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ANNUAL REPORT



Town of
Mechanic Falls

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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
AND
SUPERINTENDANT OF SCHOOLS

FOR THE PERIOD
JANUARY 1, 2010 TO DECEMBER 31, 2010

INCLUDING THE FINANCIAL REPORTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 2009 TO JUNE 30, 2010



Mechanic Falls Town Office

Cynthia Larrabee

This year's town report is dedicated to one of the most wonderful people I know, my mother Cynthia Larrabee.

Mom is the first child of Jaqueline and the late Roger Blanchard. She grew up in Auburn, Maine with her parents, brother, and sister. She was a member of the first class to graduate from the "new" Edward Little High School and was a member of the EL marching band. After graduation she was accepted to Gorham State Teachers College and graduated four years later. That year she began what would become a hallmark career at Elm Street School as a fifth grade teacher.

In 1967 she married my father, Douglas Larrabee. Together the couple lived in Auburn until they decided to buy a piece of property in Mechanic Falls. Though the neighborhood children were sorry to see the vacant lot on Chestnut Street occupied, my parents built their house and their lives began in this quaint, small town that my brother, Heath and I were fortunate to call home.

As we grew, my mother showed us what it meant to be part of a community like Mechanic Falls. She taught Sunday school and was a member of the Methodist church, has served as a lector, lay person, and trustee for many years. Mom also coached the cheerleaders and majorettes at Elm Street School for many years. She was the Mother Advisor of the local Rainbow Girl Assembly as well. Today she is still currently active in the Methodist church, is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma teaching sorority, holds several offices in the group United Commercial Travelers, belongs to Women's Society, the local Rebekah organization, and a "red-hatters" club. Her zest for life and her commitment to others have always been some of her greatest characteristics. My aunt Judy frequently refers to my mother as "Saint Cynthia" and though we laugh at the statement, the sentiment is true. She has unselfishly dedicated her life to the students of Mechanic Falls for the past 45 years. She is a teacher, a mentor, and an inspiration to those who have had the privilege to know her. Now she will be able to spend her days filling the lives of her three favorite people with the joy that she has given Heath and me. Her grandchildren Jake, Lance, and Alyson can't wait to have their Mimi all to themselves!

Congratulations Mom, on such an impressive career. I only hope to be half the teacher you have been to us! We love you,

Doug, Kim, John, Jake, Lance, Heath, Laura, and Alyson



On behalf of all the students, staff and citizens who have had the privilege of sharing in your involvement with the educational successes in each of our lives, we congratulate you on an extraordinary teaching career. Best wishes in your retirement and Thank You. – John Hawley

MECHANIC FALLS, MAINE

ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY

STATE OF MAINE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Incorporated March 22, 1893

Population by Census

1980	2,589
1990	2,919
2000	3,138
2010	3,031

Form of Government

Charter / Council / Town Manager

Altitude

Approximately 300 feet above sea level (downtown area)

To about 600 feet above sea level (Pigeon Hill area)

Area

Approximately 11.6 square miles

Approximately 21.77 miles of publicly maintained roads

Public Schools

Regional School Unit #16
Mechanic Falls / Minot / Poland

Elm Street School, Pre K-6
Bruce M. Whittier Middle School, 7-8
Poland Regional High School, 9-12

TAX INFORMATION

State Valuation	
2000/01	80,950,000
2001/02	92,250,000
2002/03	93,450,000
2003/04	105,800,000
2004/05	118,850,000
2005/06	125,500,000
2006/07	141,350,000
2007/08	155,700,000
2008/09	163,750,000
2009/10	166,150,000
2010/11	166,550,000

Tax Commitment	
2000/01	1,814,919
2001/02	1,895,589
2002/03	2,090,902
2003/04	2,302,892
2004/05	2,451,786
2005/06	2,486,440
2006/07	2,562,732
2007/08	2,605,930
2008/09	2,556,611
2009/10	2,465,800
2010/11	2,539,785

Municipal Valuation	
2000/01	77,230,630
2001/02	78,235,170
2002/03	79,805,432
2003/04	82,246,133
2004/05	83,965,286
2005/06	131,557,680
2006/07	135,568,928
2007/08	137,864,855
2008/09	139,705,496
2009/10	141,712,679
2010/11	144,717,137

Tax Rate / \$1,000	
2000/01	24.24
2001/02	26.20
2002/03	26.20
2003/04	28.00
2004/05	29.20
2005/06	18.90
2006/07	18.90
2007/08	18.90
2008/09	18.30
2009/10	17.40
2010/11	17.55

HOURS OF OPERATION

Town Office

Monday – Thursday 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM
Friday 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Transfer Station

Wednesday & Thursday Noon to 5 PM
Saturday 8 AM to 4 PM
Sunday 8 AM to Noon

Library

Monday 9 AM to Noon, 1 PM to 5:30 PM
Wednesday Noon to 5:30 PM
Saturday 9 AM to 2 PM

Water Department

Monday – Friday 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM

GENERAL INFORMATION

Governance: By Charter adopted in 1992, amended in 2010, Five Elected Council and a Town Manager

Budget Adoption: Referendum Voting, Second Tuesday in June

Fiscal Year: July 1st to June 30th

Tax Payments: Property tax payments are due twice per fiscal year. The first half payment is due by the close of business day on October 15th and the second half due by the close of business day on May 15th. Interest is imposed for late payments.

Property owners should notify the Town Office of changes to your property or structures on your property located in Mechanic Falls, by April 1st of each year.

Various Tax Exemptions are available to citizens. Please contact the Tax Office for further information.

Vehicle Registrations: *What to bring to the Town Office...*

- Re-registration - bring the old registration, current proof of insurance and current mileage of the vehicle.
- New Registration – (dealer sale) bring Green Sales Tax Form, Blue Title Application Form, Window Sticker and current proof of insurance
- New Registration – (private sale) bring Bill of Sale, current proof of insurance, Title (1995 Vehicle or newer) and Release of Lien (if applicable)
- New Registration - (transfer) bring same as private sale plus the Registration of the vehicle the Plates are transferred from

Dogs: All dogs must be licensed annually, by January 31, within the municipality of which their owner resides.

Permits: The Town of Mechanic Falls requires numerous permits for specific activities; please contact the Office at 345-2871 for more information. Not obtaining the proper permit prior to engaging in an activity is subject to fines and or prosecution.

Meeting Schedules:

Town Council – First Monday, 7 PM

Library Trustees - First Wednesday, 7 PM

Planning Board – Third Monday, 6 PM

Historical Society – Fourth Wednesday, 6:30 PM

Development Comm. – Second Monday, 7 PM

Charter Commission – As Needed

Recreation Committee – Second Thursday, 7 PM

Safety Committee – Quarterly, 9 AM

Board of Appeals – As Needed

Fire & Rescue – Second Monday, 7 PM

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

(As of December 31, 2010)

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Town Council

Daniel Blanchard, Chair	2011
Roger Guptill	2011
Peter Ford Sr.	2013
Nancy Richard	2012
Robert Small	2013

Regional School Unit #16 Directors

Terri Arsenault	2013
Carlton Beckett	2012
David Griffiths, Chair	2013
Melissa Hodgkin	2012
Jacques Wiseman	2011

Sanitary District Trustees

Michael Baird, Chair	2013
Roger Guptill	2011
Wayne Marquis	2012
Randall Plummer	2012
Gary Purington	2013

APPOINTED COMMITTEES

Budget Committee

Louis Annance	2012
Robert Belanger	2012
Oliver Emery	2011
Sue Goulet	2013
Tom Kuklinski	2013
Bonnie Payette, Chair	2012
Ed Piirainen	2013

Planning Board

Paula Bolduc	2012
Shawn Dostie, Alternate	2012
Lou Goulet	2013
Jeremy Judd	2013
Arthur Montana, Chair	2012
Keith Morse	2013
Paula Stotts	2011
John Straight	2011
Vacant, Alternate	2011

Development Commission

Michael Baird, Chair	2011
Brenda Coleman	2013
Jon Damon	2013
Stuart Davis	2012
Cathy Fifield	2012

Board of Appeals

Ed Piirainen	2013
Bruce Richardson	2012
Vacant, Chair	2011
Thomas Walton	2011
Martha Wiseman	2013
Donald York	2012

APPOINTED COMMITTEES CONTINUED

Recreation Committee

William Bickford	2012
Michelle Emery	2012
Matt Gary	2013
Pamela Grondin	2012
Melissa Hodgkin	2011
Jen Kyllonen	2011
Jim Marston, Chair	2011
Jeff Martin	2013
Derek Thebarga	2013

Charter Commission

Jennifer Boenig	2013
William Diehl	2013
Oliver Emery	2013
Peter Ford	2013
Roger Guptill	2013
Michael Needham	2013
Randall Plummer	2013
Gary Purington, Chair	2013
Vacant	2013

Library Trustees

Vicki Dean
Janice Earle
Cathy Griffiths
Teresa Hartford
Janney Lupton
Nancy Petersons, President
Rhonda Tammaro

Safety Committee

Steve French, Chair	Water Dept.
Jeffrey Goss	Police Dept.
John Hawley	Administration
Melissa Hodgkin	Fire / Rescue
Kathryn Oak	Transfer Station
Scott Penney	Public Works

Historical Society

Kenneth Carlin	2013
James Craig	2013
Matt Gary	2012
Jennifer Oliver	2011
Eriks Petersons, President	2012
Nancy Petersons	2011
Joan Walton	2013
Jean Williams	2013

Revenues / Energy Committee

Carlton Beckett
Jennifer Boenig
Jay Bryant
Yvon Gilbert
Lou Goulet
Nancy Guptill
John Hawley
Robert Small, Chair

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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

January, 2011

COMMITTEES:
VETERANS' AFFAIRS
SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH
CHAIRMAN
TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSIT
SUBCOMMITTEE ON RAILROADS, PIPELINES
AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
SUBCOMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
SMALL BUSINESS
SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY
SUBCOMMITTEE ON RURAL AND URBAN
ENTREPRENEURSHIP
SUBCOMMITTEE ON TAX AND FINANCE

Dear Mechanic Falls residents and friends,

Maine continues to face many challenges. As I travel across our state, I am inspired by stories of innovation and entrepreneurship, yet there is much more we need to do to improve our economy and create jobs.

That is why I am working so hard to improve our nation's trade policies and ensure that Mainers are competing on a level playing field. I was especially pleased that the International Trade Commission found in favor of U.S. paper manufacturers and their workers who filed a petition against Chinese and Indonesian companies that illegally dumped subsidized paper into our market. I worked hard to support this petition, and the tariffs that now apply to these imports will help keep Maine companies competitive and allow them to create and retain good paying jobs.

Our state is also making important strides in developing the types of jobs and economic opportunities that can only be done here in Maine. For example, when Eastport partnered with a U.S.-based company to act as an embarkation port for 500 dairy heifers heading to Turkey, congressional efforts were able to help cut through red tape and bureaucratic challenges. Moreover, the entire bipartisan congressional delegation has successfully urged the federal permitting agency to begin the process for a long-term certification of the Port of Eastport as a livestock exportation facility.

To that end, I cosponsored and helped pass into law last year the "America COMPETES Act," which will create jobs through innovative technology loan guarantees for small and mid-sized manufacturers. I was pleased that two amendments I offered also made it into the final bill ensuring that when implementing the bill federal agencies work together to prioritize the needs of small businesses and that those communities most hurt by our trade agreements will be given special consideration. There are too many small businesses that are struggling to survive, and we must listen to these independent owners when they tell us what they need to grow and create jobs.

However, my biggest commitment is to quality constituent services. Please do not hesitate to contact me at my Lewiston office at 207-782-3704 or by emailing me through my website at www.house.gov/michaud. While on my website, I also encourage you to sign up for occasional e-mail updates on issues important to Mainers and to join me on Facebook or Twitter.

