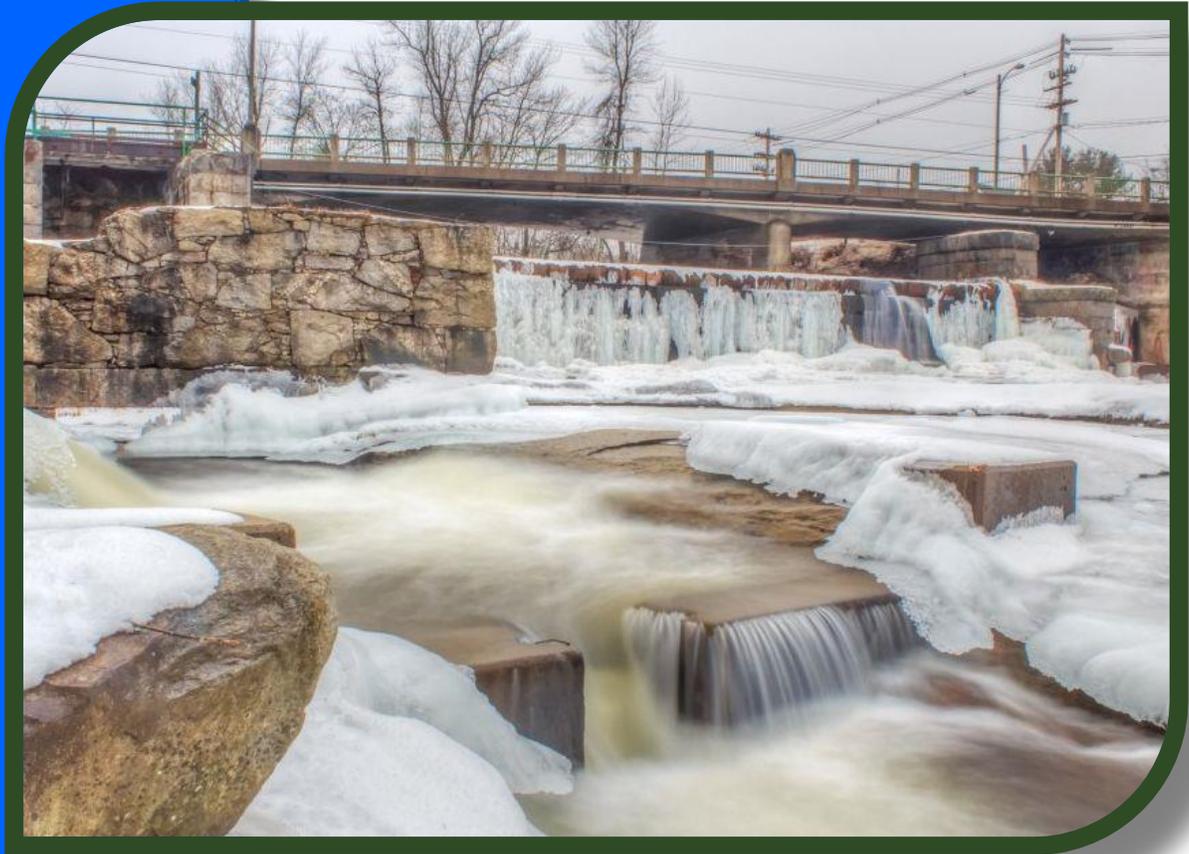


ANNUAL REPORT



Town of Mechanic Falls

2011-12

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Annual Report

*OF THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
AND
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS*

*FOR THE PERIOD
JANUARY 1, 2012 TO DECEMBER 31, 2012*

*INCLUDING THE FINANCIAL REPORTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 2011 TO JUNE 30, 2012*



Mechanic Falls Town Office

ANNUAL REPORT DEDICATION

Carlton Beckett

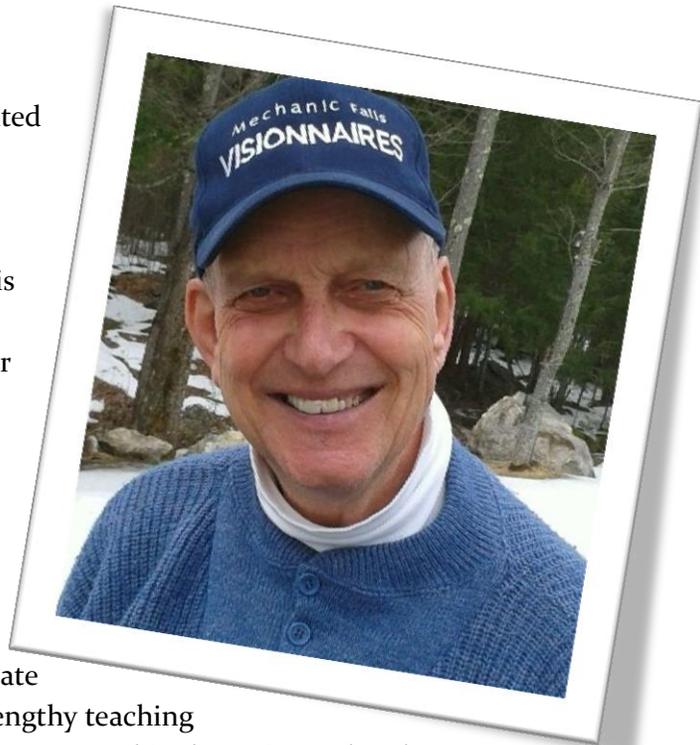
This year's annual report is dedicated to Carlton Beckett. A longtime resident, retired educator and realtor, Carl has made countless connections with the people of this community and he continues to strive for positive opportunities for Mechanic Falls.

Born July 11, 1936, Carl grew up in Topsham. He graduated from Brunswick High School in 1954, Gorham State Teachers College in 1961 and obtained his Master's Degree from Michigan State University in 1965. He began his lengthy teaching career in 1961 in North Berwick, New Hampshire but migrated and taught at Mechanic Falls Junior High from 1962 – 1970 and then in the Auburn school system from 1970 until retiring from teaching in 1990. He began an additional career in 1970 by starting his own business, C. B. Real Estate, which became a fulltime effort after retiring from teaching and joined ERA Worden Realty in 1990, fully retiring in 2008.

Carl married his wife Frances in 1959 and they moved into Mechanic Falls in 1966 residing on North Street. They have two children, a son Mark and his wife Barbara and a daughter Karen and her husband Bill. They have 3 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

Carl has dedicated many years of his life to community service. He served on the Mechanic Falls 75th Anniversary Celebration Committee, the Planning Board, the Budget Committee, and the Mechanic Falls School Board, including the Building Committee for the Elm Street School Junior High addition. He also served on the Consolidation Steering Committee for School Union 29 and the RSU 16 Board of Directors. He continues to be active with the Tri-Town Optimist Club and the Revenue Enhancement / Energy Committee.

Carl delights in seeing his former students and sharing past classroom memories. He is amazed when his students remember specific details from his classroom such as math puzzles, science experiments and particularly the jokes. He enjoys traveling, especially to his "home away from home" on Prince Edward Island, golfing at Hebron Pines, fishing, daily walks and hiking on his wooded property, gardening, telling jokes and is an avid reader.



DEMOGRAPHICS

MECHANIC FALLS

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	
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
2011/12	158,550,000
2012/12	153,600,000

Tax Commitment	
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
2011/12	2,571,996
2012/13	2,815,379

Municipal Valuation	
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
2011/12	147,314,147
2012/13	147,178,523

Tax Rate / \$1,000	
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
2011/12	17.55
2012/13	18.65

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 5:30 PM
Tuesday 3 PM to 7 PM
Wednesday Noon to 5:30 PM
Thursday 3 PM to 7 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 Bill of Sale showing sales tax was paid, Blue Title Application Form, Window Sticker, current proof of insurance and mileage on the vehicle.

New Registration – (**private sale**) bring Bill of Sale, current proof of insurance, Title (1995 Vehicle or newer) and Release of Lien (if applicable) and mileage on the vehicle.

