

# GRAY MAINE ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

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**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING  
JUNE 30, 2018**

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# GRAY TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

Greetings Citizens of Gray,

As we reflect on the past year, it is hard not to smile and be proud of the Council's progress, but more importantly the Town's progress. The Council saw three new Councilors elected at the start of the year; Councilor Bruce Foshay, Councilor Sandy Carder, and Councilor Dan Maguire. With the influx of new life came a plethora of new ideas and a positive energy to the Council. First, we tackled housekeeping items and many updates to procedures and policies that are at the forefront of the Council's tasks. We took time examining the way in the which we operate to, not only make it more efficient, but to provide more insight and transparency with you (the citizens of Gray) in mind. We started off with creating a tasks list that is published with each agenda allowing residents access to what we are working on, the status of the project and the priority level. This project management tool helps ensure the Council was organized and allowed us to better communicate priorities and projects to our constituents. We also made sure that all our workshops and meetings were broadcast and made available online. This allowed greater dissemination of information to keep you informed.

The Council took pride in working for the people of Gray and held over 37 meetings and workshops. One of the first items we tackled was setting our goals for the year. Through discussions with Department Heads and the Manager, we were able to better align our goals with the issues currently in the pipeline. The Council outlined their top three goals for the year, and the first was the comprehensive plan update. The last comprehensive plan update was in 2003 and given the amount of change that has happened in Gray over the past 15 years, it was long overdue for an update. We started by outlining the framework for the update and started the process with Town Staff and GPCOG. We understand that this process will take a vast amount of time to do correctly, so outlining the steps and working with Town Staff and other outside agencies is essential in producing a quality project for the people of Gray. It was also important to the Council that we find ways to get feedback and make sure the residents of Gray are engaged throughout the whole process.

Second, our goal was to implement the Village Area TIF. The Council saw a golden opportunity to protect reevaluation dollars immediately for a TIF, segregate funds to ensure priority infrastructure needs were addressed and focus future development in specified areas. We held a workshop with residents to get feedback about which infrastructure projects were important and to better communicate how the TIF would work. Our plan is memorialized in the TIF document to allow future Councils a guideline for the funds. I am happy to report that our TIF plan was accepted and this is one more tool in the preverbal toolbox for Gray.

Our third goal was to address various traffic issues around Gray. We started by holding a joint meeting with the New Gloucester Selectboard to address various issues affecting each town and ways we could work together. We had a meeting with our state representatives and senators to discuss traffic issues and options to help alleviate the problems. The Council then met with the MDOT to discuss the village catch basins, signage, and route issues. We met with the MTA to discuss toll equity, toll diversion study, volume of traffic, the Center Road bridge and funding. Lastly, we had a meeting with MDOT to address the Route 26/North Raymond Road intersection improvements. These meetings generated various tasks and assignments (for all parties) to work to continue the process. We are hopeful and determined that this positive collaboration with these various departments will not only improve our communication with them, but better position us to address important, long standing issues for resolution.

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In the theme of collaboration, the Council held a joint meeting with the New Gloucester Selectboard and the Gray- New Gloucester School Board to look at ways we could work together and share information on various issues affecting each board. The Council also did outreach to surrounding communities on multiple occasions to build new coalitions, looking at issues such as shared equipment, solar projects and a joint broadband grant.

The Council revamped its committee rules to make them more flexible, standardized and to reinforce the Council support and direction for the committees. We streamlined the agenda for Council meetings to allow for more efficient meetings and to reduce wait time for constituents. We examined the recreation/fee policy and sent it to Committee to create and ensure a fair application for all users. We identified issues/concerns with lack of documentation and communication with road associations and decided to add it to our project list. We also identified issues/concerns with the easement/deed documentation to preserve Libby Hill long term as another project for consideration.

The Council worked on the recreational marijuana ordinance and was able to implement an ordinance along with the shoreland zoning component. The Council created an ordinance dealing with fireworks, as well as, identified possible issues with a stormwater ordinance (which was referred to the OAC) and various other miscellaneous ordinance clean up. Lastly, we finalized the Cumberland Farms contract zone with exciting opportunities for new growth and preservation of Gray's history.

One of the final projects the Council worked on was the long-term capital improvement plan and the funding for future projects. The Council approved a budget (which was passed by the citizens of Gray) along with a bond package for CIP. The bond allowed the town to plan the necessary equipment (including the ladder truck) for the next five years and use today's low interest rates to finance these projects. The bond ensures that long term planning is held to for asset needs and the funding for these projects are secured and at a lower cost. It is one of many ways the Council exercised fiscal responsibility to ensure Gray's future.

Finally, the Council worked to ensure a safe, positive environment for residents to voice concerns and ideas. It was imperative that the Council foster this constructive process/setting to allow the freedom of ideas so the Council can work for our constituents. As we continue to work together and work for the betterment of Gray, we must remember that we are only going to move ahead if we take a moment to listen and respect one another. We can have difference of opinions but finding common ground that unites us is far more important than our differences. When you couple this with a professional, thoughtful and engaging environment, it produces wonderful outcomes for all involved. So, as we move into the next year, let's remember we are at "the heart of it all" and continue our momentum with thoughtfulness, professionalism and respect. Remember working together never goes out of style.

Cheers to a prosperous 2019!

Sincerely,

Lynn Gallagher  
Town Council Chair

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## TOWN OFFICE CONTACTS

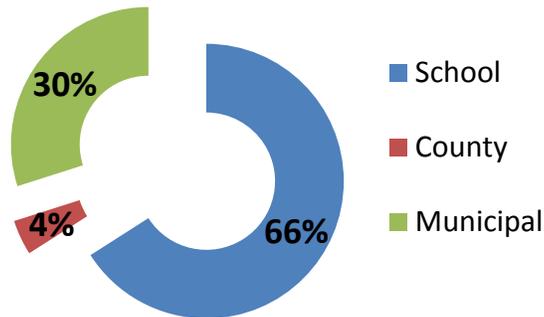
DEPARTMENT	CONTACT	PHONE	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE
Animal Control	Lynne Fracassi	893-2810	The Animal Control Officer provides domestic animal control services in the Town of Gray.
Buildings & Grounds	Mose Russo	657-3339	The Buildings & Grounds Department is responsible for the care & maintenance of the Town's buildings & grounds.
Code Enforcement	Tom Reinsborough	657-3112	The Code Enforcement Officer is responsible for code enforcement, issuing building and plumbing permits and inspections.
Community Television	Grant Giuliano	657-5898	The Community Television Department handles all video broadcasts on the local community television station, Channel 2 (GCTV2) serving Gray & reaching into New Gloucester.
Community Development	Doug Webster	657-3112	Coordinate Community Development functions; Town Planner including Staff for Planning Board; Provide oversight of Code Enforcement and Administrative Assistant; Assistant Economic Development Director and Town Assessor.
Fire & Rescue	Kurt Elkanich	657-3931	Gray Fire-Rescue provides 24-hour fire & medical emergency support to Gray residents.
General Assistance	Pamela Edson	657-3339	The Town provides general assistance to Gray residents who qualify. Applicants must make an appointment and fill out a GA application.
Library	Joshua Tiffany	657-4110	The Public Library offers library materials & services to Gray & New Gloucester town residents without charge.
Planning	Doug Webster	657-3112	The Town's planning office oversees land use planning, engineering, code enforcement, zoning & variance to the town's zoning law and subdivision review in Gray. It also maintains records on building permits, building plans & subdivision and site plans.
Public Works	Steve LaVallee	657-3381	The Public Works Department is responsible for the care & maintenance of Gray's infrastructure.
Recreation	Dean Bennett	657-2323	The Recreation Department offers leisure & recreational opportunities to the residents of Gray & New Gloucester.
Recycling & Solid Waste	Randy Cookson	657-2343	The Transfer Station / Recycling Center is available for use by Gray residents only. A current transfer station sticker is required for use.
Registrar of Voters	Deborah Cabana	657-3339	The registrar of voters is responsible for maintaining the voter registration list & registering new voters in the Municipality.
Tax Assessing	Lauren Asselin	657-3112	The Tax Assessor is responsible for tax assessment. Homestead Exemption & Veterans Exemption applications are available at the Tax Assessor's office.
Town Administration/ Town Manager	Deborah Cabana	657-3339	The day to day administration of all town services is managed by the Town Manager, who is appointed by the Town Council
Town Clerk /Tax Collector	Deborah Cabana	657-3339	The services performed in the Town Clerk's office include vehicle registration, property taxes & vital records.
Town Controller/ Finance Department	Katy Jewell	657-3339	The Town Controller is responsible for municipal accounting & financial functions.
Town Planner	Kathy Tombarelli	657-3112	The Economic Development Director promotes business and economic development interests for the Town of Gray.

# TOWN MANAGER ANNUAL REPORT

Greetings to all Gray Citizens;

I am pleased to present the Town of Gray's Annual Report for the year 2017/2018.

## Distribution for Taxes Assessed Fiscal Year 2017



### Highlights from the Town of Gray are as follows:

- Two new Councilors were elected by the town voter's Welcome Sharon Young and Bruce Foshay
- Councilor Lynn Gallagher ended her tenure as Councilor and decided not to seek reelection. Thank you for your service Lynn!
- Rank Choice Voting was implemented for the first time in Maine with a large turn out in Gray voters
- Blueberry Festival was very successful and continues to take off each year.
- Ladder Truck Committee was formed to see what needs the town had and research was done and submitted to the council. A presentation was made, and a selection presented for approval.
- Buy Local Campaign was developed by the CEDC to shop in your own community and bring benefits back to our community.
- Dry Mills School House ongoing Campaign for restoration moves forward with. Buy a brick and change canisters which have been placed throughout town for fund raisers.
- There was a Mock Accident at the High School with Town wide participation showing how quick accidents can happen while being a Distracted Driver from Texting etc. Participation included CCSO, Wilson's Funeral Home, Gray Fire Rescue, NG Fire Rescue, GNG High School, Gray Town Hall.
- Swap Shop reopened under new management and rules and seems to be going smoothly
- Special Training Events: Gray Fire Rescue hosted a Multi-Agency mock Chemical Spill on Depot Road: at the train tracks. This was run by MEMA.
- Major Work on Route 26 and North Raymond Road will mean a new configuration to the roadway to come in the near future.

## **TOWN MANAGER ANNUAL REPORT**

### **Ordinances Enacted:**

- Fireworks Ordinance Was adopted and certain days for Fireworks were allowed per year.
- Marijuana ordinance/moratorium was put in place, so the town can decide future decisions

### **Happening Things:**

- Enercon expanded their business in Northbrook
- The Maine Turnpike completed their work on the new NB and SB Tolls.
- Cumberland Farms started preparation for a state-of-the-art new store
- TIF District was established
- Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad has shown an interest in making a home in Gray
- The Bike Ped Committee finished Hancock Street and the Bike Path to the Plaza
- Chipman Farm Stand put in for an expansion for their retail store
- Coolidge Chapel
- Birchwood Brewing will be opening up in the old White's Cue Building after lots of renovation.

### **New Employees who joined the Town:**

- Katy Jewell Finance Director
- Lauren Asselein Tax Assessor
- Mohamed Abu-It Administrator
- Jolie Fahey-Network Administrator
- Jesse Bell – EMT/Firefighter
- Hannah Bewsey – EMT/Firefighter
- Michael Hersom – EMT/Firefighter
- Alexander Considine – EMT/Firefighter
- Sarah Rodriguez Recreation Programmer

### **Employees That will be Missed:**

- Elizabeth Bullen
- John Brushwein
- Cathy Markavitz
- Debbie Nickerson
- Debi Curry

With strong Leadership and support of the Town's elected officials, we will continue to build on the highlights and endeavors for the upcoming year and create an even brighter future. Many thanks for the Staff at the Town of Gray in their participation in our excellent year!

Respectfully Submitted



Deborah Cabana  
Town Manager

## ELECTED OFFICIALS SERVING GRAY

			Term Expires	Telephone
<b>TOWN COUNCIL</b>				
Lynn Gallagher, Chair	9A Foster Hill	Gray, ME 04039	2018	657-8314
Bruce Foshay, Vice Chair	23 Deer Acres Road	Raymond, ME 04071	2018	603-714-0835
Sandra Carder	186 Shaker Road	Gray, ME 04039	2020	657-4715
Dan Maguire	70 Johnson Road	Gray, ME 04039	2020	615-7384
Jason Wilson	PO Box 297	Gray, ME 04039	2019	233-0734
<b>GRAY WATER DISTRICT</b>				
Bruce Sawyer, President	18 Yarmouth Road	Gray, ME 04039	2018	657-3871
M. Joseph Murray	213 Shaker Road	Gray, ME 04039	2020	657-3034
Steven Dunn	32 Shaker Road	Gray, ME 04039	2022	
Andrew Edson	1 Homestead Acres Road	Gray, ME 04039	2021	
Michael Lessard	92 Yarmouth Road	Gray, ME 04039	2019	657-2112
<b>M.S.A.D #15 BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b>				
Amy Arata	607 Bald Hill Road	New Gloucester, ME 04260	2019	926-3901
Richard Barter	22 Hancock Street	Gray, ME 04039	2020	657-3724
Will Burrow	33 Pleasant View Drive	Gray, ME 04039	2019	428-3483
John Cavanaugh	31 Rowe Station	New Gloucester, ME 04260	2019	520-4945
Gary Harriman	269 Woodman Road	New Gloucester, ME 04260	2017	926-4361
Tina Martell, Chair	16 Lorraine Drive	Gray, ME 04039	2018	657-5025
Joseph Menard	91 Bennett Road	New Gloucester, ME 04260	2018	576-8753
Louis Samuel Pfeifle	310 West Gray Road	Gray, ME 04039	2018	428-3855
Anne Rowe	378 Mayall Road	Gray, ME 04039	2020	657-4056
Amy Stone	PO Box 465	Gray, ME 04039	2019	714-0808
Barbra Thompson	72 Lewiston Road	New Gloucester, ME 04260	2019	590-5966

## ELECTED OFFICIALS SERVING GRAY

### UNITED STATES SENATE

- **Susan Collins** (R)  
68 Sewall Street, Room 507  
Augusta, ME 04330  
Main: (207) 622-8414  
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- **Angus King** (I)  
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Washington, DC 20510  
(202) 224-5344  
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### UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- **Chellie Pingree** (D)  
1<sup>ST</sup> District of Maine  
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Washington, DC 20515  
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### GOVERNOR

- **Paul R. LePage** (R)  
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Augusta, ME 04333-0001  
(207) 287-3531  
[governor@maine.gov](mailto:governor@maine.gov)

### MAINE SENATE

- **Catherine Breen** (D-Falmouth)  
District 25  
15 Falmouth Ridges Dr.  
Falmouth, ME 04105

### MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- **Susan M. W. Austin** (R-Gray)  
District 67  
136 Yarmouth Road  
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- **Dale J. Denno** (D-Cumberland)  
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**Board/Committee Members for the year ending 06/30/2018**Term  
Expired/Expires\*

\* Some boards and/or positions have no expiration date.