Thank you again for the opportunity to represent you in Congress.

With warmest regards,

Michael H. Michaud
Member of Congress

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COMMITTEES:
HOMELAND SECURITY AND
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS,
RANKING MEMBER
APPROPRIATIONS
ARMED SERVICES
SPECIAL COMMITTEE
ON AGING

January 19, 2011

Town of Mechanic Falls
108 Lewiston Street
Mechanic Falls, ME 04256

Dear Town of Mechanic Falls:

As the new session of Congress began, I was honored to become the longest, currently serving member of the U.S. Senate to have never missed a roll call vote. As the 111th Congress ended, I cast my 4,563rd consecutive vote. It is a privilege to represent you in Washington, D.C. and I appreciate this opportunity to share some of my recent work as we look forward to the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead in the 112th Congress.

Creating jobs and strengthening our economy remain our nation's most pressing challenges. Far too many families and individuals throughout Maine and our nation are still suffering from a sluggish economy and high unemployment. That is why it was so vital for Congress to extend the 2001 and 2003 tax relief laws. I strongly supported a two-year extension because allowing these laws to expire would have resulted in one of the largest tax increases in our nation's history, and job killing tax hikes could well have plunged our economy deeper into recession.

Last year, I spoke to small business owners throughout Maine who told me that a tax increase could result in a loss of jobs and threaten the viability of their businesses. It is good news that Congress passed the two-year extension of these tax relief laws before 2010 came to a close, providing more certainty to businesses and relief for all taxpayers.

After years of repeated but unsuccessful attempts by the Maine delegation to address the federal truck weights law, I authored a successful truck weights pilot program in 2009 that was in effect for one year. The pilot program permitted trucks weighing up to 100,000 pounds to travel on Maine's federal interstates, where these trucks belong, rather than being diverted to secondary roads, through small communities, downtown areas, and school zones. The benefits have been evident: improved safety, lower costs, reduced energy use, and reduced emissions. I was disappointed that the U.S. House of Representatives failed to take action either to extend the pilot program or to make it permanent. Making the truck weights program permanent will be one of my top priorities this year and will be the first bill I introduce in the new Congress.

The President signed into law a number of bills that I authored or coauthored. I was proud to join Senator Joe Lieberman in leading the effort to repeal the so-called "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law that applied to our armed forces. This long-overdue repeal enables the U.S. to join 35 of our closest allies in welcoming the military service of any qualified individual who is willing and capable of serving our country.

My efforts to counter the smuggling of illegal drugs across the Canadian border into Maine, and vice versa, were advanced when the President signed the "Northern Border Counternarcotics Strategy Act." I was the lead Republican sponsor of this law, which requires the Office of National Drug Control Policy to develop a counternarcotics strategy similar to that of the Southwestern border in collaboration with our Canadian partners. The Senate Homeland Security Committee also conducted an extensive investigation into the Fort Hood terrorist attack. We will soon release a report with recommendations on how to reduce the possibility of such an attack in the future.

Former Senator Evan Bayh and I authored a new law that establishes a new Advisory Council to develop a national plan for combating Alzheimer's disease. For the first time, this law charges federal agencies to develop a strategy to advance efforts to fight this devastating disease, at no additional cost to taxpayers.

As far too many people know, Alzheimer's disease inflicts pain and hardship on families, and costs Medicare and Medicaid billions, yet our nation has been lacking a national strategy to focus on this disease.

Maine's natural resource industries are essential to our prosperity. Last October, along with other Delegation members, I testified at an International Trade Commission hearing that resulted in a ruling that Chinese and Indonesian paper companies had been engaging in illegal trade that is unfair to our domestic industry. During the debate on the Food Safety Modernization Act, I successfully advocated for an amendment, backed by Maine's small and organic farmers, to protect our small farms from excessive regulation.

In my ongoing efforts to save jobs in Maine, I succeeded in convincing the EPA to rework regulations known as "boiler MACT" in a manner that protects the environment and public health without jeopardizing jobs in the forest products industry. I also authored successful legislation to provide small contractors more time to comply with EPA lead-based paint regulations. The high fines for non-compliance would have put many small contractors in Maine out of business.

Working with the University of Maine, I helped advance the development of deep water, off-shore wind energy. Last summer, Energy Secretary Steven Chu visited UMaine at my request, which resulted in an announcement that the Department would dedicate \$20 million to develop and test deepwater offshore wind technologies. UMaine remains on the cutting edge of this work, which has the potential to create 15,000 jobs.

I secured funding for a number of important transportation projects in 2010. For example, following my request, U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood announced that the Department would award \$10.5 million for Maine's effort to save freight railroad service in Northern Maine, and \$20 million for the rehabilitation of the Memorial Bridge between Kittery and Portsmouth.

As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I worked to ensure that our men and women in uniform have the resources and support they need to protect our freedom. In 2010, I supported efforts to improve health care and other services for our military personnel and veterans, and authored key provisions to strengthen our national defense by supporting the vital work at Bath Iron Works, the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Pratt & Whitney, the Maine Military Authority, and other Maine industries. Following my letter last year to the President's top budget official urging him to include increased funding for the DDG-51 program in next year's budget, Defense Secretary Gates recently announced that the Pentagon would seek an additional DDG-51 in its five-year budget.

The 112th Congress will bring extraordinary challenges as we work to improve the economy, lower the unemployment rate, seek ways to reduce federal spending to bring the federal debt under control, and debate a host of other important issues. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the Town of Mechanic Falls and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Lewiston Office at (207) 784-6969, or visit my website at <http://collins.senate.gov>. May 2011 be a good year for your family, your community, our state and our nation.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator



Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It is an honor to represent you in the Maine Senate, and I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me to work for the betterment of our region.

The State of Maine, like many of us, is experiencing tough economic times. Currently the state is facing an estimated \$800 million revenue shortfall for the next two-year budget. In order to bring the budget into balance, the Governor, along with the Legislature, must make some significant changes in the way state services are delivered and how taxpayer money is spent. We are committed to crafting a budget that reins in the unsustainable growth of state government, prioritizes core services like public health and safety, education, a safety net for our most vulnerable citizens, and our transportation infrastructure. Despite the challenges we face, this is an opportunity to make state government more efficient, reduce the size of the bureaucracy, carefully review the effectiveness of current programs, and set Maine on a new course.

One of our first orders of business when the 125th Legislature convened in December was the passage of LD 1, *An Act To Ensure Regulatory Fairness and Reform*. The bill recognizes that one of the biggest impediments to job creation and keeping our young people in Maine is the regulatory burden the state currently imposes on business. Given this, LD 1 proposes to reach out to businesses and workers to identify duplicative and unnecessary regulations and eliminate or propose changes to these regulations in order to improve the business climate and encourage job creation and retention and expand opportunities for Maine people.

I am hopeful that by reining in state spending, prioritizing our wants and needs and developing strategies for improving our business climate, we can put Maine back on track toward prosperity and create the opportunities that will keep our young people here in Maine.

Again, thank you for entrusting me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me if you ever need my help in navigating the state bureaucracy. I would be happy to help in any way that I can. I can be reached in Augusta at 287-1505 or by e-mail at sengarrett.mason@legislature.maine.gov.

Sincerely,

Garrett P. Mason

State Senator



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January 2011

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

As I begin my fourth legislative term, I would like to thank you for the honor of representing our community at the Capitol. I am honored to be your voice in Augusta.

With the Legislature now in session, I will continue to address issues that are of particular concern in our state. Fiscal responsibility and welfare reform are high on my list of priorities.

For the 125th Legislature, I will be returning to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources and, in addition, will be serving as its Chair. This working group has jurisdiction over such things including, but not limited to, air and water quality, natural resource protection, management and disposal of solid, hazardous, biomedical and special wastes and general environmental policy, including oversight of the Department of Environmental Protection. Additionally, I will be a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology, whose jurisdiction includes energy policy, electric industry, telecommunications industry, water and sewer utilities, and the Public Utilities Commission, to name just a few areas.

As the First Regular Session progresses, I encourage you to visit the Legislature's website at <http://maine.gov/legis/> for up-to-date bill status information, public hearing dates, roll call votes on legislation and links to live video and audio broadcasts. Our representative form of government works best when we all get involved.

I will continue to send legislative updates via regular mail and e-mail throughout the year to all who would like to stay informed as to current state news. If you would like to receive these updates, please contact me at RepJames.Hamper@legislature.maine.gov and ask to be added to my update list. Please provide the applicable postal and e-mail addresses to which these updates should be sent.

Again, thank you very much for the privilege of serving as your State Representative. Please don't hesitate to contact me whenever you have questions, thoughts or concerns you wish to share regarding state government.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James M. Hamper".

James M. Hamper
State Representative

District 100 Mechanic Falls, Otisfield and Oxford



Paving at the intersection of Oak and North, summer 2010.

TOWN COUNCIL

Despite the poor economy and the higher rate of unemployment, the town of Mechanic Falls remains financially healthy. We are not rich by any means, but our bills get paid on time, we are making new equipment and vehicle purchases as scheduled without having to borrow and have been taking advantage of the lower prices the competitive market is offering. The staff has done well over the last few years to tighten belts and scrutinize spending to make sure that we are providing the quality and level of services that the public demands.

The largest expenditure this past year was the paving project. By the end of the year, we had reclaimed (ground up) and resurfaced 12 of our 13 slated roads. We decided to put off Edwards Road for a year so we could do some work on the road base, and that construction will begin in the early summer of 2011. It took quite a bit of time for all the paving to be completed and in some cases we needed to wait for the sanitary district's projects to be finished before we could pave. We only put down two inches of base mix on all our roads. This may prove to be a poor strategy, but either way, our roads are deteriorating much faster than we are investing in them and our process for resurfacing is one or two steps forward, three steps back. Paving only two inches instead of the usual three allowed us to improve a greater distance.

Other major purchases this year were the acquisition of the new public works pickup truck and plow. This replaced the 2002 GMC Sierra that we had purchased used in 2005. The other was the replacement of the 1999 Bobcat Skidsteer that we had purchased new. We splurged a little with the new 2011 skidsteer and bought the snow blower attachment in hopes of improving our sidewalk clearing capabilities. It proved to

be money well spent as the sidewalks were cleared using half the labor and fuel expense as our previous methods.

This certainly seemed to be the year for construction. As I have already mentioned the sanitary district did the storm water separation project, and the water department had a couple of projects as well this past summer. The water main that crosses under the river behind the American Legion was leaking and had to be shut down two years ago. The remedy was to sleeve a new plastic water main through the old leaking pipe. This provided a seamless pipe that will never leak again in our lifetimes.

A committee was formed this year for the purpose of updating our 1992 Comprehensive Plan. Our current plan is now about 20 years old and plans should be reviewed every ten years. This is the document that is created by the committee and approved by voters to be used as the blueprint for our future growth. The new draft should be ready for voters in the next year.



Citizens cast an historical vote in Mechanic Falls that will change the budget adoption process here as we know it. The Charter Commission recommended making changes to our Charter including the elimination of town meeting. Next year's municipal budget will be voted on by secret ballot. Gone are the days of gathering in the gym, debating and then voting by raising a hand. There will still be an opportunity for people to weigh in on the budget as the public hearing conducted prior to the vote will resemble a town meeting format. Low turnout prompted the Commission to consider such a change as only 2% of the voters in

previous years have been deciding the budget. This will hopefully encourage greater participation and garner greater representation of how people feel about the services they are spending their tax dollars on. For those that remember the old Homecoming week, we explored bringing back a similar event and held Community Day last June. The single day affair was quite successful and enhanced the long standing traditions of the American Legion Chicken Bar B Q, Library Book sale, and the Pottle Hill Road Race. The bicycles, doll carriage, and horribles parade brought back fond memories of the buzz that used to brighten our town each summer. Plans are underway for the same style event this June with some additions. It was great to see so many people gathered downtown.

