover are some of our volunteers; pictured left to right are Jenna Billings (*EMT*), Heather Cormier (*EMT*), Jackie Pelletier (*AEMT*), Dowe Eaton (*EMT*), David Pelletier (*EMT*), Julie Reed (*EMT*), Ben Jackson (*EMT*), Genice Billings (*EMT*), Richard Eaton (*Driver*), Wilda Eaton (*EMT, Chief*), Kermit Hutter (*Driver*), Walter Reed (*AEMT, Asst. Chief*), Shauna Schmidt (*EMT*), Bill Wiegman (*Driver*), Willie Morey (*Driver*), Linda Campbell (*Driver*), Peter Collins (*EMT*) and Buzz Masters (*EMT*).

Missing from photo but not to be overlooked are Karen Chapman (*AEMT*), Cindy Heanssler (*EMT*), Stephanie Lee (*EMT*), Ian Pelletier (*EMT*), Frank Shepard (*AEMT*), Kelley Tardif, Cody Varnum (*Paramedic*), Missy Varnum (*Paramedic*), Jackie Wilson (*EMT*), Dan Foss (*Driver*), Ted Freeman (*Driver*), Phil Glaser (*Driver*), Marshall Kaiser (*Driver*), Ken Kral (*Driver*), Ruth Lamdan (*Driver*) and Anneli Sundquist (*Driver*).

The next time you run into one of our Islands finest, please stop and thank them for their undying commitment to our well being and safety.



One of the original MAC ambulances from the 1960s.

Photo courtesy of Facebook

In Memoriam



*Life's roughest storms
prove the strength
of our
anchors...*

Alfred V. Eaton 01/10/2015
George R, Hagerthy Sr. 01/10/2015
Victor Sherman Haskell 02/17/2015
Richard Wayne Bubar, Sr. 05/06/2015
Manford Calvin Eaton 07/07/2015
David M. Eaton 07/18/2015
Wylma Lorene Shepard 08/11/2015
Bruce Chatto Greenlaw 08/18/2015
John Robert Wallace 08/21/2015
Huri Abidan de Leon de Leon 09/23/2015
Deborah Faye Peabody 11/29/2015
Colleen Marjorie Jones 12/17/2015

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Report of the Town Manager

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Last year proved to be a busy one for all of Stonington's employees with all our various projects. After the tough winter we had last year, it was good to be able to complete road ditching, tree trimming and finish paving in Oceanville. The welcomed improvements on the road makes it much better to travel both summer and winter now. For a number of years now we have devoted a good chunk of tax dollars for improving our roads and drainage. This investment in road drainage/ditching has greatly improved our town roads and created a cost effective paving management schedule of our roads for the future.

Hagen Dock has been slow with survey & permitting work, and grant requirements and paperwork, but it is moving ahead and we hope to have a bid package wrapped up this winter/spring. We can then go out to bid meetings, choose a contractor, mobilize materials and equipment needs and establish a start date for early Fall 2016. Other planned projects such as replacing siding on the Transfer Station, replacing the fuel system at the Fish Pier, windows at the Gym building, a new door and sill rot at the Town Hall, and a new epoxy floor at the public bathrooms from our capital projects list were completed. Our ongoing Water Company improvements, including Highland Avenue's water line replacement, went extremely well. As we suspected, several bad leaks were stopped, conservatively saving at least 5,000 gallons a day, or 1.8 million gallons per year, of our precious water from our town well fields. The North Sea Breeze waterline replacement layout and design was completed from the \$250,000 Maine State Drinking Water grant we received in 2015 and finishing this spring. The FEMA flood map appeal Ransom Engineering's Bob Gerber did was successful. He did an awesome job. The appeal going forward will save the townspeople in the flood map zones in the appealed districts a great deal of money as well as building compliance issues going forward. As part of our economic development strategy, we continue to diligently work towards better cell phone and internet service.

For 2016 projects, as part of our budget from our capital projects savings, we plan to replace the siding on another wall of the Transfer Station, replace trim and siding on the back of the Gym building, small projects such as windows and doors on various buildings needing replacements, do another section of downtown sidewalks and the drainage underneath them, improve the boat launch ramp at Colwell Ramp, pave North Sea Breeze and add the final layer of asphalt on Highland Avenue. On the warrant is a request to repair large cracks and repave the airstrip at our Municipal airport. It was paved back in the 1980's and despite ongoing work doing crack sealing, the State airport inspectors have concerns about the condition of the runway now and plane safety and have brought it to my attention. No doubt this appears like a lot going on, but as I have mentioned to others over the years, Stonington is a very unique place and a great place to be as a Town Manager. Look how many times Stonington gets recognized on top 10 lists of places to come to. A big part of this reason is because we keep Stonington looking good by improving and investing in our infrastructure while retaining our working waterfront authenticity.

The Selectboard and I have been working hard to address the concerns facing us on Solid Waste going forward after 2018. Tipping fees to haul away garbage are expected to rise and cost the taxpayers more. Two competing entities are competing for the trash stream out of municipalities in our area. So far the contracts have not been favorable to towns to sign on to. We are continuing to hold out for better tipping prices and contact language which doesn't adversely impact the town by imposing unnecessary fees or penalties, take away our ability to recycle or compost, or lose equity we already have with one of the entities currently. As I mentioned we are exploring composting on a small scale at first to take some compostable materials out of the Gross Annual Tonnage (GAT) from the solid waste stream. Most household garbage is estimated to contain at least 30% compostable materials. There are costs to compost

Report of the Town Manager

2015

which we are number crunching to see what savings we could potentially achieve with the rising costs of tipping fees for disposal.

2015 also presented itself with several interesting opportunities for voters to consider at our upcoming annual town meeting on March 7th. The Funeral Home parcel has gone on the market and its parking lot is no longer available to the public. With the recent loss of the parking area on Granite Street and at the request of some residents, the Town has looked at the property. We applied for parking grants to help fund an acquisition, along with considering borrowing for what isn't covered by grants, and ask the voters to weigh the merits of the Town buying the property. Looking at the numbers, it appears the borrowed amount can be paid by renting out the building for office space on the first floor & 2nd floor apartment. Parking for Colwell Ramp users would be available, too.

The shorefront Ralston property on Atlantic Avenue has been offered to the Town to consider purchasing. We would be able to clear the lot to create a few additional parking spaces and green space on the beach for people to enjoy. The Selectmen are proposing the purchase to come from our surplus funds. Because of your Board of Selectmen's financial expertise on managing town funds we are able to bring to the voters several of these requests. We have funds available for capital projects in surplus, in addition to what we keep on hand of 3 months of working money in case something bad happens to the town per our fiscal management policy and our auditors' advice. I feel it is a good place to be able to look ahead at Stonington's long range needs and consider carefully the items being brought forward.

We sadly lost Ben Barrows as a Selectmen this past year and wish him well in his endeavors. I know it can be a challenge for our younger generation to find the balance between family, work, and volunteering for town leadership or other great organizations on our Island such as our churches, non-profits and especially our Ambulance & Fire Departments, but I want to encourage the younger generation to do so. Some of us are aging out of these roles and we need you to fill some of these positions and keep our Island strong and vital for other generations. So run for office, serve on a board or committee, or volunteer! Don't be bashful, there are good people who will mentor you while you first get started.

On another note, I want to take a moment to thank our Sheriff Scott Kane, the deputies, & DEA for their diligence in tackling the heroin issue here on the Island and affecting our whole county. It truly is sad to see this issue tear apart so many families. But good information coming to the HCSO and good police work during contract hours is proving to help make the drug busts and slowing down some of the trafficking.

Finally, I can't say enough good about my employees. Without them, all the good things you see in Stonington steadily moving ahead and improving simply would not happen. I can't thank them enough for their dedication to harsh deadlines we face for grants, mountains of State paperwork, new software changes, working out in the roads when it is extremely hot or cold, out all night cutting trees during storms, taking care of kittens abandoned at the dump, or boat sinkings, they do it all and for that I am grateful. As I have said before they are the ones who make me look good!

Kathleen Billings, Town Manager

Selectmen's Report 2015

To the Citizens of Stonington,

We began 2015 with lots of snow that created a challenging winter for our town crew who worked diligently around the clock to keep roads safe. Also, for Kathleen Billings, our town manager, and the board – all of whom persistently kept a keen eye on our road budget lines.

During 2015 our main project was completing the road work in Oceanville. A lot of work was ditching the sides of the road and laying new tar.

Using grant funds, the Stonington Water Company was able to replace an old-worn out water line with a new main water line that ran through Highland Avenue. In addition, the Stonington Water Company was able to add new hook ups from the water lines to individual homes. All was accomplished with the keen oversight of Ben Pitts and Oliver Associates.

This year we welcomed Liz Steele to our dedicated office team. Our office staff works attentively to serve our busy community in many capacities and it is the meticulous work behind the scenes that is the foundation of our Town. I would like to thank each and every one, personally.

As one of the largest lobster ports in the state of Maine, we felt it necessary to hire a part-time Harbor Master, Dana Webb. He works with our current Harbor Master, Raelene Pert, to assist with the operations of the pier and the rules and regulations of the harbor.

I wish to thank Evelyn Duncan for working with the school system as this was a trying year for our island schools. I also want to thank Chris Betts for his work with the Stonington Fish Pier and his overseeing the transfer station for part of the year. As well as Donna Brewer for her work with the Island Community Center and the Clam Committee. Unfortunately, Ben Barrows turned in his resignation due to personal commitments, but his time serving was well appreciated and his contributions and innovative concepts are missed.

Again, I want to thank our dedicated Town Manager, Kathleen Billings who goes above and beyond to make our community better for all. It is a good feeling that she is at the helm. I also want to thank each and every staff member for their time, effort and conscientious work. I wish to give a special thank you to all of those who volunteer their valuable time, because these contributions add to the underpinning of our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Larrabee, Sr.
Chairman

Town Clerk's Report 2015

<u>Registrations</u>		<u>Hunting/Fishing Licenses</u>		<u>Shellfish Licenses</u>						
Passenger Cars	1,205	Season Hunt	52	<i>Commercial</i>						
Commercial	125	Junior Hunt	16	Resident:	Jr	0	Adult	39	Sr	3
Antiques	38	Archery	3	Non Res:	Jr	0	Adult	5	Sr	0
Vanity Plates	92	Expanded Archery	7	<i>Recreational</i>						
Specialty Plates	351	Crossbow	3	Resident:	Jr	3	Adult	48	Sr	6
Transfers	111	Muzzleloader	11	Non Res:	Jr	6	Adult	80	Sr	31
Motor Homes	2	Migratory Waterfowl	6	<u>Vital Statistics Recorded</u>						
Motorcycles	44	Spring/Fall Turkey	8	Births	10					
Mopeds	1	Bear	4	Deaths	13					
Transit Plates	35	Coyote Night Hunt	5	Marriages	16					
Trailers	202	Lifetime, Over Age 70	2	<u>Dog Licenses</u>						
ATV	40	Hunt/Fish Combo	24			<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>			
Snowmobile	49	Season Fish	37	Unaltered	9 1					
PWC	14	Non Res Season Fish	1	Spayed/Neutered	47 69					
Boats	374	1/3/7 Day Fish	5	Kennel	1 0					
Documented Vessels	93	Saltwater Registry	69							
		Superpack	1							

The Town Office is open Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, except for major holidays.

By State law, all dogs must be licensed by January 31st each year. Fees for spayed/neutered dogs are \$6.00 and \$11.00 for unaltered dogs. Dog licenses issued after January 31st must be charged a late fee of \$25.00 in addition to the annual license fees. Proof of current rabies vaccination is required and you must provide a spay/neuter certificate to obtain the spay/neuter rate.

Notary services are available during regular business hours.

Tax Maps and Commitment Books are available online at www.StoningtonMaine.org

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucretia Bradshaw, Town Clerk

2015 Town Officials

Board of Selectmen	Christopher Betts	2018	367-2829
	Evelyn Duncan	2018	367-5814
	Benjamin Barrows	2017	
	Richard Larrabee, Sr.	2017	367-8791
	Donna Brewer	2016	367-5100
Town Manager	Kathleen Billings	stoningtonstownmanager@gmail.com	
Town Clerk	Lucretia Bradshaw	stoningtonclerk@gmail.com	
Registrar of Voters	Lucretia Bradshaw		
Deputy Town Clerk	Bridget Brophy	stoningtonbb@gmail.com	
Deputy Town Clerk	Elizabeth Steele	stonington.ls@gmail.com	
Harbor Master	Raelene Pert	367-5891	
Pier Manager	Raelene Pert	367-5891	
Code Enforcement	Judith Jenkins (Tuesdays)	367-2351 x15	
Health Officer	Judith Jenkins	367-2351 x15	
Water Co. Operator	Benjamin Pitts	367-2351 x11	
Plumbing Inspector	Roger Stone	367-2601	
Shellfish Warden	Raelene Pert	359-6532	
Road Foreman	Elwood Cobb	367-2644	
Transfer Sta. Manager	Tom Brophy	367-5996	
Economic Development Dir.	Elizabeth Steele	367-2351	
Animal Control Officer	Derek Crocker, Sr.	266-5369	
Fire Department Officers			
Chief	Ryan Hayward	367-5076 (h) 610-3106 (c)	
Assistant Chief	David Thompson		
Captain	Chris Hutchinson		
Fire Police	Kevin Clough		
Secretary, Treasurer	Theresa Gove-Eaton		
DI-Stonington CSD Directors		Sanitary District Trustees	
Holly Eaton 2018		Ronald M. Eaton 2018	
Stephen York 2018		Diana Turner 2018	
Lawrence P. Greenlaw, Jr. 2017		Allison Edinger 2016	
Virginia Peacock 2017		Benjamin Pitts 2016	
Mark Cormier 2016		Jeannine Buckminster 2016	
Andy Vaughn 2016			

Town Committees & Boards 2015

Airport Committee

Jim Jackson	2017
Gerald Sytsema	2016
Erik Walter	2016
Mark Robinson	2016
Donna Brewer-Selectmen's Rep	

Colwell Ramp

D. Gay Atkinson	2017
Dean Eaton	2016
Evelyn Duncan-Selectmen's Rep	

Economic Development

Barrett Gray	2017
Julie Moringello	2017
Suzy Shepard	2017
Bill Baker	2016
Roger Bergen	2016
Meg Taintor	2016
Stroud Watson	2016
Evelyn Duncan-Selectmen's Rep	

Harbor Committee

Justin Boyce	2017
Richard Larrabee, Jr.	2017
Ryan Larrabee	2017
Charles Turner	2017
Hilton Turner	2017
George Stevens	2017
Chris Betts-Selectmen's Rep	

Microloan Committee

James Bray	2016
Vern Seile	2016
Rich Howe	2016
Donna Brewer-Selectmen's Rep	

Appeals Board

John Coombs	2018
Donald Colson	2018
Doug Johnson	2016
Robert Dodge	2016

Island Rec Board

Elissa Haskell	2016
Elaine Parke	2016
Heidi Shepard	2016
Jennifer Larrabee	2016

Planning Board

Ted Crouch	2018
Roger Bergen	2018
Bill Baker	2018
Ann Foster	2016
Renee Sewall	2016
Open Alternate	2016

Shellfish Committee

Elliot Gray	2017
Alan Hutchinson	2017
George Powell	2016
Robert Ray	2016
George Robbins	2016
Evelyn Duncan-Selectmen's Rep	

*If you are interested in serving
on a Board or Committee,
please contact the Town Office
at 367-2351*

Code Enforcement Officer's Report 2015

To the Citizens of the Town of Stonington:

In 2015 the Code Enforcement Officer issued a total of 61 building permits and the Planning Board issued three.

1	Rebuild Town Dock	5	Mobile Homes
1	Town Parking	10	Decks, porches
1	Cell Tower	15	Sheds
2	Commercial Floats	9	Workshops, garages
1	Replace Bait Shed	2	Patio, sills, foundation
1	Replace pilings	5	Driveways, earthwork, culverts
1	Change of Use	3	Cutting Shoreland Zone
3	New Residence, guest houses		

There were three more permits issued in 2015 than the previous year. There were many interior renovations taking place during the year. Roof repairs, replacements, and paint jobs were happening all over town. There was only one "After-the-fact" permit written. There were several requests to the Board of Appeals this year. The Planning Board and Appeals Board provide a great service for the town.

Thank you to: Kathleen, Lucy, Bridget, Liz, Roger, Ben, Gay, Ted Crouch and Doug Johnson for their help and assistance in making my job more interesting and rewarding.

Questions and comments are welcome concerning building applications, permits and non-compliance issues. My hours are 9AM-4PM every Tuesday at the Town Office or at my home, 326-4766

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Jenkins, CEO, LHO

Plumbing Permits 2015			<i>Issued</i>	<i>Completed</i>	<i>Fee</i>	<i>Type</i>
1695	Nick Wieberg	Tea Hill Rd.	1/21/2015	1/21/2015	160	P
1696	Virginina Peacock	Oceanville Rd.	1/22/2015	4/3/2015	130	P
1697	Steven Teach	Pleasant St.	3/3/2015	3/3/2015	100	P
1698	Andrew Lund	Indian Pt. Rd.	3/6/2015	3/13/2015	40	P
1699	Bill Gross	Church St.	3/15/2015		80	P
1700	John Rohman	Thurlow's Hill	3/24/2015	3/24/2015	50	P
1701	Opera House Arts	Russ's Hill	5/19/2015	5/19/2015	220	P
1702	44 North Coffee	Main St.	5/19/2015	7/25/2015	40	P
1703	Joan McVey	Highland Ave.	5/26/2015	5/28/2015	40	P
1704	Shane Osborne	72 Indian Pt. Rd.	6/17/2015	8/17/2015	265	SS
1705	Lance Hallock	Hallock Way	7/14/2015	7/15/2015	265	SS
1706	Suzy Shepard	Fire Rd 86	7/17/2015		265	SS
1707	Mike Shepard	Weedfield Rd.	10/5/2015	10/6/2015	40	P
1708	Donna Powers	N. Main St.	10/5/2015		40	P
1709	Wally Fifield	4 Fifield Pt. Rd	10/6/2015		265	SS
1710	Penny Gray	46 Childs Rd.	10/16/2015		265	SS
1711	David Fridell	W. Spruce Hbr. Rd.	10/26/2015		265	SS
1712	Andrew Lund	Indian Pt. Rd.	11/10/2015		265	SS
1713	Andrew Lund	Indian Pt. Rd.	11/10/2015	11/19/2015	40	P
1714	Ronald Watson	68 Main St.	11/12/2015	11/12/2015	40	P
1715	Ted Ames	N. Main St.	11/13/2015	11/13/2015	80	P
1716	Richard Brown	13 Brown Rd.	11/19/2015		265	P
1717	Jay T. Kearny	Seabreeze Ave.	11/19/2015	12/14/2015	70	SS
1718	Gary Eaton	Weedfield Rd.	12/2/2015	12/18/2015	265	SS
1719	Tom Stevenson	W. Main St.	12/31/2015	1/1/2016	\$40	P
TOTAL COLLECTED					\$3,595	

PLANNING BOARD REPORT 2015

The Stonington Planning Board meets monthly on the third Thursday, 6:30 PM in the selectmen's room of the Town Hall. We currently have 5 regular members, which is two shy of our total complement of seven. We must have a quorum of three members at each meeting in order to conduct official business. Agendas for our meetings, which are open to the public, are published in the notices section of the *Island Advantages* newspaper. Anyone interested in serving on the Planning Board should contact the town hall, select board, or a Planning Board member.