**Town Council** [3 Years - 5 Members]

6/15/2018	Foshay	Bruce	bfoshay@graymaine.org	603-714-0835
6/30/2018	Gallagher	Lynn	lgallagher@graymaine.org	207-657-8314
6/30/2019	Wilson	Jason	jwilson@graymaine.org	207-233-0734

**Blueberry Festival Committee**

8/31/2017	Antonson	Lacy	lantonson@graymaine.org	207-714-0143
8/31/2017	Archibald	Emanuel "Manny"	earchibald@graymaine.org	207-776-8405
1/31/2018	Archibald	Emanuel "Manny"	earchibald@graymaine.org	207-776-8405
8/31/2017	Dery	Roger [Raymond]	rdery@graymaine.org	207-699-9699
3/19/2018	Picard	Katryn	kpicard@graymaine.org	207-598-7443
8/31/2017	Rumson	Rachel	rrumson@graymaine.org	207-657-4085

**Board of Assessment Review** [3 Years - 3 Members]

9/1/2017	Edmiston	Dakota	DakotaEdmiston@yahoo.com	207-657-2541
6/30/2018	Maguire	Dan	dmaguire@graymaine.org	207-615-7384
8/31/2019	Morrison	Galen	galen.morr@gmail.com	207-657-3931

**Charles Barker Scholarship Committee** [Unlimited Term - 4 Members]

Burns	Audrey	aburns3775@earthlink.net	207-428-3775
Cobb	Ann		207-428-3668
Piper	Amanda	amanda.piper@email.com	207-615-7258
Stewart	Peggy	pstewart@deanandallyn.com	207-657-3805

**Community Economic Development Committee** [3 Years - 7 Members]

9/1/2017	Antonson	Lacy	lantonson@graymaine.org	207-714-0143
11/15/2017	Archibald	Emanuel "Manny"	earchibald@graymaine.org	207-776-8405
8/31/2019	Dery	Roger [Raymond]	rdery@graymaine.org	207-699-9699
6/30/2018	Foshay	Bruce	bfoshay@graymaine.org	603-714-0835
	Hutchings	Donald	dhutchings@graymaine.org	207-657-4338
9/1/2017	Monroe	Fran	quilt4u@maine.rr.com	207-657-4420
8/31/2018	Tweten	Colette	ctweten@maine.rr.com	207-657-6697

**Dry Mills Schoolhouse Committee** [3 Years - 5 Members]

8/31/2019	Baker-Hewey	Sheryl	sgbaker09@gmail.com	207-310-0552
8/31/2019	Burrow	Joyce	joyceburrow@securespeed.net	207-831-1498
6/30/2018	Carder	Sandra	scarder@graymaine.org	207-657-4715
10/2/2017	Dupuis	Jennifer	drymillsschool@graymaine.org	207-657-3649
8/31/2018	Scarpati	Jeanne Marie	jeam_me@hotmail.com	207-714-9001
2/28/2018	Walker	Charlena	cwalker2@maine.rr.com	207-657-4811

**Finance Committee** [3 Years - 3 Members]

9/1/2017	Biron	Timothy	tbiron@maine.rr.com	207-657-5803
6/30/2018	Gallagher	Lynn	lgallagher@graymaine.org	207-657-8314
8/31/2018	Smith	Tracey	tjsmith207@gmail.com	207-712-8100
6/30/2018	Wilson	Jason	jwilson@graymaine.org	207-233-0734

**Gray Cemetery Association**

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Burns	Audrey	aburns3775@earthlink.net	207-428-3775
Morrison	Galen	galen.morr@gmail.com	207-657-3931
Pollard	Gwendolyn		
Sawyer	Robert	wwmtkwkr@aol.com	207-657-4909
Sawyer	Bruce		207-657-3871
Stilkey	Chris	dcstilkey@comcast.net	207-865-3940
Whitney	Donald	dobewhitney@yahoo.com	207-329-3012

### Gray Historical Society

Carroll	Donnell	dcarroll@myottmail.com	207-657-4107
Taylor	Karen	PKTTaylor@aol.com	
True	Nancy		207-657-2661
Whitney	Donald	dobewhitney@yahoo.com	207-329-3012
Wilson	Peg		207-657-3827

### Gray Water District Trustees

[5 Years - 5 Members]

6/30/2021	Edson	Andrew	
6/30/2019	Lessard	Michael	207-657-2112
6/30/2020	Murray	M Joseph	207-657-3034
6/30/2018	Sawyer	Bruce	207-657-3871

### Ladder Truck Committee

6/30/2018	Blake	Natalie	natalieblake37@gmail.com	207-657-5216
6/30/2018	Carroll	Robert	roberttcarroll51@gmail.com	207-572-2700
6/30/2018	Dodd	Alec	adodd@graymaine.org	207-807-3602
6/30/2018	Elkanich	Kurt	kelkanich@graymaine.org	207-657-3931
9/1/2017	Hedman	Jonathan	jbhedman1@gmail.com	207-714-0351
6/30/2018	Henneman	James	jhennemann@maine.rr.com	207-657-5424
6/30/2018	Hutchins	Nicholas	nhutchins@graymaine.org	207-657-2135
6/30/2018	Maguire	Dan	dmaguire@graymaine.org	207-615-7384
6/30/2018	Mildrum	Scott	scottmildrum@yahoo.com	207-751-7155

### Library Board of Trustees

[3 Years - 7 Members]

8/31/2019	Burrow	Joyce	joyceburrow@securespeed.net	207-831-1498
6/30/2018	Foshay	Bruce	bfoshay@graymaine.org	603-714-0835
9/1/2017	Hutchings	Christopher	hutch6393@yahoo.com	207-657-6393
8/31/2021	Larrabee	Patricia	alpineacre@maine.rr.com	207-657-4638
8/31/2019	Morrison	Karen	kmorrison@collaborativeschool.org	207-615-3716
9/1/2017	Nason Sturgis	Amy		207-657-2190
8/31/2021	Scarpati	Kiersten	kscarp@hotmail.com	207-838-4729

### School Board

6/30/2019	Arata	Amy		207-926-3901
6/30/2019	Burrow	Will		207-428-3483
6/30/2019	Cavanaugh	John		
6/30/2018	Martell	Tina	Tina.MARTELL@td.com	207-657-5025
6/30/2018	Menard	Joseph		207-926-3100
6/30/2018	Pfeifle	Louis Samuel		207-428-3855
6/30/2019	Stone	Amy		

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\* Some boards and/or positions have no expiration date.

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**Ordinance Advisory Committee**

6/30/2018	Maguire	Dan	dmaguire@graymaine.org	207-615-7384
8/31/2018	Perry	Sara	perryphenalia@gmail.com	207-807-2206
8/31/2018	Smith	Tracey	tjsmith207@gmail.com	207-712-8100
	Wood	Wayne	wtwco@securespeed.net	207-657-3330

**Planning Board**

[3 Years - 5 Members / 2 Alternates]

8/31/2018	Abrams	Charlie	cabrams@graymaine.org	207-332-9368
9/1/2017	Bibber	Richard	rbibber@graymaine.org	207-657-4570
8/31/2019	Cobb	Dan	dcobb@graymaine.org	207-428-3968
6/30/2018	Gallagher	Lynn	lgallagher@graymaine.org	207-657-8314
9/1/2017	Hutchings	Donald	dhutchings@graymaine.org	207-657-4338
9/1/2017	Myer	Paul	paul@paulmyer.com	207-347-1985
8/31/2017	Rumson	Rachel	rurumson@graymaine.org	207-657-4085
8/14/2018	Szafran	Adam	adszafran@gmail.com	207-233-5996
6/30/2018	Wilson	Jason	jwilson@graymaine.org	207-233-0734

**Public Safety Committee**

[3 Years - 5 Members]

9/1/2017	Edmiston	Dakota	DakotaEdmiston@yahoo.com	207-657-2541
	Elkanich	Kurt	kelkanich@graymaine.org	207-657-3931
6/30/2018	Foshay	Bruce	bfoshay@graymaine.org	603-714-0835
9/1/2017	Wood	Dick		207-657-3922

**Recreation and Conservation Committee**

[3 Years - 5 Members]

	Bennett	Dean		207-657-2323
9/1/2017	Franklin	Dawn	dfranklin102@gmail.com	207-331-2528
8/31/2021	Goff	Derek	derek@derekgooff.com	207-542-7563
8/31/2019	Kirby	Jeff	jandlkirby@yahoo.com	207-239-7067
8/31/2018	McIntire	Crystal	mygoldnk9@aol.com	207-899-5504
6/30/2018	Wilson	Jason	jwilson@graymaine.org	207-233-0734

**Recycling Committee**

[3 Years - 5 Members/1 Alternate]

8/31/2019	Antonson	Lacy	lantonson@graymaine.org	207-714-0143
9/1/2017	Barton	Dorothy	grammordee@yahoo.com	207-657-4112
6/30/2018	Carder	Sandra	scarder@graymaine.org	207-657-4715
	Cookson	Randy	rcookson@graymaine.org	207-657-2343
8/31/2019	Diehl	Greg	gdbuildersinc@gmail.com	207-657-4641
8/31/2021	Hedman	Jonathan	jbhedman1@gmail.com	207-714-0351
8/31/2018	Perry	Matthew	walleyemaine@gmail.com	207-749-2134

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

[3 Years - 5 Members]

8/31/2021	Fogg	Brad	bfogg@graymaine.org	207-657-3850
8/31/2019	Swiger	John	jswiger@graymaine.org	207-232-7328
9/1/2017	Walton	Glenn Loring	gwalton@graymaine.org	207-233-1116
6/30/2018	Wilson	Jason	jwilson@graymaine.org	207-233-0734
9/1/2017	Wilson	Douglas	dwilson@graymaine.org	207-650-3178

**General Assistance Fair Hearing Authority**

6/30/2018	Gallagher	Lynn	Town of Gray - Annual Report lgallagher@graymaine.org	207-657-8314
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6/30/2018	Maguire	Dan	dmaguire@graymaine.org	207-615-7384
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**Gravel Pit Ordinance Review Committee**

	Perry	Sara	perryphenalia@gmail.com	207-807-2206
	Wood	Wayne	wtwco@securespeed.net	207-657-3330

**Greater Portland Council of Governments**

6/30/2018	Carder	Sandra	scarder@graymaine.org	207-657-4715
6/30/2018	Wilson	Jason	jwilson@graymaine.org	207-233-0734

# ASSESSING DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

## **Statistical Data**

	<u>2017/2018 Tax Year</u>	<u>2018/2019 Tax Year</u>
Taxable Property Valuation	\$764,994,700	\$1,083,994,000
Cumberland County Appropriation	\$617,664	\$644,903
MSAD 15 Appropriation (Local Share Only)	\$9,565,620	\$9,937,133
Municipal Appropriation	\$7,856,230	\$7,234,277
Total Taxes Committed for Collection	\$14,534,899	\$15,175,916
Tax Rate	\$19.00	\$14.00

## **Equalization/Revaluation Update:**

The Equalization/Revaluation Project was completed in July of 2018. The new assessments will be reflected on the tax bills due October 1, 2018 and April 1, 2019.

## **Property Tax Relief Programs**

The following programs are made available to taxpayers at the local level. Applications are located in the Assessor's Office and on the Town of Gray's website [www.graymaine.org](http://www.graymaine.org). Applications must be filed on or before April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Homestead Exemption:** To qualify, homeowners must have owned a homestead in Maine for a minimum of 12 months prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> and declared the homestead to be their permanent place of residence. Once the application is filed, the exemption remains on the property until the owner sells or changes their place of residence. This exemption provides up to the whole value of \$20,000 of taxable valuation exemption.

**Veteran's Exemption:** Any veteran or the widow/widower of a veteran, who has reached the age of 62 and served on active duty during a federally recognized wartime period may be eligible for this property exemption. Veterans under the age of 62 who served on active duty during a federally recognized wartime period must be receiving a pension or compensation from the US Government for total disability. This exemption provides up to the whole value of \$6,000 of taxable valuation.

**Blind Exemption:** Individuals declared legally blind by a medical doctor or eye care professional may be eligible for this exemption which provides up to the whole value of \$4,000 of taxable valuation exemption.

**Property Tax Fairness Credit:** This program is administered by the State of Maine and applicants may file for this refund program as part of their State of Maine income tax return.

**Business Equipment Tax Exemption (BETE):** Certain businesses may qualify for an exemption on personal property tax for equipment first subject to taxation on or after April 1, 2008. This exemption is not an automatic exemption and must be applied for annually.

Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement (BETR): Certain businesses may qualify for tax reimbursement from the State of Maine on personal property tax paid during the previous year. Taxpayers begin the application process by filing an application form with the local assessor's office, followed by the filing of an application form with Maine Revenue Services. This reimbursement must be applied for annually.

### **Property Valuation**

Property is assessed based on the status of the taxpayer (eligibility for tax exemptions) as well as the location, condition and taxable status of the property as of April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year in compliance with state statute.

Mobile homes are considered to be real estate for property taxation purposes. An individual buying, selling or moving a mobile home is required to contact the assessor's office to provide information for the updating of ownership records.

The Commitment book, property tax maps, and real estate transfer tax forms are public records and are available for review at the town office. Citizens are welcome to call or visit the office at any time during regular office hours.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lauren Asselin, CMA  
Assessor  
lasselin@graymaine.org  
(207) 657-3112

**ANIMAL CONTROL  
ANNUAL REPORT**  
*July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018*

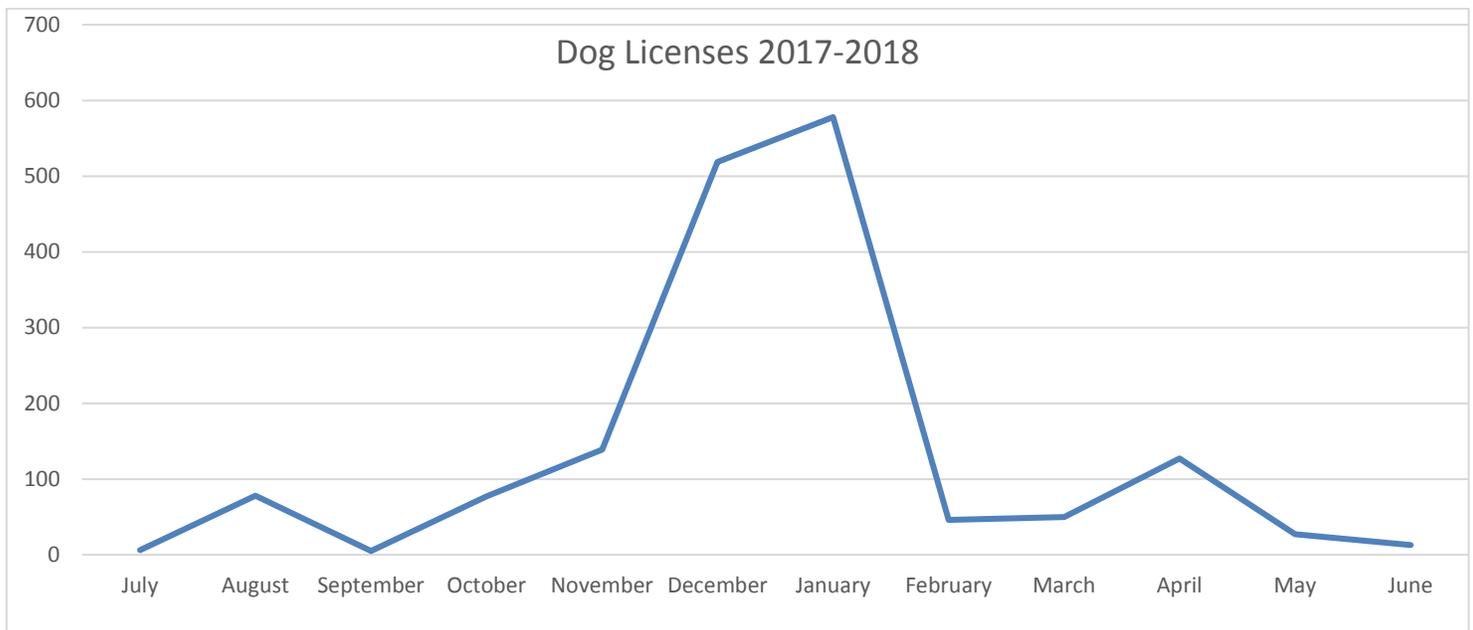
**ANIMAL CONTROL: DOG LICENSING**

State law requires all dogs aged 6 months or older to be licensed in the State of Maine. Dogs can be licensed at the Gray Town Office in person or online (October 15-January 31) at

[https://www10.informe.org/dog\\_license/](https://www10.informe.org/dog_license/)

Fees for neutered / spayed dogs are \$6 per year, while non-neutered / non-spayed dogs are \$11 per year. All dogs must be licensed no later than December 31st of each year and a \$25 late fee will be charged beginning February 1st.

A total of 1665 dogs were licensed last year. Up to 90% of the dog license fees collected go directly to the State of Maine Animal Welfare Program to support cruelty investigation. Licensing your dog also helps to insure public safety by requiring proof of a valid rabies vaccination before a license is issued.



**Annual Report for the 2017 Gray Blueberry Festival  
and planning for the 2018 Gray Blueberry Festival**

The Town's new, 2<sup>nd</sup> annual summer festival took place August 12, 2017. Based on feedback from the 2016 event, several changes were made with the biggest change being the rebranding of this event as the Gray Blueberry Festival - held 2 weeks earlier in August than the inaugural 2016 summer festival. There was no admission charge in 2016, 2017, (and 2018). *The new tag line is: Celebrating Community, Connection, & Culture\**.

Hours and location: In 2017, the festival ran from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm at 24 Main Street, Gray outdoors behind the Town Hall and behind Newbegin Hall. For 2018, the hours would be the same; however the Festival would also include use of Newbegin Gym and Town Council Chambers, and with staff-led tours of Town Hall building and the historical Clock Tower.

Parking: 2017 general parking was again held across the street in the large open field at 35 Main Street, overseen day of event by the G-NG High School Booster Club. In the winter/spring of 2018, parking for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual festival was secured with the new owners of this large open field. While 2017 vendors were able to park one car on site at 24 Main Street; in preparing for 2018, it was decided that there would be no room onsite for vendors to park at Town Hall. Instead, they were instructed to park offsite at one of 3 designated locations. Gray Fire Rescue volunteers assisted with traffic control and street crossings.

Greeters & Attendance: In 2017 (and for 2018), the G-NG Lion's Club were the festival's Greeters. They handed out 300 programs and small samples of wild blueberries; however, both the supply of 2017 programs and blueberry samples ran out by early afternoon. When plans were being made for 2018's Gray Blueberry Festival, the committee: was able to secure a grant to purchase about 4x's as many fresh wild blueberries to hand out as samples; agreed to print more programs; and also decided to add a Qwerty code to the program to encourage people to view the program on their phone.

G-NG Lion's Club also tallied the number of people attending the Festival. For 2017, the Festival Committee was aiming for 1,000 attendees. In actuality, there were 1,500+ attendees of all ages, plus the community and school groups, local vendors, food trucks, and volunteers. For 2018, based on the actual 2017 attendance, the Committee was gearing up for 3,000 attendees, by adding things like more food trucks, more table seating, and renting porta potties for out in the ball fields.