After a lengthy and successful relationship with the Town, the Androscoggin Head Start program came to an end this past year. Due to funding restrictions and the incorporation of the four-year-old program at Elm Street School, the pre-school program closed its doors for a final time last June. The building will not remain empty for long however, as plans are in the works to move the Adult Education program to that location. This will free up the third floor space in the Town Office for the Public Library which will be moved at the end of summer 2011.

I would like to thank the citizens who took the opportunity to take part in the local government processes this past year. It is tough to be a Councilor when you are not sure what your constituents would like to see. It's even tougher to make financial decisions when folks don't offer their opinions. There are those that we

hear from on a regular basis but they make up a very small majority of our population. Please take some time to attend the public meetings to be aware of what is going on. Lend us a hand and participate. Get involved. Volunteer.

I would like to thank all the municipal staff and volunteers who help run our community and make our small town a great place to live.

Daniel Blanchard
Town Council Chairman

TOWN MANAGER



Our municipality is fortunate enough to have many employees that have very similar loyalties and devotion to Mechanic Falls as I do. And although some of the staff may not have the same ties, they recognize how important it is to those of us who really care and they want what is best as well. With the exception of some of the part time positions and police officers, our turnover percentage rate for employees is very minimal. Part time staff will always be moving on as better opportunities offering better wages and benefits become available. Police officers will always come and go and often have to start with small towns to get their feet wet. It isn't long before they are recruited away to

serve the larger communities with attractive retirement plans. But for the most part, the staff sticks it out. Despite several years of no wage increases, furlough days, additional contributions to insurance and reduced work weeks, many of the staff have been serving for a long time. We don't have any employee appreciation awards ceremonies or give out bonuses for years of service and there aren't any plaques hanging anywhere recognizing these folks. So I want to take an opportunity to recognize some of them now for their total combined years of service;

David Stimson	55 years
Don Patterson	46 years
Ron Tirrell	37 years
David Clukey	34 years
Wayde Boston	25 years
Fred Sturtevant	24 years
John Hawley	21 years
Sandi Brown-Eustis	17 years
Scott Penney	16 years
Tom Casey	15 years
Jen Casey	13 years
Tim Estes	10 years

Dick Wing	55 years
Don Boyd	40 years
Elwood Strout	34 years
Shirley Marquis	26 years
Steve French	25 years
Jeff Goss	22 years
Paul Harvey	21 years
Lisa Prevost	16 years
Matt Fifield	15 years
Jake Verrill	15 years
Carolyn Bennett	10 years

A citizen was overheard last year stating that my messages in the town report are always overbearing about the municipal staff, and the good jobs that they do, blah, blah, blah. So I am going to save those naysayers the dramatics by not mentioning anything about the great staff who work for this community and the fantastic job that they do all year long. Nor will I bring up all the work that is done by Public Works and the Water Department with in-house resources that saved an incredible amount of money by not contracting the work. It would also be futile to mention the Fire and Rescue staff that provide the same level of public safety as our neighboring communities at a fraction of what others towns are being taxed for. I am not going to boast about our Police Department because I know there are folks out there who don't believe we should even have a Police Department...until they need them. I am also going to purposely leave out any credit to the Administration staff, Transfer Station folks and the ladies at the Library. So for those few that don't believe in giving credit where credit is due, you're welcome, I have left it out this year.

Be skeptical of what you hear at the lunch counters and in the social circles about local issues and activities. Sometimes things get said and passed along that started out as fact but is so embellished by the time you hear it that is no longer even remotely true. Take time to be aware of both sides of every issue before spreading just the side that seems to be controversial. Help those who really care and are actually trying to make a difference in our community. Mechanic Falls has been falsely tagged with a negative image for too long and false rumors are a major contributor to the poor image. It may sell newspapers and make for good downtown gossip but it can be demoralizing for a small town that has a lot to give. Those of us who have lived here for a long time know Mechanic Falls, although not perfect, is a great little town. So if you prefer to hear the factual story, my door is always open and I am more than eager to give people the details. You can even reach me by email at jchawley@roadrunner.com.

I would like to say thank you to Carolyn Bennett who will be retiring in June of 2011 after ten years as the Water Department Office Manager. Her impeccable standards, organization and accuracy will certainly be missed. Best wishes Carolyn from all of us.

John Hawley
Town Manager

PLANNING BOARD

The Mechanic Falls Planning Board is made up of volunteer citizens who are tasked with reviewing potential business development, residential subdivisions and ordinance review. They thoroughly look over proposed applications and ensure that they are going to be compliant with our local zoning and land use ordinance.

Last year I reported that the Planning Board met 5 times. Well, this year the Planning Board met 6 times to review development applications for new business and additions to existing businesses.

The year started off in a busy fashion as we had meetings in January and February, but did not hold one again until April. The January meeting was held to review a new pizza shop/bakery with a farm market at Harvest Hill Farms. The plan was approved. In February, the Board reviewed an application from Cynthia Martin to convert Martin Country Homes into a Day Care Center. This plan was also approved with some minor upgrades to the septic system and parking area. The April meeting was held to review an amendment to a previously approved permit. Cynthia Martin was seeking a change in the parking plan. The amendment was approved as planned.

In May, the Board reviewed another amendment to a previously approved permit. Harvest Hill Farms was seeking an amendment to allow outdoor seating and the Board approved the amendment as planned. Anne and Dennis Thibault also presented an application for an Animal Breeding and Care Facility located at their residence on Maple Street. The Board approved the permit under the condition that all state rules and regulations are followed.

The Board then met in July and then again in September. In July, Chuck Starbird was looking to operate a Recreational Facility located at the mill property downtown. He wanted to construct a track for go-kart racing. The Board approved the permit for this development. September's meeting was held to amend the current Mechanic Falls Land Use and Zoning Ordinance. Tanya Cadman was petitioning the Planning Board to recommend to the Town Council to change the Ordinance to allow for Day Care Homes in homes that currently have an Accessory Dwelling Unit. The Board decided to recommend the Town Council amend the Ordinance as presented.

The Planning Board is made up of 7 members with 2 alternates. Last year, in my report, I asked for volunteers to join the Board as we were running low on Board members. I am pleased to say that we currently have 7 members with 1 alternate. We do still have an alternate position open if anyone is interested. A common misconception is that you need to own land in the town to be a board member. That is not true, so if you rent an apartment you are welcome to join the Board. If you have some free time and wouldn't mind giving up one evening a month, stop in a let us know you're interested. We will train you what you will need to know. When the planning board does need to get together, they generally meet the third Monday of each month at 6PM. These meetings are always open to the public but you might want to call before coming to make sure there is a meeting.

Nicholaus Richard
Administrative Assistant to the Board

BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals is tasked with two functions: to hear administrative appeals of the actions of the Code Enforcement Officer or the Planning Board and to hear requests for dimensional variances. The Mechanic Falls Zoning & Land Use Ordinance does not allow the Board of Appeals to issue "use variances". Administrative appeals are hearings in which an aggrieved party alleges there was either a procedural error or omission in an action taken by the Code Enforcement Officer in the administration or enforcement of the Town's land use ordinances or a procedural error or omission in an action taken by the Planning Board.

While we may not like the outcome of some of these cases, the Board of Appeals is fair in applying the mandatory “Undue Hardship” criteria to requests for variances. Maine Supreme Court decisions over the years have severely limited our ability to relax our interpretation of the Undue Hardship criteria. This Board only needs to meet on an “as needed” basis. In the past year the Board did not have any issues to review and therefore did not meet.

Any citizen who would like more information on variances, appeals, or would like to join the Board of Appeals should contact the Town Office.

Nicholaus Richard
Administrative Assistant to the Board

DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Town Council created the Mechanic Falls Development Commission in 1981, in response to the loss of more than 250 jobs when Marcal Mill shut down. The MFDC is a non-profit organization charged with stimulating industrial and commercial development and expansions in Mechanic Falls. The MFDC promotes economic development by providing financial loan assistance to businesses, which create new jobs, and by acquiring and selling land in support of the Town's economic development efforts.

Since 1983, the MFDC has administered the Revolving Loan Fund, which is a low-interest loan program available to existing and new businesses for the purpose of creating and retaining jobs. In addition to the RLF, the MFDC has administered the Micro-Loan program since 1996. Since its inception, the Micro-Loan program has been highly successful in attracting new businesses and new employment opportunities. This revolving loan program currently has approximately \$370,000 available to qualified Mechanic Falls' businesses.

In 2010 the MFDC funded three loan requests. One loan was made to Davis Land Surveying, LLC to help fund working capital needs. A loan was made to Wolf Run Raceway, Inc. to help fund the development of a go-kart track at the Marcel Mill. The third loan was made to Wayne Hackett to help fund improvements to the property at 128 Lewiston Street.

The MFDC is pleased to report that the annual audit performed by Smith & Associates, CPAs of Yarmouth has resulted in an unqualified, clean opinion. The MFDC contracts with the Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments (AVCOG) to provide professional services including loan underwriting and servicing as well as meeting and financial records management.

Business owners interested in participating in the MFDC loan programs should call Ed Dox at AVCOG, 783-9186, or the Town Office 345-2871.

Greg Whitney
Finance Director
A. V. C. O. G.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

We continue to receive reduced insurance premiums because of the work of the Safety Committee, coupled with the cooperation of the Town's employees. Not only are we saving money but we are also having a safe environment to work in.

The duties of the Safety Committee are to frequently review and develop safety plans for the town, and to inspect our properties and make recommendations to correct any safety issues. With the help of our insurance carrier we feel that we are providing our employees a safe, comfortable environment to work in. This past year we took advantage of an opportunity to be voluntarily inspected by the Maine Bureau of Labor Standards. Doing so gave us the opportunity to experience what that level of inspection entails and a "citation free" look at some of our violations. We fared quite well, yet we have some perfecting to do.

We maintain a "safety day" for all our employees. We do this twice. Once at in the evening, then again the next morning so that as many employees can attend as possible. We go over all of our safety polices that the town has adopted.

Again, as in the past we request that if anyone sees anything that they believe is unsafe to our employees, or to the public, please feel free to bring it to the attention of the Safety Committee and we will be happy to investigate it.

Steve French
Safety Committee Chairman

REVENUE ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

The last year has been an extremely busy year for the Revenue Enhancement Committee and its members. A large focus of the committee's attention has been on renewable energy resources.

In the spring of 2010, Town Manager John Hawley submitted a grant proposal to Efficiency Maine for a \$10,000 grant to assist the town with hiring an energy consultant to create an energy plan and conduct an energy audit of municipal buildings. The town was awarded the \$10,000 grant and the committee hired Barbara DiBiase, an energy consultant, who assisted them with creating a town energy plan, conducting an energy audit on several municipal buildings, and meeting grant reporting deadlines. The committee also formed a Community Energy Planning Committee as required by the grant, which is comprised of the same members as the Revenue Enhancement Committee.

A larger grant opportunity through Efficiency Maine became available and the town was awarded approximately \$38,000 to complete several energy improvement projects deemed a priority through the energy audit completed by DiBiase and her associates. Most of the projects focus on the municipal complex, which includes the Town Office, Public Works and Fire Department buildings. Some projects

currently underway include: installing an on-demand hot water system at the Town Office and Fire Department buildings and adding pipe insulation throughout the Town Office, Public Works and Fire Department buildings. The grant funding will also be used to: add more insulation to the Town Office, Public Works and Fire Department buildings; sub-meter the electricity to place the Town Office, Public Works and Fire Department buildings on separate meters to potentially eliminate a higher demand charge; update the software for the programmable thermostats in the Town Office; install occupancy sensor lighting in some municipal buildings; and replace any out-dated light fixtures with energy efficient fixtures.

While reducing energy costs has been a main focus of the committee thanks to the two grant awards, it remains focused on other ways to generate revenue for the municipality. The committee has continued to pursue its research on wholesaling water for a profit. Given the complex nature of this type of project, more research is needed before the committee can make any recommendations to move forward on this issue.

