

2015
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE TOWN OF
S O L O N
INCORPORATED 1809



2016 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Saturday, March 5, 2016 Solon Elementary School

TOWN OFFICE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Wed-Fri 8 am to Noon & 1 pm to 4 pm

Wed 6 pm to 7:45 pm

(The Town Office will be closed on all Monday holidays
and on the Friday after Thanksgiving.)

Selectmen are in their office on Wednesday

General Assistance is on Wednesday from 9 am to 11 am

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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TRANSFER STATION	643-2941
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PLANNING BOARD CHAIR, MIKE GOLDEN	643-2219
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FIRE DEPARTMENT	643-2291
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RSU #74 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	635-2727
SOLON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	643-2491
CARRABEC COMMUNITY SCHOOL	635-2209
CARRABEC HIGH SCHOOL	635-2296
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MAINE STATE POLICE	474-3359
EMERGENCIES	DIAL 911

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POPULATION 1053

STATE VALUATION	1980	\$10,850,000
STATE VALUATION	1990	\$26,450,000
STATE VALUATION	2000	\$38,950,000
STATE VALUATION	2010	\$84,750,000
STATE VALUATION	2012	\$89,550,000
STATE VALUATION	2013	\$90,400,000
STATE VALUATION	2014	\$88,250,000
STATE VALUATION	2015	\$90,650,000
STATE VALUATION	2016	\$92,750,000

YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2015

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Cover Picture: North Main Street looking south toward the center of town

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

The Town Office will be closed on all Monday holidays.
The office will also be closed on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS & OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

WEDNESDAY 7:30 AM TO 12:00 PM
1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM 6:00 PM TO 7:45 PM
GENERAL ASSISTANCE WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY
8:00 AM TO 12:00 PM & 1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM
WEDNESDAY 6:00 PM TO 7:45 PM

TREASURER

WEDNESDAY
8:00 AM TO 12:00 PM & 1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM TO 7:45 PM

PLANNING BOARD

2nd & 4th TUESDAY every month at 7:00 PM in the
Town Office Conference Room

RECREATION COMMITTEE

3rd MONDAY every month at 6:30 PM in the
Town Office Conference Room

LIBRARY

TUESDAY 11 AM TO 6:30 PM
THURSDAY 10 AM TO 6:00 PM
(with possible changes for summer hours)

TRANSFER STATION

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 8 AM TO 4 PM
WEDNESDAY 10 AM TO 2 PM
The Transfer Station is at 1483 River Road and we do recycle!

OLON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

4th Monday of the month at the Historical Society, 28 South Main Street at 7 PM

OLON FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY

3rd Thursday of the month at the Fire Station Conference Room at 7 PM

FACE BOOK PAGES

Connect with Your Community ONLINE!!!

With the busy schedules of today, a great way to stay connected with your community is to interact with them using the channels they frequent the most. Nearly 75% of adults access the internet and/or social media sites at least once a week – 55% at least once a day. Social media gives you the opportunity to share information where your citizens are, instead of making them come to you.

Want to know what is going on around the area? Here are some of websites and Facebook pages that are used in our community!

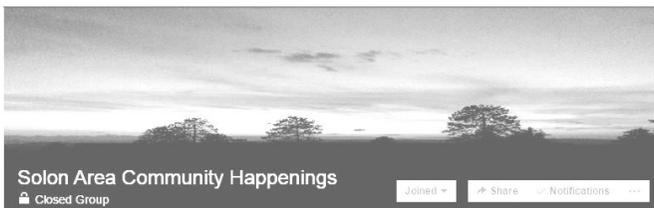
Official Town Website: www.solon.maine.gov



Official Town Facebook page: www.facebook.com/SolonMaine



Solon Area Community 'Goings-on' on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/SolonAreaCommunityHappenings



RSU/MSAD #74 Website: www.msad74.org



Solon Fire Department Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/Solon-Fire-Department



Solon Fire Auxiliary Facebook page: www.facebook.com/SolonFireAuxiliary



Coolidge Library Facebook page: www.facebook.com/CoolidgePublicLibrary



Solon Historical Society Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/SolonMaineHistoricalSociety



DEDICATION

The Selectmen dedicate this Town Report to the Solon Budget Committee.

The Budget Committee meets with the Selectmen every January to review and make their recommendations on the proposed budget and warrant articles for the upcoming Annual Town Meeting in March. Their dedication in reviewing the spending articles and considering the tax impact on our taxpayers is genuinely appreciated. They also review the non-spending articles on the proposed warrant and have even proposed articles to be considered. They also meet when a Special Town Meeting is needed so they can review and make recommendations on the proposed articles. Their input, insight, and knowledge is a great benefit to the selectmen and to our town.

The town's first Budget Committee met in 1932 and had 9 members. Then in 1939 it switched to 18 members and in 1962 to 15 members. In 1998 it was decided to add 2 alternate members to the board.

Our current Budget Committee Members and the year they were first appointed to the committee are.

Franklin Ridley	1974	Eleanor Pooler	1977
Albert Starbird	1986	George Williams	1986
Michael Golden	1988	Bruce Hills	1995*
Carol White	1998	Michael Sackett	2003
Barbara Johnstone	2004	Ann Padham	2004
Joseph Albuit	2004	Donald Kenerson	2006
Jeffrey Pomelow	2007	Sherry Rogers	2011
Michael Starr	2011	Jeremy Gibson	2014
Lois Miller	2015		

*Bruce Hills left the Budget Committee when he was elected Selectman in 1999 and rejoined the committee in 2005.

Past members who served 20 years or more on the committee:

Orrin Dean 1933-1977; Willey Tuscan 1936-1941 & 1952-1966; Wayne McCollor 1936-1961; Bert Paul 1939-1959; Thomas Cross 1939-1959; Harold Tewksbury 1948-1974; Harold Starbird 1949-1969; William Perry 1963-1985; Albion Libby 1966-1989; Oscar McQuilken 1971-1994; Richard Davis 1975-2004; Odber Andrews 1976-1999; Michael Foster 1980-2003; Ercell Steward 1991-1994 & 1996-2010

BOSTON POST CANE



CAROLYN WAUGH

Carolyn was awarded the Boston Post Cane in May 2014. Carolyn was born in Solon at the Pierce Homestead on July 1, 1915. She was the fourth of the twelve children of John and Edith Waugh. Her family bought the farm on French Hill in 1934 where she still lives today.

In 1931 Carolyn, along with her brothers Malcolm and Coburn, graduated from Solon High School. She then went to Farmington Normal School and graduated from there with a Certificate of Proficiency in 1933. She taught school in Embden, Cornville, and Chesuncook. After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, she joined the Women's Army Corps in 1942 and served in Florida and at the Pentagon. She worked in Military Intelligence. After the war she went to George Washington University and graduated with a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in education. She was homesick for Maine and returned and taught young teachers at the University of Maine in Presque Isle. After that she taught school in Silver Springs, Maryland until she retired in 1974. She then moved back to the family farm in Solon.

She turned 100 on July 1, 2015. A birthday celebration open house was held for her at her home. It was well attended by family and friends. The Selectmen presented her with a Proclamation declaring July 1, 2015 as "Carolyn Waugh Day".

Her father, John, and her brother, Coburn, also held the Boston Post Cane.

PROCLAMATION

Town of Solon Somerset County, Maine

PROCLAMATION 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION CAROLYN WAUGH

WHEREAS on July 1, 1915 Carolyn Lydia Waugh was born to Edith and John Waugh in Solon, Maine on the Pierce Homestead, the fourth of twelve children; and

WHEREAS in 1931 Carolyn graduated from Solon High School; and

WHEREAS in 1933 Carolyn graduated from Farmington Normal School and taught school in Embden, Cornville and Chesuncook; and

WHEREAS in 1942 Carolyn joined the Women's Army Corps and served in Florida and at the Pentagon; and

WHEREAS Carolyn graduated from George Washington University and went on to teach at the University of Maine, Presque Isle and in Silver Springs, Maryland; and

WHEREAS in 1974 Carolyn moved back to the family farm on French Hill in Solon which was purchased by her family in 1934 and where she still lives today; and

WHEREAS Carolyn Waugh is celebrating her 100th Birthday on July 1st, 2015; and

WHEREAS THE Town Selectmen are inspired by her long life and offer her sincere best wishes for continued good health, happiness and an overflowing abundance of love and joy,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Selectman of the Town of Solon that July 1, 2015 be proclaimed as

CAROLYN WAUGH DAY

1915 - YEAR IN REVIEW

- * The average yearly salary was \$687.
- * The average house cost \$3,200 and the average car cost \$2,005.
- * Life expectancy for males was 52.5 years and for females was 56.8 years
- * a postage stamp was \$.05 * a gallon of milk was \$.36
- * a loaf of bread was \$.07 * a dozen eggs was \$.34
- * steak was \$.26 a pound. * gasoline was \$.15 a gallon
- * The first stop sign appeared in Detroit.
- * World War I was raging in Europe but the United States was not yet involved.
The United States did not declare war on Germany until April 6, 1917.

NOTABLE BIRTHDAYS

- ** July 1 Carolyn Waugh, Women's Army Corps, Military Intelligence, Bachelor and Master's Degree in Education, Teacher and College Professor
- January 31 Garry Moore, TV & Radio (died 1993)
- February 12 Lorne Green, Actor (died 1987)
- February 21 Ann Sheridan, actress (died 1967)
- February 28 Zero Mostel, Actor (died 1977)
- April 7 Billie Holiday, jazz singer (died 1959)
- April 10 Harry Morgan, Actor (died 2011)
- April 21 Anthony Quinn, Actor (died 2001)
- May 6 Orson Wells, Actor (died 1985)
- May 27 Herman Wouk, Pulitzer Prize Writer
- August 29 Ingrid Berman, Actress (died 1982)
- October 7 Arthur Miller, Playwright (died 2005)
- December 12 Frank Sinatra (died) 1996)

POLITICAL

- President: Woodrow Wilson (D-New Jersey)
- Vice President: Thomas R. Marshall (D-Indiana)
- Speaker of the House of Rep: Champ Clark (D-Missouri)

- * January 12 - US House of Rep. rejects proposal to give women right to vote
- * January 12 - The Rocky Mountain National Park is established by an act of the U.S. Congress.
- * January 28 - An act of the U.S. Congress creates the United States Coast Guard.
- * February 12 - In Washington, DC the first stone of the Lincoln Memorial is put into place.
- * May 7 - World War I: The RMS Lusitania is sunk by a German U-boat killing 1,198 after departing from New York on May 1.
- * June 17 - The League to Enforce Peace is organized at Independence Hall in Philadelphia with William Howard Taft as its president; its program anticipates the League of Nations

- * June 21 - The U.S. Supreme Court hands down its decision in *Guinn v. United States* 238 US 347 1915, striking down an Oklahoma law denying the right to vote to some citizens.
- * July 2 - Erich Muentzer, an instructor in German at Cornell University, explodes a bomb in the US Senate reception room & on July 3 he shoots JP Morgan for representing the British government in war contract negotiations
- * July 15 - The head of German propaganda in the US, Dr. Heinrich Albert, loses his briefcase on a subway in New York City; an examination of its content reveals an extensive network of German espionage and subversion across the US
- * July 28 - Because of virtual anarchy, US Marines go ashore in Haiti on orders from President Wilson; this will lead to an occupation that will last until 1934
- * Dec 1st - The US requests that Germany withdraw its military and naval attaches from the Embassy in Washington

OTHER EVENTS

- * January 13 – An earthquake (6.8 in Richter scale) in Avezzano, Italy – 32,610 dead
- * January 19 - Georges Claude patents the neon discharge tube for use in advertising.
- * January 21 - Kiwanis International is founded in Detroit, Michigan.
- * January 25- inventor Alexander Graham Bell in NY calls Thomas Watson in SF and Transcontinental telephone service is inaugurated (NY to SF)
- * February 7 - 1st wireless message sent from a moving train to a station received
- * February 8 - The controversial film “The Birth of a Nation” by D.W. Griffith premieres
- * March 3 - NACA, the predecessor of NASA, is founded.
- * March 16 - Federal Trade Commission organizes
- * March 19 - Pluto is photographed for the first time but was not recognized as a planet.
- * March 26 - Stanley Cup: Vancouver Millionaires (PCHA) sweep Ottawa Senators
- * March 27 - Typhoid Mary [Mary Mallon] is arrested and returned to quarantine on North Brother Island, New York after spending five years evading health authorities and causing several further outbreaks of typhoid
- * April 24 - The Ottoman Empire (Turks) arrests hundreds of Armenian intellectuals, executing most. Armenians mark this as the start of the Armenian Genocide and commemorate the anniversary as the Armenian Martyrs Day.
- * April 22 - NY Yankees don pinstripes & hat-in-the-ring logo for 1st time
- * May 6 - Red Sox Babe Ruth pitching debut & 1st HR, loses to Yanks 4-3 in 15
- * May 15 - AT&T becomes 1st corporation to have 1 million stockholders
- * May 24 - Thomas Edison invents teletype to record telephone conversations
- * June 10 – Girl Scouts founded
- * June 22 - BMT, then Brooklyn Rapid Transit, begins subway service
- * July 1 Carolyn Waugh born in Solon, Maine at the Pierce Homestead. She is the 4th of 12 children.

- * August 18 - Braves Field opens in Boston to see Braves beat Cards 3-1
- * August 25 - Hurricane kills 275 in Galveston, Texas with \$50 million damage
- * September 7 - Johnny Gruelle patents his Raggedy Ann doll (US Patent D47789)
- * September 22 - Xavier University, 1st Black Catholic College in US, opens in New Orleans, LA
- * September 29 - 1st transcontinental radio telephone message is sent
- * September 29 - Hurricane claims 275 in Mississippi Delta
- * October 3 - 7.8 earthquake shakes Pleasant Valley, Nevada
- * October 4 - Dinosaur National Monument in Colorado & Utah is established
- * October 9 - Woodrow Wilson becomes first US President to attend a World Series game
- * October 12 - Ford Motor Company under Henry Ford manufactures its 1 millionth Model T automobile
- * October 13 - Boston Red Sox beat Philadelphia Phillies, 4 games to 1 in 12th World Series
- * October 21 - 1st transatlantic radiotelephone message, Arlington, VA to Paris to Britain protesting interference with US shipping
- * October 23 - 1st national horseshoe throwing championship (Kellerton, Iowa)
- * October 23 - 25,000 women march in New York City demanding right to vote
- * November 14 – UFO or Religious Vision allegedly encountered by various military personnel in Europe at 22:30 hours, as recounted on the television series “One Step Beyond”. 1,000 soldiers saw a bright light that caused them to drop their weapons and walk away.
- * November 25 - The theory of general relativity is formulated.
- * December 4 - Ku Klux Klan receives charter from Fulton County, Georgia
- * December 4 - Henry Ford's peace ship, Oscar II, sails for Europe to get the boys out of the trenches by Christmas
- * December 14 - Jack Johnson is 1st black world heavyweight boxing champion
- * December 27 - US Iron and Steel workers begin a 3-week strike in Ohio for a eight-hour-day; they are successful as the US needs steel for armaments



MAINE SPIRIT OF AMERICA AWARD

2015 Solon, Maine Spirit of America Foundation Tribute

Franklin Ridley

On March 7, 2015 Franklin Ridley was awarded the 2015 Solon, Maine Spirit of America Foundation Tribute for commendable community service at our Annual Town Meeting. In October, he was also honored at the Spirit of America Foundation Award Ceremony for Somerset County.

Frank has willingly served the Town in several different capacities. He has been on the Solon Budget Committee since 1974. He was a Water District Trustee from 1976 through 1978. He served on the MSAD #74 School Board from 1978 to 1982 as both a member and as a Chairman. He also served on the Fire Department from 1974 to 1983.

The Spirit of America Foundation Tribute is presented in the name of Maine municipalities to local individuals, organizations and projects for commendable community service. For more information about the Spirit of America Foundation, visit their website at www.spiroaf.com.



Frank Ridley
With son-in-law and daughter Rick & Lisa Caldwell

NOTICES

TAXPAYER'S NOTICES

In accordance with Title 36, M.R.S.A. Sec. 706, as amended, the Municipality of Solon hereby gives notice to all persons liable to taxation in Solon that the Assessors will be in session at the Town Office on the first Wednesday in April during normal office hours for the purpose of revising the lists of polls and estates taxable in Solon. All persons liable to taxation in Solon and all Personal Representatives, Trustees, etc. of all estates taxable in Solon of such persons are hereby notified to furnish to the Assessors true and perfect lists of all their estates, real and personal, not by law exempt from taxation, of which they are possessed on the first day of April 2016 and be prepared to make an oath to the truth of the same and to answer all proper inquiries in writing as to the nature, situation and value of their property liable to be taxed. When estates of persons deceased have been distributed during the past year or have changed hands from any cause, the Personal Representative, and/or other persons interested are hereby warned to give notice of such change, and in default of such notice, will be held liable under law to pay taxes assessed, although such estate has been wholly distributed and paid for. Any person who neglects to comply with this notice is hereby barred from his rights to make application to the Assessors or any appeal there from, for any abatement of his taxes, unless he offers such list with his application and satisfies them that he was unable to offer it at the time appointed.

In accordance with Title 36, M.R.S.A Sec.841, abatements for overvaluation of property may be granted only within one year from commitment and taxpayers must apply within 185 days from commitment.

- **REAL ESTATE:**

All property tax is assessed to the owner of the property on April 1. If you sell your property after April 1, you will still receive the tax bill. You are responsible for that year's property taxes. If you have constructed, altered or moved any buildings since the previous April 1 and on or before April 1 of the current tax year, notify the Assessors by April 1st.

- **BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY:**

A list of all business equipment and its value must be filed with the Assessors by April 1st every year. If you have started a new business, you need to notify the Assessors to obtain forms for filing a list of your business equipment. In accordance with Title 36, Section 706 of the Maine Revised Statutes, failure to furnish lists of taxable property or any of the aforementioned changes on or before the dates requested will bar one's right to an abatement of taxes.

- **PERSONAL PROPERTY**

Certain motorized vehicles, on which excise tax has not been paid by April 1, will be assessed as personal property.

- **EXEMPTIONS:**

Taxation is the rule and exemption is the exception. If you think your property should have an exemption, and you are not already receiving it, you have an obligation to make the Assessors aware of the legal category of the exemption that the property may qualify for. All notifications and applications for exemption must be made no later than April 1, of the current tax year.

- **VETERANS:**

All Veterans who will be 62 years of age on or before April 1, any totally disabled Veteran or any widow, widower or minor child(ren) of Veterans who would have been 62 years of age on or before April 1 should contact the Assessors to see if they are eligible for a tax exemption. Applications for Veteran's exemptions must be received in this office on or before April 1. You do not need to reapply every year.

- **BLIND:**

Any person who is declared blind by the Department of Human Services should notify the Assessors' office on or before April 1 to see if he or she is eligible for the exemption. You do not need to reapply every year.

- **HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION:**

This exemption is for resident homeowners on their primary residence. You must apply for it on or before April 1 at the Assessor's Office. You do not need to reapply every year.

- **TREE GROWTH CLASSIFICATION:**

All new owners of land that is classified tree growth have one year from date of purchase of the property to file a certified tree growth plan. All tree growth plans need to be recertified every ten years. Failure to have your certified plan submitted to the assessors by the appropriate date will result in the removal of the land from the tree growth classification and the assessment of a removal penalty.

- **FARM LAND AND OPEN SPACE:**

Certain parcels of land might qualify for these two programs. See the Assessors regarding the qualifications.

DOG OWNERS' NOTICES



EVERYONE MUST LICENSE THEIR DOGS!! The fee for licensing your dog is \$11 for males and females and \$6.00 for spayed/neutered dogs. You must have your rabies certificate and, if applicable, spay/neuter certificate with you when you purchase your license. All

licenses expire on December 31. Dogs not licensed by January 31st will have an additional fee of \$25.00 per dog! Those with Kennel Licenses need to have the Animal Control Officer inspect the kennel yearly prior to the issuing of a kennel license. This is a State of Maine law. Our town has a barking dog ordinance so do not allow your dogs to bark while outside. State law forbids dogs from being allowed to roam at large. The Animal Control Officer may pick up dogs roaming at large. If your dog or cat is lost, call our ACO because it might already have been reported as found. Our ACO is Pat Nelson and she can be reached through the Somerset County Dispatch at 474-6465. Our stray animals go to the Franklin County Animal Shelter, 350 Industry Rd., Farmington, 778-2638.

****State of Maine Dog Licensing Online Purchasing & Renewal Service**

Now you can register your dog ONLINE... anytime by going to:
www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/dog_license/index.pl

What you will need: Credit Card; License/Tag number (Renewal only); State of Maine Rabies certificate; Veterinarian's name and phone number; and Spay or Neuter Certificate (if your dog has been "fixed")

All dog renewals must be completed by January 31st. If you are licensing a wolf hybrid, service/search or rescue dog or obtaining a kennel license please contact your municipal office.

PLANNING BOARD NOTICES

BUILDING PERMITS REQUIRED!!



In 1977 the Town of Solon enacted a building ordinance. This ordinance also provided for a fine, not to exceed \$100.00 per day that a violation of the ordinance continued. In 1989 & 2003 the voters amended the ordinance, requiring that a building permit be issued by the Solon Planning Board *PRIOR* to the construction or placement of any structure that exceeds 200 square feet of floor space and for an addition that exceeds 100 square feet. Building permit applications are available at the Town Office or from any member of the Planning Board. Planning Board members will offer any assistance to anyone needing help in completing an application. The Board meets each 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 PM in the conference room at the Town Office.

ATTENTION LANDOWNERS AND WOODCUTTERS HARVESTING IN SOLON!!



In July 1974 the Town of Solon enacted its Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is to protect environmentally sensitive areas within the shoreland zone. This is an area within 250' of any great pond, stream or inland wetland, as described in the ordinance. The ordinance requires that anyone harvesting timber in the shoreland zone to obtain a permit before any harvesting operation begins. Shoreland zone timber harvesting permits are issued at no cost by the Solon Planning Board. The ordinance also provides for a fine of not less than \$100.00 and not greater than \$2500.00 to be assessed for each day a violation

exists. We appreciate your cooperation in complying with the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance.

TRANSFER STATION NOTICES

RECYCLING HELPS KEEP COSTS DOWN!



The Transfer Station is open on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please check with the attendant on the proper bins to place your trash in. Also if you have an item that you no longer want but it is still useable, check with the attendant on where to place it. These items are then available to other residents who want them.

We recycle paper, glass, cans and other items. We also accept eyeglasses and cell phones, which will be recycled or donated to charity. For a complete list of recyclable items and their proper disposal method, please see the Transfer Station Report or contact the transfer station attendant. Recycling is mandatory so do not discard recyclables in your household trash. We do not pay the tipping fees for residents who have their trash picked up by private haulers.

Certain items cannot go into the general trash bins and certain hazardous waste items we do not take. Please check with the attendant before disposing of any questionable item. If we do take the item, he will tell you where to place it.

Demolition Debris Disposal Policy: The Town will not pay for the tipping fee for demolition debris resulting from a building, demolition or renovation project. We will not pay for container leases, for transportation costs or for tipping fees.

PUBLIC WAYS NOTICES

We have an ordinance passed in 1977 designating a Parking Ban for the period from November 1st to April 30th. It is unlawful for a motor vehicle or any other vehicle to be parked within the right of way of any public way within Solon during this time in such a manner as to hinder the removal of snow or other road maintenance. Any vehicle parked in violation of this ordinance is subject to towing at the owner's expense. It is also unlawful to habitually park a vehicle with any portion of said vehicle in the traveled portion of any public way. If the vehicle hinders the normal passage of two-way traffic said vehicle will be subject to towing at the owner's expense. Repeat violators will be subject to a fine. It is also illegal to plow snow across a public way. Plow your driveways inwards and not outwards and across the road. Violators are subject to a fine.