Logistics: This event retained much of the same flow of events and small town feel for 2016, 2017, (and 2018); however, there were more crafters and food vendors in 2017 and even more crafters and food trucks planned for 2018. Because of the electrical needs of the additional food truck vendors, the 2017 Festival Committee coordinated with Town staff to upgrade the amount of electricity running to the small shed used mostly for summer day camp.

The 2017 festival raised approx. \$3,000 through the generosity of eight sponsors; plus several hundred dollars' worth of in-kind donations; and approx. \$1,700 in fees from EVO ticket sales, t-shirt sales, and booth fees. The Town of Gray contributed approx. \$1,650 as well as hosted the event. Total expenses equaled just over \$6,650. The largest expenses for 2017 were: EVO equipment rental, tent rental, musician fees, printing t-shirts (for volunteers and for sale), and renting the horse drawn wagon rides.

Activities: 2017 included live music performed by 3 bands (blue grass, pop rock, and classic rock); 4 ½ hours of horse-drawn wagon rides; pie eating contest and a jam judging contest; dunk tank; and old fashioned lawn games. Near the Kid's Tent there was face painting, rock painting, and building fairy houses. Families also enjoyed the Fun Run Dash and a Diaper Derby. The 2018 festival planning committee put a lot of thought into new interactivities and several repeat activities to fill up the day's

## **Annual Report for the 2017 Gray Blueberry Festival and planning for the 2018 Gray Blueberry Festival**

schedule with back-to-back events and make better use of the Town property and facilities.

Marketing: With more lead time for 2017 and 2018, the Committee was able to send press releases to more local and regional Festival/Calendar listings, both online and in print. The number of event Facebook Likes, Followers, and Shared posts increased steadily since 2016. In 2017, three large canvas banners and 50 new vinyl lawn signs were created to help further promote this event; however, to save on expenses for 2018, the committee made plans to reuse these items by just changing out the date of the event.

Committee Members: **The 2017 Gray Blueberry Festival was named the Committee of the Year by the Town of Gray.** 2017 Festival Planning Committee included Lacy Antonson, Rachel Lyn Rumson, Roger Dery, and Manny Archibald, with Kathy Tombarelli as the staff liaison and input from student liaisons of the G-NG High School Community Service Club. 2018 Festival Planning Committee included Lacy Antonson, Rachel Lyn Rumson, Roger Dery with assistance from Kat Piccard, Janet Brennan, and Karen Fuller, staff Liaison Kathy Tombarelli, and staff intern Rebecca Archer. In 2017 (and 2018), there were additional day of event community volunteers, and staff assistance helping to plan the event and assist with programing and logistics.

\*Gray Blueberry Festival focuses on four main goals: 1) Celebrate and promote the Town of Gray, businesses, organizations, and Pennell Complex; 2) Build on existing, and foster new, collaborative efforts in town; 3) Create 'new childhood' memories and relive 'old childhood' memories of Gray's Old Home Days; and 4) Educate attendees by offering interactive activities and booths. Gray's Old Home Days took place for several decades and ceased operating in the early 1990's.

**BUILDINGS & GROUND**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
*July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018*

The Building and Grounds department currently employs three, 40 hr. full-time employees and one, 24 hr. part time employee. The department works with the Code Enforcement Officer, Planning Department, Public Works, Transfer Station, Public Safety, Recreation Department and volunteers who have all assisted in some way or another to help our department.

The department has completed projects and maintenance during the fiscal year ending in June 2018. All buildings received regular inspections of all AC/heating units, fire extinguishers, sprinklers systems, septic tanks, and security systems. Inspections were also completed on elevators located in the Pennell Building and library. The department is also responsible for any light landscaping and general maintenance throughout the Town of Gray.

In the spring of 2018, Edward A. Milose, the longtime Director of Buildings & Grounds retired, and Mose “Mo” Russo was hired as the new Director of Buildings & Grounds. The Town of Gray wished Ed Milose the best in his retirement and Mo Russo has been a wonderful addition to the Town of Gray Staff and we are happy to have him.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT  
ANNUAL REPORT  
JULY 1, 2017 – JUNE 30, 2018**

In the Code Enforcement Office, FY 2018 has been a busy year with a total of forty-two (42) new dwelling units, as well as one (1) new duplex from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The following numbers of permits were issued in FY 2018:

Building Permits	261
Shoreland Zone Permits	21
Electrical Permits	193 (due to Oct. storm 13 Generator installs)
Internal Plumbing Permits	115
Septic System Permits	86
Miscellaneous Permits	146 (due to fall storm, 12 tree removal)

*NOTE: Miscellaneous permits include docks, demolition, home occupation, pool, sign, driveway openings and tree removal.*

The Town has hired Johnathan Reed on a permanent part-time basis to keep permit issuance and inspections moving along.

Code Enforcement has handled multiple health issues this year.

There were several larger projects which include the beautiful new Enercon addition, as well as new office and retail operation for Hillview Mini Barns. The Cumberland Farms rebuild is also underway.

We are glad to have the dedicated volunteers on the Zoning Board of Appeals and appreciate the time they devote to keeping the Town's important administrative functions moving forward.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tom Reinsborough, CEO/LPI/Health Officer

# COMMUNICATION & INFORMATION ANNUAL REPORT

*July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018*

Communications and Information had many changes this year. We hired a first time ever full-time Network Administrator Mohamed Abu. He brought with him computer experience that heightened what the Town of Gray needed for new age Technology. We also hired a new Communications and Information Specialist Jolie Fahey who replaced our retiring long termer Debi Curry. Jolie has brought a lot of beneficial web design to the Town. Grant Guiliano continues to be our GTV2 Station Manager. He is our go-to guy for all our recorded meetings such as Council Meeting, Planning Board s and ZBA meetings. Grant also does special projects for the Town. We also have Brad Fogg who is our back-up recorder and very valuable when Grant is not available.

We purchased new GTV equipment this last year to replace the aging equipment. The new equipment will allow us to better broadcast meetings. We have looked into our aging phone system and have researched how to serve our customers better that call the Town Hall on a daily basis. More to come on this.....

We also implemented the use of Employee Id cards town wide. This allows customers who come to the town to know who employees are when entering one of our buildings.

We have compiled the email migration from in house email server to Office 365, All emails system are in the cloud , this solution it also increases the email availability to 24 x7 365 days.

We have also implemented new Helpdesk Ticketing system.

Thank you to my Staff for their continued hard work through out the year. It takes a village and I could not do this without you.

Ann Elkanich  
Communications and Information Director

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

*July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018*

The Community Development Department performs a variety of functions to meet the Town's needs including planning, economic development, assessing, and code enforcement. During fiscal year 2018 (7/1/17 to 6/30/18), we had four full-time department head positions and an assistant as follows: Kathy Tombarelli (Planner), John Brushwein, CMA (Assessor), Tom Reinsborough (Codes), Doug Webster (Director), and Pam Edson (department assistant).

Over the past few years, John Brushwein has been instrumental in working on a Town-wide revaluation. In the fall of 2018, after getting the process to a logical step, he decided to pursue other employment and we thank him for his many years of service. Lauren Asselin, CMA was consequently hired as the assessor and we welcome her to our team. During the summer of 2018 we were fortunate to have an intern, Rebecca Archer, through the Margaret Chase Policy Center who was very helpful.

It has been another very active year as reflected in the reports below. The number of new houses continues to increase and keeping the revaluation process moving forward has taken considerable staff time and energy. Additionally, Codes has been busy with inspections for both residential and commercial structures. The substantial expansion of facilities in Northbrook and the rebuilding of the Cumberland Farms are noteworthy positive steps forward.

The community development staff functions as the primary staff representative for several Town boards/committees including: Planning Board (Planner), CEDC (also Planner), Zoning Board of Appeals (CEO), Board of Assessment Review (Assessor), and Ordinance Advisory Committee (Director). The community development staff works closely with the Town Manager and Town Council on various land use matters.

In addition to on-going ordinance changes, the community development staff works closely with the Town's administrative staff helping to coordinate projects involving the following: mapping, the beginning steps of updating the Comprehensive Plan, and communications with State agencies such as the Maine Turnpike Authority, Department of Transportation, and the Department of Environmental Protection.

We strive to be cohesive unit and do our best to ensure that the many questions posed daily to us are answered accurately and in a timely manner. We appreciate that property owners and residents base important decisions on ordinance provisions. The community development staff is sincerely appreciative of the many dedicated volunteers on the boards and committees that enable government to function.

The reports below detail the activities of the respective department.

# **CEDC ANNUAL REPORT**

*July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018*

## **CEDC Annual Report 2018**

During this reporting period, the CEDC members were Lacy Antonson, Emanuel Archibald, Jean Bibber, Roger Derry, Fran Monroe, Joel Robertson, & Colette Tweten. The members were actively involved in several community building activities including Creating Community Business Events, the Gray Blueberry Festival, and a Buy Local Shop Local campaign. In addition, the CEDC continued to offer ribbon cuttings to new businesses attended by CEDC, members, Town Councilors, and Town Staff.

The group developed a new product during the previous year, the Gray Welcome Booklet, which continues to be updated bi-annually and is available at Town Hall, and at elections. This booklet lists all the Town departments, resources, and a calendar of events. It also has a “yellow page” listing of all the business on the online business directory. The Gray Welcome Booklet is also available electronically on the Town of Gray website in a PDF version: at [graymaine.org/welcome](http://graymaine.org/welcome). This CEDC also made recommendations for website improvements including the online business directory and the Gray “Connected” page. Letters continued to be sent to new and expanding businesses, thanking them for choosing to locate or expand their businesses in Gray.

The CEDC used this year to define their goals, prioritize their work plan, and create a document that identifies the projects that they would like to work on during the next 1-3 years. Some of these projects include the following; Buy Local Shop Local, Market & Promotional Materials, Village Beautification (storefront beautification incentives, flagpoles/banners, grant opportunities), pursuing Certified Business Friendly status, and CEDC involvement in Comprehensive Plan update (traffic & land use). They have also discussed the possibility of creating a Business Guide, similar to the Gray Welcome Booklet except directed towards business owners or potential new businesses with resources on the planning process, demographics, and other information that might encourage commercial growth in Gray.

The CEDC is designated as a 7-member committee and as such requires 4 members for a quorum. During this report period, the committee was consistently 4-5 members which required at least four to attend in order to have a quorum. As a result, we did have to cancel several meetings which does make it difficult to gain momentum and complete projects. The CEDC has been discussing the possibility of requesting a reduction to the Town Council of the number of members or another alternative, with the end result of three members in attendance for a CEDC meeting constitutes a quorum.

Despite the obstacles, the CEDC members are a dedicated group of volunteers with great ideas and skill sets. The hope is that once the committee is right-sized, we can focus on a set of attainable goals and produce products, complete projects & support Gray business owners and community members.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Tombarelli  
Staff Representative, CEDC

**CEMETARY REPORT**  
*July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018*

**GRAY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**

**ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018**

**ROBERT SAWYER**

**AUDREY BRUNS**

**BRUCE SAWYER**

**LORI BISCIGLIA**

**GWEN POLLARD**

**CHRIS STILKEY, SEXTON**

**GALEN MORRISON**

**DONALD WHITNEY**

**DEB CURRY**

**10 BURIALS**

**17 LOTS SOLD**

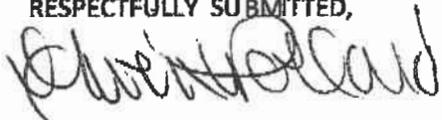
**REPAIR TO OVER 20 STONES INCLUDING SOME VETERANS STONES**

**GRADING DOWN IN BACK FOR ADDITIONAL LOT SALES.**

**CONTINUED REPAIR ON THE ROAD WASHOUTS.**

**THE CEMETERY WAS MOWED MORE THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS. HOWEVER DO THE POOR CONDITION OF THE "TURF" NO MATTER HOW MUCH IT WAS MOWED IT DID NOT LOOK CLEAN AND MANICURED. EXCEPT FOR THE PLACES WE HAVE REPAIRED OR IS SHADED BY TREES. MOST OF THE CEMETERY IS WEED (MOSTLY CRABGRASS). THE ASSOCIATION IS ADDRESSING THIS "TURF" ISSUE WITH AN "AGGRESSIVE RESTORATION" OVER THE NEXT 5 YEARS.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**



**GWEN POLLARD, SEC/TREAS.**

FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE

FROM GRAY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

GRAY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION IS REQUESTING THE TOWN APPROPRIATED MONEY BE \$30,000 FOR THE YEAR , 2019-2020.

SEXTON CONTRACT (CHRIS STILKEY) \$29,000

CONTINUED "CEMETERY RESTORATION" (STONE ,ROAD AND LOT REPAIR) \$3000.

WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN "AGRESSIVE RESTORATION" FOR THE TURF REPAIR. \$3000. A YEAR

(5 YEAR PLAN WHICH WOULD INCLUDE LIMING, GRASS PLUGS, AND PLANTING TREES.)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



GWEN POLLARD SEC/TREAS.

# **THE DRY MILLS SCHOOLHOUSE COMMITTEE**

## **Preservation of our Past and Pathway to our Future**

*Annual Report to the Town Council  
June 1, 2017-June 1, 2018 (dates adjusted for new timeline)*

The mission of the Dry Mills Schoolhouse Museum Committee is to strive to fully restore and secure the Schoolhouse for posterity, to preserve its rich history, to open and present it to the public on a regular basis, to allow Gray residents, individual visitors, and student groups direct access to an educational immersion experience, and to provide a preserve for inter-mutual community and celebratory events.

The Committee's goals for 2017-18 were:

1. To reactivate the Committee
2. To fill the final Committee vacancy.
3. To identify ways the Committee can assist in securing the funds necessary for repairs to reopen the Schoolhouse.

This past year has been an extremely successful year for the Committee with all three 2017-18 goals met. The Committee welcomed new members Jeanne-Marie Scarpati and Janet Smith who replaced the retiring Charlena Walker. Charlena had served the Schoolhouse and Committee for many years contributing many hours and her vast knowledge to its success. The full Committee began meeting regularly and manned information tables at four events (1) Nov Election Polls (2) Maine Wildlife Park Closing weekend (3) Patriot 5K and (4) Wildlife Park Community night. Although the DMS Committee was not present at the 2017 Blueberry Festival, participation in the 2018 event has been planned.

Through donation canisters, a new Honor Plaque fundraiser and an Avon Fundraiser, the Committee raised \$2,312.55, bringing the account total to \$8,060.87 as of June 2018. In addition, Gray residents voted to approve an additional \$35,000 via a bond package to put towards the DMS repairs (this is in addition to the previously approved \$30,000).

In addition, to the stated goals above, the Committee also worked on new ways to communicate with residents through regular articles in the monthly newsletter, the ConnectME website and on social media. The Committee has laid the groundwork for a cooperative relationship with MSAD15 teachers and students to assist with (1) repairs (2) programming and (3) preservation of materials.

The committee's goals for 2018-19 are:

1. To continue fundraising efforts to assist with repairs, programming & preservation efforts.
2. To work with Town Staff, MSAD15 and Community Companies/Groups to help facilitate the needed DMS repairs and reopen the Schoolhouse in 2019.
3. To develop formal updated programming to establish long range visitation/support for the DMS working in collaboration with the Maine Wildlife Park.
4. To work with the Gray Historical Society to memorialize the Henry Pennell House at the DMS location as a first step to a possible Historical Trail which could connect the many historical sites in Gray into a cohesive marketing strategy with potential to add many other sites and groups (Libby Hill Trails, Narrow Gauge Railroad, etc.).

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Dupuis, Joyce Burrows, Sherri Baker-Hewey, Jeanne-Marie Scarpati, Janet Smith  
The Dry Mills Schoolhouse Committee  
Council Liaison – Sandy Carder

## **ELECTION REPORT**

*July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018*

The Registrar of Voters at the Town Clerk's Office is responsible for voter registration; maintenance of the voting list; and the administration of elections.

### **November 7, 2017: General, Referendum Election**

- Registered Voters: 6413
- Number of Voters: 2031
- Voter Turnout: 32%
- Number of Absentee Voters: 276

### **June 12, 2018: State Primaries, Referendum & Municipal Elections**

- 2 Town Councilors –Bruce F. Foshay, Sharon Young
- 2 School Board Members – Samuel L. Pfeifle, Richard True
- 1 Gray Water District Member – Bruce R. Sawyer
- Number of Voters: 1776
- Number of Absentee Voters: 154

### ***Elections Require the Work of Many Volunteers—Thank You!***

We would like to recognize and thank all those citizens who took time out of their busy lives to serve as election officials in 2017 & 2018. The success of our elections relies upon the dedication and work of our election workers.

