

Matinicus Isle Plantation  
State of Maine  
Annual Report  
Fiscal Year 2018

Town Meeting  
Saturday, April 28, 2018  
At the Matinicus Elementary School  
6PM

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## **2017-2018 ASSESSORS REPORT**

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Our Fire Department will most likely be undergoing major changes to improve and update our equipment and training. These changes will enable us to be more prepared to fight fires. We will be discussing this at the town meeting. After many years of service, Robert Young resigned as Fire Chief. Gary Peabody has been appointed as the new Fire Chief.

### **AIRSTRIP:**

We had two incidents last year of vandalism to the runway and parking lot. There will be no tolerance for these acts. Offenders will have to pay a large fine and or be turned over to federal authorities. Warning signs have been placed near the airstrip. There is also increased surveillance taking place.

### **REEVALUATION:**

Supposedly all properties will be reevaluated by the state in May. They will be looking around all structures. If you have any questions about this, ask us.

If anyone ever has any suggestions or comments on anything, please email, call or attend one of the Assessor's meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Matinicus Board of Assessors  
Clayton Philbrook, John Griffin, Tyler Bemis

## **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

**2017**

### LICENSES

Dog	6	\$36.00
Hunting	1	\$26.00
Archery	1	\$26.00
Muzzle Loading	1	\$13.00
Exp. Archery Antlered	1	\$32.00
Exp. Archery Antlerless	1	\$12.00
Total		\$145.00

Respectfully Submitted

Eva Murray

## Matinicus Island Recycles 2017-2018

2018 is the 15<sup>th</sup> year of recycling and trash removal on the island. We thank all the volunteers who load the trucks and staff the sheds, especially during the busy summer months.

We haul 25-30,000 pounds of junk, trash, recycling, etc. off the island each year. That's something we can all feel good about! Use of the program by island residents has been steadily increasing, and this year we will need a couple more trucks to haul all the trash and recyclables off. Please—help get the word around—there is no really need to dump anything off the “Steep Banks” anymore!

Eve has been asked to present a Keynote speech at the Maine Resource Recovery Association's 25<sup>th</sup> annual conference and trade show, April 23-24<sup>th</sup> at the Samoset in Rockport. This is a big gathering of Maine recycling and trash folks, everybody from transfer station attendants to scientists and political folks. We'll tell them about how we do things here.

Remember that **our solid waste and recycling program can take most anything EXCEPT:**

- Poisons, oil and gas, chemicals
- Liquids (although we can now accept paint in its original container)
- Food, or trash with food residue
- Oily rags
- Moldy materials
- Used cat litter
- Diapers and similar “bathroom trash”
- Anything that will rot, stink, or attract pests
- Medical waste items such as needles or bloody dressings

We also cannot handle large quantities (piles) of demolition debris, but smaller amounts of insulation, tile, sheetrock, shingles etc. are fine. Use banana boxes or such for demo debris.

If the taxpayers approve we will once again have a Hazardous Waste (chemical) collection sometime this summer. That is where to get rid of used oil, old gas, pesticides, lead paint, etc.

We take “Goodwill” stuff. We take all electronics, batteries, all sorts of light bulbs, appliances, metal junk, and all kinds of broken household items. We take unsorted beach- and roadside cleanup trash. Please drain fuel and oil from lawn mowers and small engines. Please remove or secure refrigerator doors for safety. Please put all broken glass in paper bags.

**WE TAKE OLD POT WARP!** This year we are trying an experiment, hauling old pot warp off to a trash-to-energy plant, rather than open burning on the island or landfilling in Rockland. Hopefully Matinicus can set an example for lobstering communities statewide. Pass the word!

The recycling/trash sheds are open every Saturday year-round at 10:00 am (except during severe weather). As of now, in July and August, the sheds are open Saturdays from 10:00 am-12:00 noon, and Fridays from 3:00-4:00 pm. Contact Eva Murray 366-3695 with any questions.

## **Matinicus Island School MSAD #65    Annual School Board Report School Year 2017 – 2018**

Laura Livingston was nominated and elected as our new Board Member at the April 2017 Town Meeting replacing outgoing Board Member Grace McCloud.

The month of June was spent preparing for the next school year. Ads were placed for a teacher and a “Painting Bid Request” was posted to paint the exterior of the school; one Bid was submitted within budget and accepted by the Board. The school also needed window shades and new carpeting. George Tarkleson offered to research information on these projects and submitted a fact sheet regarding suppliers, prices and the pros and cons of product installation. This information was reviewed and discussed by the Board and the suppliers and products were chosen based on warranty, whether the product could be re-cycled and was environmentally friendly, etc. The work of ordering and installation was completed in early September all within our budgetary constraints.

The teaching AD ran all summer with applications received, interviews scheduled and a final applicant chosen in August. Unfortunately, on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, when the teacher was out on recess with the children he collapsed and was Medi-Vac’d off the island. The rest of the school week was cancelled and we kept a close watch on his progress to determine if he would be able to return to the island. He was admitted and discharged several times since his Medi-Vac on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> and on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> he reluctantly submitted his resignation. It was during this time period that we realized our Superintendent was on a vacationing road trip out West. This didn’t really matter as far as communication was concerned but he certainly couldn’t make an on-site visit to check things out.