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 December 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
Community Day Committee – Monthly Jan-June	Revenues/ Energy Committee – Varies Monthly
Sanitary District Trustee – Fourth Monday, 7 PM	Budget Committee – As Needed

ELECTED OFFICIALS

(As of December 31, 2012)

Town Council	
Louis Annance	2013
Daniel Blanchard, Chair	2014
Cathy Fifield	2014
Nancy Richard	2015
Robert Small	2013

Regional School Unit #16 Directors	
Jennifer Boenig	2013
Melissa Hodgkin	2015
Mary Martin	2013
Jessica Smith	2015
Jacques Wiseman	2014

Sanitary District Trustees	
Michael Baird, Chair	2013
Roger Guptill	2014
Wayne Marquis	2015
Randall Plummer	2015
Gary Purington	2013

APPOINTED COMMITTEES

Budget Committee	
Oliver Emery	2014
Peter Ford	2014
Sue Goulet	2013
Tom Kuklinski	2013
Jim Marston	2014
Bonnie Payette, Chair	2015
Vacant	2015

Library Trustees	
Vicki Dean	
Janice Earle	
Cathy Griffiths	
Theresa Hartford	
Janney Lupton	
Nancy Petersons, President	
Martha Wiseman	

Recreation Committee	
Jay Bryant	2014
Robyn Coleman	2014
Michelle Emery	2015
Matthew Gary, Chair	2013
Jeff Martin	2013
Scott Lessard	2014
Vacant	2015
Vacant	2013
Vacant	2015

Planning Board	
Paula Bolduc	2015
Lou Goulet	2013
Jeremy Judd	2013
Arthur Montana	2015
Keith Morse	2013
Paula Stotts	2014
John Straight	2014
Vacant, Alternate	2015
Vacant, Alternate	2014

Development Commission	
Michael Baird, Chair	2014
Brenda Coleman	2013
Jon Damon	2013
Stuart Davis	2015
Tim Dean	2014

Safety Committee	
Steve French, Chair	Water Dept.
Jeff Goss	Police Dept.
John Hawley	Administration
Melissa Hodgkin	Fire / Rescue
Kathryn Oak	Transfer Station
Scott Penney	Public Works
Nick Richard	Code Enforcement

Board of Appeals	
Thomas Walton	2014
Martha Wiseman	2013
Vacant	2013
Vacant	2014
Vacant	2015

Historical Society	
Kenneth Carlin	2013
James Craig	2013
Matthew Gary	2015
Eriks Petersons, President	2015
Nancy Petersons	2014
Joan Walton	2013
Jean Williams	2013
Vacant	2014
Vacant	2015

Revenues Committee
Louis Annance
Carlton Beckett
Jennifer Boenig
Yvon Gilbert
Lou Goulet
Nancy Guptill
John Hawley
Robert Small, Chair

Community Day Committee
Louis Annance
Michelle Emery
Sue Goulet
Nancy Guptill
John Hawley
Doug Larrabee
Shirley Marquis
Nancy Petersons
Rachel Verrill

Comprehensive Plan Update Committee
Michael Baird
Steve Bolduc
Dave Griffiths
Cathy Griffiths
Mary Martin
Arthur Montana
Paula Stotts
Joan Walton
Sarah Walton

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Washington, DC 20515

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SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH
CHAIRMAN
TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSIT
SUBCOMMITTEE ON RAILROAD, PIPELINES
AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
SUBCOMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
SMALL BUSINESS
SUBCOMMITTEE ON RURAL AND URBAN
ENTREPRENEURSHIP
SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND TAX

Dear Residents and Friends:

While far from perfect, the legislation passed to avoid December's fiscal cliff embodied a spirit of bipartisan compromise that I hope will carry over to a broader agreement on our nation's finances. The bill ensures that Mainers will not have to pay an estimated \$1.4 billion in additional taxes in 2013, and extends a number of vital programs relied upon by Mainers. I look forward to working on a fiscally sound compromise that avoids burdening our most vulnerable citizens, seniors and veterans.

The gridlock in Washington has not slowed my efforts to fight for Maine's industries on the national and international arena. I have been proud to lead the fight in Congress to protect American manufacturers like New Balance, which employs approximately 900 Maine workers across three factories, from unfair tariff reductions. After presenting President Obama with his own set of New Balance Sneakers, I brought U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk to the Norridgewock facility to learn more about the industry. I have also worked with Ambassador Kirk to oppose Nova Scotia's proposed subsidies for its paper mill in Port Hawkesbury.

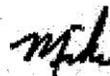
My 2nd annual tour of Maine's manufacturers to hear firsthand about their success and challenges was very helpful. These tours are an important part of my ongoing "Make it in Maine" agenda which consists of initiatives to boost domestic manufacturing. The feedback I received has been invaluable in helping to identify legislative action needed to support job growth in the industry.

It will also be my great honor to continue serving our nation's veterans as the new Ranking Member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee. While I am proud of my accomplishments helping to improve services for our brave men and women in uniform, I know there is still so much to do. As Ranking Member of the full Committee, I will fight for new advances in areas such as veteran employment, VA claims backlogs, and veterans' health care.

My highest priority has always been ensuring that Mainers receive timely and quality constituent services. Whether you have a specific concern with a federal agency or need help connecting to resources, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at any of my offices. I also encourage you to visit my website (www.house.gov/michaud), where you can email me, sign up for email updates, and connect with me on Facebook and 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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Senator Garrett Mason



Annual Report to the Town of Mechanic Falls

A Message from Senator Garrett Mason

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It is an honor to represent you in the Maine Senate for a second term. I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me to work for the betterment of this community and all of Androscoggin County.

Looking back at the results of the 125th Legislature, I am proud of the work accomplished by lawmakers during an extremely difficult fiscal climate. We increased state funding to local education by \$63 million, brought solvency to the retiree pension system, created more transparency and accountability within state agencies, and paid millions of dollars back to our state hospitals. More importantly, we improved Maine's business climate. According to the 2012 CNBC annual rankings of America's top states for business, Maine climbed five spots from the previous year. The improvements made in education funding and test scores, the state's cost of doing business, infrastructure and transportation, and business friendliness all led to this higher ranking. It is vital that we keep the changes that were made during the 125th Legislature. They are necessary steps to setting us on the course toward a brighter future.

Lawmakers have a great deal of work on their plates for the first session of the 126th Legislature. The most pressing issue before us will be how to address a \$100-plus million shortfall within the Department of Health and Human Services and its MaineCare program. Additionally, there is a \$35 million revenue shortfall in the budget that ends June 30th and a projected \$880 million gap in the next two-year budget. Lawmakers will have some very difficult choices to make during the upcoming months on how to address this financial dilemma.

During the 126th Legislature, I will serve as Republican Senate Lead on the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee. We must make it a priority to do everything we can, as a legislative body, to help our veterans obtain the benefits they are due for their service to our country. As a member of this committee, I look forward to not only advocating for our veterans and military, but also working on issues pertaining to liquor laws; lottery and gaming; election laws; campaign practices and financing; voter registration; initiatives and referenda.

Again, thank you for entrusting me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me if you need my help in navigating the state bureaucracy. I can be reached in Lisbon Falls at 577-1521, in Augusta at 287-1505, or by e-mail at SenGarrett.Mason@legislature.maine.gov.

Sincerely,

Garrett P. Mason
State Senator

Representative Roger Jackson



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February 2013

Dear Friends & Neighbors:

It is an honor to serve as your Representative to the Maine Legislature.

The 126th Maine State Legislature must continue the work began during the 125th Legislature to revitalize Maine's economy. Many strides were made to address high insurance rates, costly redundant regulatory measures, and restrictive tax rates which impede the ability of businesses to prosper. It is imperative that lawmakers continue to make informed decisions in order to improve the state's economic situation.

I will work in the best interests of all the residents of District 100. Through compromise and bipartisanship, we should be able to continue to improve the business climate in Maine while aiding those families that are struggling in this tough economy.

I am pleased to be appointed to the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation which deals with issues ranging from the Bureau of Revenue Services to tree growth and other current tax issues. I have no doubt this will be a fascinating committee. I believe it is important that we have an equitable tax system for all of Maine's residents.

I encourage you to visit the Legislature's website at <http://maine.gov/legis>, where you can find links to live video and audio broadcasts of the session and public hearings as well as information about proposed pieces of legislation. This service provides an excellent option for those who are unable to travel to the State House.