Special thanks to: Carol West, Phil Ohman, Joyce Burrow, Natalie Edmiston, Gary Foster, Joanne Goguen, Sharon McDonald, Ted MacDonald, Gary Smith, Laurence Szendrei, Sue Trudel, Susan Tsukroff, David Whitney, Jack Wibby and Sharon Young

## **HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT**

*July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018*

### Gray Historical Society Annual Report for 2018

The Gray Historical Society has made a lot of progress towards our mission in 2018. Our goal to keep the museum and research room open all year long has been accomplished due to new heating systems. The members continue to organize our office with a new computer system and are always working on the displays of our items of special interest throughout the museum. The focus has been on making the facility more visitor and research friendly. We have built shelving to hold the reference books and a designated area for people to sit and do their research. The Gray Fire Department has set up a wonderful display in our lower level with all the fire department's memorabilia. We have also set up a Pennell Institute Display of memorabilia in the town office.

The first issue of our newsletter "Gray Reflections" has been received with flying colors. It will be sent out quarterly to members with the hope that it will bring in more interest and inspire people to get involved in the society. Our web page has been updated with a membership application to make it easier for people to join or to make a donation. We are currently in the process of designing a memorial with the granite from the Bessie Libby house to stand out behind the site.

The Gray Historical Society would like to thank the people in the community and the organizations that have given us your continued support. Together we can preserve our heritage, our history, and have it available for all future generations. Plan a visit to come in and experience Gray's history or share a bit of your local history with us.

Sharon MacDonald

President GHS



# Gray Fire Rescue

## Town of Gray

*Protecting the Crossroads of Maine since 1880*



## Annual Report for FY2018

I would like to begin this year's report by thanking the Town council and all the citizens that have supported us so well over the years. As Gray continues to grow I am confident that the Town leadership will continue to do what is best for all who live in this great community.

We continue to work very closely with Gray Public Works and appreciate all they do for us. They routinely monitor our radio channel and are quick to offer assistance whenever possible.

Over the past year the Town of Gray has done much to help Gray Fire Rescue to improve our response to the needs of the community. We have added three employees which allows us to keep a crew of two on duty every night. During the daytime on the weekends we keep three on and offer our call department members a shift on a per-diem basis. During the weekdays, when most of our call members are busy with full time jobs, we have four on duty plus the Chief. This allows us to man both ambulances for those times when we have overlapping calls. Four firefighters on during the day also allows us to respond to a fire with a truck that is fully staffed so they can go to work safely right away. Gone are the days when we responded with one person on each truck.

The day staff has begun doing inspections of businesses and multi family apartments. By allowing us into your businesses it allows us to make recommendations if we see something that can be done safer and it also allows us to get to know the layout of your business should we ever need to make entry during an emergency. Remember, we are here to help!

This past year we finally completed and signed a contract with the IAFF Union. It is great to get this issue behind us. It was big challenge keeping all interested parties working together and moving forward. As we begin FY2019 we are anxiously waiting for news on our FEMA Health and Well Being Grant request. Should we receive this grant it will fund exercise equipment as well as health and nutrition training. Grant notifications will be going out during the month of August and early September. Last

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year we were successful in obtaining a grant to purchase a new SCBA mask fit tester. Every year firefighters are required have their face mask tested while wearing it to make sure no airborne smoke or chemicals can leak in. This cost of this machine was \$13,400.00. In the same grant we were awarded over \$20,000.00 to upgrade aging radio transmitters and filters to block out interference.

Some statistics...

EMS calls of any type:	All calls:
FY18 – 691	1323
FY17 – 735	1465
FY16 – 756	1278
FY15 – 771	1254
FY14 – 654	1145

During the first 6 months of 2018 we responded to:

270 total EMS calls.

187 Transports to hospital

*By age:*

Under 10 – 14 calls

11-20 – 15 calls

21-30 – 31 calls

31-40 – 33 calls

41-50 – 29 calls

51-60 – 28 calls

61-70 – 41 calls

71-80 – 30 calls

81-90 – 40 calls

90 + - 8 calls

5 cardiac arrest calls with 2 code saves.

16 alcohol/drug overdose calls with Narcan administered 2 times.

Accidents continue to increase at a steady pace. Over the last 5 years we have seen an increase of 22%. In FY 2014 we responded to 110 and this past year we responded to 141.

FY 18 – 141  
FY17 – 137  
FY16 – 117  
FY15 – 114  
FY14 – 110

With the Maine Turnpike running through our Town as well as a major rail line we are at risk for an incident involving hazardous materials. Last year we increased the number of technician level trained firefighters to 10. This requires a lot of training time and dedication. This year we are concentrating on confined space rescue as well as high angle rescue. We currently are the first responders for the NWS Gray for any medical emergency inside their radar dome. This location combines both high angle work as well as confined space work. Last year we responded to and mitigated 14 reports of a hazardous materials leaking.

In closing I am proud to say that we have a very dedicated crew that is very eager to learn as well as teach others. They are very empathetic and treat their patients the way I would like them to treat my own parents.

***Please remember to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and clearly post your address!***

Thank you!

Kurt Elkanich  
Gray Fire Rescue  
Chief of Department/EMA Director  
Public Safety Director  
125 Shaker Rd.  
Gray, Maine 04039  
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(207)274-0446 – cell

# LADDER TRUCK COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

*July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018*

On June 13, 2017 voters approved Article 9 of the Gray Municipal Budget by a margin of 55% to 41% (with 4% abstaining). Article 9 set aside \$500,000 into a Capital Reserve Fund for the potential purchase of a new ladder truck. The article also directed the Town Council to form an ad hoc committee, the Ladder Truck Committee, to study the town's public safety needs. The committee was charged with making it's final recommendation to the Council prior to the beginning of the 2019 fiscal year budget process.

The Council authorized the creation of the committee and on August 1st, 2017 appointed the following volunteers; Natalie Blake, Robert Carroll, Alec Dodd, James Hennemann, Nicholas Hutchins and Scott Mildrum. Chief Kurt Elkanich was a supporting ex-officio and non-voting member. Dan Maguire was the non-voting Council Liaison and facilitator of the committee.

The committee agreed to meet at 7:00 pm on the following dates; 8/31, 9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/5 and 10/12 at the Public Safety building. All the meetings were open to the public and minutes were taken. A public hearing was held by the Council on September 19, 2017 to solicit public input on the issue. Over the course of the committee's meetings many topics and issues were discussed.

Among them:

- The impact of the Insurance Services Organization's (ISO) rating of Gray's fire safety preparedness. This is a rating made available to insurance companies to help set rates.
- The pros and cons and costs of refurbishing the current 21-year-old ladder truck.
- The pros and cons of purchasing a used truck or a demonstration model.
- Co-owning a new ladder truck with surrounding communities. Toward that end our Town Manager, Deb Cabana, contacted the surrounding towns. Only Cumberland expressed initial interest, but in the end decide there are too many complexities to make co-ownership workable.
- The cost and impact of "Mutual Aid" agreements with surrounding towns on our ladder truck.
- What additional equipment would the town have to purchase if we didn't replace the truck.
- The committee looked at planned and potential future growth and development in our town and the impact on our Public Safety needs.
- Personnel requirements, cost and safety issues.

The committee completed it's work in October 2018. Alec Dodd compiled all the information gathered by the committee along with the committee's recommendation to the Council and produced a rough draft of our final report. After members had a chance to review it and make suggestions, Alec completed the final report which was released on October 17, 2018.

A final public hearing was held on November 14, 2017 during which Robert Carroll presented the committee's recommendation to purchase a new ladder truck to the Council. Copies of the committee's final report and the Power Point presentation, recommending the purchase of a new truck to the Council can be found on the Town's web site.

On December 5, 2017 the Council voted unanimously to accept the committee's recommendation to purchase a new truck. The Council, Town Manager and Staff worked to include money for the ladder truck purchase in the fiscal 2019 budget.

On June 12, 2018 voters approved a Public Safety and Public Works bond package that included money for a new ladder truck by a margin of 61% to 29% (with 10% abstaining).

Respectfully submitted for the Ladder Truck Committee by Dan Maguire

# GRAY PUBLIC LIBRARY

*July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018*

## **FY18 Annual Report for the Gray Public Library**

It is my pleasure to submit the annual report recording the Gray Public Library's activities for fiscal year 2018.

The Gray Public Library consists of six employees - three full-time, and three part-time. Without their tireless efforts, eternal well of good cheer, and dedication to the users of the Library, our monumental accomplishments would be impossible.

In FY18, the Gray Public Library continued to fulfill its mission of "offer(ing) all citizens an information center that provides a balanced collection of books, access to current technology, and a dynamic and well trained staff, all in a facility that is both functional and user friendly. " The Library is open 40-hours per week, is a member of the Minerva consortium which allows library users access to literally millions of items which can be delivered through van delivery on a daily basis, and, thanks to the building expansion in 2013/2014, contains two meeting rooms which can be accessed independent of Library operating hours.

The primary goal of any year the Library is in operation is to unite the user with the resources that educate, entertain, and enlighten.

In FY18, items from the Gray Library's collection were checked out 63,842 times. This number includes circulation from Gray patrons gathering items from our location, plus materials sent out to fulfill the requests of other Minerva patrons. Patrons of the Gray Public Library checked out and renewed items 68,306 times, which includes materials found in the Library, plus items requested from other Minerva libraries. The Gray Public Library received 8,216 items from other Libraries to fulfill requests from Gray patrons. We sent out 15,230 items to patrons at other Libraries. This is a testament to the collection development prowess of the staff of the Gray Public Library. We curate and develop a question that has a wide community appeal, is unafraid of experimenting with new formats and emerging trends, and constantly surprises and delights the public with our offerings. In addition to physical materials, the Gray Library has also seen a surge in use of the cloudLibrary, which provides free access to e-books and e-audiobooks for Gray card holders. In FY18, patrons checked out 2,878 e-items via the cloudLibrary, an almost 27% increase over e-book circulation in the previous fiscal year.

Our services extend beyond making books for all ages, movies, tv series, audiobooks, music CDs, e-books, and periodicals available to all residents of the town. We also provide a welcoming space that has provided shelter and comfort during the coldest and hottest days of the year. This fiscal year saw the library acting as a shelter for many members of our community when a wide-spread power outage affected the town for up to a week. We were

also a warming spot during a record breaking cold snap in January and a shelter from heat and humidity during one of the hottest summers on record.

Thanks to the continuing support of the Gray Public Library Association, for FY18 the Library continued to fulfill the goal of presenting high-quality programming that appealed to the widest audience of community members as possible. During the fiscal year, the Library presented 292 programs with a total attendance of 3,654. Our program offerings continued to include our highly popular weekly children's story times, film screenings for young and old audiences alike, and monthly book group meetings. This year we continued our fourth year of the Pat Barter Lecture Series which brought a wide variety of authors, experts, and other speakers to the Library. During the fiscal year, we brought ten speakers to the library with over three hundred people attending. Speakers included the District Attorney of Kennebec County speaking about the North Pond Hermit, a former Portland, Maine homicide detective turned author, a "Survivor" winner, and a history of the 50s and 60s told through popular music.

The Library continued to act as a gathering point for community organizations. On average, we hosted fifteen organizations per month in our meeting rooms, ranging from Boy and Girl Scout Troops, to the Gray Water District, to Gray/New Gloucester High School sports boosters. We are pleased to provide this space so that community members can come together to build more durable connections and strengthen their organizations. Many of the organizations have made extensive use of the Library amenities made possible by our expansion.

This coming year we will work towards our continuing goals of increasing use of all resources made available at the Library, to continue to develop strategic partnerships that help further our standing in the community, and promote awareness of the Library in the overall community.

# **ORDINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

*July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018*

The Ordinance Advisory Committee (OAC), was originally created by the Town Council as a temporary ad hoc committee. The committee is led by Doug Webster the town's Director of Community Planning and a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). The other committee members are Tracey Smith, Sara Perry and Wayne Wood. Dan Maguire is the Council Liaison to the committee.

OAC's mission has been to review and analyze ordinances with an eye towards; updating the ordinances, clarifying and standardizing the format and language used to write ordinances and helping to identify the need for new ordinances to guide land use and development in Gray.

Over the last couple of years the Council's relationship with OAC has evolved. Now when the Council identifies the need to update an ordinance or create new one, it often calls on the OAC. The Council outlines in broad terms the purpose, goals and intent of a new or revised ordinance and asks the OAC to research the issues and create an initial draft. This often speeds up the process allowing the Council to address ordinance related issues more efficiently and effectively. As a result, the Council voted unanimously this year to convert the OAC from a temporary ad hoc committee to a permanent Town Council Standing Committee.

- Here is a list of some of the issues the OAC worked on this past year:
- Developed use standards and identified appropriate zones for Social Event Centers.
- Adjustments to the requirements for Planning Boards submittals.
- Town-wide Erosion & Sedimentation standards.
- Removing the Farm Stand fee from Ordinance to fee schedule.
- Adjusting frontage requirement for cul-de-sacs.
- Created a Light Manufacturing Overlay District, to provide for these businesses.
- Backlot standards and options for Council consideration.
- The creation of a Village Residential Zone and the conceptually allowed uses.
- Adjustments to non-conforming lots, parts of which are located in Shoreland Zones.
- Options for Council consideration regarding Duplexes.
- A basic Complete Street Ordinance.
- An ordinance for Building Trades Occupations.

Respectfully submitted for the Ordinance Advisory Committee by Dan Maguire



# 2017 - 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

## Parks & Facilities Director

It is with great pride that I submit this report covering the Gray Parks and Facilities operations from July of 2017 to June of 2018. A review of projects, special events, educational opportunities and other items are listed below for your review.

As a growing community, the importance of adequate parks, facilities and open space play an important role in drawing the businesses and residents to our town as well as what direction we want to take moving toward the future.

Critical goals that need to be addressed include discussion on a Comprehensive Plan that encourages growth and improves the quality of life to it's residents (this would include purchasing land for open space / recreation), to appropriate funds during the budget process that adequately addresses the needs of the parks and facilities and look toward the future with a Capital Improvement Plan that identifies projects, purchase of equipment, provides a planning schedule that is financially implementable.

**Projects:** Eagle Scout Noah Bruns to build 2 benches for the Pennell Park path / Paved and installed 2 solar bollards for the Hancock Street path to the plaza / help install an electronic scoreboard with GNG Little League on the softball field ( in memory of Art Bodwell) / worked with DEP and public works to dredged sand back out of Crystal Lake onto Wilkies Beach / helped with a massive chipping project at Libby Hill Forest Trails after the November wind storm / started the planning for replacement of the basketball court with the assistance of Gorrill - Palmer Consulting Engineers / refinished the gym floor in Newbegin / supervised 20 volunteers on Earth Day from Royal River Heat Pumps to clean up and make improvements to Wilkies Beach and Pennell Park / purchased and installed a swim float at Wilkies Beach.

**Special Events:** Four movies in Pennell Park / Gray Blueberry Fest / Nerf Night / Haunted Lab for Halloween / Tree Lighting and visit with Santa Claus / Breakfast with the Easter Bunny / Bike Rodeo at Pineland YMCA / Bike To School Day / Patriot 5K / longest Day Trail Run at Libby Hill.

**Clinics/Seminars:** field maintenance seminar / lectured at the Parks & Recreation Spring Conference on municipal beach operations / certification class on Lyme disease / positive coaching clinic / Bike rodeo webinar / complete street seminar.

**Other:** accepted a movie projector from the public library / opened discussion with property owners about the Indian Kettle / opened discussion with the Witham Family and Presumpscot Land Trust on open space / working on a new Tobacco Free policy and ordinance change / received a Courtesy Boat Inspection grant / working with Crystal Lake Association on lake and beach improvements / monitoring the water quality at Wilkies Beach / attend and work closely with the Gray Bike / Ped Committee on projects and improvements.

Sincere thanks and appreciation to all community members, civic groups, volunteers and organizations that have been involved with this department in making the Town of Gray a wonderful place to live.

*Dean M. Bennett*



## Recreation Programs Annual Report FY 2017-2018

### Highlights:

- Established Designated Recreation Fund- In October 2017 The Recreation Committee and the Town Council established a mechanism for remaining profits from the Recreation Enterprise fund to be earmarked for future Recreation Department needs and growth. This helps ensure that the money spent on recreation programs and services is put back in to support those same programs and services over the long term.
- Department Reorganization- Recreation Director shifted into a more focused role of Parks and Facilities Director, The Recreation Programmer became a full-time position, and the Administrative Assistant role was changed to Child Care Services Coordinator as of November 2017. This has allowed for a more focused roles of each staff member, better handle on the flow of the program offerings, and more attention and support provided to our aging facilities.

**NEW Programs:** Kindernastics (21), Flip with Me (24), Music and Movement (23), Ukulele Lessons (8), Family Yoga (10), BODYSHRED by Jillian Michaels (37), Taekwondo (13), and Mad Science at Memorial School (34).

### Enhancements:

Mens' Basketball League- Revived and ran 3 sessions in FY 17-18. Approx 100 players.

Jr. Track- This program hired 2 dynamic and successful coaches to guide the kids in their track and field efforts. After 4 practices, the group sent 16 athletes to the Regional Track Meet in South Portland and from there 10 of those athletes qualified for and attended the State meet in Bangor, where 4 of our athletes finished in the top 3 of their events. The meets were hosted by the Maine Recreation and Parks Association and were a new experience for the Gray Rec Jr. Track team but they were well received and we will build upon that experience for next year.