OTHER NOTICES

Please remember that the Town charges a \$25.00 fee for each dishonored check written to the Town of Solon, which is drawn on a bank account with insufficient funds. The Selectmen will require that any further payments from said individual must be per money order, bank check or cash. Also any checks issued by the Town of Solon and not cashed within 90 days will not be honored.

We now accept credit card payments for monetary transactions conducted at the town office. You are charged the transaction fee by your credit card company.



VEHICLE REGISTRATION:

When reregistering a vehicle, please remember to bring in proof of insurance, old registration and mileage. On new registrations bring in bill of sale, title (for vehicles 1995 or newer), proof of insurance and mileage. If vehicle is purchased from a dealer also bring in the green sales tax form, blue title application and window sticker (for new vehicles).



HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES:

When you come in to purchase a hunting/archery license, you must bring in your previous year's license as we need to use that license number on your new one. If it is your first license, we must see your hunter's safety course card. Also check out the lifetime hunting licenses that are available. We do not issue non-resident licenses.

BOAT STICKERS:



ALL boats that have motors on them **MUST** have a valid "Lake and River Protection Sticker" on them before they are put in the water. The sticker and more information are available at the town office.

MARRIAGE LICENSES:



There is no waiting period to file marriage intentions with Town Clerk before picking up your license. If you were previously married you must bring in current divorce papers with the raised seal on it or a death certificate.

NEW ADDRESSES:



The E911 addressing in the town is in effect. Your house number should be clearly posted on your property so that it can be easily seen from the road. This will make it easier for emergency vehicles to locate you in case of an emergency. There is a \$5 fee for any change in a property that requires a new, different or additional physical address.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT:



The Town of Solon has in its possession a number of medical assistance items, which are available to be loaned out to citizens of Solon. If you have need of any of these items, contact someone from the Town Office for arrangements of pick-up or for delivery. The clerk's phone number is 643-2812.

BURN PERMITS:

Burn permits are required before you can burn brush and debris outside at any time during the year. For burn permits call:

Duayne Rollins 643-2973 or 399-9549

Jen Rollins 399-1655 Brian Coombs 399-1632
Kevin Lacroix 446-2474 Linda Marquis 643-2378
Or online at <https://www13.informe.org/burnpermit/public/index.html>

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

Our State Representative District is District 86 with the towns of Madison, Norridgewock and Solon.

Our State Senate District is District 26 and takes in most of Somerset County: Anson, Athens, Bingham, Brighton Plt., Canaan, Caratunk, Cornville, Dennistown Plt., Embden, Fairfield, Highland Plt., Jackman, Madison, Moose River, Moscow, New Portland, Norridgewock, Pleasant Ridge Plt., Rockwood Twp., Skowhegan, Solon, Starks, The Forks & West Forks.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT

Our County Commissioner District is District 5 with the towns of Athens, Bingham, Brighton Plantation, Caratunk, Concord Twp, Cornville, Dennistown Plantation, Embden, Harmony, Hartland, Jackman, Lexington, Moose River, Moscow, Pleasant Ridge Plantation, Solon, The Forks, UT Central Somerset, UT Northeast Somerset, UT Northwest Somerset, UT Seboomook Lake Twp, and West Forks Plantation

U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Our Congressional District for our United States Representative is District 2.



Marching Band on Main Street

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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 Solon and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my office in Augusta at (207) 622-8414 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 Solon:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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,



Angus S. King, Jr.
United States Senator

Town of Solon
121 South Main Street
Solon, ME 04979

Dear Friends,

This past year—my first as your Congressman in the U.S. House of Representatives—I am proud to have supported Maine families, local businesses and communities by working hard with Republicans and Democrats to promote policies that will preserve and create jobs and lower energy costs. I have worked to ensure our Veterans and active military members have the services they have earned and deserve, protected the individual rights and liberties they have fought for, and strengthened our national security to keep Americans safe and free.

I have fought tooth and nail to protect and create jobs for Maine. I stood up against the Washington political establishment, including Congressional leadership, to oppose granting fast-track authority to the President, a policy that allows him to facilitate massive international trade agreements that are unfair to American businesses, especially those in Maine. I am also extremely proud to have led the charge in successfully ending unfair and job-killing Canadian subsidies and to win a major victory for Maine by pushing into law a provision that will continue the FDA's use of paper inserts, efforts that combined to preserve hundreds of traditional Maine papermaking jobs.

As a proud member of the Military Veterans Caucus, I have been fighting for our Veterans by supporting several bills to increase funding for Veterans' health programs and hold the VA accountable. I also am proud to have introduced my own bill—the Helping Our Rural Veterans Receive Health Care Act— to give our rural Veterans easier access to their earned health care services by letting local hospitals care for them instead of VA centers far from home. I extend my thanks to all who have served.

In this first year, I also had one of my own bills signed into law. My critical and bipartisan Child Support Assistance Act will help children and their families receive legally due support in a timelier manner from delinquent parents. My District offices also helped hundreds of Maine families resolve issues with federal agencies and get the answers, benefits and services they deserved.

There is much more work to be done. Our Great State and Nation face many critical challenges. Please know that I am working hard, every day, to serve you and that I will continue to work here at home and in Washington for our families, local businesses and communities.

If you ever have any concerns or if I can provide assistance, please contact my Congressional Offices in Bangor (942-0583), Lewiston (784-0768), Presque Isle (764-1968) and Washington, DC (202-225-6306), or visit my website at poliquin.house.gov. It is an honor to represent you and our fellow Mainers in Congress.

Best wishes,



Bruce Poliquin
Member of Congress



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Paul R. LePage
GOVERNOR

Dear Citizens of Solon:

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 Friends and Neighbors:

I am so grateful and thankful that you've selected me to represent you in the Maine Senate. I am honored that you've put your trust in me and I will continue to work tirelessly for the betterment of you and your neighbors, as well as for the great State of Maine. Please let me provide you with a recap of the first session of the 127th Legislature as well as my hopes for the second session, which has just begun.

The most important item on our to-do list is clear: our state needs more jobs at all levels of the pay scale, so it is our responsibility and my solemn promise to work to 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.

We passed a biennial budget that ensured that more Maine families received a tax cut, even more than did in the previous "largest tax cut in Maine history" in 2011. This year's budget also stopped taxes on military pensions, so those who have sacrificed for our country can feel welcomed and at home in our state. We also restructured portions of our welfare system, increased funding for nursing homes, and put far more funding towards eliminating waitlists for services for brain-injured and intellectually disabled Mainers.

I'm really looking forward to watching how the significant changes we've already made will better the everyday lives of Mainers. I wanted to serve in Augusta in order to have an impact on the direction of our region and our state. Passing vital legislation (and, sometimes, stopping bad legislation) has remained one of my top priorities.

As you know, more changes are necessary. This year, 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, and I look forward to working hard on 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. Fighting the war on drugs here in Maine will also be a top priority for lawmakers. Several bills have been proposed that will aid officers in combating the drug epidemic.

You have my humble and sincere thanks for allowing me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me at 207-287-1505 or at rodwhittemore@gmail.com if you have comments or questions, or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,

Rodney Whittemore
State Senator



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January 2016

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is an honor to be able to serve Solon as your state representative. The second legislative session is underway and I look forward to the challenges that are ahead of us as we dig into some of the issues. After having some time off I feel poised and energized to be back in Augusta.

As many of you may already know, I serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. This committee deals with many issues such as the Highway Fund, bridge and road maintenance, and overseeing the Maine Turnpike Authority. Over the course of this session we will be dealing with a few varying topics. They range from the change in motor vehicle laws to investigating sources of funding for our roads and bridges that desperately need repair.

One of the issues, I am actively working on this session is LD 1343. This bill would create a partnership with the in-state universities to allow National Guard members to receive a tuition waiver. Being a retired member of the Air National Guard, this is very important to me and the future of the National Guard in Maine. I firmly believe that this bill will help Maine retain young veterans and make them want to stay in the state.

Last summer I spoke with many of you about welfare reform and how it was a priority and you made it crystal clear to me that you share this priority as well. With many failed attempts last session to address these important reforms, I want to ensure you that I am still fighting for these common sense welfare reforms.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to represent you, the people of District 111. Please call me anytime at 634-3074 or email at Bradlee.Farrin@legislature.maine.gov to keep me updated on those concerns. If you would like to be added to my email update list, you can do so by emailing me directly with your request.

Sincerely,

Bradlee Farrin
State Representative

2015 ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS & OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

ELAINE ALOES, SELECTMAN, CHAIR (2016)
MARY LOU RIDLEY, SELECTMAN, VICE CHAIR (2018)
SARAH DAVIS, SELECTMAN (2017)

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

LESLIE GIROUX

TREASURER

SHARON BEGIN

ROAD COMMISSIONER

MICHAEL FOSTER

RSU #74 DIRECTORS

DERON WHITTEMORE (2016) LAURA LAYMAN (2017)
LESLIE GIROUX (2018)

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

SHARON BEGIN DIANNA ROLLINS

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

GREG GIBERSON

DEPUTY TREASURER

LESLIE GIROUX & SHARON BEGIN

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

LESLIE GIROUX & SHARON BEGIN, DEPUTY

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PAT NELSON, 474-6465

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MICHAEL FOSTER, CHAIRMAN (2017)
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Resigned: ELEANOR DALEY

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FIRSTPARK COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

ELAINE ALOES (2016) MARY LOU RIDLEY (2016)

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RANCE POOLER (2016)

TOWN HISTORIAN

LOIS STARBIRD 643-2275

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

RICHARD KELLY (2016)
DUAYNE ROLLINS, ASSISTANT (2016)

SOLON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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JENNEY ROLLINS, 2nd ASSISTANT CHIEF
KEVIN LACROIX, 3rd ASSISTANT CHIEF
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THOMAS COURTNEY, MECHANIC

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CODY EMERY	NICK ROLLINS
SEBASTIAN JACKMAN	BLINN ROLLINS III
BRIAN LIVINGSTONE	ALEX TAYLOR
TODD DIXON	

***WE THANK ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO SERVE
OUR TOWN ON THESE COMMITTEES AND TO OUR
FIREMEN WHO SERVE ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.***

THEIR SERVICE TO OUR TOWN IS TRULY APPRECIATED.

Volunteers to serve our town are always needed. If you would like to serve on one of these committees, please contact the Selectmen. If you like to join the Fire Department, please contact the Fire Chief.

ASSESSORS' REPORT

VALUATION

Local Taxable Real Estate Valuation	\$84,213,840.00	
Local Taxable Personal Property Valuation	<u>\$ 2,825,371.00</u>	
2014 Taxable Town Valuation		\$87,039,211.00
Total of Homestead Exemption Valuation	\$ 3,190,000.00	
Divided by 2		\$ 1,595,000.00
Total of all BETE Valuation	\$ 9,948,025.00	
BETE Reimbursable Valuation		<u>\$ 5,629,099.00</u>
Total Valuation Base		\$94,263,310.00

APPROPRIATIONS

County Tax		\$ 210,251.37
Municipal Appropriation	\$860,856.00	
Less allowable deductions**	<u>(\$359,123.42)</u>	\$ 501,732.58
RSU #74 Appropriation		<u>\$ 917,759.00</u>
APPROPRIATIONS BY TAXATION		\$1,629,742.95
Plus Overlay		<u>\$ 19,864.97</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS BY TAXATION		\$1,649,607.92

EXEMPTION REIMBURSEMENT FROM STATE

BETE Reimbursement	\$ 98,509.23	
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	<u>\$ 27,912.50</u>	
LESS TOTAL EXEMPTION REIMBURSEMENT		<u>\$ 126,421.73</u>
TOTAL TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION		\$1,523,186.19

**ALLOWABLE MUNICIPAL DEDUCTIONS

State Revenue Sharing	\$ 43,035.92	
Highway Equipment Reserve	\$ 45,000.00	
Surplus Revenues	\$351,087.50	
Less Reserve Funds	<u>(\$80,000.00)</u>	
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	\$359,123.42	

2015 MILL RATE: \$17.50 PER \$1,000 OF VALUATION

Supplements	\$1,500.00
Abatements	\$2,073.52

COMPARISON OF APPROPRIATIONS BY TAXATION

RSU #74	9.74 mills	55.6%
Municipal	5.32 mills	30.4%
County Tax	2.23 mills	12.8%
Overlay	<u>.21 mills</u>	<u>1.2%</u>
Total Mills	17.5 mills	100%

As you can see, the largest portion of your property tax bill continues to be the RSU 74 budget. However very few Solon voters attended the RSU budget adoption meeting where the budget was approved to go out to a referendum vote. The school budget was voted down at the first Referendum Question Vote but passed when it was presented again. Our Annual Town Meeting had **47** citizens who voted on the town expenditures and other warrant articles.

The Maine Revenue Services reviews our property sales and our tax records every year. Our 2015 State Valuation is based on the 2013 property sales. We need to keep our town valuation close to the state valuation because our reimbursement from the State for the Tree Growth Exemption, Veteran Exemption and Homestead Exemption is reduced if we are not close to the State valuation. Our 2015 state valuation is \$90,650,000 and our 2016 state valuation will be \$92,750,000.

The Business Equipment Tax Exemption (BETE Program) started April 1, 2008. All new manufacturing personal property equipment is no longer taxable since that date. However a complete listing of all equipment, including any new equipment, and its cost must be presented to the Assessors on or before April 1 of each year. In 2015 the state reimbursed us \$98,509.00 for a portion of our lost BETE tax revenue.

This year we gave 319 homestead exemptions. Exemption recipients received a reduction of \$175.00 on their primary residence tax bill. The lost tax revenue was \$55,825 of which the state will reimburse us \$27,912.50. This shifted \$27,912.50 onto all the taxpayers in the town. If you are a new resident homeowner in Solon or if you did not apply for or receive the Homestead Exemption in 2015, please check with the Assessors before April 1st to see if you qualify for 2016. If you received it in 2015, you do not need to reapply.

Veteran Exemption recipients received a reduction \$105.00 on their tax bill. Any new veteran exemption requests must be given to the Assessors by April 1st. If you received it in 2015, you do not need to reapply.

In 2015 we had 17,934 acres receiving reduced assessments for tree growth, farm land and open space out of 32,406 acres in our town. If you wish to place your land in tree growth, the minimum is 10 acres and a tree growth plan prepared by a licensed forester must be given to the Assessors by April 1st. Tree growth plans must be updated every ten years. If you purchased land that is in tree growth, you have one year from the date of purchase to adopt the prior owner's plan or to have a new plan done. Failure to comply with the tree growth laws will result in the removal of the land from the tree growth program and the assessing of a penalty for that removal. Failure to reapply on time can result in late filing penalties up to \$1,000. Please respond to your filing notice letters promptly to avoid penalties. We thank you for your efforts in complying with this law. For more information on the tree growth program or the farm and open space program, contact the Assessors.

All property is assessed based on its condition on April 1st. If you purchase or sell property after April 1st, the owner listed on April 1st will be sent the tax bill and is responsible for the taxes.

If you own a camper, tractor, bulldozer, skidder or other piece of equipment, you must either pay excise tax or personal property tax on it. The excise tax is usually less so check with our tax collector prior to April 1st. Everyone is required to list their personal property with the Assessors by April 1st of each year. If you have paid excise tax on a piece of equipment, let us know.

If you have questions about your valuation, see the Assessors who are in the office on Wednesdays. *If you feel you have been over assessed, you must request an abatement within 185 days of the tax commitment date.*



Three Horse Hitch

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR REPORT

Our hours for General Assistance are on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

INCOME

Appropriated	\$20,000.00	
State Reimbursement	<u>\$ 776.39</u>	\$20,776.39

EXPENDITURES

Housing	\$ 1,400.00	
Food & Personal Supplies	\$ 343.66	
Heating Oil	\$ 741.84	
LP Gas	\$ 295.03	
Solon Water District	\$ 55.20	
Electric	<u>\$ 58.79</u>	<u>\$ 2,894.51</u>
UNEXPENDED BALANCE		\$17,881.88

General Assistance (GA) is a service administered by a municipality for the immediate aid of persons who are unable to provide the basic necessities essential to maintain themselves or their families. The key terms in this definition are: immediate, unable and basic necessities. GA is intended to provide immediate aid, thus assistance must be granted or denied within 24 hours of an application. It is for people who are unable—not unwilling—to maintain themselves or their families. Finally, GA is intended to help people with basic necessities: food, shelter, utilities, fuel, clothing, and certain other items, when they are essential.

GA provides a specific amount and type of aid for defined needs during a limited period of time and is not intended to be a continuing grant-in-aid or categorical welfare program. Despite the stated intent that GA not be an ongoing source of income to an applicant, there is no limitation on the number of times a person may apply for and receive GA. Finally, because GA is not a categorical welfare program, it is not limited to providing assistance to only specific groups or categories of people as is TANF for families with dependent children or SSI for disabled people. Theoretically GA is available to anyone in the state at any particular time that meets the eligibility criteria. GA is the program of last resort—it is the safety net intended to help those people who have no other resources. GA is the only comprehensive program to help people who are not eligible for any other assistance program.

In 2015 Solon's General Assistance Program helped 6 families for a total of 17 people.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The increase in the proposed 2016 municipal budget by taxation, as presented by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee, is within the LD 1 spending cap. Municipalities can vote to exceed or increase the limitation on municipal spending. At our Annual Town Meeting you, the citizens of Solon, decide on complying with our spending cap or, if needed, increasing it to meet the needs of the town. We will discuss this at the Annual Town Meeting.

At the 2015 Town Meeting the townspeople approved putting a slip liner inside a large culvert on the South Solon Road. However, after further research, we found out that the MDEP would not allow us to put a slip liner in this culvert. So the funds raised for that purpose were used to pay on the Road Loan. The Town also approved \$45,000 to purchase a new town truck using Highway Equipment Reserve funds. We could not find a new truck within that price range or an acceptable used truck.

We were finally able to settle our IRS problem after hiring a legal firm to represent us. We ended up only having to pay the interest. All the penalties and fees were forgiven. We are relieved to have that behind us and are carefully monitoring our payments and filings now.

We saw an increase in the State Revenue Sharing funds that we receive from the state. In 2012 we received \$63,450.80, in 2013 we received \$56,045.09, 2014 we received only \$43,035.92 but in 2015 we received \$51,365.23. We did have a mil rate increase due the increased school and county tax assessments.

In 2015 we saw another large increase in our RSU 74 tax assessment. This has increased our school payments from \$764,035 in 2012 to \$829,080 in 2013, to \$889,184 in 2014 and then to \$917,759 in 2015. Very few Solon voters attended and voted at the School District Budget Adoption meeting and less than 50 voted on the Budget Approval Referendum Question. The school assessment counts for 55.6% of our property taxes.

The Town of Embden asked our school district to reconsider how the Additional Local Share is proportioned to the towns. It is currently calculated at 45% valuation and 55% student enrollment. Selectman Elaine Aloes, School Board Member Laura Layman and Sharon Begin served on a committee with the 3 other towns in our school district. It was voted to put a referendum question out to the voters in our district to change the formula to 25% valuation and 75% student enrollment over a three year period. If this change was in effect for the current year's school budget a Solon property valued at \$100,000 would have to pay an additional \$10 in property tax. This vote will be held on Tuesday March 15, 2016 from 2 pm to 8 pm at the Solon Town Office Conference Room. The school

district will hold a public hearing on this sometime prior to the vote. There will be a handout available at our town meeting with more information on the matter.

Our County Tax increased from \$191,175.10 in 2014 to \$210,251.37 in 2015.

We have a new business coming to town, Enviro Bricks. It manufactures bio bricks to burn in wood stoves. It is located next to Kennebec Lumber and will use their wood chips to make the bricks. They are still in the building process but should be up and running soon.

This year our town saw the closing of the Solon Corner Market. The closing of this store was a great loss to our community. At an auction in November the store was purchased by the owners of George's Banana Stand in Skowhegan. We look forward to the store reopening and wish them luck.

We continue to fly U. S. flags along North and South Main Street and have limited funds in our reserve account. Anyone wishing to contribute to the Flag Reserve Fund can do so at the Town Office.

The Selectmen are in the Town Office every Wednesday to conduct town business and to meet with citizens. Come see us with any questions, concerns or issues you have regarding town business and issues.

Respectfully Submitted, Elaine Aloes, Mary Lou Ridley and Sarah Davis



2015 MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATIONS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Town Charges	\$ 14,000.00	
Town Office Utilities	\$ 3,400.00	
Town Office Maintenance	\$ 1,500.00	
Schools, Dues and Books	\$ 3,500.00	
Town Office Security System	\$ 372.00	
Officers' Payroll	\$ 29,500.00	
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$ 21,000.00	
Treasurer	\$ 9,100.00	
Deputy Clerk	\$ 3,500.00	
Register of Voters	\$ 2,000.00	
Animal Control Officer	\$ 1,800.00	
Code Enforcement	\$ 1,700.00	
Elections	\$ 2,000.00	
Computer	\$ 2,800.00	
IRS Legal Fees & Interest	\$ 8,000.00	
Municipal Buildings Heat	\$ 13,000.00	
Municipal Buildings Maint. Res.	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>	\$121,172.00

PROTECTION

Street Lights	\$ 8,600.00	
Hydrant Rental	\$ 17,886.00	
Fire Chief	\$ 6,400.00	
Fire Dept.	\$ 24,000.00	
Fire Truck Reserve Account	\$ 3,000.00	
Insurance Workers Comp	\$ 12,751.00	
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 4,000.00	
Insurance	\$ 18,000.00	
S.S. & Medicare	<u>\$ 16,500.00</u>	\$111,137.00

HEALTH & SANITATION

Transfer Station	\$ 67,000.00	
Transfer Station Truck & Tub Reserve	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>	\$ 72,000.00

PUBLIC WORKS

Winter Roads	\$ 90,000.00	
Summer Roads	\$100,000.00	
Highway Equip Maintenance	\$ 10,000.00	
Highway Dept Truck Reserve	\$ 15,000.00	
Large Culvert Slip Lining	\$ 35,000.00	
New Truck	\$ 45,000.00	
Sidewalk Repair Reserve	\$ 1,500.00	
Road Name Signs Reserve	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	\$296,600.00

SOCIAL SERVICES

General Assistance	\$ 20,000.00	
KVCAP Bus Service	\$ 400.00	
Family Violence Project	\$ 400.00	
Crisis & Counseling	\$ 500.00	
Hospice	\$ 500.00	
Senior Spectrum	\$ 760.00	
Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$ 500.00	
Solon Food Cupboard	\$ 2,000.00	
Sexual Support Crisis Center	\$ 100.00	
American Red Cross	\$ 100.00	
Head Start	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	\$ 26,260.00

DEBT SERVICE

First Park Payment	\$ 7,500.00	
Road Paving Loan	<u>\$182,000.00</u>	\$189,500.00

LEISURE SERVICES

Coolidge Library	\$ 10,500.00	
Coolidge Library Bldg. Reserve	\$ 3,000.00	
Recreation	\$ 2,200.00	
Swimming Programs	\$ 1,200.00	
After School Program	\$ 6,300.00	
Baker Mountain Ski Club	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	\$ 24,700.00

UNCLASSIFIED

Humane Society	\$ 2,001.00	
Cemeteries	\$ 10,800.00	
Cemetery Maint. Res.	\$ 3,500.00	
Town Line Survey Reserve	\$ 1,000.00	
Town Flags Reserve	\$ 500.00	
Somerset Economic Development	\$ 100.00	
KVCOG	<u>\$ 1,586.00</u>	<u>\$ 19,487.00</u>

GRAND TOTAL 2015 MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATIONS \$860,856.00

TOTAL RAISED AT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Taxation	\$815,856.00
Highway Equipment Reserve	<u>\$ 45,000.00</u>
	\$860,856.00

ASSESSMENTS BY TAXATION:

MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATION

(\$860,856.00 - \$359,123.42 DED.)	\$ 501,732.58	
COUNTY TAX APPROPRIATION	\$ 210,251.37	
RSU #74 APPROPRIATION	\$ 917,759.00	
OVERLAY	<u>\$ 19,864.97</u>	\$1,649,607.92