Thank you and I look forward to proudly represent the citizens of Mechanic Falls, Otisfield, and Oxford. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any comments or questions that you may have concerning your state government.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger A. Jackson".

Roger A. Jackson
State Representative
District 100

DISTRICT 100 Mechanic Falls, Otisfield, and Oxford

REPORT OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

As elected officials, it is our goal to set policies that we believe best represents the citizens of Mechanic Falls, develop and oversee a budget that provides adequate but affordable services to meet the demands of our community and to plan and prepare for the future.

The Council directs the Town Manager to present a proposed municipal budget that maintains staffing and services but also allows for saving for future capital expenses and projects. With a great deal of careful financial management we have been successfully doing so for many years. Frugal spending and revenues exceeding projections have allowed us to put surplus funds into our fund balance account. It's with those surplus funds that we have been able to keep our tax rate down and purchase much needed vehicles without having to borrow from a bank. Unfortunately, for the first time in the past eight years, we had to significantly increase the tax rate but not because of our municipal budget. This year's approved budget is actually \$19,000 less than last year. The increase is due to the Regional School Unit #16 assessment. The school bill is \$127,000 more than last year. As property values fluctuate between the three towns of Mechanic Falls, Minot and Poland, the cost sharing values adjust accordingly. Using a complicated formula established at the State level, mixed with our changing property values, this year we were the brunt of the shortfall. We continually face reductions in State revenues, reduced grant opportunities and increases beyond our control. I would like to assure you that we do everything we can to stabilize financial impacts but this year's tax increase was approved by the voters when they voted to approve the RSU budget.

One of the hottest topics facing our town this year was the fireworks issue. With the legalization of some types of fireworks at the first of the year, came a surge of usage around town. Fireworks noises could be heard all over the area on a nightly basis and for some living in the downtown, this quickly became a public nuisance. Never has an issue motivated as many people to call the Town Office with complaints. Daily phone calls were received by the Town Manager prompting the Council to take the lead with proposed restrictions. A couple of public hearings brought out many citizens and some heated debate but in the end a palatable compromise was put forth to voters and was overwhelmingly approved by referendum vote on Election Day in November. The new ordinance permits the use of fireworks on Friday and Saturday nights, but ironically, the noises stopped after the vote.

In these days of electronic exchange of data, the Council is trying to keep up with the trends. This past year we decided to go paperless. It was calculated, with the duplication of all the paperwork necessary for a monthly Council meeting, the manpower and delivery required that the Town was spending a little more than \$2,000 annually. This doesn't sound like a lot of money to some but the amount of paper that was being used and then tossed for recycling seemed to be setting a poor example. After trying a couple of tablets, Ipads were purchased at \$500 each. They will pay for themselves in the first year. Last year

we revamped our municipal web page and have been adding more and more public records and information in an effort to ensure transparency. We added the ability to make online payments of tax bills and accessibility to all the tax and property records. In 2013 we will consider adding renewal of registrations and purchasing of hunting and fishing licenses. We also started our own Facebook page which actually gets more views and use than our web page. This Facebook page is also available for public organizations to use as well to advertise fundraising activities, meeting schedules and special events. Check it out to make sure you are always in the loop.

The new casino opened this past June. Although not located in Mechanic Falls, you can stand on the town line on route 26 and just about touch it. The opening was of great concern to us as we were not sure how it would impact our community. As of the writing of this report, the impacts are small but have not gone unnoticed by the locals. The traffic flow at five corners has never been busier making it more difficult for entering and exiting the surrounding roads. Lane Road, which seems to be the shortest route provide by navigation systems for vehicle traveling from the north and east, has had a noticeable increase in traffic volume. We have estimated that 200 additional trips on that road are made by vehicles daily since the opening. Our police department has had to assist Oxford police with either calls directly to the casino or calls in the town of Oxford because their own officers are tied up at the casino. There has also been an increase in OUI operators on route 26. This is a concern that we will continue to monitor and gather statistics so as to be prepared for future conversations with legislators when they reopen the revenue sharing formula, of which we currently get zero dollars.

I would like to thank my fellow Councilors for their annual commitment and all those that serve as volunteers on our committees and boards. It is the amount of effort and time that all these individuals give that makes Mechanic Falls the great community that it is. I especially wish to extend appreciation to the municipal staff. They work hard for us and do a fantastic job day in and day out. It has been another successful year and we are lucky to have them.

Daniel Blanchard
Town Council Chairman



REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

I believe this has been another successful year for the Town of Mechanic Falls. How exactly do I determine that? All things considered, when we look at all that we have done positive in the past year and weigh it against the negative, we come out way, way ahead on the positive side. Considering some of the issues that communities have around us and the controversies we read about in the press, Mechanic Falls remains consistently a very stable community. I like to think we have our act together. Sure there may be those that disagree but because we never hear from them, I will assume that percentage of folks is very small. To help maintain that stability, the Council and I live by an open door policy. We take pride in the fact that when someone has a complaint about something or an issue has come up that we address it in a very timely manner. People's opinions are always welcome at our monthly Council meetings and in between those meetings, I am always willing to take time to meet with someone to try to help with their concern. Keep in mind however that occasionally we get a request that we have no control or jurisdiction. There are times when we just can't help but will try to point someone in the right direction so that they can attempt to resolve their problem. Your local government is here to directly serve you...to a degree.

Internet Access

We realize that more and more people are becoming internet savvy and as our lives seemingly get busier and busier we are turning to the computer to take advantage of conveniences available to us. In the past year we have made strides to improve our town's website adding more documents, applications and records. You now have the ability to, contact each department by email, pay your taxes and water bills on line, search property tax information, file an anonymous police complaint, look up zoning and land use codes and check out our meetings and event schedule. Although it will take time for us to make everything accessible to you, we continue to look for ways to offer what information you need on our website. We also have our own Facebook page that is available to local groups and organizations to post their upcoming events and fundraisers. Feel free to take advantage of our social media. Please let us know what else you would like to see on our website. We want to make sure that we are putting up what is important to the public.

Energy Conservation

The last couple of years, energy conservation has been high on our list of goals. We continue to take on projects that not only help save us money but attempt to reduce our carbon footprint. In this past year we completed and have been using a new wood pellet boiler. Although we still have our oil boiler as a backup, the new pellet boiler, when operating at capacity provides heat for the Town Office, fire station and public works. We are on track to save approximately \$14,000 on heating fuel per year due to the savings of purchasing wood over oil. If you have been into the Town Office you have noticed the new glass air lock that keeps cold air from infiltrating the building through the front doors. We have noticed a huge difference in the heat retention since this installation. We have had

our thermostats reprogrammed to better control when the building is being heated which allows us to bring down the temperature slightly when the building isn't being occupied. We have also recognized some saving via consolidation. It was a tough decision but closing the downtown library and moving them to the Town Office saves us money in utilities and maintenance.

Downtown Improvements

Most of you will remember the traffic congestion on the mill corner this past summer. Although this was a sanitary district project, the town was able to benefit by getting our sidewalks from the bridge to Judson Street reconstructed. The sanitary district's storm water separation project was bumped up by a couple of years due to the fact that the State had planned to pave route 121. The State has a rule that once they have put down new pavement, the pavement cannot be disturbed for five years. Therefore, any construction planned by the town needed to occur before paving. The State offered to reconstruct most of the sidewalks in that area asking us only for a portion of the cost. The town paid \$25,000 for a project that would have most likely cost us three times as much. We have had plans to redo all the sidewalks in this area but not for a couple more years as we have been putting money aside for this. We are looking at improving the area on Elm Street from the Lewiston Street intersection to the railroad tracks and hope to have that project done in the next couple of years.

Comprehensive Plan

For the last couple of years a committee has been working diligently to update our Comprehensive Plan. This plan is a tool that is used to determine things like zoning and future projects for the community such as the creation of recreational spaces, planning business development. It is also looking at the characteristics of our population to ensure that our services are meeting the needs of our citizens. Comp. Plans, as a rule of thumb, should be updated every ten years however ours was reaching close to twenty. We have put it off primarily because of the expense involved with the hired consulting services. A lot of time was spent on this project and we will be looking to have the plan adopted in 2013. Interestingly, although twenty years have gone by, there aren't any dramatic changes proposed in the new plan which reaffirms the stability that I mentioned in a previous paragraph.