Pat Walchli, our go to substitute teacher, was contacted by the Superintendent on Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> to see if she could cover the teaching position until we could get FTE coverage. She agreed but due to previous plans could only work until Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. The Supt., while on vacation, posted Ads for the teaching position again. Applications were submitted, interviews conducted and Bob Moynihan, a long time summer resident of our fair island, was chosen to teach for the remainder of the school year; Bob started work on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. His wife Janet was hired as an Ed Tech for 4hrs/day. While on vacation, our Superintendent, William Shuttleworth, developed some physical issues which needed to be addressed; he resigned Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The Board accepted his resignation with regret. He placed Ads for a Superintendent for us; applications were received, interviews conducted and Lewis Collins was nominated and elected as Superintendent for MSAD #65 from 11/24/17 – 6/30/18.

Our first Board Meeting with Mr. Collins was held on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. He wanted to know what we thought needed to be done, worked on, etc. Discussion followed re. the need for a Policy Manual, a school application process and an enrollment policy. Mr. Collins lead a discussion of the Maine School Management Association’s minimum required policies. In January, we started the first read of half the policies with our additions/deletions noted and the 2<sup>nd</sup> read was in February. In March we did the first read of the second half of the policies with our additions/deletions noted and the 2<sup>nd</sup> read will be in April. We plan to have our Policy Manual completed by May 2018. Along with the required policies, we have worked on the “school application” process/forms and an enrollment policy. A Student Handbook has been re-established and an Employee Handbook will be developed this summer.

On March 21<sup>st</sup> Lew Collins placed an AD for a teacher for the 2018 – 2019 School Year. The former Supt. didn’t hire Bob Moynihan with a contract but with a salary agreement for some reason. To get the process back on track we need to re-open the hiring process. Bob needs only to submit a letter of intent to be in the teacher applicant pool.

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha Philbrook, Chair

Emily Ames, Secretary

Laura Livingston

## Matinicus Island Rescue 2017-2018

Matinicus Island Rescue is no longer a licensed Maine Emergency Medical Services agency, due to an extended shortage of licensed members, but we do still maintain our first aid and emergency response supplies, and we do still subsidize training and equipment for one licensed Emergency Medical Technician (Eva Murray). Financial support from individuals and from the municipality is used exactly as it always has been, to keep up with required and desirable training and to maintain a small inventory of up-to-date supplies such as bandaging and splinting materials, oxygen, and similar basic-level gear.

We cannot provide medications, suturing, intubation, intravenous therapies, or pharmaceutical advice.

Matinicus Island is home to a number of experienced responders (such as former EMS professionals, ski patrollers, and perhaps others) and nurses who may be able to assist and advise people. Matinicus does not have any sort of health care center, clinic, physician, paramedic, or duty nurse. Volunteers who assist the sick and injured as “Good Samaritans” have no obligation to be available at any given time, or to carry medical equipment. Any expenses incurred by appropriately trained volunteers while assisting with a medical call will be reimbursed upon their request, from the Matinicus Island Rescue funds.

Nobody is standing by “on duty” and no medical provider is guaranteed to be available. For that reason Matinicus officially does not offer “911.” **YOU CAN ALWAYS CALL 911** and speak to a dispatcher, who will attempt to contact responders or other islanders, arrange transportation, and who can talk a caller through CPR. However, we cannot promise that a trained or licensed medical responder will be available on the island, and thus, legally, Matinicus cannot promise “911 response” as it is usually understood.

If you think you may need the LifeFlight of Maine helicopter, for a life- limb- or eyesight-threatening injury or medical condition, including stroke, **CALL 911. The Knox County Dispatcher will call LifeFlight for you.** Patients should not worry about the cost of a LifeFlight trip. If it is required, and you are not insured and cannot pay, LifeFlight will work with their charitable foundation to help. The helicopter provides critical care to the patient en-route to major hospitals and is not just a ride off the island.

VISITORS TO MATINICUS: Please keep in mind that this remote island is a “back country” setting, and that you cannot be assured of transport off the island in bad weather, no matter how serious the medical condition. If you are concerned about a wellness issue, please watch weather carefully, and leave the island before dark and before weather gets worse.

Medical flights with Penobscot Island Air are supposed to be the responsibility of the patient. In recent years, many patients have failed to pay for their flights, so PIA now must bill the Town. Matinicus Island Rescue cannot bill insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, etc. or pass through transportation bills to insurance, etc. If you leave the island in an airplane sick or injured, please be a good neighbor and see to it that your flight is paid for somehow.

American Heart Association **CPR and First Aid training is available at no cost** to island residents and regulars (expenses paid for through our deposit beverage container fund). Please contact Eva if interested in CPR. Other kinds of on-island training may be arranged if there is interest.

### **MATINICUS ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2017-2018**

We are small but fierce! I am getting older and slower, Larry is getting younger and busier and Lauri continues doing five jobs at once. So, together, we are perking right along.