Over the past year, the committee did recommend the town create a sustainable forestry management plan. The Town Council agreed with this recommendation and appointed Fred Huntress the town forester. A selective timber harvest plan was implemented and generated \$34,442 in revenue in 2010.

Another committee recommendation that moved forward was the creation of Community Day. Last summer, the day-long event drew area residents into downtown Mechanic Falls, giving local businesses and organizations a chance to showcase their talents. Planning and preparations for this summer's Community Day is already underway and will hopefully attract more residents, businesses, and organizations to Mechanic Falls.

Another successful project taken on by the committee members was to create a display showcasing local businesses in the Town Office. Committee member Yvon Gilbert approached several local businesses for their business cards which were blown up and framed, creating a nice display of local businesses in the hallway of the Town Office.

The committee members look forward to serving the townspeople for another year and welcome any new faces and ideas.

Robert Small
Town Council
Revenue Enhancement Committee Chairman

TOWN CLERK

Here is a brief summary of 2010:

The Town Office hours are Monday thru Thursday 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. and Friday 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. These hours have been very helpful to the residents.

On the election front, it was another busy year in the clerk's office with elections. We made it through another year of elections for the RSU 16 budget on May 10th. We had the Primary/Referendum Election on June 8th with 994 ballots cast, we also had the Referendum & Local Election on November 2nd with 1420 ballots cast, the biggest change from this election is that the residents voted NOT to have a town meeting any longer beginning in 2011. The town budget will now be voted on by ballot in June of each year.

January 9th was the annual rabies clinic with Dr. Frechette. He vaccinated 38 Dogs and 4 Cats. I was there to license any Mechanic Falls resident's dog. Please remember that all dogs are to be licensed NO later than December 31st. The fee is \$11.00 for male/female and \$6.00 for spayed/neutered. Any dogs not licensed prior to February 1st of any year will be required to pay a \$25.00 late fee.

Please check out the Towns website or our Facebook page to keep up to date on the Council Meeting minutes or any new and upcoming events in town.

Lisa M. Palmer
Town Clerk

BIRTHS

Under State of Maine statute, we are no longer permitted to print specific information regarding the new births in our community.

Mechanic Falls welcomed 47 new babies in 2010.

DEATHS IN MECHANIC FALLS

02/10/10 Bette G. Brewster

05/28/10 Paula E. Crabtree

12/02/10 William E. Ahlberg

DEATHS IN OTHER TOWNS

01/05/10 Lovell H. Edwards

01/29/10 Madeline M. Tibbetts

02/26/10 Audrey D. Gove

04/18/10 Josephine R. Lenahan

04/26/10 Laurier Gilbert

05/05/10 Floyd L. Cook

06/15/10 Jean R. Poulin

06/17/10 William B. Griffin Jr

08/06/10 Richard I. Bragdon

08/12/10 Bertrand Gilbert

09/10/10 Gertrude H. Bennett

09/14/10 Phyllis L. Copp

11/06/10 Irene C. Dunn

12/13/10 Dorothy Rose Abbott

MARRIAGES

01/02/10	Samuel E Hong & Erika D Munsell
02/02/10	Michael L Hollenkamp & Patricia A Vyr
04/05/10	Christopher S Severy & Alicia K Capalbo
4/30/10	Dave R Ainaire & Jill M Nielsen
06/12/10	Jeremy J Callahan & Maygan H Libby
06/19/10	Derrick J Wells & Randi-Jo Melanson
07/14/10	Benjamin N Paddock & Rachel J Sheloske
08/07/10	Heath W Herrick & Jennifer M Provencher
08/14/10	Richard M Kimball & Melissa A Gilmore
08/14/10	Calvin W Ames & Janis M Hunter
08/28/10	Edward R Heath & Elizabeth M Thurlow
08/28/10	Andrew R Coleman & Robyn L Gauthier
09/11/10	Scott R Sessions & Susan J Lovely

CODE ENFORCEMENT & PLANNING

Hello all, as you know I am Nicholas Richard, your Code Enforcement Officer. As the CEO, I get asked quite often how things are going in Mechanic Falls. You would think the way the economy is that we would experience a decline in permits and development. We in fact, experienced an increase in permits issued this year. Last year I reported 129 total permits issued. This year my office issued 159 total permits. There were 62 building permits issued, 10 of which were for new dwellings and 5 for replacement dwellings. There were 34 plumbing permits, 52 electrical permits, and 11 other permits issued. Hopefully this is a sign of things to come.



Every year there are a few major enforcement issues that this office must deal with. This year was similar to the last in that there were a couple major issues to deal with. One issue involved somewhat of a perpetual yard sale, which was resolved. There is still on-going monitoring of some nuisance issues related to trash/junkyard activities on some properties around town. There is always the little nuisance complaints like too many unregistered vehicles on ones property, but for the most part, those are handled with just a friendly letter explaining the violation.

It is important to remember that new construction projects need construction permits. Any new construction that has a value of greater than \$1,000 or affects 100 square feet or more needs a building permit. Cosmetic jobs such as replacement windows, new siding or roofing do not require permits. If you have any doubts, it's better to call and ask. State and Federal rules and regulations are changing all the time and in a lot of cases grandfathering is not permitted or granted. As the CEO, I am the point person for our community to keep up on such changes. This is another good reason to check in before starting a project. I am here to help this community develop in a safe manner ensuring proper construction methods are utilized while minimizing impacts on the local ecology. Violating State or Federal rules can bring some hefty fines on top of possible fines from the town. A call ahead of time will save a headache down the road. All inspections are scheduled through my office.

An example of the ever-changing rules and regulations is Public Law 699 enacted by the State of Maine in April 2008. This established the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC). As of December 1, 2010, Mechanic Falls is required to enforce the MUBEC. Any construction project must now meet the requirements of this code. If you have any questions pertaining to this code, please give me a call and we can discuss the matter. I can be reached at 345-2221.

Lastly, we had the benefit of a student intern this past year. We would like to thank John Pressey, who was working towards his Masters Degree in Public Administration from Norwich University, for the time he spent helping and learning in this capacity.

Nicholaus Richard
Code Enforcement Officer

LIBRARY



The Library, once more, had a very good year with the annual fund raisers. The Book Sale raised \$875 from its' sales, which was held as part of the Community Day Celebration. So please remember, we gratefully accept book donations throughout the year, but sadly, we cannot accept Reader's Digest books, encyclopedias, or textbooks, as they do not sell.

The Pie Sale yielded \$654, which is due to the generosity of community members that either made pies, or purchased them.

The 2010 Summer Reading Club was "Make A Splash @Your Library".

Sue Littlefield, a teacher from Elm Street School, worked as a volunteer and conducted the craft activity workshops, and all enjoyed the prizes that were awarded.

As usual, there is plenty of activities ongoing at the Library, so volunteers continue to be needed at various times during the year. Many projects need many hands!

We will continue to accept any historical donations the community members wish to make, and forward them to The Mechanic Falls Historical Society, now housed in the old Congregational Church on Elm Street.

We continue creating the Online Computer Catalog of the books owned by the Library. As always, thank you for being the wonderful community you are!!

Sandi Brown-Eustis
Librarian

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Mechanic Falls Historical Society keeps plugging away and we thank all who have contributed and shown support.

We thank Scott Penney, the town's Public Works director. Scott presented a history of the Penney family and the contributions his family has made to the town since 1856 when J.W. Penney arrived as a blacksmith and later founded the J.W. Penney Company.

We thank Stephen Kilbreth who discussed the colorful exploits of Sam Noble, known as Buckskin Sam, who made Mechanic Falls his final home after a life's journey throughout the world.

We thank Steve Berry and Future Foods, Peter Bolduc and Harvest Hills Farms, and Chef Randy Plummer who are making The Mechanic Falls Historical Society Roast Beef Community suppers a continuing success.

We thank Jody and Judy McMorrow for their time at our annual antiques appraisal event.

We thank Bob and Ruth Malcolm and their talented family who together with Bruce Hobart have entertained the community with two concerts.

We thank and value the contributions citizens have made to the ever growing collection of Mechanic Falls memorabilia – in particular, Velora Piper, Roger Arris, Judy D'Amour, Judy McMorrow, and Ken Carlin.

The value of the community center at the society was made evident by the Jordan Family reunion on Thanksgiving, as well as its continued use by several organizations. Please contact any members of the society for further information on use of the downstairs.

The Mechanic Falls Historical Society seeks to record, categorize and index the amount of material we have so far garnered. The society invites any and all who wish to participate in this venture. There is a lot



to be done. The society will also initiate a major fund raising campaign in 2011 to maintain the structural integrity of the building as well begin renovations for an upstairs museum.

Eriks Petersons
President

RECREATION

The Mechanic Falls Recreation Department is a very active committee and 2010 was no different. Comprised of up to ten members, this all-volunteer committee does its best to offer quality sports programs to our towns' youth, with priorities on safety and creating an enjoyable environment for all participants.

Participating in youth sports has many benefits that prepare our children for the future. Including:

- Building self-esteem & self-respect
- Provides social interaction with peers and adults
- Teaches sportsmanship, teamwork, self-discipline
- Provides leadership opportunities
- Develops skills for handling success and failure
- Fosters a sense of community
- Provides an outlet for channeling energy and much more!

In 2010 we offered the following youth programs to more than 400 combined participants: Five levels of Baseball – Tee-ball, Rookie, Minors, Majors & Babe Ruth. Three levels of softball – Farm, Little League & Senior League. Tri-town Basketball, Tri-town soccer, Skiing/Snowboarding program and the summer rec day camp program.

New this year: The Rec purchased a brand new 50' x 100' ice rink system. Thank you to the town (Scott Penney and his crew) for their help in set-up, the addition of lights for night skating and help with clearing snow when time allowed! The rink got lots of use and we have had many compliments on it.

This past year with the help of our community and local businesses participating in our fundraisers we continue to improve and enhance our facilities, our contributions to our community and our programs. We are very proud to continue to complete capital improvement projects and continue to keep our registration fees lower than surrounding towns. All while experiencing budget reductions almost yearly. With lots of donated time, labor and know-how by this Rec committee we have almost become self-sustaining.

Below is a partial list of accomplishments in 2010:

- Finished construction of our second announcer's booth on the Ron Pratt field.
- Purchased new air pump and 12 new basketballs for Rec & Elm Street School.
- Purchased player/coach safety nets for baseball/softball.
- Upgraded pipe framing on batting cages to improve use & functionality.
- Completed home dugout storage area on Babe Ruth field.

- Refurbished a donated non-working 2-wheel pitching machine.
- Purchased “Auto-Fry” and icemaker machines for the snack shack.
- Donated \$2,000 to PRHS for the purchase of field lights for the football/soccer field.
(We felt this was a great community investment. As all of our children who have participated in our fundraisers also attend PRHS. They should all be very proud!)
- Purchased ice rink system to be used for many years to come!

Our continuing goal for capital improvement projects is to provide quality, lasting improvements that will ensure that these benefits are available to the children of our community for years to come, all at a minimum cost to the taxpayer by using donated funds, donated labor, and sometimes donated materials. For 2011/2012 our plans for the Recreation capital improvement budget are to build a Tee-ball field at our facility, which will make five ball fields available for use! Also to hang the donated backboards and rims in the original snack shack next to the newer snack shack, which will be used for storage of our sports equipment.

Financial support of our programs is essential to our continued ability to offer quality safe programs. The Recreation Committee continues to have all of its programs be self-sustaining through registration fees and fundraising efforts. Our fundraisers are typically highly successful and they are: Tag Day for Baseball/Softball; Cash Calendar for Soccer; Shoot-a-thon for Basketball; Rec Dance for the ski/snowboard program; the business sign program (these signs hang on the outfield fences of our ball fields) and also the uniform sponsorship program.

