Freeport Community Library
10 Library Drive (off Main Street)
Monday, Wednesday: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Friday: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Labor Day to Memorial Day
No Saturday hours on a holiday weekend

Freeport Recycling Facility
Hedgehog Mountain Road (off Pownal Road)
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Town Hall
30 Main Street
Monday - Thursday: 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Friday: Closed

Online Services
www.freeportmaine.com
- Re-registrations for: Car/ATV/ Trailer/Snowmobile
- Hunting/Fishing/Dog Licenses
- Request Municipal Vital Records
- View Property Taxes online
- Video on Demand

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Town of Freeport

2019 Annual Report

Dedication

This year's annual report is dedicated to the Town's municipal employees. The Town of Freeport is incredibly fortunate to employ this group of hard working and devoted people who are responsible for the day-to-day operations of one of the greatest communities in Maine. Many employees work tirelessly behind the scenes to prepare our roads for driving, provide public safety through police and fire rescue operations, promote and protect our town's natural resources and beauty, productively manage the town's daily operation of business, safeguard our pristine waterways, operate the piece of literary heaven that we know as our local library, assist residents who are in need, determine property values, and ensure that growth and development occurs within the perimeters set by regulation all while maintaining the character and historical significance of our town. Others work hard to educate residents as they effectively operate the town's recycling facility, assist commuters who utilize public transportation, and ensure public access television programming is available to the community. The reports contained in the following pages reflect department highlights and accomplishments from the prior fiscal year. Please take a moment to reflect on the remarkable job each municipal employee does, day in and day out, ensuring that the machine which is the heart of your community, runs efficiently and productively.

Wendy Clark photo

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as of June 2019 Committees, Boards & Community Agencies

Board of Appeals
Pamela Leone, Vice Chair
Phil Wagner
Clinton Swett, Chair
Art Colvin
Jerry Kennedy
Pamela Mancuso
Preston Noon, Secretary
STAFF PERSON: Nicholas Adams

Board of Assessment Review
Michael Healy, Chair
Jennifer Worthy
Megan Hudson
Chris Grimm
R. McAllister Lloyd

Cable T.V. Regulatory Board
Rodney Harmon
Wayne Jortner
William Greene
Michael Ashby
Lindsay Sterling, RSU5 Liaison
Jay Somers, Comcast Senior Manager of Government & Community Relations
STAFF PERSON: Rick Simard

Coastal Waters Commission
Jeff Stenzel, Chair
Dayton Benway, Secretary
Peter Polovchik
Joseph Frazer
Mark Morrissey
Daniel Piltch
Laurie Orlando
STAFF PERSON: Charles Tetreau

Conservation Commission
Ryan Burke
Benjamin Shepard
Guy Blanchard, Chair
Theresa Oleksiw
Dimitra Voulgari
Andrew Arsenault
Michael Stumbo
Chip Lawrence, Council Liaison

Emergency Preparedness
Charles Jordan, Fire/Rescue Chief
Susan Nourse, Police Chief
Earl Gibson, Highway Supt.
Peter Joseph, Town Manager
Leland Arris, Sewer District
Dr. Becky Foley, RSU5 Supt.
Paula Paladino, FCS Representative
Johanna Hanselman, Gen. Asst
Charles Tetreau, Interim Harbormaster
Paul Conley, Rescue

Library Board of Trustees
Elizabeth Housewright, Secretary
Stefanie Millette
Karin Van Nostrand
Chris Abbe
Freyja Bradford
Judith Donahue
Joe Vertenten, Chair
Adalgisa Holtrop
Colin Kaveney
STAFF PERSON: Arlene Arris

Planning Board
Jamel Torres
Robert Ball, Vice Chair
Sam Kapala, Chair
Aaron Cannan
Greg Savona, Secretary
Lonny Winrich
Anna Child
STAFF PERSON: Donna Larson

Project Review Board
Ford Reiche, Vice Chair
Drew Wing
Adam Troidl, Secretary
Guy Blanchard
Suzanne Watson
F. Gordon Hamlin Jr.
Geralyn Campanelli, Chair
STAFF PEOPLE: Donna Larson, Caroline Pelletier

Hunter Road Fields Advisory Committee
Dave Intraversato, Dist. 3
Phil Wagner, Dist. 1
R. McAllister Lloyd, Dist. 2
Mike Doten, Jr, Dist. 4
Nelson Larkins
John Egan, Council Liaison
Craig Sickles, RSU5 Representative
STAFF PERSON: Adam Bliss

Sustainability Advisory Board
Josh Olins, Chair
Sukie Rice
Kate Rosenfeld
Sarah Victor
Valy Steverlynck
Mandana MacPherson
Steve Konstantino
Tawni Whitney, Council Liaison

Sewer District Trustees
Sara Randall, Chair
Thomas Hudak, Treasurer
Michael Ashby
Earle Rowe, Jr.
Sally Leland, Clerk
Adam Morse
Gerald Kennedy

Shellfish Conservation Commission
Dale Sawyer
Jared Lavers, Vice Chair
Malcolm McIntosh
Chris Grimm
Thomas Bennett, Chair
Megan Hudson
Sara Randall
Chip Lawrence, Council Liaison
STAFF PERSON: Charles Tetreau

Freeport Water District Trustees
Timothy Whitacre
Clifford Anderson

South Freeport Water District Trustees
Jeffrey Stenzel, Chair
Melanie Ferrucci, Secretary
Eric Horne
Paul Beem

Winslow Park Commission
Susan Hazzard, Co-Chair
Robin Baron
Kim Swett
Pierre Shevenell
Nancy Marquis
Karissa Davan, Co-Chair
Lucy Lloyd
George Connick
Doug Reighley, Council Liaison
STAFF PERSON: Neil Lyman

Freeport RSU5 Board of Directors
Madelyn Vertenten
Maura Pillsbury
Jeremy Clough
John Morang
Valy Steverlynck
Lindsay Sterling

Active Living Committee
Andy Spaulding, Chair
Todd Coffin
David Bennell
John Lowe, Vice Chair
Jennifer Rancourt
Jake Daniele
Eric Horne, Council Liaison

Traffic & Parking Committee
Chester Goggin, Dist. 2
Catrina Milliman, Chamber Rep.
Dave Lockman, LL Bean Rep.
Gregory Michaud, Dist. 4
Susan Nourse, Police Chief
Geralyn Campanelli, PRB Rep.
Doug Leland, Dist. 3, Chair
Rod Regier, Dist. 1
Doug Reighley, Council Liaison
STAFF PERSON: Adam Bliss

Citizen of the Year: Beth Edmonds

Betheda (Beth) Edmonds has lived in Freeport with her husband Dan since 1980. From that time forward, Beth has continually shown her commitment to the well-being and improvement of the Town and its citizens. Her activism has ranged from volunteering at the B.H. Bartol Library beginning in 1982 to serving as the Maine Senate President for two terms in the 2000s. While she worked at the State level, she always kept closely rooted to her hometown. That local connection helped her apply what she knew was right for her neighbors as well as for people throughout the State. As she has said and repeatedly demonstrated, she has "always liked the goal of meeting the needs of a lot of people."

Although Beth is modest about her public service and about her role as Senate President, she recognized the magnitude of the positions she has held. She stated that the role of Senate President is "...a balancing act...you have to listen to everyone equally, while remaining true to your core values." She has carried that philosophy close to her heart in all her endeavors. Beth's integrity and unwavering commitment to the people of Freeport and Maine has made her a leader and an exemplary role model. She has acted as a mentor for many women, successfully encouraging them to become influential members of the community.

Personal:

- Grew up in Keene Valley, New York, a small town in the Adirondacks.
- Graduated from Clark University, BA
- Graduated from Goddard College, MA
- Married for 44 years to Daniel Nickerson
- Has lived in Freeport, Maine since 1978

Former Democratic member of the Maine Senate, representing the 10th District from 2000-2008 until she termed out.

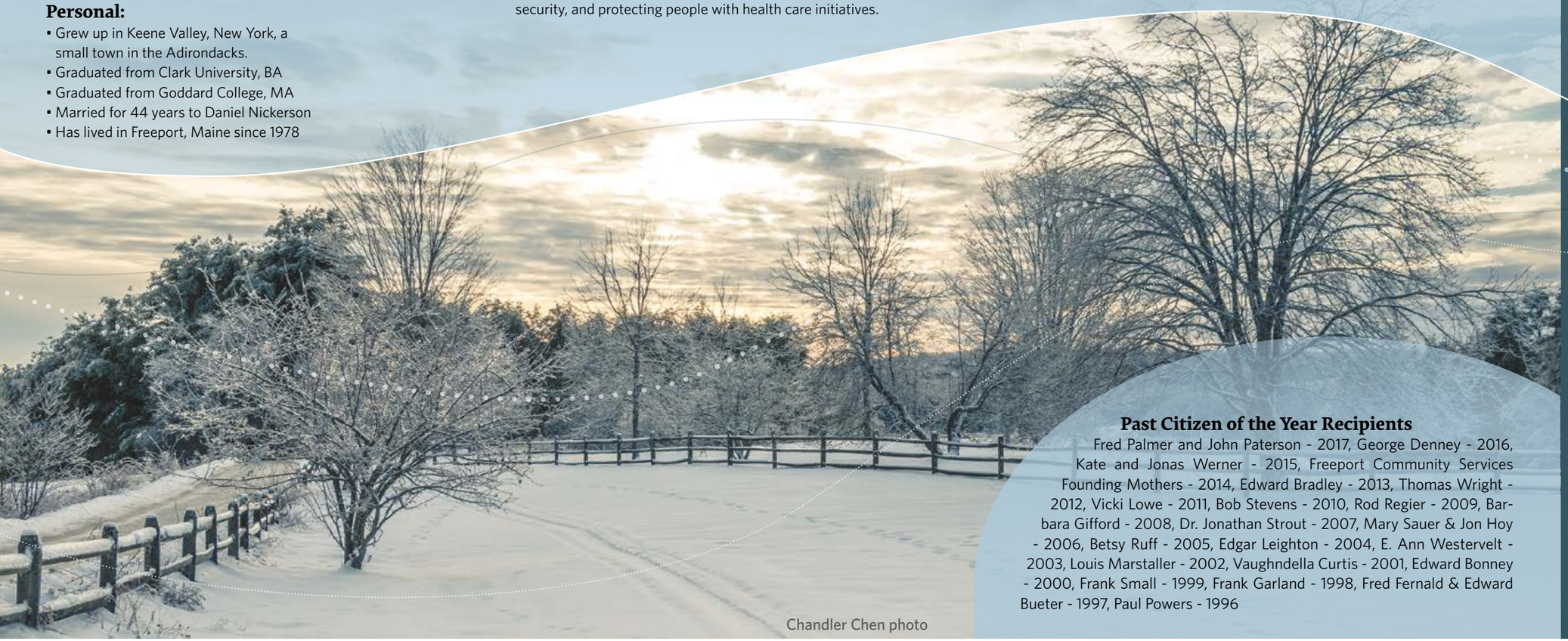
Photo submitted by Beth Edmonds

- She became the President of the Maine Senate in December 2004.
- She is only the second female Senate President in Maine history and she is the first one to serve a second term as President (2004-2008).
- While a member of the State Senate, she was: instrumental in raising the state minimum wage; resolved a longstanding conflict on the Workers' Compensation Board; supported eco-friendly measures such as the electronic waste recycling initiative; helped establish the Baxter School for the Deaf Compensation Fund & sponsored numerous bills to improve the lives of individuals in the Deaf or hard of hearing community; and strongly supported measures assisting the creative economy, helping homeland security, and protecting people with health care initiatives.

Other activities:

- Chair – Maine National Organization for Women (NOW)
- Chair – Maine Choice Coalition
- Chair – Dirigo Alliance
- Chair – Common Ground Ad Hoc Group appointed by then Governor King in response to violence around the abortion issue
- Regional Reference Person for Re-evaluation Counseling in Maine
- Founding Board Member of the Maine Women's Fund
- Cumberland County Civic Center/Cross Insurance Arena Board of Directors Member and Chair
- Member – Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence
- Chair – Regional Voice Committee of Greater Portland COG
- B.H. Bartol Library & Freeport Community Library:
  - Started as a volunteer at the B.H. Bartol Library in 1982
  - Became Director of the Freeport Community Library in 2005 until she retired in 2015
  - Created the Young Adult Room
  - Ran story time for toddlers on Tuesday mornings
  - Provided opportunities to help older generations understand how to use technology

Beth has always put the people of Freeport and Maine first.



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Past Citizen of the Year Recipients

Fred Palmer and John Paterson - 2017, George Denney - 2016, Kate and Jonas Werner - 2015, Freeport Community Services Founding Mothers - 2014, Edward Bradley - 2013, Thomas Wright - 2012, Vicki Lowe - 2011, Bob Stevens - 2010, Rod Regier - 2009, Barbara Gifford - 2008, Dr. Jonathan Strout - 2007, Mary Sauer & Jon Hoy - 2006, Betsy Ruff - 2005, Edgar Leighton - 2004, E. Ann Westervelt - 2003, Louis Marstaller - 2002, Vaughndella Curtis - 2001, Edward Bonney - 2000, Frank Small - 1999, Frank Garland - 1998, Fred Fernald & Edward Bueter - 1997, Paul Powers - 1996

Freeport *by the* Numbers

On most pages of the annual report you will notice large numbers that provide information about what each department costs the median taxpayer and staffing levels for the department. The hope is that this will give the reader a quick overview of the scope of the department. Please keep in mind that the numbers are based on the median assessed value of all residential properties for FY 2019, which was $258,700. If your property is assessed higher or lower, then your contribution to each department would be different. The number does not take into account revenues generated by the department. Staffing levels indicated are shown in a full-time equivalent (FTE) unless otherwise noted, which does not take in to account the actual number of employees, but rather the total employee hours budgeted for that department and how many full time employees that would equal. There are expenses in the Town's budget that are non-departmental, and therefore they are not broken down on a page, and would total $248 dollars on the median tax bill. This includes expenses such as utilities, insurance, promotions, miscellaneous and contingency, employee benefits, overlay and debt service.

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2019 Guidelines and Goals

Guidelines

- The Council will prioritize, evaluate and control expenditures in operating and capital budgets to mitigate the impact on the taxpayers and maintain a stable tax rate, while providing the highest quality services possible within the resources available.
- The Council will promote transparent intercommunication, information exchange and collaboration on direction and process between Councilors, while conducting town business in a fair and efficient manner. The Council will prioritize: (a) transparency of decision-making and of Town government operations; and (b) attendance at Town Council and assigned Committee meetings.
- The Council will promote efforts to engage Freeport residents and businesses in the governance, operation and activities of the Town of Freeport.
- The Council will be active in maintaining a strong relationship with the RSU5 Board and neighboring municipalities.

Goals

- The Council will pursue solutions related to renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce the energy costs of the Town of Freeport.
- The Council will explore infrastructure and policy opportunities that will promote active lifestyles for Freeport's residents and visitors.
- The Council will explore and undertake two initiatives to facilitate aging in place.
- The Council will take reasonable efforts to resolve the Island Rover matter in 2019.
- The Council will coordinate with Freeport Economic Development Corporation (FEDC), other committees, and other local partners to identify and undertake efforts to encourage the continued vitality of the downtown district.

Cost to the median taxpayer:

$11

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Elected Councilors

Town Council

The Freeport Town Council adopted four guidelines and five goals at the beginning of the year to guide our work together. I am pleased to offer this summary of progress on these goals. This progress is indicative of the collaborative working relationship between the Town staff, Freeport residents, and the Council.

The 2019 Guidelines and Goals unanimously adopted by the Town Council are set forth at left.

The Council has worked hard to align its work with the primary goals of solid fiscal management; transparency in operations and government activities; the engagement of residents and community partners in the governance, operation and activities of the Town; maintaining a strong relationship with the RSU5 and the neighboring municipalities; the exploration of ways to pursue clean energy options and reduce Freeport's energy costs; and examination of opportunities to support Freeport's aging population.

The Council worked diligently to maintain a stable tax rate this past year. This required the Freeport Town Staff to work hard to present fiscally conservative capital and operating budgets and required the Councilors to go through those budgets line by line in workshops with boards and committees, department heads and community groups during the spring of 2019. As a result of these collective efforts, the FY2020 approved budgets yielded significant cost management and savings to the taxpayers. The overall capital budget was increased only slightly for the coming fiscal year, and the budget increase for the Town operating budget was trimmed to 2.14%. This would have been a .41% tax impact on the mil rate; however due to valuation adjustments we actually saw a 0.4% decrease to the Town mil rate. This translated to a decrease of approximately 2 cents per $1,000 valuation for the average homeowner, or $4.00 for a $200,000 home.

Connection with the residents of Freeport and facilitating residents' engagement with Town government continued to be a high priority for the Freeport Town Council in 2019. Councilors held workshop meetings for all four Freeport voting districts where the Council actively listened to residents' concerns expressed at those meetings and then entered into discussions over the course of the following months about how to address them. Residents continued to voice concerns about speeding and the Council continued to discuss how to reduce speeding with the Public Safety Department, for instance through ongoing electronic monitoring of speeding on various roads throughout Town. Additionally, the residents of District 3 expressed concerns about the Retirement Community Overlay District that was created years ago for a development that was ultimately never constructed and, after discussion and public hearing, the Council voted to restore the zoning to its original state.

Councilors continued to commit many hours to strengthening the lines of communication and enhancing the understanding between the members of the Freeport Town Council, the RSU5 leadership and other municipal partners. In February, the Council held its fifth Annual Meeting at the Freeport Community Center for all elected officials and administrative leaders from Freeport, Pownal, Durham, and RSU5. The purpose was to provide information to the other entities about budget concerns, process questions, and community updates. Additionally, the Town Council continued to participate in the RSU5 Finance Committee's ongoing consideration of the cost allocation formula to allocate additional local monies portion of the RSU5 budget between the three RSU5 communities (Freeport, Pownal and Durham). No decision has been reached yet and the Council will continue its active involvement in this ongoing discussion, as the outcome has the potential to have a significant impact on the taxes paid by Freeport residents and businesses.

(L-R) John Egan, Eric Horne, Douglas Reighley, Tawni Whitney, Scott Gleeson, Sarah Tracy, Henry Lawrence

The Freeport Town Council continued to utilize a wide array of methods to engage residents and disseminate information, including holding district meetings, televising Council meetings, personal outreach, and surveys. The Town Manager also presented a "Town Manager Report" during each Council meeting, which was emailed to interested residents, and was made available online on the Town's website www.freeportmaine.com. Additionally, the Town completed a substantial upgrade to its website this year that significantly improves the user experience and makes the Town's services and information archives more easily accessible to everyone who visits the site.