Jr. Sports Programs- Coaching responsibilities have shifted from mostly volunteers to mostly paid staff. This helps ensure consistency and gives all of the participants the same experience.

Childcare Programs- Kids Club and Summer Day Camp 2017 were successful programs with good participation numbers and fun/safe activities.

Kids Club Participants- 67

Summer Campers- 96

Leaders In Training- 25

Thank you to the residents of Gray for your continued support and to the Recreation and Conservation Committee for your dedication and guidance. We look forward to another great year and couldn't do it without your involvement!

Sarah Rodriguez  
Recreation Programmer

## PLANNING DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

*July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018*

Once again, I would like to personally thank the members of the Planning Board during this time frame, many with multiple years of committed volunteer service on the board: Chair Donald Hutchings, Vice Chair Dan Cobb, Richard Bibber, Charlie Abrams, Rachel Lyn Rumson, Adam Szafran, and alternates Paul Myer & Peter Gellerson. Additionally, I would like to thank Nancy Trottier for serving as the recorder of minutes, Grant Guiliano and Brad Fogg for recording and broadcasting the meetings, and Councilor Lynn Gallagher for serving as the Council Liaison.

The Staff Review Committee was designed to review smaller projects and consists of the Town Code Enforcement Officer, the Town Planner, and the Planning Board Chair or designee. This committee reviewed two applications which resulted in the approval of expansions for two existing businesses: Trident Controls on Portland Road and Caswell Farms event venue on the Whitney Road. The Staff Review Committee is a great mechanism for reviewing these types of applications that involve minor developments or small amendments to previously approved projects.

The Planning Board was involved in several Site Plan Reviews for projects which resulted in renovated structures and additional commercial square footage in Gray. The biggest project was the tear down/rebuild of the Cumberland Farms convenience store and fueling station on Main Street. This project required a Contract Zoning Agreement with the Town in order to proceed and the project involved many hours of work by multiple parties including the Planning Board members. Final Site Plan approval was granted in October for the 5,200 +/- sf store on what was previously 3-lots, 10, 12 & 14 Main Street. The new store will feature many new food and beverage offerings, 8 fueling positions, plenty of parking, outdoor seating, and a trail in the rear that allows for a future connection to the Town trails at the Pennell Complex.

Final approval was also granted by the Planning Board for four smaller, but equally appreciated projects, during this period which involved very committed business owners that have made vast improvements to the village area:

- **Chipman Farm** was approved for an addition to their existing farm stand on Shaker Road which is now a retail store with expanded fresh, local, produce and food offerings as well as continued annual and perennial plant sales. They were also approved for family-friendly activities during the fall season to include a pick-your-own pumpkin patch, hay rides, a play area, and a goat petting pen.
- Also located on Shaker Road, **Coolidge Chapel** was approved for an assembly use in the old Baptist Church. The owner has been diligently working on the project converting it from a retail antique shop back to its original state as a sanctuary for assembly. This project included extensive renovations to the structure both on the exterior and interior to allow for wedding ceremonies and celebrations. The Town certainly benefits from and appreciates all the work that has been done to preserve this piece of Gray's history.

- And yet another project on Shaker Road, **Morrison Center**, which was approved for the conversion of the Old Post Office to a developmental support facility for adults with disabilities. Morrison Center offers a range of services including life-skills, advocacy, and other essential services. Staff is excited and grateful to see the renovations to the Post Office building after being vacant for a decade and for the services that Morrison Center offers to its clients.
- **Birchwood Brewing**, accessed through Gray Plaza and located at the former White's Cue Connection, was approved for a retail trade use to establish a micro-brewery tap room with seating for up to 50 people including a beer garden in the rear. The owners of Birchwood Brewing and the property owner have been working on the site which includes extensive improvements to the interior and exterior of the structure, a new paved parking area, and a future garden area in the back. Birchwood Brewing was also the winner of the 2018 Gray New Gloucester Development Corporation's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Grow GNG Business Challenge. Congratulations to Birchwood Brewing and we all look forward to your grand opening.

In addition to the new projects highlighted above, Hill View Mini Barns, approved for retail sales of sheds, barns, garages, gazebos and other Maine made structures in 2015, completed their new office space at their location on Lewiston Road in 2017 and have extended their hours. There are other businesses that have located in Gray during this period that did not require Planning Board approval as they moved into existing storefronts and may have only needed a sign permit and in some cases a building permit for renovations. We appreciate all the existing, expanded, and new businesses that have chose to locate in the Town of Gray.

As all are aware, the housing market has been booming in Gray with house prices on the rise. Despite this, there was only one new residential SD approved for a 3-lot subdivision on Dutton Hill. There was also an amendment to the Whitney Ridge Subdivision which resulted in one additional lot. There were many projects in the works that came for Sketch Plan or Preliminary Plan review that will likely get Final Plan approval during the next report period. For example, a 34 dwelling unit subdivision located on Dutton Hill, a 9-lot Planned Unit Development commercial subdivision on Portland Road, and a 10-unit Multi-Family Development also on Portland Road.

It was also apparent that numerous subdivisions approved and substantially started over the course of the last 10+/- years that had not been completed are now active with lot sales and building permits being issued. Among these subdivisions are Gemstone, Garrison Woods, Eagles Nest, and Lyons Point. These previously approved subdivisions keep the planning staff busy with monitoring the status of engineering escrows, performance guarantees, inspections, and making sure that all the subdivision components are completed as approved.

The Planning Board also acted in their role of monitoring and making recommendations on zoning ordinance. There were several ordinance revisions this year and the Public Hearings for those changes is at the Planning Board meetings. The Planning Board's input is highly valued, and I am grateful for working with such a competent and dedicated group of volunteers.

We also had our first intern in the Community Development Department, Rebecca Archer, who was with us almost 6 months and I had the pleasure of supervising her while she worked on projects for all of us. Thank you, Rebecca, for helping organize, modernize, and bringing youthful energy into our department. I would also be remiss in not thanking Pam Edson, our assistant in the department, for all the help in the administrative processes for these applications as we work with business owners and developers on these projects. Last, I would like to reiterate what a pleasure it is working with the entire Community Development Department staff as we work together serving the Town and its citizens.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Tombarelli, Town Planner

**PUBLIC WORKS**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
*July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018*  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

To the Town Manager, Gray Town Council and the Citizens of Gray:

It is with great pleasure that I submit to you the 2017/2018 Annual Report of the Department of Public Works:

The summer of 2017 and spring of 2018 proved to be busy for the Department. The following road was reclaimed and paved with three and half inches of hot top: 1) Town Farm Road, and the following roads were paved with one and a half inches of hot top 1) Center Road, George Perley Road, Lyons Point Road, and Charlonate Drive for a total of 6,840 tons. After adding shoulders to the above-mentioned roads, the crew spent the rest of the season performing routine maintenance. Other projects completed during this period included sidewalks on Brown Street and Yarmouth Road and construction started on the Gore Road. In late spring the town staff and Gorrill Palmer our town engineer entered into talks with the Maine DOT reference plans to reconstruct Yarmouth Road from the village to the top of Weeks Hill, plus add sidewalks to Apple Tree Village, the reconstruction of the Shaker Road sidewalks and associated drainage system, and the drainage system on Main Street.

The winter of 2017/2018 was a very busy and tough winter. Over the course of the winter we used 3,264 tons of salt, 8,000 yards of sand and 1,930 gallons of calcium. Our first storm was November 13, 2017 and our last storm was April 16, 2018. We had a total of 97 inches of snow and several ice storms totaling three and a half inches of freezing rain and ice. We experienced a total of 30 storms, causing 38 different plowing and sanding events and a total of 3,776 equipment and man hours. The crew handled the many hours behind the wheel very well, while serving the town with pride and dignity and all answered every one of my frequent calls.

As of July 01, 2018, the Public Works Department Crew consisted of, Arthur St. Cyr, Michael Toderico, Nick Hutchins, Mike Morneau, Alec Dodd, Tim Estes, Vaughn Hutchings and Michael Whittier [Full-Time]. Our part time seasonal crew consists of Chris LaVallee, Dean Hadlock, Glen Mehan, Dan Cummings, and Michael Ryan. All our employees are very

important to the town and Public Works would cease to operate without them. I am proud to be their Department Head and very grateful for their dedication to the Town of Gray.

Thanks to Ed Milose, our Maintenance Supervisor and his crew. Ed's constant support continues to bail us out of many situations.

Once again, I want to thank Chief Kurt Elkanich and the Department of the Public Safety for the many assists during the past year, the two Public Service Departments work many times as one and in very fine fashion. We would also like to thank the Maine State Police, Cumberland County Sheriff's Department, and Cole Chandler our Town Sheriff for their many assists.

And as always, a big thank-you to all the citizens of Gray who volunteer their time to serve our departments and committees and to all the citizens who show courtesy towards our department as we strive to improve the safety of our Town ways. And last, but not least, to Ann, Jon, Tom, Elizabeth, Pam, Judy, Galen, Cathy, Kathy, Katy and Doug, whose constant support makes and has made my job much easier.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve LaVallee  
Town of Gray Director of Public Works

## **RECYCLE COMMITTEE**

*July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018*

### **Annual Report**

**June 1, 2017-June 30, 2018**

### **Recycle Committee**

The Recycle committee had several personal changes for the year including the retirement of our member Dorothy Barton after three years of service. We also welcomed our new Council Liaison, Sandy Carder and new committee member Martha Scheuchzer.

August was a busy month for our committee as we planned and manned a booth at the Blueberry Festival that we shared with Lisa Wolff representing Eco Maine. We ran a recycle contest for the Kids testing their knowledge of recycling. Lisa provided prizes for the kids who participated. We also had the chance to talk with many citizens about our Recycle operation. At the end of August the group assisted with the Annual Hazardous Waste collection day, which was very successful.

The council voted to approve a new alternate member who would only vote if we did not have a quorum, but would assist with all other group activities. We have been unable to fill that position to date. We will make a renewed effort in 2018 to fill this position as we were unable to meet three times last year for lack of a quorum.

The Fall season saw the temporary closing of the “Take or Leave” shop at our Recycle and Solid waste facility. A number of issues needed to be resolved and our group worked with Randy and the Council on resolving them by providing feedback to proposals. When all the changes were in place and new volunteers selected, it was reopened in February 2018.

Our group next took up the question of converting our Recycle operation to a Single Sort operation. Our group interviewed similar towns that had converted and we worked Randy to put together an estimate of what it would cost Gray to convert our operation. The conversion was put on hold for now.

I was humbled in March to receive an Eco Maine Excellence award, individual category, for leading change in reducing waste in Gray.

In May I was able to represent our group by talking to 70 students in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades at the GNG Middle School on how Gray recycles and answer many questions. It was a great time and based on the students’ feedback, I was able to see they were interested in Recycling and had gained some knowledge through our presentation. The Committee looks forward to doing more work with the schools in the future.

Due to the many special projects this year we were unable to finish our version of the Recyclopedia which will be a 2018-19 goal. Once complete, it will be available on the Town Website to allow anyone to look up any item they wish to dispose of, or recycle, and see how to do this in Gray.

Respectfully submitted

Jonathan Hedman

Chair Gray Recycling Committee on behalf of

Committee Members: Lacy Antonson, Greg Diehl, Matthew Perry,

Martha Scheuchzer, Randy Cookson

Council Liaison – Sandy Carder

# SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

*July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018*

## SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING DEPARTMENT

Greetings:

It is with pleasure that I submit to you this brief report on some key issues affecting the Solid Waste and Recycling Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

As reported last year, wood waste is among the list of materials that is becoming increasingly difficult to locate an economically sound and consistent outlet for. And, since the Town of Gray handled 980 tons of recyclable wood waste during this past fiscal year, it is quite costly. Disposal fees collected for disposal from residents helps to offset these expenses, placing the cost on those who utilize this service rather than the tax base as a whole. It is imperative that foreign materials are kept out of the wood as it is put through a rigorous testing procedure prior to its acceptance as a fuel product, the least expensive option there is. Two ounces of pressure treated wood found in the sampling process is enough to fail 200 tons of processed wood resulting in thousands of dollars in additional disposal costs.

As expected, China's ban on the import of recycled material, primarily plastics and paper, has made for rough times in the recycling industry throughout the United States, Gray not being an exception. Material that had in the past brought in decent revenue has become an expense instead, though still less expensive than discarding in the trash. We are fortunate to have always provided a clean, desirable product to the mills, helping to maintain a good rapport and thus an outlet for the recycling. Many communities across Maine and the US have been forced to stop their recycling programs, leading to the landfilling and incineration of previously recycled material.

The bottom line of recycling, whether it is paper, plastic, wood waste, etcetera is **KEEP IT CLEAN!**

Gray's MSW recycling rate, which includes paper, plastic, glass and metal cans for FY 2018 was 48%. When construction debris, i.e. wood, metal, asphalt roofing and yard waste is included, the Town had an overall recycling rate of 51%. Everything recycled has a positive environmental and economic impact that cannot be stressed enough. Keep recycling, keep it clean. We all have an impact, make yours a positive one.

In closing I would like to thank my dedicated staff, the Recycling Committee, and you, the residents of Gray for your continued support and for allowing me to be at your service.

Sincerely,  
Randy J. Cookson, Solid Waste Director

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
*July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018*  
**REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Greetings,

I am pleased to submit this report of the activities of the Zoning Board of Appeals, of the fiscal year 2017-2018, to the Citizens of Gray.

The job of the Zoning Board of Appeals is to ensure that the spirit of the Town's Zoning Ordinance is observed and to provide residents a forum at which they can appeal issues arising from interpretations of the township's zoning ordinance. For example, the strict interpretation of the zoning ordinance might create a hardship when applied to a specific land parcel due to the parcel's shape or topography. Maybe a setback requirement prevents a reasonable use of the land. The function of the Z.B.A. is to hear these cases and make a determination to grant or deny a variance request to that unique parcel.

The Z.B.A. is similar to a court in that it conducts hearings, listens to the evidence presented by the applicant, determines the hardship, or lack of, and renders a decision. In the event the applicant is still not satisfied with the findings of the Z.B.A., the applicant may then appeal those findings to the superior court.

The Z.B.A. is made up of five voting members. The Town Council appoints the Z.B.A. members upon review of interested citizens submitted an application. Members are appointed three year alternating terms.

During the 2017-2018 reporting period, three cases were heard, each resolved in favor of the applicant; and one case is still pending.

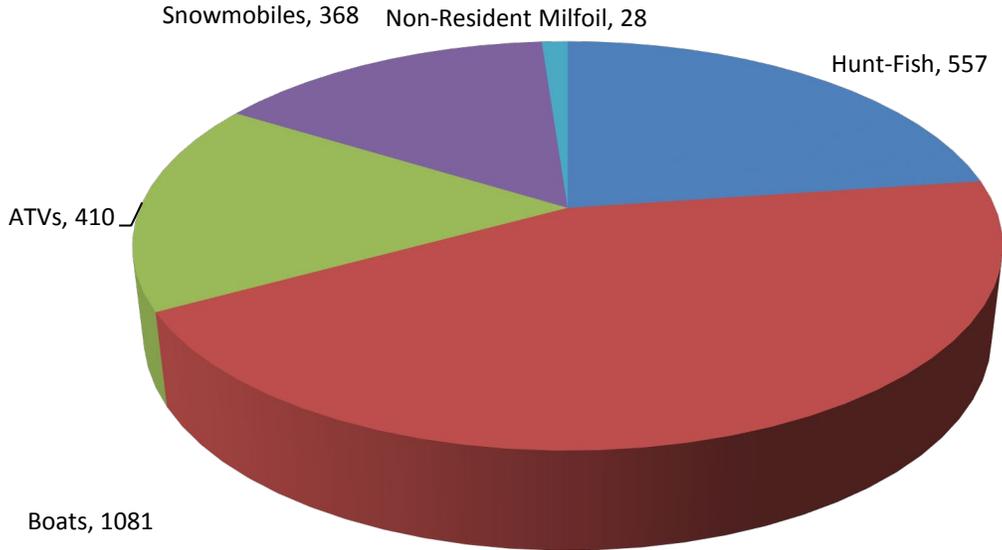
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the dedicated, uncompensated, volunteers for the time they have given to the Town of Gray: John Swiger, Lena Reichardt and Doug Wilson.

The Z.B.A. meets the fourth Wednesday of each month if appeals are submitted. These meetings are open to the public and are held in the Town Council Chambers at Henry Pennell Municipal Offices. Agendas posted on the Town's website.