All permit applications are received and reviewed initially by Judy Jenkins, CEO, and when appropriate are passed on to the Planning Board for action. Generally, all permits for one and two-family dwellings, whether in or outside of the Shoreland Zone are processed by the CEO. Planning Board responsibilities as defined by the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance are extensive and include, but are not limited to commercial, industrial, governmental and roadways.

We would like to thank Planning Board Secretary JoAnna Haskell and the Code Enforcement Officer Judy Jenkins for their support and expertise at our monthly meetings; both do an outstanding job!

Finally, as Chairman, I would like to thank our dedicated planning board members for their many hours of volunteer service to the Board!

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Crouch, Chair
Bill Baker, Vice Chair
Roger Bergen
Ann Foster
Renee Sewall

Permits addressed by the Planning Board in 2015:

Subject	Approved
Hagen Dock Repair	1
Retail Coffee Sales and Café	1
Cell Tower Facility	1

Report of the Harbor Master 2015

2015 was a successful first year for our “Life Jacket Loaner Program” – we had 192 life jackets signed out! The program is in place thanks to a grant from the Sea Tow Foundation that Henry Teverow, former Economic Development Director, and I successfully applied for. I hope that 2016 brings even more use. Violations of the “No-Wake Zone” continued to be an issue during the year and I’d like all boaters to be aware that I am actively patrolling for excessive wakes by land and by sea.

Please remember that your mooring number should be on clearly marked on your mooring ball and that moorings need to be inspected at least every three years. Once the mooring inspection has taken place please give that documentation to me to add to your mooring file. If your mooring inspection is not documented and something happens, like your boat goes adrift, gets damaged or damages someone else’s property, your insurance may not cover a claim. If you would like to place a mooring, there is currently a waiting list for most coves and that list is available at the fish pier office and the Stonington Town Office.

Mooring applications continue to be sent annually with the bills and all mooring holders were asked to complete these so that we can continue to have complete and accurate records of the moorings and their inspections. Also, as people have upgraded to larger boats over the years, the mooring field is getting pretty tight in places. Please keep in mind how close your mooring is to other boats.

I’m pleased that I was able to get a start on my project to GPS all the moorings in town by mapping Webb’s Cove. I plan to continue the project, area by area, as time allows. For the coming year my projects include replacing two floats at the public landing, continuing the update of the mooring map, and looking for grants to improve the harbor.

I’d like to take this opportunity to thank Dana Webb, Assistant Harbor Master, for all his help in the past year. Between patrolling the harbor, helping with maintenance at the pier, repairing electrical things, and filling in when I’ve had to be away, Dana has been wonderful. Dana you’re a pleasure to work with and I’m really glad to have you around!

Raelene Pert
Harbor Master

CALLS	
Criminal Mischief	3
Boats Sinking/Taking On Water	11
Fuel Spill	1
Boating Emergencies	4
Boating Accidents	2
Medical Call	1

Town of Stonington Harbor Profit & Loss

January through December 2015

	Jan - Dec 15
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
2-4160 · HARBOR RESERVE INCOME	
Boat Excise	14,458.35
Dinghy Fees	3,000.00
Mooring Fees	61,970.00
Reserve Interest & Fees	16.72
Violations & Tickets	25.00
	79,470.07
Total 2-4160 · HARBOR RESERVE INCOME	79,470.07
Total Income	79,470.07
Gross Profit	79,470.07
Expense	
2-5160 · HARBOR EXPENSES	
Hagen Dock Expenses	240.20
Hagen Dock Float	2,360.00
Harbor Assistant Wages	2,944.70
Harbor Boat Expense	481.23
Harbor Electricity	1,466.00
Harbor Health Insurance	2,848.80
Harbor Liability Insurance	532.62
Harbor Mgmt Reserve Expense	50,000.00
Harbor Misc Expense	2,890.92
Harbor Misc Gas	43.77
Harbor Payroll Taxes	742.34
Harbor Postage	392.00
Harbor Printing	118.57
Harbor Professional Services	
Harbor Professional - Office	1,000.00
	1,000.00
Total Harbor Professional Services	1,000.00
Harbor Sewer	347.40
Harbor Snow Removal	500.00
Harbor Supplies	335.85
Harbor Telephone/Internet/Cell	917.10
Harbor Travel	75.60
Harbor Water	300.08
Harbor Workers Comp	1,158.11
Harbormaster Overtime Wages	996.59
Harbormaster Wages	5,762.36
	76,454.24
Total 2-5160 · HARBOR EXPENSES	76,454.24
Total Expense	76,454.24
Net Ordinary Income	3,015.83
Net Income	3,015.83

Report of the Fish Pier Manager 2015

This past year has been a good one. We installed two new electrical panel boxes, repaired the railing at the end of the pier, completed transitioning the fees expiration to October, and replaced the aging fuel system with a brand-new pump that has two hoses so two boats can fuel at the same time. 2015 also meant the return of soda machines to the pier after many years.

The pier has always been a busy place and this past year was no exception! Along with regular tasks such as keeping diesel fuel inventory, receipting fuel purchases, keeping the pier and the water around it clean by picking up trash that others have left, there are always unexpected issues/events that come up.

The Pier Manager is responsible for recordkeeping, billing pier fees to users, daily updating the fuel records, making sure the fuel system itself is operating properly and keeping the Harbor Committee updated with reports and meetings.

I will continue to keep working on safety training and staying in compliance with workplace safety, making sure the Pier stays clean, and keeping things in good working order.

The pier currently has no available openings for parking spaces but we do have a waiting list, so if you are interested in getting a parking spot at the pier make sure you get on that list.

Pier users: if you have a commercial fishing tax exemption from the state, please make sure to bring a copy to my office so I can update your fuel account. Also, make sure to hang your parking permit from your mirror when parking on the pier. If you're towing a trailer, please don't leave the trailer on the pier all day while you're out. It only takes a couple trailers to fill up the pier and the old ballfield is a great option that's very close by.

Being the manager of the Stonington Fish Pier is a challenging job and definitely keeps me busy. Sometimes, during storms or emergencies I get called in- in the middle of the night or on a weekend, which I don't mind, but it might mean that I take a few hours off during the week, so if you stop in and don't find me please just check the next day.

Please stop by if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns. I can also be reached by email at harbormaster@ne.twcbc.com or by telephone at 367-5891.

Raelene Pert
Pier Manager

By The Numbers	
Mooring Permits	506
Buyer Fees	3
Parking Permits	67
Punts	74
Boats	75
Service Vehicles	23
Gallons of Diesel Sold	292,536

Town of Stonington

Fish Pier Profit & Loss

January through December 2015

	Jan - Dec 15
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
2-4120 · FISH PIER RESERVE INCOME	
Diesel Fuel Add'l \$0.10	20,510.88
Diesel Fuel Sales	613,428.80
Fees & Permits	81,248.72
Fines & Violations	125.00
Fish Pier Misc Income	12,074.95
Pier Soda Machine Income	1,996.45
Reserve Interest & Fees	64.14
	729,448.94
Total 2-4120 · FISH PIER RESERVE INCOME	729,448.94
Total Income	729,448.94
Gross Profit	729,448.94
Expense	
2-5120 · FISH PIER EXPENSES	
Fish Pier Assistant Wages	5,804.45
Fish Pier Diesel Purchases	581,037.03
Fish Pier Electricity	3,420.60
Fish Pier Equipment & Repairs	19,206.06
FISH PIER EXP to RESERVES	20,984.65
Fish Pier Health Insurance	11,394.96
Fish Pier Liability Insurance	4,204.17
Fish Pier Manager Overtime Wage	1,631.93
Fish Pier Manager Wages	21,640.50
Fish Pier Misc Exp	2,408.46
Fish Pier Misc Gas	4.00
Fish Pier Payroll Taxes	2,224.98
Fish Pier Postage	393.47
Fish Pier Printing/Copies	384.17
Fish Pier Professional Services	
Fish Pier Professional - Legal	1,508.00
Fish Pier Professional - Office	1,500.00
	3,008.00
Total Fish Pier Professional Services	3,008.00
Fish Pier Sales Tax to State	1,637.83
Fish Pier Sewer	347.40
Fish Pier Snow Removal	1,835.77
Fish Pier Soda Machine Expense	1,564.90
Fish Pier Supplies	370.79
Fish Pier Telephone/Internet	917.05
Fish Pier Trash Removal	6,750.00
Fish Pier Travel	72.00
Fish Pier Water	300.09
Fish Pier Workers Comp	2,968.63
	694,511.89
Total 2-5120 · FISH PIER EXPENSES	694,511.89
Total Expense	694,511.89
Net Ordinary Income	34,937.05
Net Income	34,937.05

REPORT OF THE STONINGTON WATER COMPANY 2015

The Stonington Water Company accomplished many improvements in 2015. The cold winter followed by a dry summer presented us with operational challenges throughout the year, however, we completed several big projects we had planned, along with several other smaller projects that developed over the period of the year. Most importantly, we managed to succeed in our primary goal of providing the Town of Stonington with safe, clean drinking water all year long. We managed to maintain an adequate level of water in the standpipe despite several major loss events due to breaks and malfunctioning equipment, and our water has met all of the quality and compliance standards set forth by the state.

- The winter season of 2015 started off with one of the coldest winters to be seen in this region for over a decade. We had multiple freeze ups in the areas of Ocean Street, North Seabreeze, and Highland Avenue. We supplied people with bottled water while we worked to excavate the street and thaw the lines to restore service to our customers. During this time, we also had a fire hydrant on Sunset Avenue break underground, leading to a significant water loss of almost 60,000 gallons. This made February of 2015 the most challenging month we've faced so far in our operation of the Stonington Water Company.
- The water main replacement project on Highland Avenue was the major project of 2015. We replaced the 100 year old 6" diameter cast iron pipe with 8" diameter PVC, and installed new services to the right-of-way and curb valves along with new water meters at all the services on the street. This was a high priority project, due to shallow locations and because we had identified numerous hard to locate leaks in the Highland Avenue area. In taking out the old water main, the contractor discovered that in almost every single place a sewer line crossed the water main there was a repair clamp where the main had been broken and repaired during the installation of the sewer system. When the old main was finally shut down, we were able to conservatively estimate that the water loss due to ongoing leaks on Highland Avenue was at least 5,000 gallons per day. The blasting during our Highland Avenue project was done very professionally with no impact on the surrounding infrastructure. We want to thank the efforts of the contractor, Vaughn Thibodeau II who went out of their way to accommodate the public during this project and minimize the impact on the residents on Highland Avenue. They were a pleasure to work with for both the Town and the Water Company.
- Part of the grant money we received for Highland Avenue was also used to replace some of our older or broken fire hydrants. We replaced seven hydrants with this project which is a quarter of all our hydrants in town.
- Over the last year, we have been evaluating several unused wells we have with the hopes of being able to bring another well online and increase our ability to produce water during the peak demand months. We have found one well to have satisfactory production rates and the Maine Drinking Water Program has approved it to be placed on-line. We plan to bring this well online during the 2016 season for an additional summer well.
- Our Meter Replacement project is going well. We replaced 39 meters during our 2015 season, and have a goal for 2016 of replacing double that. It is our hope to eventually replace all the meters in the water system. The new meters we are installing are extremely sensitive, and in several locations have picked up water leaks inside of residences that we would have missed on our old meters.

- Looking ahead to 2016 sees us being just as busy this year as we were during the last. We have plenty of projects to keep us busy, and are constantly on the lookout for more grant money that we can utilize to replace or improve our aging infrastructure. The major project for 2016 is our North Seabreeze water main replacement. We are replacing this shallow 2.5" diameter cast iron main with 4" diameter HDPE. This line is undersized, has no ability to be flushed properly, and has frozen the last two years due to its shallow depth. We are looking forward to having these problems corrected during this project which will be completed in the spring.
- One of the other projects we have is our Pump House upgrade. Part of our Rural Development grant that we used to replace Highland Avenue is going to be used to rehabilitate our pump house facilities with upgraded meters, online water quality monitoring systems, and a new generator. This project is currently in its final stages of design.
- We are again applying for \$1,000,000 through the Community Development Block Grant program to replace a portion of undersized 6" diameter water line on Main Street between Robbins Street and the end of the system on North Main Street.

We see the availability and quality of drinking water becoming more of a problem everywhere we look. The ability to supply safe water in an adequate amount for a community is a universal concern, and the challenges we face here are similar to the challenges faced everywhere. Water is a finite resource, and conservation must be a priority for all of us. The Stonington Water Company is committed to the community it serves, and will continue to do everything it can to make sure the water that comes out of your tap will be safe and of the highest quality possible.

Please feel free to contact us at the Town Office if you have any questions. 367-2351 (x15)
Respectfully submitted:

Annaleis Hafford, P.E.
Water Company Manager

Benjamin Pitts
Water Company Operator

D. Gay Atkinson II
Water Company Operator

TRANSFER STATION REPORT 2015

The Stonington Select Board have implemented new dump stickers. All vehicles are to have stickers on them, in plain view for attendant. Landlords and renters should make arrangements with the town tenants.

Half of the office building has been resided, to be finished this year.

The burn area is open 12:00pm to 4:00pm every day except Thursday which is 8:30am to 4:00pm.

We are looking into the possibility of composting in the future.

We sent out two loads of ash, two loads of recyclables and four part loads of mercury products.

Many thanks to the road crew for their help throughout the winter.

The bottle fund is again awarding 2 scholarships this year! To date we have taken in \$97,763.67 and helped 41 students!

Thanks,

Thomas Brophy
Transfer Station Manager

WASTE SUMMERY

Shipped:	Solid Waste	1165.09 tons
	Demolition	4.8 ton
	White Goods	20.2 ton

Recycled	On Site	Shipped
Plastic	.75 ton	2.1 ton
Glass	7.8 ton	0
Tin	.5 ton	4.1 ton
Cardboard	1.8 ton	14.7 ton
Mixed Paper	2.9 ton	25.8 ton
Asphalt	37 ton	49.3 ton

STONINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

PO Box 472
Stonington, ME 04681
(207)367-5076
(207)367-5137 fire station

January 20, 2015

TO: The Residents of the Town of Stonington

FROM: The Stonington Volunteer Fire Department

Last year 2015, was a busy year compared to the prior year. There were 34 calls last year compared to 25 calls in 2014.

Our Roster is now up to 12 members. The fire department is always looking for new recruits. Besides the more traditional roles of fire fighting new members would also be invaluable for other roles such as driving the fire trucks, helping with traffic control, etc... Anyone who is interested in becoming a member can contact anyone on the fire department or town office for more information.

This year we installed a new furnace upstairs from Percy Brown and Sons, Inc. This furnace is energy efficient and will help us in keeping the fuel costs down.

Please keep in mind that anyone that plans on doing open burning MUST obtain a fire permit. It is unlawful to have an open burn without a permit, and if caught, you could be subjected to a fine. Please contact either Adelbert Gross or myself if you would like a burn permit.

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who has donated to the fire department. Your support is invaluable and so very appreciated!!

Finally, I would like to thank all the members of the Stonington Fire Department, the Town Manager, Selectmen and Town Clerks. Many thanks for all your support and hope everyone has a safe 2016!!

Sincerely,

Ryan Hayward
Fire Chief

INCIDENT REPORT FOR 2015

Tree blocking road: 1 Car Accidents: 8 Mutual Aid DI (grass fire): 2 Mutual Aid DI (forest fire): 1
Mutual Aid DI (Structure fire): 4 Bomb Investigation: 2 Power Line: 3 Smoke Investigation: 1
Fire Alarm: 4 Forest Fire: 2 Lift Assist with MAC: 2 Search & Rescue: 2
Chimney Fire: 1 Transfer Station fire (brush pile): 1

Please remember to check your smoke detectors periodically and make sure your 911 house number is displayed near the front entrance of your home so that it is visible from the main road.

Old School Building Rental Report

The building continues to be full and has a waiting list for renters. The building contains a variety of businesses such as insurance, legal, and accountants. We have therapeutic businesses for the body, mind and spirit well-being, and community non-profits, seafood dealers and studio spaces for the arts. They all bring valuable professional services and jobs complementing our Downtown area.

Our building is a self sustaining enterprise fund, and we are constantly evaluating the building and have a capital projects plan we review each year for upkeep on the facility. This well maintained building is very attractive to persons looking for rental space close to Stonington's downtown area.

We are continuing to put away funds for our design and planning efforts on renovating the front porch, drainage under it and replacing the ADA ramp. For 2016 we hope to replace some older light fixtures, replace some hangers on the ADA ramp and replace the anti-skid mat on it along with some other small maintenance projects within the building.