Several projects over the past year involved intense engagement by the Council with citizens, including the discussion of whether to regulate short-term rentals and the discussion regarding phased reduction in the number of "Silver Bullets" in Town in an effort to encourage more recycling at the Town Transfer Facility, which has a recycling compactor and Staff to minimize contamination of recycled materials. The Council also received robust public input on whether Freeport should allow existing medical marijuana growing facilities in Town to grow marijuana for the adult use market, and how the Town should support asylum seekers in our community. From this latter discussion, the Town supported the formation of a resident-led Asylum Seeker Working Group that produced a Resource List to Welcome New Mainers, organized a Welcome Event at the Freeport Library in November 2019 and supported asylum seeker families who located in Freeport and their hosts. The marijuana growing discussion and the short-term rental discussion are ongoing. In all of these discussions, however, the Council and citizens worked closely together to provide a transparent process and to facilitate the expression of diverse viewpoints.

The Town Council continued to explore solutions related to renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce the energy costs of the Town of Freeport. The Town and the Freeport Sewer District entered into a long-term agreement with the developers of a solar generation facility located in Fairfield, Maine, that is expected to generate net energy billing credits to substantially offset electricity costs for the Town and the Sewer District over the next twenty years. Additionally, the Town completed its installation of LED streetlights throughout Freeport, including decorative LED streetlights on Main Street.

The Town Council also continued to look for ways to support the continued vitality of the Downtown District, including allowing the use of the Bartol Library Building for "pop-up" events during the summer and into the holiday season, and providing significant funding for the Arts & Cultural Alliance of Freeport's project to lease and renovate the Main Street level of First Parish Church (40 Main St, Freeport) into Meetinghouse Arts, a 200-seat performance hall and art gallery that will provide space for local and touring visual and performing artists and cultural organizations to present, exhibit, learn, educate, and engage with residents and visitors to our community.

Finally, the Town became officially certified as an Age Friendly Community by AARP and worked with Freeport Community Services and residents to implement the Age Friendly Freeport/Pownal Committee. Over the past year, the Committee has inventoried the services available to the elderly in Freeport and Pownal, applied for and received a transportation grant and created the Sand Bucket Brigade to deliver sand to those in need to create safer pathways in the winter time.

I would like to thank my fellow colleagues –Vice Chair Scott Gleeson, and Councilors John Egan, Eric Horne, Chip Lawrence, Doug Reighley, and Tawni Whitney – for all of their hard work this past year. I am deeply appreciative of their support of me as I did my best to Chair the Council over the past three years and I wish John Egan all the best in his role as the new Town Council Chair. I would also like to thank the many Freeport residents who volunteer their time and talents to serving our community. I am grateful for their engagement and commitment to making the Town of Freeport a great place to live.

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Town Manager

I am honored to continue to serve the Town of Freeport as Town Manager, and to submit this report for inclusion in the 229th Annual Report of the Town. Within this annual report you will find information from the various departments and divisions of the Town, outlining the accomplishments and challenges for the fiscal operating period from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. In addition to the many talented and dedicated employees of the Town, there are numerous citizen volunteers who contribute countless hours of effort toward the positive growth of our community. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize both.

As Town Manager, I work with our Department Directors and employees of the Town to follow the policy direction of the Town Council, and to work towards accomplishing the goals set annually by the Town Council.

Each year, the Town Manager and Finance Director work closely with the various Department Directors and the Town Council to develop an annual operating budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The annual operating budget is considered during May and June each year, and is approved by the Town Council, usually with amendments, before July 1st, which is the start of the Town's fiscal year. I'm happy to report that in FY19, although the approved operating budget for FY20 shows an increase of about $375,000 from the current year, this is tempered by a corresponding increase in revenue, as well as an increase in property valuations, leading to a decrease of $0.012 on the tax rate for the Town portion of the property tax.

The budget adopted by RSU5 led to an increase of about $0.103 on the RSU5 portion of the property tax rate, and the budget adopted by Cumberland County contributed an additional $0.009 increase - for a total tax rate increase of approximately $0.10. The obligation for maintaining a responsible budget lies not only with the Finance Director and Town Manager, but also with the Town's Department Directors, who work hard each year developing and managing their budgets to minimize impact to the local taxpayers and ensure that residents are getting a good value for the Town services they fund.

Along with the operating budget, the Town Manager is responsible for the development of a five-year capital plan for the repair and replacement of major items such as buildings, vehicles, equipment, roads, sidewalks, and various other types of infrastructure. The purpose of the capital program is to establish a savings plan to fund significant purchases, and to schedule these purchases in a manner that minimizes drastic impacts to the tax rate with "peaks" and "valleys" that could occur if capital purchases vary widely from year to year. It's encouraging to note that the Town's capital program has been successful in insulating the tax rate from wide swings in recent years, through the widespread use of reserve accounts to save for major capital purchases.

Listed at right are some of the specific accomplishments that the Town government achieved in fiscal year 2019:

- The Town completed an LED streetlight conversion project on 200+ street lights.
- Work continued toward implementing an off-site solar array to offset a majority of the Town's electric usage.
- Town staff assisted the Town Council in their continued investigations into weighty topics such as cannabis business regulations, aquaculture regulations, and the potential regulation of short term rentals within the Town. Staff assisted in the enactment by the Town Council of amendments to several existing ordinances, including Zoning, Subdivision, Design Review, Solid Waste, Life Safety, Electrical, Public Peddlers, and Winslow Park Ordinances.
- The Town Council took action to transform the Traffic and Parking Committee into the Complete Streets Committee, to better reflect the Town's vision for enhancing safety, community connectivity, and economic development on the streets and ways of the Town.
- The Town supported the Freeport Arts and Cultural Alliance's continued efforts in working towards downtown diversity by promoting Freeport as a cultural center.
- Freeport partnered with the neighboring Town of Brunswick to share an Animal Control Officer between our Police Departments.
- Approximately 15 combination heat pump/ air conditioning units were installed at the Town Hall to increase the heating and cooling efficiency of individual offices.
- The Police Department filled a vacant Sergeant's position by promoting Patrol Officer Matthew Moorhouse to the position.

On behalf of the Department Directors and employees of the Town of Freeport, we wish you all a successful 2020. As always, if my office can be of any assistance to you in the upcoming year, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Peter Joseph, Town Manager

Judy Hawley, Assistant to the Town Manager

2.15
Full-time employees

Cost to the median taxpayer for Town Manager and Buildings & Grounds Departments:

$53

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Buildings & Grounds

The Buildings and Grounds Department was established in 2015 to cost effectively maintain Town properties that had been previously maintained by private contractors. The Department is responsible for maintaining municipal buildings and grounds which include Town Hall, the Train Station, Hunter Road Fields, Pownal Road Fields, Leon Gorman Park, and municipally owned cemeteries. Brent Moon leads the department as Maintenance Supervisor, with staff assistance provided by Kenny Stilkey and Seth Pierce. Helen Fournier retired during the past year and we wish her well with her newfound free time!

(L-R)Seth Pierce, Brent Moon (Maintenance Supervisor), Ken Stilkey (2)

The Buildings and Grounds Department is responsible for litter control and rubbish removal in the Village area; maintenance of the Freeport Train and Information Center and train platform (including snow removal); mowing of municipal properties, parks, and cemeteries; maintenance and cleaning of the Concessions Building at Hunter Road Fields; maintenance of the grounds at Exit 22; and maintenance of buildings and grounds at Leon Gorman Park.

The Department will be working on siding and roof maintenance at Town Hall over the next year as part of capital funding appropriated during FY19. Operations continue to flow smoothly despite the numerous and varied requests from Town Departments. The creation of this Department is a strong example of the Town exercising fiscal responsibility for services provided to the community.

3.2
Full-time employees

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Town Clerk

The Town Clerk's Office was very proud to take on several new tasks this year. Our major accomplishment was the production of the 2018 Town Report. Under the tutelage of Caroline Pelletier, who had previously produced the Town Report, we compiled and edited reports, proofed endless drafts, gathered photos and worked with the graphic designer to lay out the final draft of the report. We look forward to tackling this year's report having learned so much about the process this year and gaining valuable experience through our one foot in front of the other determination.

(L-R) Lynn Horr, Deputy Clerk and Christine Wolfe, Town Clerk

This year Freeport launched the use of online mooring registration software to administer mooring assignments electronically. The Clerk's Office worked with the Harbormaster assisting with initial mailings, data entry and helping customers with navigating through use of the new website. The Clerk's Office will continue to assist residents with questions regarding their moorings and in providing harbor related parking and dinghy tie up permits.

Deputy Clerk Lynn Horr successfully completed her first year of NEMCI (New England Municipal Clerk's Institute) at Plymouth State University this year. This is an intensive 3-year program, one week per year, providing Town Clerk's with top quality education in the profession. Lynn is working towards her first State CCM certification (Certified Clerk of Maine). This designation comes only with a true dedication to upholding the caliber of the work produced in the Clerk's Office.

The Town Clerk, Christine Wolfe, received her CMC (Certified Municipal Clerk) designation in April, 2019. This designation took over 10 years to attain and is issued from the IIMC (International Institute of Municipal Clerks). She now holds her CCM State Certification and the CMC International Certification.

Lastly, with the implementation of the Town's new website, the clerks were very happy to learn about and begin maintaining their and the Town Council's portion of the website.

November 2018 Municipal/State:

5,202 voters cast Municipal ballots for the Election of Freeport Officers along with State ballots for Governor, State Senate and Representative, and US Senate and Congress and 5 referendums in this General Election. 1,935 votes were cast by absentee and we had an impressive 73% total voter turnout. Tawni Whitney and Henry Lawrence were elected to the Town Council; Jeremy Clough, John Morang and Maura Pillsbury won seats on the RSU5 Board of Directors; Michael Ashby, Sara Randall and Adam Morse took seats on the Sewer District and Clifford Anderson was elected to the Water District.

June 11, 2019 RSU5 Budget Validation Election:

The proposed RSU5 budget for FY20 was initially presented to the voters at the May 22nd Budget Meeting held at Freeport High School. Voters approved the proposed budget amount of $34,080,295 which then was overwhelmingly validated by secret ballot on June 11, 2019. Sadly, voter turnout for this election was a record low with only 432 Freeport voters casting ballots, representing a 6% participation rate.

I continue to give accolades to the residents who tirelessly join me at every election as Election Clerks, Deputy Registrars, Moderators and Wardens. This entire process would not exist without them.

Registered Voters (as of June 30, 2019): 7,081

3,036-Democrat
2,344-Unenrolled
1,497-Republican
201-Green Independent
1-Libertarian

Vital Statistics

Marriage Licenses Issued: 46
Resident Births: 74
Resident Deaths: 82
Burial Permits Issued: 11
Certified Copies Sold: 633

Municipal Licensing and Other Services

Automobile Junkyard Licenses: 2
Catering and BYOB Permits: 41
Commercial Passenger Boat Licenses: 4
Food Peddler Licenses on Public Property: 2
Liquor Licenses: 24
Special Amusement Permits: 6
Victualer's Licenses: 71
Hunt/Fish Licenses (all types): 250
Dog Licenses: 1,887 (includes online dog registrations)
Shellfish Licenses:

- Resident Commercial-45
- Resident Student Commercial-5
- Non-Resident Commercial-5
- Non-Resident Student Commercial-1

Recreational Shellfish Licenses:

- Resident-71
- Non-Resident-20

Please be advised that many services are available online and can save you a trip to the Town Office.

Please visit our website at www.freeportmaine.com for information on how to register a dog or obtain hunting and fishing licenses online, as well as other information regarding elections, vital records, municipal licensing and other services we provide.

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Full-time employees

Cost to the median taxpayer:
$11

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Municipal Phone Directory

Animal Control
Freeport Police..... 865-4800

Tax Assessor
Robert Konczal 865-4743 x140

Cable TV Director
Rick Simard.....865-4743 x114

Codes Enforcement
Nick Adams 865-4743 x102

Finance Director
Jessica Maloy.....865-4743 x115

Fire Rescue Chief & Emergency Prep.
Charles Jordan..... 865-3421

General Assistance
Johanna Hanselman..... 865-4743 x120

Harbormaster
Charles Tetreau.....865-4546

Library
Arlene Arris 865-3307

Marine Resource Conservation Officer
Charles Tetreau..... 865-4800

Police Chief
Susan Nourse..... 865-4800

Public Works Superintendent
Earl Gibson..... 865-4461

Recycling Facility
Suzanne Duplissis.....865-3740

RSU5 Superintendent
Dr. Becky Foley..... 865-0928 Ext. 5

Town Clerk & Registrar of Voters
Christine Wolfe..... 865-4743 x123

Town Engineer
Adam Bliss 865-4743 x106

Town Manager
Peter Joseph.....865-4743 x121

Town Planner (Interim)
Caroline Pelletier..... 865-4743 x107

Train & Information Center Manager
Ed Bonney..... 869-5310

Winslow Park Manager
Neil Lyman 865-9052

Winslow Park Gatehouse
(May-Oct) 865-4198

Town Engineer

The Town Engineer's function involves the design, administration, and management of capital projects; coordination and management of the Town's environmental compliance permits; and, technical review and inspections of commercial and residential developments on behalf of the Planning Department. Adam also serves as the Director of Public Works and the Director of Recycling and Solid Waste. In addition, he provides staff support to the Traffic and Parking Committee, Active Living Committee, and Hunter Road Fields Committee. Other engineering and administrative services are performed by the Town Engineer as requested by the Town Manager.

The Town Engineer oversees many of the Town's capital projects and provides engineering support for other Town projects. One major capital project completed in FY19 was the paving of U.S. Route One and Lower Main Street from the Yarmouth town line to West Street. This project was 75% funded by the Federal Highway Association and 25% funded by the Town. We combined the Route One South and Lower Main Street paving projects into one construction season saving the Town approximately $100,000. The project included painted bicycle lanes within the existing road shoulder and a sidewalk from Pine Street to the new crosswalk at the Maine DOT Park-and-Ride lot. These measures help provide added safety and comfort to bicyclists and pedestrians that use the road in common with vehicles.

The Town received a grant from the U.S. EPA and Maine DEP for design, permitting, and construction of 850 linear feet of stream restoration off of Concord Road. The design and permitting components were completed in 2017. Construction was completed during July and August of 2018.

Adam Bliss, Town Engineer

The Town leverages capital expenses with grants from federal agencies whenever possible. In 2016, the Town was awarded a grant from the Maine DEP to replace an undersized culvert on Hunter Road with a much larger structure designed for aquatic organism passage and passage of larger flooding events. Construction was completed during August 2018. We saw immediate evidence of fish swimming upstream in search of cooler waters during the summer weather. The stream channel is progressively reverting back to its original width and shape.

The Town Engineer is responsible for coordination and management of the Town's Municipal Stormwater Permit. The Town has been regulated by the Maine DEP since 2003 under this permit which requires minimization and mitigation of the potential for pollutants to come into contact with stormwater discharges off Town-owned properties and roadways. The permit requires a variety of activities including stormwater system monitoring, catch basin cleaning, road sweeping, outfall inspections, public education, and annual reporting. The current Municipal Stormwater Permit was issued in July 2013 and expired June 30, 2018 but was administratively continued. We have been negotiating potentially new permit conditions with the Maine DEP and U.S. EPA over the past year. The fourth permit cycle is expected to commence in 2020 and will increase the testing and monitoring requirements of stormwater outfalls among a number of other stormwater management measures. Information about the permit, Yardscaping, and other stormwater topics are available on the Town's, Maine DEP's, and Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District's websites. Feel free to register for the Urban Runoff 5k walk/race held around Earth Day of every year. This fun family event is a great public education tool on clean water.

The Concord Gully Brook and Frost Gully Brook watersheds are classified by the State of Maine as urban impaired. The streams' impairments relate to chloride, bacteria, and impervious cover (pavement and roofs). Chloride is understood to originate from deicing materials used in winter seasons while the bacteria source is unknown but believed to be from wildlife based on a study conducted by the University of New Hampshire. A Watershed Management Plan study was completed in April 2015 through a grant awarded by the Maine DEP. The Watershed Management Plan identified several projects on both private and public properties that would help restore the natural stream hydraulics and biota. A grant was awarded to the Town in 2018 to specifically address the impervious cover, stream erosion, and chloride issues. Watershed restoration is a several year process, but our incremental efforts are paying off by improving the water quality statuses.

The Complete Streets Committee, formerly known as the Traffic and Parking Committee, addressed a number of traffic and safety issues over the course of the year. Some notable items included a sidewalk connection from Pine Street to the new crosswalk on U.S. Route One and rebranding of the committee to include pedestrian, bicyclist, and vehicular traffic movements during street, crosswalk, and sidewalk designs. The Committee is represented by six at-large seats because the District representation requirement was removed during the rebranding process. The Town Engineer continued working and meeting with the Active Living Committee to consider improvements to public facilities.

The Town Engineer enjoys working with the many volunteers, committees, and other Town employees that help to make Freeport such a special place. All of these efforts help to maintain and improve the quality of life in Freeport.

Cost to the median taxpayer

$12

1 **Full-time employee**

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Hunter Road Fields

The Hunter Road Fields Recreational Facility is now established as a high-quality youth sports site. The fields were completed in 2012 and the building opened for use at the end of the fiscal year in 2013. The fields are maintained under a contract with RSU5, and oversight of the facility is provided by the Hunter Road Fields Advisory Committee.

In the fall of 2018 and spring of 2019, the fields were well used by Freeport United Soccer Club, RSU5 Community Program Soccer, and RSU5 Soccer. The fall season-ending events provided competitive tournament opportunities for Freeport soccer participants. The fields were used during the spring by Freeport-Pownal Little League, Freeport United Soccer Club, RSU5 Community Program Lacrosse, RSU5 Lacrosse and the Little League All-Stars. Over the full fiscal year, the facility hosted over 55 teams, 700 kids, and nearly 250 games.

The Hunter Road Fields Advisory Committee met quarterly this past year as established practices and policies addressed most of the common usage scenarios. There were relatively few issues requiring repair or maintenance and the facility operated without any major issues.

The Hunter Road Recreation Facility is a valuable asset for the active youth in our community. It has resulted in less pressure on the fields that are owned by RSU5, so the condition of all the playing fields in Freeport has improved. The Hunter Road Fields Advisory Committee is pleased with this success, and we enjoy our work in helping the facility meet the community's needs.

Parking demand increased during 2018 and 2019 because of added usage by many groups and private athletic clubs who praise the condition of our fields. The Committee implemented a short-term parking expansion within existing grassed areas outside of the Blueberry Fields. Longer-term parking expansion plans will be evaluated based on approvals granted by the Maine DEP and the Town during the permitting process in 2012 and 2013.