2015 EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

TOWN CHARGES

Appropriated	\$14,000.00	
Costs of Liens	\$ 5,308.91	
BETE Admin. Fees	\$ 2.00	
Reimb. & Refunds	<u>\$ 70.02</u>	\$19,380.93
Paid Out:		
Supplies & Misc.	\$ 3,885.00	
Safe Deposit Box	\$ 50.00	
Town Maps	\$ 890.00	
Auditor	\$ 3,570.00	
Solon Post Office	\$ 1,557.55	
Post Office Box Fee	\$ 60.00	
Web Site Fee	\$ 375.00	
Travel & Reimb.	\$ 1,699.50	
Town Reports	\$ 1,452.00	
Town Report Delivery	\$ 450.00	
Reg. of Deeds	\$ 2,902.00	
Eastern Fire Services	\$ 97.00	
Maine Fire Equipment	\$ 50.00	
Petty Cash	\$ 350.00	
Copier Maintenance. Fee	\$ 539.43	
Computer Programs	\$ 375.48	
Tax Bills Print & Mail	\$ 897.20	
Time Warner Internet Fee	<u>\$ 108.40</u>	<u>\$19,308.56</u> \$72.37

SELECTMEN

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$29,500.00	\$0.00
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TREASURER

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$9,100.00	\$0.00
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TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$21,000.00	\$0.00
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DEPUTY CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER

Appropriated	\$3,500.00	
Paid Out	<u>\$ 220.00</u>	\$3,280.00

REGISTER OF VOTERS

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
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TOWN OFFICE MAINTENANCE

Appropriated	\$1,500.00	
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Paid Out		<u>\$ 585.00</u>	\$915.00
TOWN OFFICE UTILITIES			
Appropriated		\$3,400.00	
Paid Out			
Water	\$ 279.16		
Electric	\$ 972.34		
TDS Telecom	\$ 667.78		
OTT Communications	<u>\$1,046.85</u>	<u>\$2,966.13</u>	\$433.87
TOWN OFFICE SECURITY SYSTEM			
Appropriated		\$ 372.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 372.00</u>	\$0.00
COMPUTER			
Appropriated		\$2,800.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$2,800.00</u>	\$0.00
ELECTIONS			
Appropriated	\$2,000.00		
RSU #74	<u>\$ 396.89</u>	\$2,396.89	
Paid Out		<u>\$1,457.79</u>	\$939.10
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$1,800.00	\$0.00
CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH OFFICER			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$1,700.00	\$0.00
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE RESERVE			
Balance 1/1/15	\$14,651.11		
Appropriated	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>	\$14,651.11	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 1,428.67</u>	\$17,222.44
SCHOOLS, DUES & BOOKS			
Appropriated		\$3,500.00	
Paid Out:			
Schools	\$ 588.34		
Books	\$ 40.00		
Travel Reimbursement	\$ 93.50		
Dues	<u>\$2,099.00</u>	<u>\$2,819.84</u>	\$680.16
OFFICE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE RESERVE			
Balance 1/1/15	\$ 2.56		
Cable Franchise Fee	<u>\$1,737.10</u>	\$1,739.66	
Paid Out		<u>\$1,049.00</u>	\$690.66

MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS HEAT RESERVE			
Balance 1/1/15	\$14,060.20		
Appropriated	<u>\$13,000.00</u>	\$27,060.20	
Paid Out		<u>\$13,406.03</u>	\$13,654.17
PROTECTION			
STREET LIGHTS			
Appropriated		\$8,600.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$9,015.86</u>	(\$415.86)
HYDRANT RENTAL			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$17,886.00	\$0.00
FIRE CHIEF			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$6,400.00	\$0.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT			
Appropriated	\$24,000.00		
Income	<u>\$ 3,034.00</u>	\$27,034.00	
Paid Out			
Fire Department	\$26,920.97		
Trans. To FD Cap. Res.	<u>\$ 113.03</u>	<u>\$27,034.00</u>	\$0.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT			
Balance 1/1/15		\$4,192.38	
Transfer from FD		<u>\$ 113.03</u>	\$4,305.41
FIRE TRUCK RESERVE ACCOUNT			
Balance 1/1/15		\$67,792.19	
Appropriated		<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>	\$70,792.19
FIRE DEPARTMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT			
Balance 1/1/15	\$ 1,756.49		
Income Received	\$31,542.09		
Interest	<u>\$.95</u>	\$33,299.73	
Paid Out		<u>\$30,875.63</u>	\$2,424.10
WORKER COMPENSATION INSURANCE			
Appropriated	\$12,751.00		
Rebate	\$ 1,009.00	\$13,760.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$14,825.00</u>	(\$1,065.00)
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE			
Appropriated	\$4,000.00		
Rebate	<u>\$ 102.48</u>	\$4,102.48	
Paid Out		<u>\$3,656.00</u>	\$446.48

INSURANCE

Appropriated	\$18,000.00		
Rebate	<u>\$ 1,146.00</u>	\$19,146.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$17,010.00</u>	\$2,136.00

SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE

Appropriated	\$16,500.00		
Withheld from wages	<u>\$16,158.87</u>	\$32,658.87	
Paid Out		<u>\$32,317.74</u>	\$341.13

HEALTH & SANITATION**TRANSFER STATION**

Appropriated	\$67,000.00		
Income	<u>\$ 1,158.44</u>	\$68,158.44	
Paid Out			
Transfer Station	\$66,048.58		
Trans.Truck & Tub Res.	\$ 2,109.86	<u>\$68,158.44</u>	\$0.00

TRANSFER STATION TRUCK & TIB RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/15		\$39,289.93	
Appropriated		\$ 5,000.00	
Trans. From TS		<u>\$ 2,109.86</u>	\$46,399.79

PUBLIC WORKS**WINTER ROADS**

Appropriated	\$90,000.00		
Transfer from Equipment			
Maintenance	\$ 1,296.73		
Income	<u>\$ 2,200.00</u>	\$93,496.73	
Paid Out		<u>\$93,496.73</u>	\$0.00

SUMMER ROADS

Appropriated	\$100,000.00		
Trans. from Equip. Maint.	\$ 534.24		
Reimbursements	<u>\$ 2,721.50</u>	\$103,255.74	
Paid Out		<u>\$106,379.83</u>	(\$3,124.09)

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

Appropriated		\$10,000.00	
Paid Out	\$8,169.03		
Trans. to Winter Roads	\$1,296.73		
Trans. to Summer Roads	<u>\$ 534.24</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	\$0.00

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/15		\$69,334.44	
Appropriated		<u>\$15,000.00</u>	\$84,334.44

LRAP FUNDS			
Balance 1/1/15		\$43,867.27	
Received from State		<u>\$41,232.00</u>	\$85,099.27
ROAD NAME SIGNS RESERVE ACCOUNT			
Balance 1/1/15		\$586.52	
Appropriated		<u>\$100.00</u>	\$686.52
SIDEWALK REPAIR RESERVE			
Balance 1/1/15		\$5,234.29	
Appropriated		<u>\$1,500.00</u>	\$6,734.29
LARGE CULVERT SLIP LINING			
Appropriated		\$35,000.00	
Trans. to Road Paving Loan		<u>\$35,000.00</u>	\$0.00
SOCIAL SERVICES			
GENERAL ASSISTANCE			
Appropriated	\$20,000.00		
State Reimbursement	<u>\$ 776.39</u>	\$20,776.39	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 2,894.51</u>	\$17,881.88
FUEL FOR THE NEEDY			
Balance 1/1/15		\$350.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 0.00</u>	\$350.00
KVCAP BUS SERVICE			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$400.00	\$0.00
KVCAP HEADSTART			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$1,000.00	\$0.00
FAMILY VIOLENCE PROJECT			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$400.00	\$0.00
CRISIS & COUNSELING CENTERS			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$500.00	\$0.00
HOSPICE			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$500.00	\$0.00
SENIOR SPECTRUM			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$760.00	\$0.00
KENNEBEC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$500.00	\$0.00

SEXUAL SUPPORT & CRISIS CENTER			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$100.00	\$0.00
AMERICAN RED CROSS			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$100.00	\$0.00
SOLON FOOD CUPBOARD			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$2,000.00	\$0.00

DEBT SERVICE

FIRST PARK			
Appropriated	\$7,500.00		
Tax Revenue received	<u>\$3,176.39</u>	\$10,676.39	
Paid Out		<u>\$10,676.39</u>	\$0.00
ROAD PAVING LOAN			
Appropriated	\$182,000.00		
Trans. from Culvert	<u>\$ 35,000.00</u>	\$217,000.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$217,000.00</u>	\$0.00

LEISURE SERVICES

RECREATION DEPARTMENT			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$2,200.00	\$0.00
SWIM/CAMP PROGRAM			
Appropriated	\$1,200.00		
Income	<u>\$ 200.00</u>	\$1,400.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$1,011.66</u>	\$388.34
RECREATION DEPARTMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT			
Balance 1/1/15	\$4,449.50		
Income	<u>\$ 220.00</u>	\$4,669.50	
Paid Out		<u>\$1,002.63</u>	\$3,666.87
RECREATION FACILITY & MAINTENANCE RESERVE ACCOUNT			
Appropriated		\$1,000.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 0.00</u>	\$1,000.00
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM RESERVE ACCOUNT			
Balance 1/1/15	\$3,563.27		
Income	\$ 60.00		
Appropriated	<u>\$6,300.00</u>	\$9,923.27	
Paid		<u>\$7,375.35</u>	\$2,547.92
MOVE MORE KIDS PROGRAM RESERVE			
Grant Funds Balance 1/1/15 & 12/31/15			\$600.00

BAKER MOUNTAIN SKI PROGRAM			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$500.00	\$0.00
SOLON SNOWHAWKS			
State Grant	\$8,500.00		
State Registration Reim.	<u>\$ 575.94</u>	\$9,075.94	
Paid to Club		<u>\$9,075.94</u>	\$0.00
COOLIDGE LIBRARY RESERVE			
Balance 1/1/15	\$ 0.00		
Appropriated	\$10,500.00		
Trans. From Mem. Res.	\$ 1,000.00		
Income	<u>\$ 455.00</u>	\$11,955.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$11,331.84</u>	\$623.16
COOLIDGE LIBRARY BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE			
Balance 1/1/15	\$18,634.27		
Appropriated	\$ 3,000.00		
Income	<u>\$ 19.00</u>	\$21,537.93	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 705.18</u>	\$20,948.09
LIBRARY MEMORIAL FUNDS RESERVE			
Balance 1/1/15	\$10,521.85		
Transferred in from			
Library Memorial CDs	\$9,013.13		
Interest	<u>\$ 2.95</u>	\$19,537.93	
Trans. to Library Investment Fund		<u>\$19,537.93</u>	\$0.00
OTHER			
STATE WITHHOLDING			
Withheld & Paid to State		\$4,370.00	\$0.00
FEDERAL WITHHOLDING			
Withheld & Paid to IRS		\$14,034.00	\$0.00
FISH & WILDLIFE			
Received & Paid to State		\$15,371.85	\$0.00
MOTOR VEHICLE FEES			
Received & Paid to State		\$77,478.38	\$0.00
EXCISE TAX			
Received		\$172,215.14	
Less Refunds		<u>\$ 23.40</u>	\$172,191.74

EXCISE TAX, OTHER TOWNS			
Received & Paid to other towns		\$130.00	\$0.00
TOWN CLERK VITAL FEES			
Received		\$ 827.00	
Paid State of Maine		<u>\$ 219.20</u>	\$607.80
GUN PERMITS			
Received		\$529.00	
Paid Out			
Paid to State for 2014	\$480.00		
Paid to State for 2015	<u>\$300.00</u>	<u>\$780.00</u>	(\$251.00)
PLUMBING PERMITS			
Received		\$1,710.00	
Paid Out			
State Fees	\$ 405.00		
State Surcharge	\$ 90.00		
Plumbing Inspector	<u>\$1,215.00</u>	<u>\$1,710.00</u>	\$0.00
UNCLASSIFIED			
HUMANE SOCIETY			
Appropriated		\$2,001.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$2,000.70</u>	\$0.30
KENNEBEC VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS			
Appropriated		\$1,586.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$1,583.00</u>	\$3.00
SOMERSET ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION			
Appropriated & Paid Out		\$100.00	\$0.00
PLANNING BOARD RESERVE ACCOUNT			
Balance 1/1/15	\$13,319.63		
Income	<u>\$ 1,516.00</u>	\$14,835.63	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 258.99</u>	\$14,576.64
IRS INTEREST AND LEGAL FEES			
Appropriated		\$8,000.00	
Paid Out			
Paid to IRS, Interest	\$3,869.64		
Legal Fees*	<u>\$ 869.00</u>	<u>\$4,738.64</u>	\$3,261.36
*Also paid \$1,525 in 2014 for legal fees			
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE RESERVE ACCOUNT			
Balance 1/1/15 & 12/31/15			\$454.65

DOG LICENSES-STATE FEES

Received State Fees	\$1,074.00		
Paid State	<u>\$1,074.00</u>		\$0.00

DOG LICENSES-TOWN FEES RESERVE

Received Town Fees		\$1,121.00	
Paid			
Madison Animal Hosp.	\$ 40.00		
Pat Nelson, ACO	<u>\$186.00</u>	<u>\$ 226.00</u>	\$895.00

CEMETERIES & VETERAN GRAVES

Appropriated	\$10,800.00		
Income	<u>\$ 2,441.36</u>	\$13,241.36	
Paid Out		<u>\$13,241.36</u>	\$0.00

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Balance 1/1/15	\$5,682.75		
Appropriated	<u>\$3,500.00</u>	\$9,182.75	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 500.00</u>	\$8,682.75

EVERGREEN CEMETERY RESERVE

CD Closeout	\$42,775.28		
Income	<u>\$.71</u>	\$42,775.99	
Trans. to Investment Fund		<u>\$42,775.99</u>	\$0.00

EVERGREEN CEMETERY LOT RESERVE

Received	<u>\$1,750.84</u>	\$1,750.84	
Trans. to Investment Fund		<u>\$1,450.84</u>	\$300.00

VILLAGE CEMETERY RESERVE

Balance 1/1/15	\$172.17		
Received	<u>\$689.02</u>	\$861.19	
Trans. to Cemeteries		<u>\$689.02</u>	\$172.17

HILTON CEMETERY RESERVE

Balance 1/1/15	\$ 5.20		
Received	\$110.13	\$115.33	
Paid Out		<u>\$115.33</u>	\$0.00

TOWN FLAG RESERVE

Balance 1/1/15	\$ 35.00		
Appropriated	<u>\$500.00</u>	\$535.00	
Paid Out		<u>\$ 0.00</u>	\$535.00

HISTORICAL SOCIETY RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/15	\$2,416.73		
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Income	\$ <u>686.22</u>	\$3,102.95	
Paid Out		<u>\$1,260.33</u>	\$1,842.62

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MAINTENANCE RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/15	\$5,103.79		
Income	\$ <u>.56</u>	\$5,104.35	
Paid Out		<u>\$3,355.52</u>	\$1,748.83

JONES FUND SCHOLARSHIP RESERVE

Available Balance 1/1/15	\$11,644.32		
Income	\$ <u>5,539.92</u>	\$17,084.24	
Paid Out		<u>\$10,000.00</u>	\$7,084.24

RUTH CROSS SCHOLARSHIP RESERVE

Balance 1/1/15	\$34.30		
Income	<u>\$46.94</u>	\$81.24	
Paid:		<u>\$ 0.00</u>	\$81.24

TOWN LINE SURVEY RESERVE

Appropriated		\$1,000.00	
Balance 1/1/15		<u>\$8,000.00</u>	\$9,000.00

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT INTEREST

Income:			
Account interest			\$122.11
Paid to Dedicated Accounts:			
Historical Society Reserve Account	\$.37		
Historical Society Maint. Reserve Acct	\$.56		
Library Memorial Reserve	\$2.95		
Fire Department Reserve	\$.95		
Evergreen Cemetery Lot Reserve	\$.71		
Evergreen Cemetery Reserve	\$.84		
Ruth Cross Scholarship Reserve Account	\$.01		
Jones Fund Scholarship Reserve Account	<u>\$.90</u>		
			<u>\$ 7.29</u>
			\$114.82

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

RSU # 74 SCHOOL TAX

Appropriated &	\$917,759.00	
Paid Out	<u>\$917,757.00</u>	\$2.00

COUNTY TAX

Appropriated & Paid Out	\$210,251.37
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END OF YEAR TOTALS

Checkbook balance 1/1/15	\$ 5,001.55	
Money Market balance 1/1/15	<u>\$741,053.60</u>	\$ 746,055.15
Income Received in 2015		<u>\$2,239,108.89</u>
Total Income		\$2,985,164.04
Less Expenditures		<u>\$2,158,891.72</u>
Balance 12/31/15		\$ 826,272.32

Checkbook balance 12/31/15	\$ 5,000.00	
Money Market Account balance 12/31/15	<u>\$821,272.33</u>	\$826,272.32

Money Market Account Balance 12/31/15 includes Reserve Accounts:

2015 Revenue Sharing	\$ 51,365.23	
2016 Pre Paid R.E. Taxes	\$ 5,833.11	
LRAP Fund	\$ 85,099.27	
Highway Equipment Res.	\$ 84,334.44	
Sidewalk Repair Reserve	\$ 6,734.29	
Town Line Survey Reserve	\$ 9,000.00	
Road Name Signs Res.	\$ 686.52	
Transfer Station Truck & Tub Res..	\$ 46,399.79	
Fire Department Reserve	\$ 2,424.10	
Fire Department Capital Res.	\$ 4,305.41	
Fire Truck Reserve	\$ 70,792.19	
Planning Board	\$ 14,576.64	
Comprehensive Plan Comm.	\$ 454.65	
Municipal Buildings Maint. Res.	\$ 17,222.44	
Municipal Buildings Heat Res.	\$ 13,654.17	
Office Equip & Maintenance	\$ 690.66	
Town Flag Reserve	\$ 535.00	
Fuel for the Needy Reserve	\$ 350.00	
Town Dogs Reserve	\$ 895.00	
Historical Society	\$ 1,842.62	
Historical Society Maintenance	\$ 1,748.83	
Coolidge Library Bldg. Capital Res.	\$ 20,948.09	
Coolidge Library Res.	\$ 623.16	
Jones Fund Reserve Acct	\$ 7,084.24	
Ruth Cross Schol. Reserve	\$ 81.24	
Cemetery Maintenance Reserve	\$ 8,682.75	
Evergreen Cemetery Lot Reserve	\$ 300.00	
Village Cemetery Reserve	\$ 172.17	
Recreation Dept. Reserve	\$ 3,666.87	
Rec. Facility & Maintenance Res.	\$ 1,000.00	
Move More Kids Program Reserve	\$ 600.00	
After School Prog. Res. Acct.	<u>\$ 2,547.92</u>	
Total Dedicated Accounts		<u>\$464,650.80</u>
Total Undedicated Funds (Surplus)		\$361,621.52



1940 Boys Basketball Team



Elementary School Photo

TREASURER'S REPORT

MONEY MARKET RESERVE ACCOUNTS BALANCES 1/1/15

2014 Revenue Sharing	\$ 43,035.92	
2015 Pre-Paid R.E. Taxes	\$ 6,176.92	
LRAP Fund	\$ 43,867.27	
Highway Equipment Res.	\$ 69,334.44	
Sidewalk Repair Reserve	\$ 5,234.29	
Town Line Survey Reserve	\$ 8,000.00	
Road Name Signs Res.	\$ 586.52	
Transfer Station Truck Res. Acct.	\$ 37,289.93	
Transfer Station Tub Res. Acct.	\$ 2,000.00	
Fire Department Reserve	\$ 1,756.49	
Fire Department Capital Res.	\$ 4,192.38	
Fire Truck Reserve	\$ 67,792.19	
Planning Board	\$ 13,319.63	
Comprehensive Plan Comm.	\$ 454.65	
Municipal Buildings Maint. Res.	\$ 14,651.11	
Municipal Buildings Heat Res.	\$ 14,060.20	
Office Equip & Maintenance	\$ 2.56	
Town Flag Reserve	\$ 35.00	
Fuel for the Needy Reserve	\$ 350.00	
Historical Society	\$ 2,416.73	
Historical Society Maintenance	\$ 5,103.79	
Coolidge Library Bldg. Capital Res.	\$ 18,634.27	
Library Memorial Funds Res.	\$ 10,521.85	
Jones Fund Reserve Acct	\$ 11,644.32	
Ruth Cross Schol. Reserve	\$ 34.30	
Cemetery Maintenance Reserve	\$ 5,682.75	
Hilton Cemetery Reserve	\$ 5.20	
Village Cemetery Reserve	\$ 172.17	
Recreation Dept.	\$ 4,449.50	
Move More Kids Program Reserve	\$ 600.00	
After School Program Res. Acct.	<u>\$ 3,563.27</u>	
Total Dedicated Accounts		<u>\$394,967.65</u>

Check Book Balance 1/1/15	\$ 5,001.55	
Money Market Balance 1/1/15	<u>\$741,053.60</u>	\$746,055.15

INCOME:

2016 Prepaid Real Estate Tax	\$ 5,833.11	
2015 Real Estate Tax	\$1,282,541.68	
2015 Personal Property Tax	\$ 47,126.54	
2015 Interest	\$ 1,237.06	

2014 Real Estate Tax	\$ 93,130.22
2014 Personal Property Tax	\$ 2,296.72
2014 Interest	\$ 3,333.46
2014 Liens	\$ 30,298.18
2013 Liens	\$ 56,520.59
Lien Interest	\$ 9,315.16
Costs, Fees of Liens and Notices	\$ 5,308.91
Vehicle Excise Tax	\$ 172,215.14
Motor Vehicle Monies	\$ 77,478.38
Boat Excise Tax	\$ 858.00
Fish & Wildlife Monies	\$ 15,371.85
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 764.00
Town Clerk Vital Fees	\$ 827.00
Tax Collector Fees	\$ 4,575.50
Out of Town Excise Tax	\$ 130.00
State Revenue Sharing	\$ 51,365.23
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	\$ 2,413.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$ 45,726.15
Tree Growth Late Filing Penalty	\$ 500.00
BETE Reimbursement	\$ 98,509.00
Local Roads Assistance Program	\$ 41,232.00
2015 Homestead Reimbursement	\$ 26,612.00
BETE Administration Fee	\$ 2.00
General Assistance, State reimbursement	\$ 776.39
Snowmobile Grant	\$ 8,500.00
Snowmobile Registration Reimbursements	\$ 575.94
Snowmobile Tax Exempt Reim.	\$ 552.00
Winter Roads Reimbursement	\$ 2,200.00
Summer Roads Reimbursement	\$ 2,721.50
Social Security Withheld	\$ 13,096.03
Medicare Withheld	\$ 3,062.84
Federal Withholding Withheld	\$ 14,034.00
State Withholding Withheld	\$ 4,370.00
Plumbing Permits	\$ 1,620.00
Plumbing Permits State Surcharge	\$ 90.00
Concealed Weapons Permits	\$ 529.00
Planning Board Fees	\$ 1,516.00
Cable TV Franchise Fee	\$ 1,737.10
Town Charges Miscellaneous Income	\$ 70.02
Coolidge Library Reserve	\$ 1,455.00
Coolidge Library Building Capital Res.	\$ 19.00
Library Memorial Funds Reserve	\$ 9,016.08
Elections Reimbursement	\$ 396.89
Transfer Station receipts	\$ 1,158.44
Dog licenses, State share	\$ 1,074.00
Dog licenses, Town share	\$ 1,121.00