We have one basement rental space available at this time. If you have questions or would like to be on our waiting list for rental space, please contact the Town Manager at 367-2351.



Town of Stonington

School Building Profit & Loss

January through December 2015

	Jan - Dec 15
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
2-4320 · SCHOOL BUILDING RESERVE INCOME	
Rent Income	51,741.29
Reserve Interest & Fees	106.81
Transfers In from GF	1,000.00
Total 2-4320 · SCHOOL BUILDING RESERVE INCOME	52,848.10
Total Income	52,848.10
Gross Profit	52,848.10
Expense	
2-5320 · SCHOOL BUILDING EXPENSE	
School Bldg Bank Loan	4,223.28
School Bldg Clean/Snow Rem.	4,583.34
School Bldg Heating Oil	12,342.12
School Bldg Insurance	3,195.72
School Bldg Maintenance	1,769.41
School Bldg Misc Maintenance	54.78
School Bldg Supplies	738.11
School Bldg Trash Removal	1,435.00
School Bldg Utilities	5,277.96
Total 2-5320 · SCHOOL BUILDING EXPENSE	33,619.72
Total Expense	33,619.72
Net Ordinary Income	19,228.38
Net Income	19,228.38

Stonington Micro-Loan Report

2015

This was a quiet year for the Micro-Loan program as we had no new loans. We continue to have a healthy small business loan fund available to assist Stonington-based businesses. We encourage you to apply; we offer a good interest rate for the small entrepreneur and loans are available up to \$25,000 with a dollar-to-dollar match for any loans over \$15 thousand with secured funding. We can even assist with the application process to help make it as simple as possible.

This type of program can be a great stimulus to our local business economy. Our Micro-Loan program is unique because we have one of the few lending programs in the State of Maine that continues to thrive. It is well managed by our Micro-Loan Committee and through loan payments and interest has a revolving source of money for business startup and expansion.

Our program has two sources of loan funds: one is guided by more stringent CDBG Low to Moderate Income Guidelines and another lending source with less stringent guidelines. Please contact Elizabeth Steele, Economic Development Director, or see the town website, www.stoningtonmaine.org, for an application or more information.

Micro-Loan Checking Balance 12/31/14	\$100,113.81
Loan Payments & Bank Interest through 2015	\$ 24,033.48
Funds Due to Micro-Loan from General Fund	\$ 14,019.00
Loan Receivables as of 2015	\$ 49,120.94
Total Assets	\$187,287.23

Micro-Loan Committee: Rich Howe, Vern Seile, James Bray, and Donna Brewer, Selectmen's Representative

Micro-Loan Administrator: Kathleen Billings, Town Manager

Deer Isle-Stonington Shellfish Conservation Committee

2015 Report

Committee Representatives:

Deer Isle

Alton Smith Vice-Chair 479-5467

Charles Cochrane 348-1007

Derek Crocker 266-5369

Judith Crocker

David Joyce 348-6861

Stonington

George Powell Chair 367-5882

Alan Hutchinson 367-5846

George Robbins 348-1040

Elliot Gray 367-5034

Robert Ray 479-7240

The Shellfish Conservation Committee meets at 6:00 P.M. on the fourth Wednesday of every month; on the second floor of the Stonington Town Hall. Meetings are open to the public and people are encouraged to come.

Reseeding is an important annual event. In 2015 The Shellfish Conservation Committee held five reseeded events between April 7th and April 27th, 2015. We had between 26 and 33 people attend each event and took 42 bushels of seed clams from an overcrowded clam flat and reseeded them in to calm flats that were in need of more clams.

This year we will finally have our ordinance revised to comply with DMR's new rules. For that I wish to thank Deer Isle's Town Clerk Rebekah Knowlton, without her it might never have happened. I would also like to thank our area biologist, Hannah Annis, for her many meetings and advice. In addition I want to thank Deer Isle Town Selectmen, Ronald Eaton and Lewis Ellis, for making time to listen and making useful suggestions.

As always I would like to thank all the people on the committee, it's not easy being on this committee, and I know that they are there so that the next generation will be able to harvest shellfish as they did. I also want to thank our shellfish warden, Raelene Pert for ensuring that our shellfish ordinance is enforced.

Sincerely,

George T. Powell
Shellfish Committee Chair

Economic Development 2015

Annual Report

I came to work for the town of Stonington at the end of June as a Deputy Clerk. By the time Henry Teverow left in August, I was the Director of Economic Development. I'm constantly surprised by the amount of projects and new developments happening here in town.

One of my favorite parts of this job is outreach, I do a lot with social media though Facebook and Instagram to help keep our name on the map. I want Stonington to be a place people remember for our authentic qualities not just as a tourist hot spot.

We recognized National Lobster Day here in town on September 25th. It was a great way to pay tribute to our local fleet and bring awareness to locals and visitors alike of the hard work and dedication that goes into our working waterfront.

I was in charge of organizing the Stonington Holiday Craft Fair this year, which as always was part of Shop Small Saturday and was one of the biggest ever! With over 48 vendors we were able to raise almost \$1000 for the Island Community Center. The coolest part about all of those vendors were that many of them were repeats, the amount of local talent and entrepreneurship we have in this community is astounding. Any time you can buy local everyone benefits!

The Hagen Dock renovations will be huge for this area, it is a much needed remodel to keep our present dock and parking area safe as well as create additional parking for those busy summer months. The grant process has been long and tedious but will certainly have a big payoff in the end for all of us.

Another big project down the pike we're working on for economic development is how to implement a composting program here at the Stonington Transfer Station. We spend a lot of money each year taking trash out of here, with composting we could really cut some of those costs. Almost 30% of our waste stream is made up of food waste and fish processing waste, think restaurant scraps, crab shells and old bait! By taking care of that here on the island ourselves we can save big money plus after the composting process is finished have a great product for use by our local growers.

It's also time for us to take a look at our Strategic Plan. This is a bit of a lengthy process, but one that is very important in keeping up with what the needs are for our town and the best way to accomplish these goals.

I very much am looking forward to what the next years of development look like for Stonington and what I can do to help the process along.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth P. Steele
Director of Economic Development

Stonington Economic Development Committee 2015 Town Report

The Economic Development Committee has had another busy and productive year with the various sub committees working on a number of projects intended to stimulate and encourage ongoing and additional commerce in town.

The Historic committee, along with assistance from the Historical Society, completed and published a wonderful brochure and map showing the history of many of the historic buildings along Main Street. The map is an informative guide for both locals and visitors alike who want to have a glimpse into the past of Stonington's rich heritage. The first printing was gone within days but if you missed getting a copy a second printing was done and there are copies available now at the Town Office.

This year's 4th of July committee organized a fun filled holiday for all of the families, friends and visitors who made their way to the island. And, for once the weather cooperated. We had a great turn out of vendors on the pier with a wide variety of food choices, lively music and a fireworks display that ended with a spectacular grand finale.

Our shoulder committee whose goal is to expand the business opportunities during the off season organized many events, fairs, pop-up markets, including Thanksgiving and Christmas craft fairs and programs with the Opera House. Several business commented that their business had increased due to these events and we hope to expand on these in future years.

An SEDC committee has been meeting regularly to iron out the final details of the Hagen Dock project and considerable progress has been made. A large grant has been secured which should permit us to get the project started in the spring and finish next year. It is a large undertaking but an important one if we are to preserve this critical parcel of land along our waterfront.

A new project for the SEDC has recently emerged dealing with the composting of the towns food wastes. The town spends considerable amounts of money disposing of our garbage much of which is made of food waste. A committee is being formed to study how the town might implement a composting facility that could convert all of our food waste into usable, organic compost. This not only would reduce the amount of waste we are paying to have hauled away, it is a wonderful resource of free compost for the islands many gardeners.

In last year's report we announced that we had at long last secured a company to build a cell tower that would provide phone coverage for the downtown area. However, at the last minute we were unable to get a second company signed on to use the tower which made the project unprofitable. Since then, Kathleen has been looking at every possible angle to get the downtown cell phone coverage and it now appears likely that she has found a company that will try to put a repeater on the water tower which is able to relay a signal from Swans Island to Stonington...Keep your fingers crossed!

Henry Teverow, who was our part time SEDC director for the last year and was a tremendous help in managing a variety of our projects as well as securing a number of different grant, went back to school. He will be missed but we fortunately have a found a very able replacement in Liz Steele and she has jumped on board without missing a beat. Welcome Liz!

Lots more in the pipeline for next year so stay tuned, thank you to the town and everyone for their continued support.

Roger Bergen
Acting Chair

Colwell Ramp Committee Annual Report 2015



This year we launched the Float before Memorial Day & hauled it after Columbus Day Weekend! The weather cooperated nicely for a good long season of Public Use.

We would like to remind everyone to clean-up their own trash & remove it from the site, as there is no trash pick-up. Remember berthing & parking are only allowed for 45 minutes, long enough to load, un-load & for quick errands to town.

Overnight parking & any unattended vehicles parked at the Colwell Site longer than 45 minutes will be towed, at the owner's expense, per Stonington's Parking Ordinance. The parking restriction is necessary to insure the ability for all users to maneuver safely on the site.

Contributions, funded through private donations & tax payer dollars, help us manage the property & build-up our account so we have Grant Matching Funds available for future improvements! New Planking is our next project, when Grant monies become available.

We would like to thank both Communities for their continued support. Without such we may not be able to take advantage of this valuable asset.

Respectfully submitted,

Gay Atkinson, Evelyn Duncan & Dean Eaton – Stonington &
John DeWitt, Danny McDonald & Jason Barter – Isle au Haut

Animal Control Office Report 2015

Dear Town Officials & Residents of Stonington:

I would like to thank the Town Officials and Residents of the Town of Stonington for providing me the necessary funding and equipment to do this job properly. It is necessary to have safety first in all situations during the many calls involving animals. Thank you to the many residents that were involved in animal calls and worked so diligently together to achieve a positive outcome for all situations.

By state law, all dogs must be licensed by January 31st annually. Fees for spayed/neutered dogs are \$6.00 and \$11.00 for unaltered dogs. Dog licenses issued after January 31st must be charged a late fee of \$25.00 in addition to the annual licensing fees. Proof of current rabies vaccination is required and you must provide a spay/neuter certificate to receive the lower spay and neuter rate.

I would like to remind folks that it is in our best interest to help one another. If you see Scruffy the dog running down the street and you know who the owner is, please feel free to call and I will make sure Scruffy gets home. During this process it is recommended that you have collared your pet with its rabies tag and a name/owner/phone number tag as well. This will ensure Scruffy gets home in a timely manner. In the absence of a tag, an honest effort will be made to locate the owner. Unfortunately, some people do not register their pets with the Town as required by law. In this case the Town has a contract with the Small Animal Clinic in Ellsworth, where the pet will be transported and vetted to await your arrival. There currently is NO holding facility on the Island to properly attend these pets while owners are being located. Therefore, the "hold" time is minimal. If you feel this is an issue, please address your Town Office. There will be fees associated with the S.A.C. and the Town of Stonington to get your pet back.

Please feel free to call me about any issues you may have with domestic animals within the Town of Stonington. I may be reached at (207) 266-5369.

Best Regards,

Derek W. Crocker, Sr.
Stonington Animal Control Officer

**Stonington Public Library, PO Box 441, 64 Main Street, Stonington, Maine
367-5926 • stoningtonlibrary.org • stoningtonlibrary@stonington.lib.me.us**

To the people of the Town of Stonington,

The library's board of trustees appreciates the ongoing support the townspeople have voted in favor of each year. This year, the library requests \$6,000 at town meeting. That amount supports buying new books, upkeep on our 119-year-old building, and a variety of programs for all ages.

Our little library is ranked by the Library Journal Star Report with other libraries in towns of 1,000 to 2,000 population. We're very proud to be 315th among 894 libraries in our class nationwide. We are 8th of 73 libraries in Maine in our class. Of the total of 267 libraries in Maine, we rank 52nd in visits per registered borrower and we have .41 registered borrowers per capita. We want to improve that number and the number of visits by children. To that end, we have three new board members, elected in January—young mothers with three children each—who will bring their fresh views to how the library can best serve children and teens.

The energy audit and subsequent upgrading of the library's insulation and tightening the building in 2014 has really paid off: our fuel bill dropped from \$2,000 in 2014 to \$475 in 2015, thus freeing up funds for more books, programs and administration.

Thanks to dedicated donations, our middle readers (ages 10-13) now have a great place upstairs to explore books and curl up and read. Young adults (ages 13-19) can now come in to use the upstairs gaming room for Minecraft and take a look at the books that accompany this popular program for teens.

We continue to offer unlimited interlibrary loan, which is well-received; for patrons, we've requested technical reference books from as far away as MIT and the latest bestsellers or childhood favorites from the Bangor Public Library. This service is free and books are delivered weekly to the library. Our circulation is 5,000 books per year, with 4,500 people coming through our doors. The library has two computers for free public use and patrons and visitors may bring their own devices to the library any time.

One item we don't have much of is audio books (books on CD). Donations of these in good condition are always welcome.

In 2016, we'll present the "Let's Talk About It" book reading and discussion program hosted by the Maine Humanities Council. Look for it in the fall. Instead of a house tour this year (look for it again in 2017), our annual fundraiser will be a cemetery tour at Mt. Adams Cemetery in Deer Isle and Mount Rest in Stonington. Save the date: Saturday, July 9, from 1 to 4 p.m.

2016 Board of Trustees

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Friends of the Library Coordinator Annie Taylor Gray
Library Director Vicki Zelnick

STONINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
ANNUAL REPORT
2015

Income	
Fundraising Activities	
House Tour	3,604.00
Used Book Sales	193.08
Copies	200.00
Fines	123.00
E-rate Reimbursement	437.28
Annual Appeal	19,716.76
Grants/Designated Donations	4,000.00
Undesignated Donations	6,794.02
Newsletter	2,075.00
Town Appropriation	<u>4,000.00</u>

Total Income 41,143.14

Expense	
Fees	133.81
Building/Equipment	
Routine Maintenance/Repairs	2,516.94
Snow Removal	48.00
Property Insurance	1,868.00
Special Projects (Tween Room, stairwell, etc.)	4,380.99
Utilities	
Fuel Oil	496.00
Electric	631.28
Water/Sewer	963.04
Telephone	561.76
Operations	
Books/AV/Periodicals/eBooks	5,270.72
Special Programs	1,820.47
Catalog (Online Public Access Catalog)	439.00
Interlibrary Loan Postage	218.19
Postage (Box Rental/Stamps)	192.95
Supplies	312.89
Computers	119.89
Continuing Education	35.00
Fundraising (Postage, Printing, Ads, etc.)	2,003.48
Payroll	
Wages/Salary	12,478.54
Payroll Taxes	954.94
Workers' Comp Ins.	<u>292.00</u>

Total Expense 35,737.89

DEER ISLE/STONINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – 2015 REPORT

The Chamber of Commerce continues to promote the interests of the Deer Isle-Stonington business community in a manner that reflects the Island's traditional ways and encourages new, sustainable opportunities that will provide for a flourishing Island economy.

In 2014, the Chamber had 111 members; some new businesses and associate members. We look forward to 2016 with a total of 121 members. In other words, your Chamber is starting to grow strong and healthy.

An associate member does not own a business but is actively involved in Chamber activities. (Think Welcome Center). Not necessarily do volunteers live on the Island, but never the less, help with any projects that are pending.

This year, the Chamber is taking on several projects; included a new roof and flooring for the Welcome Center. The DIS Chamber will also be looking at revitalizing the Deer Isle village and working alongside the town of Stonington on various projects.

The Deer Isle Stonington Chamber would like to thank both the towns of Stonington & Deer Isle for their yearly support of the 4th of July celebration. The fireworks display, the pier activities and Chamber projects would not be possible without their financial support.

A warm "thank you" is also extended to Alan Flowers, Chris Haskell and the many volunteers at the Welcome Center. The volunteers provide valuable Island information to countless visitors and new residents each year. In 2014, 1,998 people signed the visitor's book and 23 countries were represented.

For more information on membership, or to volunteer contact Jan Taylor at 348-6976. Visit the Chamber website at www.deerisle.com, or pick up an Island Guides for member businesses information. The chamber is also on Facebook.

Stonington Municipal Airport Report for 2015

The Stonington Municipal Airport continues to serve the diverse needs of our island towns, and wide spread inter-island community. The 2100 x 60 foot runway hosts commercial, emergency (Coast Guard helicopters and Lifeflight), personal, and vacation bound flights all during the year, especially in the summer. Private aircraft land, and often lay over, while their pilots and families spend time (and money) in our local area, and the airport is the stepping off point for activities such as visits to Isle au Haut, and other local islands.

Penobscot Island Airways, based in Rockland, has logged a total of ninety eight flights in and out of the airport from October 2014 through September of 2015. Fifty nine trips were business commercial in nature, such as assisting Billings Marine in dispatching personnel and urgently needed repair parts covering the entire mid Maine coastal geographic region. Thirty nine flights supported personal charters, and community activities such as the Lupine Festival.

Donations, and contributions to support the operation of the runway this year, have totaled \$1650. These funds are gratefully accepted, and usually sent to the town office by pilots who have flown in during the summer. The airport has ample designated parking space, tie downs, and chocks, and never charges a fee for parking, whether for a few hours, or a week.

A small group of local residents and summer island visitors work hard to keep the airport area mowed, trees and bushes cut back, and the aircraft movement area free of trash. The airport office is clean, well lit, with flight planning desks, and a direct phone line to the FAA. There is also a compost toilet available for pilots and passengers. All of this facility grooming and maintenance is done entirely by volunteers. On occasion, we even provide transportation to and from the towns and docks on the island.

The entire runway was paved almost thirty years ago. The town of Stonington, and a few generous donors have provided funds for filling and repaving cracks and crevices that appear each spring after a winter of snow plowing and natural frost heaves, but the whole surface area is deteriorating to the point that annual patches and macadam fillers are not slowing the issue of age, and fixing the lack of a uniform smooth surface. The airport committee and the airport manager are reviewing options for a more thorough surface repair or replacement.