On behalf of the Recreation Committee, I would like to thank all of our partners and program supporters including: Poland Recreation Department, Elm Street School, Mechanic Falls Public Works and Water Departments, town employees, residents, volunteers and businesses. Your generous support allows us to continue to offer these quality youth athletic programs.

Finally, a special thank you to the children and their parents who participated in our programs during the past year. Your involvement and commitment have contributed greatly to the success of our Recreation programs.

Jim Marston
Recreation Committee Chairperson

SANTA FOR THE KIDS

This was the 20th year of the program and the donations we received made it possible for us to help 28 families with 97 children and adults with winter items that were needed and toys. Hannaford Bros Co. was very generous to us again this year and that enabled us to help more families this year. All families received a gift certificate to help with the holiday meal and diapers if needed.

The community response to this program has been overwhelming. The Town office may organize and run this program, but we do not do it alone. I want to thank all that donated, with gifts, turkeys, food baskets,

knitted items, money, gift certificates and even the wrapping paper. The donations we received truly made this a community project. This year we had more businesses adopting whole families. If this is something your business would like to participate in, please give me a call.

Those wishing to make donations for next year can drop off new, unwrapped toys at the Town Office at any time, the clearance sales makes our money go much farther. Any and all donations are appreciated.

Shirley Marquis
Tax Clerk
Coordinator - "Santa for the Kids" Program

ANIMAL CONTROL



Last year, there were a total of 385 general complaints, 26 animal trespassing violations, 22 dogs returned to their owners, 13 animal bites, and 9 animals that needed to be laid away or found a new home.

Just a friendly reminder, all dogs older than 6 months must be licensed annually. To avoid late fees, licensing must be completed no later than January 31st.

You, your family and your pets could be in danger from harmful insects that carry disease. Talk to your veterinarian about simple precautions that will offer protection for all of you.

Rabies is fatal. Vaccinations are extremely important in the prevention and control of numerous diseases in dogs and cats, including distemper, parvo, and rabies. Given annually, these vaccinations are an excellent investment in your pet's future.

Spaying or neutering is another way to protect the life of your pet. A hysterectomy can reduce the chances of your dog or cat getting uterine infections and breast or ovarian cancer. Neutering reduces the risk of testicular and prostate disease, as well as the tendency to roam and fight. Controlling the unwanted animal population is as equally important.

Robert Larrabee
Animal Control Officer

It was a busy winter for us around the town and providing mutual aid to surrounding towns. There were a lot of structure fires this year that used up a lot of resources and manpower. Our guys and gals were up for the challenge and represented our community very well. They are there for you when you need them and we really appreciate your support.

A state inspection last summer showed us some areas that we need to improve on which include some administrative details and record keeping and making sure we are completing our mandatory annual training requirements. These specific items are making it more and more difficult for us to manage with our all volunteer personnel. It will not be too much longer before we will have to start talking about at least a part-time paid staff person for the department. If we are not current with all our regulations and certifications, hefty citations will accompany future visits from the inspectors.



This year's budget is a reflection of what we truly need to be able to do the job required of us. Compared to the surrounding communities, our budget remains very low and we take pride in the fact that we can provide almost the same level of service they do. We have done our best to keep our budget request minimal considering the economy. We make every effort to do as many repairs as we can with in-house talent to keep labor cost down but sometimes we just have to bite the bullet and replace equipment. As you well know, federal and state regulations created to protect us and keep us safe can be quite bothersome and expensive. With the

ballot vote in lieu of town meeting for budget adoption this year, we will make ourselves available to answer any questions any one may have about our Fire / Rescue Department.

We are also keeping a close watch on the progression of the casino development at our backdoor. Although it is difficult to estimate the level of impact this casino will have on our department, we are prepared to step up and do what we have to do for our community. Hopefully we won't be left out of the conversation when the levels of financial aid are discussed to handle any increase in demand for service.

We have had some new members join this year which greatly helps and they have been ready to take on the challenge of training and getting up in the night to help with the routine calls. There is a lot of dedication to being on a volunteer department today. If you are interested, or know someone who is interested, we take applications twice a year May and December. More information is available at the town office or stop by the fire station and we can explain the process.

Just remember we are here for you to help in a time of need and to assist in keeping you safe. Don't hesitate to call if you need info or inspections. On behalf of the department and myself, we appreciate all of your support. Don't forget to vote.

Fred C. Sturtevant III
Fire Chief

RESCUE

Rescue responded to 253 calls from January through December. Our average response time is currently 2.48 minutes from the time we are activated until the time Rescue 1 leaves the station. An average call lasts about 33 minutes from the time we leave until the time we return to the station. According to state reports most of our calls are between 3pm through 11pm.



The department is made up of 9 basic emergency medical technicians, 1 intermediate, 3 paramedics and 2 drivers. We have 3 basics who just recently completed the intermediate class and one person who has completed the basic class. The department has 2 people who have been riding along as observers to see if EMS is something they are interested in.

Thank you for all your support and donations throughout the year. Please make sure your house is numbered and visible to insure a quicker response.

Jennifer Casey
Rescue Chief

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mechanic Falls Police Officers handled 2710 plus calls for service in 2010. We handled 609 + traffic law related incidents. We do write an overwhelming amount of warnings for traffic violations verses citations. This past year was the largest percentage that I can recall. There were 262 verbal warnings and 246 written warnings issued to motorists in Mechanic Falls. We issued 101 traffic citations. I believe that this is due in



part to the poor economy. We understand that we have a job to do but often times feel that the warning will get the job done rather than handing out a \$150 speeding ticket. I personally try to tell every motorist that I issue a warning to what the fine would have been if issued a ticket. Tickets for speeding in the school zone can be as much as \$517. These fines go 100% to the State of Maine. The local municipality does not collect any money from traffic fines. I urge all of you to slow down and obey the

traffic laws. We receive many calls from residents who request radar to be used on their streets when they feel traffic is traveling too fast. We will patrol at different times of the day and generally if complaints have been filed with us we will write tickets. We have the ability to track if a motorist has been previously stopped and warned or ticketed. Generally speaking if a warning has been previously issued then a citation will be issued if stopped again.

The number of calls seems to be down this year however we have had several different time frames where the computer system that we use has been down. During that time frame there are some calls that did not get entered into the system or seem to have been lost due to the problems experienced. As 2010 came to a close the problems seem to be getting ironed out and I hope to have far greater accounting of calls in 2011. Rest assured that everything is getting handled but the computer records for statistical analysis can be off.

We continue to participate in local activities above and beyond law enforcement itself. We try to accommodate all speaking requests and visits to our station by youth organizations. Often times we spend just a few minutes explaining how our organization works and then a question & answer period. Then we will often times follow that up with a close up viewing of the cruisers. I have found that even adults are surprised at the equipment that is contained in a police vehicle.

I urge each and every citizen to be involved with the safety and protection of their community and report crime and suspicious activity. Look out for each other and keep your Police Department informed. We cannot be everywhere all the time. Thank you for your support.

Jeffrey Goss
Police Chief

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Our town had the good fortune of having a quiet year for the Emergency Management Agency. We did have one major rainfall last summer that did some road damage but was not sufficient to receive Federal Disaster Funds.

I continue to work on and attend required NIMS (National Incident Management System) courses to keep up with federal guidelines for FEMA and keep in close contact with the Androscoggin Emergency Management Agency for grant opportunities.

I wish to thank all municipal employees for assisting whenever necessary. We make a good team for our town.

David C. Stimson
Emergency Management Director

PUBLIC WORKS



The Mechanic Falls Public Works Department has a regular four man crew and these men stay very busy no matter what season it is. We do a variety of tasks throughout the year and there is always at least one big job that we tackle in the summer.

We were quite fortunate, as last winter was a very easy one compared to the previous two or three. The storms stopped in early February and what few that we had did not have much kick to them. This allowed us to return a good sum of money at the end of the year in unused overtime, fuel and salt expenses.

On a sad note one of the members our Public Works family passed away on January 24, after a short battle with cancer. Lucien Paradis had come to work for us three years prior and became a very important part of our crew and a very good friend to us all. We miss him very much and have a memory board in our break room so he will always be with us. His radio call number “304” was retired, never to be used again. As we tried to move on we had a couple of men take over Lou’s truck and eventually in July the town hired a young man with a lot of energy, Chris Arsenault, as Lou’s replacement.



We had our annual spring clean up with the kids as always and rented a sweeper to do our own street sweeping. Poland was no longer in a position to assist us with theirs as it had ongoing mechanical issues so we tackled it on our own. As soon as sweeping was complete we started prepping streets that were going to be paved later in the summer. We changed a bunch of culverts, put new ones in where there weren't any before and did a lot of ditching. In some areas we had to cut back the brush to widen up the road. In all there were 13 streets that had new pavement put on them. Some streets came out

good and others we were not real happy with. Some touch up work will be done in the spring because of lack of pavement and repairs where the Sanitary District was working on Marshall Street. The base under the road needs to be reworked. It was a very busy summer.

We spent the fall months doing routine maintenance and gearing up for winter.

I hope as always that the people of this town are satisfied with the work that we do because they are who we are out to please. We take great pride in keeping this town looking good and the roads



safe for you to travel on.

As always I wish to thank my crew, Ron Tirrell, Tim Estes, Chris Arsenault, and our Skid steer operator Bob Goddard who has done an outstanding job with our new snow blower. The work we do takes every man's dedication to get all the things done throughout the year.

Scott R. Penney
Public Works Director

SOLID WASTE

The Transfer Station has continued to undergo staff changes. Lydia Fisher and I remain constant. Sid Hall finally decided to enjoy the freedom of retirement and is doing very well with it. Les Johnson is the latest addition and compliment to Transfer Station staff.

An increase in electronics recycling has allowed us to divert 12,473 lbs from the waste stream for the calendar year 2010! This includes items like digital picture frames, game consoles, TVs, anything related to TVs, computers, and anything related to computers.



Batteries are another item we recycle. The people of Mechanic Falls have even chosen to recycle alkaline batteries! Last year that amounted to approximately 200 lbs of batteries recycled! Remember, sometimes rechargeable items have batteries embedded in them. Leave them with us and we'll get the batteries out if you can't. Rechargeable batteries contain heavy metals toxic to our health and the environment.

The past summer drew a lot of positive attention for our Transfer Station. The gardens were a pleasure to many including Lydia and I who put so much sweat and love into them. The State Planning Office posted pictures of the Transfer Station on their Facebook page. The Sun Journal came out and did a couple of bits on us. It has all been very fun. But how do our gardens grow you may wonder? With compost! If you want to know more about what to do with your stinking food residuals, then let us get you started with some composting basics. You'll be amazed at how easy and beneficial it is.

Remember, until we've achieved zero-waste we can always do better. So please continue to recycle, reduce your waste burden and rethink about purchasing disposable items.

Thanks to all for your courtesy, kindness and warmth when visiting the Transfer Station. It is a pleasure to work with you all.

Kathryn Oak
Transfer Station Manager



New HDPE pipe is being thread through the existing iron pipe under the river.

There were a lot of accomplishments for us this year. We were watching The Maine Drinking Water Program's revolving loan program very closely. This program offers good interest rates along with grant monies. Because of the funding formula used to determine the grants, we were unable to qualify for any grants this year, only loans.

We did however find ourselves on the primary list in two places and the backup list in two places also. As the funding progressed we found all four of our projects advanced to the primary list. Our projects were, about a mile and a half of water main in Poland, one half mile of main on Libby Road, the river crossing behind the American Legion, and about one half mile of pipe on Elm Street.

The Poland job took place during the summer and fall. This bond is in the name of the Mechanic Falls Water Department, but fully funded by the Town of Poland. Not only was this a wonderful project for Poland, but also the income from this will go a long way to keeping our rate schedule stable for the customers in Mechanic Falls. The Libby Road, and Elm Street projects were not attempted due to lack of grants, and we found an alternative to the river crossing project.