If you or your organization is interested in reserving the facilities, please contact the Town Hall. Additional information about facility use, policies, rules and fees are available on the Town's website at www.freeportmaine.com

Cost to the median taxpayer

$10

Woolpert Aerial Mapping photo. May 2019

Solid Waste & Recycling

Recycling in the News

In January 2018, China instituted its National Sword policy sending shock waves through the world of recycling. The National Sword policy implemented tolerance restrictions to less than 5 percent of contaminants in recyclables. In other words, recyclable loads with more than 5 percent contamination would be rejected. China was one of the world's largest customers for recycled material and added restrictions that affect wholesalers all around the world, including ecomaine.

The Transfer Station and ecomaine staff continue to educate residents on what can and cannot be recycled. The single-sort compactor at the Transfer Station has shown to have extremely low contamination rates, often less than 1 percent. The Silver Bullet containers around Town, however, had contamination rates reported as high as 35 percent though there has been improvement with the education efforts. The most common contaminates are plastic bags, bubble wrap, padded mailers, shrink wrap and Styrofoam. We regularly observe trash bags containing recyclables and unfortunately, these bags are rejected because they bind the gears and sorting mechanisms at ecomaine. The best practice is to place only loose recyclable materials into the appropriate containers. It is important that everyone educate themselves on what is and is not recyclable. To help with this effort, ecomaine created a webpage titled Recyclopedia to help people determine if an item is recyclable. Recyclopedia can be found on the ecomaine website or by following the link on the Town website under the Recycling / Landfill Facility tab. Residents are encouraged to visit the Town website, ecomaine's Recyclopedia webpage, or ask a Transfer Station staff person for guidance. As a last resort, the adage "when in doubt, throw it out" is the best solution to uncertainty.

Recycling tonnages

Throughout the year, residents recycled 885.96 tons of material, an increase from 768.6 tons during FY 2018. This figure includes material from the four Silver Bullets in Town, the Transfer Station single-sort compactor, and pick-up of residential recyclables by private haulers. Beginning in January of 2019, ecomaine only accepted loads of recyclables with less than 25% contamination. Contaminated loads in excess of 25% are assessed a surcharge which has a direct impact on the operating budget. With this new specification, 67.48 tons of recyclables were collected in Freeport which did not meet the cleanliness level. They were subsequently sent to the incinerator as solid waste making the net recycled tonnage 818.48. Our education and monitoring efforts ensure contamination levels remain low, as much as possible.

Food Scrap Diversion

The food scrap drop-off program at the Transfer Station yielded 28,440 pounds of food scraps, an increase from 27,300 pounds during FY 2018. The food scraps were diverted from ecomaine's incinerators and were taken to the We Compost It facility in Auburn where they were converted into valuable compost. The drop off program, offered at no charge, provides residents an opportunity to reduce their solid waste even if they are unable to compost at home.

Spring Cleanup

In 2019, more residents took advantage of Spring Cleanup than ever before. The record-breaking number of redeemed coupons was 833 compared to 785 in FY 2018 and 771 in FY 2017.

(L-R) Suzanne Duplissis (Site Manager) and Josh Harriman

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Freeport Cable TV3

Thank you to the part time staff here at Freeport Cable TV 3 (FCTV 3). This has been a year of perseverance and learning due to all the changes that occurred involving equipment, software and technology updates. Thank you also to the cable TV subscribers of Freeport. Without you, local cable television services, Video on Demand (VOD) and Live Stream would not be possible.

In 2019 the updating of equipment and technology continued with networked audio controllers. At the end of Fiscal Year 2019 deployment of the replacement VOD and Live Stream was placed into service giving FCTV 3 the ability to have meetings available for viewing much sooner, and in full High Definition. The message board software was replaced allowing automatic updates, up to the minute weather, and enhanced graphics. Today accessing the new service is quick and easy from any computer or smart phone simply by going to fctv3.freeportmaine.com.

Producing your own FCTV 3 programs, regular series, or one-time production, is simple and easy. Or, if you just want to learn how to do it, we can show you how. There is never be any charge for the use of equipment and facilities for the residents of Freeport, and free training is available.

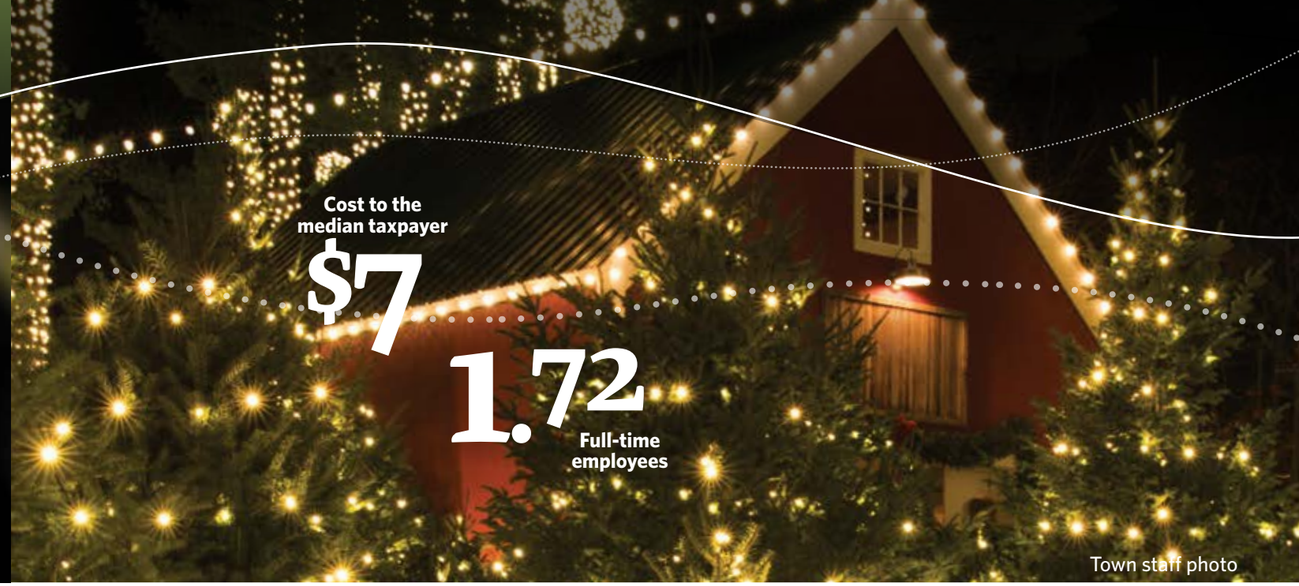
If you have an idea for a locally produced program to be shown on Freeport Cable TV 3 (FCTV 3) please let us know by contacting the Cable TV 3 Department at 865-4743 ext. 114 or rsimard@freeportmaine.com.

To use our quick and easy Video on Demand (VOD) and Live Stream services, please go to fctv3.freeportmaine.com to view meetings online.

Devon Eartha, John Goran, Richard Simard (Cable Director) and Brian Lougee

Meetings and other statistics

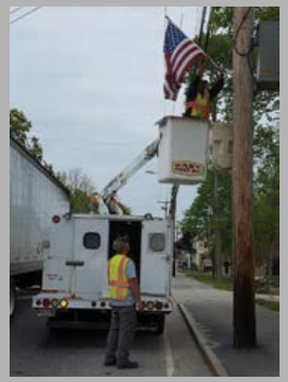
- 25 Town Council meetings were recorded
- Town Council meetings were viewed 1,374 times on VOD
- Town Council workshops were viewed 31 times on VOD
- 10 Project Review Board meetings were recorded
- Project Review Board Meetings were viewed 721 times on VOD
- 9 Planning Board meetings were recorded
- Planning Board meetings were viewed 281 times on VOD
- 13 Other town meetings were recorded
- The Browntail Moth presentation was watched 176 times on VOD
- 2,933 programs were cablecast on FCTV 3
- Meetings were viewed 3,159 times on VOD
- 1,085 hours were spent watching meetings on VOD
- All funding for FCTV 3 is derived from franchise fees paid by cable TV rate payers. No tax dollars are used for the operation and control of FCTV 3.



Town staff photo

Public Works Department

The Public Works Department would like to welcome David Mathieu, as our newest Equipment Operator and Jacob Thoits, as our new Mechanic. The Public Works Department would also like to welcome Shane Gerow as a seasonal wintertime employee shared with RSU5. I would like to compliment our Department for doing an outstanding job on our construction projects, maintenance projects and winter snow removal operations. This winter was a long one with several consecutive snowstorms starting on Nov. 16th and continuing to April 9th. Several storms turned in to rain and ice, causing difficult conditions. Winter was followed by a wet spring and extended posted road season which hampered the start of our yearly construction projects.



Public Works hanging flags on Main Street

Capital Improvement Projects

The final surface pavement was completed on South Freeport Road (from Smelt Brook to Porters Landing). The reconstruction and base pavement of Baker Road (from Cedar Lane to the end of the Town's way) was also done in 2018/19. A roof replacement was done on the Public Works garage and sand shed.

Capital Equipment Purchased

- 2019 Front End Loader
- 2018 Sidewalk Machine

2019 front end loader

Road Paving Projects

The following is a list of roads paved this fiscal year: Snow Road, Old County Road Extension, Ware Road, Buttercup Drive, Daisy Drive and Tulip Avenue. These are pavement overlay projects which are in the Operating Budget.

Road and Street Cross Culvert Replacements

The replacement and upgrade of driveway/drainage culverts is always an ongoing project for our department.

Road and Street Maintenance

Roadside mowing, striping, upgrades and replacement of street signs, street sweeping, catch basin cleaning and drainage maintenance of our town roads are tasks we complete on an annual basis.

Special Projects

The Public Works Department completed the new Elm Street/ Snow Road sidewalk, which connects the Main Street sidewalk to the back of the high school as well as to L.L. Bean's sidewalk on Justin's Way.

Winter Season

The Town had 42 snow storms this year. We used 1,636 yards of road salt, 1,611 yards of winter sand and 21,853 gallons of road surface treatment.

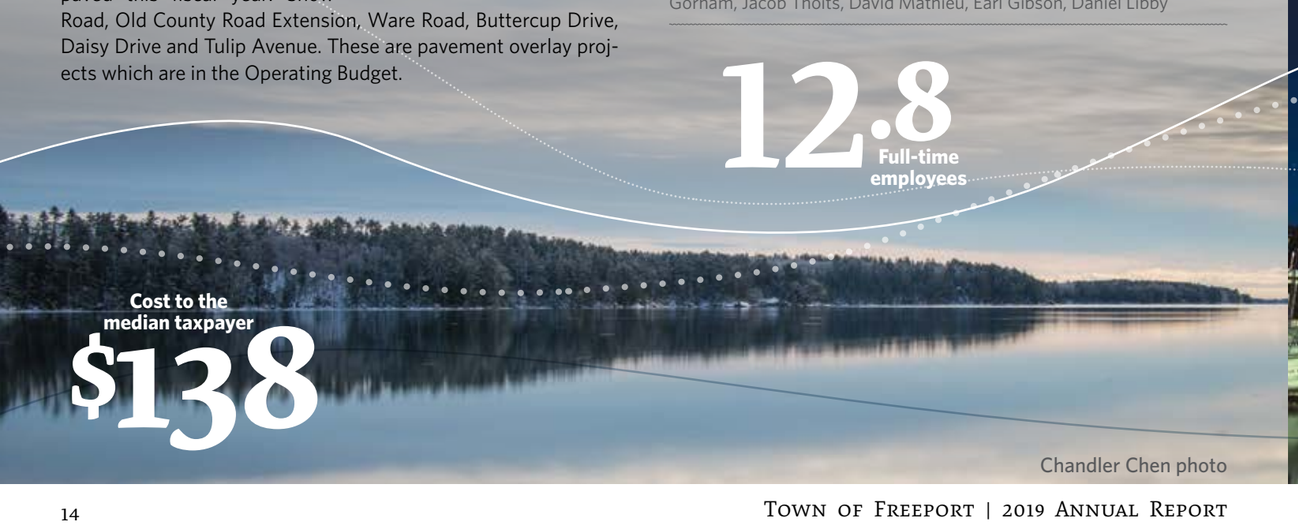
Many thanks to the citizens of Freeport, the Town Council and other Town Departments for their continued support of the Public Works Department!

David Osgood, Quentin Brooks, Jeffrey Goldrup, Tammy Morrissey, Connie Carpenter, Howard Dyer, Robert Bradley, Alan Walsh, Kelly Gorham, Jacob Thoits, David Mathieu, Earl Gibson, Daniel Libby

12.8 Full-time employees

Cost to the median taxpayer

$138



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Finance Department

The Finance Department is dedicated to serving all Freeport citizens and Town departments. The Finance Department is responsible for ensuring funds are budgeted, expensed, and collected accurately and efficiently. We oversee and administer the Town's financial and accounting systems, including the collection and disbursement of all monies for the Town. We are responsible for all property and excise tax collection for 4,500 real-estate property and 500 personal-property accounts, federal and state grants, parking tickets, various permit & license fee collection, and processing vehicle registrations. Other functions of the Department include the weekly payroll processing for the Town's 70 full-time and 75+ part-time employees, paying all of the Town's invoices, and billing for any receivables.

The Town of Freeport accepts debit and credit card payments. For citizen's that wish to use this form of payment, there is an additional fee of $1 for transactions up to $40 or a 2.5% fee for transactions over $40. This charge covers the cost of the processing fees from our third party processor and is collected directly by them at the point of sale. Debit and credit card payments are accepted both online and over the counter, as well as at the Recycling Facility.

The Department is also responsible for all cash reconciliation and investing the Town's funds to ensure proper cash flow and maximum security and liquidity. The Finance Director works closely with the Town Manager on the budget process, and is responsible for the annual estimate of revenue and preparing a balanced budget, in addition to preparing the financial statements and all subsequent notes and schedules. Several important financial statements are located at the end of this annual report. The full financial statements from FY2019 are available at Town Hall or on the Town's website www.freeportmaine.com. The audit was performed by Runyon Kersteen Ouellette of South Portland, Maine.

(Front Row) Diane Hutchinson, Jessica Maloy (Finance Director), Gail Pinard (Back Row) Todd Reynolds and Debra Reeder

For FY2019, the Finance Department issued 5,021 tax bills, completed 11,784 vehicle registrations, and processed 2,824 accounts payable checks.

Many of the services we offer, including re-registrations for automobiles, trailers, ATVs, snowmobiles and boats can be done online; please visit our website at www.freeportmaine.com.

If any member of the public has questions regarding the Finance Department, please call Finance Director Jessica Maloy at 865-4743 ext 115.

Important Tax Info

- Freeport's tax year starts July 1 each year and ends June 30 the following year.
- If you have recently purchased or sold property in the Town of Freeport, please notify the Assessor's Office and the Finance Office with the correct name, address, & mortgage holder(s) so that tax bills may be sent to the proper person(s).
- Please direct any questions about the valuation of your property to the Assessor's Office.

5 Full-time employees

Cost to the median taxpayer

$35

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Outstanding Taxes

Real Estate

Property Owner	Property ID	Total Due
2017		
GEROW, SUSAN B & GROSE, LELANI V	021018001000	$1,057.21
NORTON, JOYCE E	022020000000	$340.53
2018		
46 MALLETT DRIVE LLC	012037000000	$3.01
BAKER, GARY L	01804200B000	$1,661.20
BE HOSPITABLE LLC	025009000000	$24,546.04
BENWAY, C DAYTON & TYLER, CATHRYN	01703700F000	$1,208.76
BERNIER, IVY S & JOSEPH G	01705100A000	$1,182.27
BISSON JR, JEAN PAUL	01802100A000	$1,153.22
BOLDUC DAVID	01802900B000	$1,103.84
BOLDUC, DAVID	01802900A000	$830.73
BOLDUC, DAVID A	018025000000	$998.91
BOLDUC, DAVID A	01802600A000	$1,100.75
BOLDUC, DAVID A	018029000000	$3,282.59
BOLDUC, DAVID A	01804900G000	$1,279.74
BOLDUC, DAVID A	018056000000	$3,097.43
BREWER, SCOTT S	01905300B000	$3,066.56
CARNEY, PATRICIA E	02108600B000	$541.08
CHABOT, CONNIE V	01907600J000	$1,356.89
CLIFFORD, PHILIP P	05A002000000	$522.12
CLIFFORD, PHILIP P	05A007000000	$5,348.70
CLIFFORD, SUSAN F	02108000A000	$1,498.85
CLIFFORD, SUSAN F, PR	021080000000	$3,527.94
COLLINS, ROBERT EDWARD PR	022060000000	$2,622.18
CORDICE, PATRICIA A	02000200F000	$0.82
CRONE, GARY R	02108800C000	$1,839.16
CURIT SR, ROBERT E	01707700C000	$3,674.51
D A B INC	018026000000	$4,912.03
DEHAHN, LAWRENCE & JUDY, HEIRS OF	020059000000	$2,119.90
DURAND, CHARLES L	01702300A000	$1,517.37
FP CAFE INC	025009001000	$4,034.05
FRASER, CYNTHIA & TEMPLE, EDWARD	81702800C0-5	$0.46
GALLI, JUTTA & ARTHUR	02102500B000	$1,765.80
GEROW, SUSAN B & GROSE, LELANI V	021018001000	$1,020.52
GILBODY, DAVID & MICHELE	008008000000	$59.75
GILBODY, DAVID & MICHELE	008010000000	$60.13
GILLIAM, MICHAEL L	02102100B000	$2,443.19
GOLDRUP, KAREN E	02200800C000	$1,783.29
HART, BRENDA, PR	02102000B000	$1,207.76
INVESTMENT PROPERTIES LLC	011090001000	$2,342.90
JAMES BURGESS INC	018043000000	$4,879.63
KENNEY, RICHARD & LOLITA	01703300A000	$1,221.11
MAINES, GENEVA R	01800200A000	$320.86
MCCARTHY, ELAINE	02203100C000	$2,108.35
MOORE, LOIS ANN	01805300C000	$1,224.20
NINGUMIRIZE, LUC-ARMAND & NIZE, LEEN K	018031000000	$236.66
NORTON, JOYCE E	01804200I000	$1,164.02
NORTON, JOYCE E	022020000000	$2,893.75
OBRIEN, SEAN P	01401400A000	$302.16
PEAVEY, JULIE A	01703100A000	$1,802.83
PLUMMER, CAROL	001020000000	$7,789.77
PROFENNO, SCOTT	01804900P000	$997.37
PUSHARD, BRIAN	021092000000	$242.83
PUSHARD, BRIAN L	021093001000	$1,455.65
PUSHARD, WILLIAM L, HEIRS OF	008005000000	$1,481.89
PUSHARD, WILLIAM L, HEIRS OF	008006000000	$2,171.61
RATHEAU, YALI T	01904400A000	$3,254.81
ROMAC, CHRISTOPHER W	018070030000	$1,976.39
SAWYER, BRUCE R	02600300B004	$1,542.13
SCOTT, LAWRENCE	825063011000	$441.89
SKIFFINGTON, DEIRDRE & MOGAVERO, JEN PR	023016000000	$1,747.72
SOULE, MICHAEL D & BILLIE M	01809600A000	$646.76
SULLIVAN, MARTINA	001030000000	$104.55
SWIFT, NOEL J & REBECCA K	01601200B000	$525.96
TOWLE, WILLIAM	825063010000	$301.46
TYLER, CATHRYN	01703700G000	$1,449.48
VICKERSON III, RANDALL A	01907600F000	$886.28
WHITEHOUSE, NIDENA E	02008200D000	$1,375.25
WILLIAMS, WARREN C JR	021003002000	$1,983.37
2019		
46 MALLETT DRIVE LLC	012037000000	$5,234.39
8 VARNEY LLC	02305600A000	$8,114.96
ALLEN, ANDREW L	005128000000	$1.12
ARGEREOW, DAVID W & PAMELA G	019024007000	$5,519.66
BAIRD LANDING DEVELOPMENT LLC	017076000CM1	$36.12
BAIRD LANDING DEVELOPMENT LLC	017076002000	$2,054.33
BAKER, GARY L	01804200B000	$2,031.75
BB ROYAL LLC	013001001000	$458.44
BE HOSPITABLE LLC	025009000000	$32,518.54
BENNETT, RANDALL SCOTT, PR	02502300A000	$1,668.91
BENWAY, C DAYTON & TYLER, CATHRYN	01703700F000	$1,148.32
BERNIER, IVY S & JOSEPH G	01705100A000	$3,553.31
BISSON JR, JEAN PAUL	01802100A000	$1,094.14
BLACKWELL, MARIAN & DAVID C	02007500G000	$0.26
BOLDUC, DAVID	01802900A000	$769.06