Recreation Department Reserve	\$	220.00	
After School Program Reserve	\$	60.00	
Hilton Cemetery Reserve	\$	110.13	
Evergreen Cemetery Reserve	\$	42,775.99	
Village Cemetery Reserve	\$	689.02	
Cemeteries	\$	1,752.34	
Evergreen Cemetery Lot Purchase	\$	1,750.84	
Ruth Cross Scholarship Reserve	\$	46.94	
Jones Fund Scholarship Reserve	\$	5,439.92	
Fire Department Reserve	\$	6,543.24	
Fire Dept, Res., S & T King Grant	\$	25,000.00	
Historical Society Reserve	\$	686.22	
Historical Society Maintenance Res.	\$.56	
Swim Program	\$	200.00	
Fire Department	\$	3,000.00	
First Park Tax Revenue	\$	3,176.39	
Unemployment Ins. Rebate	\$	102.48	
Workman Comp. Ins. Rebate	\$	1,009.00	
Property & Casualty Ins. Rebate	\$	1,146.00	
Checkbook & Money Market Correction	\$	12.49	
Checkbook interest	\$	26.40	
Money Market interest	\$	<u>114.82</u>	<u>\$2,239,108.89</u>
TOTAL INCOME			\$2,985,164.04
2015 WARRANTS			<u>\$2,158,891.72</u>
BALANCE 12/31/15			\$ 826,272.32
Check Book Balance 12/31/15	\$	5,000.00	
Money Market Balance 12/31/15		<u>\$821,272.32</u>	\$826,272.32
Less:			
2015 Revenue Sharing	\$	51,365.23	
2016 Pre Paid R.E. Taxes	\$	5,833.11	
LRAP Fund	\$	85,099.27	
Highway Equipment Res.	\$	84,334.44	
Sidewalk Repair Reserve	\$	6,734.29	
Town Line Survey Reserve	\$	9,000.00	
Road Name Signs Res.	\$	686.52	
Transfer Station Truck & Tub Res..	\$	46,399.79	
Fire Department Reserve	\$	2,424.10	
Fire Department Capital Res.	\$	4,305.41	
Fire Truck Reserve	\$	70,792.19	
Planning Board	\$	14,576.64	
Comprehensive Plan Comm.	\$	454.65	
Municipal Buildings Maint. Res.	\$	17,222.44	
Municipal Buildings Heat Res.	\$	13,654.17	
Office Equip & Maintenance	\$	690.66	
Town Flag Reserve	\$	535.00	

Fuel for the Needy Reserve	\$	350.00	
Town Dogs Reserve	\$	895.00	
Historical Society	\$	1,842.62	
Historical Society Maintenance	\$	1,748.83	
Coolidge Library Bldg.Capital Res.	\$	20,948.09	
Coolidge Library Res.	\$	623.16	
Jones Fund Reserve Acct	\$	7,084.24	
Ruth Cross Schol. Reserve	\$	81.24	
Cemetery Maintenance Reserve	\$	8,682.75	
Evergreen Cemetery Lot Reserve	\$	300.00	
Village Cemetery Reserve	\$	172.17	
Recreation Dept. Reserve	\$	3,666.87	
Rec. Facility & Maintenance Res.	\$	1,000.00	
Move More Kids Program Reserve	\$	600.00	
After School Prog. Res. Acct.	\$	<u>2,547.92</u>	
Total Dedicated Accounts			<u>\$464,650.80</u>
Total Undedicated Funds (Surplus)			\$361,621.52

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS

Evergreen Cemetery, Camden National Bank

Principal Balance 1/1/15	\$42,468.00		
Interest Balance 3/29/15	<u>\$ 307.28</u>	\$42,775.28	
Transferred to Reserve Account		<u>\$42,775.28</u>	\$0.00

Tozier Trust Fund, Library, Camden National Bank

Principal Balance 1/1/15	\$5,000.00		
Interest Balance 9/15/15	<u>\$1,081.76</u>	\$6,081.76	
Transferred to Reserve Account		<u>\$6,081.76</u>	\$0.00

Malcolm & Mary Hall Trust Fund, Library, Camden National Bank

Principal Balance 1/1/15	\$2,500.00		
Interest Balance 3/29/15	<u>\$ 431.37</u>	\$2,931.37	
Transferred to Reserve Account		<u>\$2,931.37</u>	\$0.00

Village Cemetery CD, Skowhegan Savings Bank

Principal	\$12,500.00		
2015 Interest	\$ 164.12		

WELLS FARGO INVESTMENT FUNDS

TOWN OF SOLON

PRINCIPALS:

Historical Society Maint. Res.	\$110,000.00
Jones Fund Scholarship	\$ 29,323.29
Ruth Cross Scholarship	\$ 1,270.00

Evergreen Cemetery	\$ 44,218.00		
Hilton Cemetery	\$ 3,000.00		
Pierce Cemetery	\$ 15,625.00		
South Solon Cemetery	\$ 20,150.00		
Village Cemetery	\$ 14,700.00	\$239,863.29	
AVAILABLE FUNDS:			
Historical Society Maint. Res.	\$ 9,000.00		
Historical Society Reserve	\$ 25,000.00		
Jones Fund Scholarship	\$ 26,676.71		
Evergreen Cemetery	\$ 308.83		
Village Cemetery	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 65,185.54	\$305,048.83

COOLIDGE LIBRARY

Invest. Funds Principal Balance 1/1/15	\$70,000.00		
Principal Added:			
L & M McDonough Mem.	\$6,000.00		
Charlotte Russell Mem.	\$2,400.00		
Harriet French Mem.	\$ 725.00		
Glennis Rogers Mem.	\$ 510.00		
Bertha Whitney Mem.	\$ 245.00		
M & M Hall Mem.	\$2,500.00		
R & H Tozier Trust	<u>\$5,000.00</u>	<u>\$17,380.00</u>	\$87,380.00
Available Funds Added			<u>\$ 2,157.93</u>
			\$89,537.93

2014 TAX LIENS AS OF 12/31/15

TAX DUE AS OF 12/31/2015

DOES NOT INCLUDE INTEREST AND FEES

THE PROPERTY WILL BE FORECLOSED ON IF NOT PAID BY 11/6/16

**PAID AFTER 12/31/15 BUT BEFORE 1/31/2016

BAGLEY, TONIA	\$ 97.44
BERBERIAN, ANDREA	\$ 451.13
BINGEL, WILLIAM	\$ 273.07
BROWN, ROBERT & JAMES, DEBORAH	\$ 381.80
BROWN, ROBERT	\$ 361.05
BURRILL, T. & DAOUST, S.	\$1,273.72
CANTERBURY, THOMAS & LILLIAN	\$1,345.43
CAREY, STEVE, ESTATE OF	\$1,205.66
CORSON, APRIL	\$ 255.10
DAMON, IRA, ESTATE OF	\$1,286.50
FORSTEN, ROBERT	\$ 205.87
FOSTER, DOUGLAS	\$1,080.21
GRAY, DAVID, ESTATE	\$ 224.96
HANSCOM, PAMELA	\$ 913.00
HANSON, K. & OWENS, M.	\$ 132.80

HEALD, DEBORAH & KIRK	\$1,660.00
LAYMAN, CHRISTOPHER	\$ 614.20
LAYMAN, CHRISTOPHER	\$ 428.45
LAYMAN, CHRISTOPHER	\$ 417.99
LAYMAN, CHRISTOPHER	\$1,770.72
LAYMAN, CHRISTOPHER & TANYA	\$1,859.20
MACLEAN, JAMES	\$3,004.60
MARQUIS, LINDA	\$ 869.33
MCEWEN, RONALD	\$1,112.20
MELILLO, LEO	\$1,162.00
MESSER, STEPHANIE	\$ 448.20
MILLER, KEITH	\$ 994.51
MORGAN, DEAN & KELLY	\$ 294.50
MORGAN, RYAN & IRIS	\$ 118.86
OSBOURNE, JASON	\$1,091.62
PADHAM, MICHAEL	\$1,526.70
PADHAM, MICHAEL & WACOME, B.	\$ 989.96
PAPADOPOULOS, JUDITH	\$1,328.00
PHILPOT, CHERYL	\$ 864.53
POMELOW, JAMES & GLENNA	\$1,978.72
POMELOW, JEFFREY	\$1,245.00
POMELOW, JEFFREY	\$1,203.50
POMELOW, JEFFREY	\$1,050.95
POMELOW, JEFFREY	\$1,257.12
RICHARDSON, G. & WOODARD, M.	\$ 663.17
RODERICK, JOEY	\$1,610.20
ROSSIGNAL, STUART	\$ 140.27
ROSSIGNAL, STUART	\$ 722.10
SALISBURY, JESSICA	\$1,361.20
SAUNDERS, BRANDI	\$ 780.20
SHANNON, ERIC	\$ 404.04
SOUSA, ROBERT & MARGARET	\$ 492.64
STICKNEY, MERVIL, HEIRS OF	\$ 606.77
STICKNEY, MICHAEL	\$ 35.08
TUTTLE, CRAIG	\$ 664.00
VALLEE, LOUIS	\$ 740.86
VITAL, JOSEPH & MARGARET	\$3,071.00
WHITE, KAREN	\$ 627.26
WILLETTE, ROBBIE	\$ 793.82
WING, JULIE, TRAVIS & DARREN	\$ 849.59
WITHAM, ELLERY	\$2,331.97
2012 PERSONAL PROPERTY	
MARLIN LEASING	\$ 86.21

FORECLOSED PROPERTY

GOLDAMMER 2010 TAX	\$ 695.00
GOLDAMMER 2011 TAX	\$ 725.00
GOLDAMMER 2012 TAX	\$ 760.00
WING, J, D & T 2013 TAX	\$ 586.49

Respectfully Submitted, Sharon Begin, Treasurer



Sharon Begin, Treasurer and Deputy Clerk/Tax Collector



Leslie Giroux Town Clerk/Tax Collector

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

2015 TAX COMMITMENT	\$1,523,186.19	
TG PENALTY SUPPLEMENTS	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>	\$1,524,686.19
LESS ABATEMENTS		<u>\$ 2,073.52</u>
FINAL COMMITMENT		\$1,522,612.67

COLLECTED IN 2015	\$1,329,668.22	
COLLECTED IN 2014	\$ 6,176.92	
TG PENALTY	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	<u>\$1,336,345.14</u>
TOTAL DUE AS OF 12/31/15		\$ 186,267.53

2015 UNPAID TAXES AS OF 12/31/15

IF NOT PAID BY 4/15/16 A LIEN WILL BE PLACED ON PROPERTY
 THE PROPERTY WILL BE FORCLOSED ON IF NOT PAID BY 11/6/17
 **PAID AFTER 12/31/14 BUT BEFORE 1/31/2015

REAL ESTATE TAX:

A & J LLC	\$ 423.68
ABELIN, ELIZABETH	\$1,470.00
AMODIO, JAMES & GAIL	\$2,282.75
AMODIO, JIMI & JAMES	\$ 817.46
ANTON, S. & HUDGELL, G.	\$1,986.25
AUSTIN, GERARD & KIMBERLY	\$2,189.25
BAGLEY, RANDY	\$2,520.00
BAGLEY, TONIA	\$ 191.45
BAGLEY, TONIA	\$1,190.00
BARRETTE, STEVEN & JOANNE	\$ 568.27**
BAUER, REG & ADELIA	\$2,086.00
BERBERIAN, ANDREA	\$1,824.73
BERNIER, ALLEN & KATHLEEN	\$2,326.63
BINGEL, WILLIAM	\$ 291.20
BRIERLY, RALPH	\$ 957.08
BROWN, ROBERT & JAMES, DEBORAH	\$ 402.50
BROWN, ROBERT	\$ 363.13
BURRILL, T. & DAOUST, S.	\$1,343.65
CANTERBURY, THOMAS & LILLIAN	\$1,418.38
CAREY, STEVE, ESTATE OF	\$1,271.03
CARRABASSETT GROUP	\$4,663.75**
CARRABASSETT GROUP	\$ 15.75**
CATES, TRENT	\$3,112.90
CLARK, ROLAND & REJEANNE	\$ 33.28**
CORNELL DU HOUX, P & R	\$1,225.00
CORSON, APRIL	\$1,096.03
CURTIS, NORMA	\$1,837.50

CUSHMAN, BARRY & SYLVIA	\$ 533.23
CYR, RANDOLPH	\$ 826.33
DAMON, BILLI JO	\$1,356.25
DANIELS, CINDY	\$ 234.15
DAVIS, JOSEPH & DARILYN	\$ 650.48
DOURANT, STEVEN & VERONICA	\$ 32.08
DUNLAP, DALE	\$2,869.47
EDWARDS, EUGENE & MELISSA	\$1,412.78
ELLIS, DAVID	\$ 903.40
ERB, RAY	\$1,706.95
ERB, RAY	\$ 375.73
FICKET, NORMAN & BONNIE	\$1,995.18
FISKE, KELLEY & DAVID	\$1,120.00
FITZMAURICE, ALLEN & CYNTHIA	\$2,003.75
FORSTEN, ROBERT	\$1,708.53
FOSTER, DOUGLAS	\$ 481.25
FOSTER, DOUGLAS	\$2,964.15
FRANK, JOAN, JAMES	\$ 566.77
FRENCH, JAMES	\$1,019.90
FULLER, LARRY	\$ 862.99**
GIBSON, CHARLES & JEAN	\$ 12.37**
GIBSON, CHARLES & JEAN	\$ 441.70**
GIBSON, CHARLES & JEAN	\$ 218.75**
GIBSON, CHARLES & JEAN	\$6,134.28**
GIBSON, CHARLES	\$ 298.43**
GIBSON, CHARLES	\$ 210.00**
GIBSON, CHARLES	\$ 126.70**
GIGUERE, ERVIN & LINDA	\$1,134.00
GILBLAIR, JENNIFER	\$1,159.38**
GILBLAIR, JENNIFER	\$1,278.55
GOBIN, RICKEY	\$ 175.00
GOGUEN, ALLAN & BROWN, WENDY	\$1,260.88
GRAY, DAVID, ESTATE	\$1,050.00
GRIFFEN, MELANIE	\$1,288.53
GROVES, CAROLINE	\$ 259.71
HAMILTON, THOMAS & MARGARET	\$ 746.87
HANSCOM, PAMELA	\$ 962.50
HANSON, K. & OWENS, M.	\$ 140.00
HAYDEN, DOUGLAS & WELCH, GALE	\$ 908.95
HEALD, DEBORAH & KIRK	\$1,750.00
JAMES, LINDA	\$1,389.15
JP MORGAN CHASE BANK	\$1,589.18
KANKAINEN, MICHAEL	\$ 234.33
KANKAINEN, MICHAEL	\$ 103.43
KELLEY, RICHARD	\$1,076.25
LABONTE, RICHARD & LORI	\$1,718.33

LACROIX, KEVIN	\$ 288.32
LAYMAN, CHRISTOPHER	\$ 647.50
LAYMAN, CHRISTOPHER	\$1,868.65
LAYMAN, CHRISTOPHER	\$ 451.68
LAYMAN, CHRISTOPHER	\$ 440.65
LAYMAN, CHRISTOPHER & TANYA	\$1,960.00
LONGLEY-LEAHY, KATHRYN, ET AL	\$1,442.18
MACLEAN, JAMES	\$3,167.50
MADORE, K. & ATHERTON, O.	\$ 696.99
MAINE-LY TREES INC	\$ 572.25
MARTIN, Y. & CARRARA, J. & J.	\$ 300.93**
MARQUIS, LINDA	\$1,428.53
MCEWEN, RONALD	\$ 472.50
MCHUGH, STEPHEN & KIMBERLY	\$ 681.45
MCHUGH, STEPHEN & KIMBERLY	\$1,581.65
MCPHERSON TIMBERLANDS	\$1,770.33
MCPHERSON TIMBERLANDS	\$ 269.10
MCPHERSON TIMBERLANDS	\$ 231.84
MELILLO, LEO	\$1,225.00
MESSER, STEPHANIE	\$ 472.50
MILLER, KEITH	\$1,048.95
MILLER, LOIS & KOZIUPA, RAYMOND	\$ 814.54
MOODY, DENNIS & CARMEN	\$1,487.86
MONROE, JAMES & ALICE	\$ 71.05
MORGAN, DEAN & KELLY	\$ 926.28
MORGAN, DEAN & KELLY	\$ 128.98
MORGAN, RYAN & IRIS	\$ 128.10
MORIN, JAMES & MOLLY	\$1,236.03
MUNROE, BRIAN	\$1,277.50**
MURGO, GREGORY	\$ 418.18
MYERS, MEGAN	\$1,298.55
NADEAU, ANDREA	\$ 315.00
NOYES, DONNA	\$1,366.05
OSBOURNE, JASON	\$1,150.80
PADHAM, MICHAEL	\$1,628.55
PADHAM, MICHAEL & WACOME, B.	\$1,043.53
PAPADOPOULOS, JUDITH	\$1,400.00
PEABODY, ROBERT & CARRIE	\$2,546.25
PHILPOT, CHERYL	\$ 911.40
PLUNTKE, PETER & SUSAN	\$ 496.34
POMELOW, JEFFREY	\$1,312.50
POMELOW, JEFFREY	\$1,268.75
POMELOW, JEFFREY	\$1,107.93
POMELOW, JEFFREY	\$1,325.98
QUATTROCCI, JOHN	\$1,006.25
REBER, P. & FINSON, H.	\$1,143.61

REID, MICHAEL & ROSEMARY	\$ 248.33
REID, ROSEMARY	\$1,941.45
RICHARDSON, G. & WOODARD, M.	\$ 669.13
RIDLEY, COREY & JENNIFER	\$ 103.95
RIVARD, DANIEL & LINDA	\$1,225.00
ROACH, WILLIAM & MARLENE	\$ 349.96
RODERICK, JOEY	\$1,697.50
RODERICK, LOUIS	\$ 89.25
RODERICK, TRACY	\$ 418.67
ROGERS, MEGAN	\$ 612.50
ROLLINS, NICHOLAS	\$ 687.50
ROMAN, MARK	\$1,972.08
ROSSIGNAL, STUART	\$ 147.88
ROSSIGNAL, STUART	\$ 761.25
RUTHERFORD, ANNE & BRIAN	\$1,577.28*
SALISBURY, JESSICA	\$1,435.00
SAUNDERS, BRANDI	\$ 822.50
SHANNON, ERIC	\$ 428.40
SHAW, CHRISTOPHER & MAUREEN	\$ 748.31
SILLARS, JOHN	\$ 259.18
SILLARS, JOHN	\$1,681.05
SILLARS, JOHN & MICHAEL	\$ 147.35
SKOWHEGAN SAVINGS BANK	\$1,211.88
SLAMM, AMANDA	\$1,324.05
SLAMM, ESTATE OF	\$ 696.80
SOUSA, ROBERT & MARGARET	\$1,837.50
STARBIRD, DAVID & CATHERINE	\$ 473.57
STARR, DIANE	\$1,414.18
STARR, DIANE & MICHAEL	\$1,104.08
STEVENS, CLIFFORD & MICHELLE	\$3,670.65
STICKNEY, MERVIL, HEIRS OF	\$ 840.00
STICKNEY, MICHAEL	\$ 175.00
SULLIVAN, BARBARA	\$1,674.40**
TOZIER, RICHARD	\$ 743.75
TRUSSELL, WILLIAM & DIANE	\$1,484.61**
TRUSSELL, WILLIAM & DIANE	\$ 103.25
TRUSSELL, WILLIAM & DIANE	\$ 71.05
TRUSSELL, WILLIAM & DIANE	\$ 65.63
TUTTLE, CRAIG	\$ 700.00
VALLEE, LOUIS	\$ 781.03
VITAL, JOSEPH & MARGARET	\$3,237.50
WALKER, MICHAEL	\$ 962.50
WEBB, PATRICIA & ALVYN	\$ 958.08
WHITE, CAROL	\$ 323.75
WHITE, CAROL	\$ 393.75
WHITE, KAREN	\$ 350.00

WHITE, KAREN	\$1,890.70
WILLETTE, ROBBIE	\$ 978.95
WILLETTE, ROBBIE	\$ 110.60
WILLIAMSON, SONYA	\$ 400.59**
WING, JULIE, TRAVIS & DARREN	\$ 895.65
WITHAM, ELLERY	\$2,458.40
WOOSTER, WALLACE & JANE	\$1,788.50**
YOST, ANDREW & HEATHER	\$ 339.15
ZAWALIK, CARRIE	\$1,684.03
ZAWALIK, CARRIE	\$ 325.15

PERSONAL PROPERTY

CARRABASSETT GROUP	\$2,288.13**
DIRECT TV, INC	\$ 136.94



TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

VITAL STATISTICS

	MARRIAGES	BIRTHS	DEATHS
2011	2	11	7
2012	7	5	7
2013	9	1	9
2014	5	9	13
2015	6	6	13

DEATHS JANUARY 1, 2014-- DECEMBER 31, 2014

Amy Jo Bowman	49	Patricia Carmichael	68
Ralph Gilcott	63	Linda James	66
Paul McDonald	35	Merle Rancourt	91
Robert Reed	56	Heather Siranda	27
Michael Starr	67	Constance Verrill	77
Robert Weese	77		
Plus 2 non-residents who died in Solon			

NOTICE

Please remember that if you have a loved one in a nursing home, they are considered a resident of the town in which the home is located UNLESS you specify that they are a resident of Solon. Should that person pass away, Solon would not be notified and we would have no record of the death in our files.

You are now required, by State Law, to fill out an information card if you want a birth, death or marriage certificate and must present your driver's license or two other forms of identification. Certified copies are \$15.00 and \$6.00 for each additional one bought at the same time.