Major Purchases

All of the municipal vehicles are on a replacement schedule. For example, our fire engines are slated for replacement every twenty-five years, the public works loader every ten and the police cruisers every three. We stick pretty close to this schedule because history has shown us that these recommended replacement times come when our vehicles have reached a point where maintenance costs begin to become more costly than the value of a new vehicle. This past year we purchased a police cruiser, a backhoe that is shared between the water department and public works, a loader and dump truck for public works and a pickup truck for the water department. We have been able to make these expensive replacements without having to raise taxes or borrowing by using reserve

accounts. Much like a person's savings account, we put small amounts of money into each of the vehicle accounts to minimize a huge purchase price when the time comes to buy new. We will be looking to replace a fire engine in 2013-14 but that account, due to the extreme cost of replacement, is underfunded and we may need to consider borrowing funds for this particular vehicle.

Future Challenges

It would be nice to have a crystal ball that I could gaze into and see the future. Unfortunately, there are factors affecting us now that give us a glimpse of what we might expect in the next couple of years and these are some of the negative things that I referred to previously. The American debt continues to rise each year. This of course effects cuts at the Federal level that gets passed on to the State level and trickle down to us locally. Revenue sharing and grants are getting smaller and smaller each year, education funds are less, the expense of newly created federal programs gets passed on to tax payers, jobs continue to disappear, healthcare costs are ballooning and I could go on and on but you see it every day in the news. Most small towns are very frugal with their money and we have to be to keep services affordable. There are reports that show that most small communities manage their funds appropriately and the local government is the most efficient government. These other factors that are getting passed down to us are going to negatively affect how we provide services to our citizens. I can now see that in the next couple of years we are going to have to make some tough choices and I would strongly encourage folks to participate in the budget planning processes for both the town and the RSU. Make sure you have a voice and help steer the community through these tougher times. Personally, I am not looking forward to it.

Thank You.

One of the primary reasons we are able to keep our community stable is the people who contribute to all the day to day efforts. The Council, the staff and all the committee members and volunteers help make us the great community that we are. I can't thank these people enough for all that they do but hope they realize how much they are appreciated.

John Hawley
Town Manager



COMMITTEE REPORTS

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 ordinances.

Last year I reported that the Planning Board met 8 times. This year the Planning Board met 4 times to review development applications for new business and additions to existing businesses as well as hold workshops to amend the ordinance.

This year did not start off quite as busy as the previous year. The Board first met in February, then in June, July and lastly in November. The February meeting was held to review an application for Harvest Hill Farms looking to expand Farmhouse Pizza's Conditional Use Permit to allow for indoor seating. The Board approved the expansion to allow the 12-14 indoor seats under conditions to construct an ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessible bathroom and dedicate 24 parking spots to the business with 3 being ADA and 1 Van accessible.

In June, the Board met to review an application to operate an ice cream stand located at 78 Pigeon Hill road brought forth by Philibert and Brenda Kimball. They had purchased the property with the intention of operating this business, along with possibly selling Christmas Trees in November and December. The Board approved the permit with the condition to add 3 parking spaces to the plan as required by the Mechanic Falls Zoning and Land Use Ordinance. Phil has since started the development and hopes to be up and running by summer of 2013. In the same meeting, Board member Jeremy Judd, brought up the issue of fireworks as a concern since the July 4th Celebration was nearing. The new Maine law allowing fireworks is in effect. The Board decided to research surrounding Towns as to how they are handling the issue and schedule a workshop. Under the Town Council's authority, a public hearing was held to discuss this issue and an ordinance was drafted and later voted on by the residents.

In July, Harvest Hill Farms submitted an application to expand upon the indoor seating to change the 2nd floor from offices to more seating for the restaurant. The Board approved the plan as submitted.

Shawn Holbrook, owner of Economy Auto located at 463 Pleasant Street, applied for a Zoning Ordinance Change. He was asking that the Board recommend to the Town Council that changeable signs be allowed in the Special Commercial Zoning district. The Board approved recommending the amendment to the Town Council with the addition that changeable signs in the Special Commercial Zoning district only display messages between 6AM and 9PM, all other times the sign should appear off.

The Planning Board is made up of 7 members with 2 alternates. We currently have 6 members with 1 member vacancy and 2 vacancies as alternate members. 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. 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 Planning 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 Appeals 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 \$365,000 available to qualified Mechanic Falls' businesses.

In 2012 the MFDC funded one loan request. A \$50,000 loan was made to Wayne Hackett of Mechanic Falls Auto Repair to assist with site improvements, machinery & equipment, and working capital.

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
Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments

Revenue Enhancement Committee

The Revenue Enhancement Committee remains committed to finding new ways to generate revenue for the town without increasing taxes. This all-volunteer committee is well aware of the hardship facing taxpayers and has been researching several projects to help ease the tax burden.

During the last year, the committee has done extensive research on installing solar panels at the transfer station. A well-written proposal for a 40KW ground mount system was submitted by ReVision Energy, the most experienced renewable energy company in the Northeast. After reviewing the financing options and long payback period, the committee felt the project couldn't move forward without securing grant funding to help cover the town's costs. Currently there is legislation at both the state and federal levels of government to help make solar projects more affordable. The committee plans to monitor the legislative changes with the hopes of being able to secure grant funding for a town solar project.

The committee has also begun exploring ways to make the five corners intersection more attractive to commercial businesses. With more traffic along the Route 26 corridor thanks

to the Oxford Casino, the committee feels now is the time to explore extending the town sewer line out to that area. . Businesses are attracted to the Route 26 corridor, but larger commercial businesses require town water and sewer. A joint meeting was held between the committee and Sanitary District to look at the possibility of extending the sewer line. The Sanitary District's engineer drafted a proposal outlining three possible options to extend the sewer line out to Route 26. The total estimated cost of the project is around \$5 million. The committee is continuing to look for additional funding sources to help make this project become a reality.

Work has been done exploring ways to capitalize on the town's water supply, either through bottling water or hydro power. While no formal proposals or projects have come about, the committee remains interested in exploring ways to utilize the town's natural resources in a responsible way.

While this past year has been more quiet than years past for this committee, we remain dedicated to finding new ways to improve the town we all live in without relying on taxpayer dollars. Innovative ideas, bold proposals and creative solutions are always welcome and so are new members. Please consider joining us.

Robert Small
Revenue Enhancement Committee Chairman

Safety Committee

The duties of the Safety Committee are to 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.

We continue to offer a "safety day" for all our employees. We do this twice. Once in the evening, then again the next morning so that as many employees can attend as possible. We go over all of our safety policies that the town has adopted. We are required to review our policies with all the employees affected by them. Different departments require different areas of training, and reviews.

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.

Stephen French
Safety Committee Chairman

MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Report of the Town Clerk

The following is a list of elections held during 2012:

- May 1, 2012 RSU 16 Budget Public Presentation of the School Budget for public vote at the Poland Regional High School
- May 15, 2012 RSU 16 Budget Validation Referendum
- June 12, 2012 State of Maine (Presidential) Primary Election; and, Town Local Candidate and Budget Referendum
- November 6, 2012 State of Maine General Election / State Referendum; and, Special Town Referendum on a local Fireworks Ordinance

The RSU 16 Budget Validation Referendum passed this year with one referendum election. We had a busy year in the clerk's office with four election dates; two of which (June 12 and November 6) included both state and local elections. There were 225 votes cast on June 12 and 1,546 on November 6. The voter turnout at the November election represents 77% of our registered voters.

The new law regarding requests for Absentee Ballots went into effect with the November election. The law requires voters request and/or vote an absentee ballot by the Third Business Day Prior to an election. After that a voter can only request a Special Circumstances Absentee Ballot and the circumstances are: (1) Unexpected absence from the municipality on election day; (2) Physical disability or an incapacity or illness that has resulted in the voter being unable to come to the polls; or, (3) Resident of a coastal island ward or precinct. Please be sure to request your absentee ballot early either in person, by phone, mail or on the Maine Secretary of State Elections website:

http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/voter_info/index.html.