The airport committee wishes to thank the airport manager, Kathleen Billings, and the town maintenance employees for guidance and assistance throughout the year. The airport committee meets monthly from May through October at the Stonington town hall, our meetings are open to the public, and guests are encouraged to attend.

Jim Jackson, Committee Chairman

Kathleen Billings, airport manager

Donna Brewer, Stonington Town selectman representative

Mark Robinson

Erik Walter

Gerald Sytsema

Town of Stonington, Maine
Cemetery Trust Reconciliation

December 31, 2015

Fund Name	Beginning Basis	Beginning Cash Value	Income/Interest Earned	Disbursements/ Other Transfers	Ending Basis	Ending Cash Value
ANDERSON, MABEL	500.00	954.27	0.39	-	500.00	954.66
ANDERSON, MILLARD	200.00	207.14	0.08	-	200.00	207.23
BAILEY, MARJORIE ESTATE	2,000.00	2,064.85	0.84	-	2,000.00	2,065.69
BARTER & BURRILL	400.00	502.11	0.20	-	400.00	502.31
BARTER, MARY	300.00	576.53	0.24	-	300.00	576.77
BILLINGS, LLEWELYN & URSULA	500.00	2,423.43	0.99	-	500.00	2,424.42
BILLINGS, MABEL & WILLIAM	300.00	351.15	0.14	-	300.00	351.29
EBAN CANDAGE & GEORGE EATON	500.00	1,380.26	0.56	-	500.00	1,380.82
CASTALLUCCI-DONATELLI	200.00	207.14	0.08	-	200.00	207.23
COLLINS, CHARLES & LUCY	100.00	467.60	0.19	-	100.00	467.79
COOMBS, JAMES & CELESTE	150.00	531.66	0.22	-	150.00	531.88
COUSINS, PERCY	400.00	485.01	0.20	-	400.00	485.21
CRIPPS, ERNEST T	300.00	588.89	0.24	-	300.00	589.13
DUNHAM, GEORGE & FLORENCE	300.00	439.32	0.18	-	300.00	439.50
DUNHAM, LAURA	500.00	641.14	0.26	-	500.00	641.40
EATON, CHESTER	1,000.00	4,076.91	1.66	-	1,000.00	4,078.57
EATON, JOSEPH	100.00	98.06	0.04	-	100.00	98.10
EATON, NORA	300.00	1,027.62	0.42	-	300.00	1,028.04
FIFIELD, LILA E	245.86	709.34	0.29	-	245.86	709.63
FRINK	1,000.00	1,371.59	0.56	-	1,000.00	1,372.15
GREENE AMANDA & SULLIVAN	200.00	314.99	0.13	-	200.00	315.12
GREENE, SULLIVAN	200.00	249.09	0.10	-	200.00	249.19
GREENLAW, WILLIAM L	500.00	1,378.61	0.56	-	500.00	1,379.17
GROSS, FRANK	200.00	-	-	-	200.00	-
GROSS, LAWRENCE	300.00	653.96	0.27	-	300.00	654.23
HAMLIN-GROSS	200.00	123.87	0.05	-	200.00	123.92
JUDKINS, EDITH	9,576.66	20,804.74	8.48	-	9,576.66	20,813.22
JUDKINS, RUEL & HARRY	600.00	996.57	0.41	-	600.00	996.97
KNOWLTON & COOMBS	200.00	669.22	0.27	-	200.00	669.49
MCDONALD, STEPHEN	100.00	97.96	0.04	-	100.00	98.00
MCGUIRE, FRANK	300.00	567.68	0.23	-	300.00	567.92
MCKENZIE, SMITH, GOODRICH	200.00	903.54	0.37	-	200.00	903.91
MCMAHON, DENNIS	350.00	641.49	0.26	-	350.00	641.75
MERRILL & MERRILL	1,000.00	1,966.70	0.80	-	1,000.00	1,967.50
MILNE, ALEXANDER	500.00	725.76	0.30	-	500.00	726.06
MOREY, LENA	377.00	514.43	0.21	-	377.00	514.64
NOYES, GEORGE B	200.00	870.39	0.35	-	200.00	870.74
PARSON, CELIA	300.00	561.15	0.23	-	300.00	561.38
PRAY, JESSIE M	50.00	17.18	0.01	-	50.00	17.19
RICHARDSON, GORDON & LIDA	300.00	424.21	0.17	-	300.00	424.38
ROBBINS, ABBIE	200.00	207.14	0.08	-	200.00	207.23
ROBBINS, JAMES & SARAH	300.00	358.82	0.15	-	300.00	358.97
SAUNDERS, WILLIAM & MARY	100.00	187.45	0.08	-	100.00	187.53
STURDEE, THOMAS	500.00	804.71	0.33	-	500.00	805.04
THURLOW & HUNDLEY	2,900.00	3,879.26	1.58	-	2,900.00	3,880.84
THURLOW, LOUSIE	150.00	239.99	0.10	-	150.00	240.09
TURLEY-HERRICK	200.00	233.43	0.10	-	200.00	233.53
WEBSTER, NATTIE	300.00	927.61	0.38	-	300.00	927.99
WELCH, HATTIE & GUY	100.00	352.94	0.14	-	100.00	353.08
DONALD BARLETT, Scholarship	-	-	-	-	-	-
MCDONALD, STEPHEN, Scholarship	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grand Totals	29,699.52	58,776.93	23.96	-	29,699.52	58,800.89

ISLAND RECREATION BOARD

Serving the communities of Deer Isle and Stonington, Maine

Island Recreation Board Report for 2015

Dear Citizens,

The Island Recreation Board is an official joint Municipal Board for the towns of Stonington and Deer Isle. The Board consists of volunteer members from both towns who work in cooperation and conjunction with the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, and other organizations to organize and facilitate recreational activities and opportunities for all members of the Island Community.

2015 proved to be another busy year for the Island Recreation Board. A roller skating trip was enjoyed at Great Skates and the Sports Arena. A Bonfire event at the Stonington Ball Field was organized by the Rec Board as part of Winterfest.

The Island Recreation Board held our annual Pumpkin Carving in 2015 at the Island Community Center.

Several island youths applied for and were awarded scholarships through the Island Recreation Board Scholarship Program in 2015

Ski/ride trips to Hermon Mountain; roller skating; annual Pumpkin Carving; and seasonal and holiday activities are among the recreational activities planned for 2015, as well as the youth soccer program, and bonfire activities at the Island Community Center. The continued financial support of the community is vital for the Island Recreation Board to continue to offer and add to the many activities that have been popular in past years.

The Island Recreation Board holds meetings the first Tuesday of each month from September to May at the Island Community Center. We are always interested in new ideas and seeking new members. Should you be interested in getting involved or if you have suggestions for new programs, please attend meetings, or contact one of the board members

Sincerely,

Dana Morey, Co-Chairman, Deer Isle Jennifer Larrabee Co-Chairman, Stonington Elissa Haskell, Treasurer, Stonington Elaine Parke, Secretary, Stonington	Becca Emerson, Deer Isle Pam Wendell, Deer Isle Liz Steele, Deer Isle Heidi Shephard, Stonington
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ISLAND COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.



Island Community Center's Report to Taxpayers for 2015

Over the course of the last year, the Island Community Center experienced steady growth in usage with new and expanded programming as well as many special events. As the Island Community Center concludes its thirteenth year, we have developed or hosted programming to include significant use of our facility seven days a week and have partnered with some 25 local organizations to offer services that directly benefit our island community.

We placed emphasis on two areas of effort this year, to grow and expand programs as well as to revitalize unused areas of our facility. With the renovation of the Greenlaw Room we moved one of our signature programs, Camp Kooky, from its dank quarters in our basement to a fresh new space that allowed us to accept more children into the program. The Greenlaw Room has also allowed us to double our program space to accommodate a number of new programs. Over the last year we have had a dance camp, Hawaiian hula lessons, a father-daughter dance, and Spanish classes for kids and adults. Many of the island's seniors availed themselves of Tai Chi lessons and, of course, the Community Cafe and Bone Builders continued to grow. The Girls Scouts now meet regularly at the center. This fall we added a Halloween Fun Run for families in conjunction with several town events for the Halloween holiday and a Children's Teddy Bear Health Fair, aided by financial assistance from the Island Medical Center and the Island Education Foundation. Thanks to the support of private donors, we were able to install energy efficient lighting, refinish our gym floor, and redo several other areas that had fallen into disrepair.

Despite revenue growth in a number of categories, coupled with decreased expenditures in some areas, the increased usage of our space raised heating and other utilities costs which meant that our operating costs remained essentially the same as last year. We continued to rely on volunteers to help with the Community Café and bone builders, as well as many of our events. The number of people participating in our other events, however, continues to rise and we have added even more events that reach our community such as Sassy Saturday and the Father Daughter Dance. In 2015 we successfully sought grants and private donations to support our program. We have added fundraisers and increased our visibility throughout the community in the hopes it will translate to greater generosity in donations. We continue to seek programs that reach out to our community and provide resources for learning. For each new effort we incur added expense which needs to be addressed.

Although we fund over 76% of our operations and programs through usage fees, contributions, grants, and special events, the support we receive from the Towns of Deer Isle and Stonington is critical to keeping our doors open and responding to community and town requests for specific programs. **This year we are again asking for \$10,800 from each town.** We recognize the need to use these monies appropriately and well and pledge to do so, just as we are committed to meeting the needs of this community and to reaching out to wider segments of our island population. We are deeply grateful for your generosity in the past and for your serious consideration of this year's request.

Sincerely,

Twyla Weed, President; Renee Sewell, Vice-President; Richard Paget, Treasurer; Michele Sadler-Gove, Secretary; Muffin Bartlett; Becky Hutchins; Bobbi Billings; Loring Kydd; Sherry Rochefort; Leslie McDonald-Rice; Theresa Gove-Eaton; Caty Frazier; Anne Sigmund and Executive Director – Jeannie Hatch

HIP HEALTHY ISLAND PROJECT

December 2015

Dear Stonington Friends,

Healthy Island Project's programs and activities aim to improve our island population's wellbeing. A British think tank, New Economics Foundation ("economics as if people and the planet mattered") explains their understanding of wellbeing. They promote Five Winning Ways of Wellbeing and have found that people who socially connected with others (**CONNECT**), gave time and resources to others (**GIVE**), were able to appreciate and take notice of things around them (**TAKE NOTICE**), were learning new things in their life (**KEEP LEARNING**), and were physically active (**BE ACTIVE**) experienced higher levels of wellbeing.

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HIP certainly addresses these winning ways of wellbeing by:

- organizing **Community Breakfasts** and **Salt Air Seniors** (**CONNECT**),
- collaborating with Haystack for **Island Workshop Day** (**KEEP LEARNING**),
- encouraging lifestyle changes with **Active Island** activities and **Move It to Lose It** (**BE ACTIVE-TAKE NOTICE**),
- supporting **Queen's Closet** (**GIVE**), and
- providing free, fun experiences at **WinterFest** with lots of financial and in-kind community support (**GIVE-KEEP LEARNING-BE ACTIVE-CONNECT**).

HIP applies the funds from Stonington to three of our programs - **WinterFest**, **Community Breakfasts**, and **Salt Air Seniors**. By the time you read this, **WinterFest 2016** (our 11th annual) will be over, but we hope you might join us at a **Community Breakfast** or other **HIP** sponsored events through the year. Some of the dates are included here.

This, our 24th year, is an exciting time for HIP. The requested funding of \$2500 for 2016 is needed and greatly appreciated as we strive for a healthier island, respond to our community needs and help everyone's wellbeing!

Sincerely,

Anne Douglass

Anne Douglass
Healthy Island Project Director

Mark these 2016

dates:

Community Breakfasts

Jan 12, March 8,
May 10, July 12,
Sept 13, and Nov 8

WinterFest

January 14-16

Great Maine

Outdoor Weekend

February 12-14

Island Workshop

Day

May 7



TALK & LISTEN,
BE THERE,
FEEL CONNECTED



DO WHAT YOU CAN,
ENJOY WHAT YOU DO,
MOVE YOUR MOOD



REMEMBER
THE SIMPLE
THINGS THAT
GIVE YOU JOY



EMBRACE NEW
EXPERIENCES,
SEE OPPORTUNITIES,
SURPRISE YOURSELF



Your time,
your words,
your presence

43 School Street ♦ P.O. Box 55 ♦ Stonington, ME 04681 ♦ 207.367.6332
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January 22nd, 2016

Town of Stonington
PO Box 9
Stonington, ME 04681

Dear Stonington Selectmen,

In 2012, Project Launch (PL) was created to help local high school students and their families make a successful transition from high school to college. In the past, 45% of our local students dropped out of college before the end of their first year. Project Launch is working hard to change that statistic. We are requesting \$1,500 from the town of Stonington to help us do that.

We work in partnership with the high school guidance office. Our program is free and open to all local high school graduates entering any degree program. More than 75 students are currently enrolled and over 60% of them are the first in their family to go to college.

We have already had significant success! In 2013, every PL student who entered college finished their first year and returned for the second. In 2014, the drop-out rate was less than 10%.

What made the difference?

- College Gurus: Gurus are past DISHS graduates who have been successful in college. Each PL student is matched with a "College Guru" mentor to provide critical support during college transition and beyond. There are currently 30 trained Gurus.
- One-on-One Support: To help parents and students find solutions to challenges encountered before and during college, including college and course selection, financial aid, living on campus, commuting, connecting with advisors, making friends, being homesick, mental health concerns, special needs and academic requirements.
- Student, Guru & Family Events: These help to develop the strong relationships essential for successful college transition and include "Empty Nest" parent dinners; family picnics, informational presentations and "Movie & Pizza" nights at the Opera House.
- Campus-based Visits: When possible, campus visits are made to our students, particularly in the fall semester. For some students, we are their only visitor.

Project Launch was started with funding from the Maine Community Foundation and Island Education Foundation. It is critical that we now raise local support to help us continue this much-needed program. Funds from the town of Stonington will be used for training and family events.

With sincere appreciation,


Kimberly Hutchinson, Executive Director



November 30, 2015

Ms Kathleen Billings-Pezaris, Manager
PO Box 9
Stonington, ME 04681-0009

Dear Ms Billings-Pezaris:

Please find this as Downeast Transportation's funding request for FY '17.

Our request is that the town of Stonington appropriate \$800 for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. This is the same amount we have requested from the town for many years.

We continue to strive to provide the best public transportation possible, in the face of significant cost increases, without increasing our burden on the communities of Hancock County.

Please note: If Downeast Transportation finds itself with a surplus at the end of our fiscal year, we will carry that surplus over to defray operating costs in the next fiscal year. Please let us know if that is not satisfactory to you.

Please call if you have any questions.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Murphy", written over a horizontal line.

Paul Murphy
General Manager



American Red Cross
Maine

www.MaineRedCross.org

August 20, 2015

Serving every community in Maine
Offices located:

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16 Community Way
Topsham, ME 04086
Tel (207) 729-6779
Fax (207) 729-2738

475 Pleasant St., Suite 25
Lewiston, ME 04240
Tel (207) 795-4004
Fax (207) 795-4037

Red Cross / Knox County EMA
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Fax: (207) 729-2738

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Town of Stonington
Lucretia Turner-Bradshaw
PO Box 9
Stonington, ME 04681-0009

Dear Lucretia,

The Red Cross is a local organization and we are committed to meeting the emergency needs of each and every family in Stonington. The Red Cross is there to help and last year, we served 33 people from across Hancock County.

The Red Cross is there on the worst day of people's lives - the day their house burns down and they are left without anything to meet their basic human needs, the day their life hangs in the balance because they need a blood transfusion, the day their family thousands of miles away lose touch because of mother nature's fury or the day we must deliver a message to a service member that their loved one is critically ill. In those moments, the Red Cross provides support to people and helps to alleviate their suffering by offering what they need most - shelter, food and water, financial and emotional support, or a life-saving pint of blood.

The American Red Cross respectfully requests a municipal allocation in the amount of \$600 from the residents of Stonington for the coming year. The average cost to meet the emergency needs of a family of four affected by a disaster is more than \$1200 and this helps a family meet their basic human need for food, clothing and prescription medication, as well as the Red Cross provides them access to temporary shelter and support.

The Red Cross must be ready to respond to a family or the larger community in need whenever and wherever a disaster may strike and that constant state of readiness requires the generous municipal, corporate, foundation and individual financial support. The Red Cross is counting on the people of Stonington.

Our Red Cross volunteers respond to disaster scenes, day or night and are able to provide for families impacted by disaster. We hope that we can count on the people of Stonington to support our disaster relief work. Though our services are congressionally mandated, the American Red Cross relies solely on voluntary contributions from individuals, companies, municipalities and charitable organizations in order to deliver on our mission to alleviate human suffering.

The biggest disaster threat to Maine families isn't floods, hurricanes or tornadoes; it's a home fire. The American Red Cross responds to a disaster every eight minutes and nearly all of these are home fires.

In the past fiscal year (2014-2015), the Red Cross responded to 269 disaster incidents in Maine, assisting 1159 individuals from 471 families whose homes were destroyed by fire -- thanks to the help of more than 1000 volunteers. We educated 4518 community members, targeting the most vulnerable members of our communities, in key aspects of disaster preparedness, response and recovery. These efforts are only made possible by the tireless dedication of our volunteers and the generous financial support of towns like Stonington during the year.

Last October, the Red Cross launched a new initiative powered by volunteers to provide door-to-door education and fire prevention training to those who are the most vulnerable in our communities and over the next five years plans to ensure that everyone has a working smoke alarm and a home fire escape plan.

The Red Cross responds to an average of 70,000 disasters annually across the country, but disasters don't offer us a predictable schedule, advance warning to plan our response or ensure that we have adequate human and material resources at the ready, but the Red Cross must be there 24 hours a day to answer the call and with the support of neighbors like you, we will always be ready.