Register and vote! It is your right and privilege as an American to vote for your choice of candidates and /or issues. If you are not registered, please stop in at the Town Office. It is a very simple process.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Giroux
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

WINTER ROADS

INCOME:

Appropriated	\$ 90,000.00	
Equipment Maintenance Reserve	\$ 1,296.73	
Town of Madison-Plowing	\$ 1,200.00	
Insurance Claim	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	\$ 93,496.73

EXPENDITURES:

LABOR:

Michael Foster	\$ 24,033.75	
Gary Bishop	\$ 19,957.00	
Olon Burns	\$ 1,172.50	
Neil Hoskins	\$ 162.00	
Nick Rollins	\$ 150.00	
James Quimby	\$ 720.00	
David Dickey	\$ 437.00	
Linda Marquis	<u>\$ 400.00</u>	\$ 47,032.25

EQUIPMENT:

Equipment Repair	\$ 6,268.90	
Equipment Parts & Supplies	\$ 9,815.06	
Diesel Fuel	\$ 12,883.86	
Tires	\$ 513.75	
M. Foster, Truck Mileage	\$ 1,747.00	
Gary Bishop, Mileage	\$ 355.00	
Arthur Rogers, Dozer	\$ 742.00	
CJ Towing	\$ 1,500.00	
Allyn Foss	<u>\$ 75.00</u>	\$ 33,900.57

SUPPLIES, MATERIAL & MISC:

Winter Sand	\$ 6,966.00	
Winter Salt	\$ 1,965.86	
White Signs	\$ 131.25	
Jimar Construction Products	\$ 1,305.00	
KVCOG-Signs	<u>\$ 132.70</u>	\$ 10,500.81

GARAGE:

Central Maine Power	\$ 801.83	
TDS Telecom	\$ 336.72	
U.S. Cellular	\$ 269.59	
Shop Supplies	\$ 199.68	
Drug Tests	\$ 140.56	

Maine Fire Equipment	\$ 138.92		
PDQ Door, maintenance	<u>\$ 175.80</u>	<u>\$ 2,063.10</u>	<u>\$ 93,496.73</u>
			\$ -

SUMMER ROADS

INCOME:

Appropriated	\$ 100,000.00		
Equipment Maint. Res.	\$ 534.24		
Sale of Culverts	\$ 1,687.50		
Calcium Reimbursement	<u>\$ 1,034.00</u>		\$ 103,255.74

EXPENDITURES:

LABOR:

Michael Foster	\$ 16,320.00		
Gary Bishop	\$ 13,524.00		
James Quimby	\$ 9,156.00		
Arthur Rogers	<u>\$ 48.00</u>	\$ 39,048.00	

EQUIPMENT:

M. Foster, Mileage	\$ 1,494.00		
G. Bishop, Mileage	\$ 262.00		
J. Quimby, Mileage	\$ 117.50		
Vehicle Inspection	\$ 160.00		
Diesel Fuel	\$ 5,555.44		
Equipment Repair	\$ 3,279.69		
Equipment Parts & Supplies	\$ 2,021.19		
Equipment Rental	\$ 90.00		
Street /Sweeper Broom	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>	\$ 14,179.82	

GARAGE:

Shop Supplies	\$ 157.02		
TDS Telecom	\$ 343.01		
U. S. Cellular	\$ 269.79		
Central Maine Power	<u>\$ 391.78</u>	\$ 1,161.60	

SUPPLIES, MATERIAL & MISC:

Gravel	\$ 26,304.00		
Culverts	\$ 5,635.00		
Paris Farmers Union, Calcium	\$ 3,098.00		
Rance Pooler, Mowing	\$ 1,300.00		
Fine Line Paving	\$ 1,500.00		
Arthur Rogers, Bulldozer	\$ 700.00		
Sam White, Excavator	\$ 12,800.00		
MDOT, signs	\$ 199.27		

PARADE
July 4 - 11-12
EXPECT TRAVEL DELAYS









White Sign	\$ 354.14		
George Downs, guardrails	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	<u>\$ 51,990.41</u>	<u>\$ 106,379.83</u>
			\$ (3,124.09)

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

INCOME:			
Appropriated		\$10,000.00	
EXPENDITURES:			
2006 International Truck repair	\$8,169.03		
Transfer to Summer Roads	\$ 534.24		
Transfer to Winter Roads	<u>\$1,296.73</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	\$0.00

ROAD NAME SIGNS RESERVE ACCOUNT

INCOME:			
Balance 1/1/15	\$586.52		
Appropriated	<u>\$100.00</u>		\$686.52

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

INCOME:			
Balance 1/1/15	\$69,334.44		
Appropriated	<u>\$15,000.00</u>		\$84,334.44

SIDEWALK REPAIR RESERVE ACCOUNT

INCOME:			
Balance 1/1/15	\$5,234.29		
Appropriated	<u>\$1,500.00</u>		\$6,734.29

Road Commissioner Report

In January we had a lot of snow and freezing rain. By February it was very cold with high winds. There were more drifts this year than in the lasy few years. The snow and wind went into April. The muddy roads just went on and on and were very bad. We had more sink holes in the road than in previous years also. The grading was very slow because of the sink holes. The crew put in culverts on the River and West Roads this past spring. We put culverts on the Brighton Road in a driveway and on Padham, South Solon, Boardman, Hole in the Wall, Parkman Hill and Eaton Hill Roads. All the culverts that were fixed are as deep in the ground as possible. The pitch is set to standards. There were 33 replaced or reset.

Also we did ditching on the Padham, Boardman, Parkman Hill, Eaton Hill and Hole in the Wall Roads. All of the ditching that was done was in problem areas. Most of the work (ditching and culverts) was done from Sam White's excavator with Richard Gilbert as the operator. All culvert work, if possible, was done in July and August because water tables usually are lower and drier. The crew has

put out a lot of gravel. It was put on Parkman Hill, Lacasce, Brown Farm, Hole in the Wall and West Roads.

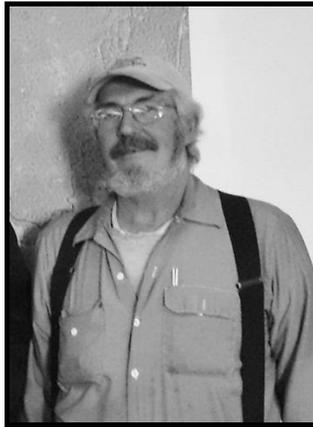
The 2006 International truck has had a lot of problems: head gasket and fuel injectors costing approximately \$8,200. I think there is more to come as the dump body is not in good shape, the clutch is not good, the oil pan gasket is leaking, etc.

The fall has been quiet as weather goes. We have had some freezing rain in November and December. The first time we plowed snow was December 15 when we had about one inch. We got one snow storm after Christmas on December 29th.

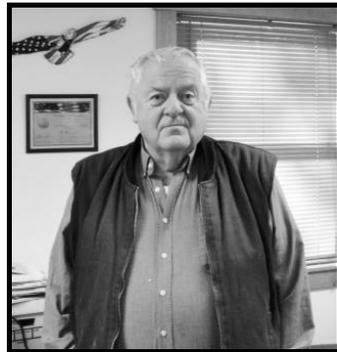
At this time, I, Mike Foster would like to thank everyone that helped me out this year. I would like to thank the Maine D.O.T. for their help when we needed it! (THANKS!)

Thanks again for your great support.

Respectfully, Michael Foster, Road Commissioner



Gary Bishop, Road Crew



Jim Quimby, Road Crew

ROAD SIGN THEFT AND VANDALISM PROBLEM

Working with MDOT, our road crew replaced and added many road safety signs this past summer. We are having an ongoing issue with theft of our road safety signs and road name signs.

This is very costly to our town. Each road name sign costs \$35 and each road safety sign costs \$60. This is just for the sign and there is also the added cost for the posts and labor to install.

The road name signs are important to have in place so emergency responders can find and be sure they are on the correct road when they are responding to an emergency. In a life threatening emergency every second counts and can mean the difference between life and death.

The road safety signage is important in preventing accidents. Various types of warning signs are set in place to warn of road hazards drivers should be made aware of to prevent accidents.

Stop and Yield signs are placed at road intersections to help prevent accidents. A stolen stop or yield sign can cause a serious accident. If you know of a missing stop or yield sign at an intersection please let us know so we can replace it as quickly as possible.

Other warning signs, such as intersection and curve signs, are important to have in place to warn of hazardous road conditions. Removal of them can also cause accidents.

We work hard to keep our roads as safe as possible. Theft of these signs cost the town tax dollars and can cost someone their life. If you want a sign for decoration only we can sell you one so please don't steal them and put someone's life at risk. Ask at the Town Office if you want a sign for decoration only.

If you see someone stealing or vandalizing our signs, please get a license plate number and call 911. You can also return a "found" sign to the town garage, no questions asked!

***REMEMBER THEFT OF A ROAD SIGN
CAN COST SOMEONE THEIR LIFE!!***

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Station Phone 207-643-2291

Emergencies 911

Radio: 100

OFFICERS:

Duayne Rollins, Chief	399-1655	Solon 101
Brian Coombs, 1 st Assist. Chief	399-1632	Solon 102
Jenney Rollins, 2nd Assist. Chief	399-1655	
Kevin Lacroix, 3rd Assist. Chief	446-2474	
Richard Kelley, EMA Director		Solon 109
Linda Marquis, Secretary-Treasurer		
Diana Rollins, Base Radio Monitor		

FIREFIGHTERS:

Ronald Brown	Derek Dellarma
Timothy Pomelow	Blin Rollins, III
Nick Rollins	Cody Emery
Todd Dixon	Alex Taylor
Brian Livingstone	Sebastian Jackman
Aaron Fitzmaurice	Thomas Courtney, Mechanic

FIRE DEPARTMENT

INCOME:

Appropriated	\$ 24,000.00	
Excise Tax Reimbursement	\$ 34.00	
Ins. Reimb. for Traffic Control	\$ 2,980.00	
Fees	\$ 20.00	\$ 27,034.00

EXPENDITURES:

EQUIPMENT:

Safety Equipment	\$ 3,980.95	
Equipment Repairs & Parts	\$ 2,116.62	
Supplies	\$ 272.90	
Maine Fire Equipment	\$ 1,608.73	
Diesel Fuel & Gas	\$ 953.16	
Poland's Garage, Inspections	\$ 85.00	
Reliance Equip., tests & repairs	\$ 1,738.49	
Yankee-Radio	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 13,555.85

STATION:

OTT Comm.-Telephone	\$ 475.90	
CMP Electric	\$ 900.66	

Supplies	\$ 511.98	
Solon Water District	\$ 588.40	
PDQ Door	\$ 204.41	
Oil Burner Service	<u>\$ 226.33</u>	\$ 2,907.68

MISCELLANEOUS:

Redington Fairview, Safety Tests	\$ 282.32	
ME. Federation of Firefighters	\$ 210.00	
Somerset County Fire Chief	\$ 179.00	
Foremost Productions	\$ 293.12	
Blin Rollins, Jr. - Loader	\$ 170.00	
Bank Fee for Canadian Check	\$ 10.00	
Fire Station Computer Software	\$ 699.00	
ATV Registration	<u>\$ 34.00</u>	\$ 1,877.44

LABOR:

Duayne Rollins	\$ 980.00	
Brian Coombs	\$ 910.00	
Jen Rollins	\$ 790.00	
Kevin Lacroix	\$ 825.00	
Linda Marquis	\$ 810.00	
Richard Kelley	\$ 950.00	
Brian Livingstone	\$ 590.00	
Derek Dellarma	\$ 335.00	
Thomas Courtney	\$ 120.00	
Blin Rollins III	\$ 655.00	
Timothy Pomelow	\$ 55.00	
Aaron Fitzmaurice	\$ 170.00	
Todd Dixon	\$ 300.00	
Cody Emery	\$ 430.00	
Nick Rollins	\$ 560.00	
Alex Taylor	\$ 65.00	
Sebastian Jackman	<u>\$ 35.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,580.00</u>

\$ 26,920.97
\$ 113.03
\$ (113.03)
\$ -

Transferred to FD Capital Reserve

FIRE DEPARTMENT TRUCK RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/2015	\$67,792.19	
Appropriated	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>	\$67,792.19

FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/15	\$4,192.38	
Transferred in from FD	<u>\$ 113.03</u>	\$4,305.41

FIRE DEPARTMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

INCOME:

BALANCE 1/1/15	\$ 1,756.49		
Donations	\$ 4,862.29		
Interest	\$ 0.95		
Stephen & Tabitha King Grant	\$ 25,000.00		
Mike Starr Memorial Donations	<u>\$ 1,680.00</u>	\$ 33,299.73	
EXPENDITURES			
Gordon Berry, truck	\$ 500.00		
Maine Fire Equipment	\$ 4,229.45		
Solon School Christmas Party	\$ 111.20		
Yankee Communications	\$ 285.00		
Fire Tech & Safety	\$ 24,999.00		
Ray's Towing	\$ 100.00		
Solon Fire Dept. Auxilary	<u>\$ 650.98</u>	<u>\$ 30,875.63</u>	\$ 2,424.10

FIRE CALLS

Vehicle Accidents	26	Alarm Checks	3
Structure Fires	4	Assist EMS	1
Mutual Aid Given	2	Grass/Brush Fires	1
Chimney Fire	7	Life Flight Assist	2
Electrical Lines/Trees	11		
 Total Calls	 57		

BURN PERMITS:

You are required to have a burn permit before you can burn brush and debris outside at anytime during the year.

For burn permits call the Fire Wardens:

Duayne Rollins 399-9549

Brian Coombs 399-1632

Jenn Rollins 399-1655

Kevin Lacroix 446-2476

Linda Marquis 399-3820

If you have a wood stove or fireplace, remember to have your chimney cleaned every fall and spring. If you do have a chimney fire, call 911 immediately—even if you think you can handle it yourself. Better safe than sorry.

The Fire Department is willing to inspect your chimney for fire safety. Chimney fires are dangerous and a safe chimney is a necessity when burning firewood. Contact the Fire Chief to set up an appointment. They will inform you of any defects they find. However the town accepts no liability and does not certify safety of the chimney. To have your chimney checked by a professional, contact

the State Fire Marshall's office at 626-3870 for a list of approved chimney inspectors.

It is a crime to call 911 with a false fire or emergency report. When the fire department responds to false alarms, it could delay their response to a real emergency. The fire department will bill anyone calling in a false alarm for time and expensed incurred in the response to the call. However do not hesitate to call 911 for an emergency. An early response could save lives and property.

The volunteer firefighters put in a lot of time attending training sessions. Training sessions are important for their safety and for learning proper and/or improved firefighting and rescue techniques. We pay our firefighters \$10 for each training session they attend.

We need volunteers willing to put in the time for the training and meetings and, of course, to respond to emergency calls. Any one interested in joining the Fire Department or learning more about being a firefighter should contact the Fire Chief.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

2015 was another busy year but greatly successful year for the Solon Fire Department. Our department has 14 members at this time. This year we were able to spend some time doing a lot of different things within the community. I would like to share our year with you.

We started our year helping the Auxiliary with their Easter Party for the kids. We held our annual Memorial Day toll booth and raised enough to purchase new leather boots for our members. We marched and drove our trucks in the July 4th Solon Parade. In August we did our CPR recertification. We assisted the Auxiliary with the 2nd Annual Roadside Clean Up in September and with their Labor Day toll booth. For Fire Prevention Week in October we went to the school with our fire truck and taught fire prevention and handed out goody bags. The Auxiliary had a fund raising Spaghetti Dinner and the firefighters helped with setting up and were the waiters and waitresses at the dinner. It was a great team effort! The Fire Department had their 5th Annual Haunted House/Halloween Party at the station. This has become quite the event and is growing every year. We donated a Thanksgiving Food Basket to a family in Solon.

In December we held our Annual Christmas Party for the Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders from the Solon School. We had games, treats, presents and, of course, Santa Claus!! Thank you, Gary. We donated another food basket to a family. And this year there was a suggestion that the Fire Department and Auxiliary go Christmas caroling. We did it and it was an amazing time and so great to bring back something traditional to this busy time of year. It was such a great experience with our 4 wheeler and trailer lit up with Christmas lights and everyone parading through town. The townspeople welcomed us with cheers and smiles. Thank you to Selectman Elaine Aloes for joining us. And a huge

THANK YOU to Chantelle Lacroix for the suggestion and we now intend to make this into an annual event.

We also helped a community member with his firewood and preparing his home for winter. And we served as wait staff at a benefit dinner for another person in our town.

To wrap up our busy year Jenney and I put together a surprise party for the department and auxiliary as a thank you for all they did this year. We had lunch, laughs, gifts and we all looked back as we wrapped up another year.

As you read all of what the department has accomplished this year remember that all this happened along with our monthly meetings, trainings, truck checks, and emergency calls. This year proved that I am very fortunate to have an amazing department, town officials and community behind me as the Solon Fire Chief. Thank you all for what you do.

Respectfully submitted, Duayne Rollins, Fire Chief

The Selectmen would like to thank all our volunteer firefighters for the all the time and effort they give to serve and protect our town. They put their lives at risk to protect our property and us.

THANK YOU!



SOLON FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY

Officers:

Aryke Coombs, President 643-2064
Elizabeth Giroux, Vice President
Janet Lacroix, Secretary 643-2474
Dianna Rollins, Treasurer

Members:

Loretta Fitzmaurice Alice Kelley
Tamika Lacroix Katie Lacroix
Morgan Pluntke

The Solon Fire Department Auxiliary was created to support Solon's Volunteer Firefighters in their quest to protect and serve our community.

We have had a very busy year once again. We planted flowers in our two flower gardens outside the Fire Station in May. We joined our firefighters in Bingham's Memorial Day Parade and in our local 4th of July Parade. We also participated in a roadside cleanup in September. Our Easter Party was also a great time had by all. As an Auxiliary, we have joined the firefighters in purchasing a food basket for a needy family in town at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. We also spent a wonderful evening caroling together and was joined by Elaine Aloes.

We, once again, had a few fundraisers this year. We had two bottle drives, three bottle drops, a Spaghetti Dinner and a voluntary toll booth. As a result of these fundraisers we made a total of \$4,140.64. We are pleased to announce that with the money raised we were able to purchase equipment and help our firefighters with other expenses this year. We are proud to support our local heroes in any way we can.

We would love to have more local men and women join our cause. If you are 16 years of age or older and you have an interest in your community, supporting your firefighters on their emergency calls, or helping us to raise funds for training, technology, or equipment, please give us a call or come to our meetings.

Meetings are held every third Thursday of the month at 7 PM at the Solon Fire Station Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted:
Aryke Coombs, President

The Selectmen would like to thank all the Auxiliary members for the all the time and effort they give to support our Fire Department and our town.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT

TRANSFER STATION

INCOME:

Appropriated	\$ 67,000.00	
Fees	\$ 226.00	
Steel Recycling	\$ 695.95	
Insurance Claim	\$ 196.49	
Compost Bins	<u>\$ 40.00</u>	\$ 68,158.44

EXPENDITURES:

LABOR:

Peter Pluntke	\$ 2,984.38	
David Dickey	\$ 9,970.50	
Olon Burns	<u>\$ 247.25</u>	\$ 13,202.13

TRANSPORTATION:

Olon Burns	\$ 4,048.69	
Diesel Fuel	\$ 2,341.17	
Misc. Parts & Supplies	\$ 2,015.51	
Truck Repair &	\$ 2,908.12	
Tires	<u>\$ 1,834.72</u>	\$ 13,148.21

TIPPING FEES:

WMDSM	\$ 31,541.08	
KVCOG, Haz. Waste	<u>\$ 406.84</u>	\$ 31,947.92

RECYCLING COSTS:

Town of Pittsfield	\$ 1,014.00	
Olon Burns, Mileage	\$ 8.00	
BDS Tire Service	\$ 234.50	
E Waste	<u>\$ 3.40</u>	\$ 1,259.90

GOODS, SERVICES, MISC

CMP	\$ 1,316.29	
TDS Telecom	\$ 546.32	
Supplies	\$ 196.68	
Somerset/Dead River LP Gas	\$ 144.46	
Maine Fire Equipment	\$ 50.00	
D.E.P. Annual Report	\$ 418.00	
Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 199.50	
MRRA Compost Bins	\$ 955.50	
Drug Testing	\$ 59.26	
Foss Enter., Bush Hogging	\$ 175.00	

Foss Enterprises	\$	225.00		
MMA Risk Manag., Reimb.	\$	288.59		
DOL Safety Project	\$	<u>1,915.82</u>	\$	<u>6,490.42</u>
			\$	66,048.58
			\$	2,109.86
Trans. to TS Truck & Tub Res.			\$	<u>(2,109.86)</u>
			\$	(0.00)

TRANSFER STATION TRUCK & EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/15	\$37,289.93	
Appropriated	\$ 5,000.00	
Trans. in from TS	<u>\$ 2,109.86</u>	\$46,399.79

SOLON TRANSFER STATION FEES SCHEDULE

RECYCLABLES, NO FEE CHARGED

Glass: Bottles and jars, clear or colored, rinsed

Aluminum: Tin cans, aluminum foil, pie plates & other aluminum containers, rinsed

Plastic: all plastic #1-#7, including jugs, food or rigid containers. Please tie jugs together. No plastic bags (these can be returned to the retailer).

Fluorescents: Bulbs and tubes

Electronics: Computer components, TV's, microwaves, keyboards, etc.

Cardboard: Corrugated or thin (cereal boxes, tissue rolls, milk & juice boxes, etc.), flattened

Paper: office paper, newspapers, magazines, junk mail, scrap paper, window envelopes, Post-Its, etc.

Metal

Other: Waste oil; batteries (rechargeable or automobile); (Please see attendant)

Leaves & Grass Clippings: Take to Skowhegan Transfer Station for no charge

Limbs, Brush & Stumps: Remove soil & rocks; take to Carrier Trucking in Skowhegan for no charge

OTHER ITEMS WITH FEES CHARGED

<u>Tires:</u> passenger and pick up truck, up to 17", off rim	\$2.00
passenger and pick up truck, up to 17", on rim	\$5.00
large truck tires, off rim	\$ 10.00
large truck tires, on rim	\$ 20.00
tractor tires	\$100.00

Household items:

Easy chair, mattress or box spring	\$5.00
Sofa and other large furniture	\$10.00

Washer, dryer, stove, water heater, pumps	\$10.00
Refrigerator or freezer, door must be removed	\$12.00
Air conditioner	\$12.00

Lights: Mercury vapor bulbs \$1.50 each

Other: Mercury switches, thermostats and thermometers \$3.00

Bulky Waste/Asphalt Shingles: Fee charged will be determined by the attendant based on the following:

Pickup truck load, short bed	\$18.00
Pickup truck load, long bed	\$24.00
Small dump truck or single axle trailer	\$30.00

Fees for other sized vehicles and undersized and oversized loads to be determined by attendant.

DEMOLITION DEBRIS DISPOSAL POLICY

The Town will not pay for container leases, transportation costs or tipping fees for demolition debris resulting from a building demolition or renovation project.

SOLON TRANSFER STATION REPORT

The Solon Transfer Station offers residents many opportunities for recycling. Recycling keeps the cost of trash disposal down and reduces your property taxes.

We hauled 423 tons of garbage to Waste Management during 2015, which is a decrease of 90 tons over last year! That reduction saved Solon taxpayers over \$6000 compared with 2014. With a cost of approximately \$31 per ton to transport the waste and a tipping fee of \$68 per ton, it costs Solon residents almost \$100 per ton to handle our town's garbage. On the other hand, Solon paid just over \$1000 to dispose of all of our cardboard, paper, plastic, light bulbs, electronics, glass, tires, tin cans, metal and batteries. The more we recycle, the more we save.

Even though most recyclable items are accepted at the Transfer Station for no cost, we do charge a small fee for some. Those fees help cover the extra costs the Town is charged for disposing of those items. Please pay the attendant if you drop off any of the items on the list located on the previous page.

We offer 80-gallon compost bins for sale at the Transfer Station or Town office all year round. If you are looking for a good way to reduce your trash volume and your number of trips to the Transfer Station while making some "black gold" for your garden, you should pick one up. We offer them for \$45.

We give away free crushed glass to citizens in need of sharp drainage for construction projects. We also collect waste oil for your use. Returnable bottles are collected to benefit the Solon Recreation Department. And no trip to the Transfer Station is complete unless you bring something back home with you, so stop by the “FREE” table to pick up that special item or book.

On the first Saturday in October every year, Solon joins with neighboring communities to collect hazardous waste and unused medications. In 2016, the collection will be held on October 1 at the Skowhegan Transfer Station. Sign up will be held in September at the Town Office.

2015 saw the completion of the Department of Labor safety project begun in 2014. We are now in compliance with State regulations regarding fall hazards for our workers. This project could not have been completed without the help of Mike Foster, Gary Bishop, Dave Dickey and Sonny Burns. Thanks to all of them.

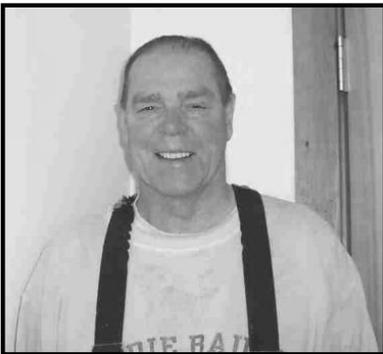
Thanks, too, to Pete, Dave and Sonny for all of their hard work to make our Transfer Station run so smoothly. Additional thanks go to Mike Foster and Gary Bishop for their frequent help.

REMINDERS

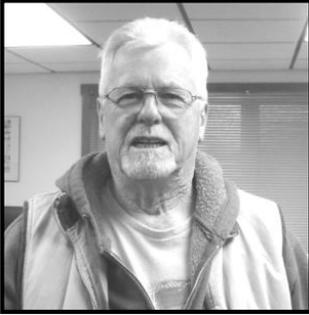
Only waste generated within the Town of Solon can be disposed of at the Transfer Station. Please do not bring garbage from other towns.

The Transfer Station hours are Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Transfer Station will be closed on all legal holidays unless otherwise posted.