We held the annual rabies clinic with Dr. Warren Frechette on January 14, 2012. The Clerk's Office was present to license dogs for residents of Mechanic Falls and licensed 20 dogs. Please remember State Law requires you license your dog every year before December 31. The fee is \$11.00 for male/female and \$6.00 for spayed/neutered. There is a late fee of \$25.00 for all dogs not licensed before February 1 in addition to the regular license fee.

Interesting statistics for 2012 from the Town Clerk's Office:

- Vital Statistics – 23 marriages, 15 deaths and 41 births
- Animal Welfare – 447 Dog and 6 Kennel licenses issued
- Motor Vehicle – 3,188 MVR3's (registrations) processed
- Inland Fisheries & Wildlife – 257 Hunting/Fishing Licenses issued, registrations for 119 Boats, 91 Snowmobiles and 93 ATVs processed for a combined total of 560 Authorities processed

- 38 Various Business Licenses issued

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

Laurel Nadeau
Town Clerk

Deaths

02/28/2012	Claire D. Thorne
03/15/2012	David E. Gagnon, Sr.
03/16/2012	Edith D. Stevens
05/08/2012	Donald I. York
05/10/2012	Alvin H. Dudley
06/20/2012	Larry C. Berry
09/21/2012	Rosina Petrocelli
10/02/2012	Margaret Rand
11/04/2012	Ruth A. Malcolm
11/08/2012	Roy J. Caire
11/26/2012	Marie A. Tremblay
12/09/2012	Ruth Grimm
12/15/2012	Arthur L. Wanninger
12/16/2012	Barbara L. Rogers
12/21/2012	David Pomerleau
12/30/2012	Quimby M. Francis

Births

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

Mechanic Falls welcomed 41 new babies in 2012

Marriages

01/29/2012	Michael Rainger Stotts & Arleena Renee Purcell
02/23/2012	Jason Wayne Featherson & Tiffany Marie Poole
03/03/2012	Joel Edward Carlton & Michelle Marie McCollister

05/18/2012	Steven Michael Lamontagne & Eliza Jane Preble
05/26/2012	James Dean Jordan & Marissa Jean Bennett
06/07/2012	Mark Norman Potvin Jr. & Meara Sheryl Fanoway
06/09/2012	Marco Alton True & Sheena Marie Harmon
06/23/2012	Michael Joseph Riggs & Katherine Lee Raymond
07/04/2012	Brian Donald Hawley & Brittany Jo Knightly
07/28/2012	Heath William Kilbreth & Vanessa Renee Howell
07/28/2012	Justin Peter Koehn & Susan Marie Friend
08/03/2012	Jaret Earl Hinkley & Krista Lynn Dekker
08/04/2012	Joey Patrick Bissonnette & Sarah Marie Tilton
08/11/2012	Daryl Joseph Edwards & Alicia Marie Kolenda
08/11/2012	Steven Aaron Parker & Sherryl Serenado Ortega
08/12/2012	Justin Marcel Lemay & Nicole Lynn Chinnock
08/25/2012	Ernest John Valladares & Kimberly Jo Farwell
09/04/2012	Paul Alan Holt & Shannon Elain Martin
09/12/2012	Dale Daniel Labbe & Rebecca Anne Lane
09/15/2012	Andrew Phillip Black & Sarah Loraine Herrick
10/06/2012	Kevin Michael Williamson & Casey Jo Arsenault
10/31/2012	Craig Alton McLeod & Felicia Marie Brown
12/15/2012	David Mark Leonard & Susan Joy Cole

Code Enforcement & Planning

Hello folks! Once again it is time for the annual report, seems like I just wrote last year's. As you know I am Nicholas Richard, your Code Enforcement Officer. Last year I reported 116 total permits issued. There was an increase in numbers of permits issued this year as my office issued 130 total permits. There were 54 building permits issued. There were 15 internal plumbing permits, 44 electrical permits, 6 subsurface wastewater disposal permits, and 11 other permits issued. Compared to the previous year's permitting of only one new dwelling unit, this past year 5 new dwelling units were permitted.

In the spring, I attended a course at Central Maine Community College in Database Management. My objective was to learn Microsoft Access in order to create a database

that the Town could use to track permits and enforcement actions taken by this office. The previous method was outdated and purchasing specific software proved to be quite expensive. The final project of the course was to create a usable database. I am proud to say that I succeeded in my goals and in the course as I am currently using the database I created for the purposes mentioned above. I continue to expand upon the database as need arises.

Every year there are a few major enforcement issues that this office handles. This year was similar to the last in that there were a couple major issues to deal with. One issue involved the illegal operation of a business, whereas an auto sales, repair, and body shop was being operated without proper permits. It is an issue that is continually monitored at this point. Another major issue involves the illegal operation of a waste disposal facility and the illegal dumping of trash in the Shoreland Zone. As I stated last year, it is the goal of the Town to not go to court over matters and try to work things out with property owners; however, in this instance and under legal advice we took action on the property owners. We have not yet been in front of a judge; however, a court date has been set on the issue.

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 one's 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. All inspections are scheduled through my office.

In last year's report I explained the ever-changing rules and regulations put forth by the State in regards to the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code or MUBEC. The State of Maine is again looking to change the rules regarding the building code. I will keep up with these changes as they occur and do my best to educate the Town and it's developers of these changes. Mechanic Falls is currently enforcing the Maine Uniform Building Code or MUBC. 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.

Nicholaus Richard
Code Enforcement Officer

Library

The Library's Annual Book Sale held on Community Day raised \$382.55. The Trustees have decided that going forward the Library Book Sale will be held separately from Community Day, which hopefully will generate more funds. They will have something separate for Community Day. Please remember, we gratefully accept book donations throughout the year, but we cannot accept Reader's Digest books, encyclopedia, or textbooks since they do not sell.

The Pie Sale yielded an amazing \$859. Many thanks to those members of the community that either donated pies for the sale, or purchased them.

For the summer of 2012, the library worked with the Recreation Committee. The children visited the library each week to make book selections that would then be read during Recreation quiet times. The 2013 Summer Reading Club will start July 1st, 2013 and run thru July 31st, 2013, with the theme "Dig Into Reading". Rules and workshops will be announced in May, 2013.



We expanded our hours this past year and the new library hours are:

Monday 9am-5:30pm, Tuesday 3pm-7pm, Wednesday 9am-5:30pm,
Thursday 3pm-7pm, and Saturday 9am-2pm.

Services we offered are free Wi-Fi and 4 computers and a printer for public use, access to free downloads for audio books, and E-books thru the Maine State Library. We have books (including Large Print), some adult audio-cd books and DVD movies.

Please visit us soon and as always Thank You for your continued support.

Sandi Brown-Eustis
Librarian

Historical Society

The Mechanic Falls Historical Society is maintaining its efforts in providing a way to remember, learn and understand this community's past.

Our year has been eventful. We located the site of the granite quarry in town which operated into the late 19th century. Former resident Paul Foster donated photos he took which showed the dismantling of the iron bridge over the Little Androscoggin River and construction of the present bridge. Steve Wheeler unearthed major portions of a buckboard wagon which could date back to the civil war era. He is in the process of

preparing the wagon for exhibit as well as documenting the excavation. In April we invited the elementary grades from Elm Street School and conducted a daylong seminar on the town's history as well showcasing the society's collection of Mechanic Falls memorabilia. Chris McKinnon, who attended Elm Street School some thirty years ago, has returned to Maine, became a member of the society and presented a talk on Charles Waterman, publisher of the Mechanic Falls Ledger and noted chronicler of this region's history. Richard and Betty Clukey continue to be major supporters to the society presenting us with a wonderful collection of tools, fishing equipment, and household articles.

Our major aim is to begin restoration of the building so that we can exhibit and showcase this town's rich history in a proper setting.

The Historical Society wishes to extend thanks to Future Foods, Harvest Hill Farms, Randy Plummer and American Legion Post 150, and Jody and Judy McMorrow for their outstanding assistance in our fund raising ventures.

The society also wishes to offer its sincere and fond remembrance and appreciation of Ruth Malcolm. Ruth became an ardent supporter of the society when the First Congregational Church bequeathed the building to the town to be utilized as home to the Mechanic Falls Historical Society.