Warm regards,



Caroline King
Executive Director
207-941-2903 x402

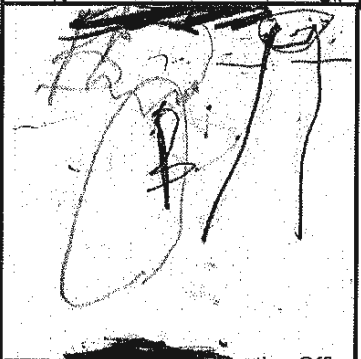
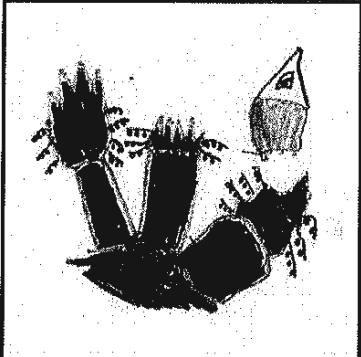
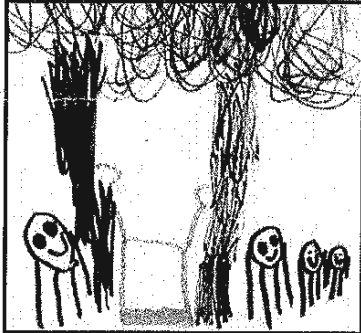
PS: Please feel free to contact me if you would like any additional information about Red Cross services or if you would like to have a Red Cross representative speak at your town or committee meetings.



CHILD AND FAMILY OPPORTUNITIES, INC.

Providing Early Child Care and Head Start Services in Hancock and Washington Counties since 1970
18 Army Lane, P.O. Box 648, Ellsworth, ME 04605

January 15, 2016



P.O. Box 9
Stonington, ME 04681-0009
Subject: Funding Request

Dear Town Officials:

When children have access to high quality early care and education great things happen. Children thrive. Families thrive. Your town thrives. Statistics show these children are prepared for school socially and academically, and are more likely to succeed in life.

Child and Family Opportunities programs include childcare, Head Start, Early Head Start, and public pre-k collaboration. We offer the highest quality early care and education in Washington and Hancock Counties, but we don't do it alone. Comprehensive programs like ours require a partnership of funding that includes federal, state, and local support.

Now more than ever the importance of securing a vibrant future for Maine is on the line. Our programs help by providing comprehensive services that go far beyond what you may think of as childcare or preschool curriculum. We provide services for young children that include individualized learning, ongoing development and nutritional assessments, health screenings, kindergarten transition activities, and strong parental support and involvement. We also provide family-style meals that account for one-half to two-thirds of a child's daily nutrition.

We are mandated to raise 20% of our total Head Start and Early Head Start budget via community support— known as non-federal share. Funds we receive from towns help us meet this requirement, and assure that high quality early care and education services, including Head Start and Early Head Start, are available in your town.

This year we are providing or have provided services to 7 children residing in Stonington. Will your town consider contributing \$3,080 in support of our programs? Our request could be included in your town warrant as follows:

"To see if the sum of \$3,080 will be raised from the residents of our town and appropriated to Child and Family Opportunities, Inc. for the purpose of operating high quality early education programs, including Head Start and Early Head Start, in our area."

If you have questions about the services offered in your town, contact the CFO administrative office at 667-2995 x223. Your Center Coordinator is Jackie Buotte.

Thank you for considering our request, and for supporting the vision that all children and their families deserve to thrive!

Sincerely

Douglas D. Orville
Executive Director



Washington Hancock Community Agency
 248 Bucksport Road
 Ellsworth, ME 04605

January 27, 2016

Town of Stonington
 Po Box 9
 Stonington, ME 04681-0009

RE: **Annual Request for Local Match Funds**

Dear Board of Selectmen:

The Washington Hancock Community Agency wishes to extend a thank you to the Stonington Selectmen and Town residents for your support last year.

The Washington Hancock Community Agency is requesting your support to enable us to apply for and leverage funding to provide and expand services provided to your community. **The services WHCA provides have a direct impact on your expenditures by reducing reliance on your general assistance program.**

We are requesting **\$4,345** to help low income people in your community. During the last fiscal year, WHCA provided **\$86,907** in services to your community. Stonington residents requested and received the following services from WHCA:

<u>Services Provided</u>	<u>Number of Households/Individuals</u>	<u>Amount Expended/\$\$ Value</u>
The Heating and Warmth Fund (THAW)	11	\$818
LIHEAP (Fuel Assistance)	57/88	\$48,396
ECIP (Emergency Crisis Intervention)	2/2	\$800
Free Income Tax Preparation	6	\$1,200
USDA food distributed to your local food pantry	7,992 pounds of food	\$5,231
Aging in Place	2	\$4,000
Transportation (number of rides, not individuals)	207 trips	\$21,737
Affordable Care Act Navigator	1	\$4,635
Christmas is for Kids	3	\$90
Total		\$86,907

In addition to the above, WHCA provides supportive services specifically to veterans and their families who are facing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be happy to meet with you or your budget committee to answer any questions or address any concerns. You can reach me at 610-5944.

Sincerely,

Sarah Nugent
 Third Party Request Coordinator



PO Box 931
Bangor, ME 04402-0931
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fax 207.772.0698
www.emhsfoundation.org

November 18, 2015

Ms. Lucy Bradshaw
Town of Stonington
PO Box 9
Stonington, ME 04681-0009

Dear Selectman and Residents of Stonington,

Thank you very much for your ongoing support of Hancock County Homecare & Hospice, and your dedication to our mission, *to provide clinically excellent, compassionate home health and hospice care to individuals and families.*

VNA Home Health Hospice Foundation is the 501c3 organization that seeks funding for all homecare and hospice agencies within EMHS, Eastern Maine Health System. No matter our size, our clinicians are from your community, caring for your residents, friends and family members.

2015 has been a very busy year. Statewide our nurses, rehabilitation therapists, home health aides, medical social workers, and volunteers drove close to three million miles caring for 7,462 patients who required care at home after an illness or surgery, and for 1,139 hospice patients and their families. For many, the clinician is the only person our patients see for days on end.

In Hancock County alone our clinicians made 20,838 homecare and hospice visits to 1,027 patients. We made an additional 4,933 remote telehealth visits to those managing one or more chronic illnesses at home.

In your community, 30 patients receive homecare services, and 8 patients and their families received hospice services. Unfortunately, we do not as yet track telehealth encounters by town. Funding from the Town of Stonington enables us to provide necessary care regardless of one's ability to pay, whether insured or uninsured, keeping your residents at home where they prefer to be. It also allows us to continue offering the telehealth program, a service that is not reimbursed by Medicare, Maine Care or other insurers. Therefore, on behalf of those we serve, I hope you will once again support our efforts with a grant of \$7,526.

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November 18, 2015

I remind you that our patients are predominantly elderly and disabled adults to whom Hancock County HomeCare and Hospice brings direct medical care, health education, and referrals to other resources for assistance. Furthermore, our services are essential to meet the challenges Maine faces as our population ages.

Please feel free to contact me at (207) 780-8624 or one of our board members (list enclosed) if you have any questions or wish further information about our services.

On behalf of those we care for, thank you for your consideration.

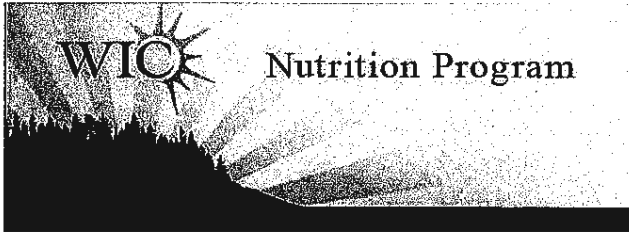
Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Colleen Hilton".

Colleen Hilton

CEO

VNA Home Health Hospice



WIC Program

248 State Street

Mill Mall, Suite 3A, Box #10

Ellsworth, Maine 04605

Tel 667-5304-Ext 228 Fax 667-6117

October 29, 2015

Lucy Bradshaw
Town of Stonington
P.O. Box 9
Stonington, ME 4681

Dear Ms. Bradshaw,

The WIC program, a program of Maine Family Planning has moved its Ellsworth office to the Mill Mall. We have the same staff, and same budget as previous years for Hancock and Washington Counties.

Our mission remains the same: to provide vouchers for nutritious foods - as well as health screenings, support, and healthcare referrals. In addition, WIC offers nutrition education for income eligible pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, as well as infants and children up to their fifth birthday who are found to be at nutritional risk.

Last year 28 residents from the Town of Stonington participated in WIC, receiving \$20,160 in food vouchers. This year, the Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Program respectfully requests financial assistance in the amount of \$1,120 representing \$40 per resident served last year from the Town of Stonington. Federal funding will match up to \$2,000 of municipal contributions, enabling WIC to serve even more young families in need.

Because transportation often is a difficult issue for many families who need the benefits WIC can offer them, providing access to WIC at the local level is vital. As in the past, WIC will continue to accommodate rural families at its main offices in Ellsworth, Machias, and Calais, as well as in satellite locations in Stonington, Bucksport, Southwest Harbor, Sullivan, Harrington, and other small island communities. **Local community support is absolutely necessary for WIC to maintain its critical rural access points.**

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me.

With sincere appreciation,

Trudy Lunt
WIC Program Director
667-5304 Ext 222 Fax 667-6117
tlunt@fpam.org

P.S. Please remember that the Town of Stonington's support of WIC makes a difference in the lives of women, infants, and children in your community. Thank you.

Statewide Board of Directors

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November 2, 2015

Board of Selectmen and Residents of Stonington
Town of Stonington
P.O. Box 9
Stonington, ME 04681

Dear Board of Selectmen and Residents of Stonington,

Greetings to the residents of Stonington!

At 35 years-strong, Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County remains committed to our three-pronged mission:

Patient Care and Caregiver Support ~ Bereavement Support ~ Community Education

Care for patients living at the end of life, their caregivers, and those who are grieving the loss of a loved one are all provided **free of charge** to those who need us by well-trained volunteers committed to serving their neighbors.

In addition to these core services, we offer special programs for special needs:

The Evensong singers ~ Equipment Sharing program ~ Veterans and Caregivers Outreach Program

Because we don't receive reimbursement for these services from insurance or government programs, it is only through the support and partnership of the communities we serve that we are able to reach those who need our care!

During the past year, Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County provided the following services:

- ~ Patient Care and Caregiver Support to 162 patients and families, including 5 residents of Stonington.
- ~ Nearly 1000 gestures of Bereavement support, including to 10 residents of Stonington.

We appreciate the support we have received from the Town of Stonington in the past and hope that you will continue your support for these important services with a contribution of \$800 during the coming year.

If there are ways that you believe we can better serve the residents of Stonington, please let us know using the contact information listed above. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jody Wolford-Tucker
Executive Director





Eastern Area Agency on Aging

450 Essex Street, Bangor, ME 04401-3937
Tel: (TDD) (207) 941-2865 or (TDD) 1-800-432-7812
Fax: (207) 941-2869 www.eaaa.org

Town of: Stonington
PO Box 9
Stonington, ME 04681

Greetings,

We are writing you today for two reasons. First, due to feedback from many towns, Eastern Area Agency on Aging (EAAA) decided to change the manner in which we request funding and provide information to you. We are providing a request based on the needs of your residents for our services. We hope you will consider funding this request. Second, we would like to help your community start the discussion regarding how to address the demands of elderly residents who wish to stay in their homes for the remainder of their lives. Please let us know how we can partner with your town to begin planning for the rapidly increasing number of older adult residents.

Of the 1.3 million people living in Maine, 200,000 are considered elderly (over the age of 65) and by 2030, the number will likely surpass 300,000 or 25% of Maine's total population. In EAAA's service area of Washington, Hancock, Piscataquis and Penobscot counties, there are over 50,000 adults over the age of 65. We serve an area of 13,000 square miles with only fifty employees.

You may have heard reports over the past year regarding funding issues EAAA has been experiencing. Multiple factors caused our funding to shrink and remain flat. As a result, it has not kept pace with the growing demand. This is why we request financial support from your community for these critical services to support keeping your residents in their homes and in your community. We included in this mailing a report listing all the services and their costs that have benefitted your residents during the last twelve months.

As you prepare your town's budget, we ask that you consider your elderly and disabled residents and include Eastern Area Agency on Aging in your next year's budget allocation.

- **Total cost of services in your town last year:** **\$11,920.00**
- **Your towns allocation to EAAA last year:** **\$2,600.00**

In the meantime, if you have questions, please call Catherine Forker at 1-800-432-7812. We have also enclosed information on many of the programs we support. Please visit www.eaaa.org to learn more about Eastern Area Agency on Aging's work.

Sincerely,

Noëlle Merrill
Executive Director

Your Area Agency on Aging Serving Penobscot, Piscataquis, Hancock & Washington Counties Since 1973

Eastern Area Agency on Aging is a 501(c)3 - Private Non-Profit Organization

County: **Hancock**

Town Of: **Stonington**

<i>Program Name:</i>	<i>Description:</i>	<i>Services Provided:</i>	<i>*Cost For Services:</i>
Amish Heaters	Electrical heaters providing a supplemental heat source	8	\$1600.00
Congregate Meals	Delicious meals and socialization for seniors	421	\$4631.00
EZ Fix	Minor home repair/cleaning program	0	\$0.00
Family Care Giver	Provides support and education to individuals caring for loved ones- specializing in Alzheimer's/dementia	1	\$81.00
Furry Friends	Supplemental pet food program	46	\$184.00
Health Programs	Wellness program supporting older adults living well and aging well in their communities	28	\$1260.00
Home Delivered Meals	Meals on Wheels & 3D Catering	257	\$2827.00
Information & Assistance	Office appointments, home visits and telephone calls linking individuals with available services and referrals	66	\$1056.00
Legal Services	Free legal assistance for seniors	3	\$60.00
Money Minders	Aids in budgeting, balancing their checkbook and bill paying services	0	\$0.00
Pantry Partners	Linking seniors with farmers who grow produce for them	0	\$0.00
Senior Food Bank	Supplemental food for eligible seniors	0	\$0.00
SHIP	State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) - helps people understand Medicare & other health insurances	17	\$221.00
Transportation	Limited transportation for medical appointments and personal errands for those who qualify (where available)	0	\$0.00
Total Number of Residents Served: 53			
Prior year allocation:	\$2600.00	Total cost of services provided to your community last year:	\$11920.00

** Total expenses in the program divided by the units of service provided.*

November 24, 2015



Board of Selectmen
Town of Stonington
P.O. Box 9
Stonington, ME 04681-0009

Dear Selectmen:

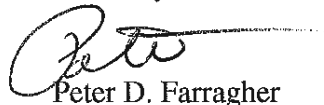
On behalf of the Board and staff of the Down East Family YMCA, I would like to thank the Town of **Stonington** for their continued support of the YMCA. The accomplishments of the YMCA could not be attained without the support of the town.

This letter is our request to continue the funding for the YMCA. During the past two decades the YMCA has asked towns to support the YMCA financially and in return receive benefits for all citizens. This year the YMCA would like the Town to continue the support at the same level of last year of **\$750**. The YMCA has continued to offer more to the citizens of **Stonington** while keeping costs reasonable. The following list is examples of the value that is offered by the YMCA.

- Citizens of Stonington receive a discount towards their membership. As of today there are 16 members utilizing this benefit. A savings of \$900
- Families, who cannot afford fees associated with the YMCA, can request financial assistance. Last year the YMCA provided \$165 in scholarship funding to citizens of Stonington.
- Towns, who are able to recruit enough children to form a sports team, may participate in the YMCA leagues free of charge. If a town does not have the ability to form a team, individual children can play in the Y league at a discounted rate. The Y scholarship program can also be utilized by families who cannot afford the nominal program fee.
- Lastly, all citizens have the ability to utilize the YMCA FREE of Charge on Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm. What a great way for families to have fun together throughout the year.

Selectmen, the above opportunities are provided because of the town's support of the YMCA and I hope you will consider funding the YMCA at the same level as last year - **\$750**. Please let me know the date and time of the town's budget and/or town meeting, and I would gladly attend to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,


Peter D. Farragher
Chief Executive Officer

Thank You!

Serving Downeast Maine Since 1961

JAMES RUSSELL WIGGINS DOWN EAST FAMILY YMCA
P.O. BOX 25, ELLSWORTH, ME 04605 - (207) 667-3086 - WWW.DEFYMCA.ORG



STATE OF MAINE
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Paul R. LePage
GOVERNOR

Dear Citizens of Stonington:

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.

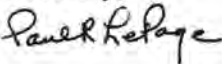
Not only does an income tax cut put more money back in your pockets, but it will also attract businesses that can offer good-paying careers to keep our young people here in Maine. It shows the nation that we are serious about wanting people and businesses to come—and stay—in Maine.

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.

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage
Governor



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Dear Stonington Residents,

It is an honor to serve as your State Representative. I intend to work hard to earn your trust and build upon the work I've done representing island communities over the past five years.

The 2016 legislative session will have a limited legislative agenda consisting of emergency legislation and bills carried over from 2015. All legislative work is scheduled to be completed by mid-April.

I will continue my work as House Chair of the Marine Resources Committee. As someone who represents many of Maine's island communities, I want to make sure Maine manages its resources in a way that better balances harvesting and sustainability and also puts more emphasis on maximizing the economic impact for coastal communities. A lot of people depend on marine life to make a living, and it's important to be a voice for them in Augusta. The committee clerk maintains a list of interested parties that get email notification of the committee schedule. Please let me know if you would like to be added to that list.

Another critical issue facing island communities is affordable electricity. With some islands considering a shift to renewables, it is important that state laws and regulations support those efforts.

Whether we are dealing with the above issues or any other topic, I stand ready to work with all of 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 or if you want to discuss or testify on any legislation. My email is wkumiega36@gmail.com. My cellphone is 207-479-5459 for voice or text message. I also send out e-newsletters from time to time. Let me know if you would like to receive them.

Respectfully,

Walter Kumiega
State Representative

District 134 Cranberry Isles, Deer Isle, Frenchboro, Isle au Haut, North Haven, Southwest Harbor, Stonington, Swans Island, Tremont and Vinalhaven, plus the unorganized territory of Marshall Island Township

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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1904

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.