The first priority for 2018 is a visit to our friend Adam at the Maine State Library and his magic photocopy machine that does large format bound books. We have two volumes of Henry Young and Company Store ledgers we would like copied so that the information can be shared more safely and easily.

We will look into small archive cataloging systems with Adam's guidance as well. We have been talking about this for a few years and now we feel that finances may be able to support a small system, something that Lauri and Larry will find acceptable. We have been able to save from the stipend you so generously give us each year to help fund this project. (It is amazing how much free stuff there is out there if you look for it!)

The Peabody family have given us photographs to add to our collection and Lindsay Harlow created a fund raising project of her own to benefit the M.I.H.S. What a wonderful surprise! She produced decals for cars, boats, bikes-you name it. Contact Lindsay for details and we thank her for thinking of us.

We thank Robin Tarkleson for standing by each April 15<sup>th</sup> ready to tackle our 501-C3 taxes.

Again, we thank all of you for your continued support and we look forward to this new year in our history.  
Suzanne Rankin, Director

### **REPORT FROM MATINICUS ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT 2017-2018**

The fire department would first like to recognize and thank Robert Young for his 10 years of services as Fire Chief. In February 2018 Robert Young retired from his position as Fire Chief and Gary Peabody was appointed by the Matinicus Plantation Assessors to fill the position. Since being appointed, Gary's primary focus has been taking inventory for the current equipment, addressing mechanical issues with the trucks and making contact with other members of the Maine State Forestry Service. Searsmont Volunteer Fire Department has recently donated 4 air packs, with 8 bottles, and hydraulic extrication equipment to the department.

There will be training offered this summer, on Sundays, to island residents to learn about the equipment and fire fighting basics. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Notice of training will be posted on the Matinicus Plantation website and notices will be put up at the post office bulletin board and at the town office.

As we enter into spring and summer, please use extreme caution with open fires. Fire permits can be obtained by contacting Fire Chief Gary Peabody 366-3018. The issuance of fire permits are weather dependent. Please use precautions when having a fire and never leave a fire unattended.



Dear Friend,

I hope this letter finds you well. It's a privilege to share an update on my work to represent you and your family in Washington and in Maine.

Even though Washington is so bitterly divided these days, I've continued to look for bipartisan opportunities to address issues important to our state. Nearly all the bills I've introduced this Congress have Republican cosponsors.

One piece of legislation would help protect our state's economy by investing in working waterfronts. Another would allow Mainers to import less expensive prescriptions from Canada. And several bills would help our farmers capitalize on the fastest growing areas of agriculture—local and organic sales—by investing in research, increasing consumer access to healthy food, and improving farmer programs.

I'm happy to report bipartisan victories for our veterans as well. After working for years with Maine's Congressional Delegation, we were finally able to push a much-needed expansion of the Portland VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic through Congress. Legislation I introduced to help veterans who find themselves in debt to the Department of Veterans Affairs unanimously passed the House of Representatives. And full GI Bill benefits were extended to a group of veterans who had been denied them previously—an issue I've introduced legislation to address.

While I strive to find common ground with my colleagues on everything from rural broadband access to economic development, there are many areas where I will not compromise. I have serious concerns about the direction the Trump Administration and its allies in Congress are taking our country. In so many ways, they have abandoned America's leadership in the world, made our country less safe, and are jeopardizing our future. They've weakened our health care system, rigged the tax code against working families, and endangered the environment. With one hand, they are taking away resources our families and communities need. With the other, they are offering generous giveaways to giant corporations and the wealthiest Americans.

Over the last year, I've received an unprecedented amount of feedback on these issues from my constituents. With their concerns and interests in mind, I have fought hard against these policies. I will continue using my role in Congress and the Appropriations Committee to hold the Administration and the President accountable.

My office assists hundreds of constituents every year who have issues with federal programs or agencies. I hope that you will reach out if you need help or if you would simply like to share your views. I would welcome the opportunity to serve you and it is an honor to represent you in the U.S. Congress.

Take care,

Chellie Pingree  
Member of Congress

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

Maine has the oldest average age in the nation. As Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, my top three priorities for the Committee are fighting fraud and financial abuse directed at our nation's seniors, increasing investments in biomedical research, and improving retirement security. Following the Committee's investigation into skyrocketing prescription drug costs, I authored bipartisan legislation to foster generic competition, which was signed into law. The Aging Committee's toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for seniors to report suspected fraud and receive assistance. To support the 40 million family caregivers in the United States, I am proud to have authored the RAISE Family Caregivers Act to create a coordinated strategy to support family members who make countless personal and financial sacrifices to care for their loved ones.

The opioid crisis touches families and communities across our state. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, I fought for significant increases in funding to support community, law-enforcement, and public health efforts. In April, the State of Maine was awarded over \$2 million to fight this devastating public health crisis. Additionally, I have authored legislation to support grandparents and other extended family members who are raising grandchildren as a result of the nation's opioid epidemic.

Biomedical research has the potential to improve and save lives, and also supports good jobs at research facilities here in Maine. Last year, the Appropriations Committee approved a \$2 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health for the third consecutive year. This includes an increase of nearly 30 percent for research on Alzheimer's, our nation's most costly disease. As founder and co-chair of the Senate Diabetes Caucus, I work to raise awareness of the threats posed by diabetes, invest in research, and improve access to treatment options. My bill to establish a national commission of health care experts on diabetes care and prevention was signed into law in 2017.