As part of the negotiations for the Poland water project we opted to realign our territorial boundaries for water service with the Auburn Water District. We agreed to forfeit our territory in the Route 26 and Route 122 areas to allow Auburn to service that area. It was an area that was difficult at best for us to even consider trying to supply water to. Water utilities, like Fire Departments have mutual-aid also.

We have reported to you in the last four years that we have been installing new "touch read" meters throughout our system. We are happy to report that with a few exceptions, the whole town is complete. We are now reading with a computerized system. These meters are not to be confused with the power companies "smart meters"

We are seeing a bit more growth on our system. Besides the Poland job, we are seeing a few house services and a sprinkler were added this year.

The Water Department owns approximately eighty acres on the Winterbrook Road. This is where our well is located. It is good practice to own as much area around a well as possible for protection of the watershed. We have had the timber harvested a couple of times since we purchased the property and again

this year. The profits from the sale of wood were enough to pay for the replacement of our failed river crossing this year. We opted to “slip line” the old river crossing with plastic pipe rather than replace the existing pipe with a ductile iron product. The old crossing had developed a leak and had been out of service for a couple of years. We were excited to get this replaced, and we did it for a fraction of the cost of replacing it with conventional methods.

This summer found the town “under construction”. There is a major sewer / storm water separation taking place for the Sanitary District. While this project is not directly related to the Water Department, it did affect our pipes and services, occupying quite a bit of our time. While the project went along quite well for the conditions the contractors had to deal with, we did experience a few shutdowns. Some planned, some not!! This will continue into the coming year.

Fluoride is a chemical that has been added to the drinking water for this town for many years. It is simple for us to add and has a beneficial result to dental health. We have always met the standards set forth by the Maine Drinking Water Program. We add about one point four (1.4) parts per million. Most recently the state and federal government has revisited the standards for fluoride. I suspect that we will be adjusting our standards, roughly in half, to meet the new regulations that will be promoted.

Stephen French
Superintendent

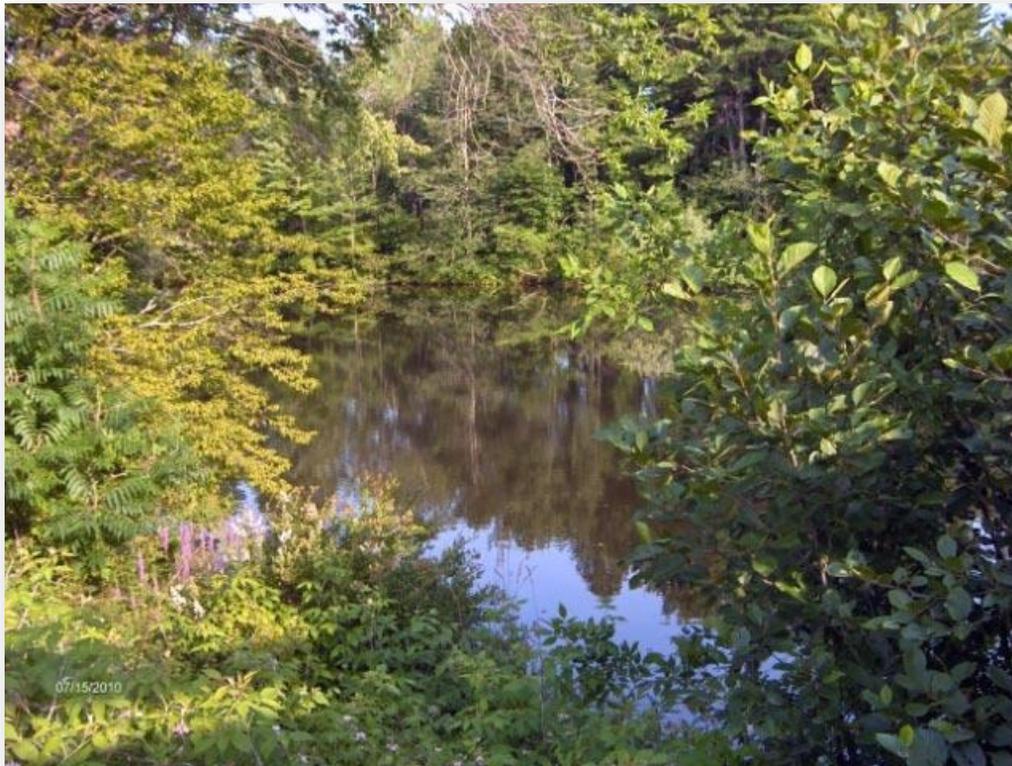


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MUNICIPAL REVENUES RECEIVED

JULY 1, 2009 TO JUNE 30, 2010

Motor Vehicle Excise	\$347,206.33	Special Amusement Fees	\$185.00
Boat Excise	\$1,784.60	Cable Franchise Fees	\$26,859.12
Motor Vehicle Licenses	\$9,736.00	Transfer Station Fees	\$4,359.50
Snow / ATV Licenses	\$259.00	CEO Citations	\$300.00
Boat Licenses	\$135.00	Police Fines	\$108.00
Cash Mgmt Interest	\$16,954.73	Late Dog Fees	\$455.00
Real estate Interest	\$18,171.15	Service Charges	\$80.00
Lien Costs	\$5,421.36	Municipal Gym Rent	\$385.00
Wills/Fax/Notary Fees	\$676.00	Adult Ed Rent	\$14,295.00
Postage/Copies/Voter	\$1,008.67	USCTC Rent	\$4,238.88
Transfer Station Stickers	\$3,675.00	Head Start Rent	\$1,890.00
Driveway Entrance Permits	\$292.00	Tennis Lights	\$6.50
Pole Permits	\$50.00	Insurance Reimbursement	\$3,476.00
Building Permits	\$12,870.26	Recycling Reimbursement	\$16,011.79
Plumbing Permits	\$1,523.25	Welfare Reimbursement	\$67.75
Electrical Permits	\$2,655.00	Police Reimbursement	\$100.00
Conditional Use Permits	\$500.00	Oxford Bank Accounts	\$44,550.46
Hunting / Fishing Licenses	\$746.50	Tree Harvesting	\$34,442.50
Weapons Permits	\$234.00	Tax Acquired Property	\$0
Vital Records	\$870.00	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$0
Marriage Licenses	\$1,175.00	Veteran's Exemptions	\$0
Victauler's Licenses	\$350.00	Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$0
Dog Licenses	\$870.00	BETE Reimbursement	\$5,936.00
Dog Fees	\$436.00	Highway Block Grant	\$1,523.00
Rabies Call	\$5.00	State Revenue Sharing	\$337,386.81
Public Safety Reports	\$552.97	State Welfare Reimbursement	\$13,387.75
Zoning Fees	\$30.00	Homestead Reimbursement	\$86,651.00
Court Fees	\$755.49	Snowmobile Refund	\$999.62
Water Administration Fees	\$8,000.00	FEMA Reimbursement	\$7,685.68
Home Occupation permit	\$170.00	Sex Offender Registry	\$40.00

Total Revenues Received:	\$1,056,960.67
Total Anticipated (Budgeted):	\$964,640.00
% Of Budgeted Revenues Received:	109.57%

SALARIES / PAYMENTS TO MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010

* - Indicates employee received wages from more than one department
but reported with the department of which the higher earnings were achieved.

ADMINISTRATION

John Hawley	66,023.48
Shirley Marquis	34,114.59
Lisa Palmer	31,047.74
Lisa Prevost	43,430.69

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Robert Larrabee	3,900.00
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TOWN COUNCIL

Daniel Blanchard	600.00
Rielly Bryant	500.00
Roger Guptill	500.00
Nancy Richard	500.00
Robert Small	500.00

PLANNING BOARD

Arthur Montana	60.00
Brian Grondin	0.00
Paula Bolduc	40.00
A. John Hyman	50.00
Keith Morse	50.00
John Straight	40.00
Paul Conklin Jr	0.00
Paula Stotts	60.00

BOARD OF APPEALS

Tony Bennett	00
Ed Piirainen	00
Bruce Richardson	00
Tom Walton	00
Donald York	00

PLANNING / CODE ENFORCEMENT

Kieth Bennett	1,652.50
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Lawrence Cloutier	100.00
Wayne Marquis	100.00
Nick Richard	37,557.46
Rodney Smith	100.00

CUSTODIAN

*Randall Plummer	13,343.94
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ELECTION CLERKS

Gloria Diehl	105.00
Nancy Petersons	619.57
Suzanne Chinnock	105.00
Joann Hutchinson	24.38

FIRE DEPARTMENT

*David Barton	1,381.75
Jeff Bolduc	8.25
*Wayde Boston	1,741.13
Donald Boyd	1,661.64
Peter Bragdon	343.39
Edward Brown	954.26
*Thomas Casey	1,666.14
David Clukey	919.89
*Jon Damon	948.15
*Matt Fifield	1,504.89
*Shawn Dostie	780.06
Eric Friree	111.39
*Jennie Friree	1,947.15
*John Gaffey	28.88
*Nathan Harvey	338.26
*Paul Harvey	1,202.26
Brandon Kimball	852.75
*Benjamin Limerick	1,676.89
James Lavertu	94.88
*Randall Madore	487.63
Benjamin Marking	61.88
Donald Patterson	2,462.63
Catherine Proulx	808.39
Will Proulx	321.77

*Armand Richard	1,240.51
*Chris Strout	1,215.02
*Fred Sturtevant	4,960.65
Richard Wing	687.51

EMA DIRECTOR

* David Stimson	1,238.38
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LIBRARY

Sandra Brown-Eustis	7,666.80
Michelle Paladino	1,000.38
Melinda Straight	62.72
Rhonda Tammaro	1,063.10

POLICE DEPARTMENT

James Avery	36,994.79
Jason Boulanger	7,114.65
William Cook	38,823.44
Alan Carr	6,683.40
Michelle Emery	9,144.84
Nick Gagnon	24,232.81
Jeffrey Goss	55,395.04
Paul Harrison	50,717.34
Anthony Keach	787.25
Kevin Nichols	9,066.49

PUBLIC WORKS

*Chris Arsenault	3,266.39
Tim Estes	34,845.01
Robert Goddard	4,580.96
Matt Kyllonen	547.49
Josh Michaud	1,941.00
Lucien Paradis	18,266.99
Scott Penney	50,785.71
Ron Tirrell	37,486.46

TRANSFER STATION

Lydia Fisher	5,347.25
*Donald Lahey	3,809.27

Sidney Hall	7,232.95
*Kathryn Oak	17,513.55
*Randall Plummer	4,809.79

WATER DEPARTMENT

Carolyn Bennett	14,379.96
Stephen French	48,401.58
*Jacob Verrill	11,971.59
Chris Wilson	30,589.44

RESCUE

Jennifer Casey	4,683.51
*Melissa Hodgkin	1,308.14
Elwood Strout	566.38
Matt Tupper	312.88

SPRING CLEAN UP

Timothy Bartlett	300.00
Michael Jursa	300.00

RECREATION - SUMMER PROGRAM

Mike Downing	988.00
Paula Glatz	3,744.00
Meaghan Acker	1,000.00
Suzanne Marston	4,990.00
Kimberly Botellio	3,600.00
David Dean	1,111.12
Courtney Marston	111.12
Aaron Schmitz	111.12
Brittany Michaud	1,000.00
Kaitlyn Roy	1,111.12
Alan Connolly	300.00
Carroll Daggett	304.00