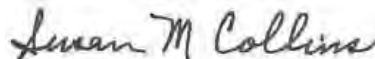
As Chairman of the Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I have made combating veterans' homelessness a priority. This year's housing funding law includes \$60 million for 8,000 new supportive housing vouchers for homeless veterans. Since this program began in 2008, the number of homeless veterans nationwide 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 6,072nd 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 Hancock County and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Bangor state office at 207 945-0417, or visit my website at 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

Dear Friends of Stonington:

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 cosponsored, 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

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.

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,

A large, bold, black letter 'A' used as a signature.

Angus S. King, Jr.
United States Senator



Annual Report to the Town of Stonington

A Message from Senator Brian D. Langley

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I would like to thank you once again for the opportunity to represent you in the Maine Senate during the past five years. It has been an honor to work on your behalf to make our state an even better place to live, work and conduct business. I would like to provide to you in this letter a recap of the first year of the 127th Legislature as well as my hopes for the second session, which will begin in January 2016.

The most important item on our to-do list is clear: our state needs more jobs at all levels of the pay scale. It is our responsibility as lawmakers to develop policies that will expand economic opportunity for all Mainers. To this end, my fellow legislators and I accomplished a great deal during the first session of the 127th Legislature.

Very few issues garnered more attention and debate than Maine's two-year budget proposal. There were a lot of things to like and dislike in the package finally approved. It included the largest tax cut in Maine history with residents seeing a net tax cut of \$135.4 million in 2017. The budget eliminated taxes on military pensions, so those who have served our country in the military can feel welcomed and at home in our state. We restructured portions of our welfare system, increasing funding for nursing homes, and put far more funding towards eliminating waitlists for services for brain-injured and intellectually disabled Mainers.

As Chair of the Education Committee, I worked hard to secure increased funding for K-12 education. This should hopefully lead to some property tax relief. The budget also maintained revenue sharing, and it increased the tax exemption for the Homestead Property Tax Exemption program.

During the second session of the Legislature, we need to make progress towards addressing the cost of energy in this state. There are a number of bills that have been proposed that would change the way our state's energy system works. I look forward to tackling legislation that would lower your energy costs. I also believe that working to provide support to areas hard-hit by recent mill closings should be a focus of the 2016 session.

Please feel free to contact me if you ever need my assistance in navigating the state bureaucracy. I would be happy to help in any way that I can. I may be reached in Augusta at 287-1505 or by e-mail at langley4legislature@myfairpoint.net.

Sincerely,

Senator Brian D. Langley

Unpaid Real Estate Taxes as of December 31, 2015

Tax Year 2014

Account	Name	Amount
191	Dunham, Glen	205.58
389	Furrow, Cindy	1,245.90
1293	Grindal, Clare	239.80
1294	Grindal, Clare	239.80
1295	Grindal, Clare	238.20
1296	Grindal, Clare	247.79
1297	Grindal, Clare	225.41
1299	Grindal, Clare	236.60
1300	Grindal, Clare	246.19
461	Grindal, Clare & Nelson	4,841.66
545	Hodgkins, John	1,354.14
561	Hunt, Aimee A	2,600.62
629	Jones, David Jr	825.07
289	Jones, Molly K	726.07
688	Larrabee, Alex Jr	531.36
1302	Nolan, Heidi, Danielle Et al	1,753.41
295	Nolan, Joanne	1,015.18
895	Potter, Earl	321.50
899	Powers, Scott T	7,173.33
904	Ralston, William	4,579.34
1282	Rice, Bradford Kingsley	1,610.78
972	Rose, Margie	627.52
12	Scott, Priscilla Grace	3,570.90
1180	Walters, Robert J & Jane N	191.80
Total for 24 accounts:		34,847.95

* = paid after close of books

Tax Bills are traditionally issued in July and interest begins September 1.

If your mailing address changes, please notify the Town Office as soon as possible

By State law, all tax changes must be in place by April 1 of the current year.

The tax assessing agent holds office hours at the Town Office one day per month.

Unpaid Real Estate Taxes as of December 31, 2015

Tax Year 2015

Acct.	Name	Amount	Acct.	Name	Amount
559	1820 Properties, LLC	3,874.18	1297	Grindal, Clare	173.21
1286	Bartlett, Larry A	93.93 *	1299	Grindal, Clare	185.22
433	Betts, Matthew B	1,198.78	1300	Grindal, Clare	195.51
1336	Billings, Dana A & Barbara	476.77	461	Grindal, Clare & Nelson	5,105.55
100	Blastow, Florence	682.57	1292	Grindal, Darcy J	185.22
103	Bolton, Graham	3,095.58	464	Gross, Allen E	0.16
142	Brown, Richard	1,740.73	488	Hagerthy, Tammy Lynn	1,661.83
634	Carter, John B	0.30 *	500	Hanish, Karen	3,850.18 *
189	Ciomei, Kurt	25.69	545	Hodgkins, John & Diane	1,372.00
1258	Cram, Holly P/R Hope Young Estate	456.19	549	Holland, Edith	1,742.44
1298	Crane Wing, Iana	395.21	561	Hunt, Aimee A	2,709.70
980	Dean, Virginia Shaw	2,840.04 *	567	Hutchinson, Alan	1,836.77
191	Dunham, Glen	276.11	572	Hutchinson, Howard W	588.94
859	Eaton, Cheryl	1,509.20	594	J.S. Allen & Sons Inc	3,543.19
294	Eaton, Ellen	490.49	605	James Trust	0.07
1244	Eaton, Kendall L	1.19 *	602	James, Emily Sue	4,412.70 *
320	Eaton, Ronald M	118.34	629	Jones, David Jr	766.60
312	Eaton, Ronald M	301.84	289	Jones, Molly K	682.57
1131	Farr, Laura L	946.68	427	Jones, Timothy A	541.94
362	Fitzpatrick, Nancy	1,387.44 *	642	Joslin, Philip T	629.41
377	Frangoulis, George	2,442.16	401	Jost, Gretchen	1,317.12
900	Frost, James W	2,486.16 *	643	Jost, Gretchen	212.66 *
389	Furrow, Cecilia M Personal Rep.	1,289.68	644	Jost, Gretchen	3,654.19
1119	GK Hospitality LLC	6,088.25	645	Jost, Gretchen	1,476.61
426	Gray, Everett G	679.33	647	Jost, Gretchen	329.28
431	Greene, Tracy S	343.00	670	Klemenz Sr, Peter	775.18
457	Grigaitis, Eleonora	5,383.38 *	669	Klemenz, Laurie Ann	732.03
1293	Grindal, Clare	188.65	976	Kunkel, Yelena	1,792.20
1294	Grindal, Clare	188.65	688	Larrabee, Alex Jr	819.77
1295	Grindal, Clare	186.93	700	Lawson, Katherine L	65.63 *
1296	Grindal, Clare	197.23	702	Lawson, Katherine L	114.25 *

* = paid after close of books

Unpaid Real Estate Taxes as of December 31, 2015

Tax Year 2015

Acct.	Name	Amount	Acct.	Name	Amount
703	Lawson, Kim	768.36	904	Ralston, William	4,838.01
1163	Lehrer, Warren I	2,359.14	917	Ray, Lorena	112.08
740	McArthur, Kimberly	32.18 *	931	Rhodeen, Penn	3,937.64 *
741	McArthur, Kimberly	0.37 *	1282	Rice, Bradford Kingsley	5,098.70
742	McArthur, Kimberly	5.88 *	879	Riemersma, Rick	630.91 *
744	McClure, Susan B	0.68	955	Robinson, Craig	809.48
1333	McDonald, Alice M	1,908.47	972	Rose, Margie	1,015.28
1135	McGuire, Robert G	0.30	12	Scott, Priscilla Grace	3,748.99
787	Mitchell, Randall	400.62	705	Shepherd, George M	4,176.02
794	Morey, Dyna P	112.86	1036	Soo Hoo, Mona C	447.61
799	Muccio, Anthony P	4,126.29 *	1057	Steed, Susan	16.47 *
812	Nevels, Donald Estate	132.05	1110	Sullivan, Joe W	210.95
817	Nevels, Jutta	1,143.67	1113	Taylor, David C	499.15 *
1318	Nevels, Tony	406.46	1116	Tea Hill Enterprises LLC	313.84 *
1302	Nolan, Heidi, Danielle Et al	2,171.19	366	Tea Hill Enterprises LLC	1,606.96
295	Nolan, Joanne	1,006.71	1252	Tea Hill Enterprises LLC	2,668.54
842	O'Dowd, Patricia	1,706.43	1126	Thompson, Reginald L	559.09
851	Olsen, Blaine	1,416.59 *	560	US Bank National Association	1,409.73
862	Ouellette, Sheila	0.61 *	1169	Vissicchio, Robert	276.11
876	Peabody, Charles & Deborah	1,747.58	1180	Walters, Robert J & Jane N	648.27
878	Perron, Elizabeth	3,095.58	1185	Warner, Geoffrey	1,594.35
887	Pitts, Benjamin Alexander	1,516.06 *	269	Willinghan, Howard S	1,097.60 *
893	Poole, Lucy Lynn	1,141.13	1249	Wilson, Henry & Kimberly	5.23
895	Potter, Earl	262.40	1251	Wilvers, Francine	1,976.79 *
899	Powers, Scott T	7,628.32	Total for 112:		159,981.44
901	Pringle, William G	8,336.90	* = paid after close of books		

Tax Bills are traditionally issued in July and interest begins September 1.

If your mailing address changes, please notify the Town Office as soon as possible.

By State law, all tax changes must be in place by April 1 of the current year.

The tax assessing agent holds office hours at the Town Office one day per month.

2015 MUNICIPAL TAX RATE CALCULATION FORM

Municipality: Stonington

BE SURE TO COMPLETE THIS FORM BEFORE FILLING IN THE TAX ASSESSMENT WARRANT

1. Total Taxable Valuation of Real Estate	1	212,361,700
2. Total taxable valuation of personal property	2	1,111,700
3. Total Taxable Valuation of real estate and personal property (Line 1 plus line 2)	3	213,473,400
4. (a) Total exempt value for all homestead exemptions granted	4(a)	2,482,000
(b) Homestead exemption reimbursement value	4(b)	1,241,000
		<small>(Line 4(a) multiplied by .5)</small>
5. (a) Total exempt value of all BETE qualified property	5(a)	61,900
(b) The statutory standard reimbursement for 2014 is 50%	5(b)	30,950
Municipalities with significant personal property & equipment		<small>(line 5(a) multiplied by 0.5)</small>
may qualify for more than 50% reimbursement. Please contact MRS for the Enhanced Tax Rate Calculator form.		
6. Total Valuation Base (Line 3 plus line 4(b) plus line 5(b))	6	214,745,350

Assessments

7. County Tax	7	113,277.75
8. Municipal Appropriation	8	1,564,027.00
9. TIF Financing Plan Amount	9	0.00
10. Local Educational Appropriation (Local Share/Contribution)	10	1,983,874.13
<small>(Adjusted to Municipal Fiscal Year)</small>		
11. Total Assessments (Add lines 7 through 10).....	11	3,661,178.88

ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS

12. State Municipal Revenue Sharing.....	12	27,901.63
13. Other Revenues: <small>(All other revenues that have been formally appropriated to be used to reduce the commitment such as excise tax revenue, tree growth reimbursement, trust fund or bank interest income, appropriated surplus revenue, etc. Do Not Include any Homestead or BETE Reimbursement)</small>	13	50,000.00
14. Total Deductions (Line 12 plus line 13).....	14	77,901.63
15. Net to be raised by local property tax rate (Line 11 minus line 14).....	15	3,583,277.25

16.	3,583,277.25	X	1.05	=	3,762,441.11	Maximum Allowable Tax
17.	3,583,277.25	/	214,745,350	=	0.016686	Minimum Tax Rate
18.	3,762,441.11	/	214,745,350	=	0.017520	Maximum Tax Rate
19.	213,473,400	X	0.017150	=	3,661,068.81	Tax for Commitment
			<small>(Selected Rate)</small>		<small>(Enter on Page1, line 13)</small>	
20.	3,583,277.25	X	0.05	=	179,163.86	Maximum Overlay
21.	1,241,000	X	0.017150	=	21,283.15	Homestead Reimbursement
			<small>(Selected Rate)</small>		<small>(Enter on line 8, Assessment Warrant)</small>	
22.	30,950	X	0.017150	=	530.79	BETE Reimbursement
			<small>(Selected Rate)</small>		<small>(Enter on line 9, Assessment Warrant)</small>	
23.	3,682,882.75	-	3,583,277.25	=	99,605.50	Overlay
	<small>(Line 19 plus lines 21 and 22)</small>				<small>(Enter on line 5, Assessment Warrant)</small>	

(If Line 23 exceeds Line 20 select a lower tax rate.)

Results from this completed form should be used to prepare the Municipal Tax Assessment Warrant, Certificate of Assessment to Municipal Treasurer and Municipal Valuation Return.

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5000 · ADMINISTRATION				
5001 · Admn Advertisements	1,656.75	2,000.00	1,800.00	
5002 · Admn Assessing	26,000.00	28,600.00	26,000.00	
5003 · Admn Audit	5,400.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	
5004 · Admn Bank Fees	0.00	100.00	100.00	
5005 · Admn Bond Counsel TAN	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
5006 · Admn Copier	2,043.53	2,200.00	2,200.00	
5007 · Admn Dues & Books	2,970.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
5008 · Admn Election Costs	2,744.02	3,500.00	3,500.00	
5009 · Admn Equipment/Computers	10,113.99	10,000.00	13,500.00	
5010 · Admn Liability Insurance	6,657.75	6,700.00	6,800.00	
5011 · Admn Legal Services	9,909.75	13,000.00	8,500.00	
5012 · Admn Misc. Expense	1,627.59	2,000.00	2,000.00	
5013 · Admn Postage	3,044.47	3,000.00	3,800.00	
5014 · Admn Printing	2,475.80	2,500.00	2,650.00	
5015 · Admn Recording Fees	2,698.00	1,500.00	3,000.00	
5016 · Admn Supplies	2,499.99	2,500.00	2,500.00	
5017 · Admn Telephone	2,336.04	1,980.00	3,000.00	
5018 · Admn Training	540.00	600.00	600.00	
5019 · Admn Travel	1,921.80	2,500.00	2,500.00	
5020 · Admn Workmen's Comp	1,126.62	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Total 5000 · ADMINISTRATION	88,766.10	95,880.00	95,650.00	
Administration Budget 2015				95,650.00
5050 · HEALTH INSURANCE				
5051 · Health Insurance Staff	51,668.03	54,932.00	54,993.00	
Total 5050 · HEALTH INSURANCE	51,668.03	54,932.00	54,993.00	
Health Insurance Budget 2015				54,993.00
5060 · ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES				
5061 · Admn Payroll Taxes	11,005.70	10,750.00	11,450.00	
5062 · Admn Selectmen	13,500.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	
5063 · Admn Town Clerks	77,143.24	81,016.00	81,500.00	
5064 · Admn Town Manager	53,222.00	53,222.00	55,000.00	
Total 5060 · ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	154,870.94	159,988.00	162,950.00	
Administrative Salaries 2015				162,950.00
5070 · TOWN HALL EXPENSES				
5071 · Town Hall Cleaning	2,263.59	2,500.00	2,500.00	
5072 · Town Hall Electric	1,923.35	2,200.00	2,200.00	
5073 · Town Hall Equipment	750.00	750.00	750.00	
5075 · Town Hall Heat	6,269.63	7,000.00	7,500.00	
5076 · Town Hall Insurance	1,331.55	1,400.00	1,500.00	
5077 · Town Hall Maintenance & Repairs	8,683.25	8,000.00	8,500.00	
5078 · Town Hall Misc	340.48	350.00	350.00	
5079 · Town Hall Supplies	298.18	300.00	300.00	
5080 · Town Hall Water & Sewer	1,163.04	1,300.00	1,400.00	
Total 5070 · TOWN HALL EXPENSES	23,023.07	23,800.00	25,000.00	
Town Hall Budget 2015				25,000.00
5100 · ANIMAL CONTROL				
5101 · Animal Control Kennel	0.00	500.00	500.00	
5102 · Animal Control Miscellaneous	204.98	600.00	600.00	
5103 · Animal Control Payroll Taxes	40.07	250.00	250.00	
5104 · Animal Control Travel	198.24	1,000.00	1,000.00	
5105 · Animal Control Wages	523.75	2,500.00	2,000.00	
5106 · Animal Control Workers Comp	16.33	150.00	100.00	
Total 5100 · ANIMAL CONTROL	983.37	5,000.00	4,450.00	
Animal Control Budget 2015				4,450.00