Respectfully Submitted  
Brad Fogg  
Chairperson

Year	Hunt-Fish	Boats	ATVs	Snowmobiles	Non-Resident Milfoil
2017/2018	557	1081	410	368	28

## IF&W Licenses & Registrations 2017/2018



2006/2007	1025	1258	276	304	
2007/2008	885	1028	282	507	
2008/2009	776	1008	233	471	
2009/2010	847	855	261	407	
2010/2011	671	797	265	416	
2011/2012	653	788	245	252	
2014/2015	676	788	273	410	32
2017/2018	557	1081	410	368	28

BIRTHS	80
DEATHS	63
MARRIAGES	69



# Birth Annual Report

## Report Parameters

Beginning Date

JUL-01-2017

Ending Date

JUN-30-2018

Maine  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Office of Vital Records

OFFICE: Town of Gray

USER: Ann.Elkanich

Child's Name	Place of Birth	Date of Birth	Mother's Residence
Martin, Maxwell John	Portland	07/10/2017	Gray
Coe, Rory Robert	Portland	07/25/2017	Gray
Betts, Ezra Timothy	Portland	07/25/2017	Gray
Lockman, Callan Scot	Portland	07/28/2017	Gray
Sharp, Caleb Joseph Ponzetti	Portland	08/01/2017	Gray
Amergian, Charley Diane	Portland	08/07/2017	Gray
Verrill, Alyssa Kathryn	Lewiston	08/18/2017	Gray
Lavigne, Mason Michael	Lewiston	08/22/2017	Gray
Lunn, Evan Wyland Cooper Jr	Portland	09/09/2017	Gray
Humphrey, Feona Lillian	Portland	09/09/2017	Gray
Hodgkins, Noah James	Portland	09/14/2017	Gray
Ferguson, Clara Pearl	Portland	09/18/2017	Gray
Walsh, Zoe Rose	Portland	09/18/2017	Gray
York, Emelia Rae	Portland	09/21/2017	Gray
Normand, Juliana Marie	Portland	09/25/2017	Gray
Blanchard, Haley Mae	Portland	09/29/2017	Gray
Delcamp, Nikko Reed	Portland	10/20/2017	Gray
Strout, Griffin Sheldon	Portland	10/21/2017	Gray
Samuels, Roshane Jordan	Portland	10/31/2017	Gray
Staples, Cullen Scott	Portland	11/09/2017	Gray
Sanborn, Ethan George	Portland	11/14/2017	Gray
Sanborn, Alden Kenneth	Portland	11/14/2017	Gray
Lindberg, Grayson Frederick	Portland	11/16/2017	Gray
Irving, Lilly Evelyn	Portland	11/20/2017	Gray
Weinreich, Abraham Daniel	Portland	11/24/2017	Gray
Chellis, Cameron Milton	Portland	11/27/2017	Gray
Hamblen, Shylowe Cerridwen	Portland	11/25/2017	Gray
Pollard, Liam James	Portland	12/08/2017	Gray
Calligan, Sloane Marion	Portland	12/08/2017	Gray
Vangelist, Liana Anita	Portland	12/14/2017	Gray
Reich, Asher Devon Louis	Portland	12/20/2017	Gray
Shaw, Nora Elizabeth	Portland	01/06/2018	Gray
Farris, Athena Jean	Portland	01/13/2018	Gray
Leary, Cora Diane	Portland	01/24/2018	Gray
Slaney, Emma Rose	Portland	01/25/2018	Gray
Arsenault, Maisie Lynn	Portland	02/09/2018	Gray
Hutchins, Isabella Sistine	Portland	02/14/2018	Gray
Maloney-Spiller, Emily Rose	Portland	02/17/2018	Gray
Atwood, Emma Jean	Portland	02/20/2018	Gray
Tabor, Conor John	Portland	02/20/2018	Gray
Hayward, Colton Dean	Lewiston	02/25/2018	Gray
Hutchings, Bryant Todd	Portland	02/26/2018	Gray
Little, Jax Lee	Portland	02/28/2018	Gray
Bailey, Xander Hendrix	Portland	03/06/2018	Gray
Dias, Benjamin Sobrinho	Portland	03/08/2018	Gray
Sweet, Landyn Wayne	Portland	03/12/2018	Gray
Bennett, Micah Isaac	Portland	03/15/2018	Gray
Kennedy, Emily Nicole	Portland	03/20/2018	Gray
Young, Vivian Rose	Portland	03/19/2018	Gray
Szafran, Sylvie Michelle	Portland	03/21/2018	Gray

Michaud, Leon James	Portland	04/11/2018	Gray
Clarizia, Siena Lee	Portland	04/13/2018	Gray
Hagan, Abel Raymond	Portland	04/22/2018	Gray
Burke, Holden Marshall	Lewiston	04/25/2018	Gray
Hemmings, Brody Arnold	Portland	05/03/2018	Gray
Dill, Bryce Alexander	Portland	05/08/2018	Gray
Hibbard, James Macklin	Portland	05/09/2018	Gray
Alvarez-Long, Francisco Daniel	Portland	05/09/2018	Gray
Ringle, Eleanor Louise	Lewiston	05/12/2018	Gray
Poland, Ander Rocky	Portland	05/12/2018	Gray
Richards, Hakan Evritt	Portland	05/11/2018	Gray
D'Amboise, Vivian Pearl	Portland	05/14/2018	Gray
Larocque, Atlas James	Portland	05/14/2018	Gray
Whitney, Isla Reigne	Portland	05/17/2018	Gray
Fotter, Harriette Ann	Portland	05/19/2018	Gray
Andreasen, Sydney Marie	Portland	05/21/2018	Gray
Purrington, Madalynn Ann	Lewiston	05/25/2018	Gray
Tilly, Cameron Allen	Portland	05/31/2018	Gray
Hutchinson, Conrad Gerald	Portland	06/06/2018	Gray
Bruns, Jayce Anthony	Portland	06/23/2018	Gray
King, Brielle Anne	Portland	06/26/2018	Gray
Skiff, Henry Austin	Portland	06/27/2018	Gray

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<b>Total Records for Town of Gray</b>	<b>72</b>
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<b>Grand Total Records</b>	<b>72</b>
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# Death Annual Report

## Report Parameters

Beginning Date 01-Jul-2017  
 Ending Date 30-Jun-2018  
 Office Town of Gray

Maine  
 Department of Health and Human Services  
 Office of Vital Records

OFFICE: Town of Gray  
 USER: Ann.Elkanich

Decedent Name	Age	Resident Town	Town of Death	Date of Death
Allen,Elizabeth A.	92	Gray	Lewiston	10/08/2017
Barter,Patricia Ann	82	Gray	Falmouth	02/26/2018
Bodwell,Walter Arthur Jr.	71	Gray	Portland	08/19/2017
Bouchard,Kirk Marcel	52	Brunswick	Gray	06/30/2018
Burgess,Nathan Wilcox	90	Gray	Portland	06/11/2018
Burnham,Allen Ernest	82	Gray	Gray	02/14/2018
Carrier,John Alden II	76	North Yarmouth	Gray	06/18/2018
Clayton,Curtis W. JR.	81	Crossville	Gray	10/16/2017
Cobb,Hubert Freeman	85	Gray	Gray	02/10/2018
Davis,Kendhall Bradley	28	Gray	Gray	05/07/2018
Diaz,Teresa Rose	92	Gray	Yarmouth	08/21/2017
Dubois,Raymond Lawrence	81	Gray	Scarborough	12/15/2017
Duhamel,Virginia	89	Gray	Gray	02/02/2018
Faunce,Ronald Gerry	74	Gray	Scarborough	09/17/2017
Fowler,Jeffrey Andrus	59	Gray	Gray	09/08/2017
Gardner,Beth Ann	72	Gray	Gray	09/22/2017
Grier,Teresa Louise	86	Gray	Topsham	03/08/2018
Haynes,Frederick H.	66	Gray	Gray	04/22/2018
Herrick,David A.	57	Gray	Scarborough	12/31/2017
Hooper,Jean M.	81	Gray	Gray	08/07/2017
Howe,T Marguerite	87	Gray	Windham	12/10/2017
Humphrey,Barbara Ethel	89	Gray	Scarborough	04/13/2018
Johnson,Gayl Ann	58	Gray	Portland	01/25/2018
Joy,Joan Patricia	91	Gray	Portland	01/31/2018
Kimball,Patricia Powell	78	Gray	Portland	08/21/2017
Lawrence,William E.	85	Gray	Portland	05/24/2018
Leavitt,Keith Earl	88	Gray	Scarborough	04/16/2018
Lucarelli,Sandra Janna	70	Gray	Scarborough	12/03/2017

<b>Decedent Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Resident Town</b>	<b>Town of Death</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>
Matthews,Gaye Emma	67	Gray	Gray	11/09/2017
McNeill,Richard Atlee	76	Gray	Portland	12/12/2017
Mello,Stephen Owen	72	Gray	Portland	11/16/2017
Mills,Ruth Corinne	89	Gray	Portland	11/10/2017
Mitchell,Julia Elizabeth	89	Gray	Portland	05/28/2018
Myers,Olga Minerva	80	Gray	Portland	12/23/2017
Neuman,James Carl	70	Ruskin	Gray	07/18/2017
Noble,Norris Neal	77	Gray	Portland	12/15/2017
O'connor,Vincent LeRoy	82	Gray	Auburn	07/20/2017
Orlando,Roberta Jean	62	Gray	Scarborough	03/29/2018
Palmer,Elizabeth H.	64	Gray	Gray	08/27/2017
Phinney,Janice Francine	80	Gray	Scarborough	02/25/2018
Plourd,Eugene Michael	64	Gray	Portland	06/08/2018
Poole,Matthew Adam	33	Gray	Gray	06/12/2018
Radmore,Janet R.	83	Gray	Gray	03/24/2018
Rinaldi,Maria Lynn	32	Gray	Gray	02/24/2018
Russell,Savannah Ellen	30	North Yarmouth	Gray	08/06/2017
Sawyer,Christopher Robert	52	Gray	Gray	03/29/2018
Sawyer,Peter Brian	79	Gray	Gray	10/14/2017
Shaw,George Edward	81	Gray	Togus USVA	02/21/2018
Shok,Richard S.	72	Wells	Gray	05/08/2018
Smith,Gary Louis	71	Gray	Scarborough	04/23/2018
Stewart,Arthur Edward Jr.	78	Gray	Gray	06/13/2018
Stewart,Kathleen Ann	70	Gray	Auburn	02/20/2018
Tanguay,Henry Edmond	82	Gray	Auburn	11/24/2017
Therault,Rodney Edward	57	Gray	Gray	02/01/2018
Trask,S. Everett	88	Gray	Lewiston	06/15/2018
Tripp,Allen Wendell	80	Gray	Windham	02/07/2018
Vickerson,David Michael	54	Gray	Gray	03/07/2018
Walls,Richard Taylor	77	Gray	Gray	04/15/2018
Watson,Barry August	68	Gray	Gray	09/30/2017
Widdowson,Caryl Ann	70	Gray	Gray	08/02/2017
Wilkinson,Beatrice Wilma	97	Gray	Auburn	07/20/2017

<b>Decedent Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Resident Town</b>	<b>Town of Death</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>
Wilkinson, Terry Edward	75	Gray	Gray	10/05/2017
Wilson, Harriet Erdine	95	Gray	Lewiston	08/22/2017
<b>Total</b>				<b>63</b>

# 2017 Volunteer Awards

The Town of Gray held its annual 2017 Volunteer & Employee Thank You Celebration on April 25th, 2018 at Spring Meadows. It was a wonderful night recognizing all the hard work that Gray's volunteers and employees do throughout the year and awarding certain individuals for their above and beyond contributions. Gray is very fortunate to have so many wonderful citizens who give back to the community.

The 2017 awards were as follows:

- *Evelyn Durgin Award*: **Roger Derry**
- *Lifetime Achievement*: **Brad Fogg**
- *Organization of the Year*: **Gray Food Pantry**
- *Volunteer of the Year*: **Lacy Antonson**
- *Committee of the Year*: **Blueberry Festival Committee**



Another highlight of the evening was a special tribute video made by Town of Gray's Cable TV Broadcast Manager: Grant Guiliano. The video is available for viewing @ [www.graymaine.org/volunteer-awards](http://www.graymaine.org/volunteer-awards).

Each presenter took the time to say heartfelt words about each award recipient. These can also be read @ [www.graymaine.org/volunteer-awards](http://www.graymaine.org/volunteer-awards).

*A special thanks to Nate Tsukroff for taking photos of the event and providing them to the Town of Gray!*





STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
1 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE  
04333-0001

PAUL R. LePAGE  
GOVERNOR

Dear Citizens of Gray:

For the past seven years as your Governor, my priority has been to make Maine—our people—prosper. Helping you keep more money in your wallet by reducing taxes has been part of that mission.

Too many Maine families are facing skyrocketing property taxes that strain household budgets. Our elderly on fixed incomes are particularly vulnerable to these increases. School budgets are often blamed for annual increases in property taxes. But there's another reason. A tremendous amount of land and property value has been taken off the tax rolls, leaving homeowners to pick up the tab.

As of 2016, towns and cities owned land and buildings valued at nearly \$5.5 billion statewide. Large and wealthy non-profits, such as hospitals and colleges, often escape paying property taxes on their vast real estate holdings—totaling more than \$5.1 billion statewide.

In Maine, nearly 2.5 million acres of land have been set aside for conservation by the federal and state governments and non-profit organizations, including land trusts. Municipalities are losing out on property taxes on an estimated \$2 billion in land that has been either removed from the tax rolls or prohibited from development—shifting the cost of municipal services to local homeowners through higher property taxes.

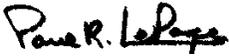
It's time to recognize the results of taking property off the tax rolls and identify solutions to reduce the burden on our homeowners. My administration's proposals have been met with staunch resistance.

In 1993, about 35,800 acres of land were documented as land-trust owned. That number has increased by an astonishing 1,270 percent. Land trusts now control over 490,000 acres with an estimated value of \$403 million. We must restore the balance. We will be working this session to ensure all land owners are contributing to the local tax base. It's time for them to pay their fair share.

I encourage you to ask your local officials how much land in your municipality has been taken off the tax rolls, as well as how much in tax revenue that land would have been contributing today to offset your property taxes.

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

Sincerely,

  
Paul R. LePage  
Governor

January 3, 2018

Dear Friends,

Representing Maine in the United States Senate is an honor.

I continue my work on the Senate Armed Services Committee, each year authorizing the funding required to build our military capabilities and ensuring that our service members are trained and equipped to defend our nation. I was pleased to be part of a bipartisan effort to enact a new law to simplify the appeals review process to reduce the backlog our veterans are facing, as well as a new law that provides critical funding to the VA Choice Program, allowing veterans in rural Maine to access services closer to home.

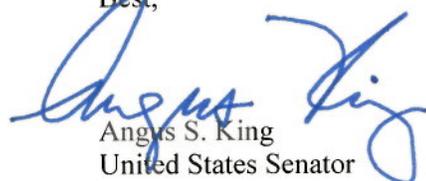
While my committee work is important, working to combat the opioid epidemic is one of my top priorities. Although Congress has made some important strides, much remains to be done to provide additional funding for prevention, treatment and enforcement. I am working with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pressure the Drug Enforcement Administration to reduce the amount of opioids produced and to thwart the flow of fentanyl and other deadly drugs into our country.

I am very optimistic about the integrated, multiagency effort I led with Senator Collins to foster innovation and commercialization in Maine's forest economy. Through the Economic Development Assessment Team (EDAT) we are already experiencing increased federal investments that will strengthen our existing forest products industry and help support job creation in rural communities. Initiatives like Cross Laminated Timber, Combined Heat and Power, nanocellulose, 3D printing with biobased materials and other biobased products will mean that Maine's wood-basket will continue to be a major jobs and economic contributor for our future.

Finally, the coming year will continue the work of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in the ongoing investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 election. Our Committee has held seven public hearings and numerous classified sessions, reviewed tens of thousands of pages of documents and conducted hundreds of interviews. I remain focused on the security of our elections and committed to developing strategies to prevent interference by foreign governments in our democracy.

May 2018 be a good year for you, your family, your community and our great State.

Best,



Angus S. King  
United States Senator



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*Cell (207) 329-6142*  
*cathy.breen@legislature.maine.gov*

Dear Residents of Gray,

I hope 2018 finds you and your family doing well. It is an honor to represent you and this community as your state senator, and I look forward to working hard for Gray in the upcoming session.

Property tax relief remains a top priority for me, and the Legislature made great strides in 2017. This past year, my colleagues and I fought to increase the Homestead Property Exemption from \$15,000 to \$20,000, protected state funding for local services such as fire departments and road maintenance, and increased public K-12 education funding by \$162 million over the biennium. These efforts aim to decrease the pressure on municipalities to increase mil rates and ultimately reduce the property tax burden that has been too high for too long.

Additionally, I would like to share some information about the state's unclaimed property list. "Unclaimed property" is money owed to Maine people by third parties, such as former employers, banks or utility companies. It could be from a forgotten account, an overpaid bill or uncollected wages, and could be unclaimed as a result of a change in name, addresses or bank account. Go to [www.maine.gov/unclaimed](http://www.maine.gov/unclaimed) or call 1-888-283-2808 to see if the state is holding any unclaimed property for you.

One of the best parts of being a legislator is bringing students to the State House to serve as Senate Pages. Pages assist legislators by handing out documents during the session, passing messages between senators, and performing other tasks critical to the legislative process. It's an excellent opportunity for hands-on learning and families can make a day of it by touring the State House and other nearby attractions. If you know of students who may be interested, please reach out to my office.