MUNICIPAL AUDIT REPORT

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

June 30, 2010

	General Fund	Other Gov. Funds	Total Gov. Funds
ASSETS			
Cash	\$2,254,747	\$11,267	\$2,266,014
Taxes Receivable	196,842	0	196,842
Tax Liens Receivable	906	0	906
Accounts and Notes Receivable	40,220	0	40,220
Inventories	4,568	0	4,568
Prepaid Expenses	83,709	0	83,709
Due From Other Funds	0	456,757	456,757
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,580,992	\$468,024	\$3,049,016
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LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	\$36,089	\$0	\$36,089
Accrued Expenses	42,757	0	42,787
Deferred Revenues	146,548	0	146,548
Short Term Loan, 1.25%, Maturity 11/1/10	69,930	0	69,930
Due to Other Funds	531,261	0	531,261
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$826,615	\$0	\$826,615
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FUND BALANCE			
Reserved For:			
Permanent Funds, Nonexpendable	\$0	\$1,755	\$1,755
Unreserved, Reported In:			
General Fund	1,754,377	0	1,754,377
Special Revenue Fund	0	49,402	49,402
Capital Project Funds	0	407,355	407,355
Permanent Funds, Expendable	0	9,512	9,512
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TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$1,754,377	\$468,024	\$2,222,401
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$2,580,992	\$468,024	\$3,049,016
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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2010**

	General Fund	Other Gov. Funds	Total Gov. Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes	\$2,808,405	\$0	\$2,808,405
Intergovernmental	467,277	399,571	467,277
Licenses, Permits and Fees	49,440	0	49,440
Charges for Service	46,346	0	46,346
Investment Income	61,505	6,507	68,012
Miscellaneous	66,434	500	66,934
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TOTAL REVENUES	\$3,499,407	\$7,007	\$3,506,414
EXPENDITURES			
CURRENT			
General Government	\$319,344	\$31,752	\$351,096
Protection	367,162	4,932	372,094
Public Works	361,617	156,112	517,729
Fiscal Services	461,983	0	461,983
Education	1,360,056	0	1,360,056
Community Services	46,438	1,001	47,439
Debt Service	153,813	41,557	195,370
Fixed Charges	150,949	0	150,949
Capital Outlay	0	43,503	43,503
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$3,221,362	\$278,857	\$3,500,219
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$278,0456	(\$271,850)	\$6,195
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in (Out)	(\$244,682)	\$85,249	(\$139,433)
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NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$53,363	(\$186,601)	\$(133,238)
FUND BALANCE - JULY 1, 2009	1,701,014	654,625	2,355,639
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FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30, 2010	\$1,754,377	\$468,024	\$2,222,401
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SUPERINTENDANT OF SCHOOLS

Dear Parents and Citizens of Mechanic Falls,

Mechanic Falls is a great community and has an amazing Pre-K through grade 6 school. Simply put, Elm Street School is the life-line of the town providing both children and adults with a broad range of social, cultural and educational opportunities. Being one of the three towns that make up our school district RSU #16, it is a pleasure to work with so many great students, parents and community members. The rooms and halls are alive with students learning, socializing, growing and experiencing so many amazing new things, that as a visitor you cannot help but be impressed with Elm Street School. This building and what happens inside is a tribute to the people of Mechanic Falls.



There is a great story “Even Eagles Need a Push” from the book “You Can’t Send a Duck to Eagle School”. This story reminds me of the many challenges we all face as students, staff, parents and community members as we watch our kids grow and face the challenges of life.

The eagle gently coaxed her offspring toward the edge of the nest. Her heart quivered with conflicting emotions as she felt their resistance to her persistent nudging. “Why does the thrill of soaring have to begin with the fear of falling?” she thought. This ageless question still remained unanswered for her.

As in the tradition of the species, her nest was located high upon the shelf of a sheer rock face. Below there was nothing but air to support the wings of each child. “Is it possible that this time it will not work?” she thought. Despite her fears, the eagle knew it was time. Her parental mission was all but complete. There remained one final task –the push.

The eagle drew the courage from an innate wisdom. Until her children discovered their wings, there was no purpose for their lives. Until they learned how to soar, they would fail to understand the privilege of having been born an eagle. The push was the greatest gift she had to offer. It was her supreme act of love. And so, one by one, she pushed them and they flew.

This story reminds me of the commitment, support, and confidence the Mechanic Falls community has in sending their students to our school. And without question, Elm Street School is one of the finest schools in the state of Maine.

Perhaps, our greatest asset is the exceptionally strong commitment of the community. With parents and the community as partners, Elm Street School strives to meet the individual needs of its students. The staff also works industriously to insure that the schools are safe and a desirable place for learning.

As superintendent of schools in RSU #16, I cannot thank the Mechanic Falls community enough for your support of our schools and the value you place on education. If I can be of any assistance to you, I encourage you to email me at dduquette@rsu16.org , call me at 998-2727 ext.108, or stop in at central office.

Respectfully,
Dennis Duquette
RSU #16 Superintendent

Dear Citizens of Mechanic Falls,

As I complete my 14th year as principal of Elm Street School, I continue to be proud of the accomplishments of our students, the commitment of staff, and the support provided by our community. Each of the fourteen years has presented me with a unique set of challenges, rewards, and opportunities. The current economic times have placed burdens on many families in our community, which is evident in the student needs we see each day at school. Our special needs population, the number of families with housing issues, and the students eligible for free or reduced meals are all increasing. We are focused intently on meeting the educational needs of all students. Elm Street School has also utilized all available resources to meet student and family needs.



In 1999, Elm Street School transitioned from a K-9 school to a K-8 school. With seventh and eighth grade students at Bruce M. Whittier Middle School in Poland, we have transitioned to a preK-6 school with an enrollment of 287. Mr. Reed, assistant principal, and I now serve as administrators at Elm Street School and Minot Consolidated School. Our program for four year olds has expanded and the enrollment has doubled. Elm Street School's "Wild About Reading" program was recognized by WCSH as part of their "Schools That Shine" promotion.

Elm Street School continues to create and sustain family and community partnerships. The Mechanic Falls Fire Department provides strong support to the school through visitations, discussions of fire safety, and assistance during fire drills. Elm Street School is utilized for basketball during the winter months and will be used for a summer recreation program beginning in June. The Mechanic Falls Police Department continues to assist the school and to support our annual "Walk to School" event. John Hawley recently visited classrooms to gather student feedback about Mechanic Falls, which will be used to support the Mechanic Falls Comprehensive Plan. Last June, our school was pleased to be part of homecoming events.

It is a privilege to be part of Elm Street School and to be an active member of our community. I welcome and encourage your involvement, questions, and feedback. I personally and professionally appreciate the support provided by the community, the municipal departments, the RSU 16 administration, staff, and school board, and the dedicated staff of Elm Street School. I applaud the accomplishments of our students and am proud to represent our school and community.

Mary Martin
Principal

POLAND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

To the residents of the Town of Mechanic Falls;

We want to thank the citizens of Mechanic Falls for their continued support of the high school and our students. We are grateful for all of the community members who work with our kids, participate in fundraising efforts, and enjoy their performances. Thank you!

The past year at PRHS has brought us some really good news about how our programs are serving kids needs. We received data from the Mitchell Institute on our college enrollment rates after our students graduate (a report went to every high school in the state of Maine). Two important pieces of information are causes for celebration: First, over the past five years, we have increased the percentage of our students who enroll in college after graduation from 51% (class of 2005) to 67% (class of 2009); second, over the past five years 80% of our students who enrolled as freshman returned for their sophomore year. This means that they are largely being successful in college and continuing their education. We are excited to see that all of our hard work helping to raise the aspirations of our kids is paying off.

We are also excited about the improvement to our facility in the past months. We were able to secure a grant that enables us to install a wood chip boiler. This will help us reduce energy costs and move in the direction of “green” technology for heat. We have also been able to purchase and install lights on our varsity field. This will allow our students to play under the lights and parents and fans to enjoy more games. We are sincerely grateful for the support of our Boosters Club, local businesses, and the many individuals who donated time and money for this effort. As a result of their generosity, no tax dollars were utilized to complete this project.

We continue to work hard to help all of our students be successful and we are proud to serve the families of Mechanic Falls. Please feel free to contact me any time with questions.

Sincerely,
Cari Medd
Poland Regional High School Principal



ADULT EDUCATION

Citizens of Mechanic Falls:

Last year was a record breaking year for RSU 16 Adult Education! Adult Education served 273 academic and vocational students, more than any other year. Of these students, 84 earned high school credentials with most preparing to enter college, post-secondary education or the military.

Many adults improved basic literacy skills and earned certificates in computer technology and building construction. Over 300 people enrolled in community education classes that are self-sustaining via registration fees. The most popular classes were: hunter safety, fitness for life, belly dancing, solar technologies, holistic animal care, and knitters night out.

Adult Education is grateful for Mechanic Falls' support, especially when many unemployed people are requesting services. Thanks to townspeople's support, Adult Education had enough seed money to qualify for grants exceeding \$37,000, plus a mix of state monies.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy E. Watson
Director of Adult and Community Education

Real Estate Liens 2006

Baroudi, Adam	650.00
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Real Estate Liens 2006

Baroudi, Adam	3949.32
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Real Estate Liens 2010

ALLEN, DIANA G	261.87	MADORE, RANDAL L	812.41
BAROUDI, ADAM A	3761.88	MILLETT, CHARLES	2895.53
BEAL, RICHARD/KAREN - RANDY PLUMMER	804.75	MILLETT, HARTLEY L	1340.74
BEAULIEU, RAYMOND E	267.43	MORIN, BEVERLY J	1953.15
BERRY, SCOTT E	233.16	PALMER, JEREMY W	333.04
BISBEE, LELAND	1274.72	PARSONS, JENNIFER J	3267.85
BLACK, PAMELA	1273.80	PEARL, CHAD	1115.90
CHILDS, CHRISTINE (LE)	2123.85	PEARL, CHAD & ROXANNE	
COZZOLINO, MICHAEL	213.23	PETER BRAGDON	2219.12
CRANE, JOYCE E	1042.39	PEARL, CHARLES JR	914.89
CUNNINGHAM, THOMAS	422.11	PLUMMER, RANDY	229.28
DAVIDSON, CECELIA A	594.76	RICCI, MARK D	2042.03
DOWNES, ANTHONY J	1328.29	RICHARDSON HEIRS OF HIRAM	
DUFOUR, DENIS	2967.07	KRISTINA BENSON	1836.22
DUHAMEL, KAREN M	410.90	ROBERTS, HOMER	1084.02
GAGNON, JEREMY	553.75	ROWE, JULIANNE F	1654.44
HILL, DOROTHY M	662.77	SCHMIDT, JEFFREY	595.80
HILL, DOROTHY M	790.83	SMITH, CRYSTAL	520.61
HILL, DOROTHY M	2120.19	STIMSON, NINA M	399.85
HILL, DOROTHY M	854.69	STRICKLAND, SHIRLEY	
LAMBERT, RONALD	313.90	ELIZABETH LARKIN	2343.08
LAMBERT, HEIRS OF PATRICIA T	1261.85	STURTEVANT, DARLEEN E	230.48
LARRABEE, DOUGLAS M	2378.23	TAMMARO, RHONDA	229.01
LAVOIE, SUZANNE - RICHARD O'DONNELL	1254.28	TARDIF, GERALD A	946.52
LEONARD, DAVID M JR	1969.33	TIBBETTS, HEIRS OF ELVA	1253.84
LOWE, WALTER A	235.86	TOUSSAINT, RUSSELL E	1554.86
		WILLSON, BRUCE W	2045.20