Real Estate, continued

Property Owner	Property ID	Total Due
BOLDUC, DAVID	01802900B000	$1,042.97
BOLDUC, DAVID A	018025000000	$942.13
BOLDUC, DAVID A	01802600A000	$1,041.46
BOLDUC, DAVID A	01804900G000	$1,220.56
BOLDUC, DAVID A	018056000000	$2,963.35
BOLDUC, DAVID A	018029000000	$3,267.36
BOMBAY HOSPITALITY LLC	02202900D000	$32,503.48
BOWMAN, THOMAS E	014005000000	$6,051.61
BOYKO, JAMES G	0BB033000000	$0.01
BREWER, BRADLEY & PACKARD, BEVERLY	021098000000	$466.55
BREWER, DANIEL	017088000000	$2,383.17
BREWER, SCOTT S	01905300B000	$3,047.63
BREWER, SCOTT S	019053000000	$2,097.14
BRIGGS, LOGAN	029013000000	$1,377.72
BROBERG, STEPHEN F, PARTY IN POSSESSION	825063006000	$379.26
BROCHU, JOSEPH	817028F-N011	$270.90
BROWN, RICHARD K	012045000000	$1,321.45
BUILDING SYSTEMS LLC	017033000000	$3.94
CAMPBELL, DAVID L	009008000000	$2,722.55
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CARPE DIEM PROPERTIES LLC	02000200B000	$754.76
CASCO BAY TRADING POST 1 LLC	025004000000	$1.26
CASH, WILLIAM & CATHY	01703900D000	$1.85
CHABOT, CONNIE V	01907600J000	$1,297.31
CHANEY, JODI	82008200D000	$693.81
CHEER UP INC	01706100A000	$1,943.81
CIGRI PROPERTIES LLC	009002000000	$664.05
CIGRI PROPERTIES LLC	009002001000	$1,207.97
CIGRI PROPERTIES LLC	011099000000	$3,811.41
CIGRI, TINA & LAURA L	009002002000	$2,355.98
CLARK, KEVIN C	003028ETC000	$7,849.01
CLIFFORD, PHILIP P	05A002000000	$462.04
CLIFFORD, PHILIP P	05A003000000	$6,065.15
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COFFIN, WALTER J	019068000000	$1,799.23
COLLINS, ROBERT EDWARD PR	022060000000	$2,581.08
CORDICE, PATRICIA A	02000200F000	$881.93
CORLISS, RAYMOND H	017034010000	$2,024.23
CORLISS, RAYMOND H	018090000000	$2,371.88
CORO, MELANIE	817028F-N028	$2.15
CRAWFORD, STEVEN J	022019000000	$1,801.49
CREMONESE, ANTHONY W	022062000000	$3,262.09
CROCKER, ROBERT L	017081000000	$1.20
CRONE, DONALD	018052000000	$608.02
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CROWLEY, DAVID S	029008000000	$65.63
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D A B INC	018026000000	$4,734.73
DAISY, WILLIAM E	05A071000000	$15.01
DEHAHN, LAWRENCE & JUDY, HEIRS OF	020059000000	$2,129.58
DENNIS I PROCTOR SR LIVING TRUST	01708800A000	$2,955.82
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DOANE, DONNA M	018019000000	$1,294.97
DODGE, MARK L & GEORGENE E	01808300F000	$2,712.01
DORSEY, MARK M & VICTORIA E	023009000000	$4,512.74
DUBE, GLEN E	017013002003	$912.03
DUBE, GLEN E	017013002006	$881.93
DUFFY, MICHAEL T	03001100M000	$2,924.22
DURAND, CHARLES L	01702300A000	$1,467.38
E&R MAINE PROPERTIES LLC &	013032000000	$3.82
ENGLISH, SANDRA ANN	825063005000	$531.27
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FAULKNER, CAROLINE & KEARNS, JOHN	01809000L000	$1,484.24
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FP CAFE INC	025009001000	$3,878.39
FRASER, CYNTHIA & TEMPLE, EDWARD	81702800C0-5	$359.70
GALLI, JUTTA & ARTHUR	02102500B000	$1,705.17
GARREC, JEAN M	02405400A000	$3.24
GEROW, SUSAN B & GROSE, LELANI V	021018001000	$970.73
GILBODY, DAVID & MICHELE	008008000000	$288.96
GILBODY, DAVID & MICHELE	008010000000	$340.13
GILLIAM, MICHAEL L	02102100B000	$2,386.93
GIORAF LLC	02504100B004	$85.24
GIORAF LLC	02504100B009	$17,217.87
GIORAF LLC	02504100B014	$196.18
GIORAF LLC	02504100B015	$46.02
GOLDRUP, KAREN E	02200800C000	$1,834.60
GOOCH, TIMOTHY	012057000000	$3,934.07
GRAY, TIMOTHY	02601300B001	$118.38

Outstanding Taxes, continued

Real Estate, continued

Property Owner	Property ID	Total Due
GREENE, ROBERT W	022038000000	$3.41
HART, BRENDA, PR	02102000B000	$1,353.00
HATCHER, JACK H	026012010000	$9.97
HELDENBRAND, CHRISTINA B & KEITH	02502200D000	$6,984.86
HMP PROPERTIES LLC	01803500A000	$7.74
HOWARD, MICHAEL A & JAMES A	022059000000	$1,178.64
INTRAVERSATO, DAVID A	027009RST000	$1,440.35
INVESTMENT PROPERTIES LLC	011090001000	$4,266.68
ISLAND ROVER FOUNDATION	005015000000	$682.52
ISLAND ROVER FOUNDATION	005030000000	$261.87
ISLAND ROVER FOUNDATION	005031000000	$534.27
ISLAND VIEW HOLDINGS LLC	01702800C008	$2.64
JACKSON, HEATHER	01708400B001	$4,633.89
JACKSON, MARY ELIZABETH	05A06400C000	$7,236.04
JAMES BURGESS INC	018043000000	$4,727.21
JKTHELEN ENTERPRISES LLC	017034002000	$1,114.45
JOHNSON, CHARLES E	0BA057000000	$1,375.57
JUNKINS, MATTHEW TYLER	01907700A000	$784.10
KELSH, DAVID B	017084002000	$1,000.00
KENNEDY JR, JOSEPH A	02602200B000	$83.84
KENNEY, RICHARD & LOLITA	01703300A000	$1,160.36
LAMBERT, JOHN D	01704200A000	$10.91
LAROCHE, KEVEN R	021059000000	$1,732.31
LEAVITT-GARREC, LAURIE	004022000000	$3,662.96
LEDUC-KUNTZ, GINA	01804900N000	$1,000.83
LEIGHTON, PORTER D	01309500A000	$4,530.05
LERMOND, ROBERT	026034000000	$1,995.45
LIBBY, KENNETH R	001018000000	$3,268.11
LIBBY, MARK S & CYNTHIA G	017017000000	$1.93
LOWELL, JACOB R & ELIZABETH H	02407300B000	$2.05
LUMLEY, ANDREW PR	05A044000000	$4,729.97
LUX LLC	018070021000	$154.18
LUX LLC	01304800B000	$1,989.59
LY, CUONG C	01700400B001	$3,466.01
MAINES, GENEVA R	01800200A000	$1,137.78
MAINES, GENEVA R	01800200C000	$2,417.03
MARTIN, NEIL B	017047000000	$6,539.23
MATTSON, JEANNE M	02007100A000	$10,163.27
MCCARTHY, ELAINE	02203100C000	$2,066.37
MCKENZIE, PATRICIA	017075002000	$2.89
MCKENZIE, PATRICIA	017075005000	$14.28
MILHOLLAND, PETER B	01500500A000	$2,119.04
MOORE, LOIS ANN	01805300C000	$1,172.40
MORGAN, ERIKA	0BC00T000000	$1.67
MORGAN, ERIKA	0BD03300B000	$4.37
NICKERSON, NIKI & CHAD	825063011000	$84.28
NINGUMIRIZE, LUC-ARMAND & NIZE, LEEN K	018031000000	$179.10
NOETZEL, CHRISTOPHER E	021042000000	$520.76
NORTON, JOYCE E, HEIRS OF	018042001000	$1,119.72
NORTON, JOYCE E, PARTY IN POSSESSION	022020000000	$2,858.00
NOVICKI, CARMEN G & MATTHEW A	02201300F000	$1.14
OBRIEN, SEAN P	01401400A000	$3,306.49
PALMER, BENJAMIN I	002066000000	$5,349.53
PATHIAKIS, STELLA	005120000000	$1,330.42
PATHIAKIS, STELLA	00512800C000	$2,075.40
PATHIAKIS, STELLA	00512800E000	$358.19
PATRICIA C ROBERTS FAMILY TRUST	01900800A000	$19.42
PEAVEY, JULIE A	01703100A000	$1,771.39
PENDEXTER, DAVID H & JENNIFER L	017075003000	$750.56
PETERS, JEFFREY T	013018000000	$25.05
PLUMMER, CAROL	001020000000	$8,142.05
POPE, CHRISTOPHER J & JENNIFER	023094000000	$2.15
PORTER, LEWIS	022055001000	$141.47
POSITIVE DEVELOP MAINE LLC	023057000000	$1.73
PRAVER, JOSHUA	01706700B000	$1,807.00
PROFENNO, SCOTT	01804900P000	$638.12
PUCKETT, BONNIE JEAN	01707900D000	$1,644.85
PUSHARD, BRIAN	021092000000	$185.12
PUSHARD, BRIAN L	021093001000	$1,395.14
PUSHARD, WILLIAM L, HEIRS OF	008005000000	$1,416.21
PUSHARD, WILLIAM L, HEIRS OF	008006000000	$2,135.60
RAND, DAVID	010010000000	$1,706.24
RATHEAU, YALI T	01904400A000	$3,231.24
RAY, ALICE PR	02108600B000	$2,409.51
RAY, ALLYSON	00202600B000	$8,762.11
RICE, SUSAN B	02203800A000	$4.57
ROMAC, CHRISTOPHER W	018070030000	$1,905.33
ROWE, CHARLES F	022049000000	$1,465.12
RUMERY, JEREMIAH	018048000000	$1,398.15
SAUNDERS, BENJAMIN H	002058000000	$15.98
SAWYER, BRUCE R	02600300B004	$3,053.65
SCAMMON JR, ROBERT P & WENDY L	010001000000	$3,063.43
SCHAEFER, ARTHUR & TYLA	02008600A000	$15.65
SCHIFFER, SARAH KATHERINE	825063009000	$45.15
SCLAR, ZACHARY E	021077005000	$4.56

Real Estate, continued

Property Owner	Property ID	Total Due
SEYMOUR, EDITH D & GEORGE T	021019002000	$951.31
SEYMOUR, PAUL J	017085001000	$2,702.98
SEYMOUR, TONI J	01703900B000	$637.47
SHETTERLY, CAITLIN & DAVIS, DANIEL	020040000000	$4,513.08
SKIFFINGTON, DEIRDRE & MOGAVERO, JEN PR	023016000000	$3,782.07
SKIFFINGTON, ENID CARLA	023017000000	$42.14
SMITH, CHARLES M	002020000000	$1.66
SMITH, OLIN M & ARNO, KATHERINE	018082000000	$4.85
SOULE, MICHAEL D & BILLIE M	01809600A000	$1,729.25
SOUTH FREEPORT LAND CO LLC	002086000000	$1.53
ST HILAIRE, NOELLE	002084000000	$5,432.30
STAPLES, LORI L	017010001000	$3.94
STEPHEN B BENESON LIVING TRUST	023007000000	$1,950.88
SULLIVAN, MARTINA	001030000000	$4,135.74
SWIFT, NOEL J & REBECCA K	01601200B000	$2,609.67
SWIFT, REBECCA K	02105200D000	$2,833.16
TAKACS, TINA E	00900600B036	$1,675.07
TAYLOR, STEPHEN D	01701600D000	$2,303.50
THE BUZZ LLC	02504100B003	$12,538.41
TOOTHAKER, ELIZABETH M & SHEA, MICHAEL	018060002000	$1,064.04
TURRO, CHARLES & ELIZABETH	825063026000	$100.32
TYLER, CATHRYN	01703700G000	$1,396.64
VANDERMAST, ERNEST W & JOANNE	02007600A001	$1.98
VICKERSON III, RANDALL A	01907600F000	$833.77
WAPPLER, PETER R	01905400D000	$8,899.07
WARREN, PETER D	025027000000	$4.64
WARREN, PETER D	025028000000	$2.80
WHITEHOUSE, NIDENA E & CHANEY, JODI	02008200D000	$2,712.01
WHITTEN, DAVID N	05A023000000	$4,396.10
WILLETT, BLAKE	02504100B016	$5,233.17
WILLIAMS, WARREN C JR	021003002000	$1,917.37
WINDING RIDGE SUBDVN HOMEOWNERS ASSOC	017013002CM1	$118.90
WINSHIP, DANIEL L	01805300B000	$813.41
WINTER HILL FARM LLC	017035000000	$1,303.33
WINTER HILL FARM LLC	01703600A000	$5,979.37
YOST, R GREG	018062017000	$3,525.46

Personal Property

Property Owner	Property ID	Total Due
2011		
SEYMOUR EXCAVATING INC	333	$854.98
2012		
SEYMOUR EXCAVATING INC	333	$1,169.79
2013		
HENDRICKS, JAMES A DC	667	$815.02
SEYMOUR EXCAVATING INC	333	$1,772.12
2014		
HENDRICKS, JAMES A DC	667	$756.50
SEYMOUR EXCAVATING INC	333	$1,710.67
2015		
HENDRICKS, JAMES A DC	667	$151.49
SEYMOUR EXCAVATING INC	333	$667.85
2016		
HENDRICKS, JAMES A DC	667	$161.58
SEYMOUR EXCAVATING INC	333	$658.56
2017		
HENDRICKS, JAMES A DC	667	$128.74
2018		
BE HOSPITABLE LLC	159	$3,479.39
BRINK, COLLEEN	1210	$41.44
DAB USED AUTO SALES INC	13	$281.05
FREEPORT INTEGRATED HEALTH CTR PA	667	$122.26
HALDEMAN, JOHN GORDON	1018	$92.39
2019		
BE HOSPITABLE LLC	159	$4,768.40
BRINK, COLLEEN	1210	$38.66
BRODEUR, KELLY & SCOTT	1317	$234.84
CRICKET HUNT SCHOOL LLC	820	$31.20
CRONIN, SARAH & NIKITINA, NATALYA	1338	$17.73
DAB USED AUTO SALES INC	13	$277.22
FP CAFE INC	1312	$1,266.30
FREEPORT CAFE INC	409	$1,968.78
FREEPORT INTEGRATED HEALTH CTR PA	667	$115.12
FROSTYS DONUTS LLC	1204	$46.52
GUIMOND, KENNETH L	837	$17.04
HALDEMAN, JOHN GORDON	1018	$131.82
HARRIS GOLF INC	160	$396.12
HINCKAGUM LLC	1269	$1,976.82
IDS CORPORATION	1357	$744.98
KHANTHASY, KHONE	476	$140.87
MARTIN, NEIL	187	$54.18
PETERS, JEFF	1013	$45.14
POWER ENGINEERS INC	1086	$1,681.12
POWERS & FRENCH PA	305	$37.91
RINGS MARINE SERVICE INC	318	$3.06
SEYMOUR EXCAVATING INC	333	$289.05
VF OUTDOOR INC	462	$2.48
WNEK, CHRIS DDS	158	$651.53
ZORSKI, KEVIN C DO	514	$28.94

Tax Assessor

The Town Assessor is an agent of the State, and is charged by law with valuing property for the purpose of taxation. To raise funds for the budget approved by the Town Council, the Assessor prepares a taxable valuation list of all properties, then commits the assessments to the Town Tax Collector for collection. The Assessing Office then reports its activities for the year to the Property Tax Division of Maine Revenue Services, which audits the work.

Valuation History

This Office conducted an update of valuations in 2002 and 2006 to bring assessments more in line with the market and to help restore equity. Subsequently, the national real estate market softened. As a consequence, this Office cut back valuations by applying a factor of .85 for assessments as of April 1, 2010. Owing to the market's recovery, the town has implemented market updates effective April 1, 2014, 2016, 2017, and 2018. The real estate market remains very active in this low interest rate environment. The town now certifies a 100% assessment ratio with Maine Revenue Services for this year, however prices appear to continue their ascent.