I am always glad to hear from folks back in District 25. Please email me at [Cathy.Breen@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Cathy.Breen@legislature.maine.gov) or call (207) 287-1515 to share any thoughts or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cathy Breen".

Cathy Breen  
Senate District 25

## DELINQUENT TAXES

### ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

#### NAME

SARELAS, ELIZABETH

SINNETT, HENRY B

**TOTAL FISCAL YEAR 2014**

723.38

1.37

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**724.75**

#### NAME

FOURNIER, DOROTHEA L

HERETAKIS ENTERPRISES

HOLMES, CAROLYN M

PERKINS, MICHAEL E c/o PATRICIA HENRY

PETERSEN, PETER J

SARELAS, ELIZABETH

SCHEHR, ANDRE M

SINNETT, HENRY B

TAYLOR, CURTIS E

**TOTAL FISCAL YEAR 2015**

2,539.39

2,344.95

1,175.18

152.04

207.63

3,077.31

0.22

2.14

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2,577.20

**12,076.06**

#### NAME

BIBBER, REBECCA S

BRAINERD, EVAN J

CADIGAN, PAMELA J

CAMERON, DAVID L

CARDONA, MICHAEL

CLEMENT, KENNETH D % HOLLY CLEMENT

COFFIN, DOROTHY E COFFIN, FRANK B

CURTIS, HARRY L

DAVIS, BRADFORD V

DONAGAN, RUSSELL F DONAGAN, SALLY

DORRINGTON, NIKKI L

DERRIG, ANTHONY

EMMERTZ, CYNTHIA L

EMMERTZ, THOMAS J EMMERTZ, CYNTHIA L

FARRIS, MICHAEL W

FEEHAN, ROBIN W FEEHAN, TIMOTHY M

FOURNIER, DAVID A

FROTTON, GEORGE E JR & FROTTON, PATRICIA A

GLASER, DANNY R II

GOBEIL, ROBERT

GRAY BLAYN R

GRAY, RYAN M DUBE-GRAY, TRISTA A

HALE, BLAKE M

HARTLEY, JAIME

HERETAKIS ENTERPRISES

HOLMES, CAROLYN M

LEAVITT, DANIEL S & LEAVITT, TAMARA D

MCPHAIL, LINDA A

MILLER, CHRISTOPHER

3,617.11

507.31

2,440.27

745.82

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0.05

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3,692.82

MITCHELL, JULIE E ELLIOTT, KATHY	485.97
MITCHELL, JULIE E ELLIOTT, KATHERINE	1,633.42
MORTGAGE PROCESSING SOLUTIONS, LLC	747.10
MPG DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC	541.66
NORTON, DOUGLAS E ET AL	2,458.45
O'BRIEN, ANDREA	149.28
PAMPERED POOCH, LLC	4,237.25
PERKINS, MICHAEL E c/o PATRICIA HENRY	1,418.89
PETERSEN, PETER J	189.96
RODERICK, THOMAS L III & RODERICK, NANCY C	1,179.50
RUSSELL, JOLENE L	2,072.53
SANDERS, TODD V SR SANDERS, ANNA M	1,064.33
SARELAS, ELIZABETH	2,896.45
SAWYER, ROBERT K SAWYER, MARILYN G	1.02
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TAYLOR, CURTIS E	5,483.68
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WELLS, LINDA J	284.06
WHITE, DEBORAH J	278.83
WHITE, RALPH A	2,199.03
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WING, COLLEEN A	447.97
WOODLEY, LAURIE J	1,224.76
YUILL, CYNTHIA	406.42
<b>TOTAL FISCAL YEAR 2016</b>	<b>75,385.70</b>

**NAME**

2 COLLINS POINT ROAD REALTY TRUST ROBERSON, JOHN A & PATRICIA, TRUSTE	5.40
ADAMS, SUSANNA C/O HEAPHY TRUST GROUP	0.01
ANKETELL, TIMOTHY A	0.94
ARCHIBALD, NANCY C.	557.37
ARYAN, MANSOUR ARYAN, SHAHEEN	2,565.96
ASH, ANDREW J	658.21
ASH, ANDREW JR	1,195.23
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ASH, JANICE M ASH, ANDREW S JR	1,186.03
BAILEY, PETER A	367.93
BALDINI REALTY TRUST BALDINI, ELIO & MARY E, TRUSTEES	8,840.10
BARTHOLOMEW, RONALD BARTHOLOMEW, DIANE M	75.97
BARTLETT, ALLAN P	1,236.10
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BAUN, KATHRIN J & PHILIP JR, TRUSTE PUZNIAK, GENE A	1.52
BEALE, MARGARET E PLUMMER, SANDRA L	2.08
BEAN, ANN MARIE CHANDLER, STEPHEN ROSS	2,782.94
BEEBE ROBERT W & ANNETTE M	3,690.12
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BIBBER, REBECCA S	3,383.05
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BLANCHARD, ELEANOR C & BLANCHARD, GALE M	1,493.59
BOGUE, ROGER & GRUSHEY, DONALD S	1.36
BONNEY, CHRISTOPHER R	3,044.97
BOULIER, JOAN	526.50
BOWLES, CLIFFORD A	359.04
BOYINGTON, RODNEY S	648.94
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BRANN, APRIL SABACINSKI, WENDY	309.93
BRIA & RYAN, INC	6,194.60
BRIGGS REALTY INC	6.29
BROWN, ALICIA E	793.06
BROWN, CHRISTOPHER H BROWN, KATHERINE A	1,584.84
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BRUNS PROPERTIES LIMITED LIABILITY CO	972.71
BRUNS, CHARLES L SR, ESTATE OF	411.07
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BURKE, JANICE F PERSONAL RESIDENCE TRUST	0.05
BUTTERFIELD, KELLY J	1.67
BUXTON, ANTHONY W HOGLUND, ELIZABETH A	1.28
CADIGAN, PAMELA J	2,281.45
CALAUTTI, STEPHEN E	4.92
CALDER, THOMAS & REBECCA	245.29
CAMERON, DAVID L	692.68
CAMPBELL, JUDITH	2,294.53
CARDONA, MICHAEL	2,104.19
CARSON EVELYN A	2.10
CARTER, LAWRENCE B	1.11
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CASSIDY, WILLIAM A, JR	1.96
CHASE FARMS CIDER MILL, INC c/o LINDA CHASE	0.82
CHASE, GRACE M, TRUSTEE CHASE FAMILY IRREVOCABLE TRUST	1.31
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CHIPMAN, DOUGLAS	3.38
CHURCH, CRISTIANO CENCI	602.00
CITIMORTGAGE INC	1,408.85
CLEMENT, KENNETH D % HOLLY CLEMENT	1,379.71
CLEMENTS, DAVID	0.13
COFFIN, DOROTHY E COFFIN, FRANK B	253.93
COLE, HOLLY B R	3.66
COLLINS, JANE W	4.38
COLVILLE, CLIFFORD J III	0.12
COMER, MARA G	0.23
CONTANT, SUSAN C	1.22

COUGHLIN, SCOTT A, SR	1.60
CRAVER, DANIEL B & HELEN I TRUSTEE CRAVER, TRUST AGREEMENT	3.99
CRAWFORD, DARREN OSGOOD, SYDNEY	1,511.42
CROMARTY, IAN S CROMARTY, MICHELLE A	0.54
CRONIN, VICKI	517.52
CURTIS, HARRY L	140.05
DANIELLO, JOYCE	1,014.01
DAVIS, BRADFORD V	1,054.87
DAVIS, JAMES	0.70
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DERRIG, ANTHONY	263.27
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DESMET, VICKI BROWN	2.72
DESROSIERS, WILFRED E MCLEOD, JUDITH A	0.10
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST CO. RESIDENTIAL ASSET SECURITIZATION6CB	0.22
DEWOLFE, FRANK DEWOLFE, SERINA	2.79
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DODGE, GEORGE W	1.33
DONAGAN, RUSSELL F DONAGAN, SALLY	4,111.16
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DOUGHTY, ALBERT W FLECK, SUSAN B	0.12
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DOWNES, VICTOR L JR	765.12
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DRUMHELLER, WILLIAM ROBERT	1.92
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DYER, RONALD C & DYER, KATHY S	0.01
EDDY POINT, LLC	4.63
EMMERTZ, CYNTHIA L	2,451.44
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FARRINGTON, KENNETH	1,378.16
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FILADORO, ROBERT A FILADORO, TANYA M	0.01
FILES, JEFFREY S	38.70
FINOCCHIETTI, DAVID E SR ET AL	2,335.26
FIRTH, CLIFFORD S & FIRTH, CLIFFORD C	3.24
FLAHERTY, GEORGE H	5,808.45
FLEMING, KEVIN M COYNE, KAREN & WINTERS, DIANE	0.24
FORBES, RICHARD S FORBES, DONALD M	4,573.52
FORSLEY, FRED & FORSLEY, RICHARD T	3,393.29
FORTIER, DOROTHY L	998.85
FORTIER, DOROTHY L	709.97
FOSTER, GEOFFREY J FOSTER, NADINE	2.05

FOSTER, INA ALTHEA MCALLISTER, CATHERINE A	2,641.78
FOURNIER, DAVID A	2,834.16
FOYE, MARK C & FOYE, LAUREN M	2.88
FOYE, MARK C & FOYE, LAUREN M	0.71
FRANK, NORA A HOUSEMAN, WALTER W	0.01
FROTTON, GEORGE E JR & FROTTON, PATRICIA A	4,861.69
FURMAN, JOHN E & FURMAN, CAROL	2,924.71
GAFFNEY, PAULINE M, TRUSTEE PAULINE GAFFNEY REV TRUST	1,688.55
GALLANT, PAUL A GALLANT, MARY	6.29
GIRARD, ANGELA	130.71
GLASER, DANNY R II	309.93
GOBEIL, ROBERT	272.69
GOOLDEN, SANDRA L & ACHATZ, JOHN, TRUSTEES, PAUL D MERRILL CR SHEL T	2.89
GRANT MICHAEL D	1.69
GRAPE ISLAND ASSOCIATES %KATHIE JANKAUSKAS	0.05
GRAPE ISLAND ASSOCIATES %KATHIE JANKAUSKAS	0.23
GRAY, RYAN M DUBE-GRAY, TRISTA A	1,486.22
GRONDIN, PHILIP H GRONDIN, BETTE J	2,948.59
GROVER, ALWIN H GROVER, MARY SANDRA	0.25
GROVER, ALWIN H GROVER, MARY SANDRA	0.24
GROVER, ALWIN H GROVER, MARY SANDRA	0.15
GUIMONT, COLIN DAY, NATHANIEL;STEPHEN; MARY ANN	740.52
HALE, BLAKE M	4,230.65
HALE, MICHAEL HARTWELL, TERESA	6.15
HAMM, CLIFTON P, TRUSTEE CLIFTON P HAMM REV LIV TRUST	4,906.40
HARTFORD, BRENDA L HARTFORD, MARTIN W	0.61
HARTLEY, JAIME	246.47
HAWKES, JOHN C; HAWKES, SUSAN C; DAHLKE, BEVERLY H: FELERSKI, JULIE E	0.19
HAYES DEVELOPMENT, LLC	3,476.31
HAYES, NELSON B JR	365.28
HAYWARD, JUSTIN L	3,364.28
HEMINGWAY, RAYMOND C III HEMINGWAY, JENNIFER	0.32
HERETAKIS ENTERPRISES	2,042.57
HILLMAN, ELIZABETH S (LIFE ESTATE) C/O BRYCE S HILLMAN	1.20
HOLMES, JOHNNY	718.72
HOLMES, CAROLYN M	2,563.36
HUARD, HELEN	535.87
IACOBUCCI, DEBRA C IACOBUCCI, J PETER	3.64
JCFL LLC	0.01
JOHANSEN, JAMES E	2,203.39
JOHNSON, SCOTT D	4.43
JONES, ROGER L JONES, SUSAN C	198.44
KELLY, PETER W IV	2,397.25
LABBE, SHEILA SMITH, TAMI	0.06
LANCASTER, J EMMONS HEIRS LANCASTER, BARBARA A P/R	726.27
LANCASTER, J EMMONS HEIRS LANCASTER, BARBARA A P/R	715.08
LANCASTER, J EMMONS HEIRS LANCASTER, BARBARA A P/R	0.75

LANCASTER, J EMMONS HEIRS LANCASTER, BARBARA A P/R	726.27
LANCASTER, J EMMONS HEIRS LANCASTER, BARBARA A P/R	730.01
LANCASTER, J EMMONS HEIRS LANCASTER, BARBARA A P/R	733.75
LANDRY, WILLIAM A & NORMAN R BAKER, SHARON A	6.02
LANE, SHARON	48.62
LAPLANTE, CHELSEY	47.65
LARRABEE, MARY	0.20
LARRIVEE, CHRISTINE V	2,425.21
LEAVITT, JOSEPH N LEAVITT, MONA M	5.34
LEEMAN, LAWRENCE N BAXTER, ERIC S	0.01
LEON A GORMAN 2011 REVOCABLE TRUST	5.25
LESSARD, MICHAEL A	1,359.68
LIBERTY OIL & SERVICE, INC C/O ASH ENTERPRISES, INC	2,074.32
LIBERTY OIL SERVICE, INC C/O ASH ENTERPRISES, INC	665.58
LIBERTY, CASSANDRA	302.47
LOWERY, MARCIA M	5.25
MACDONALD, DANIEL B	1,304.02
MAINE CENTRAL RAILROAD CO. TAX DEPARTMENT	0.61
MANDILE, JUDITH MANDILE, STEVEN	252.99
MARCOTTE, RONALD P	0.11
MARCOTTE, RONALD P & MARCOTTE, LUCIANNA	0.16
MARCOTTE, RONALD P & MARCOTTE, LUCIANNA	0.14
MARK RICHARDSON, INC d/b/a DRY MILLS STORE, INC	0.98
MARSTON, GARY L MARSTON, ALAN D	0.01
MARTELL, ANDREW J III	2,405.58
MARTELL, ANDREW J, III	0.26
MARTIN, MARSHA H, BERTRAM T III, MARTIN, THOMAS H, MYERS, ALLENE	0.27
MAXAVA, LLC	1,263.85
MCATEE COMPANY, INC	720.67
MCCARTHY, THOMAS P MCCARTHY, SHARON L	49.36
MCCUE, ALISON R REUTER, ANDREA LIV TRST; REUTER, SHIRLEY	0.59
MCCUE, ALISON R ANDREA REUTER LIVING TRUST & REUTER, SHIRLEY	0.46
MCCUSKER, DONALD F & MCCUSKER, HELENA R, COTRUSTEES	5.87
MCDOWELL, MARK	692.22
MCGEEHAN, EDWARD J III & DONNA L TRUSTEES MCGEEHAN REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST	0.92
MCPHAIL, LINDA A	3,319.48
MEADER, BETH A	724.92
MILAIR, KARA L	0.10
MILLER, CHRISTOPHER	3,330.69
MILLER, WILLIAM H MILLER, ELIZABETH E	1,893.20
MITCHELL, JULIE E ELLIOTT, KATHY	870.03
MITCHELL, JULIE E ELLIOTT, KATHERINE	2,940.49
MOREY, DANIEL MOREY, MARIE C	0.01
MORRILL, GEORGE R	0.08
MORTGAGE PROCESSING SOLUTIONS, LLC	702.18
MOSHER, ALBERT E MOSHER, MARK D & ROSALIE	3.64
MUZZY, BEATRICE L & PETER C WOOD, SUSAN E & WEBB, KAREN D	1,540.27

NAM REALTY TRUST MOXCEY, NATALIE A TRUSTEE	39.12
NEWELL 2015 FAMILY TRUST	0.29
NORTON, DOUGLAS E ET AL	4,140.94
O'BRIEN, MELISSA	434.92
O'BRIEN, ANDREA	295.00
O'BRIEN, FAMILY VACATION HOME TRUST	4.31
O'BRION, JAMES J JR	1,189.22
OLSEN, CHRISTIAN D OLSEN, LYNNE E	1,847.28
O'NEILL, PAULA JEAN	0.64
OUELLETTE, MARC R	1.01
PAGE, MARK D PAGE, MICHELLE L	1,617.00
PAIGE, RICHARD W PAIGE, SUSAN E	1,691.36
PALMITER, TAMI JO	60.04
PAMPERED POOCH, LLC	4,336.98
PERKINS, MICHAEL E	1,245.38
PETERSEN, PETER J	179.25
PHILBRICK, AMY B	0.34
PHIPPS, WILLIAM H	2.20
PLUMMER, JAMES P	1,136.99
POLAND, JULIE	3,487.60
POLE STAR PROPERTIES, LLC	0.37
POLLARD, MARK J	4.92
POLLOCK, WILLIAM P & POLLOCK, JEANNE A	0.03
POOLER PROPERTIES, LLC C/O GRAY TRUE VALUE HARDWARE	5.20
POTTER, PETER E	1,790.51
POULIN, JOSEPH G POULIN, DONNA L	2,131.11
PURRINGTON, MATTHEW	97.09
RDM REALTY TRUST MOXCEY, RICHARD D TRUSTEE	39.43
REDWAY, DIAN P G HAZZARD	5,812.56
REID, RICHARD REID, SHIRLEY	2,100.36
REID, RICHARD B REID, SHIRLEY M	3,260.81
REYNOLDS, GORDON R REYNOLDS, BRENDA D	1,959.27
RICE, KATHLEEN M, ESTATE OF C/O ANTHONY GASE, P/R	2,780.55
RIDLEY, RICHARD E RIDLEY, JUDITH E	1.41
RIDLON, RALPH RIDLON, DIANNA	0.23
ROBERTS, JAMES F ROBERTS, DONNA L	842.23
ROBERTS, STEVEN E	1,902.21
ROBINSON, SHEILA A	2,387.97
ROBINSON, LAWRENCE E ROBINSON, MADELEINE L	0.28
RODERICK, THOMAS L III & RODERICK, NANCY C	3,058.11
RODERICK, THOMAS L III RODERICK, NANCY C	1,419.50
ROMA, JOHN P JR ROMA, DAVID R & MARK S	0.97
ROSS, DUANE	0.18
ROUSELLE, JOHN	6.46
ROVETO, DONALD R	0.01
ROWE, WILLIAM P SR, ET ALS	0.95
ROY, RICHARD	0.46