The Historical Society welcomes all who wish to share in this town's history. There are no membership fees, but ideas, encouragement and willingness to participate are necessary.

We need everyone's help in order to continue in our endeavor.

Eriks Petersons
President

Recreation

The Mechanic Falls Recreation Committee continues to be a very active group that consists entirely of volunteers. In addition to our regular programs, we are currently branching out to include a very successful adult softball program, as well as adult winter volleyball for those interested in participating. We are always happy to entertain ideas for new programs, and are always interested in new people who may want to help facilitate some of these programs.

In 2012, we continued to offer all of the programs we have in years past, including Tee-Ball, Rookie, Minor, and Major League Baseball, and three levels of Softball for girls up to age 18. We also participate with Poland, Minot, and Hebron in the Multi-Town Basketball and Soccer programs. Skiing and snowboarding continue to be offered during the winter

months. There is always room for more participants if there is any interest from others in the community; and we welcome new participants in all of our programs. With all of the travel teams and other activities our kids participate in, now more than ever, it is difficult to find kids for all levels of competition.

The electronic scoreboard is up and running this year at the Jerry Coleman Field. Thanks to everyone who helped to complete this project, it looks and works great. We will continue our fundraising efforts this year, including tag day, cash calendars, our sign program, uniform sponsors and our annual adult winter dance.

The Recreation Committee would like to thank Mechanic Falls Public Works, Mechanic Falls Water Department, Elm Street School, Town employees, and local businesses for their continued support. We especially want to thank the community, and particularly our volunteers for all of their hard work in providing quality programs to the youth in our community.

We look forward to another successful year, and encourage anyone with any questions, comments, concerns, or suggestions to bring them to the committee. Also, if you just want to offer some help, please give us a call. You can volunteer for the committee or simply attend a meeting and offer your ideas. No contribution is too small, and it will not go unnoticed by me or the rest of the committee. Without volunteers we could not offer any of the programs that are currently enjoyed by our kids. Such programs are an integral part of growing up in the small community in which we are so blessed to live.

Matthew A. Gary
Recreation Committee Chairman

Santa For The Kids

At the start of our program, usually the beginning of November, I send out requests for donations from area businesses, the response was good, but we could see that we would be hurting for donations, John Hawley posted on the website that our donations were down from years past and that was all it took. What a difference a day makes, people stopped by with donations, and I received calls from organizations that have never donated before...this year, had you stopped by and looked into our Council room, it would have looked like Santa's workshop. Thanks to



the generous donation from the Spirit of Christmas Committee, we had no shortage of toys for our Santa program this year.

We helped out 11 families with Thanksgiving baskets this year thanks in part to the Minot Methodist Church's donation of 5 baskets this year.

This was the 21st year of the Santa for the Kids program. We helped 21 families and 70 children and adults have a better Christmas this year. In addition to the toys, we always provide the winter items that the kids need, clothes if requested, and each family gets a turkey (donated by Bourque's Market in Lewiston) and a gift card from Hannaford for their holiday meal.

I want to thank all that donated, with gifts, turkeys, food baskets, knitted items, money, gift certificates, wrapping paper and thanks also goes to those that helped wrap the gifts. We have some businesses that like to adopt a family by providing their needs for the holiday season. If this is something your business would like to participate in, please give me a call.

It always amazes me the community's response to a call for help. Here at the Town Office, we may organize and run this program, but we do not do it alone. Those wishing to make donations for next year can drop new, unwrapped toys at the Town Office at any time. Any and all donations are appreciated.

Shirley Marquis
Santa for the Kids Program Coordinator

Animal Control

Last year, there were a total of 355 general complaints, 13 animal trespassing violations, 22 dogs, picked up and returned to their owners or taken to the shelter, and 12 animal bites.

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. For your own safety please vaccinate your animals. 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

Fire Department



Greetings from the Mechanic Falls Fire Department.

We hope that all is safe with you all and that you are doing well. The department has functioned well through another tough Maine winter of snow, rain and cold. We are glad to see the warm weather arrive and with it comes the time to vote on our annual budgets to keep the town and community running and safe for all of us to enjoy.

This year we averaged over a 100 calls for the fire department, not counting the rescue calls. A brief break down of our incidents include 35 car accidents, 7 structure fires (not all fully involved), 3 chimney fires, 43 miscellaneous calls (i.e. smell of smoke, wires down, brush fires, CO calls, etc.) and 17 mutual aid calls to our neighboring communities. Although we are not a busy department this all takes a toll on our equipment and manpower because most of these calls are not in the prime weather or best time of day for us. Our guys and gals still climb out of bed to respond and I have a lot of respect for them for doing what they do, and I know you all do also.

This year's budget was tough. As you know, everything seems to be going up and none of us are seeing increases to match. We have kept our budget as flat as possible to do the job required of us when you call. We have put in a slight increase in payroll to help defray the cost to firefighters responding to calls (i.e. gas for their personal vehicles).

It has become time to replace our 1989 FMC E-3 pumper. If financially appropriate, this truck may be a separate item voted on by you folks and we hope that you will consider supporting it. Our truck committee has not gone out and looked for the most expensive truck with all the newest gadgets and toys available. We would certainly like have them but we looked for a truck that would last another 25 years and do the job asked of it when needed and hopefully will not be a maintenance nightmare in the future. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me or any member of the department in regards to this or any issues. We will try and get you the answer. In the meantime, be safe and check your batteries in those smoke alarms.

Thanks for your support of the Mechanic Falls Fire Department.

Fred C. Sturtevant III
Fire Chief

Rescue

Rescue responded to 164 calls in 2012. The department's average response time is 5.4 minutes. This is a great response time for a volunteer department. This time is calculated from the time the call is received because we don't have any staff stationed at the fire station. When activated, members have to respond from wherever they happen to be, to the station to pick up the rescue truck and then drive to the scene.



According to our records, verified by the State, most of all calls occur between 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM and our busiest day of the week is Sunday. Saturdays are our second busiest day for call volume.

The following chart gives a breakdown of the different types of calls we responded to throughout the year.

Provider Impression	# of Runs	% of Runs
Allergy / Anaphylaxis	1	0.61%
Altered Level of Consciousness / Coma	2	1.22%
Assist Only	9	5.49%
Behavioral / Psychiatric Disorder	7	4.27%
Cardiac - Chest Pain	13	7.93%
Cardiac - Other	1	0.61%
Cardiac - ST Elevation MI	1	0.61%
Cardiac - Symptomatic Bradycardia	1	0.61%
Cardiac Arrest - Asystole	1	0.61%
Cardiac Arrest - Pulseless Electrical Activity	1	0.61%
Diabetic Emergency	7	4.27%
Flu Like Illness	11	6.71%
Hemorrhage - Non-Traumatic	2	1.22%
Hemorrhage - Traumatic	3	1.83%
Hemorrhage - Vaginal	1	0.61%
Nausea / Vomiting (Unknown Etiology)	2	1.22%
No Apparent Illness / Injury	13	7.93%
Obvious Death	2	1.22%
Other Illness / Injury	15	9.15%
Overdose - Drug / Medication	2	1.22%
Overdose - ETOH	1	0.61%
Pain - Abdominal (Non-Traumatic)	2	1.22%
Pain - Back (Non-Traumatic)	2	1.22%

Pain - Chest (Non-Cardiac)	1	0.61%
Pain - Extremity (Non-Traumatic)	5	3.05%
Pain - Head (Non-Traumatic)	1	0.61%
Respiratory Distress - Bronchospasm	2	1.22%
Respiratory Distress - Other	10	6.10%
Respiratory Distress - Pulmonary Edema	2	1.22%
Seizure / Convulsions	4	2.44%
Stroke / CVA / TIA	2	1.22%
Syncope / Fainting	2	1.22%
Traumatic Injury - Back	7	4.27%
Traumatic Injury - Extremity	15	9.15%
Traumatic Injury - Head	7	4.27%
Traumatic Injury - Multisystem	2	1.22%
Traumatic Injury - Torso	2	1.22%
Weakness / General Malaise	2	1.22%
Total	164	100%

Rescue is always looking for licensed EMT's to join our team. If you are interested please complete an application at the Town Office. Currently we only have 10 members on the department and are in need for additional help.