2010 First Half Unpaid

ALLEN, DIANA G	156.55
ANDERSON, CYNTHIA - RALPH BROWN	7.09
ANDOVER COVERED BRIDGE LLC HARVEST HILLS	825.13
ANDOVER COVERED BRIDGE, LLC - HARVEST HILLS	3769.04
ANDOVER COVERED BRIDGE, LLC - HARVEST HILLS	651.63
ANKETELL, SETH	137.68
BARNARD, ROBERT W JR	306.16
BAROUDI, ADAM A	1921.64
BEAL, RICHARD/KAREN - RANDY PLUMMER	405.85
BEAULIEU, RAYMOND E	551.42
BEAULIEU, RAYMOND E	57.04
BELL, DANIEL	147.33
BENSON, KRISTINA N	926.03
BERRY, SCOTT E	142.07
BEST, PHILIP E	258.78
BISBEE, LELAND	667.34
BLACK, PAMELA	873.64
BROWN, ROGER	2.42
BULLIS, DONALD	224.82
CALLAHAN, DANIEL JR - LINDA MARSTON	263.25
CARTER, DONALD	930.42
CARTER, DONALD	253.95
CASH, RONALD	8.78
CHASE, BRIAN J	2364.34
CHILDS, CHRISTINE (LE)	1184.10
CLUKEY, DANIEL	124.52
COLON, CARLOS	44.40
CONANT, NEAL R	628.03
COOLIDGE, KEITH	1030.54
COZZOLINO, MICHAEL	220.34
CRANE, JOYCE E	1070.29
CROCKETT, DONALD	252.11
CUNNINGHAM, THOMAS	723.85
DAVIDSON, CECELIA A	788.35
DECKER, SCOTT	1023.17
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST - PETER MARCINUK	979.73
DESTRINI, JOHN	1397.39
DOWNES, ANTHONY J	759.92
DUFOUR, BARBARA	99.51
DUFOUR, DENIS	1540.98
DUHAMEL, KAREN M	438.93

FOSTER, RANDALL S	1133.64
GAGNON, JEREMY	398.21
GAUTHIER, NORMAND	295.37
GIRARDIN, ALINE	70.11
GOULET, SUSAN	31.04
HILL, DOROTHY M	334.24
HILL, DOROTHY M	398.83
HILL, DOROTHY M	1069.24
HILL, DOROTHY M	431.03
HOFFMAN, TRACI	849.60
HOUSTON, BETTYANN	257.11
IRIZARRY, DOMINGO	885.31
IRIZARRY, DOMINGO	1053.00
JONES, ANGELA A	919.93
JONES, BRANDON E	226.66
KENDRICK, JAMES E	10.62
KENISTON, HEATH	57.92
LALIBERTE, REBECCA	4.72
LAMBERT, RONALD	182.79
LAMBERT, PATRICIA T HEIRS OF	660.85
LARKIN, ELIZABETH	1181.64
LARRABEE, DOUGLAS M	1223.85
LEGERE, NANCY E	87.40
LEONARD, DAVID	607.14
LEONARD, DAVID M JR	1017.64
LIBBY, MARY, DAVID CLUKEY	131.10
LOVELL LUMBER COMPANY	640.05
LOWE, WALTER A	768.96
MACGREGOR, IRVING JR	1355.92
MACGREGOR, IRVING JR	480.70
MADORE, RANDAL L	434.19
MCCORMACK, PATRICIA	219.73
MCINNIS, SHIRLEY K	908.57
MESADEAN INC	1451.30
MESADEAN INC	405.67
MILLETT, CHARLES	1484.73
MILLETT, HARTLEY L	911.29
MITCHELL, BREE ANNE	94.51
MORIN, BEVERLY J	1009.48
NAY, CLARK E	767.73
O'DONNELL, RICHARD	1265.09
ORCHARD ENTERPRISES LLC	20.19
OXFORD PROPERTIES, LLC - GREG HOBBS	169.45
OXFORD PROPERTY MGMT - DOUGLAS BARBATO	69.41
PALMER, JEREMY W	192.44
PARSONS, JENNIFER J	1733.33

PATTERSON, REV DAVID	66.69
PEARL, CHAD	2831.61
PEARL, CHAD & ROXANNE - PETER BRAGDON	1998.42
PEARL, CHARLES JR	485.87
PELLETIER, GLORIA A	472.54
PELLETIER, GLORIA A	1429.19
PENNEY, ESTELLE	37.65
PLUMMER, RANDY	175.41
POST, BRUCE	418.13
POWERS, STEVEN	1116.18
RICCI, MARK D	1204.37
RING, MICHAEL	257.11
RIVARD, DANIEL R	854.34
ROBERTS, HOMER	571.17
ROWE, JULIANNE F	1352.84
SCHMIDT, JEFFREY	554.76
SMITH, CRYSTAL	262.55
STIMSON, NINA M	1339.37
STIMSON, NINA M	201.65

STOTTS, MARK S	1023.26
STURTEVANT, DARLEEN E	661.11
TAMMARO, RHONDA	151.99
TARDIF, GERALD A	601.27
TIBBETTS, ELVA HEIRS OF	632.33
TOUSSAINT, RUSSELL E	808.62
TUFTS, LORRAINE	931.03
TURCOTTE, TIMOTHY H	779.66
VALLEE, NORMAND J	495.79
VALLEE, NORMAND J	219.38
VALLEE, NORMAND J	167.43
VALLEE, NORMAND J	48.27
WARREN, KELLY	88.98
WHEELER, TRACY ROSE	228.15
WHITE, BEVERLY	189.73
WILBUR, STEVEN	621.62
WILLSON, BRUCE W	1055.90
YEATON, DAVID M	939.28

2010 Personal Property

KATHY'S DINER	23.75
LEAF FINANCIAL GROUP	462.68
TENNANT SALES AND SERVICE	127.28

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CR & SONS GARAGE DOOR INSTALLATION	22.82
DELL FINANCIAL SERVICES	8.69
GRANT HOLDINGS	467.07
KATHY'S DINER	24.57
KYLLONEN, MICHAEL	82.58

BUDGET SUMMARY

	2008/09 APPROVED	2009/10 APPROVED	2010/11 APPROVED	2009-10 EXPENDED	2011/12 PROPOSED	NET CHANGE
BUDGET CATEGORIES						
Boards and Council	\$10,820	\$10,162	\$11,901	\$11,056	\$12,327	\$426
Legal Services	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$1,146	\$5,000	\$0
Municipal Complex	\$80,457	\$71,254	\$81,024	\$64,953	\$86,512	\$5,488
Town Clerk / Elections	\$131,001	\$131,477	\$131,327	\$133,759	\$132,845	\$1,518
Town Manager	\$63,605	\$63,985	\$65,137	\$66,126	\$65,885	\$748
Utilities	\$150,540	\$155,140	\$125,140	\$153,777	\$209,540	\$84,400
Code Enforcement / Planning	\$43,963	\$42,684	\$43,191	\$42,305	\$43,915	\$724
Library	\$21,375	\$20,875	\$21,267	\$17,003	\$24,087	\$2,820
Recreation	\$6,630	\$3,712	\$3,000	\$3,712	\$3,000	\$0
Social Services / Welfare	\$14,595	\$19,595	\$25,095	\$25,722	\$25,095	\$0
Assessor	\$16,300	\$16,300	\$19,050	\$17,758	\$19,800	\$750
Auditor	\$6,700	\$6,700	\$6,000	\$7,300	\$6,800	\$800
Contingency	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$3,665	\$10,000	\$0
Debt Service	\$156,424	\$153,813	\$212,650	\$153,813	\$206,864	(\$5,786)
Pensions / Insurances	\$270,710	\$291,421	\$305,884	\$279,493	\$320,990	\$15,106
Animal Control	\$4,950	\$4,950	\$5,100	\$4,729	\$8,138	\$3,038
Dispatcher	\$10,630	\$10,630	\$10,190	\$10,535	\$10,440	\$250
EMA	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$652	\$750	\$0
Fire Department	\$55,365	\$56,615	\$56,620	\$59,860	\$59,069	\$2,449
Police Department	\$287,865	\$284,637	\$288,275	\$274,608	\$295,719	\$7,444
Rescue	\$19,280	\$19,730	\$22,556	\$16,839	\$22,946	\$390
Health Officer	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$500	\$750	\$0
Public Works	\$285,706	\$313,674	\$285,667	\$249,971	\$309,448	\$23,781
Solid Waste	\$112,810	\$113,048	\$110,949	\$112,108	\$115,350	\$4,401
County Tax	\$146,975	\$149,142	\$154,340	\$149,142	\$161,012	\$6,672
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$1,913,201	\$1,956,044	\$2,000,863	\$1,860,531	\$2,156,282	\$155,419
CIP BUDGET	\$205,420	\$54,000	\$99,000	\$54,000	\$114,000	\$15,000
RESERVES BUDGET	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$170,700	\$170,700
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,118,621	\$2,010,044	\$2,099,863	\$1,914,531	\$2,440,982	\$341,119
APPLIED REVENUES	\$1,073,217	\$964,640	\$776,740		\$772,622	(\$4,118)
APPLIED FUND BALANCE	\$0	\$147,000	\$212,650		\$345,717	\$133,067
NET TO BE RAISED	\$1,045,404	\$1,045,404	\$1,323,123		\$1,322,643	(\$480)

SAMPLE BALLOT
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
TOWN OF MECHANIC FALLS
June 14, 2011

YES ← - NO ← -	To see if the Town will fix a date when taxes shall be due and payable, and to see if the Town will fix a rate of interest to be charged on taxes unpaid after said date. (Recommended that one half of annual taxes be due and collectible on or before October 15, 2011 and that second half of taxes be due on or before May 15, 2012, and also recommended that an interest of 7.00 percent per annum be charged on all unpaid taxes as of that date.)
YES ← - NO ← -	To see if the Town will allow the Town Council to act on their behalf in matters of making necessary transfers among over-drafted accounts when such overdrafts do not exceed ten percent of the approved budget or \$10,000, whichever is larger, and when such transfers will not make the Town's budget as a whole over-drafted.
YES ← - NO ← -	To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Council to approve payment of bills, pertaining to emergencies and unforeseen expenses, that they deem necessary from the Contingency Account.
YES ← - NO ← -	To see if the Town will vote to apply \$ 772,622 of anticipated revenues against the total amount authorized to be raised by taxation.
YES ← - NO ← -	To see if the Town will authorize the Town Council to accept and expend unforeseen funds from insurance settlements, grants, gifts and other limited receipts for the support of a balanced municipal budget with any surplus funds transferring to the fund balance account at the close of the fiscal year.
YES ← - NO ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$12,327 for Boards and Council Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← - NO ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$5,000 for Legal Services Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← - NO ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$86,512 for Municipal Complex Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← - NO ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$132,845 for Town Clerk/Elections Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← - NO ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$65,885 for Town Manager Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)

YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$209,540 for Utilities Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
NO ← -	
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$43,915 for Code Enforcement and Planning Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So
NO ← -	Recommend.)
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$24,087 for Public Library Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
NO ← -	
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$3,000 for Recreation Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
NO ← -	
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$25,095 for Welfare Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
NO ← -	
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$19,800 for Assessor Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
NO ← -	
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$6,800 for Auditor Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
NO ← -	
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$10,000 for Contingency Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
NO ← -	
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$145,847 and expend \$61,017 from fund balance for Debt Service Budget. (Council and Budget Committee
NO ← -	So Recommend.)
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$320,990 for Pensions and Insurances Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
NO ← -	
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$8,138 for Animal Control Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
NO ← -	
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$10,440 for Dispatcher Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
NO ← -	
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$750 for Emergency Management Agency Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
NO ← -	
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$59,069 for Fire Department Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
NO ← -	
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$295,719 for Police Department Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
NO ← -	

YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$22,946 for Rescue Department Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
NO ← -	
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$750 for Health Officer Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
NO ← -	
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$309,448 for Public Works Department Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
NO ← -	
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$115,830 for Solid Waste Department Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
NO ← -	
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to expend from fund balance \$114,000 for Capital Improvements Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
NO ← -	
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to expend from fund balance \$170,700 for Reserves Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
NO ← -	
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to expend from fund balance \$95,000 as matching funds in order to receive \$95,000 in Federal Grant Funds for the purpose of installing a wood to energy boiler in the municipal complex. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
NO ← -	
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to expend from fund balance \$70,000 to purchase Lights for a municipal baseball field. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
NO ← -	
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$161,012 for Androscoggin County Tax Assessment. (Council and Budget Committee So
NO ← -	Recommend.)