We owe our veterans so much. Last year, I worked to secure the authorization of a Community-Based Outpatient Clinic in Portland to support the health care of Maine's veterans in the southern part of our state. I also worked to secure funding extensions to help veterans throughout rural Maine receive health care within their communities. I also worked to secure funding for housing vouchers for veterans to reduce veterans' homelessness.

Maine's contributions to our national security stretch from Kittery to Limestone. I successfully advocated for critical funding for projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for construction of an additional ship that will likely be built at Bath Iron Works. This funding will strengthen our national security and preserve great jobs in our state.

As chairman of the Transportation and Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I worked to increase funding for the TIGER program that has provided Maine with more than \$122 million for vital transportation projects. For housing, I worked to provide \$160 million to help communities protect children from the harmful effects of lead poisoning.

Growing our economy remains a top priority. I supported the comprehensive tax reform bill because it will help lower- and middle-income families keep more of their hard-earned money; boost the economy; and encourage businesses, both small and large, to grow and create jobs here in Maine and around the country. This legislation contains key provisions I authored that are important to Mainers, including preserving the deduction

for state and local taxes, expanding the deduction for medical expenses, and enabling public employees such as firefighters, teachers, and police officers, as well as clergy and employees of nonprofits, to make "catch-up" contributions to their retirement accounts. I led the effort to ensure that the tax cut will not trigger automatic budget cuts to Medicare or any other programs.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. As of December 2017, I have cast more than 6,500 consecutive votes, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Knox County and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Augusta office at 207-622-8414 or visit my website at [www.collins.senate.gov](http://www.collins.senate.gov). May 2018 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins United States Senator

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angus S. King, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Angus S. King  
United States Senator

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03/02/18  
Accrual Basis

**MATINICUS ISLE PLANTATION**  
**Treasurer's Report (Trial Balance) 2017**  
As of December 31, 2017

	Dec 31, 17	
	Debit	Credit
Camden National Business NOW	325,007.48	
Cemetery Trust Fund CD	6,316.90	
Cemetery Trust Fund Savings	1,331.20	
Indexed Money Market	11,340.99	
Matinicus Tank Farm CD	7,047.44	
Matinicus Community Development	5,242.58	
OM Tank Farm Savings	2,794.32	
Recycle Auto Account	22,273.99	
Road Account	7,529.71	
Accounts Receivable	39,949.83	
Accounts Receivable:Taxes receivable	0.00	
Cash on Hand with Tax Collector	15,258.25	
Prepaid Exp MMA Prop Casualty	3,095.60	
Taxes Receivable - 2012	38,487.68	
Taxes Receivable Current Year		2,826.12
Taxes Receivables Prior Years	37,419.25	
Undeposited Funds	0.00	
FD Equipment		1,363.64
Furniture and Equipment	1,363.64	
Other Assets	0.00	
Accounts Payable		228.00
Deferred Taxes		69,000.00
Due to Power Company		37,716.37
Net Assets Held In Trust - CemF		6,768.73
Refundable Deposits		35,000.00
Opening Balance Equity		31,801.92
Unrestricted Net Assets		324,614.37
Bank Fee for Using Charge Card		76.57
Cemetery Donation		100.00
Dog License		18.00
Fire Department:Fire Department Donations		40.00
Government Grants:Homestead Reimbursement		1,741.00
Government Grants:URIP Payment		2,652.00
Government Grants:Veterans Exemption Reimbursemen		46.00
Insurance Reimbursement		512.00
Interest Income		405.79
Investments:Interest-Savings, Short-term CD		142.77
Licenses and Fees		115.00
Licenses and Fees:2017 Boat Registration		186.00
Licenses and Fees:2017 Vehicle Registraton		1,576.00
MCDT donation		100.00
MIRescue donations		240.00
Payroll Reimbursement		61,163.04
Reimbursement from MPEC		116.04
Revenue Sharing State of Maine		1,447.10
Tax Revenue:Boat Excise Tax 2017		1,076.11
Tax Revenue:Interest		1,687.45
Tax Revenue:Lien Fees		234.83
Tax Revenue:Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 2017		18,968.37
Tax Revenue:Real Estate Tax 2016		263.70
Tax Revenue:Real Estate Tax 2017		278,484.05
Tax Revenue:Sales - Use Tax		283.31
Tractor Rental		2,250.00
Vehicle Deposits		2,500.00
Airport Loan	7,867.35	
Airport Repair	2,050.00	
Animal Welfare Fund	103.60	
Bank Service Charge & Interest	75.65	
Capital Road Account	8,767.50	
Cemetery Expense	1,325.00	
Contract Services:Audit	4,150.00	
County Tax:Communications Fee Knox County	2,007.00	
County Tax:County Tax	33,886.81	
Dog License Fees to State	9.00	

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**Treasurer's Report (Trial Balance) 2017**  
As of December 31, 2017