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5110 · CODE ENFORCEMENT				
5111 · Code Enforcement Misc	190.21	300.00	300.00	
5112 · Code Enforcement Payroll Taxes	787.39	875.00	875.00	
5113 · Code Enforcement Travel	272.39	300.00	300.00	
5114 · Code Enforcement Wages	10,042.67	13,700.00	13,700.00	
5115 · Code Enforcement Workers Comp	379.80	425.00	425.00	
Total 5110 · CODE ENFORCEMENT	11,672.46	15,600.00	15,600.00	
Code Enforcement Budget 2015				15,600.00
5120 · PLANNING BOARD				
5121 · Planning Board Advertising	684.25	1,200.00	1,200.00	
5122 · Planning Board Misc	0.25	100.00	100.00	
5123 · Planning Board Training	0.00	100.00	100.00	
5124 · Planning Board Wages	500.00	500.00	500.00	
Total 5120 · PLANNING BOARD	1,184.50	1,900.00	1,900.00	
Planning Board Budget 2015				1,900.00
5130 · TRANSFER STATION				
5131 · Transfer Station Ash Removal	2,346.84	2,000.00	6,000.00	
5132 · Transfer Station Demo Debris	7,973.65	8,000.00	10,000.00	
5133 · Transfer Station Equip Maint	10,472.21	10,500.00	10,500.00	
5134 · Transfer Station Insurance	532.62	650.00	700.00	
5135 · Transfer Station Misc	1,492.94	1,500.00	3,700.00	
5136 · Transfer Station Monitor Wells	0.00	3,000.00	-	
5137 · Transfer Station Mowing	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,100.00	
5138 · Transfer Station Payroll Taxes	4,803.41	5,500.00	5,500.00	
5139 · Transfer Station Recycling	7,080.40	7,000.00	14,000.00	
5140 · Transfer Station Telephone	513.92	600.00	600.00	
5141 · Transfer Station Tipping Fees	92,962.99	90,000.00	100,000.00	
5142 · Transfer Station Transportation	34,402.72	35,000.00	35,000.00	
5143 · Transfer Station Utilities	1,602.79	1,900.00	1,900.00	
5144 · Transfer Station Wages	62,789.68	66,000.00	66,000.00	
5145 · Transfer Station Workers Comp	6,513.69	6,500.00	7,000.00	
Rebate on Tipping Fees				
Total 5130 · TRANSFER STATION	235,487.86	240,150.00	263,000.00	
Transfer Station Budget 2015				263,000.00
5500 · THIRD PARTY REQUESTS				
5501 · 4th of July	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,600.00	
5502 · Chamber of Commerce	600.00	600.00	600.00	
5503 · Child & Family Opportunities	2,800.00	2,800.00	3,080.00	
5505 · DownEast Transportation	800.00	800.00	800.00	
5506 · Eastern Area Agency on Aging	2,600.00	2,600.00	2,600.00	
5507 · Hancock County Homecare & Hospice	7,526.00	7,526.00	7,526.00	
5508 · Healthy Island Project	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	
5509 · Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County	600.00	600.00	800.00	
5510 · Island Community Center	10,800.00	10,800.00	10,800.00	
5511 · Island Rec Board	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
5512 · Stonington Public Library	4,000.00	4,000.00	6,000.00	
5514 · Memorial Day	450.00	450.00	450.00	
5516 · American Red Cross	600.00	600.00	600.00	
5518 · WHCA	3,729.00	3,729.00	4,345.00	
5519 · DownEast Family YMCA	800.00	800.00	750.00	
5521 · WIC Program	0.00	0.00	1,120.00	
5522 · Project Launch	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	
Total Third Party Requests	42,305.00	42,305.00	48,571.00	
Third Party Request Budget 2015				48,571.00

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5601 · Fire Dept Electric	1,326.52	1,100.00	1,050.00	
5602 · Fire Dept Equipment	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
5603 · Fire Dept Fuel	384.29	600.00	600.00	
5604 · Fire Dept Heat	4,744.28	3,900.00	4,500.00	
5605 · Fire Dept Insurance	5,676.20	5,600.00	5,600.00	
5606 · Fire Dept Misc. Expenses	1,441.30	1,400.00	1,400.00	
5607 · Fire Dept Parts & Repair	8,367.09	14,000.00	13,500.00	
5608 · Fire Dept Payroll Taxes	902.70	1,100.00	1,100.00	
5609 · Fire Dept Telephone	1,123.07	1,150.00	1,100.00	
5610 · Fire Dept Wages	11,800.00	12,850.00	12,850.00	
5611 · Fire Dept Water and Sewer	963.04	1,300.00	1,300.00	
5612 · Fire Dept Workers Comp	1,607.97	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Total 5600 · FIRE DEPARTMENT	43,336.46	49,000.00	49,000.00	
Fire Department Budget 2015				49,000.00
5620 · PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT				
5621 · Public Works Diesel & Gas	18,427.18	20,000.00	25,000.00	
5622 · Public Works Insurance	3,968.02	4,000.00	4,200.00	
5623 · Public Works Repairs	16,256.99	18,000.00	18,000.00	
5624 · Public Work Supplies & Equip	2,884.80	3,000.00	3,000.00	
5625 · Public Works Misc	1,484.92	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Total 5620 · PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT	43,021.91	46,500.00	51,700.00	
Public Works Budget 2015				51,700.00
5630 · TOWN GARAGE				
5631 · Town Garage Electricity	2,255.74	2,200.00	2,400.00	
5632 · Town Garage Equipment	2,956.80	3,000.00	3,000.00	
5633 · Town Garage Heat	549.13	600.00	600.00	
5634 · Town Garage Maintenance	3,490.09	3,500.00	3,500.00	
5635 · Town Garage Misc	989.34	1,000.00	1,000.00	
5636 · Town Garage Telephone	1,011.78	1,500.00	1,200.00	
Total 5630 · TOWN GARAGE	11,252.88	11,800.00	11,700.00	
Town Garage Budget 2015				11,700.00
5640 · ROAD MAINTENANCE				
5641 · Road Maint Cold Patch	4,526.50	5,000.00	7,500.00	
5642 · Road Maint Culverts	3,000.00	3,000.00	13,500.00	
5643 · Road Maint Gravel	3,436.00	8,000.00	4,000.00	
5644 · Road Maint Guardrails	2,998.64	3,000.00	3,000.00	
5645 · Road Maint Misc	1,598.22	2,000.00	2,000.00	
5646 · Road Maint Mowing	2,147.27	2,200.00	2,300.00	
5647 · Road Maint Payroll Taxes	4,616.96	5,000.00	5,250.00	
5648 · Road Maint Cellular	600.00	600.00	600.00	
5649 · Road Maint Sidewalks	2,079.77	3,500.00	3,500.00	
5650 · Road Maint Signs	2,261.11	4,500.00	4,500.00	
5651 · Road Maint Tarring & Ground Prep	143,495.70	150,000.00	50,000.00	
5652 · Road Maint Wages	60,352.46	66,000.00	68,000.00	
5653 · Road Maint Workers Comp	8,184.00	8,000.00	8,500.00	
Total 5640 · ROAD MAINTENANCE	239,296.63	260,800.00	172,650.00	
Road Maintenance Budget 2015				172,650.00
5660 · WINTER ROADS				
5661 · Winter Roads Misc	2,542.58	3,000.00	3,000.00	
5662 · Winter Roads Parts & Equipment	22,978.68	23,000.00	23,000.00	
5663 · Winter Roads Payroll Taxes	6,450.50	6,800.00	6,950.00	
5664 · Winter Roads Salt & Sand	79,584.34	92,000.00	80,000.00	
5665 · Winter Roads Subcontract	7,529.55	8,500.00	8,500.00	
5666 · Winter Roads Wages	84,216.77	93,000.00	95,000.00	
5667 · Winter Roads Workers Comp	9,591.54	7,400.00	10,000.00	
Total 5660 · WINTER ROADS	212,893.96	233,700.00	226,450.00	
Winter Roads Budget 2015				226,450.00

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5670 · TRANSFER TO RESERVES				
5671 · Seawall	3,000.00	3,000.00	33,000.00	
5672 · Conservation	100.00	100.00	100.00	
5673 · Fire Dept Equip	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	
5674 · Gym Building	2,000.00	2,000.00	15,000.00	
5676 · Road Equipment	30,000.00	30,000.00	40,000.00	
5677 · School Building	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
5678 · Town Hall	2,000.00	2,000.00	4,000.00	
5679 · Transfer Station Equipment	2,000.00	2,000.00	10,000.00	
5680 · Unemployment	5,000.00	5,000.00	2,500.00	
5681 · Harbor Float Reserve	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
5683 · Shellfish Conservation	5,000.00	5,000.00	500.00	
Total 5670 · TRANSFER TO RESERVES	61,100.00	61,100.00	117,100.00	
5690 · DEBT SERVICE				
5691 · Debt Service Loader lease/purch	16,370.16	16,400.00	16,400.00	
5697 · Debt Service Moose Island	34,743.12	34,744.00	34,744.00	
5697 · Debt Service Peterbilt Truck	23,663.52	23,700.00	23,670.00	
5700 Municipal Facilities				
5701 · Athletic Field	154.95	10,000.00	1,000.00	
5702 · Cemeteries	3,066.65	4,500.00	4,500.00	
5703 · Colwell Ramp	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Total 5700 · MUNICIPAL FACILITIES	8,221.60	19,500.00	10,500.00	
5900 · PARKS				
5901 · Parks Mini Village	371.48	400.00	400.00	
5902 · Parks Public Bathrooms	5,183.16	6,000.00	6,000.00	
5903 · Parks Stinson Park	167.07	320.00	320.00	
5905 · Parks Trash	2,596.46	4,500.00	3,000.00	
5906 · Playground	859.01	1,000.00	1,000.00	
1-5900 · PARKS - Other				
Total 5900 · PARKS	9,177.18	12,220.00	10,720.00	
6001 · HANCOCK COUNTY PLANNING COM	1,220.00	1,220.00	1,220.00	
6006 · GENERAL ASSISTANCE	195.25	2,500.00	1,500.00	
6007 · HEALTH OFFICER	250.00	250.00	250.00	
6008 · APPEALS BOARD	36.25	250.00	250.00	
6011 · ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	18,500.00	18,500.00	18,500.00	
6013 · 911 ROAD SIGNS	298.30	600.00	600.00	
6014 · FIRE HYDRANTS	59,000.00	59,000.00	59,000.00	
6015 · SHERIFF SERVICES	69,711.00	69,888.00	69,888.00	
6016 · STREETLIGHTS	10,212.08	10,000.00	10,300.00	
6017 · COUNTY TAX				
6018 · EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT				
6019 · ABATEMENTS FROM OVERLAY	32,997.96			
6020 · TAX DISCOUNTS	28,047.46	23,000.00	30,000.00	
6021 · HANCOCK COUNTY RCC	4,130.28	4,100.00	4,235.00	
6030 · SAND BEACH				
6031 · Insurance	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
6032 · Rent	6,866.86	6,000.00	7,000.00	
	2015 Actual Total	2015 Budget Total	2016 Proposed Total	
Budget figures	1,546,004.19	1,605,827.00	1,600,991.00	



Proven Expertise and Integrity

February 10, 2016

Board of Selectmen
Town of Stonington, Maine
Stonington, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Stonington, Maine and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Stonington, Maine as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2015 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town Office.

Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds	Statement C
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RHR Smith & Company

Certified Public Accountants

STATEMENT C

TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2015

	General Fund	Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,425,674	\$ 1,004,725	\$ 2,430,399
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	171,076	-	171,076
Liens	37,514	-	37,514
Loans	-	46,047	46,047
Other	11,771	-	11,771
Inventory	-	5,500	5,500
Due from other funds	91,694	123,695	215,389
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,737,729</u>	<u>\$ 1,179,967</u>	<u>\$ 2,917,696</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 38,556	\$ 10,341	\$ 48,897
Payroll related liabilities	9,055	-	9,055
Due to other funds	123,695	91,694	215,389
Due to other governments	113	-	113
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>171,419</u>	<u>102,035</u>	<u>273,454</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Prepaid taxes	2,486	-	2,486
Deferred revenue	172,500	-	172,500
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>174,986</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>174,986</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	-	5,500	5,500
Restricted	-	265,464	265,464
Committed	-	807,631	807,631
Assigned	-	-	-
Unassigned	1,391,324	(663)	1,390,661
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>1,391,324</u>	<u>1,077,932</u>	<u>2,469,256</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 1,737,729</u>	<u>\$ 1,179,967</u>	<u>\$ 2,917,696</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	General Fund	Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property Taxes	\$ 3,639,714	\$ -	\$ 3,639,714
Excise taxes	251,527	-	251,527
Intergovernmental	70,178	12,299	82,477
Charges for services	77,966	857,871	935,837
Interest/Costs on liens	13,389	-	13,389
Investment income, net	2,702	3,135	5,837
Other income	20,808	29,161	49,969
TOTAL REVENUES	4,076,284	902,466	4,978,750
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	319,547	-	319,547
Public safety	195,463	-	195,463
Health and sanitation	235,488	-	235,488
Public works	510,428	-	510,428
Special assessments	2,097,152	-	2,097,152
Social services	8,524	-	8,524
Culture and recreation	14,832	-	14,832
Unclassified	124,805	799,987	924,792
Debt service	74,777	7,444	82,221
Capital outlay	-	62,362	62,362
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,581,016	869,793	4,450,809
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	495,268	32,673	527,941
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	289,844	289,844
Transfers (out)	(233,032)	(56,812)	(289,844)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(233,032)	233,032	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	262,236	265,705	527,941
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	1,129,088	812,227	1,941,315
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 1,391,324	\$ 1,077,932	\$ 2,469,256

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TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1	\$ 1,129,088	\$ 1,129,088	\$ 1,129,088	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Property taxes	3,661,069	3,661,069	3,639,714	(21,355)
Excise taxes	-	-	251,527	251,527
Intergovernmental	49,716	49,716	70,178	20,462
Charges for services	-	-	77,966	77,966
Interest / costs on liens	-	-	13,389	13,389
Investment income - net	-	-	2,702	2,702
Other revenues	-	-	20,808	20,808
Transfers from other funds	-	-	-	-
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>4,839,873</u>	<u>4,839,873</u>	<u>5,205,372</u>	<u>365,499</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	336,750	336,750	319,547	17,203
Public safety	209,338	203,675	195,463	8,212
Health and sanitation	240,150	240,150	235,488	4,662
Public works	557,800	557,800	510,428	47,372
Special assessments	2,097,152	2,097,152	2,097,152	-
Social services	10,829	10,829	8,524	2,305
Culture and recreation	27,720	17,659	14,832	2,827
Unclassified	186,902	186,902	124,805	62,097
Debt service	74,844	74,844	74,777	67
Transfers to other funds	186,100	233,032	233,032	-
Total Charges to Appropriation	<u>3,927,585</u>	<u>3,958,793</u>	<u>3,814,048</u>	<u>144,745</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 912,288</u>	<u>\$ 881,080</u>	<u>\$ 1,391,324</u>	<u>\$ 510,244</u>
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	<u>\$ 216,800</u>	<u>\$ 248,008</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (248,008)</u>

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SCHEDULE 2

TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final		Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ 3,661,069	\$ 3,661,069	\$ 3,639,714	\$ (21,355)
Excise taxes:				
Auto excise	-	-	251,527	251,527
Intergovernmental revenues:				
State revenue sharing	27,902	27,902	28,704	802
Homestead exemption	21,283	21,283	19,452	(1,831)
Local road assistance	-	-	19,044	19,044
BETE reimbursement	531	531	-	(531)
Tree growth	-	-	2,483	2,483
Other intergovernmental	-	-	495	495
Interest/Investment income-net	-	-	2,702	2,702
Interest/Costs on liens	-	-	13,389	13,389
Charges for services:				
Municipal agent fees	-	-	9,052	9,052
Snow removal contract	-	-	11,395	11,395
Building permits	-	-	5,000	5,000
Tipping fees	-	-	21,551	21,551
Demo debris income	-	-	18,020	18,020
Trash fees	-	-	7,947	7,947
Other fees	-	-	1,310	1,310
In lieu of taxes	-	-	3,691	3,691
Other income:				
CATV fee	-	-	3,408	3,408
Miscellaneous	-	-	17,400	17,400
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>3,710,785</u>	<u>3,710,785</u>	<u>4,076,284</u>	<u>365,499</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	<u>\$ 3,710,785</u>	<u>\$ 3,710,785</u>	<u>\$ 4,076,284</u>	<u>\$ 365,499</u>

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TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Appropriations	Budget Adjustments	Total Available	Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Administration	\$ 95,880	\$ -	\$ 95,880	\$ 88,766	\$ 7,114
Wages, salaries and taxes	159,988	-	159,988	154,870	5,118
Employee healthcare	54,932	-	54,932	51,668	3,264
Town hall maintenance	23,800	-	23,800	23,023	777
Planning board	1,900	-	1,900	1,184	716
Appeals board	250	-	250	36	214
Total	336,750	-	336,750	319,547	17,203
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Animal control	5,000	-	5,000	983	4,017
Hydrant rental	59,000	-	59,000	59,000	-
Code enforcement	15,600	-	15,600	11,672	3,928
Health officer	250	-	250	250	-
Fire department	49,000	(5,663)	43,337	43,337	-
911-Road signs	600	-	600	298	302
Sheriff services	69,888	-	69,888	69,711	177
Street lights	10,000	-	10,000	10,212	(212)
Total	209,338	(5,663)	203,675	195,463	8,212
HEALTH AND SANITATION					
Transfer station	240,150	-	240,150	235,488	4,662
Total	240,150	-	240,150	235,488	4,662

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Appropriations	Budget Adjustments	Total Available	Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
PUBLIC WORKS					
Town roads	260,800	-	260,800	239,297	21,503
Winter roads	233,700	-	233,700	211,856	21,844
Equipment	46,500	-	46,500	43,022	3,478
Town garage	11,800	-	11,800	11,253	547
Colwell ramp	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-
Total	557,800	-	557,800	510,428	47,372
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS					
School	1,983,874	-	1,983,874	1,983,874	-
County tax	113,278	-	113,278	113,278	-
Total	2,097,152	-	2,097,152	2,097,152	-
SOCIAL SERVICES					
General assistance	2,500	-	2,500	195	2,305
Hancock County Homecare	600	-	600	600	-
Eastern Area Agency on Aging	2,600	-	2,600	2,600	-
WHCA	3,729	-	3,729	3,729	-
YMCA	800	-	800	800	-
American Red Cross	600	-	600	600	-
Total	10,829	-	10,829	8,524	2,305
CULTURE AND RECREATION					
Stonington Library	4,000	-	4,000	4,000	-
Island Recreation Board	1,500	-	1,500	1,500	-
Athletic field	10,000	(9,845)	155	155	-
Town parks	12,220	(216)	12,004	9,177	2,827
Total	27,720	(10,061)	17,659	14,832	2,827