RUBINO, FREDERICK	0.08
RUITTO, PATRICK	371.60
RUSSELL, JOLENE L	2,658.67
SANBORN, JEFFREY D, HEIRS OF WINFIELD, PHYLLIS P/R	5.08
SANBORN, TERRY L	166.28
SANDERS, TODD V SR SANDERS, ANNA M	1,032.46
SARELAS, ELIZABETH	903.57
SARELAS, ELIZABETH	2,694.05
SAWYER, MILTON	0.37
SBS REAL ESTATE, LLC	0.02
SCALISI, SARA L WEINSTEIN, LEE	0.04
SCALISI, SARA L WEINSTEIN, LEE D	0.40
SCHADE, CHERYL	0.19
SERRANO, LIND JEAN BLAIS ET AL C/O DIANE M MARCOU	3.40
SERVICES UNLIMITED, INC. D/B/A THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO.	0.79
SIMON, BENJAMEN P & REBECCA B C/O ALEX BROWN	1.12
SINCLAIR, MOLLY B, P/R PATTEN, JOHN E	3.35
SINCLAIR, MOLLY B, P/R PATTEN, JOHN E	3.35
SINCLAIR, MOLLY B, P/R PATTEN, JOHN E	2.39
SINNETT, HENRY B	1.88
SKILLIN, JEFFREY ET AL	0.40
SPACEHOLDER, LLC C/O PETER J MERCIER	2,211.57
SPAULDING, BRUCE C	0.04
SPEAR, RICHARD J	1,620.70
ST PIERRE, ROBERT M & ST PIERRE, JUDITH A	0.31
STETSON, SASHA M BLODGET, MITCHELL B	3,194.39
STRONG, MARTHA F IRREVOCABLE TRUST STRONG, M & PAGOTTO, KIMM TRUSTEES	0.86
SWAN, BECKY J SWAN, ROSS A	1.55
SWININGTON, ROGER A	1,908.78
SZAFRAN, ADAM J	2,649.59
TALIENTO, JOHN L ET AL C/O LISA AGREN	0.06
TAME, PHILLIP A	624.50
TARLING, WALTER E & TARLING, ROSE M	2.27
TARLING, WALTER E JR	0.10
TAYLOR, CURTIS E	4,984.82
TAYLOR, PAMELA F	0.01
TD BANK 380 WELLINGTON STREET, TOWER B, 12TH FLOOR	6.32
TERRANO, DEANNA M	555.43
TERRY, DANIEL P DONNINI, DANIELLE	0.83
THOMAS, THERESA E	1,394.20
TIBBETTS, ROBERT L TIBBETTS, BARBARA H	1,603.19
TIMMONS, KENNETH R TIMMONS, DIANA	0.62
TIMMONS, DIANA L	0.15
TIMMONS, KENNETH R & DIANA THURSTON TIMMONS, ALISHA	0.66
TROTTER, WAYNE D TROTTER, JENNIFER R	2.02
TRUDEL, WADE B	456.73
TRUDEL, WADE B	454.01

TRUE, GENEVIEVE C TRUE, FRANK C	291.27
VAN MOURIK, JUNE M	2.03
VARGO, ERICA A VARGO, KRISTAL L	0.06
WAITE, KATHLEEN L	4.21
WALLACE, JACQUELYN R BEGIN, SUSAN L	934.31
WARD, JUSTIN DONOVAN ST AMAND, LAUREN ANNE	1,411.61
WEBSTER, WILLIAM W	0.21
WELLS, LINDA J	588.12
WESTERMAN, KAREN H	3.28
WETMORE, STEVEN J	1,338.63
WHITE, DEBORAH J	593.71
WHITE, RALPH A	4,374.41
WHITNEY DONALD O	365.18
WHITNEY, DAVID P WHITNEY, MIA C	1,917.98
WILBUR, STEPHEN E WILBUR, BRENDA L	0.69
WILLETTE, LAUREL J % GERALD J WILLETTE	2,727.85
WILSON, JEFFERY T & WILSON, LAURIE J	960.24
WING, COLLEEN A	1,962.29
WITHNELL, LESLIE EDEN WITHNELL, REBECCA	477.96
WOOD, RICHARD WOOD, PATRICIA	693.23
WOODLEY, LAURA J	2,247.84
WOODLEY, LAURIE J	1,144.47
YOUNG, CHARLES E JR	498.85
<b>TOTAL FISCAL YEAR 2017</b>	<b>285,837.68</b>



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December 19, 2018

Town Council  
Town of Gray, Maine  
Gray, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Gray, Maine and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Gray, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2018 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, is available for inspection at the Town Office.

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## TOWN OF GRAY, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2018

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,053,810	\$ 1,099,599	\$ 7,153,409
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	570,322	-	570,322
Liens	78,742	-	78,742
Other	182,396	-	182,396
Prepaid items	22,083	1,687	23,770
Inventory	11,436	-	11,436
Due from other funds	292,286	2,156,803	2,449,089
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 7,211,075</b>	<b>\$ 3,258,089</b>	<b>\$ 10,469,164</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 86,113	\$ 1,550	\$ 87,663
Accrued expenses	47,733	-	47,733
Accrued payroll	40,811	1,905	42,716
Due to other funds	2,156,803	292,286	2,449,089
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>2,331,460</b>	<b>295,741</b>	<b>2,627,201</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Prepaid taxes	62,308	-	62,308
Deferred revenue	2,630	91,479	94,109
Deferred property tax	379,567	-	379,567
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>444,505</b>	<b>91,479</b>	<b>535,984</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Nonspendable	33,519	111,374	144,893
Restricted	-	1,318,996	1,318,996
Committed	-	934,912	934,912
Assigned	-	425,982	425,982
Unassigned	4,401,591	79,605	4,481,196
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>4,435,110</b>	<b>2,870,869</b>	<b>7,305,979</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 7,211,075</b>	<b>\$ 3,258,089</b>	<b>\$ 10,469,164</b>

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## TOWN OF GRAY, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND  
BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 14,842,829	\$ -	\$ 14,842,829
Excise	1,796,019	-	1,796,019
Intergovernmental	578,070	-	578,070
Interest income	66,359	8,410	74,769
Charges for services	777,052	519,068	1,296,120
Miscellaneous	213,246	27,912	241,158
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>18,273,575</u>	<u>555,390</u>	<u>18,828,965</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Administration services	1,168,525	-	1,168,525
Council, boards and committees	47,795	-	47,795
Public safety	1,203,972	-	1,203,972
Library/parks and recreation	308,206	-	308,206
Public works	2,055,912	-	2,055,912
Municipal finances	768,483	-	768,483
County assessment	617,664	-	617,664
Education	9,565,620	-	9,565,620
Insurance claims	1,372	-	1,372
Other grants	13,399	-	13,399
Community services	29,050	-	29,050
Program expenses	-	673,187	673,187
Debt service:			
Principal	-	938,871	938,871
Interest	-	147,716	147,716
Capital outlay	-	808,235	808,235
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>15,779,998</u>	<u>2,568,009</u>	<u>18,348,007</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>2,493,577</u>	<u>(2,012,619)</u>	<u>480,958</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	84,616	2,916,631	3,001,247
Transfers (out)	(2,916,631)	(84,616)	(3,001,247)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(2,832,015)</u>	<u>2,832,015</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(338,438)	819,396	480,958
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	<u>4,773,548</u>	<u>2,051,473</u>	<u>6,825,021</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 4,435,110</u>	<u>\$ 2,870,869</u>	<u>\$ 7,305,979</u>

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## TOWN OF GRAY, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS  
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance
	Original	Final		Positive (Negative)
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1	\$ 4,773,548	\$ 4,773,548	\$ 4,773,548	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Property taxes	14,876,974	14,876,974	14,842,829	(34,145)
Excise taxes	1,643,500	1,643,500	1,796,019	152,519
Intergovernmental	563,071	563,071	578,070	14,999
Charges for services	644,425	644,425	777,052	132,627
Interest income	70,000	70,000	66,359	(3,641)
Other revenue	105,000	105,000	213,246	108,246
Transfers from other funds	84,616	84,616	84,616	-
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>22,761,134</u>	<u>22,761,134</u>	<u>23,131,739</u>	<u>370,605</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
Administration services	1,165,718	1,165,718	1,168,525	(2,807)
Council, boards & committees	51,535	51,535	47,795	3,740
Public safety	1,275,194	1,275,194	1,203,972	71,222
Library/parks & recreation	352,123	352,123	308,206	43,917
Public works	2,095,795	2,095,795	2,055,912	39,883
Municipal finances	838,187	838,187	768,483	69,704
County assessment	617,664	617,664	617,664	-
Education	9,565,620	9,565,620	9,565,620	-
Insurance claims	-	-	1,372	(1,372)
Other grants	-	-	13,399	(13,399)
Community services	30,050	30,050	29,050	1,000
Overlay	259,453	259,453	-	259,453
Transfers to other funds	2,436,247	2,936,247	2,916,631	19,616
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>18,687,586</u>	<u>19,187,586</u>	<u>18,696,629</u>	<u>490,957</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$ 4,073,548</u>	<u>\$ 3,573,548</u>	<u>\$ 4,435,110</u>	<u>\$ 861,562</u>
Utilization of committed fund balance	<u>\$ 700,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,200,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (1,200,000)</u>
	<u>\$ 700,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,200,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (1,200,000)</u>

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## TOWN OF GRAY, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
<b>ADMINISTRATION SERVICES:</b>					
Administration	\$ 503,426	\$ -	\$ 503,426	\$ 514,057	\$ (10,631)
Community development	205,977	-	205,977	186,723	19,254
Assessing	122,740	-	122,740	127,921	(5,181)
Code enforcement	147,488	-	147,488	177,162	(29,674)
General assistance	26,005	-	26,005	16,612	9,393
Public communications	149,825	-	149,825	135,756	14,069
Elections	10,257	-	10,257	10,294	(37)
Totals	<u>1,165,718</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,165,718</u>	<u>1,168,525</u>	<u>(2,807)</u>
<b>COUNCIL, BOARDS &amp; COMMITTEES:</b>					
Council	41,410	-	41,410	43,714	(2,304)
Zoning Board of Appeals	3,600	-	3,600	328	3,272
Planning Board	5,525	-	5,525	3,728	1,797
Economic development	1,000	-	1,000	25	975
Totals	<u>51,535</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,535</u>	<u>47,795</u>	<u>3,740</u>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY:</b>					
County sheriff	117,981	-	117,981	117,504	477
County dispatch	53,798	-	53,798	54,391	(593)
Public safety services	907,992	-	907,992	836,728	71,264
Utilities	195,423	-	195,423	195,349	74
Totals	<u>1,275,194</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,275,194</u>	<u>1,203,972</u>	<u>71,222</u>

## TOWN OF GRAY, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
LIBRARY/ PARKS & RECREATION:					
Library	297,708	-	297,708	286,475	11,233
Parks and recreation administration	54,415	-	54,415	21,731	32,684
Totals	352,123	-	352,123	308,206	43,917
PUBLIC WORKS:					
Winter roads	452,868	-	452,868	445,665	7,203
Summer roads	372,117	-	372,117	374,560	(2,443)
Additional roadwork	125,530	-	125,530	126,618	(1,088)
Garage	262,229	-	262,229	248,721	13,508
Recycling	618,180	-	618,180	592,616	25,564
Buildings and grounds	264,871	-	264,871	267,732	(2,861)
Totals	2,095,795	-	2,095,795	2,055,912	39,883
MUNICIPAL FINANCES:					
General insurance	838,187	-	838,187	768,483	69,704
Totals	838,187	-	838,187	768,483	69,704
COUNTY ASSESSMENT	617,664	-	617,664	617,664	-
EDUCATION	9,565,620	-	9,565,620	9,565,620	-
INSURANCE CLAIMS	-	-	-	1,372	(1,372)
OTHER GRANTS	-	-	-	13,399	(13,399)

TOWN OF GRAY, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
COMMUNITY SERVICES	30,050	-	30,050	29,050	1,000
OVERLAY	259,453	-	259,453	-	259,453
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS:					
Northbrook TIF	125,969	-	125,969	125,969	-
South Gray TIF	262,650	-	262,650	262,650	-
Capital reserves	2,047,628	500,000	2,547,628	2,528,012	19,616
Totals	2,436,247	500,000	2,936,247	2,916,631	19,616
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 18,687,586	\$ 500,000	\$ 19,187,586	\$ 18,696,629	\$ 490,957

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TOWN OF GRAY, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2018

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 125	\$ 1,063,000	\$ 36,474	\$ 1,099,599
Prepaid items	1,687	-	-	1,687
Due from other funds	2,042,883	-	113,920	2,156,803
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 2,044,695</b>	<b>\$ 1,063,000</b>	<b>\$ 150,394</b>	<b>\$ 3,258,089</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts payable	\$ 1,550	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,550
Accrued payroll	1,905	-	-	1,905
Due to other funds	20,240	272,046	-	292,286
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>23,695</b>	<b>272,046</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>295,741</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
Deferred revenue	91,479	-	-	91,479
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>91,479</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>91,479</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>				
Nonspendable	1,687	-	109,687	111,374
Restricted	1,216,994	61,460	40,542	1,318,996
Committed	524,586	410,326	-	934,912
Assigned	186,254	239,728	-	425,982
Unassigned	-	79,440	165	79,605
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>1,929,521</b>	<b>790,954</b>	<b>150,394</b>	<b>2,870,869</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 2,044,695</b>	<b>\$ 1,063,000</b>	<b>\$ 150,394</b>	<b>\$ 3,258,089</b>

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## TOWN OF GRAY, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND  
BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses)	\$ 1,324	\$ 6,921	\$ 165	\$ 8,410
Charges for services	519,068	-	-	519,068
Other income	27,912	-	-	27,912
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>548,304</b>	<b>6,921</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>555,390</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Debt service:				
Principal	-	938,871	-	938,871
Interest	-	147,716	-	147,716
Capital outlay	-	808,235	-	808,235
Other	673,032	-	155	673,187
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>673,032</b>	<b>1,894,822</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>2,568,009</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(124,728)</b>	<b>(1,887,901)</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>(2,012,619)</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers in	888,619	2,028,012	-	2,916,631
Transfers (out)	(84,616)	-	-	(84,616)
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>804,003</b>	<b>2,028,012</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,832,015</b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>679,275</b>	<b>140,111</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>819,396</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES - JULY 1</b>	<b>1,250,246</b>	<b>650,843</b>	<b>150,384</b>	<b>2,051,473</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30</b>	<b>\$ 1,929,521</b>	<b>\$ 790,954</b>	<b>\$ 150,394</b>	<b>\$ 2,870,869</b>

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**TOWN OF GRAY – MUNICIPAL  
OFFICE 2019 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

<b>HOLIDAY</b>	<b>DAY / DATE OBSERVED</b>
<b>New Year's Day</b>	<b>Tuesday, January 1, 2019</b>
<b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b>	<b>Monday, January 21, 2019</b>
<b>Washington's Birthday/President's Day</b>	<b>Monday, February 18, 2019</b>
<b>Patriot's Day</b>	<b>Monday, April 15, 2019</b>
<b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>Monday, May 27, 2019</b>
<b>Independence Day</b>	<b>Thursday, July 4, 2019</b>
<b>Labor Day</b>	<b>Monday, September 2, 2019</b>
<b>Columbus Day</b>	<b>Monday, October 14, 2019</b>
<b>Veterans' Day</b>	<b>Monday, November 11, 2019</b>
<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	<b>Thursday, November 28, 2019</b>
<b>Thanksgiving Friday</b>	<b>Friday, November 29, 2019</b>
<b>Christmas Eve—half day</b>	<b>Tuesday, December 24, 2019</b>
<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>Wednesday, December 25, 2019</b>