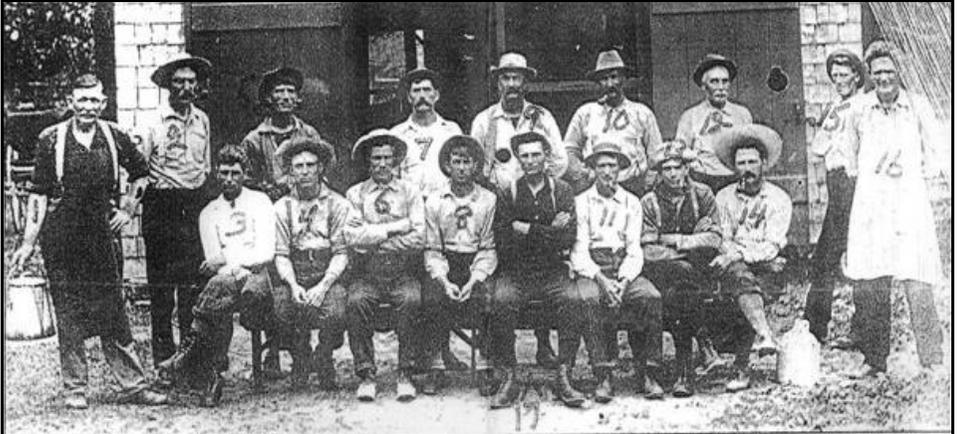
REMEMBER TO REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE!



Peter Pluntke & Dave Dickey, Transfer Station Attendants



Olon "Sonny" Burns, Transfer Station Truck Driver



River drivers at Solon -- Standing (left to right) 1) Jake Goodwin; 2) Will Jackman; 5) Percy Jackson; 7) George Stevens; 9) Arno Padham, Sr.; 10) No Name; 12) Ansel Stevens; 15) Walter Thompson;

16) Bill Murphy; Seated (left to right) 3) Percy Moody; 4) Ralph Stevens; 6) No Name; 8) Dean Baker; 17) Sterlie Hoesper; 11) Joe Merrill; 13) Albro Padham 14) Ted Lombard.

*Others in above picture:
Harlan Boyington
Fred Adams
Bert Goodrich*



River Log Driver Crews

PLANNING BOARD'S REPORT

MICHAEL GOLDEN, CHAIRMAN (2017) 643-2219
MICHAEL SACKETT, VICE CHAIRMAN (2016)
DIANNA ROLLINS, (2017), Secretary
ALBERT STARBIRD (2016) FRANK EVANGELISTA (2017)

INCOME:

Balance 1/1/15	\$13,319.63		
Permits	\$ 785.00		
Subdivision Fees	\$ 690.00		
Addressing Fees	\$ 35.00		
Book & Laws	<u>\$ 6.00</u>	\$14,835.63	

EXPENDITURES:

Postage	\$ 6.49		
Bruce Hills, Addressing Fees	\$ 35.00		
Dianna Rollins, Secretary	<u>\$ 217.50</u>	<u>\$ 258.49</u>	\$14,576.64

PERMITS:

Residential Permits	12
Accessory Permits, accessory building and additions	14
Commercial Permits	2
Subdivision	1

2015 saw a slight increase in building activity with several new homes, camps, numerous accessory buildings and a commercial permit for a new bio brick mill.

At the last year's Annual Town Meeting the Planning Board was directed to develop an ordinance to address the process of hydraulic fracturing in the town of Solon. The ordinance has been completed and will be presented for a vote at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

Over the last several years we have been working to update our Shoreland Zoning Ordinance and map. Each time we thought we were nearing completion, there was a change in the Legislature which changed the Department of Environmental Protection's regulations that we were trying to comply with. Finally it appears we are nearing completion. The ordinance text is done and we are currently working on the last details of the map. It is our hope to have the public hearing process finalized and the ordinance ready for your vote at a special town meeting later this year.

We would like to thank the town's people for your cooperation and support during the last year. Also we would like to remind everyone that our meetings are open to the public and we urge you to attend if you have any questions, or feel free to

contact a board member if we can be of assistance. We meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Solon Town Office Conference Room. We look forward to serving you in the upcoming year. Please review the Planning Board Notices on Page 16 of this town report.

Respectfully Submitted, Michael R. Golden, Chairman



North Main Street

COOLIDGE LIBRARY

COOLIDGE LIBRARY RESERVE

INCOME

Balance 1/1/15	\$	0.00		
Appropriated	\$	10,500.00		
Trans. In from Library Mem. Funds	\$	1,000.00		
Fees and Donations	\$	<u>455.00</u>	\$ 11,955.00	

EXPENDITURES

Megan Myers, Librarian	\$	3,847.50		
Mary Farrar, Librarian	\$	1,870.00		
Laura Layman, Librarian	\$	1,535.00		
Books	\$	1,494.95		
Supplies	\$	137.84		
Post Office Box Fee	\$	88.00		
Petty Cash	\$	50.00		
Central Maine Power	\$	489.45		
TDS Telecom	\$	381.10		
Solon Water District	\$	176.00		
Lisa Leahy, cleaning	\$	175.00		
Megan Myers, cleaning	\$	50.00		
Laura Layman, cleaning	\$	50.00		
Maine Fire Equipment	\$	55.00		
Eagle Security	\$	372.00		
State of Maine-E-Book Fee	\$	150.00		
Snow removal & lawn maintenance	\$	180.00		
Foss Enterprises, septic cleaning	\$	<u>50.00</u>	\$ 11,331.84	\$ 623.16

LIBRARY BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance 1/1/15	\$18,634.27			
Appropriated	\$ 3,000.00			
Sale of Bicentennial Items	\$ 19.00	\$21,653.27		
Paid Out:				
Waste Manag., debris disposal	\$ 468.30			
Olon Burns, debris transport fee	\$ 61.88			
Foss Enterprises	\$ 175.00	\$ 705.18	20,948.09	

LIBRARY MEMORIAL & INVESTMENT FUNDS

M & M Hall Memorial CD				
Principal	\$2,500.00			
Interest Available	\$ 431.37	\$2,931.37		
Transferred to Library Memorial		\$2,931.37	\$0.00	

R & H Tozier Trust CD			
Principal	\$5,000.00		
Interest Available	\$1,081.86	\$6,081.76	
Transferred to Library Memorial CD		\$6,081.76	\$0.00

LIBRARY MEMORIAL FUNDS RESERVE

Funds as of 1/1/15:

L & M McDonough Mem.	\$6,000.00		
Charlotte Russell Mem.	\$2,400.00		
Harriet French Mem.	\$ 725.00		
Glennis Rogers Mem.	\$ 510.00		
Bertha Whitney Mem.	<u>\$ 245.00</u>	\$9,880.00	
Available Funds		\$ 641.85	\$10,521.85
Principal Transferred In			
M & M Hall Mem.	\$2,500.00		
R & H Tozier Trust	<u>\$5,000.00</u>	\$7,500.00	
Interest Transferred In		\$1,513.13	
Interest Earned		<u>\$ 2.95</u>	<u>\$ 9,016.08</u>
			\$19,537.93
			<u>\$19,537.93</u>
			\$ 0.00
			Transferred to Wells Fargo Investment Fund

WELLS FARGO INVESTMENT FUND

Invest. Funds Principal Balance 1/1/15	\$70,000.00		
Principal Added:			
L & M McDonough Mem.	\$6,000.00		
Charlotte Russell Mem.	\$2,400.00		
Harriet French Mem.	\$ 725.00		
Glennis Rogers Mem.	\$ 510.00		
Bertha Whitney Mem.	\$ 245.00		
M & M Hall Mem.	\$2,500.00		
R & H Tozier Trust	<u>\$5,000.00</u>	\$17,380.00	
Available Funds Added		<u>\$ 2,157.93</u>	\$89,537.93
Principal Invested 12/31/15	\$87,380.00		
Available Funds Invested 12/31/15		<u>\$ 2,157.93</u>	\$89,537.93

COOLIDGE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

RICHARD ROBERTS, CHAIRMAN (2017)

JANE OUDERKIRK (2016)	LIEF BULL (2016)
VALMORE VIGUE (2016)	ABBY SHAHN (2017)
ALLYN FOSS (2017)	DIANNE TRUSSELL (2018)
MARY FARRAR (2018)	PETER PFEIFFER (2018)

Coolidge Library Trustees Report

The Coolidge Library hosted a number of events this year and welcomed many young readers from the Solon School. The entire school visited the library on two occasions for tours and once for a 'Forestry in the Classroom' presentation by two young women involved in the logging industry. Also over the summer the library held a 2 week long reading program in partnership with the summer swim program, and hosted an 'American Girl' tea party. The library also worked with the school on a bookmark contest that the children loved and we plan on holding another contest again this year. In addition the library held a Christmas cookie swap and had a visit from Santa.

Because of this activity we had a noticeable increase in children's memberships and book withdrawals. For adults the library held two informational evening programs: one on Tick Lime Disease and one on Elder Abuse and Care.

The Coolidge Library also became a member of the state Info-Net program which lets library card holders download e-books and audio-books free of charge from the 7000 books available in the State Library. If you are interested in this e-book service please stop by the library and find out how you can sign up.

The library loaned out over 1200 books and 185 e-books and we had over 300 users of our free internet service. We also received over 250 hours of volunteer service. We also have several computers and Wi-Fi internet service.

We are continually culling the old books and selling them at the Library. We have Coolidge Library Book bags for sale for \$20 and for an extra \$5 you can fill it up with some of the books we have for sale. And you can keep coming back and filling it up again for \$5 each time. We also have bracelets for \$1. Both the bags and the bracelets are also available at the Town Office. And the Friends of the Library have books available for sale at the Town Office also, either individually or by bagful for \$5.

If you have any library books that are past due please return them by May 1st and we will waive all late fees.

Respectfully,
Richard Roberts
Chairman of the Coolidge Library Board of Directors

THERE ARE STILL BICENTENNIAL ITEMS AVAILABLE AT THE TOWN OFFICE. THE PROCEEDS FROM THEM GO TO THE COOLIDGE LIBRARY BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT. THERE ARE BOOK BAGS AND USED BOOKS FOR SALE AT BOTH THE COOLIDGE LIBRARY AND THE SOLON TOWN OFFICE.

CEMETERIES & VETERAN GRAVES

CEMETERIES

INCOME:

Appropriated	\$10,800.00		
Investment Income	\$ 1,752.34		
Transferred In From:			
Village Cem. Res.	<u>\$ 689.02</u>	\$13,241.36	

EXPENDITURES:

Robert Alton, Small Cemeteries	\$ 200.00		
Jane Wooster, Evergreen Cem.	\$ 3,800.00		
Jane Wooster, Village Cemetery	\$ 3,400.00		
Linda Marquis, Pierce Cemetery	\$ 660.00		
Jane Wootser, Pierce Cemetery	\$ 2,640.00		
Linda Marquis, S. Solon Cem.	\$ 380.00		
Jane Wooster, S. Solon Cem.	\$ 1,520.00		
Arthur Rogers, Hilton Cemetery	\$ 25.20		
Flag Holders	\$ 50.40		
Flags	<u>\$ 365.76</u>	<u>\$13,241.36</u>	\$0.00

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Balance 1/1/15	\$5,682.75		
Appropriated	<u>\$3,500.00</u>	\$9,182.75	
Paid Out:			
Denise Spooner	\$200.00		
Provost Monument	<u>\$300.00</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	\$8,682.75

EVERGREEN CEMETERY LOT RESERVE

Lot Purchase		\$1,750.00	
Paid Out:			
Principal To Wells Fargo Invest.		<u>\$1,450.00</u>	\$300.00

EVERGREEN CEMETERY RESERVE

CD Closeout Principal	\$42,468.00		
CD Closeout Income	\$ 307.28		
Interest	<u>\$.71</u>	\$42,775.99	
Paid Out:			
Wells Fargo Investment		<u>\$42,775.99</u>	\$0.00

VILLAGE CEMETERY RESERVE

Balance 1/1/15	\$172.17		
Investment Income	<u>\$689.02</u>	\$861.19	
Paid Out			
Trans. To Cemeteries		<u>\$861.19</u>	\$172.17

SOLON VILLAGE CEMETERY CD

Principal	\$12,500.00
2015 Interest Earned	\$ 164.12

The town owns 4 cemeteries: Evergreen Cemetery, Pierce Cemetery, South Solon Cemetery and Village Cemetery. Lots are available in , or a full lot at all of the cemeteries except Village Cemetery.

Trees and bushes are not allowed to be planted in any of the cemeteries. Either real or artificial flowers are allowed. Trees, bushes, and artificial flowers will be removed at the discretion of the groundskeeper.

All burials and stone placements must be arranged through the groundskeeper for the cemetery.

In 2015 we needed to relocate a gravestone and cremated remains that were located in a wet area of the Pierce Cemetery.

In 2016 we plan to start cleaning and repairing the gravestones in the Village Cemetery. This will be a several year project.



McIntire General Store

RECREATION COMMITTEE

“The mission of the Solon Recreation Department is to provide quality programs, parks, facilities, and a variety of enrichment opportunities with a professional standard of excellence that enhances the quality of life for all citizens and visitors in our community for present and future generations.”

SOLON RECREATION PROGRAM

Another great year from the Solon Recreation Committee! We couldn't do it without our volunteers. From committee members to coaches and donors and sideline supporters, a huge 'Thank you!' to you all! Below is a list of our current members and contact information:

Alicia Golden (2016)	Laura Layman (2016)
Daniel J. Robinson (2016)	Luke Tewksbury (2016)
Mike Golden, Jr. (2017)	Deb Tewksbury (2017)
Robert Peabody (2017)	Leslie A. Giroux (2018)
Kevin LaCroix (2018)	Billie Jo Lawrence (2018)
Carrie Peabody (2018)	Deron Whittemore (2018)

Email: townofsolon.recreation@yahoo.com

ATTENTION COMMUNITY MEMBERS.... Young and... younger!!

Do you have activities or programs that you enjoy?

We are looking for people to take part in our already established youth activities, as well as adding a variety of adult programs! But we need people to 'take the reins', so to speak, to get things going.

Contact any of the members or attend our next meeting to find out how!!

Solon Recreation Committee Meetings

3rd Wednesday of the month @ 6:30 p.m. at the Solon Town Office

Also, check us out (and other community/school groups) on **Facebook!!**
Solon Area Community Happenings

**Join us for... Adult Basketball at the Solon Elementary School
on Thursdays from 6 – 8 p.m.**

**For more information, contact Steve Graham at 612-8047
or on the Solon Area Community Happenings Facebook page!**

PARTICIPATION

Baseball	Varsity Boys (Ages 9-11)	13
	Varsity Girls Softball (Ages 9-11)	11
	'Little's' Coed (Ages 6-8)	17
	Coed T-ball Skills Team (Ages 4-6)	12
Soccer	Varsity Coed. (Gr. 3-5)	17
	"Little's" Coed Skills Team (Gr. K-2)	20
Basketball	Varsity Boys (Gr. 3-4)	12
	Varsity Girls (Gr. 3-4)	10
	JV Coed (Gr. 1-2)	10

Our youth sports programs are going strong with high participation, made possible with our great volunteers. With such an incredible participation rate last year in basketball (17 boys on one team!), we decided to restructure the teams to add a younger competitive team. We are excited to have two varsity teams (boys and girls in grades 4th & 5th), as well as a new JV team (coed in grades 2nd & 3rd). So far this year, that team is undefeated and having a GREAT time! This just goes to show that with motivation and consistency in our programs, we can keep our kids active!

In this upcoming year, we will continue our relationship with the Greater Somerset Public Health Collaborative as well as seek out public and private grants through a sub-committee of members focusing on the financial needs of our organization.

As stated last year, this is a short term investment with long term rewards for our community. Community members can help through volunteering as coaches, assistants and in just transporting your children to our practices and games! Monetary donations can be sent directly to the Town of Solon, c/o Recreation Department, P.O. Box 214, Solon, ME 04979. Also, donating your returnable cans and bottles when you go to the transfer station or the redemption center helps incredibly. Any amount is truly appreciated!!

Please come and join us to continue to provide the Town of Solon's youth and families with recreation service all throughout the year! We meet the **3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Office**. Anyone wishing to join our committee and/or help in another way contact any of the members, as listed earlier, or join us at one of our meetings.

Respectfully Submitted, Solon Recreation Committee

2015 SWIM/CAMP PROGRAM

We had a great 2 weeks of swimming lessons and activities. We had approx. 25 children participating. We went to swimming lessons at Embden Pond. We made tie dye t-shirts, healthy snacks and used light sensitive paper. We went on a tour of the fish hatchery and picnic lunch in Embden. We enjoyed a trip to the Coolidge Library and a presentation by our local game warden Chad Robertson. We also had the LC Bates Museum visit and show us clothes and games of children 100 years ago. The breakfast and lunch program was enjoyed by all.

A special thanks to parent volunteer Tanya Layman, student volunteers Nicole Turner, Emily Buzzel, and Rachel Layman. Thank you to the JMG program for their grant which helped make our projects and programs possible.

Respectfully,
 Laura Layman, Program Director.

Appropriated		\$1,200.00	
Paid Out			
LC Bates Museum	\$ 80.16		
Supplies	\$ 631.50		
Counselors' Gift Cards	<u>\$ 300.00</u>	<u>\$1,011.00</u>	\$388.34

MOVE MORE KIDS GRANT RESERVE

INCOME:

Balance 1/1/15 & 12/31/15	\$600.00
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AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

SOLON AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM RESERVE ACCOUNT

INCOME:

Balance 1/1/15	\$3,563.27		
Appropriated	\$6,300.00		
Fund Raiser	<u>\$ 60.00</u>		\$9,923.27

EXPENSES:

Ellie Howell, Director	\$2,800.00		
Suzanne Debiase	\$ 100.00		
Jennifer Mello	\$2,000.00		
Nancy McDonald	\$ 950.00		
Laurie Magee	\$ 800.00		
Patricia Nelson	\$ 150.00		
Supplies	\$ 390.31		
Solon Greenhouse	\$ 105.04		
Children's Stage Adven.	\$ 30.00		
Petty Cash	<u>\$ 50.00</u>	<u>\$7,375.35</u>	\$2,547.92

Three 6 week sessions of the After School Program were held again with them doing a wide variety of activities.



Moses Townsend's Store

TOWN SCHOLARSHIPS

The town manages two scholarship funds, the Jones Fund and the Ruth Cross Scholarships. These scholarships are available to Solon residents who graduate from High School and go on to higher education. Contact the Selectmen or one of our School Board Directors for more information about these scholarships.

JONES FUND SCHOLARSHIP

JONES FUND SCHOLARSHIP RESERVE FUND

Income:

Available Balance 1/1/15	\$11,644.32		
Interest Earned	\$.90		
Dominion Resources	\$ 1,550.10		
Scana Corporation	\$ 1,296.00		
J. P. Morgan Chase	\$ 1,935.36		
Alliance Bernstein Income Fund	<u>\$ 657.56</u>	\$17,084.24	

Paid Out:

John Layman, 2014 Scholarship	\$ 2,500.00		
Anthony Toneatti, 2014 Scholar.	\$ 2,500.00		
Kaitlyn Lacroix, 2014 Scholarship	\$ 2,500.00		
Paul Dawe, 2014 Scholarship	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	\$7,084.24

WELLS FARGO INVESTMENT FUNDS

Principal Invested	\$29,323.29
Available Funds Invested	\$26,676.71

To receive the Jones Fund Scholarship Solon graduates submit an itemized list of all their higher educational expenses, scholarships, and grants for their first semester to the high school principal by the middle of December. She reviews and verifies the information for each applicant. She then gives a list of the applicants and their unmet need to the Solon School Board members. The school board members then divide the available funds among the applicants based on the unmet need of each applicant.

In 2014 we had 4 applications with the award amounts decision made after December 31, 2014.

In 2015 we had 2 applications with the award decisions made after December 31, 2015. Emma Foss and Emma Pluntke are the 2015 recipients.

RUTH CROSS SCHOLARSHIP

RUTH CROSS SCHOLARSHIP CD

(PRINCIPAL \$1,270.00**)

Balance 1/1/15	\$1,085.42		
Interest	\$ <u>1.81</u>	\$1,087.23	
Transferred to Reserve Account		<u>\$1,087.23</u>	\$0.00

**Reassigned \$1.81 interest to Principal based on funds in Reserve Account
Reserve Account Principal \$1,087.23

RUTH CROSS SCHOLARSHIP RESERVE FUND

Interest Balance 1/1/15	\$34.30		
Interest	\$.01		
Wells Fargo Income	<u>\$46.93</u>		\$81.24

WELLS FARGO INVESTMENT FUNDS

Principal Invested \$1,270.00

The Solon Selectmen choose one recipient for the Ruth Cross Scholarship each year prior to graduation. The High School Guidance Department submits the names of students planning on going on to higher education. The selectmen then choose one and the scholarship is awarded at the High School graduation ceremony. The scholarship is paid after the selectmen receive proof of the student attending a school of higher learning and passing the classes. We did not receive this information by December 31, 2015 so we have not yet awarded the 2015 scholarship amount of \$75.



“The Riverview Rest”
The former Davis Farm on North Main Street

HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

Clayton Davis remembrances:

Clayton Davis and his brother Carrol are the sons of Tilden Davis (1896-1988) and Marzie 'Baker' Davis (1900-1996).

I think of the impact that our family farms had in Solon and the surrounding communities. The dairy farm milked 25-35 cows by hand twice a day. This milk was bottled into glass quarts, pints, and half pints for our daily morning delivery route in Solon. The remainder of the milk was loaded into 40 quart cans for daily shipment to Boston. The route in Solon included two mills. At break the workers purchased pints in plain or chocolate and sometimes coffee or strawberry. When the empties were returned they were often partially filled with sawdust which they had to be soaked before being washed, rinsed, and sanitized.

My father, Tilden Davis, or I delivered with a car, a truck or horse and wagon. Our slaughter house provided meat for our meat store in Solon and to other stores in Bingham and during the 20's and 30's and we had a house to house meat route in Solon and Bingham. Late in the 30's and into the 40's, meat was delivered to the woods operations of S.D. Warren, H&W (Holingworth and Whitney), E.E. Taylor and to other woods operations in Bingham, Jackman, and beyond. Hides from the slaughter house were sold to the C.S. Holway snowshoe company, maker of snowshoes for the Admiral Byrd expedition. Hides were also sold to local shoemakers and the bones were sold for fertilizer. The last large herd of beef cattle in the Jackman area was purchased by my father, Tilden Davis, and he hired a drover to drive the herd down the road to Bingham.

The Kelly Farm, which overlooks Baker Pond, had a large apple orchard. Many of these apples were shipped to England in barrels. The hay from other farms was put up loose and was later pressed into 100 to 150 pound bales and were sold to horse powered woods operations. My mother, Marzie "Baker" Davis, had 200 Rhode Island layer hens. Eggs were delivered every Wednesday in Solon, to the A&P store in Bingham and the remainder of the eggs were shipped in a wooden crate by train each Monday to Boston.

In the summer during the 30's the farm on North Main St. was turned into a tourist home. "The Riverview Rest" had rooms and three meals a day. Families would come from as far as New York and New Jersey to spend a few weeks at a time. My brother Carrol and my room became a 'tourist' room and we spent the summer sleeping in a tent during the season.

SOLON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Richard Roberts writes our “Historically Speaking” section in this town report. He is continuing to interview some of our long time citizens and recording their memories of growing up and living in Solon. This is an important project and we are grateful to him for doing this work. If you would like to share your memories of Solon, please contact him to set up an interview, 643-2607.

We can also be found on Facebook at “Solon Maine Historical Society”. There are a lot of photos on our Facebook page. If you have any photos that you would like to share, contact Richard so he can come scan them or email them to him at solonhistoryhouse@gmail.com.

The History House is open Tuesdays from 10 am to 2 pm, except in December and January, and by arrangement at other times. Visitors are always welcome to see all our displays and information. Also if you have any items you wish to donate to the Historical Society please call 643-2275.

Our meetings are at 7 P.M. the 4th Monday each month except December and January at the Historical Society and all are welcome. New members are welcome and are needed to preserve the history of Solon.