03/02/18  
Accrual Basis

	Dec 31, 17	
	Debit	Credit
Donations	1,165.00	
Elections	270.00	
Facilities and Equipment:Equip Rental and Maintenance	1,840.56	
Facilities and Equipment:Fuel	768.90	
Fire Department Expense	120.69	
Historical Society	300.00	
IF&W Boat registration	446.31	
IF&W Hunting Licences	115.00	
Liens	263.00	
LURC Fees	5,940.00	
Matinicus Plantation Electrical:Annual Subsidy	30,000.00	
Matinicus Plantation Electrical:MPEC Payroll	45,096.26	
Merchant deposit fees	104.62	
MSAD 65	124,532.66	
Operations:Telephone, Telecommunications	1,710.69	
Other Types of Expenses:Insurance - Liability, D and O	7,367.00	
Other Types of Expenses:Memberships and Dues	1,303.00	
Other Types of Expenses:Staff Development:Travel and Meetings:Conference, Convention, Meeting	237.33	
Other Types of Expenses:Staff Development:Travel and Meetings:Travel	225.00	
Payroll Expenses:Administrative Assistant	5,442.06	
Payroll Expenses:Assessors	2,770.52	
Payroll Expenses:Employee Contribution SS, Medi	17,726.92	
Payroll Expenses:Ferry Board Representative	2,587.57	
Payroll Expenses:State of Maine Withholding	1,990.08	
Payroll Expenses:Tax Collector	9,187.22	
Payroll Expenses:Town Clerk	1,231.34	
Payroll Expenses:Treasurer	2,720.90	
Payroll Expenses:Worker's Compensation Insurance	2,354.00	
Reconciliation Discrepancies	60.00	
Recycle	11,745.63	
Recycle:Hazardous Waste Removal	3,950.00	
Rescue	1,656.50	
Roads	3,855.80	
Tax Collector Expense	13.99	
Technology:Computer and Software	2,517.65	
Technology:Website	228.00	
Town Clerk Expense	31.65	
Town Office:Books, Subscriptions, Reference	158.99	
Town Office:Emergency Management	1,456.66	
Town Office:Ferry Representative Expense	634.64	
Town Office:Maine Islands Coalition'	544.77	
Town Office:Postage, Mailing Service	321.18	
Town Office:Supplies	1,045.98	
Treasurer's Expense:Payroll Service	1,295.54	
Vehicle Deposit Refund	2,000.00	
Vehicle State Regist Fees	1,710.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>885,744.28</b>	<b>885,744.28</b>

## Office of the Tax Collector

### Collections by Category

2014 Property Tax	\$ 1166.65
2015 Property Tax	\$ 1694.00
2016 Property Tax	\$ 20,753.64
2017 Property Tax	\$ 245,071.08
Total Property Tax Collection: 1/1/17 – 12/31/17	<u>\$ 268,685.37</u>

2017 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$ 18968.37
Property Tax Interest	\$ 1731.55
2017 Boat Excise Tax	\$ 1076.11
Total Local Revenue 1/1/17 -12/31/17	<u>\$ 290,461.40</u>

### Pass-through Revenue:

Sales Tax, Boat Registration, Lien Fees	\$ <u>2395.14</u>
Vehicle Registration, Hunting License	

Total Collected 1/1/17 -12/31/17	<u>\$ 292,856.54</u>
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**MATINICUS ISLE PLANTATION**  
**Office of the Tax Collector**  
**Accounts Receivable as of 12/31/17**

*All amounts do not include interest or lien fees.*

*\*= The amount was paid after 12/31/17*

**2017**

<u>Acct</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
8	Ames, David A	1354.89
15	Ames, Marshall	61.20
180	Ames, Marshall	26.63
34	Ames, Weston	1289.89
234	Ames, Weston	324.35
151	Ames, Weston	405.99
44	Bemis, Mark and Julie	1716.07
50	Bower, Phillip	16.92
138	Coyne, Richard	16.92 *
73	Coyne, Richard	910.73 *
86	Hoadley, Bill	175.00 *
227	GW I	84.38
52	Keyes, Weston	263.70
109	Matinicus Isle Vacations	2133.07
110	Matinicus Isle Vacations	2020.77
237	Matinicus Isle Vacations	2151.79
129	Nourse, James	724.03
137	Philbrook, Clayton and Wanda	1601.01
224	Philbrook, Clayton and Wanda	157.78
236	Philbrook, Clayton and Wanda	404.34
142	Proctor Family Trust	1366.08
148	Romberg, Klas and Anita	8219.53
149	Romberg, Klas and Anita	8.46
187	Romberg, Klas and Anita	1898.64
77	Spencer, Ed	787.87
127	Tardiff, Laurie	1508.36
212	Tardiff, Lawrence	7.52
225	Wicklows, Nathan	1616.04 *
233	Wicklows, Nathan	1663.07 *
162	VanDyne, Evelyn	479.32

**2016**

8	Ames, David A	1587.64
142	Proctor Family Trust	1115.55
148	Romberg, Klas and Anita	9631.53
149	Romberg, Klas and Anita	9.92
187	Romberg, Klas and Anita	2224.80