Thank you for your support and donations.

Jennifer Casey
Rescue Chief

Police Department

The Mechanic Falls Police Department has had a good year despite losing some quality officers. Alan Carr resigned and went to work for the Paris Police Department and James Avery resigned and went to work at the Lewiston Police Department. I wish them both well and greatly appreciated their dedication to the Police Department and the Town while they were employed here.

I sit here pondering what I should write this year to make this different from years past. While looking back over time I realize that this coming year will be my twentieth year as Chief of the Mechanic Falls Police Department. What a transformation from 1993. This job changes constantly as the laws and ways of doing business change. In the end it still comes down to trying to serve the people of this community as best we can while upholding the laws of the State and Country. One of the aspects of changing times is reflected in our traffic stop numbers. We still make a significant amount of traffic stops but our ratio of warnings to tickets used to be around 2 to 1. For every 25 tickets we issued we generally issued 50 warnings. That ratio has increased as times have gotten tougher. I feel that officers have become less likely to write a ticket (at least on the first encounter). We all know that times are tough on most of us and we are all too well aware of that when we issue citations. Bottom line is that sometimes the violation warrants the ticket regardless of times or financial situations. Our goal is voluntary compliance with the laws. Beyond

that, it is what we are here for. To respond to your emergencies and protect you as well as enforce the traffic laws. If we don't do all of those things we are not doing what we are expected to do.

Town documents show we have 91 streets including public and private roads within the town. Some do not have a single home on them. We answered calls on 85 of them in 2012.

Calls for service in 2012	3312
Traffic Offenses	1052
Citations	276
Warnings	776
Traffic Crashes	108

Aggravated Assault	2	Furnishing Liquor to a minor	1
Elevated Aggravated Assault	1	Criminal Trespass	1
Domestic Violence Assault	19	Violating Conditions of Release	14
Unlawful Sexual Contact	1	Violation of Protection Order	7
Assault	15	Refusing to Sign Criminal Summons	1
Criminal Threatening	3	Failure to Provide Correct Name / Address	1
Domestic Violence Terrorizing	2	Harassment	4
Terrorizing	1	Harassment by Telephone/Electronic Device	5
Reckless Conduct	2	Endangering the Welfare of Child	1
Burglary	11	Warrant Arrests	7
Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	2	Walking/Standing on RR Tracks	2
Theft	40	Littering	1
Aggravated Forgery	1	Possession of Tobacco by Minor	2
Forgery	3	Failing to Obtain Driver's License	4
Misuse of Identification	1	Operating Vehicle without Driver's License	11
Aggravated Criminal Mischief	1	Operating MV Beyond Restrictions	1
Criminal Mischief	11	Displaying Fictitious Inspection Sticker	1

Unlawful Possession of Scheduled Drugs	2	Leaving the Scene of a Crash	4
Possession of Marijuana	8	Failing to Report Vehicle Crash	4
Sale and Use of Drug Paraphernalia	5	Passing Stopped School Bus	2
Negotiating Worthless Instrument	44	Operating While License Suspended	29
Disorderly Conduct	2	Driving to Endanger	1
Operating Under the Influence	16	Operating with Suspended Registration	2
Minor Possessing Liquor	2	Habitual Motor Vehicle Offender	1
Allowing Minor to Possess/Consume Alcohol	1	Failure to Register Vehicle	15
Furnishing Liquor to Minor	1		

I want to thank all of our citizens for your support. We do greatly appreciate it and enjoy serving this community. I urge all of you to report suspicious or unusual activity and ask that you get involved with keeping your town safe. If you witness illegal activity report it to the police department. Thank you!

Jeffrey B. Goss
Chief of Police

Emergency Management

The last year was a busy year for emergencies. We started with a flood and then we were narrowly missed by hurricane Sandy. Neither event qualified for federal disaster funds in our area but both events caused us to ramp up arrangements for emergency preparedness. Each time we were ready for the worst and organized to handle any situation.



The first weekend in June, 8.14 inches of rain fell within a 24 hour period causing flash flood conditions in a few places around town. A few roads were temporarily closed and Fire and Rescue needed to use their boat to rescue a mother and her two year old daughter from their home that quickly became surrounded with rising water cutting them off from a safe escape route.

I wish to thank all municipal employees including Public Works, and the Fire, Rescue and Police Departments for their cooperation during our severe weather events.

We proudly mark another year of our townspeople working together for the good of our community.

David Stimson
Emergency Management Director

Public Works

The Public Works Department is a very busy place most of the time. Many things come up that need to be taken care of on any given day that there is never a dull moment. We all like to stay busy so we can always find a task that needs our attention.

The winter of 2011 was probably one of quietest winters that I can remember. Only 49 inches of snow fell in Mechanic Falls. We were on the road 20 times and a lot of that was icy conditions. During the slow time we removed some walls at the garage and opened up our small break room, bought an old couch and a used stove with our own money and made some counters so we are able to cook some food when we were on a long night or breakfast if we happened to still be here in the morning.



Due to the mild winter, our sand pile was only half gone at the end of the winter so we were able to spend a little less and only hauled in 2,000 yard this year.

In the spring we did our usual sand clean up and then went right on to our paint striping. After the town was all painted we took on a big culvert change on North Street that we had been putting off for a year because of the bad location. With the nice neighbors in that area things went well and the job was done in a couple of days. Water can now flow faster and more volume can go through the bigger culvert hopefully preventing the road from flooding over in real heavy rain storms.

The biggest project of the year was the new office at the transfer station. A project long overdue, taxpayers approved the new office and in July we dug the foundation hole and dug a new well. With the help of the Water Department a leach field was put in and after the cement was poured for the foundation, in the beginning of August, construction began. One of the public works employees, Ron Tirrell is an accomplished carpenter and he was put in charge of the operation, part-time worker Bob Goddard did most of the plumbing, and the rest of the crew, Chris, Tim, Greg, and I helped Ron out with the labor.

After the building was done a septic tank was installed, a pump was put in the well and the transfer station finally had running water and a real bathroom. It was a fun job and it came out very nice. The transfer station crew did all the painting inside and out and did a great job. It was a group effort and everyone worked hard, had fun and saved the town a lot of money.

I would like to mention that because of the installation of Central Maine Power's new high tension lines the Christmas tree in the Maise Keene Park had to be cut down. It was too close to the wires and was a very dangerous situation when trying to decorate it. So after cutting the tree in the spring the hunt for another tree began. A nice tree was spotted by the power lines on Cross Street and we found out that the Porters from Cross Street owned the tree. After they found out what we were up against they donated the tree to the town, we dug it up and planted it in the park. I wish to thank them for their generosity and know that they are proud to have that tree in the park. I also want thank Wayne Marquis for donating his time to rewire the lines to the new tree. We have some awesome people in this town, many going out of their way to help out when they can and I thank all of them for that. We take great pride in this small town and do our best to keep it looking good, take on any task put upon us, and help anyone we can with their road, ditch, or culvert problems. We love plowing snow and take great pride in keeping our roads safe and passable.

I am thankful for the fulltime crew I have and the part time help also, they make my job that much easier. We did lose my youngest worker this fall as he wanted to try something different. I hated to lose him but wish him the best and want to thank him for all his hard work over the last three years. He will be missed, thanks Chris.

I am privileged to have this job, enjoy coming to work every day and hope I am doing a good job for this town and that you are happy with my performance. If you have a problem or a complaint please call me or come see me at the town garage and I will do my best to solve the problem.

Scott R. Penney
Public Works Director

Solid Waste

On behalf of all the staff at the transfer station, we would like to express our deepest gratitude for the improved work conditions the Town has bestowed upon us. The new building with space to move about is wonderful. But, even better is the bathroom! No more porta potty and it is so wonderful to wash our hands! Thank you! Thank you!

Your staff is still the same (Kathryn Oak, Lydia Fisher, Brian Thurlow-Latham, Les Johnson) with an additional and instrumental reserve attendant, Dennis Mazurkiewicz. Dennis does a great job and we're very fortunate to have him available to cover when any one of the other staff members are unavailable.

We're still hoping to reduce the solid waste burden by increasing our recycling diversion rates. Recycling and composting make a huge difference.