Valuations committed on September 18, 2018:

Taxable Real Estate	$1,699,276,850
Taxable Personal Property	$67,956,607
Total taxable valuation	**$1,767,233,457**

Tax Rate

The tax rate has stayed fairly steady over the past several years. The FY 2019 rate was $15.05

Homestead Exemption

If you owned a home in Maine for 12 months prior to April 1, you may apply for this program. If eligible, one's property valuation was reduced by $20,000. Forms are available at the Tax Assessor's office and on the Town's website at www.freeportmaine.com. If you have already applied, there is no need to reapply.

Veteran's Exemption

A property owner may obtain a reduction in the valuation of their property up to $6,000 if they are a veteran who was not dishonorably discharged and is over 62, or is an un-remarried widow/widower of a qualifying veteran. If the veteran is under 62 but is 100% disabled due to a service-connected disability, he/she might likewise qualify. Applications for these exemptions are available in the Assessor's Office, and on our website at www.freeportmaine.com.

(L-R) Robert Konzcal , Assessor, Louise Thibeault , Assistant Assessor

Important Notice

The State offers a refundable Property Tax Fairness Credit that can be claimed on the Maine Individual Income Tax Form. The credit became available beginning in January 2014 on the Maine Individual Income Tax Form 1040ME. A worksheet is included with Form 1040ME to help you figure out the amount of the credit. Forms can be downloaded from the Maine Revenue Services web site at: http://www.maine.gov/revenue/forms. You may also call 207-624-7894 to request that a form be mailed to you.

Miscellaneous

This Office also coordinates the Town tax maps, E911 addressing, and acts as the Town's Census liaison.

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Codes Enforcement

During this fiscal year, the Code Enforcement Department continued to educate and enforce the Town Ordinances for residents, contractors, and other related parties.

Staff

The Department is staffed by a single person who acts as the Codes Enforcement Officer, Building, Electrical and Plumbing Inspector. There were eight hundred and fourteen (814) inspections conducted for FY19.

Permits and Revenue

The main source of revenue for the Department is through the permitting process. Permits are required for several different Land Use Activities; the most common permits include Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Sign and Food Trucks. The estimated cost of work of all building permits for FY19 was approximately $26,300,000. Below is a list of the permits issued and the revenues for FY19.

Permit Type	Total	Revenue Type	Total
Building Permits	261	Building Permit Fees	$138,097.00
Electrical Permits	275	Electrical Permit Fees	$27,889.00
Plumbing Permits	206	Plumbing Permit Fees	$30,758.00
Sign Permits	22	Sign Permit Fees	$5,398.00
Temporary Activity	17	Temp. Activity Fees	$475.00
Food Truck	47	Food Truck Fees	$2,130.00
Total Permits	**828**	**Total Revenue**	**$204,747.00**

Building Permit Types

There were two hundred twenty-five (225) residential permits issued and thirty-six (36) commercial permits for fiscal year 2019. The number of residential dwelling units was down from the Town average of fifty-four (54) units per year. Thirty-four (34) permits were issued for single-family houses; four (4) permits were issued for accessory apartments and three (3) permits were issued for duplexes, bringing the total number of dwelling units for the year to forty-four (44) units.

Commercial Construction Permits

Of the thirty-six (36) commercial permits issued, several were for remodel/interior alterations. Some of the larger permits were for the following:

- Patagonia, 100 Main Street
- Under Armor, 66 Main Street
- James and Whitney Construction, 220 Main Street
- LL Bean Double L Building, 1 Casco Street
- Maine Beer, 525 US Route One
- Criterium Engineering and Cadenza, 5 Depot Street
- Veterinary Quick Care, 200 Lower Main Street
- Stars and Stripes Brewery, 8 Varney Road

Nicholas Adams, Code Enforcement Officer

Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals had an average year for requests. The Board held six (6) meetings/hearings and there were eight (8) setback reduction/variance requests and one (1) administrative appeal.

Fiscal Year 2020

There will be changes to the mandatory Shoreland Zoning regulations within the Zoning Ordinance and the State is in the process of adopting and amending the 2015/2018 editions of the building, energy, fire, life safety, ventilation and plumbing codes/standards. Remember to check with the Department to confirm which edition of a code or standard the Town is enforcing.

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Planning Department

The Planning Department serves many functions for the Town of Freeport, including providing staff assistance to the Planning Board, Project Review Board, Active Living Committee and other municipal committees on an as needed basis. The Department has also been involved in writing and administering grants, overseeing energy consumption for town-owned buildings, and completing other special projects. Staff is always available to help residents and business owners understand municipal ordinances and how they pertain to the community and individual properties.

The Planning Board conducts both short-term and long-range planning for the community. Topics can come to the Board in different ways; they can be initiated by the Board, the Town Council or applicants. The Board discussed many Ordinance amendments this year, with a significant amount of time discussing the parking requirements in the Village Commercial I District. The recommendation to the Council was to clarify and lower the parking requirement (for shared parking) while bringing non-conforming properties more quickly into conformance with the new requirement. The Board began discussing updates to the vision of the 2011 Freeport Comprehensive Plan, possible standards for a parking lot redevelopment overlay district in the village and held a public hearing for State mandated changes to Shoreland Zoning. The Board also reviewed the limitations for overhead doors in the Commercial I Zoning District and made a recommendation to the Town Council to remove the limit on the number of overhead doors, while suggesting standards to soften the appearance of the doors with landscaping in the front setback.

Donna Larson, Town Planner

Caroline Pelletier, Assistant to the Town Planner

The Planning Board also reviewed a number of applicant-initiated applications for Zoning Ordinance amendments including changes to the Island District, permitting car washes in the Commercial I District, and adding the permitted use of boatyard to the MD-A /MD-B District on Route One North. The Board began discussion on an application to add a new use and standards for Commercial Open Space Subdivisions which were proposed to be permitted in the Commercial I-IV Zoning District. It is anticipated that discussion will continue in the coming fiscal year.

The Project Review Board reviews all development proposals for the Town of Freeport. This includes applications for Site Plan Review, Subdivision Review and/or Design Review. During the past fiscal year, the Board saw an increase in the number and complexity of applications. The Board reviewed an increased number of subdivision applications; including both residential and two commercial subdivision projects (both of which were in the Commercial I District). The Board also reviewed many Site Plan applications, mostly within the Route One Corridor. Some of the larger Site Plan projects included the Casco Bay Ford – Truck Facility, Hopewell Health Center, and DogHouse Energy Services. The Board also granted extensions and/or renewals for previously approved projects at Freeport Veterinary Clinic (parking lot expansion) and for the Freeport Heights Retirement Community on Old County Road.

The Staff Review Board reviews smaller development proposals. This Board was created to help expedite the review and approval of smaller commercial expansions and new business proposals. In the past year, the Board also reviewed an increased number of applications, although they continued to be mostly change of uses with a few minor site plan amendments.

The Planning Department continued to be involved in the Town's LED street light conversion project; the actual installation of new lighting fixtures was completed this year. In addition, the Department was involved in the installation of heat pumps throughout the Town Office. The Department is always looking for ways to decrease energy consumption and increase the use of renewable energy resources.

In late winter/early spring, both the Planning Board and Project Review Board had changes in Board members. Wendyll Caisse and Clifford Goodall, both long-time Board chairpersons, moved on from their assignments on each of the Boards. We thank them both for their years of volunteer service to the Town of Freeport.

At the end of March, long-time Freeport Town Planner, Donna Larson resigned from her position. She was instrumental in many changes over her 19 years with the Town of Freeport and we thank her for her time and dedication to make Freeport a great place to live, work and visit. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors!

Cost to the median taxpayer

$13

2 **Full-time employees**

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Cumberland County

The calendar year 2019 County tax for the Town of Freeport was $1,192,404. For this amount, Cumberland County provides the Town of Freeport services such as Cumberland County Jail, Sheriff, District Attorney, Probate Office, Registry of Deeds, Regional Communications Center, and Emergency Management Agency. In 2019, Commissioner Stephen Gorden represented District 3, which includes the Town of Freeport, as a chief elected official of the County.

For the 5th year running Freeport again had valuation increases above the norm for the county. Overall valuation increased 6.45% countywide, and Freeport was 9.0%. As a result, their taxes went up 7.52%, greater than the 4.99% countywide average. In 2009, the Town of Freeport represented 3.7% of the overall countywide property valuation. In 2014, Freeport had dropped to 3.5%. As a result of the past 5 years of growth, Freeport now sits back at 3.7% of overall countywide valuation in 2019.

Maine Cumberland County

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Freeport Police Personnel
Susan B. Nourse, Chief
Nathaniel Goodman, Lieutenant
John Perrino, Sgt. (retired March 2019)
Paul Powers, Sergeant
Matthew Moorhouse, K9, Sergeant
(promoted March 2019)
Michael K. McManus, School Resource Officer
Gino Bianchini, Detective
Thomas Gabbard, Officer
Keith Norris, Officer
Malcolm Marshall, Officer
Beck Kavanaugh, Officer
William Brown IV, Officer
Steven Milton, Officer
Jonathan Edwards, Officer (resigned October 2018)
Emily Lopez, Officer (hired April 2019)
Jason O'Toole, Officer (hired May 2019)
Charles Tetreau, Harbor Master/Marine Resource Conservation Officer
Jason Bartlett, Officer
Joshua Nalbandian, Officer
Gabrielle Tilton, Clerk
Amy O'Neil, Clerk
Mary Hambley, Receptionist

Police fingerprinting at Public Safety Open House 2019

Cost to the median taxpayer
$119

79 **Full-time employees, including local public safety reception, not including Brunswick dispatch**

Police Department

Commendation for Valor

In April of 2019, Officer Gabbard's quick assessment and life-saving actions stopped a citizen from jumping off a bridge over Interstate 295.

Sgt. Moorhouse and Cassie

2019 Statistics:
- 5 demonstrations
- 5 article searches
- 2 building searches
- 11 narcotics searches
- 10 tracks
- Public Safety Open House

Officer Cassie

2019 Activity

Calls for Service . . 8,806
Crashes. 292
Traffic Contacts 1,911
Arrests 289

Chief Nourse and Officer Moorhouse

Freeport Police vehicle at Lower Flying Point

Fire Rescue Department

Charles Jordan, Fire Rescue Chief

It is with great pleasure that I report to you on the activities of your Fire Rescue Department for FY19. It is our privilege to provide around-the-clock fire, rescue, and emergency medical services (EMS) coverage to the community. By way of organization, our on-duty providers are cross-trained as firefighters and EMS providers, with coverage to the paramedic level. During FY19, the Freeport Fire Rescue Department answered 1,744 calls for service inclusive of medical calls, fires, automatic alarms, motor vehicle accidents, and varied other emergencies. During this period, the Department responded to 32 reported fires, resulting in property loss of $16,000. In addition to the responses noted above, your Fire Rescue Department completed 220 revenue-generating, inter-facility medical transfers. These provide some financial offset to the Department's impact on the general fund. The Department conducted numerous inspections and provided advice in Life Safety Code compliance with the professional assistance of Codes Enforcement Officer Nick Adams. The medical billing staff has continued their great work in assuring the maximum collection of monies for services rendered. Their reputation allowed us to pick up the City of Rockland's account, going forward, with no additional staffing.

For FY19, Department members participated in several hundred hours of training covering Bureau of Labor Standards (BLS) required topics and real-world programs touching on engine and ladder company operations, CPR, incident command, fire service hydraulics, etc. In addition to fire training, an EMS provider must obtain Continuing Education Hours (CEH) in a variety of subject areas during their three-year licensure period. Specifically, an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) must obtain 52 hours of CEH training, an Advanced EMT must obtain 56 hours of CEH training, and a Paramedic must obtain 72 hours of CEH training.

It has again been my pleasure to witness the dedication and professionalism as our members continue to improve their skills to better serve the citizens of, and visitors to, Freeport.

Your generosity during the 2019 fundraising appeal has been earmarked for the purchase of equipment which will allow us to better mitigate Mass Casualty Incidents (MCIs). While we do not want to think this can occur in our community, the lessons learned from responses to many of these tragic, large-scale events in other locales require that we gain the capabilities to provide service on par with any agency. Our MCI plan has been fully developed but now needs to be exercised. We will use dedicated Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) monies from the 2017 October/November windstorm to fund these drills. FY19 saw some progress made toward completion of the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), but more still needs to be done. Moving forward I have asked Deputy Chief Paul Conley to assist me in shepherding the EOP along.

I wish to end by thanking you, the citizens, the Town Council and town staff for your continued support of Freeport Fire Rescue and. As your Fire Chief, I hope you will utilize me as the link to the services provided by your Fire Rescue Department. I may be reached by telephone at 865-3421 or by e-mail at cjordan@freeportmaine.com, but I encourage you to stop by the Public Safety building at 4 Main Street for a tour or to discuss any fire or rescue related matter.

We are available to provide CPR training to groups and organizations. For more information, please call Chief Jordan at 865-3421.

Cost to the median taxpayer
$119

18.5 **Full-time emergency-services employees**

8.5 **Full-time non-emergency-services employees**

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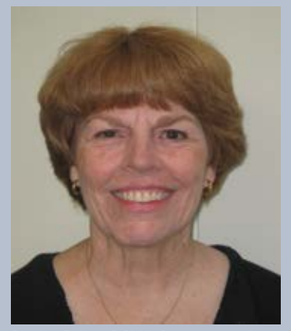
RSU5 Superintendent of Schools

We want to thank all residents for the passage of our current budget. This was the third time since the formation of the RSU that all three towns passed the budget. The adopted budget for 2019-20 is $34,192,295. This budget adds some needed support positions, as well as an increase for nursing at Freeport Middle School, expansion of the Pre-K program at Morse Street School, and additional classes due to enrollment numbers throughout the District.

We are grateful for the individuals willing to volunteer and serve on the RSU5 Board of Directors. In 2018/19, Board members representing Durham were Candace deCsipkes, Jen Galletta, and School Board Chair Michelle Ritcheson; members representing Freeport were Jeremy Clough, John Morang, Maddy Vertenten, Lindsay Sterling, Valy Steverlynck, and Maura Pillsbury; and members representing Pownal were Kathryn Brown and Erica Giddinge. Our two student representatives on the Board this past year were Juniors Rhea Fitzpatrick and Clay Canterbury. The Board established four key priorities for the past year: implementation of proficiency-based teaching and learning, improved teacher/administrator effectiveness, the creation of a new strategic plan, and incorporate engagement with stakeholders. These goals were successfully completed, and we begin implementing the new strategic plan this upcoming year. These Board goals aim to ensure every student has an engaging, student-centered education, and graduates ready to enter college or the workforce.



Becky Foley, RSU5 Superintendent

To attain the Board goals we have an extremely dedicated, qualified staff serving our students. Administrators, teachers, support staff and volunteers work together to be a champion for all of our students, collaborating and sharing responsibility for student learning. We educated 1,993 students during 2018-19, which was an increase of 46 students from the previous year. In June, 136 students graduated from Freeport High School, ready to venture into their post-graduation lives. We believe our student enrollment will continue to rise as we anticipate more than 2,000 students attending RSU5 this upcoming year.

In order to support life-long learning, RSU5 provides opportunities through the Community Programs Department. These programs are geared towards youth and adults. Our programs include the Laugh and Learn Childcare Program, adult enrichment classes and youth recreation programs.

Through the collective efforts of our staff, parents, students and community members, we believe we can provide an education to our students that results in improved student achievement. We encourage you to become involved, whether it be through the boosters, volunteering in the schools, attending Board meetings, or attendance at school events. We hope you join us as we strive "to inspire and support every learner by challenging minds, building character, sparking creativity, and nurturing passions."

RSU5 Principals

Freeport High School – Jen Gulko, Principal
Freeport Middle School – Ray Grogan, Principal
Durham Community School – Will Pidden, Principal
Mast Landing School – Emily Grimm, Principal
Pownal Elementary School – Lisa Demick, Principal
Morse Street School – Julie Nickerson, Principal

Cost to the median taxpayer:

$2,830

Town staff photo

Freeport Community Library

The Freeport Community Library has had a tremendous year. Total circulation increased 2.5% from last fiscal year—this bucks the national trend, interlibrary loan usage increased by almost 10%, and library programming saw double-digit increases across the board. Our door count captured a 6% increase from last year as well. The Freeport Community Library continues to be a destination for local residents and visitors alike.

The Children's Room has been hopping this summer and not just because of all our awesome books. We've also had some super fun programs this year geared at different ages, interests and time constraints to meet our patrons' needs. Some successful examples are: Mini-Golf in the Library, Henna Tattoos, Escape Room Night, Build a Gingerbread House, Rewild Maine's make a Bow, Rope, and Pine Needle basket, Sparks' Ark, Fairy Story Time, Cinderella Ballerina program, and Paracord bracelets. Each one of these programs – in addition to all the regular programs we offer - helped make the Children's Room a place to share time with family and friends and try something new. The children's summer reading program's success is in the numbers: 752 signed up, reading 8,072 books. That's an average of 128 books read a day! We also had 2,220 Bed Time Math problems worked on.

The Adult and Children's Departments together implemented our first outdoor Summer Reading Kickoff Festival in conjunction with The Marshmallow Cart and the melodious Sister Steel Pan. Mid-program, 108 adults have signed up to participate in our Adult Summer Reading program and have read 324 books to win gift cards donated by local businesses.

We had concerts featuring Sean Gaskell and his 21-stringed West African kora harp, the High Winds Flute Choir, and Freeport resident Dr. Tim Burris on the orbo and lute. We hosted authors Bruce Coffin; Mark Griffin with his movie-optioned Mark Hudson biopic, All That Heaven Allows; Mary Plouffe; Deb Nelson; and Ed Robinson. We screened 22 closed-captioned movies of all genres and ratings, and had events on the college application process, growing an organic garden, recycling in Freeport as it relates to the global market, a resumé and interview workshop, and organizational zen. Not to mention our ongoing coloring and rug hooking groups, monthly art shows, tech help...the list goes on!

And don't forget we have more than one way to enjoy literature or gather information. Downloading eBooks and audiobooks from CloudLibrary is an easy way to access great stories from the convenience of your home. Every resident of Maine has access to The Digital Maine Library which offers access to online resources that include a collection of full text articles and abstracts from magazines, newspapers, journals and reference. It also provides students, business people, public library patrons, and higher education students and educators the ability to use online learning tools.

All of these exciting events and offerings demonstrate our commitment to the community at large. Our priority remains having our library be a welcoming place for everyone who walks through our doors, both real and virtual, seeking information of all kinds.

Front Row (L-R): Courtney Sparks, Stephanie Brown, Brandi Lemieux, Mary Lehmer, Robin Lowell. Back Row (L-R): Meghan Fogg, Kim McClelland, Ali Reddy, Elaine Schmidt, Heather Shirley, Arlene Arris

Cost to the median taxpayer

$39

9.2

Full-time employees

Wendy Clark photo

General Assistance

The General Assistance Program is a State-mandated, municipally-administered financial assistance program. It was designed to be the program of last resort for residents of the community who are unable to provide for their basic needs (e.g. food, shelter, fuel, electricity). The Town of Freeport serves as the Regional General Assistance Office for residents from the towns of Freeport and Yarmouth. Appointments to apply for general assistance can be made by contacting the General Assistance Office (865-4743 x120).