**MATINICUS ISLE PLANTATION**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**December 31, 2017**

		General Fund
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$	381,009
Receivables:		
Taxes receivable - current year		25,641
Tax receivables and liens - prior years		14,309
Interfund		7,598
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>428,557</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCE</b>		
Liabilities:		
Refundable deposits - vehicles		35,000
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>35,000</b>
Deferred inflows of resources:		
Unavailable revenue - property taxes		36,000
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>		<b>36,000</b>
Fund balance:		
Restricted - Schools		58,169
Committed		35,047
Unassigned		264,341
<b>Total fund balance</b>		<b>357,557</b>
<b>Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>428,557</b>
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		362,060
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are shown as unavailable revenue in the funds.		36,000
<b>Net position of governmental activities</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>755,617</b>

*See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.*



## Statement 4

**MATINICUS ISLE PLANTATION**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2017**

	General Fund
Revenues:	
Taxes	\$ 288,105
Intergovernmental	5,886
Interest earned	428
Miscellaneous	15,157
Total revenues	309,576
Expenditures:	
Current:	
General government	58,906
Fire department	121
Roadways	12,624
Solid waste and recycling	15,696
Unclassified	44,339
Education	124,533
County tax	35,894
Debt service	7,867
Total expenditures	299,980
Net change in fund balance	9,596
Fund balance, beginning of year	347,961
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 357,557

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## Statement 5

**MATINICUS ISLE PLANTATION**  
**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures**  
**and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds**  
**to the Statement of Activities**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2017**

Net change in fund balance - total governmental funds (from Statement 4)	\$ 9,596
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (Statement 2) are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of these assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount of current year depreciation.	(29,225)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. This is the change in unavailable revenues.	5,500
Note proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Repayment of notes and is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. This is the amount of current year repayments.	7,510
Change in net position of governmental activities (see Statement 2)	\$ (6,619)

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**MATINICUS ISLE PLANTATION**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**Budget and Actual**  
**General Fund**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2017**

				Variance with final budget positive (negative)		
		Budget		Actual		
		Original	Final			
Revenues:						
	Property taxes	\$	283,801	283,801	268,061	(15,740)
	Excise taxes		13,000	13,000	20,044	7,044
	Intergovernmental - state revenue sharing		1,000	1,000	1,447	447
	Intergovernmental - all other		3,923	3,923	4,439	516
	Interest earned		-	-	428	428
	Vehicle deposits and adjustments		-	-	2,550	2,550
	Sale of Town owned personal property		5,000	5,000	-	(5,000)
	Miscellaneous (includes donations)		-	-	12,607	12,607
Total revenues			306,724	306,724	309,576	2,852
Expenditures:						
Art.#	Description					
7	Plantation personnel		23,900	23,900	28,222	(4,322)
7	Other plantation charges		19,340	19,340	20,963	(1,623)
8	Insurance		8,000	8,000	9,721	(1,721)
9	Fire department		3,000	3,000	121	2,879
10	Roads		6,000	6,000	3,856	2,144
11	Road projects		18,791	18,791	8,768	10,023
12	Cemetery maintenance		2,000	2,000	1,325	675
13	Town historian		300	300	300	-
14	Chamber of Commerce		100	100	-	100
15	Island rescue		2,500	2,500	1,657	843
19	Donations - other agencies		1,165	1,165	1,165	-
20	Maine Municipal Association dues		1,278	1,278	1,848	(570)
22	LURC fees		5,940	5,940	5,940	-
21	Animal welfare fund		110	110	104	6
19, 20	Solid waste and recycling		16,000	16,000	15,696	304
4	MPEC Support		30,000	30,000	30,000	-
6	Runway maintenance		2,000	2,000	-	2,000
18	Pot warp		5,000	5,000	-	5,000
n/a	Vehicle deposit refunds		-	-	2,000	(2,000)
Assmt	Debt service - Airport project		7,811	7,811	7,867	(56)
Assmt	Overlay		17,538	17,538	-	17,538
Subtotal expenditures			170,773	170,773	139,553	31,220
Other assessments:						
	MSAD #65		116,338	116,338	124,533	(8,195)
	County tax		35,894	35,894	35,894	-
Total other assessments			152,232	152,232	160,427	(8,195)
Total expenditures			323,005	323,005	299,980	23,025
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures						
			(16,281)	(16,281)	9,596	25,877
Other financing sources:						
	Budgeted use of capital road fund		16,281	16,281	-	(16,281)
Total other financing sources			16,281	16,281	-	(16,281)
Net change in fund balance			-	-	9,596	9,596
Fund balance, beginning of year					347,961	
Fund balance, end of year		\$			357,557	

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

**MATINICUS ISLE PLANTATION**  
**Statement of Net Position**  
**Proprietary Fund**  
**December 31, 2017**

<b>Business-type Activities - Electric Company</b>		
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$	166,926
Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$3,627		12,142
Inventory		28,093
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>207,161</b>
Capital assets:		
Land		2,815
Property and equipment		675,754
Accumulated depreciation		(656,350)
<b>Total capital assets</b>		<b>22,219</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>229,380</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable		1
Interfund payable		7,598
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>7,599</b>
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Net investment in capital assets		22,219
Unrestricted		199,562
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>221,781</b>