TRUSTEES:

Trustees: Rance Pooler (2016) Jeff McAllister (2017) Christopher Shaw (2018)

Donations to the society are tax deductible. Solon’s history needs to be preserved. Memorial Donations are appreciated and can either be to help pay for the costs to run the Historical Society or to add to the Investment Funds principal.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY RESERVE

Balance 1/1/15	\$2,416.73		
Dues and Donations	\$ 483.80		
Sale of Items	\$ 163.65		
Investment Income	\$ 38.40		
Interest	<u>\$.37</u>	\$3,102.95	
Paid Out:			
Post Office Box	\$ 58.00		
Phone	\$ 617.01		
Electric	\$ 383.37		
Water District	\$ 176.00		
Supplies	<u>\$ 25.95</u>	<u>\$1,260.33</u>	\$1,842.62

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Balance 1/1/15	\$5,103.79		
Interest	<u>\$.56</u>	\$5,104.35	
Paid Out:			
Heat	\$2,477.22		
Plowing	\$ 205.00		
Furnace Maintenance	\$ 139.90		
Security System	\$ 263.40		
Mowing & Yard Clean Up	\$ 270.00	<u>\$3,355.52</u>	\$1,748.83

WELLS FARGO ADVISORS INVESTMENT FUNDS

Maintenance Reserve Principal	\$110,000.00		
Available Funds Invested	<u>\$ 9,000.00</u>	\$119,000.00	
Reserve Available Funds	\$25,000		



SOLON WATER DISTRICT

PO BOX 131, SOLON ME 04979-0131
207-643-2473

TRUSTEES:

Michael Foster, Chairman (2017)
Derek Dellarma (2016)
Arthur Rogers (2015)
Tammy Tower, Secretary/Treasurer

INCOME:

Checkbook balance 1/1/15	\$24,476.36	
Customer receipts	<u>\$59,620.71</u>	\$84,097.06

EXPENSES:

Salaries, labor, trustee stipends	\$25,483.26	
State & Federal payroll taxes	\$ 5,727.23	
State water tests	\$ 600.00	
Maine Municipal Bond Bank	\$ 5,647.22	
TDS Telecom, phone	\$ 1,046.00	
Central Maine Power Co.	\$ 5,436.38	
Sales tax	\$ 396.92	
Somerset LP Gas, propane	\$ 331.57	
Office & Pumphouse supplies	\$ 497.81	
Licenses, dues, fees	\$ 413.00	
Contract Labor	\$ 1,525.00	
Workshops	\$ 644.03	
Audit	\$ 9,000.00	
MMA, Workers Compensation Ins.	\$ 2,577.00	
Consumer Confidence Report cost	\$ 95.00	
Mileage reimbursements	\$ 431.02	
Postage & Box Rental	\$ 552.74	
Maintenance, Supplies, Repairs	\$ 1,538.21	
Newspaper Announcements	\$ 102.96	
Transfer to Maintenance Fund	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	<u>\$63,045.35</u>
Checkbook balance 12/31/15		\$21,051.71

New minimum quarterly water rates starting January 1, 2016

5/8" meter \$54.80	3/4" meter \$60.14	1" meter \$86.84
1 1/2" meter \$134.90	2" meter \$182.93	3" meter \$246.83
4" meter \$310.73	6" meter \$502.43	Hydrants \$5,465.93

SOLON SNOW HAWKS

THANK YOU TO THE SOLON LANDOWNERS

To the Citizens of the Town of Solon,

The Solon Snow Hawks would like to say Thank You to all of our very special Landowners at this time, who are very generous in allowing us to have our snowmobile trails cross their property. We all appreciate each and every Landowner we have on our Trail System. Without all of your support, there would be no Solon Snow Hawks. From all of us to all of you a very big THANK YOU!!! If any Landowner has any problems, issues, or concerns you may contact our President Stephen Paskoski at 643-2551 or the Trail Master Todd Dixon at 441-5171.

We also want to thank the Town of Solon and the Citizens for voting to return Registration monies to our organization. These monies go for trail maintenance, bridges, railing, gravel and whatever else is needed for trails.

As many of you know we have an Advertising Sign on each end of our ITS 87 Trail. We have about 12 businesses on this sign who support our club each year. If any of you have the opportunity to support some of them please do so as they are all very good to our club.

We have been very busy brush cutting, cutting up blow downs, redecking bridges, and putting up stakes and signs to make our trails as safe as possible. We want everyone to have an enjoyable trip when they ride our trails. Every one of our volunteers is very much appreciated and we can't thank them enough. We try very hard to make nice smooth trails coming into the Town of Solon, to bring snowmobilers into town, to help out our businesses in town.

We now have a new 26 ft. X 48 ft. garage which we are very proud of having. First we would like to thank Richard Jordan of Jordan Lumber in Kingfield for doing the estimate and delivering all of the materials in a timely fashion. And a big THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who did all of the work to build the garage: Ken Carey, Todd Dixon, Estelle Carey, Stephen Paskoski, Charles Davidson, Peter Rines, Jo Hayden, Brandon Dixon, Trent Cates and Torey Cates.

Al Swett from the MSA Safety Program did a presentation on snowmobile safety at one of our meetings which was very informative for all.

As always we need to have more folks get involved and join the club. Most of our members would like to pass the torch on to the younger generation. Some of our members have been involved since the club was incorporated in February 1977.

I personally want to thank our Trail Master Todd Dixon and Assistant Trail Master Ken Carey for all the time and effort they have both put in to preparing our trails, the new garage and grooming our trails.

Our club will be hosting a Landowners Dinner, either at the end of April or early May. Invitations will be sent out and, as always, we hope to see as many of landowners as possible.

We still have our meetings the first Monday of the month from September thru April at the Solon Fire Department at 7:00 p.m. We would like to thank them as well for the use of the building for our meetings. Everyone and anyone are welcome to join. Hope to see you at a meeting or out on the trails.

Ride Safe, Ride Smart and Keep to the Right!

Sincerely,
Steven Paskoski, President
643-2551

Solon Snow Hawks
PO Box 251
Solon, ME 04979

**MEETINGS: 7:00 PM FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH FROM
SEPTEMBER TO APRIL AT THE SOLON FIRE STATION**



Members of the Solon Snow Hawks Snowmobile Club accepting an engraved Moose antler on behalf of Albert Starbird. Pictured left to right: IF&W Commissioner Chandler Woodcock, Landowner Relations Specialist Rick LaFlamme – Maine Warden Service, Solon Snow Hawks club members Estelle & Ken Carey and President Stephen Paskowski

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

MAINE IF&W FIRST LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD ALBERT STARBIRD

Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife at their 2015 Annual Landowner-Land User Awards Program announced that a new award, the “Lifetime Achievement Award”, was to be given out.

Our own Albert Starbird was selected to be the very first recipient of this award.

Albert was not able to attend this ceremony so Stephen Paskoski and Ken and Estelle Carey accepted the engraved moose antler Lifetime Achievement Award for him. On October 20th the members of the Solon Snow Hawks Snowmobile Club met at Albert’s home along with Josh Bubier from IF&W and presented the award to Albert.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

January 26, 2016

Board of Selectmen
Town of Solon
Solon, Maine

Report on the Financial Statements

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of Town of Solon, Maine, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, I express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinions.

Opinions

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Town of Solon, Maine as of December 31, 2015 and the respective changes in financial position, and where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters
Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted Management's Discussion & Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. My opinion of the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated January 26, 2016 on my consideration of Town of Solon, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and on my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of my audit.



Statement 1

TOWN OF SOLON, MAINE
Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2015

ASSETS	Governmental Activities
Current Assets:	
Cash	\$ 826,297
Cash certificates of deposit	
Receivables	
Taxes	186,348
Liens	53,223
Tax acquired property	5,660
Total Current Assets	<u>1,071,528</u>
Noncurrent Assets:	
Capital assets net	3,668,407
Total Assets	<u>4,739,935</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	5,833
Due to trust funds	16,791
Notes payable	127,717
Total Current Liabilities	<u>150,341</u>
Noncurrent Assets:	
Notes payable	34,530
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>34,530</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>184,871</u>
NET POSITION	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	3,506,160
Unrestricted	1,048,904
Total net position	<u>\$ 4,555,064</u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.
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TOWN OF SOLON, MAINE
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

Function/Programs	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenues
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating grants and contributions	Capital grants and contributions	
Governmental activities:	\$				
General government	116,750	9,420			(107,330)
Protection	147,415	9,542	25,000		(112,873)
Public works	422,758	4,922	41,232		(376,604)
Leisure services	43,727	1,954	9,612		(32,161)
Health and sanitation	68,624	1,158			(67,466)
Social services	9,155		776		(8,379)
Special assessments	1,128,008				(1,128,008)
Unclassified	31,839	496			(31,343)
Debt services	2,933				(2,933)
Total governmental activities	1,971,209	27,492	76,620	0	(1,867,097)

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Net (expense) / revenue	
General revenues:	
Property taxes	1,522,613
Excise taxes	173,050
Interest and costs on taxes	17,891
Intergovernmental:	
State revenue sharing	51,365
Homestead exemption	26,612
Tree growth	46,226
Veterans reimbursement	2,413
BETE	98,511
Unrestricted interest	211
Miscellaneous	9,455
Total general revenues	<u>1,948,347</u>
Change in Net Position	81,250
Net Position - beginning	4,452,799
Prior Period Adjustment	21,015
Net Position - restated	<u>4,473,814</u>
Net Position - ending	<u>\$ 4,555,064</u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF SOLON, MAINE
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2015

Statement 3

ASSETS	General <u>Fund</u>	Total Governmental <u>Funds</u>
Cash	\$ 826,297	\$ 826,297
Cash certificate of deposit		0
Receivables		
Taxes	186,348	186,348
Liens	53,223	53,223
Tax acquired property	5,660	5,660
Total Assets	1,071,528	1,071,528
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	5,833	5,833
Due to fiduciary funds	16,791	16,791
Deferred property taxes	209,000	209,000
Total Liabilities	231,624	231,624
FUND BALANCES		
Fund Balances		
Assigned Revenues	150,612	150,612
Assigned Expenditures	321,458	321,458
Undesignated	367,834	367,834
Total Fund Equity	839,904	839,904
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ 1,071,528	\$

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	3,668,407
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-periods expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.	209,000
Long-term liabilities, including notes payable are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.	
Notes payable	(162,247)
Net position of governmental activities	\$ 4,555,064

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF SOLON, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>	
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$ 1,713,554	\$ 1,713,554	
Intergovernmental	276,748	276,748	
Interest	211	211	
Charges for services	27,492	27,492	
Miscellaneous	34,455	34,455	
Total Revenues	2,052,460	2,052,460	
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General government	111,772	111,772	
Protection	142,918	142,918	
Public works	208,046	208,046	
Leisure services	43,727	43,727	
Health and sanitation	66,049	66,049	
Social services	9,155	9,155	
Special assessments	1,128,008	1,128,008	
Unclassified	31,839	31,839	
Debt service	217,000	217,000	
Total Expenditures	1,958,514	1,958,514	
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	93,946	93,946	
Net Change in fund balances	93,946	93,946	
Fund Balances - Beginning	745,958	745,958	
Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 839,904	\$ 839,904	

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

RULES OF TOWN MEETING

All comments or questions will be directed to the Moderator. No one may speak until recognized by the moderator.

The article will be read in full and the recommendations of the Selectmen and Budget Committee will be stated. An affirmative motion will be made by an identified voter and seconded by an identified voter. No negatives motions will be accepted. Vote will be by a show of hands. A written ballot vote can be requested and will be done if the Town Meeting votes to do so. The vote will be announced. Vote may be challenged by at least 7 voters.

Any decision by the moderator may be challenged. He may be overruled by a majority vote of the voters.

No smoking is allowed in the building.

General provisions for town meeting are contained in the MSRA Title 30.

GENERAL TOWN MEETING PROVISIONS

THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS APPLY TO ALL TOWN MEETINGS:

1. **QUALIFIED VOTER:** Every registered voter in the town may vote in the election of all town officials and in all town affairs.
2. **MODERATOR ELECTED AND SWORN:** The Clerk, or in the Clerk's absence a Selectman or Constable, shall open the meeting by:
 - A. Calling for the election of a moderator by written ballot
 - B. Receiving and counting votes for moderator
 - C. Swearing in the moderator
3. **MODERATOR PRESIDES:** As soon as he has been elected and sworn, the moderator shall preside over and supervise the voting at the meeting and may appoint a deputy moderator to assist the moderator. If the moderator is absent or unable to carry out the duties, the clerk, or in the clerk's absence a selectman or constable, may call for the election of a deputy moderator to act in the absence of the moderator.
 - A. All persons shall be silent at the moderator's command. A person may not speak before the moderator recognizes that person. A person who is not a voter in the town may speak at the meeting only with the consent of 2/3 of the voters present.
 1. If any person, after a command for order by the moderator, continues to act in a disorderly manner, the moderator may direct that person to leave the meeting. If the person refuses to leave, the moderator may have that person removed by a constable and confined until the meeting is adjourned.
 - B. When a vote declared by the moderator is immediately questioned by at least 7 voters, the moderator shall make certain by polling the voters or by a method directed by the municipal legislative body.
 - C. The moderator shall serve until the meeting is adjourned. The moderator is subject to the same penalties for neglect of official duty as other town officials.

4. VOTES RECORDED BY THE CLERK: The clerk shall accurately record the votes of the meeting.

A. If the clerk is absent, the moderator shall appoint and swear in a temporary clerk.

5. WRITTEN BALLOTS: The clerk shall prepare the ballots. Ballots shall be of uniform size and color and must be blank except that 2 squares with “yes” by one and “no” by the other may be printed on them. The moderator shall ensure that each voter receives only one ballot for each vote taken.

6. LOCATION OF MEETINGS: Town meetings may be held outside the corporate limits of the municipality if the municipal officers determine that there is not adequate facility for the meeting within the municipality. The proposed location must be:

A. Within an adjoining or nearby municipality

B. Not more that 25 miles from the corporate limits of the municipality holding the meeting

C. Reasonably accessible to all voters of the town.



Center of Town



North Main Street

RESULTS OF 2015 TOWN MEETING

78 voters cast ballots in the election for Town Officials and 47 voters attended the Town Meeting.

Article 1: Philip Roy was elected Moderator.

Article 2: The following were elected: Selectman: Mary Lou Ridley; Tax Collector/Town Clerk: Leslie Giroux; Treasurer: Sharon Begin; Road Commissioner: Michael Foster; and School Board Directors: Leslie Giroux

Article 3: Approved to cover the overages from 2014.

Article 4: Approved exceeding the property tax levy limit if the budget approved at Town Meeting exceeds the limit.

Articles 5 thru 12: Spending articles adopted as recommended with the exception of 5-8 which was adopted as amended to increase the Treasurer's salary to \$9,100.

Articles 13 & 14: Approved as recommended.

Articles 15 & 16: Approved as recommended to set up a Recreation Facilities Maintenance and Equipment Reserve Account and to raise \$1,000 by taxation.

Articles 17 to 22: Approved as recommended.

Article 23: Approved as amended: To protect the Town's valuable water resources, a one year moratorium is placed on the practice of "Hydraulic Fracturing", also known as Fracking, a process in which fractures in the rocks below the earth's surface are opened and widened by injecting chemicals and liquids at high pressure and used to especially extract natural gas and oil. This moratorium does not apply to fracking methods used to rejuvenate failing septic leach fields, to increasing yield from drinking water supply wells, and to help in removal of groundwater contamination. The Planning Board is directed to develop an ordinance related to this matter to be voted on at our next annual town meeting.

Articles 24 thru 30: Adopted as recommended.



South Main Street

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

To Dianna Rollins, a resident of the Town of Solon in the County of Somerset: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required by law to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Solon, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Solon Town Office Conference Room on the 24th day of June AD 2015 at Seven o'clock in the evening, then and there, in accordance with the Revised Statutes of the State of Maine 1964, Title 30, Paragraph 2051 and seq. or as amended, to elect a moderator, and to transact all other business as enumerated in this Warrant.

Article 1: To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting. *Philip Curtis elected*

Article 2: Shall the Town of Solon vote to approve a Community Development Block Grant application for the following program and dollar amounts:

Program: Economic Development Program Amount: \$210,000
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 programs.

Furthermore, the Town of Solon 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.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Article passed over because we were informed CDBG funding is not currently available for this program.

Article 3: To see if the Town will adopt the "LOCAL FOOD AND COMMUNITY SELF-GOVERNANCE ORDINANCE OF 2015" which is an ordinance to protect the health and integrity of the local food system I the Town of Solon.

Selectmen make no recommendation and Budget Committee recommends No.

The ordinance was approved. A copy is available at the Town Office.

Given under my hand this 10th day of June A.D., 2015,

Elaine Aloes, Selectman

Mary Lou Ridley, Selectman

TOWN MEETING RELATED ORDINANCES

BUDGET COMMITTEE ORDINANCE: All warrant articles shall be reviewed by the Budget Committee prior to any Annual or Special Town Meeting. No articles will be accepted after the Budget Committee has met.

ANTICIPATED BUDGET EXPENSE ORDINANCE: The Town will authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the previous annual budget during the period from January 1st of the next year to the Annual Town Meeting.

LONGFELLOW CABLE FRANCHISE FEES ORDINANCE: All franchise fees received from Longfellow Cable Company Inc. shall be placed in an Office Equipment and Maintenance Account. (*Longfellow Cable is now Time Warner Cable*)

APPOINTED OFFICIALS ORDINANCE: All appointed officials of the Town of Solon shall continue in their appointments until reappointments are made.

VACATION ORDINANCE: All full-time employees of the Town of Solon shall have two weeks paid vacation at their normal weekly rate, whether they are appointed, elected or hired at an hourly rate, after one year's employment.

SNOWMOBILE REIMBURSEMENT ORDINANCE

The Town shall give to the Solon Snowhawks Snowmobile Club all monies returned to the Town by the State Treasurer for snowmobile registrations. All monies are to be used on trails and bridges open to the public use within the Town of Solon.

FORECLOSED PROPERTY ORDINANCE

The disposition of foreclosed property in the Town of Solon shall be determined at the Annual Town Meeting by the vote of the people.

The disposition options are:

1. For the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to give the owner of foreclosed property from the date of the town meeting until the third Friday of March to redeem the property by paying all of the back taxes, interest, costs, fees and penalties assessed by the town. Should the owner fail to redeem the property, the Selectmen are authorized to sell and dispose of the property by public bid and execute a quit-claim deed for such property. If the property is sold by public bid a minimum bid of the total of the back taxes, interest, costs, fees and penalties assessed by the town or at least 33% of the assessed value is required, whichever is higher. All excess proceeds will be credited to the Rainy Day Reserve Fund.
2. Or the Town shall retain the property acquired through non-payment of taxes.

EXPLANATIONS OF ARTICLES

EXPLANATIONS OF ARTICLES FOR 2016 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

In 2016 the Selectmen and Budget Committee are again each recommending budgets that are under the state mandated cap. The Selectmen's and the Budget Committee's recommended municipal budget needed to be raised by taxation, after reducing this budget by reserve funds, State Revenue Sharing and available surplus, is \$7,526.83 less than last year.

ARTICLE 3: In 2015 we were overdrawn in Summer Roads, Workers Compensation Insurance, Street Lights, and Gun Permits and need the authorization using surplus to cover the overage.

ARTICLE 4: The amount that can be raised by taxation, after deducting available funds, is limited to a certain percentage increase based on new taxable property in the municipality and the TPI that is set by the state. A municipality can vote at town meeting by a written ballot to increase this limit. This article, if passed, will make the budget adopted at the town meeting legal even if it is more than the spending cap limitation. In 2015 this limit was \$526,196 and in 2016 it is \$533,122. The Selectmen's and the Budget Committee's 2016 proposed budget by taxation is under this cap.

ARTICLES 5 THRU 12: Articles to raise money for various purposes. Our Budget Worksheet will be available at the Town Office and at the Town Meeting.

ARTICLES 8-7 & 10-2: We raise \$217,000 every year for road paving which is used to either pay on a loan, put funds in a paving reserve account or pay for road paving. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend dividing this amount between these articles with \$50,000 for Article 8-7 for the Road Paving Reserve and \$167,000 for Article 10-2 to pay off our Road Paving Loan.

ARTICLE 13: This article will raise funds to add the Motor Vehicle program to our Trio programming. This will speed up the BMV processing of our vehicle registrations and allow our implementation of on-line registration with the BMV.

ARTICLE 14: This article will raise funds to add the Dog Licensing program to our Trio programming. This will help the Town Clerk and Animal Control Officer process and keep track of dog and kennel licenses.

ARTICLES 15 & 16: These articles will set up a Town Records Preservation Reserve Account and raise funds for it. It will be used to pay for the preservation of old town records. A record preservation company will preserve and scan our old records. This will be an ongoing project over many years.

ARTICLE 17: This will give the Selectmen the authority to purchase a new truck, dump/sander body, and plow head gear for the Highway Department with \$99,000 from the Highway Equipment Reserve Account funds and taking out a loan for up to \$55,000. The loan will be paid back over three years.

ARTICLE 18: This is the vote on adopting the "Hydraulic Fracturing Ordinance" that the Planning Board was instructed to prepare at last year's town

meeting. A copy of the ordinance is at the end of this town report book.

ARTICLE 19: The Enviro Wood Briquettes is considering applying for a Community Development Block Grant and this article needs to be approved as part of the application process.

ARTICLES 20 & 21: These articles will close out two reserve accounts.

ARTICLE 22: This gives the Selectmen authority and direction on disposing of tax acquired property. The Wings have told the Selectmen they are able to pay off the back taxes and want to retain their property.

ARTICLES 23 & 24: These two articles will create a Town Garage Well Reserve Account and raise funds for it. The town garage has been without water for over a year. A new pump was installed but still no water. The current water supply origin point cannot be found, so a new well is needed.

ARTICLES 25 & 26: These articles were the suggestion of a Budget Committee member and will create a Tree Planting and Maintenance Reserve and raise funds for it. The aim is to replant trees along some of the downtown streets to replace trees that have died and been removed and do any necessary prep work to replant them. The recommendation is that no funds be expended in 2016 and the Selectmen do further research and report back to the Budget Committee in 2017.

ARTICLES 27 THRU 33: These articles are either required by Maine law every year or are articles included every year for the reasons stated in the articles.



South Main Street looking north

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

WARRANT FOR MARCH 5, 2016 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

To Dianna Rollins, a resident of the Town of Solon in the County of Somerset:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required by law to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Solon, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Solon Elementary School on the 5th day of March AD 2016 at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there, in accordance with the Revised Statutes of the State of Maine 1964, Title 30, Paragraph 2051 and seq. or as amended, to elect a moderator, and to transact all other business as enumerated in this Warrant.

For the election of officers, the polls will open immediately after the election of a Moderator, and will remain open until 12:15 PM. The Moderator will open absentee ballots at 10:00 AM on March 5, 2016. The transaction of other business as enumerated will begin at 1:30 PM.

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

Article 2: To open polls for election of Town Officials.

Nominated Candidates:

Selectman, 3-year term:	Elaine Aloes
Road Commissioner:	Michael Foster
Town Clerk/Tax Collector:	Leslie Giroux
MSAD # 74 School Board Director, 3 year term:	Deron Whittemore

Article 3: To see if the town will vote to take the following amounts from the 2015 Surplus for overage in the Summer Roads \$3,124.09; Worker Compensation Insurance \$1,065.00; Street Lights \$415.86; and Gun Permits \$251.00

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

Article 4: To see if the town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$533,122 established for the town of Solon by State law, in the event the municipal budget approved under the following articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

Article 5: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

1. TOWN CHARGES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$14,000 plus fees

2. TOWN OFFICE UTILITIES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,500

3. TOWN OFFICE/MAINTENANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,500

4. TOWN OFFICE/SECURITY SYSTEM

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$372

5. SCHOOLS, BOOKS & DUES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,500

6. MUNICIPAL OFFICERS SALARIES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$29,500 as follows:

Selectmen	\$9,333.00 each
Chair additional	\$1,001.00
Vice-Chair additional	\$ 500.00

7. TAX COLLECTOR/TOWN CLERK

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$22,000

8. TREASURER

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$11,600

9. DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR/CLERK

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,500

10. CODE ENFORCEMENT & PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,700 plus fees.

11. ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,800 plus fees.