This office continues to see many Freeport residents requesting assistance for help with their basic necessities. Overall maximum levels of assistance, which are set by the State, are extremely low and many in need are over the income guidelines for the General Assistance Program. In an effort to assist households not qualifying for general assistance, yet unable to cover the cost of their basic necessities, the Town of Freeport has established a number of programs to address meeting some of those needs. The **Freeport Heating Assistance Fund** is funded through both public and private sources and administered through the General Assistance Office. Through the generosity of our local citizens and businesses, emergency heating fuel was provided to 54 households during this fiscal year. Donations continue to be accepted and will be used to assist people in need during the 2019-2020 and future heating seasons.

The Town is also fortunate to have the ability to provide financial assistance to Freeport residents with hospital expenses, prescription drugs, physician visits and dental emergencies through money generated from the **Gould and Davis Trust Funds**. Over $6,515 was awarded to 55 Freeport individuals for financial help with medical expenses during the past fiscal year. Applications for these funds are available through this office and Freeport residents are eligible based on financial need.

Johanna Hanselman, General Assistance Administrator

The **Emergency Rental Assistance Fund**, a recent collaboration between the Freeport Housing Trust and the Town of Freeport, was established to help prevent lower-income renters from becoming homeless. Households may be eligible when a documented, non-preventable emergency has caused the applicant's housing situation to be in jeopardy and all other assistance programs have been exhausted. This program has assisted 11 households which were on the verge of becoming homeless.

I would like to take this opportunity to express how fortunate Freeport is to have so many dedicated individuals, businesses and organizations which work together to support and offer services to Freeport residents, including Town employees, Freeport Community Services, Freeport Housing Trust, local clergy, school personnel, senior citizen representatives and police personnel. It is truly an honor and delight to work with members of the Freeport community.

Johanna Hanselman
General Assistance Administrator

Freeport Heating Assistance Fund
Donations can be made to:
Freeport Heating Assistance Fund
30 Main Street
Freeport, Maine 04032

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Human Service Agencies

Agency Information and Services Offered	# Freeport Residents Served Annually	FY2019 Support
Freeport Community Services *PO Box 119, Freeport (207)865-3985* Food Pantry; financial assistance (gas, heat, school supplies, camp scholarships, CMP, clothing) referral and information; transportation for medical appointments; free community lunch; community center with public meeting space, etc.	varies by program	$21,000.00
Port Teen Center *17 West St, Freeport (207)865-6171* Teen center, special events, educational opportunities	varies by program	$8,250.00
Freeport Elders *53 Depot St, Freeport (207)865-3985 x 219* Senior center, fitness programs, information & educational programs, community support, trips	varies by program	$6,500.00
Freeport Dental Program - Alta Dental *348 US Route One, Freeport (207)865-1900* Routine dental care, fluoride & sealants, restorative work for school age children	40	$1,800.00
Oasis Free Clinic *66 Baribeau Drive, Brunswick (207)721-9277* Free quality medical, dental and mental health services and prescription assistance program	32	$750.00
Agency on Aging *136 US Route 1, Scarborough 396-6500* Meals on Wheels, Maine Senior Games, information and resources, health insurance counseling, etc.	192	$1,000.00
Family Crisis *PO Box 704, Portland (207)767-4952* Prevention education; individual and court advocacy services	16	$500.00
	Total	**$39,800.00**

Please note: The above information was self-reported by the respective agencies during the budgeting process.

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Harbormaster

The Harbormaster's Office deals with a wide range of issues within Freeport's coastal waters which include: assisting mariners, recovering lost, stolen or sunken vessels and ensuring all vessels are operating with the proper safety equipment. The Harbormaster provides emergency transportation for the Freeport Police and Fire Departments as well as other neighboring agencies. The Harbormaster ensures that all public boat landings are operating safely and efficiently and plays a vital role in enforcing State laws as well as the Freeport Coastal Waters Ordinance.

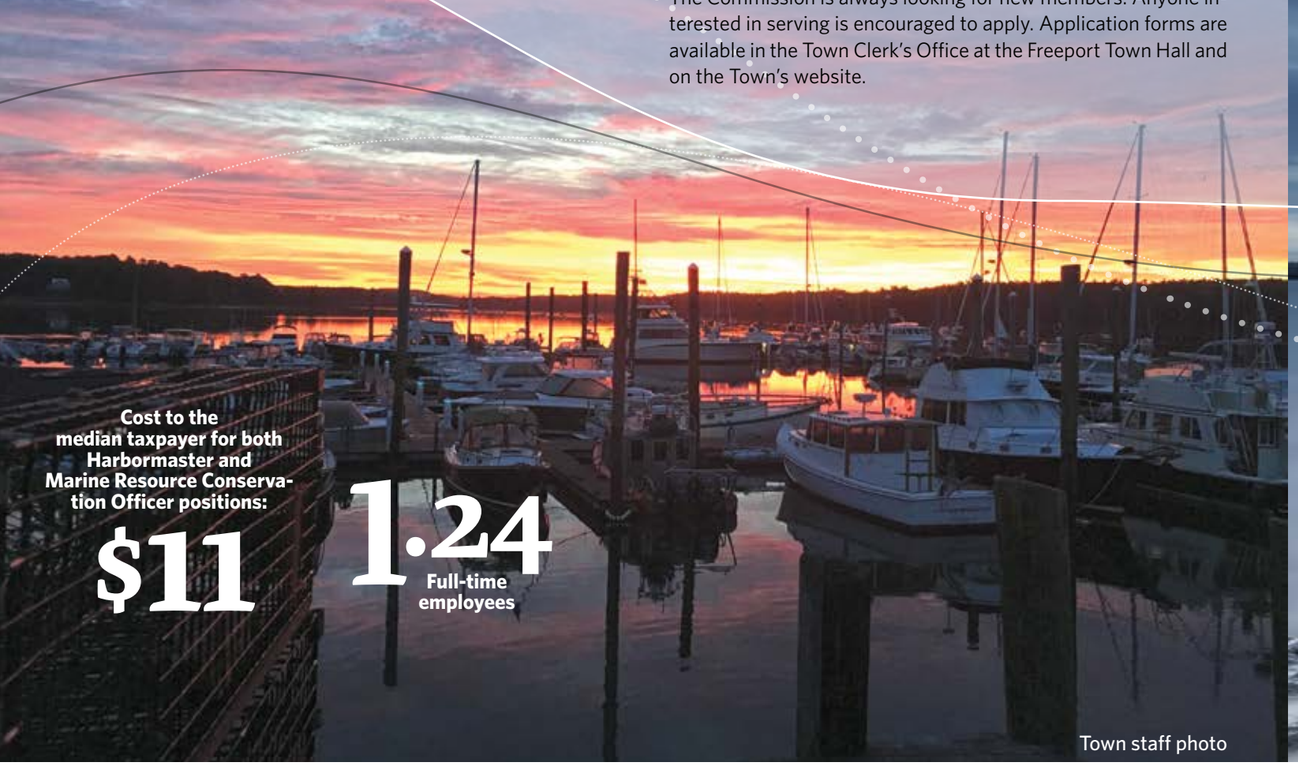
The Harbormaster and Assistant Harbormaster work with the Freeport Shellfish Commission in keeping Freeport's waters clear of any pollutants that will directly impact the health of marine life. With over fifty commercial shellfish license holders, we continue to take routine water samples for the Department of Marine Resources to monitor the health of Freeport's waters. We inspect marine sanitation devices ensuring that all "Y" valves are in the locked position while in Freeport waters. Transient vessels are informed and educated that Freeport's waters are a shellfish protection zone where no overboard discharge is tolerated.

Charles Tetreau, Marine Resource Conservation Officer and Harbormaster

Freeport's waters are constantly changing and remain a resource for many different fisheries as well as recreational uses. The Harraseeket River holds over 350 moorings and is home to marinas, commercial fishermen, kayakers and more. 2018 was a busy year for aquaculture, which is the farming of aquatic organisms such as fish, shellfish and plants. With over 35 miles of coastline, Freeport is currently home to over thirty-five aquaculture sites. Looking ahead, it is important that Freeport continues to manage its waters to ensure a productive working waterfront, as well a safe place to recreate.

The Coastal Waters Commission remains very busy dealing with a variety of waterfront issues along with ordinance updates and changes. This year the Commission thanks Jay Pinkham for all of his years of service as he enjoys retirement in Boothbay Harbor and welcomes Charles Tetreau as the new Harbormaster.

The Commission is always looking for new members. Anyone interested in serving is encouraged to apply. Application forms are available in the Town Clerk's Office at the Freeport Town Hall and on the Town's website.



Cost to the median taxpayer for both Harbormaster and Marine Resource Conservation Officer positions:

$11

1.24
Full-time employees

Town staff photo

Marine Resource Conservation

The shellfish industry continues to be a vital yet fragile industry. During the past year, the Shellfish Commission and harvesters have worked diligently to maintain open and productive flats. Soft shell clam landings for Freeport in 2018 were 522,961 lbs., representing a value of $944,986 which is a 34% increase from 2017 (388,052 lbs., $744,331).

There are many variables that influence the ability to maintain open harvesting and a healthy environment for the shellfish. To ensure protection of the quality of the water, the Harraseeket River has been designated as a "no discharge zone" for all boats. The Shellfish Commission, along with the Harbormaster and personnel at the local boat yards, continue to educate boaters about the effects of overboard discharge and direct them to pump-out sites located at Brewers and Strouts Marinas. Local boaters are surveyed on an annual basis about boat usage and discharge systems as well as random inspections completed by the Harbormaster and assistant Harbormaster. Several signs have been placed at boat yards and docks indicating the no discharge area.

This year the Freeport Shellfish Commission continues to focus on maintaining and improving Freeport's water quality. The following activities are integrated into the Shellfish Commission Conservation Program: locating pollution sources, shoreline cleanups and educating Freeport's residents on the importance of cleaning up after their pets.

Working together with the Food and Drug Administration, and the Maine Department of Marine Resources, we maintain a year round water quality monitoring schedule of all tidal areas in the Town of Freeport. Freeport's water quality continues to test very well, thus maintaining the ability to keep our flats open. The status of our clam flats are monitored and revised continually by the State. Current conditions may be found on the DMR web site http://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/index.html or by calling the State Hotline, 1-800-232-4733.

Access to the flats is limited, and without the cooperation of businesses and private land owners, access would be even more difficult. On behalf of the commercial and recreational harvesters, thanks are extended to all who have made access possible. In addition to the efforts of the Shellfish Commission and the local harvesters, we must recognize and thank all the other groups and individuals that help support and protect this important resource. Among those are the local boat yards, the Harraseeket Yacht Club, the Harbormaster, Wolfe's Neck Farm, and all of the responsible dog owners.

Looking ahead, several areas of focus are emerging, which include: creating greater opportunity for a new generation of harvesters to enter the profession; monitoring statewide shellfish aquaculture initiatives for possible introduction in Freeport, to include subtidal shellfish aquaculture; conducting surveys and site specific testing to improve the water quality in Freeport's restricted harvesting areas; inform the Shellfish Commission during decision making; and evaluating the possibility of establishing (with local schools) an intertidal education and research program.

The Freeport Shellfish Commission is always looking for new members who have a passion for promoting the health of Freeport's waters, as well as sustaining a working waterfront. Anyone that is interested in serving is encouraged to apply. Applications are available online and at the Town Clerk's Office at the Freeport Town Hall.

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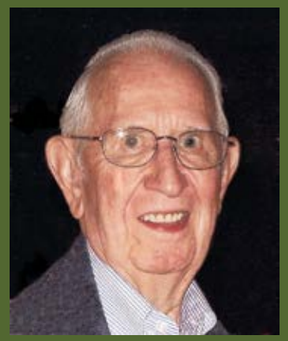
Train & Information Center

The Freeport Train & Information Center is located at 23 Depot Street in The Hose Tower Building adjacent to the Downeaster Platform. The Center serves as the Freeport Downeaster train station and as a Visit Freeport Information Center. The Center is open 7 days a week and its hours are: Monday through Friday 7 a.m. until 6 p.m., Saturday 7 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. and on Sunday from 11 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. and from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. The staff's mission at the Freeport Train & Information Center is to provide information and assistance to all train riders and visitors to Freeport. Our goal is to give whatever assistance we can to make their visit an enjoyable experience.



Ed Bonney, Train Station Manager

Freeport has had Downeaster service since November 1, 2012. Presently it has five round trip trains to Boston each Day. The Downeaster layover facility in Brunswick is now operational and the 4 mile Royal Junction track in Cumberland and Falmouth is scheduled for completion in December of 2019.

Since the start of service in November of 2012 through June of 2019 Freeport has served 87,816 Downeaster passengers. During this same period the staff at the Center assisted 37,952 non- train passengers visitors. From July 2018 through June of 2019, the Town's fiscal year, the Train & Information Center has served 17,047 train passengers and 5,478 non-train visitors. Freeport ridership continues to show substantial growth.

In August of 2018, the Downeaster had the use of a Amtrak Dome Car for a month and passengers using our early morning and early evening trains had an opportunity to ride in it on their southbound trips. Passengers arriving in Freeport from the south also had an opportunity to enjoy the Dome car. Regrettably, Amtrak has taken the Dome out of service and it is no longer available for the Downeaster to use.

Passengers departing Freeport on the Downeaster continue to be a mix of folks taking the train to Boston and other Downeaster destinations. Many riders that board in Freeport are planning to continue their travel once reaching Boston either by train or airplane. Freeport also serves several riders that work in Boston during the week. They commute, leaving on Sunday night or Monday morning and returning Friday night for the weekend. Arriving trains carry a mix of day shoppers, extended stay visitors and Freeport and area travelers returning from vacation or business travel. School, civic and family groups also travel from Freeport to Boston on the Downeaster for day trips, concerts and sporting events. During the summer and fall months a large number of visitors from all over the world use the Downeaster to travel to Freeport. Boston is the most frequent departure and destination for passengers using the Freeport Train & Information Center. Haverhill and Woburn, Massachusetts are next in order for Freeport usage.

The Downeaster train platform

Train Center staff assists Downeaster passengers with ticket purchases, information on train schedules, train arrival and departure status, ticket pricing, other Downeaster stations, Downeaster travel packages as well as trip planning for the entire Amtrak System. Staff at the Center welcome train and non-train visitors to Freeport by providing them with Visit Freeport maps and guides, coupons, brochures on Freeport stores, restaurants, hotels, bed and breakfast accommodations and attractions in the area. Staff also provide visitors with driving directions to other destinations in Maine along with State of Maine Maps.

If you have not visited the Train & Information Center, please do.

Cost to the median taxpayer

$9

2.15
Full-time employees

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Winslow Park

The park saw a very busy summer with large crowds using the beach, picnic area, campground and attending the Thursday concert series. Park maintenance staff concentrated on the construction of new picnic tables and continued brush and tree cleanup from recent wind storms. The old maintenance shop was removed and replaced with a new 36' by 60' barn style shop to accommodate storage and work space needs.

Neil Lyman, Winslow Park Manager

The summer season saw high usage rates. The park remained steadily busy every day and swelled on the weekends with local users and tourist visitors. Day usage remained high with 516 season passes being sold, up slightly from the previous year. Park entry remained free for those six years of age and under and those sixty-two years of age and over. Total campsite occupancy also remained steady at 66%. Harb cottage was booked, as usual, for the entire summer season. Close to 200 lottery applications were received for the 18 possible weeks at the cottage. One week in October was, once again, donated to Freeport Community Services as an auction item for their annual fundraiser. The cottage was rented online for short term stays from November through May.

Winslow Park was again host to a number of events. The shelters in the day use area were heavily used for company outings, weddings, family reunions, and other private events. The day use area was used by a number of school and summer camp groups on a regular basis. The Park also hosted large events such as the Freeport Rotary Club's Close to the Coast Race, Winslow Park Family Fun Day and the Lobsterman Triathlon with over 600 participants.

Winslow Park continues to offer extensive discounts to Freeport residents including discounts on entry, season passes and camping. There also continues to be three free weeks of camping; one in June and two in September. The local school department hosted many fall and spring events and field days at no charge.

The Pound of Tea Meeting house, a building which was donated and moved from Pound of Tea Island, was open for its first full season. The building is equipped with tables, foosball, board games, a little free book selection, large porch and WiFi. It is open to all park users from 8am to 8pm.

All of the old launch ramp docks, which had fallen into disrepair, were disposed of. Park staff worked over the winter to build three brand new float docks for the ramp which were launched in the spring. It is planned to construct two additional docks and replace a pile; all of which were destroyed in a storm.

The past season was, again, on par with the heavier usage the park has seen over the past decade. Winslow Park staff and the Winslow Park Commission would like to thank all of the users of the Park for supporting and utilizing such an amazing asset. We hope that as many as possible continue to enjoy this beautiful property as we continue to do our best to maintain and improve.

4.5
Full-time employees

Supported entirely by user fees

Jessica Maloy photo

Bustins Island

Lobster boat anchored off Bustins Island

The Bustins community continues to be grateful for the support from Freeport and its town officials.

We've had a few changes in island officials this year. Rob Boone completed his term on the Board of Overseers as Chair after serving for 9 years. A first-time Overseer, Craig Allard, was elected to a three-year term. Tanya Sweatt was re-elected Chair of the Board of Overseers.

We held our Annual Meeting on August 3rd. Our warrant was very short this year with no major business.

Our island fared well over the winter. We started our season with a new boat ramp in place which was the fruit of the Submerged Lands Program, Bureau of Parks and Lands of the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry grant that Freeport officials helped us navigate quite successfully.

A special thank you to thank the Freeport Fire Rescue Department for continuing to support our Island Safety Day by keeping us informed and up to date on prevention and preparedness.

A huge thank you to the Freeport Police and the Harbor Patrol for their consistent presence and support.

Best regards from Bustins.

Town staff photo

State House of Representatives

Dear Neighbors,

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you in the House of Representatives during the 129th Maine Legislature. It has been an honor to serve as your state representative and as the Speaker of the Maine House. It is both the most challenging and the most rewarding work of my career.

After a marathon final day in June, the first regular session adjourned. I'm so proud of the good work we accomplished and our ability to work together for Mainers. Since my first term as your representative, I have remained steadfast in my priorities - expand access to health care coverage, lift up working Maine families, support our schools, improve broadband access and provide meaningful property tax relief.