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MATINICUS ISLE PLANTATION  
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position  
Proprietary Fund  
For the year ended December 31, 2017

Business-type Activities - Electric Company		
Operating revenues:		
Charges for services	\$	191,276
Total operating revenues		191,276
Operating expenses:		
Wages and related expenses		60,807
Postage		511
Telephone		778
Legal and audit		4,150
Travel		1,177
Office supplies		241
Sales tax		152
State fees		1,733
Operations - other		943
Powerhouse tools, parts, repairs		749
Engine repairs, supplies and freight		5,259
Truck repair and fuel		1,056
Pole plant repairs and freight		4,631
Fuel		74,952
Other miscellaneous		970
Depreciation		6,831
Total operating expenses		164,940
Net income		26,336
Net position, beginning of year		195,445
Net position, end of year	\$	221,781

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## Statement 9

**MATINICUS ISLE PLANTATION**  
**Statement of Cash Flows - Proprietary Fund**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2017**

<b>Business-type Activities - Electric Company</b>		
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Receipts from customers and users	\$	187,672
Payments to suppliers and employees		(181,225)
Net cash provided by operating activities		6,447
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Acquisition of capital assets		(5,000)
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities		(5,000)
Net increase in cash		1,447
Cash, beginning of year		165,479
<b>Cash, end of year</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>166,926</b>
Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Net income	\$	26,336
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation		6,831
(Increase) decrease in receivables		(3,604)
(Increase) decrease in inventory		(18,541)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable		(4,719)
Increase (decrease) in interfund payables (payroll portion)		144
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	6,447

*See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.*

## Statement 10

**MATINICUS ISLE PLANTATION**  
**Statement of Fiduciary Net Position**  
**Fiduciary Funds**  
**December 31, 2017**

		<b>Private-purpose Trust Funds Cemetery Funds</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	7,648
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>7,648</b>
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Held in trust for other purposes		7,648
<b>Net position held in trust</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,648</b>

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# **Warrant for 2018 Annual Town Meeting Matinicus Isle Plantation**

To: Wanda Philbrook, Resident of Matinicus Plantation, in the County of Knox.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Plantation of Matinicus, in the County of Knox, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Schoolhouse in said Plantation on Saturday, the 28th of April, 2018 at 6:00 PM, there and then to act on the following articles, namely:

**Article 1:** To choose a Moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

**Article 2:** To see if two-thirds of the qualified voters of Matinicus Plantation here present will vote to permit those paying taxes to the Plantation, but not qualified to vote here, to speak at this meeting under the same rules and regulations as the qualified voters.

**Article 3:** To open the floor to those who wish to address this meeting and who have made arrangements prior to this meeting for such permission.

**Article 4:** To see what sum the Town will appropriate and raise for support of the Power Company. (Assessor's suggest \$30,000)

**Article 5:** To see if the town will vote to appropriate and raise \$2000 to pay for fine stone needed for runway maintenance.

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will set the pay of Town Officers, namely:  
Plantation Clerk and Registrar of Voters (Assessors suggest \$1000.00)  
Treasurer (Assessors Suggest \$3000.00)  
Tax Collector (Assessors Suggest \$3000.00 plus 2% of taxes collected)  
Assessors (Assessors Suggest \$1000.00 each.)

**Article 7:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Plantation Personnel and Charges.

Assessors' recommendations:

Salaries:

Clerk/Registrar	\$1000.00
Administrative Assistant	\$6000.00
Treasurer	\$3000.00
Tax Collector	\$3000.00
Assessors- 3 @ \$1000.00 each	\$3000.00
Ferry Advisory Rep.	\$2000.00
Social Security/Med. Match	\$3000.00
Unemployment Contrib.	\$1800.00
Workers Comp	<u>\$2000.00</u>
	\$24,800.00

Plantation Expenses:

Clerk/Registrar expenses	\$ 500.00
Treasurer's expenses	\$ 1300.00
Tax Collector's expenses	\$ 550.00
Assessors' expenses	\$ 600.00
Telephone	\$ 2000.00
Election costs	\$ 540.00
Audit	\$4200.00
Technology	\$1000.00
Town Office	\$4600.00
Plantation Maintenance	\$3000.00
Staff Development	<u>\$1500.00</u>
	\$19,340.00

(Assessors recommend \$44,140, with \$15,000.00 from estimated Excise Taxes, \$1,000.00 in estimated State Revenue Sharing, and \$28,140.00 from taxes).

**Article 8:** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for insurance coverage on Town buildings and vehicles, Town officials, and Liability coverage. (Assessors recommend \$8000.00 from taxes.)

**Article 9:** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for support of the Fire Department. (Assessors recommend a total of \$14,000 with \$7000 coming from surplus and \$7000 to be raised from taxes).

**Article 10:** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for road maintenance, including plowing, grading and similar upkeep. (Assessors recommend \$6,000 from taxes)

**Article 11:** To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize the assessors to appropriate from the Capital Improvement Road Account and anticipated MDOT funds for road improvements.