12. ELECTIONS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,500

13. REGISTER OF VOTERS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,000

14. COMPUTER FEES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,800

15. MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE RESERVE
ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$4,000

16. MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS HEAT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$13,000

Article 6: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for PROTECTION.

1. STREET LIGHTS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$9,000

2. HYDRANT RENTAL

Selectmen recommend \$21,864 and Budget Committee recommend \$22,000

3. FIRE CHIEF

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$6,400

4. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$24,000 plus reimbursements

5. FIRE TRUCK RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,000

6. WORKER COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$11,000

7. UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$4,416

8. INSURANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$17,000

9. SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE

Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends \$17,000

Article 7: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for the HEALTH AND SANITATION.

1. TRANSFER STATION

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$67,000 plus fees & income

2. TRANSFER STATION TRUCK AND EQUIPMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$5,000

Article 8: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for PUBLIC WORKS.

1. WINTER ROADS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$90,000 plus reimbursements

2. SUMMER ROADS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$100,000 plus reimbursements

3. MAINTENANCE OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$10,000

4. HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$15,000

5. STREET NAME SIGN RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$100

6. SIDEWALK REPAIR RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,500

7. ROAD PAVING RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$50,000

Article 9: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for SOCIAL SERVICES.

1. GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$20,000

2. KVCAP BUS SERVICE (requested \$400)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$400

3. HEADSTART (requested \$800)

Selectmen and Budget committee recommend \$800

4. FAMILY VIOLENCE PROJECT (requested \$1,000)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$400

5. HOSPICE (requested \$1,200)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$500

6. SPECTRUM GENERATIONS (requested \$760)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$760

7. KENNEBEC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (requested \$1,000)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$500

8. SEXUAL SUPPORT CRISIS CENTER (requested \$932.75)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$100

9. SOLON FOOD CUPBOARD (requested \$2,000)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,000

10. CRISIS AND COUNSELING CENTERS (requested \$1,270)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$500

11. LIFE FLIGHT FOUNDATION (requested \$526.50)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$0

12. AMERICAN RED CROSS (requested \$125)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$125

13. COMMUNITY HEALTH AND COUNSELING (requested \$175)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$0

Article 10: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for DEBT SERVICE.

1. FIRST PARK
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$7,500 by taxation plus First Park Revenue funds as needed.

2. ROAD PAVING LOAN
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend raising \$167,000 by taxation with any balance left being transferred to the Road Paving Reserve.

Article 11: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for LEISURE SERVICES.

1. RECREATION PROGRAM (\$2,200 requested)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,200 plus fees.

2. RECREATION FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE RESERVE
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,000

3. SWIM/CAMP PROGRAM (\$1,200 requested)
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,200 plus fees.

4. COOLIDGE LIBRARY RESERVE (\$10,500 requested)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$10,500

5. COOLIDGE LIBRARY BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE (\$3,000 requested)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,000

6. AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM RESERVE ACCOUNT (\$6,300 requested)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$6,300

7. BAKER MOUNTAIN SKI CLUB (\$500 requested)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$500

Article 12: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for OTHER SERVICES.

1. ANIMAL SHELTER

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,001

2. CEMETERIES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$10,800

3. CEMETERY MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,500

4. KENNEBEC VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

(requested \$1,619)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,619

5. SOMERSET ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (requested \$100)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$100

6. TOWN LINE SURVEY RESERVE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,000

7. TOWN FLAGS RESERVE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$500

Article 13: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$6,200 to purchase the TRIO Motor Vehicle computer program.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

Article 14: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$1,475 to purchase the TRIO Dog Licensing computer program.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend No

Article 15: To see if the Town will set up a Town Records Preservation Reserve Account with the Selectmen having the authority to expend funds from this reserve account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

Article 16: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation funds for the Town Records Preservation Reserve Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,000

Article 17: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to expend funds from the Highway Equipment Reserve Account to purchase a new dump/plow truck and to trade in the 2006 International Truck.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend spending up to \$99,000 from the Highway Equipment Reserve fund and to borrow up to \$55,000.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Town of Solon

Total Indebtedness:

a. Bonds outstanding and unpaid	\$162,311.27
b. Bonds Authorized and unissued	\$ 0.00
c. Bonds to be issued if this question is approved with the Selectmen's recommendation	<u>\$ 55,000.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$217,311.27</u>

Costs:

At an estimate maximum interest rate of 3.5%, the estimated cost of this bond issue over 3 years will be:

Principal	\$55,000.00	
Interest	<u>\$ 3,178.08</u>	
TOTAL NEW DEBT SERVICE		\$58,178.08

Validity:

The validity of the bonds and of the voters' certification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issues varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by the reason of the variance.

/s/ Sharon Begin, Treasurer, Town of Solon

Article 18: To see if the Town will adopt the "Hydraulic Fracturing Ordinance".

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

Article 19: Shall the Town of Solon vote to approve a Community Development Block Grant application for the following program and dollar amounts:

Program: Economic Development Program Amount: \$100,000

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 programs.

Furthermore, the Town of Solon 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.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

Article 20: To see if the Town will close the Comprehensive Plan Reserve Account (balance \$454.65) and use the funds to reduce taxes.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

Article 21: To see if the Town will move the Move More Kids Fund Reserve (balance \$600) to Recreation Reserve.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Article 22: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to dispose of tax acquired property belonging to Julie, Travis and Darren Wing for non-payment of 2013 property taxes. The property taxes for 2013 (\$586.49), 2014 (\$849.59) and 2015 (\$895.65) plus interest and lien costs are owed on the property. The property is located at 868 South Solon Road, Map R8 Lot 40B.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend giving one or all of the owners of the property until March 18, 2016 at 3:45 pm to pay the 2013, 2014 and 2015 real estate taxes, interests and costs plus any other associated costs. If this amount is not paid the Selectmen will put the property out to bid, set a minimum bid amount and will sell the property to the highest bidder.

Article 23. To see if the Town will create a Town Garage Well Reserve Account with the funds being expendable with a vote of the Selectmen.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Article 24. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for the Town Garage Well Reserve Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,500.

Article 25. To see if the Town will create a Tree Planting and Maintenance Reserve Account with the funds being expendable with a vote of the Selectmen. The town areas for the tree planting and maintenance program will be Pleasant and School Streets and the urban areas of North and South Main Streets.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Article 26. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for the Tree Planting and Maintenance Reserve Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,000 with the stipulation that no funds be expended in 2016 and the Selectmen do further

research on a tree planting and maintenance program and report back to the Budget Committee in 2017.

Article 27: To see if the town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to make final determinations regarding the closing and opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A Section 2953.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Article 28: To see if the Town will authorize the municipal officers to apply for, accept and expend grant money available from the State or Federal government or other organization for any public purpose when they deem it to be in the town's best interest and any needed matching funds are available within the current budget.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Article 29: To see if the Town will give the Selectmen and/or the Fire Chief permission to apply for, accept and expend any grants to purchase equipment, firefighting equipment and safety equipment for the Fire Department.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Article 30: To see if the Town will accept the following tax related articles:

1. To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to apply any property tax overpayment of less than \$50 to that person's next year's property taxes.
2. To see the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S A Section 506.
3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate from the overlay to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the fiscal year 2016.
4. To see if the town shall use any surplus funds in excess of \$80,000.00 to reduce taxes.
5. To see if the town shall authorize the Selectmen to procure a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) for the purpose of paying municipal indebtedness; such note to be repaid during the current fiscal year from taxes paid during the municipal year.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Article 31: If the Town accepts Article 30-2, what, if any, interest shall the Town pay on these prepaid taxes? (If the Town votes to pay interest, it cannot be more than 7%.)

Selectmen recommend 0%.

Article 32: To see if the town shall set September 17, 2016 as the date when all unpaid taxes become interest bearing at the rate to be set by the State. (Rate being 7%)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Article 33: To see if the town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the town on abated taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes and at a rate of 0%.

Given under my hand this 10th day of February A.D., 2016,

Elaine Aloes, Chair of Selectmen

Mary Lou Ridley, Selectman

Sarah Davis, Selectman

Attest true copy: Leslie Giroux, Town Clerk

Pursuant to within warrant, I have hereby notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Solon, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Solon Elementary School on the fifth day of March AD 2016 at eight o'clock in the morning then and there in accordance with the Revised Statutes of the State of Maine, 1964, Title 30, Paragraph 2051 and seq. or as amended to act on all articles herein enumerated in this warrant posted at the Solon Town Office, Solon Post Office, Solon Corner Store, Solon Superette and Griswold's Store, conspicuous and public places within Solon, on the 17th day of February AD 2016, which is at least seven days prior to the Annual Town Meeting.

Dianna Rollins, a resident of Solon.

HYDRAULIC FRACTURING ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SOLON REGULATING HYDRAULIC FRACTURING WITHIN THE TOWN OF SOLON

Whereas, this Ordinance establishes a Bill of Rights which recognizes and secures the civil and political rights of the Town of Solon residents; and

Whereas, this Ordinance then prohibits hydraulic fracturing for the purpose of exploring for or extraction of Hydro Carbon based materials such as, but not limited to, Petroleum Products or Minerals within the Town of Solon because that fracturing violates the civil rights of the Town of Solon residents, and because it threatens the health, safety, and welfare of residents and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, this Ordinance removes legal powers and authority from fracking corporations within the Town of Solon, in recognition that those legal powers are illegitimate and unjust, in that they place the rights of a corporation minority over the rights and political authority of a majority of the Town of Solon residents; and

Whereas, this Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as “**Town of Solon Community Protection from Hydraulic Fracturing**”, and

Whereas, this Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the inherent right of the residents of the Town of Solon to govern their own community, including, without limitation, the Declaration of Independence’s declaration that governments are instituted to secure the rights of people, and the Maine Constitution’s recognition that “all government right issues from the people.”

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN OF SOLON DOES ORDAIN
AND RESOLVE THE FOLLOWING:**

ARTICLE ONE

It shall be prohibited to use hydraulic fracturing for the purpose of exploring for or extraction of Hydro Carbon based materials such as, but not limited to, Petroleum Products or Minerals within the Town of Solon.

ARTICLE TWO **FINDINGS AND INTENT**

Section 1. The Town of Solon finds that the commercial hydraulic fracturing in the Town of Solon violates the rights of residents and neighborhoods, and poses a significant threat to their health, safety, and welfare. Moreover, widespread environmental and human health impacts have resulted from commercial hydraulic fracturing in other areas. Regulating the activity of commercial hydraulic fracturing automatically means allowing commercial hydraulic fracturing to occur within the Town, thus violating the rights of residents and

neighborhoods and endangering their health, safety, and welfare by allowing the deposit of toxins into the air, soil, water, environment, and the bodies of residents within our Town.

Section 2. Meaningful regulatory limitations and prohibitions concerning hydraulic fracturing, along with zoning and land use provisions, are barred because they conflict with certain legal powers claimed by resource extraction corporations. The Town of Solon recognizes that environmental and economic sustainability cannot be achieved if the rights of municipal majorities are routinely overridden by corporate minorities claiming certain legal powers. The Town of Solon also recognizes that sustainability cannot be achieved within a system of preemption which enables those corporations to use state governments to override authorized self-government, and which restricts municipalities to only that lawmaking specifically authorized by state government.

Section 3. The Town of Solon believes that the protection of residents, neighborhoods, and the natural environment constitutes the highest and best use of the police powers that this municipality possesses. The Town of Solon also believes that local legislation that embodies the interests of the community is mandated by the doctrine of the consent of the governed, and the right to local, community self-government. Thus, the Town of Solon adopts this ordinance, which establishes a Bill of Rights for the residents and communities of the Town of Solon, bans hydraulic fracturing within the Town of Solon because that fracking cannot be achieved without violating the rights of residents and communities or endangering their health, safety, and welfare, removes certain legal powers from hydraulic fracturing corporations operating within the Town of Solon, and nullifies state laws, permits, and other authorizations which interfere with the rights secured by this ordinance.

ARTICLE THREE **DEFINITIONS**

Section 1. Hydraulic fracturing shall mean a well-stimulation technique in which rock is fractured by a pressurized liquid. The process involves the high-pressure injection of ‘fracking fluid’ (primarily water, containing sand or other proppants suspended with the aid of thickening agents) into a wellbore to create cracks in the deep-rock formations through which natural gas, petroleum, and brine will flow more freely. When the hydraulic pressure is removed from the well, small grains of hydraulic fracturing proppants (either sand or aluminium oxide) hold the fractures open.

Section 2. “Corporations,” for purposes of this ordinance, shall include any corporation, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, business trust, or limited liability company organized under the laws of any state of the United States or under the laws of any country, and any other business entity that possesses State-conferred limited liability attributes for its owners, directors, officers, and/or managers.

Section 3. “Persons” shall mean any natural person.

Section 4. “Town” shall mean the Town of Solon, a municipal corporation organized under the laws of the State of Maine.

ARTICLE FOUR
STATEMENTS OF LAW
RIGHTS OF THE TOWN OF SOLON RESIDENTS AND THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Section 1. *Right to Water.* All residents, natural communities and ecosystems in the Town of Solon possess a fundamental and inalienable right to sustainable access, use, consume, and preserve water drawn from natural water cycles that provide water necessary to sustain life within the Town.

Section 2. *Rights of Natural Communities.* Natural communities and ecosystems, including, but not limited to, wetlands, streams, rivers, aquifers, and other water systems, possess inalienable and fundamental rights to exist and flourish within the town of Solon. Residents of the Town, along with the municipality, shall possess legal standing to enforce those rights on behalf of those natural communities and ecosystems.

Section 3. *Right to Self-Government.* All residents of the Town of Solon possess the fundamental and inalienable right to a form of governance where they live which recognizes that all power is inherent in the people, that all free governments are founded on the people’s authority and consent, and that corporate entities and their directors and managers shall not enjoy special privileges or powers under the law which make community majorities subordinate to them.

Section 4. *People as Sovereign.* The Town of Solon shall be the governing authority responsible to, and governed by, the residents of the Town. Use of the “Town of Solon” municipal corporation by the sovereign people of the Town to make law shall not be construed to limit or surrender the sovereign authority or immunities of the people to a municipal corporation that is subordinate to them in all respects at all times. The people at all times enjoy and retain an inalienable and indefeasible right to self-governance in the community where they reside.

Section 5. *Rights as Self-Executing.* All rights delineated and secured by this ordinance shall be self-executing and these rights shall be enforceable against corporation and governmental entities.

ARTICLE FIVE
PROHIBITIONS
STATEMENTS OF LAW – PROHIBITIONS NECESSARY TO SECURE BILL OF RIGHTS’ PROTECTIONS

Section 1. Corporations in violation of the prohibition against hydraulic fracturing engaged in or seeking to engage in hydraulic fracturing, shall not have the rights of “persons” afforded by the United States and Maine Constitutions, nor shall those corporations be afforded rights under the 1st or 5th amendments to the United States Constitution or corresponding sections of the Maine Constitution, nor shall those corporations be afforded the protections of the commerce or contracts clauses within the United states Constitution or corresponding sections of the Maine Constitution. “Corporations,” for purposes of this ordinance, shall include any corporation, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, business

trust, or limited liability company organized under the laws of any state of the United States or under the laws of any country, and any other business entity that possesses state-conferred limited liability attributes for its owners, directors, officers, and/or managers.

Section 2. Corporations engaged in hydraulic fracturing shall not possess the authority or power to enforce State or Federal preemptive law against the people of the Town of Solon, or to challenge or overturn municipal ordinances adopted by the Town of Solon and when that enforcement or challenge interferes with the rights asserted by this ordinance or interferes with the authority of the municipality to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents.

Section 3. No permit, license, privilege or charter issued by any State or Federal agency, or Board to any person or any corporation operating under a State charter, or any director, officer, owner, or manager of a corporation operating under a State charter, which would violate the prohibitions of this Ordinance or deprive any Town resident(s), natural community, or ecosystem of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by this Ordinance, the Maine Constitution, the United States Constitution, or other laws, shall be deemed valid within the Town of Solon.

ARTICLE SIX **ENFORCEMENT**

Section 1. Violation of any provision(s) of this ordinance is a municipal infraction and is subject to the Enforcement Ordinance and the fines or penalties as deemed by the State of Maine.

The Town of Solon may change the amount of fines and penalties after the changes have been duly posted and voted on by the Town of Solon.

Section 2. Nothing contained in this ordinance shall prohibit or prevent the Town from seeking other legal remedies, such as injunction, criminal prosecution, or damages in a civil action pursuant to the laws of the State of Maine. In such an action, the Town of Solon shall be entitled to recover all costs of litigation, including, without limitation, expert and attorney's fees.

ARTICLE SEVEN **PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO SELF-GOVERNMENT**

The foundation for the making and adoption of this law is the people's fundamental and inalienable right to govern themselves, and thereby secure their rights to life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. Any attempts to use other units and levels of government to preempt, amend, alter, or overturn this Ordinance, or parts of this Ordinance, shall require the Town of Solon to hold public meetings that explore the adoption of other measures that expand local control and the ability of residents to protect their fundamental and inalienable right to self-government. Such consideration may include actions to separate the municipality from the other levels of government used to preempt, alter, or overturn the provisions of this Ordinance or other levels of government used to intimidate the people of the town of Solon or their elected officials.

ARTICLE EIGHT
SEPARABILITY

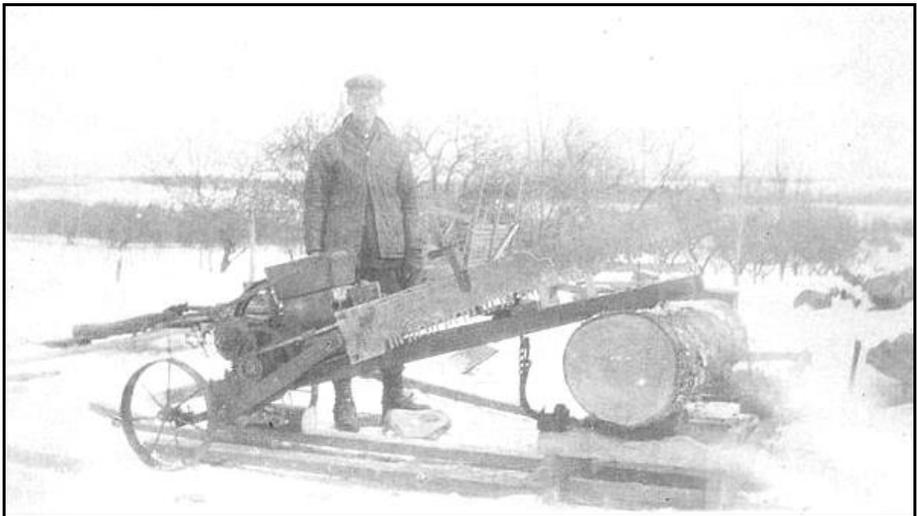
Section 1. It is the intention of the Town of Solon that each separate provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein.

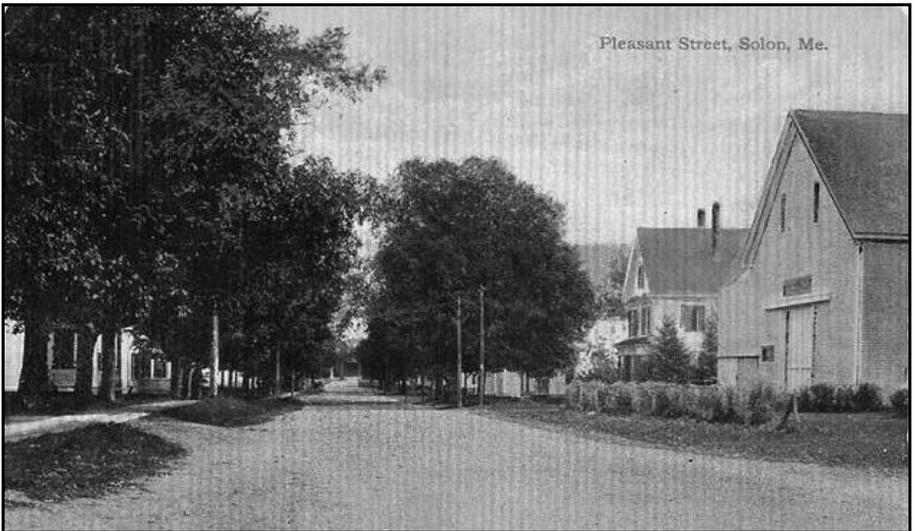
Section 2. It is further the intention of the Town of Solon that if any provisions of this Ordinance be declared invalid or unconstitutional, all other provisions hereof shall remain valid and enforceable.

ARTICLE NINE
ENACTMENT

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND RESOLVED, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect after introduction, advertising, public hearing, and approval as provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this ordinance shall be duly advertised in accordance with the Policy for the Adoption of Ordinances by the Town of Solon, and a public hearing on this Ordinance shall be held on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at the Solon Town Office Conference Room at 7 pm.





DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 5** 2016 Annual Town Meeting, Solon Elementary School
Polls open from 8 am to 12:15 p.m.
Town Meeting at 1:30 p.m.
- April 1** Declaration of personal property owned (this includes
skidders & tractors) should be filed with the Assessors.
Assessors will be in the office on April 6.
Any real property sold after April 1 will be billed to the
owner of record on April 1.
New applications for Homestead and /or Veteran and
Veteran's Widow Exemptions must be filed.
New Tree Growth Classification plans must be filed.
Motor vehicles and motorized mobile equipment not excised
before this date will be taxed as personal property.
- April 18** Patriots Day. Office closed.
- May 30** Memorial Day. Office closed.
- July 4** Office closed for Independence Day.
- July/August** During the month of July or August Property Taxes will be
committed and Property Tax bills will be mailed.
- Sept. 5** Labor Day. Office closed.
- Sept. 17** Unpaid property taxes become interest bearing.
- Oct. 10** Columbus Day. Office closed.
- Nov. 11** Veterans Day, Office closed
- Nov. 8** State & Federal Election. Polls open from 8 am to 8 pm.
- Nov. 23** Office will be open until 12 pm. Selectmen will be in the
Office until 12 pm. (Wednesday before Thanksgiving)
- Nov. 25** Office closed (Friday after Thanksgiving).
- Dec. 1** New Hunting, Fishing & Dog Licenses are available.
- Dec. 26** Office will be closed for Christmas vacation.
- Dec. 30** Office will be open until 4 pm. All unpaid taxes not paid by
4 pm will be listed in the Town Report.
- Dec. 31** All boat registrations and hunting, fishing and dog licenses
expire. New dog licenses required by Jan. 1.
- Jan. 2, 2017** Office closed for New Year's Holiday.
- Jan. 17, 2017** Martin Luther King Day. Office closed.
- Jan. 21, 2017** Town Budget Committee meeting, 8:00 am at Town Office.
All article and budget requests for Annual Town Meeting
must be submitted to the Selectmen prior to this meeting.
- Jan. 31, 2017** \$25.00 late fee on unpaid dog licenses after this date.
Deadline for filing Circuit Breaker (Householders Tax &
Rent) Refund Application with the State.
- Feb. 14, 2017** Presidents Day. Office closed.
- Mar. 4, 2017** 2017 Annual Town Meeting.

NOTICE

**2016 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2015
SOLON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICIALS
8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.**

**TOWN MEETING
1:30 p.m.**

The Town Meeting is the purest form of democracy in existence today. Without citizen participation it cannot work. Please attend the meeting.

*Please read this report carefully
and bring it with you to the town meeting.*

The 4-H Club Annual Bake Sale 8 am to 12:00 pm
The Bake Sale proceeds will be donated to
the Solon Food Cupboard.

The 4-H Club Annual Luncheon 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.
Tickets are \$7 a person.

The proceeds benefit the 4-H Club.
Please come to the luncheon and support our 4-H Club.

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE
PROTECTING OUR COUNTRY AND OUR FREEDOM AND TO ALL
OUR VETERANS WHO HAVE SERVED US IN THE PAST.**