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Appropriations	Budget Adjustments	Total Available	Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
DEBT SERVICE					
Backhoe	16,400	-	16,400	16,370	30
Fire truck	23,700	-	23,700	23,664	36
Moose island causeway	34,744	-	34,744	34,743	1
Total	<u>74,844</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,844</u>	<u>74,777</u>	<u>67</u>
UNCLASSIFIED					
Downeast Transportation	800	-	800	800	-
Economic Development	18,500	-	18,500	18,500	-
Hancock County RCC	4,100	-	4,100	4,130	(30)
Fourth of July	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	-
Child & Family opportunities	2,800	-	2,800	2,800	-
Healthy Island	2,500	-	2,500	2,500	-
Hancock County Planning	1,220	-	1,220	1,220	-
Chamber of Commerce	600	-	600	600	-
Memorial Day	450	-	450	450	-
Hospice of Hancock County	7,526	-	7,526	7,526	-
Island community center	10,800	-	10,800	10,800	-
Tax discounts	23,000	-	23,000	28,047	(5,047)
Sand beach	7,500	-	7,500	8,367	(867)
Cemeteries	4,500	-	4,500	3,067	1,433
Overlay/Abatements	99,606	-	99,606	32,998	66,608
Total	<u>186,902</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>186,902</u>	<u>124,805</u>	<u>62,097</u>
Transfer to other funds	186,100	46,932	233,032	233,032	-
Total	<u>186,100</u>	<u>46,932</u>	<u>233,032</u>	<u>233,032</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 3,927,585</u>	<u>\$ 31,208</u>	<u>\$ 3,958,793</u>	<u>\$ 3,814,048</u>	<u>\$ 144,745</u>

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SCHEDULE G

TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Airport	Athletic Field	Seawall Reserve	Conservation Commission	Fire Dept Capital	Fish Pier	Gym Building	Harbor
REVENUES								
Charges for services	\$ 3,169	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 717,311	\$ -	\$ 64,970
Investment income	31	3	-	18	401	64	77	17
Other income	-	-	-	-	4	12,074	-	14,483
TOTAL REVENUES	3,200	3	-	18	405	729,449	77	79,470
EXPENDITURES								
Capital outlay	-	-	29,902	-	-	20,982	4,900	-
Debt service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	1,594	-	-	50	-	681,445	2,397	26,454
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,594	-	29,902	50	-	702,427	7,297	26,454
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	1,606	3	(29,902)	(32)	405	27,022	(7,220)	53,016
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Transfers in	-	9,845	178,367	100	15,663	-	2,000	6,737
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(50,000)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	9,845	178,367	100	15,663	-	2,000	(43,263)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	1,606	9,848	148,465	68	16,068	27,022	(5,220)	9,753
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	7,768	476	82,462	4,350	99,090	113,116	15,755	84,589
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 9,374	\$ 10,324	\$ 230,927	\$ 4,418	\$ 115,158	\$ 140,138	\$ 10,535	\$ 94,342

SCHEDULE G (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Playground Reserve	Rainy Day Reserve	Road Equipment	Public Safety Reserve	School Building	Shellfish
REVENUES						
Charges for services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51,741	\$ 20,680
Investment income	10	62	218	-	107	86
Other income	100	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	110	62	218	-	51,848	20,766
EXPENDITURES						
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt service	-	-	-	-	4,223	-
Other	-	-	-	-	29,397	21,227
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	-	-	-	-	33,620	21,227
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	110	62	218	-	18,228	(461)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers in	216	-	30,000	-	1,000	5,000
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	216	-	30,000	-	1,000	5,000
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	326	62	30,218	-	19,228	4,539
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	383	15,444	12,625	-	24,898	21,164
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 709	\$ 15,506	\$ 42,843	\$ -	\$ 44,126	\$ 25,703

SCHEDULE G (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Swimming Pool	Town Hall	Harbor Float	Transfer Station	Unemploy Fund	Totals
REVENUES						
Charges for services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 857,871
Investment income	7	83	57	101	28	1,370
Other income	-	-	-	-	-	26,661
TOTAL REVENUES	7	83	57	101	28	885,902
EXPENDITURES						
Capital outlay	-	-	-	6,578	-	62,362
Debt service	-	3,221	-	-	-	7,444
Other	-	-	-	-	5,498	768,062
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	-	3,221	-	6,578	5,498	837,868
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	7	(3,138)	57	(6,477)	(5,470)	48,034
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers in	-	2,000	1,000	2,000	5,000	258,928
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-	-	(50,000)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	2,000	1,000	2,000	5,000	208,928
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	7	(1,138)	1,057	(4,477)	(470)	256,962
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	1,815	19,908	13,688	24,300	2,021	543,852
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 1,822	\$ 18,770	\$ 14,745	\$ 19,823	\$ 1,551	\$ 800,814

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TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES – NONMAJOR PERMANENT FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Cemetery Fund	Bartlett/ McDonald	Totals
REVENUES			
Investment income	\$ 238	\$ 6	\$ 244
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>238</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>244</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Other	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>238</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>244</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	-	-
Transfers (out)	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	238	6	244
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	<u>58,114</u>	<u>1,342</u>	<u>59,456</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 58,352</u>	<u>\$ 1,348</u>	<u>\$ 59,700</u>

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**TOWN OF STONINGTON
ANNUAL ELECTIONS
TOWN MEETING ELECTION WARRANT**

Hancock, ss

State of Maine

To: Benjamin Pitts, resident of the Town of Stonington, in said County.

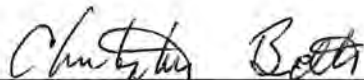
Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stonington, qualified by law to vote in said Town affairs, to assemble in the Stonington Town Hall, 32 Main Street, on Monday the **7th day of March, 2016, A.D. from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm Noon** to act upon the following articles to wit:


ARTICLES

1. To choose a moderator to preside at said Town Meeting.
2. To choose the following Town Officers:
 - One Selectman for 1 one-year term
 - One Selectman for 1 three-year term
 - One Sanitary District Trustee for 1 two-year In District term
 - One Sanitary District Trustee for 1 three-year In District term
 - One Sanitary District Trustee for 1 three-year At Large term

Given under our hands this 8th day of February, 2016 at Stonington, Maine



Christopher Betts



Donna Brewer



Evelyn Duncan



Richard Larrabee, Sr.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Stonington as herein expressed, to meet, at time and place and for the purpose therein named, by posting this day an attested copy of the Warrant at the Stonington Town Hall and the Harbor View Market, the same being conspicuous places in the said Town.

Dated the ____ day of February, 2016 at Stonington, Maine.

Benjamin Pitts

**TOWN OF STONINGTON
ANNUAL
TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

Hancock, ss

State of Maine

To: Benjamin Pitts, resident of the Town of Stonington, in said County.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stonington, qualified by law to vote in said Town affairs, to assemble at the Stonington Town Hall 2nd Floor Meeting Room on Main Street in said Town on Monday the **7th Day of March**, A.D., 2016 at three o'clock in the afternoon (**3:00 PM**) to act upon the following articles to wit:

ARTICLES

1. To choose a moderator to preside at said Town Meeting.
2. To see if the town, in accordance with Title 36 M.R.S.A., Section 506, will vote to authorize the Tax Collector and the Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed and to pay no interest thereon.
3. To see if the Town will vote to fix a date when taxes shall be due and payable, and to see if the Town will vote to fix the rate of interest to charge on taxes unpaid after such date.

The Selectmen recommend the due date be September 1, 2016 and the rate of interest be 7.0% per annum.

4. To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount of 1% on taxes paid in full within thirty days from commitment of the tax list to the Tax Collector, with an appropriation of **\$30,000** added to the annual tax commitment.

[In 2015, the discounts given to taxpayers totaled \$28,047.46 the town's auditor has requested that an estimate for the discount be included in the commitment process.]

5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to issue a Tax Anticipation Note which will be repaid at the end of the tax year and to pay interest on the note as necessary from investment returns.

6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and convey by quit-claim deed, at the Selectmen's discretion as to terms, but at a price not less than the total of unpaid taxes, interest, and costs, any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, unless the Selectmen, at their discretion, decide that the acquired property is beneficial for the Town to keep. It is understood that the Selectmen will advertise such real estate except when the real estate is to be sold to the original owner.

7. To see if the Town will grant the authority to the Selectmen to appropriate from overlay to cover any tax abatements.

8. Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer, on behalf of the Town, to accept gifts, donations, real estate, personal property, and certain funds, including trust funds that may be given or left to the Town and to appropriate and expend such money for such public purposes as the Board deems to be in the interest of the Town.

9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to accept conditional gifts of money to the Town and to appropriate and expend the funds for the purposes for which the gift was made and in accordance with any conditions imposed by the donor and to accept conditional gifts of personal property to the Town and to use the property in the manner specified by the donor.

10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for and accept State and Federal grants and grants from nonprofit organizations on behalf of the Town for municipal purposes, including when necessary, the authority to sign the grant contract and accept the conditions that accompany the grant funds, and to appropriate and expend grant funds for authorized purposes.

11. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to act as the Trustees for the Stonington Water Company and vote the stock held by the Town to keep the Stonington Water Company operating and transact other business at any meeting of the stockholders of the Stonington Water Company.

12. Shall the Town of Stonington vote to approve a Community Development Block Grant application for the following program and dollar amount:

Program: CDBG Public Infrastructure Grant for upgrades, rebuilding and construction of the Stonington Water Company.

Amount: \$ 1,000,000.00

and to submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development and if said program is approved, to authorize the municipal officers to accept said grant funds, to

make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such a program. Furthermore, the Town of Stonington is cognizant of the requirement that should the intended National Objective of the CDBG program not be met all CDBG funds must be repaid to the State of Maine CDBG program.

The Selectmen recommend

We urge strong public support for this important CDBG funding opportunity for necessary upgrades for our public water utility. The recent Rural Development grant/loan we received can be used as a \$1M dollar match for the CDBG grant, an opportunity we may never have again for that much money for infrastructure upgrades deemed necessary by the capital projects feasibility study undertaken by Olver Associates in 2013 as a basis to apply for these various grant opportunities.

13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate the acquisition and associated rights of the William R. Ralston property, Tax Map 8A Lot 68, located at 6 Atlantic Avenue, recorded in Book 2886, Page 104 at the Hancock County Registry of Deeds, and to see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus for the land purchase price and associated legal and cleanup costs of such purchase for the purpose of public space and parking for the town.

The Selectmen recommend \$150,000

14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate moving an existing right of way from the present location on Tax Map 8A, Lot 68 if the purchase of the property is authorized by the voters.

15. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) to pave the airstrip at Stonington Municipal Airport.

The airport committee recommends \$139,000

The MDOT's Aeronautics division regularly inspects our airport. They have advised current lateral cracks are exceeding 3 inches and several areas of pavement have softened up and started breaking down and require maintenance and resurfacing of the airstrip.

16. To see what sum the Town vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) to move to the Seawall Reserve account for the Hagen Dock Construction project costs.

The Selectmen recommend \$150,000

17. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to execute a purchase and sales agreement with Cynthia Scally, a trustee of the Willard M. Kelly Trust, for the Funeral Home and associated lot rights, Tax Map 8A Lot 23, located at 9 Thurlows Hill Road, recorded in Book 4790 Page 253 in the Hancock County Registry of Deeds, for \$250,000 utilizing a Boating Facilities Grant of \$150,000 towards the purchase price, and borrowing up to \$100,000 for the balance of the purchase price and associated legal costs.

18. To see if the Town will vote to amend a map entitled "Town of Stonington Official Zoning Map" from "Limited Commercial District" to "Commercial Fisheries/Maritime Activities District" to include Billings, Diesel & Marine, Map 4A, Lot 49 and Greenhead Lobster Map 4B, Lot 47 and from "General Development District" to "Commercial Fisheries/Maritime Activities District" to include: Little Bay Lobster, Map 8B, Lot 73, Stonington Lobster Co-Op I, Map 8A, Lots 65 & 66 and Stonington Lobster Co-op II, Map 6, Lots 29 & 31.

The Planning Board Recommends

19. To see if the Town will vote to change the Side Line Setback requirement on page 33, Section 15.U, in the "Town of Stonington Shoreland Zoning Ordinance", from 10 feet to 0 (zero) feet in the Commercial Fisheries/Maritime Activities District.

The Planning Board Recommends

20. To see if the Town will vote to amend the "Town of Stonington Shoreland Zoning Ordinance", effective date: March 2, 1998, amended September 29, 2009 and December 20, 2010 to include minor changes (in red or underlined) to the ordinance. Copy of ordinance is posted with the town meeting warrant and can be seen at the Town Hall during regular business hours.

The Planning Board Recommends

21. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the administration account.

The Selectmen recommend \$95,650

22. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for wages, salaries and the Town's portion of Social Security and Medicare Payroll Taxes for Town Officers and employees.

The Selectmen recommend \$162,950

23. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the operation and maintenance of the Town Hall.

The Selectmen recommend \$25,000

24. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town Hall reserve.

The Selectmen recommend \$4000

25. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for employees' health insurance.

The Selectmen recommend \$54,993

26. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Unemployment Reserve.

The Selectmen recommend \$2500

27. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for wages and expenses for animal control.

The Selectmen recommend \$4,450

28. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for code enforcement wages and expenses.

The Selectmen recommend \$15,600

29. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Planning Board.

The Selectmen recommend \$1,900

30. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$69,888** for law enforcement.

(This for 3 days a week for \$69,888)

31. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for 911 sign expenses.

The Selectmen recommend \$600

32. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Hancock County Regional Communication Center (911) charges.

The Selectmen recommend \$4,235

33. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Health Officer.

The Selectmen recommend \$250

34. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Appeals Board.

The Selectmen recommend \$250

35. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Stonington Conservation Commission.

The Selectmen recommend \$100

36. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for dues to the Hancock County Planning Commission.

The Selectmen recommend \$1,220

37. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Stonington Shellfish Conservation Committee.

The Selectmen recommend \$500

38. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for economic development in Stonington.

The Selectmen recommend \$18,500

39. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance.

The Selectmen recommend \$1,500

40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$49,000 for the Stonington Fire Department.

The Selectmen recommend

41. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department Equipment Reserve.

The Selectmen recommend \$10,000

42. To see if the Town will vote to accept ownership of all the Stonington Volunteer Fire Department's equipment now owned by, or to be purchased by the Department during the ensuing year, and then allow the Stonington Volunteer Fire Department to use said equipment.

The Selectmen recommend

43. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for fire hydrants.

The Selectmen recommend \$59,000

44. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for disposal of solid waste and the operation of the Stonington Transfer Station.

The Selectmen recommend \$263,000

(The Town receives tipping fee reimbursements from MRC of about \$21,000 in revenues to offset Transfer Station costs.)

45. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for a reserve fund for the repair and replacement of equipment at the transfer station.

The Selectmen recommend \$10,000

46. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the debt service for the Moose Island Causeway

The Selectmen recommend \$34,744

47. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the operation and maintenance of road equipment.

The Selectmen recommend \$51,700

48. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the operation and maintenance of the town garage.

The Selectmen recommend \$11,700

49. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for town roads.

The Selectmen recommend \$172,650

50. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for snow removal.

The Selectmen recommend \$226,450

51. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for streetlights.

The Selectmen recommend \$10,300

52. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the road equipment reserve.

The Selectmen recommend \$40,000

53. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for debt service for the backhoe.

The Selectmen recommend \$16,400

54. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the debt service for the Peterbilt plow truck.

The Selectmen recommend \$23,670

55. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Seawall Reserve.

The Selectmen recommend \$33,000

56. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Dedicated Capital Reserve Float fund.

The Selectmen recommend \$1,000

57. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Parks.

The Selectmen recommend \$10,720

58. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for building reserves, for the purpose of undertaking major repairs or improvements.

The Selectmen recommend:

Former elementary school building reserve	\$1,000
Gym building reserve	\$15,000

59. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for operation and improvements to the Colwell Ramp property.

The Selectmen recommend \$5,000

60. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$7,000 for the Sand Beach lease rental property.

61. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500 for the Sand Beach insurance fee.

62. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the upkeep of the athletic field, with any unexpended amount going to the athletic field reserve.

The Selectmen recommend \$1,000

63. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the upkeep and maintenance of cemeteries.

The Selectmen recommend \$4,500

64. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Island Recreation Board.

Requested \$1,500

65. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Stonington Library.

Requested \$6,000

66. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Chamber of Commerce.

Requested \$600

67. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fourth of July fireworks.

Requested \$3,600

68. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Memorial Day observances.

Requested \$450

69. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Downeast Transportation.

Requested \$800

70. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Eastern Area Agency for Aging.

Requested \$2,600

71. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Healthy Island Project.

Requested \$2,500

72. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Hancock County Homecare and Hospice

Requested \$7,526

73. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Island Community Center.

Requested \$10,800

74. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Red Cross.

Requested \$600

75. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Child and Family Opportunities (Head Start)

Requested \$3,080

76. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Washington Hancock Community Agency.

Requested \$4,345

77. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Downeast YMCA.

Requested \$750

78. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Hospice of Hancock County

Requested \$800

79. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for WIC.

Requested \$1,120

80. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Project Launch.

Requested \$1,500

81. To see if the Town will vote to accept funds from the State of Maine for the following:

State Revenue Sharing	\$22,000
Tree Growth	2,500
Veteran's Reimbursement	495
General Assistance	500
DOT Block Grant	15,000
Snow Contract	11,395
Misc. Income	2,650
Homestead Exemption	18,000

(Note: These figures are estimates only. Actual amounts received may be more or less.)

82. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply income received towards reducing property taxes.

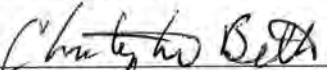
Estimated income includes:

Surplus	50,000
Town Fees	4,500
Transfer Station tipping fees	21,000
Demolition and recycling fees	5,000
Isle au Haut Trash	3,500
Building Permits	3,000
Water Company	2,500
Cable TV	2,000
In Lieu of Taxes	1,200
Operating interest	1,000

(Note: These are only estimates. The sources and amounts applied towards reducing taxes may be different.)

83. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$1,177,114.00 established for Stonington by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit.

Given under our hands this 8 day of February, 2016 at Stonington, Maine



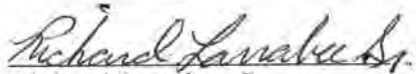
Christopher Betts



Evelyn K. Duncan



Donna Brewer



Richard Larrabee Sr.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Stonington as herein expressed, to meet, at the time and place and for the purpose therein named, by posting this day an attested copy of the within Warrant at the Harborview Store and the Stonington Town Office, the same being conspicuous places in the said Town.

Dated the _____ day of February 2016 at Stonington, Maine.

Benjamin Pitts, Resident