(Assessors recommend \$12,833.71 with \$10,181.71 carried over from the Capital Improvement Road Account, and estimated \$2500 in URIP funds from the Maine Department of Transportation for 2018. Funds in the Capital Improvement Account come from the MDOT and cannot be used for plowing, routine grading, or similar annual upkeep. A “yes” vote will authorize the Assessors to accept MDOT funds and utilize capital improvement funds carried over from previous years.)

**Article 12:** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for cemetery maintenance. (Assessors suggest \$2000.00 from taxes).

**Article 13:** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for the expenses for the Town Historian. (Assessors suggest \$300.00 from taxes).

**Article 14:** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for the expenses of the Matinicus Chamber of Commerce. (Assessors suggest \$100.00 from taxes).

**Article 15:** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for Matinicus Island Rescue. (Assessors suggest \$2500.00 from taxes).

**Article 16:** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise from taxes for Solid Waste and Recycling. (Assessors suggest \$10,000.00 from taxes).

**Article 17:** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise from taxes for a household hazardous waste collection day. (Assessors suggest \$6,000.00 from taxes).

**Article 18:** To see what sum the town will appropriate and raise to remove unusable “pot warp” from Matinicus. “Pot warp” is rope that is used in lobstering. (Assessors suggest \$5000 from taxes)



**Article 19:** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise a total of \$1165 for the following organizations:

Island Community Medical Center. (Assessors suggest \$100.00 from taxes).

Maine Behavioral Health Care. (Assessors suggest \$51.00, as requested, from taxes).

Maine Seacoast Mission. To help pay power costs for telemedicine unit. (Assessors suggest \$320.00)

LifeFlight of Maine Foundation. (Assessors suggest \$100.00 from taxes).

South Thomaston Ambulance. (Assessors Suggest \$300.00 from taxes).

Penquis Comm. Action Program. (Assessors suggest \$74.00 from taxes)

Pine Tree Chapter of the American Red Cross. (Assessors suggest \$50 as requested from taxes).

Maine Public Broadcasting (Assessors suggest \$100, as requested from taxes)

WIC (Women Infants and Children) (Assessors suggest \$70, as requested from taxes)

**Article 20:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise \$ 1299 from taxes for dues to the Maine Municipal Association.

**Article 21:** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate for the Animal Welfare Fund. (Assessors suggest \$110.00 from taxes).

**Article 22:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise \$5679.00 payable to the State of Maine, as required, for the services of the Land Use Regulation Commission.

**Article 23:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the following categories of State funds during the next fiscal year:

Municipal Revenue Sharing

Local Road Assistance

State Aid to Education

Civil Emergency Funds

Snowmobile Registration Money

Tree Growth Reimbursement

Veterans Exemption Reimbursement

General Assistance Reimbursement

Homestead Exemption Reimbursement

State Grants or other funds not covered by the above

(including Federal pass-through funds and property tax relief).

**Article 24:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of Real and Personal Taxes before being committed to the Tax Collector for collection but not to pay interest on prepayments.

**Article 25:** To see if the Town will fix a date when taxes shall be due and payable, and to see if the Town will fix an interest rate to be charged on such taxes after said date. It is recommended that taxes be due and payable on November 1, 2018 and that the rate of interest to be charged for payment after that date be 8.0 % per annum, the rate set by the Maine State Treasurer.

**Article 26:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute Quitclaim deeds on such property.

**Article 27:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to procure a temporary loan or loans within the 2018 taxable year in anticipation of taxes or other revenues due in said 2018 taxable year, for the purposes of paying obligations of the Town, said loans to be repaid during the 2018 taxable year.

**Article 28:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to procure a temporary loan or loans within the 2018 taxable year in anticipation of Power Company revenue and/or revenues raised and appropriated for the Power Company by the Town, for the purposes of paying obligations of the Power Company, said loans to be repaid during the 2018 taxable year.

**Article 29:** To see if the Town will vote to allow all balances to lapse into surplus to the extent permitted by law.

**Article 30:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from surplus those monies necessary to conduct Plantation business from January 1st of 2019 until the 2019 Town Meeting. Such monies shall not exceed 33 1/3% of the 2018 budget for each specific category, and shall be limited to those categories with balances lapsed into surplus or remaining in a special fund at the end of fiscal 2018.

**Article 31:** To see if the town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to dispose of town-owned personal property with a value of \$5,000.00 dollars or less, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

**Article 32:** To choose an Assessor to serve for three years.

**Article 33:** To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

**Article 34:** To choose a Tax Collector for the ensuing year.

**Article 35:** To choose a Plantation Clerk and Registrar of Voters for the ensuing year.

**Article 36:** To choose a Director of MSAD#65 to serve for three years.

**Article 37:** To see if the Town will vote to have the Assessors fill the following offices by appointment, and require the Assessors to post the list of appointees on the Town Bulletin Board by May 31st:

- Administrative Assistant
- Cemetery Committee
- Animal Control Officer
- Health Officer
- Chamber of Commerce
- Road Commissioner
- Fire Warden
- Town Historian
- Rescue Director

**Article 38:** To see what date, time and place the Town will vote to hold the 2019 Annual Town Meeting. (Suggest Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6PM, at the School).