I'm pleased that we have made progress in all of those areas. But maybe most importantly, I'm proud of the progress we made to create a more fair tax system. In addition fighting for tax relief in our budget, I personally sponsored a bill to put more money in Mainers pockets and provide direct support.

This new law creates the "Property Tax Relief Fund for Maine Residents," and requires the fund to provide property tax relief payments of $100 directly to residents of Maine who claim the Homestead exemption. To claim this exemption, all you have to do is fill out a form at our town office.

We were also able to provide $130 million in property tax relief for homeowners, families, seniors and small businesses in our biennial budget. We increased the Homestead Exemption by $5,000 up to $25,000, we expanded eligibility for the Property Tax Fairness Credit to include an additional 13,000 Mainers, and we increased revenue sharing to 3% in 2020 and 3.75% in 2021. I know how important property tax relief is for Mainers, and I fought hard to help.

As we look ahead, we have a great deal of work to do to ensure Maine has a bright and prosperous future. We must do all we can to create opportunity for Maine workers and entrepreneurs, prepare our young people for success and protect the natural assets that make our state both competitive and so special. Accomplishing all of this will take our cooperation and dedication.

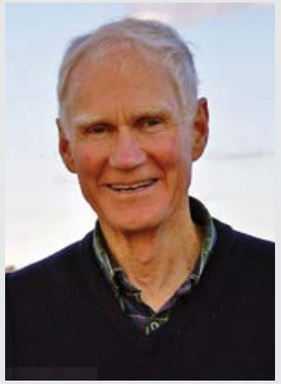
As always, I remain committed to working with my colleagues to improve the lives of all Maine people. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns or if you need assistance with any aspect of state government. You can also learn more on my website speakergideon.com, sign up to receive periodic email updates from the State House or contact me directly by emailing sara.gideon@legislature.maine.gov.

Warm regards,

Sara Gideon
Speaker of the Maine House

State Senate

Dear Freeport constituents,



Thank you for the opportunity to continue serving as your state senator. I am honored to represent the residents of Freeport in the Legislature, and I promise to work hard on your behalf.

At the beginning of this year, I was appointed as co-chair of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee. The future depends on the health of our environment and the sustainability of our natural resources. During this legislative session, I worked with my colleagues to craft forward-looking legislation to protect our natural resources, modernize Maine's energy policy, and safeguard clean air and water.

I was also appointed to the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee, which makes policies that support education across our state. I have primarily focused on early childhood education. I am working to strengthen early learning for Maine's children, including universal access to, and funding for, pre-kindergarten and comprehensive early childhood health screenings, diagnosis, and treatment. When identified early, health problems and developmental disabilities can be addressed more effectively, ensuring that all children achieve their full potential. After all, they are Maine's future.

If you have any concerns or ideas for legislation, I am always available. Please feel free to call or email me anytime. We face challenges, but with the talented and committed lawmakers now serving, I'm confident that we can accomplish important work for the people of Maine.

I can be reached at (207) 287-1515 or Brownie.Carson@legislature.maine.gov. I also encourage you to sign up to receive my regular legislative updates. Go to www.mainesenate.org to join my mailing list.

I look forward to working with you this year!

Sincerely,

Brownie Carson

Brownie Carson
State Senator

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2019

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	Component Unit FEDC
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 15,644,881	-	15,644,881	68,551
Investments	6,418,146	-	6,418,146	-
Receivables:				
Accounts, net	152,650	76,219	228,869	-
Due from other governments	88,407	-	88,407	-
Taxes receivable	477,343	-	477,343	-
Tax liens	136,591	-	136,591	-
Internal balances	279,932	(279,932)	-	-
Inventory	10,100	-	10,100	-
Receivable - RSU #5 debt service payments	1,198,864	-	1,198,864	-
Capital assets, not being depreciated	3,031,610	-	3,031,610	-
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	17,482,052	31,037	17,513,089	-
Total assets	44,920,576	(172,676)	44,747,900	68,551
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	627,503	-	627,503	-
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	184,907	-	184,907	-
Total deferred outflows of resources	812,410	-	812,410	-
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	361,618	-	361,618	44
Accrued wages and benefits payable	143,574	8,136	151,710	1,346
Accrued interest	9,017	-	9,017	-
Noncurrent liabilities:				
Liabilities due in one year	491,000	-	491,000	-
Other long-term liabilities	2,066,575	-	2,066,575	-
Other postemployment benefits liability	1,082,041	-	1,082,041	-
Bonds due in more than one year	950,000	-	950,000	-
Total liabilities	5,103,825	8,136	5,111,961	1,390
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	370,539	-	370,539	-
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	177,196	-	177,196	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	547,735	-	547,735	-
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets	20,287,526	31,037	20,318,563	-
Restricted for:				
Grants and other programs	1,784,755	-	1,784,755	-
Nonexpendable trust principal	1,549,296	-	1,549,296	-
Expendable trust - income portion	85,658	-	85,658	-
Unrestricted	16,374,191	(211,849)	16,162,342	67,161
Total net position	**$ 40,081,426**	**(180,812)**	**39,900,614**	**67,161**

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

Functions/programs	Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for services	Program Revenues: Operating grants and contributions	Program Revenues: Capital grants and contributions	Net (expense) revenue and changes in net position: Primary Government: Governmental activities	Net (expense) revenue and changes in net position: Primary Government: Business-type activities	Net (expense) revenue and changes in net position: Primary Government: Total	Component Unit: FEDC
Primary government:								
Governmental activities:								
General government	$ 2,705,076	855,996	3,982	-	(1,845,098)	-	(1,845,098)	-
Public safety	3,745,982	403,174	61,539	-	(3,281,269)	-	(3,281,269)	-
Public works	3,569,876	397,197	137,395	-	(3,035,284)	-	(3,035,284)	-
Community services	1,396,178	542,409	73,688	-	(780,081)	-	(780,081)	-
Community development	1,475,835	-	-	-	(1,475,835)	-	(1,475,835)	-
Education	18,133,850	-	-	-	(18,133,850)	-	(18,133,850)	-
Unclassified	642,381	-	22,618	-	(619,763)	-	(619,763)	-
Interest on debt	10,659	-	-	-	(10,659)	-	(10,659)	-
Total governmental activities	31,679,837	2,198,776	299,222	-	(29,181,839)	-	(29,181,839)	-
Business-type activities:								
Nonemergency Transportation	221,407	278,108	-	-	-	56,701	56,701	-
Total business-type activities	221,407	278,108	-	-	-	56,701	56,701	-
Total primary government	**$ 31,901,244**	**2,476,884**	**299,222**	**-**	**(29,181,839)**	**56,701**	**(29,125,138)**	**-**
Component Unit:								
Freeport Economic Development Corporation	102,086	-	100,000	-	-	-	-	(2,086)
General revenues:								
Property taxes, levied for general purposes					$ 26,623,752	-	26,623,752	-
Motor vehicle excise taxes					2,056,826	-	2,056,826	-
Interest and lien costs					54,808	-	54,808	-
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs:								-
Homestead exemption					336,095	-	336,095	-
BETE reimbursements					799,014	-	799,014	-
State Revenue Sharing					378,563	-	378,563	-
Other State aid					249,662	-	249,662	-
Unrestricted investment earnings (losses)					584,841	-	584,841	22
Miscellaneous revenues					61,266	-	61,266	-
Total general revenues					31,144,827	-	31,144,827	22
Change in net position					1,962,988	56,701	2,019,689	(2,064)
Net position - beginning					38,118,438	(237,513)	37,880,925	69,225
Net position - ending					**40,081,426**	**(180,812)**	**39,900,614**	**67,161**

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2019

	General	Capital Projects Funds	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and equivalents	$ 13,074,958	1,792,780	777,143	15,644,881
Investments	419,733	4,346,274	1,652,139	6,418,146
Receivables:				
Accounts net of allowance of $98,851	32,325	120,325	-	152,650
Due from other governments	88,407	-	-	88,407
Taxes receivable	477,343	-	-	477,343
Tax liens	136,591	-	-	136,591
Interfund loans receivable	-	3,742,291	2,815,796	6,558,087
Inventory	10,100	-	-	10,100
Receivable - RSU5 debt service payments	1,198,864	-	-	1,198,864
Total assets	**$ 15,438,321**	**10,001,670**	**5,245,078**	**30,685,069**
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	147,462	7,188	48,822	203,472
Accrued wages and benefits	139,525	-	4,049	143,574
Interfund loans payable	5,791,314	251,249	235,592	6,278,155
Development escrows	158,146	-	-	158,146
Total liabilities	6,236,447	258,437	288,463	6,783,347
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	315,354	-	-	315,354
Unavailable revenue - ambulance receivables	-	24,325	-	24,325
Unavailable revenue - RSU5 debt service payments	1,198,864	-	-	1,198,864
Total deferred inflows of resources	1,514,218	24,325	-	1,538,543
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	10,100	-	1,549,296	1,559,396
Restricted	-	-	1,870,413	1,870,413
Committed	2,020,529	9,718,908	1,536,906	13,276,343
Assigned	600,000	-	-	600,000
Unassigned	5,057,027	-	-	5,057,027
Total fund balances	7,687,656	9,718,908	4,956,615	22,363,179
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	**$ 15,438,321**	**10,001,670**	**5,245,078**	
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.				20,513,662
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.				
Unavailable revenue - property taxes				315,354
Unavailable revenue - ambulance billings				24,325
Unavailable revenue - RSU5 debt service payments				1,198,864
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.				
Accrued interest payable				(9,017)
General obligation bonds				(1,425,000)
Accrued compensated absences				(457,340)
Net pension liability and related deferred inflows and outflows of resources				(1,229,271)
OPEB liability and related deferred inflows and outflows of resources				(1,074,330)
Landfill closure and post-closure care costs				(139,000)
Net position of governmental activities				**$ 40,081,426**

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the year ended June 30, 2019

	General	Capital Projects Funds	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:				
Taxes	$ 26,965,361	-	1,649,373	28,614,734
Licenses, permits and fees	363,051	-	-	363,051
Intergovernmental	1,968,804	-	19,867	1,988,671
Charges for services	261,397	692,209	826,730	1,780,336
Fees and fines	61,264	-	-	61,264
Unclassified	68,480	-	68,010	136,490
Investment earnings	253,245	218,442	113,154	584,841
Total revenues	29,941,602	910,651	2,677,134	33,529,387
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	1,720,438	-	-	1,720,438
Public safety	2,802,624	-	4,631	2,807,255
Public works	2,258,013	-	-	2,258,013
Community services	779,422	-	322,944	1,102,366
Community development	-	-	1,475,835	1,475,835
Education	18,133,850	-	-	18,133,850
Insurance and fringe benefits	1,711,716	-	-	1,711,716
County tax	1,109,052	-	-	1,109,052
Unclassified	249,588	-	19,538	269,126
Capital outlay	-	1,477,055	205,467	1,682,522
Debt service	141,827	-	-	141,827
Total expenditures	28,906,530	1,477,055	2,028,415	32,412,000
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	1,035,072	(566,404)	648,719	1,117,387
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers from other funds	520,540	967,725	-	1,488,265
Transfers to other funds	(600,000)	(483,265)	(405,000)	(1,488,265)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(79,460)	484,460	(405,000)	-
Net change in fund balances	955,612	(81,944)	243,719	1,117,387
Fund balances, beginning of year	6,732,044	9,800,852	4,712,896	21,245,792
Fund balances, end of year	**$ 7,687,656**	**9,718,908**	**4,956,615**	**22,363,179**

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
For the year ended June 30, 2019

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (from Statement 4)	$	1,117,387
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (Statement 2) are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation.		(19,561)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		122,908
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		614,185
Bond proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. This is the amount of repayments.		505,000
The Town has bonds that were originally issued for School purposes. These amounts will be funded by Regional School Unit #5 when the debt service payments are due. The Town has recorded a long-term receivable for the amount that will be paid by the School Unit for these bonds. The amount of the receivable at year end was $1,198,864 with principal amounts paid off during the year totaling $376,931.		(376,931)
Change in net position of governmental activities (see Statement 2)	**$**	**1,962,988**

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual
General Fund
For the year ended June 30, 2019

		Budgeted amounts			Variance with Final Budget Positive
		Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)
Revenues:					
Taxes	$	26,282,612	26,282,612	26,965,361	682,749
Licenses, permits and fees		271,400	271,400	363,051	91,651
Intergovernmental		1,304,300	1,304,300	1,968,804	664,504
Charges for services		196,000	196,000	261,397	65,397
Fees and fines		65,000	65,000	61,264	(3,736)
Unclassified		23,750	23,750	67,918	44,168
Investment earnings		50,000	50,000	232,507	182,507
Total revenues		28,193,062	28,193,062	29,920,302	1,727,240
Expenditures:					
Current:					
General government		1,758,740	1,758,740	1,720,438	38,302
Public safety		2,856,257	2,856,257	2,802,624	53,633
Public works		2,344,880	2,344,880	2,258,013	86,867
Community services		836,905	836,905	779,422	57,483
Education		18,133,850	18,133,850	18,133,850	-
Insurance and fringe benefits		1,914,500	1,914,500	1,711,716	202,784
County tax		1,109,052	1,109,052	1,109,052	-
Unclassified		252,050	252,050	248,098	3,952
Debt service		141,828	141,828	141,827	1
Total expenditures		29,348,062	29,348,062	28,905,040	443,022
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures		(1,155,000)	(1,155,000)	1,015,262	2,170,262
Other financing sources (uses):					
Use of unassigned fund balance		600,000	600,000	-	(600,000)
Transfers from other funds		555,000	555,000	520,540	(34,460)
Transfers to other funds		-	-	(600,000)	(600,000)
Total other financing sources (uses)		1,155,000	1,155,000	(79,460)	(1,234,460)
Net change in fund balance - budgetary basis		-	-	935,802	935,802
Fund balance, beginning of year - budgetary basis				6,188,665	
Fund balance, end of year - budgetary basis				7,124,467	
Reconciliation to GAAP basis:					
Committed reserve funds fund balance				563,189	
Fund balance, end of year - GAAP basis	**$**			**7,687,656**	

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Comparative Balance Sheets - General Fund
June 30, 2019 and 2018

		2019	2018
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	$	13,074,958	12,938,472
Investments		419,733	406,526
Accounts receivable		32,325	8,860
Due from other governments		88,407	52,508
Taxes receivable		477,343	476,722
Tax liens		136,591	107,471
Inventory		10,100	13,132
Receivable - RSU5 debt service payments		1,198,864	1,575,795
Total assets	**$**	**15,438,321**	**15,579,486**
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable		147,462	572,687
Accrued wages and benefits		139,525	66,301
Interfund loans payable		5,791,314	6,122,148
Development escrows		158,146	150,546
Other unearned revenues		-	165,263
Total liabilities		6,236,447	7,076,945
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Unavailable revenue - property taxes		315,354	194,702
Unavailable revenue - RSU5 debt service payments		1,198,864	1,575,795
Total deferred inflows of resources		1,514,218	1,770,497
FUND BALANCE			
Nonspendable		10,100	13,132
Committed - Stabilization Fund		1,000,000	1,000,000
Committed - other		457,340	446,659
Committed - reserves		563,189	543,379
Assigned		600,000	600,000
Unassigned		5,057,027	4,128,874
Total fund balance		7,687,656	6,732,044
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	**$**	**15,438,321**	**15,579,486**

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual
Year ended June 30, 2019
(with comparative actual amounts for the year ended June 30, 2018)

	2019			
	Budget	Actual	Variance positive (negative)	2018 Actual
Revenues:				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	$ 24,566,312	24,853,727	287,415	24,205,590
Excise taxes and registration fees	1,691,300	2,056,826	365,526	1,959,247
Interest and lien costs	25,000	54,808	29,808	24,193
Total taxes	26,282,612	26,965,361	682,749	26,189,030
Licenses, permits and fees:				
Building, plumbing and electrical permits	122,000	202,137	80,137	175,027
Town clerk licenses and fees	28,800	37,523	8,723	42,055
Moorings and other harbor fees	75,000	78,977	3,977	82,607
Solid waste permits	1,600	1,375	(225)	1,650
Shellfish licenses	12,000	10,774	(1,226)	10,902
Alarm permits	32,000	32,265	265	35,705
Total licenses, permits and fees	271,400	363,051	91,651	347,946
Intergovernmental:				
State tree growth reimbursement	65,000	63,533	(1,467)	71,234
State general assistance	20,000	25,101	5,101	33,814
State revenue sharing	360,000	378,563	18,563	367,137
State homestead exemption reimbursement	190,000	336,095	146,095	264,308
State BETE reimbursement	475,000	799,014	324,014	587,396
State road assistance	130,000	131,520	1,520	132,704
Public safety contributions	43,500	48,849	5,349	46,414
Other intergovernmental	20,800	186,129	165,329	23,914
Total intergovernmental	1,304,300	1,968,804	664,504	1,526,921
Charges for services:				
Planning	14,500	21,317	6,817	25,671
Transfer station and recycling	135,000	191,771	56,771	191,093
Parking lot	37,500	13,128	(24,372)	37,500
Vehicle maintenance	1,500	2,016	516	2,976
Engineering	4,000	27,290	23,290	15,593
Hunter Road Fields	3,500	5,875	2,375	4,700
Total charges for services	196,000	261,397	65,397	277,533
Fees and fines:				
Police parking and other fines	50,000	41,995	(8,005)	37,624
Library fines and fees	11,000	14,214	3,214	13,605
Alarm and other fire fees	4,000	5,055	1,055	5,545
Total fees and fines	65,000	61,264	(3,736)	56,774

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - General Fund, Continued

	2019			
	Budget	Actual	Variance positive (negative)	2018 Actual
Revenues, continued:				
Unclassified	$ 23,750	67,918	44,168	46,756
Investment earnings	50,000	232,507	182,507	143,750
Total revenues	28,193,062	29,920,302	1,727,240	28,588,710
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government:				
Town council	138,310	154,155	(15,845)	126,649
Town manager	116,600	114,261	2,339	114,754
Finance and treasury	420,570	412,747	7,823	402,516
Assessing	177,330	161,392	15,938	161,081
Code enforcement	81,465	84,600	(3,135)	80,164
Town clerk and elections	132,745	125,586	7,159	115,807
General administration	149,920	130,337	19,583	142,328
Municipal buildings	378,167	374,388	3,779	356,977
Planning	163,633	162,972	661	144,509
Total general government	1,758,740	1,720,438	38,302	1,644,785
Public Safety:				
Police department	1,237,670	1,218,991	18,679	1,181,478
Special enforcement	131,555	75,458	56,097	58,160
Fire department	659,152	702,223	(43,071)	730,829
Rescue	426,030	419,510	6,520	394,632
Reception	203,850	192,761	11,089	187,319
Hydrant rental	168,000	170,649	(2,649)	163,319
Street lights	30,000	23,032	6,968	48,106
Total public safety	2,856,257	2,802,624	53,633	2,763,843
Public Works:				
General road operations	911,530	859,095	52,435	818,372
Summer roads	582,500	504,543	77,957	553,167
Winter roads	171,000	155,016	15,984	168,624
Tree program	13,000	14,863	(1,863)	17,916
Solid waste	413,050	476,994	(63,944)	456,881
Engineering	137,300	134,534	2,766	115,969
Hunter Road Fields Maintenance	116,500	112,968	3,532	113,088
Total public works	2,344,880	2,258,013	86,867	2,244,017

