

Manager's Letter to the Residents of Corinna:

I may not have grown up or reside in Corinna, but I have memories of this town from the time I was a young child. I remember traveling by the Eastland Woolen Mill and seeing that old building standing on the corner – always a beacon that we were almost home from a faraway destination. I grew up in Bradford, and traveling through Corinna to get to I95 in Newport was always the quickest route to and from the highway. When I married, I moved to Garland and when the children were old enough, they participated in basketball at the Corinna Elementary school gymnasium, as well as playing baseball and softball on the fields around the school. Now that I'm your Town Manager, I've grown to love the Stewart Library building – it is an architecturally outstanding building and what the Preservation Group has done to preserve and revitalize it is truly amazing!

As Town Meeting is nearly here, please take the time to fully consider the pros and cons of the Town Warrant articles – whether your vote is a sentimental vote from the heart or whether it is a logical vote from your head, it is important to be involved in the decision-making process of your Town! There are a few tough decisions that will need to be made this year. The Board of Selectmen seek your input for guidance, through the voting process. Also, you will notice some differences in this year's Town Report. I am putting in a line item expense and revenue spreadsheet, so you can better understand where your tax dollars are spent. By putting in this spreadsheet, I feel it eliminates the need for that information to be itemized in each article. Also, we are using one funding article – meaning that the funds that the Town receives will be used to offset the expenses of the Town. When it is itemized this way, we are not limited in how we use the funding, but rather funds the whole expense budget. If you would like a more specific explanation, please feel free to come see me and I'll do my best to explain funding/revenues vs. expenses. I look forward to seeing you at the Town Meeting in March.

If you are unaware of the year – it is 2020!! That means it is a census year! Please take the time to carefully and honestly answer the census questions. Not only does a census collect information regarding population, it collects information about demographics and economics – how old you are and your approximate income. This is important information because it may limit or expand the ability of the Town of Corinna to apply for and receive grant funding. Grant funding is important because if we qualify and receive grants, those bigger projects we're contemplating can be funded through grant money, as opposed to property tax dollars.

Finally, if you feel the need to get out of the house, please consider joining a committee or become a volunteer in some manner. Without volunteers, and those willing to work on projects and committees, projects would not get done. Your efforts as a volunteer do not go unnoticed!! Volunteers and community involvement impact your town, your friends, family and neighbors. Be a volunteer!

Respectfully,



Lois A. Jones