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - General Fund, Continued

	2019			
	Budget	Actual	Variance positive (negative)	2018 Actual
Expenditures, continued:				
Current, continued:				
Community services:				
Human services agencies	$ 39,800	31,550	8,250	39,800
General assistance	109,740	107,196	2,544	103,252
Public library	474,870	453,890	20,980	407,322
Cable TV	82,440	83,955	(1,515)	67,195
Promotions	7,700	3,454	4,246	5,206
Coastal waters	-	-	-	64,160
Shellfish commission	6,000	757	5,243	1,289
Amtrak station operations	102,805	91,359	11,446	98,018
Other	13,550	7,261	6,289	9,533
Total community services	836,905	779,422	57,483	795,775
Education	18,133,850	18,133,850	-	17,355,332
Insurance and fringe benefits:				
Employee benefits	1,814,500	1,612,672	201,828	1,583,981
Insurances	100,000	99,044	956	97,282
Total insurance and fringe benefits	1,914,500	1,711,716	202,784	1,681,263
County tax	1,109,052	1,109,052	-	1,056,633
Unclassified:				
Bustins Island Corporation	203,500	206,966	(3,466)	192,582
Miscellaneous and contingency	23,550	19,745	3,805	17,960
Abatements	25,000	21,387	3,613	370,493
Total unclassified	252,050	248,098	3,952	581,035
Debt service	141,828	141,827	1	146,730
Total expenditures	29,348,062	28,905,040	443,022	28,269,413
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(1,155,000)	1,015,262	2,170,262	319,297

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - General Fund, Continued

	2019			
	Budget	Actual	Variance positive (negative)	2018 Actual
Other financing sources (uses):				
Budgeted utilization of surplus	$ 600,000	-	(600,000)	-
Transfers in	555,000	520,540	(34,460)	610,900
Transfers out	-	(600,000)	(600,000)	(1,122,400)
Total other financing sources (uses)	1,155,000	(79,460)	(1,234,460)	(511,500)
Net change in fund balance - budgetary basis	-	935,802	935,802	(192,203)
Fund balance, beginning of year - budgetary basis		6,188,665		6,380,868
Fund balance, end of year - budgetary basis		7,124,467		6,188,665
Reconciliation of fund balance to GAAP basis:				
Committed reserve funds fund balance		563,189		543,379
Fund Balance, end of year - GAAP Basis	**$**	**7,687,656**		**6,732,044**

Exhibit B

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Reserve Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Individual Funds
For the year ended June 30, 2019

	Fund Balance June 30, 2018	Revenues: Charges for Services	Revenues: Interest	Revenues: Other	Expenditures	Transfers in (out)	Fund Balance June 30, 2019
Capital Project Reserves							
Administration - general	$ 137,439	-	6,132	-	387	(33,550)	109,634
Boards and commissions	39,312	-	1,500	-	81	(27,575)	13,156
Building maintenance	427,218	-	17,891	-	1,066	30,000	474,043
Cable TV equipment	517,559	126,740	19,254	-	1,009	(175,340)	487,204
Energy savings	31,017	-	1,175	-	63	-	32,129
Fire equipment	832,322	-	31,030	-	1,630	50,000	911,722
Hedgehog mountain	20,826	-	795	-	43	-	21,578
Land purchase	144,493	-	2,237	-	-	-	146,730
Land trust	24,189	-	923	-	50	-	25,062
Municipal parking lot	434,295	13,128	16,468	-	10,883	-	453,008
Police equipment	412,507	-	15,945	-	874	(110,000)	317,578
Public infrastructure	849,281	-	31,748	-	1,673	264,000	1,143,356
Public works equipment	920,334	-	35,253	-	1,912	50,000	1,003,675
Recycling equipment	148,549	-	5,801	-	322	(2,000)	152,028
Rescue equipment	867,205	323,859	32,290	-	1,693	(528,800)	692,861
Total capital project reserves	5,806,546	463,727	218,442	-	21,686	(483,265)	5,983,764
General Fund Reserves							
Unemployment compensation fund	440,611	-	16,816	562	1,279	-	456,710
Other	102,768	-	3,922	-	211	-	106,479
Total general fund reserves	543,379	-	20,738	562	1,490	-	563,189
Total Reserve Funds	**$ 6,349,925**	**463,727**	**239,180**	**562**	**23,176**	**(483,265)**	**6,546,953**

Exhibit C

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Capital Project Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Individual Funds
For the year ended June 30, 2019

	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2018	Revenues: Charges for Services	Revenues: Interest	Expenditures	Transfers in (out)	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2019
Police Department Capital Project Funds:						
Communication upgrade	$ 84,313	-	-	2,599	-	81,714
Bullet proof vests & protective equipment	4,585	-	-	600	10,000	13,985
Building enhancements	108	-	-	-	-	108
In-Car cameras	702	-	-	-	-	702
Boat and motor replacement	-	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
Vehicle replacement	49,348	-	-	28,282	95,000	116,066
Total police department	139,056	-	-	31,481	110,000	217,575
Fire Department Capital Project Funds:						
Protective clothing	8,104	-	-	-	-	8,104
Engine five	6,462	-	-	3,585	-	2,877
Engine three	17,360	-	-	-	-	17,360
EMP Portable Digital Signs	15,000	-	-	-	-	15,000
Communication upgrade	57,558	-	-	2,360	-	55,198
Service vehicle	52,000	-	-	47,005	-	4,995
Thermal imaging cameras	17,500	-	-	-	-	17,500
Total fire department	173,984	-	-	52,950	-	121,034
Rescue Department Capital Project Funds:						
Ambulance replacement	36,386	-	-	-	250,000	286,386
Communication upgrade	130,000	-	-	4,804	-	125,196
Rescue equipment	2,906	-	-	-	-	2,906
Dormitory Renovations	-	-	-	-	35,000	35,000
Total rescue department	169,292	-	-	4,804	285,000	449,488
Public Works Capital Project Funds:						
Grader repair	2,579	-	-	-	-	2,579
Dump truck replacement, sander & plow	16,138	-	-	1,946	150,000	164,192
Wood chipper refurbishment	2,006	-	-	-	-	2,006
Loader	165,000	-	-	146,230	-	18,770
Sidewalk plow-shared with TIF	75,667	-	-	67,999	-	7,668
Pick-up truck replacement	17,571	-	-	1,663	-	15,908
One ton truck replacement	1,203	-	-	1,203	-	-
Backhoe	21,781	-	-	-	-	21,781
Total public works	301,945	-	-	219,041	150,000	232,904
Recycling Capital Project Funds:						
Landfill closing	165,450	-	-	-	-	165,450
Containers	4,849	-	-	-	17,000	21,849
Other	83,986	-	-	-	-	83,986
Total recycling	254,285	-	-	-	17,000	271,285

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Capital Project Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Individual Funds
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	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2018	Revenues: Charges for Services	Revenues: Interest	Expenditures	Transfers in (out)	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2019
Comprehensive Town Improvement Funds:						
Curtis Road reconstruction	$ 139,956	-	-	-	-	139,956
Litchfield Road reconstruction	156,348	-	-	-	-	156,348
South Freeport Village project	26,781	-	-	-	-	26,781
Percy, Pratt and Pownal Road Reconstruction	-	-	-	-	75,000	75,000
Baker Road reconstruction	350,000	-	-	234,824	-	115,176
Lower Main Street paving overlay	114,820	-	-	52,147	-	62,673
Main St. paving and drainage match	28,494	-	-	-	-	28,494
Flying Point Road-2011 reconstruction	23,044	-	-	-	-	23,044
US Route 1 South (PACTS)	193,309	-	-	147,573	-	45,736
Concord Gully Brook watershed restoration	94,764	16,000	-	40,959	50,000	119,805
Greenspace Project	-	-	-	-	16,000	16,000
South Street project	153,011	-	-	-	-	153,011
Desert Road match	19,393	-	-	-	-	19,393
Burnett Road bridge	11,048	-	-	-	-	11,048
US Route 1 North (PACTS)	134,991	-	-	-	-	134,991
South Freeport Road (PACTS)	38,424	52,689	-	53,051	-	38,062
Prout Road culvert	9,316	-	-	-	-	9,316
West Street-Depot Street to South Street reconstruction	8,838	-	-	-	-	8,838
Desert Road business park	235,000	-	-	-	-	235,000
Freeport fields and trails project	65,537	-	-	-	-	65,537
Culvert replacement	623	79,800	-	101,989	55,000	33,434
Other	6,552	-	-	-	40,000	46,552
Total comprehensive town improvement	1,810,249	148,489	-	630,543	236,000	1,564,195
Municipal Buildings and Other Improvement Funds:						
Computer system upgrade/connectivity town-wide	159,851	-	-	52,030	28,300	136,121
Dunning boat yard	31,445	-	-	-	-	31,445
Cable TV	82,727	-	-	72,373	58,600	68,954
Valuation update	55,450	-	-	-	5,000	60,450
Building winterization	142,390	-	-	11,175	-	131,215
Public safety renovation (sallyport, flooring, etc.)	1,119	-	-	-	-	1,119
Town hall exterior	60,000	-	-	-	-	60,000
Public works roofing projects	166,684	70,986	-	127,952	-	109,718
LED lighting conversion	133,861	-	-	140,695	-	(6,834)
Copier replacement	6,827	-	-	-	-	6,827
Library building exterior	20,000	-	-	-	10,000	30,000
Vehicle replacement	4,998	-	-	-	-	4,998
Other	267,335	3,750	-	112,325	40,250	199,010
Total municipal buildings and other	1,132,687	74,736	-	516,550	142,150	833,023
Boards and Committees Improvement Funds:						
Historic society archiving	1,387	-	-	-	15,000	16,387
Florida Lake bridge replacement	(5,082)	5,257	-	-	12,575	12,750
Quiet zone study	6,732	-	-	-	-	6,732
Hedgehog Mountain bridge replacement	1,000	-	-	-	-	1,000
Withdrawal committee	7,827	-	-	-	-	7,827
Other	944	-	-	-	-	944
Total boards and committees	12,808	5,257	-	-	27,575	45,640
Capital Reserves - See Exhibit B for Details	5,806,546	463,727	218,442	21,686	(483,265)	5,983,764
Total capital project funds	**9,800,852**	**692,209**	**218,442**	**1,477,055**	**484,460**	**9,718,908**

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Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
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	Tax Increment Financing Funds									
	Winslow Park	TIF II Desert Road Phase II	TIF IV Destination	TIF V Hotel	TIF VI Housing	Bartol Building Lease Fund	Tower Lease Fund	Other Town Grants & Programs	Leon Gorman Park	Totals 2019
Revenues:										
Property taxes	$ -	1,249,508	301,000	85,150	13,715	-	-	-	-	1,649,373
Charges for services	311,704	-	-	-	-	143,151	271,745	100,130	-	826,730
Gifts and donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	68,010	-	68,010
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,867	-	19,867
Investment income	12,989	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,209	18,198
Total revenues	324,693	1,249,508	301,000	85,150	13,715	143,151	271,745	188,007	5,209	2,582,178
Expenditures:										
Current:										
Community services	226,767	-	-	-	-	7,466	-	60,971	15,042	310,246
Community development	-	1,249,508	140,397	72,215	13,715	-	-	-	-	1,475,835
Public Safety	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,631	-	4,631
Unclassified	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,805	-	11,805
Capital	56,873	-	148,594	-	-	-	-	-	-	205,467
Total expenditures	283,640	1,249,508	288,991	72,215	13,715	7,466	-	77,407	15,042	2,007,984
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	41,053	-	12,009	12,935	-	135,685	271,745	110,600	(9,833)	574,194
Other financing sources (uses):										
Transfer to other funds	-	-	-	-	-	(130,000)	(200,000)	(75,000)	-	(405,000)
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	-	-	-	(130,000)	(200,000)	(75,000)	-	(405,000)
Net change in fund balances	41,053	-	12,009	12,935	-	5,685	71,745	35,600	(9,833)	169,194
Fund balances, beginning of year	505,994	56,388	377,519	-	-	541,595	604,233	930,540	136,198	3,152,467
Fund balances, end of year	**$ 547,047**	**56,388**	**389,528**	**12,935**	**-**	**547,280**	**675,978**	**966,140**	**126,365**	**3,321,661**

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Town Grants and Programs
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
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	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2018	Revenues: Inter-governmental	Revenues: Gifts and donations	Revenues: Charges for services	Expenditures	Revenues over (under) expenditures	Other sources and (uses)	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2019
Town Grants and Programs:								
Road Impact Fees	$ 231,096	-	-	72,600	-	72,600	(75,000)	228,696
Stormwater Connection Fees	51,998	-	-	1,678	-	1,678	-	53,676
Sandy Beach Stairs/SHIP Grant	22,722	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,722
Maine Arts Commission	2,022	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,022
Project Canopy Grant	8,657	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,657
CDBG-Elders Bus	2,139	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,139
Regional Efficiency grant	1,249	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,249
CDBG-Weatherization	6,954	15,885	-	-	15,482	403	-	7,357
CDBG-Habitat for Humanity	455	-	-	-	-	-	-	455
Police Speed Enforcement/Seat Belt	11,774	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,774
Village Open Spaces	12,457	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,457
FEMA	61,085	-	-	-	-	-	-	61,085
Shellfish Water Testing	25,720	-	-	1,825	1,013	812	-	26,532
Fuel Assistance Fund-Freeport	10,490	-	13,767	-	14,285	(518)	-	9,972
Fuel Assistance Fund-Yarmouth	2,364	-	7,100	-	9,583	(2,483)	-	(119)
Freeport Housing Trust Rental Assistance Grant	5,825	-	-	-	862	(862)	-	4,963
Fire and Rescue Annual Appeal Donations	56,118	-	12,690	-	4,631	8,059	-	64,177
Library Donations	64,448	-	11,835	-	1,845	9,990	-	74,438
Fire Department Burn Building Donations	3,306	-	347	-	-	347	-	3,653
Police Donations	3,241	-	600	-	-	600	-	3,841
Rescue Donations	578	-	-	-	-	-	-	578
Library Book Donations	14,915	-	10,870	-	20,759	(9,889)	-	5,026
Public Works Donations	3,205	-	2,086	-	2,457	(371)	-	2,834
Dollars for Scholars	1,779	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,779
Soule School Lease	180,189	-	-	16,312	-	16,312	-	196,501
Dunning Boat Yard Lease	109,432	-	-	7,715	-	7,715	-	117,147
Other	36,322	3,982	8,715	-	6,490	6,207	-	42,529
Total Town Grants and Programs	930,540	19,867	68,010	100,130	77,407	110,600	(75,000)	966,140

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Permanent Funds
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For the year ended June 30, 2019

		Principal			Unexpended Income				
		Fund Balance June 30, 2018	Revenues: Unrealized/ Realized Gains (Losses)	Fund Balance June 30, 2019	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2018	Interest Income	Expenditures	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2019	Total June 30, 2019
Cemetery Care:									
Perpetual Care:									
850	Burr	$ 164,280	5,089	169,369	(18,090)	3,956	3,843	(17,977)	151,392
851	Grove	63,780	2,003	65,783	(6,230)	1,555	1,374	(6,049)	59,734
852	Webster	17,593	562	18,155	(1,451)	436	385	(1,400)	16,755
853	Woodlawn	25,504	761	26,265	(3,639)	591	522	(3,570)	22,695
854	South Freeport	64,159	2,040	66,199	(4,764)	1,517	1,309	(4,556)	61,643
855	Flying Point	9,323	286	9,609	(1,102)	222	196	(1,076)	8,533
856	Town maintained	3,001	119	3,120	420	92	7	505	3,625
802	Davis Mausoleum	1,123	62	1,185	663	48	43	668	1,853
803	Carrie Thomas	661	28	689	151	22	20	153	842
804	A.O. Woodard	13,428	565	13,993	2,849	436	34	3,251	17,244
	Total Cemetery Funds	362,852	11,515	374,367	(31,193)	8,875	7,733	(30,051)	344,316
Library Funds:									
710	Albert Conley	44,957	2,105	47,062	16,103	1,589	126	17,566	64,628
711	Paul and Emma Bennett	21,784	716	22,500	(1,005)	541	43	(507)	21,993
712	Eleanor Brewer	9,547	396	9,943	1,936	299	24	2,211	12,154
713	Bartol Association	50,638	1,722	52,360	(682)	1,299	103	514	52,874
714	Grace Ritchie	3,512	110	3,622	(312)	83	7	(236)	3,386
757	Jane Hall	173,880	5,947	179,827	(1,812)	4,538	1,321	1,405	181,232
	Total Library Funds	304,318	10,996	315,314	14,228	8,349	1,624	20,953	336,267
School Scholarship Funds:									
720	Fitts Award	3,518	129	3,647	226	97	8	315	3,962
721	Salomon Plummer	11,796	400	12,196	(182)	302	24	96	12,292
722	Wallace True	7,127	271	7,398	728	204	16	916	8,314
723	Millard and Enid Crooker	35,042	1,238	36,280	828	940	1,475	293	36,573
724	Alice Pollock	15,120	567	15,687	1,316	427	233	1,510	17,197
725	Auldis Foster	2,691	104	2,795	324	78	6	396	3,191
726	Kenneth Thompson	10,778	405	11,183	956	305	24	1,237	12,420
742	Christine Small Cushing	219,202	8,204	227,406	18,582	6,213	1,943	22,852	250,258
	Total School Scholarship Funds	305,274	11,318	316,592	22,778	8,566	3,729	27,615	344,207
Benevolent Funds:									
740	George Davis	15,599	604	16,203	1,924	456	36	2,344	18,547
741	Arthur L. Gould	537,380	19,491	556,871	27,269	14,786	7,309	34,746	591,617
	Total Benevolent Funds	552,979	20,095	573,074	29,193	15,242	7,345	37,090	610,164
	Total	**$ 1,525,423**	**53,924**	**1,579,347**	**35,006**	**41,032**	**20,431**	**55,607**	**1,634,954**