Thank you all again for your generosity and kindness and if ever you have suggestions on how to better operate your transfer station please share them.

Kathryn Oak
Transfer Station Manager

Water Department

As with the previous year, part of our time was taken up by the contractor installing the storm water separation on Lewiston Street. This was done in conjunction with the paving project for that street. Unfortunately we had a main break in the vicinity of that work area this early winter. With the cooperation of the contractor we excavated the leak and discovered that it was in fact, not due to their work. The leak was fixed and now we have a patch job to repair in the new pavement come spring. It is estimated that the six-inch pipe that broke is probably some of the original pipe in the system. It was installed around the first part of nineteen-hundred, making that pipe over one-hundred years old.

A question we get asked frequently now is "can I pay with my credit card"? Unfortunately the answer is no, not yet. We are exploring the possibilities and hope to have some payment options available in the near future. One of our options for payments was T.D. Bank. That option is not available to us anymore. Payments can still be made by mail, or dropping them off at our office on Highland Avenue. If there isn't anyone at the office you may use our drop slot next to the front door. Payments can also be dropped off at the Town Office if you have your payment slip.

We have added confidence in our ability to keep the system full of high quality now that our back-up well is in and operational. Our old back-up well had plugged up over the years and couldn't produce enough water to satisfy the needs of the system. We exercise our new well to keep it fully functional. While it only produces about one half of the water our production well does, it is sufficient to satisfy the system.

Stephen French
Water Department Superintendent



MUNICIPAL REVENUES RECEIVED

July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012			
Motor vehicle excise	\$348,910.69	CEO Citations	\$0.00
Boat excise	\$1,586.20	Police Fines	\$383.00
Motor vehicle license	\$9,609.00	Late fee dogs	\$650.00
Snow/ATV license	\$192.00	Service Charges	\$20.00
Boat license	\$142.00	RSU 16 Winter Maint.	\$813.61
Cash Mgmt. interest	\$3,475.85	Municipal Gym Rent	\$660.00
Real estate interest	\$14,251.32	USCTC Rent	\$4,760.44
Lien Costs	\$4,460.91	Head start rent	\$0.00
Will/fax/notary fees	\$616.00	Tennis lights	\$0.00
Postage/copies/voter	\$673.44	Insurance Reimburse	\$3,393.00
Transfer Station Stickers	\$2,670.00	Recycling Reimburse	\$11,195.15
Driveway Entrance	\$80.00	Welfare Reimburse	\$1,380.52
Pole Permits	\$0.00	Police Reimburse	\$0.00
Building Permits	\$6,349.98	Business Advertising	\$0.00
Plumbing Permits	\$1,290.50	Oxford Bank Accts	\$0.00
Electrical Permits	\$2,295.00	Sale Town Owned	\$24,552.46
Conditional Use Permits	\$200.00	Tax Acquired Prop	\$0.00
Hunt/Fish License	\$462.50	Payment in Lieu of Tax	\$0.00
Weapons Permits	\$284.00	Veteran's Exemption	\$1,773.00
Vital Records	\$1,589.80	Tree Growth Reimb.	\$3,923.75
Marriage License	\$1,133.00	BETE Tax Reimburse	\$5,119.00
Victualer's License	\$490.00	Highway Block Grant	\$22,992.00
Liquor License	\$550.00	State Revenue Share	\$274,077.13
Dog License	\$919.00	State Welfare Reimb.	\$12,880.61
Dog Fees	\$427.00	Homestead Reimb.	\$67,165.00
Rabies Call	\$4.00	Snowmobile Refund	\$1,006.24
Public Safety Reports	\$493.00	FEMA Reimbursement	\$0.00
Zoning Fee	\$0.00	Sex Offender Registry	\$85.00
Court Fee	\$864.90		
Water Admin Fee	\$16,000.00	Total Received	\$887,248.43
Home Occupation	\$135.00	Total Anticipated	\$772,622.00
Special Amusement	\$175.00	Percent Received	114.8%
Cable Franchise Fee	\$27,311.43		
Transfer Station Fee	\$2,777.00		

PAYMENTS TO MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

Administration			
John Hawley	\$65,080.04	Wayde Boston	\$1,175.63
Shirley Marquis	\$36,137.51	Donald Boyd	\$957.75
Laurel Nadeau	\$5,602.50	Edward Brown	\$998.14
Lisa Palmer	\$22,711.67	*Thomas Casey	\$1,369.89
Lisa Prevost	\$44,947.41	David Clukey	\$1,115.63
		Ray Crockett	\$448.32
		*Jonathan Damon	\$1,301.02
		Thomas Doherty	\$1,293.84
		*Shawn Dostie	\$1,449.10
		*Jordan Emery	\$936.51
		*Matthew Fifield	\$1,477.88
		*Jennie Friree	\$1,111.76
		Paul Harvey	\$607.83
		*James Lavertu	\$325.32
		*Ben Limerick	\$1,065.33
		*Randal Madore	\$907.89
		Stephanie Madore	\$270.13
		Donald Patterson	\$2,562.40
		Catherine Proulx	\$758.89
		William Proulx	\$318.63
		Michael Schadtle	\$246.57
		*Chris Strout	\$647.89
		*Fred Sturtevant	\$6,354.75
		*Jacob Verrill	\$785.89
		Richard Wing	\$235.00
Animal Control			
Robert Larrabee	\$4,155.00		
Board of Appeals			
Tom Walton	\$0.00		
Ed Piirainen	\$0.00		
Martha Wiseman	\$0.00		
Council			
Dan Blanchard	\$600.00		
Nancy Richard	\$500.00		
Lou Annance	\$500.00		
Cathy Fifield	\$500.00		
Robert Small	\$500.00		
Election Clerks		Library	
Joann Hutchinson	\$16.00	Sandra Brown Eustis	\$5,257.08
Nancy Petersons	\$356.56	Michelle Paladino	\$244.80
		Melinda Straight	\$1,754.40
		Michael Hatch	\$57.12
		Alycia Hawley	\$57.12
		Samantha Marquis	\$499.80
EMA Director		Planning Board	
*David Stimson	\$1,345.76	Arthur Montana	\$36.00
		Keith Morse	\$20.00
Fire Department			
David Barton	\$663.64		

John Straight	\$30.00
Paula Stotts	\$30.00
Lou Goulet	\$30.00
Paula Bolduc	\$30.00
Jeremy Judd	\$30.00

Planning/Code Enforcement

Nick Richard	\$37,923.90
Kieth Bennett	\$1,460.00
Wayne Marquis	\$222.50
Rodney Smith	\$100.00

Police Department

Jeffrey Goss	\$56,350.57
Paul Harrison	\$50,447.05
James Avery	\$46,910.15
Zachary Bisson	\$11,659.80
Jason Boulanger	\$3,915.52
Alan Carr	\$43,749.91
*Michelle Emery	\$11,021.16
Nick Gagnon	\$1,004.40
George Gould II	\$291.84
Anthony Keach	\$29,455.05

Public Works

Scott Penney	\$53,149.78
*Chris Arsenault	\$28,932.25
Timothy Estes	\$36,057.39
Robert Goddard	\$3,525.53
Greg Ryder	\$3,251.25
Ronald Tirrell	\$38,682.70

Recreation

Michael Downing	\$1,047.00
Ann Marie Eldridge	\$3,992.00
Amanda Gibson	\$875.00
Paula Glatz	\$2,828.80
Doug Libby	\$352.00

Courtney Marston	\$875.00
Kate Wallingford	\$875.00

Rescue Department

*Jennifer Casey	\$6,163.01
*Melissa Hodgkin	\$511.13
Elwood Strout	\$276.25

Spring Clean Up

Tyler Kimball	\$300.00
Kristopher Lugner	\$300.00
Tyler Merrill	\$300.00
Brian Stevens	\$75.00

Transfer Station

*Kathryn Oak	\$27,494.64
Lydia Fisher	\$9,981.95
Leslie Johnson	\$4,594.25
Dennis Mazurkiewicz	\$72.00
Brian Thurlow-Latham	\$8,439.00

Water Department

Stephen French	\$48,863.97
Carolyn Bennett	\$364.00
Anthony Corey	\$33,967.93
Michelle Emery	\$14,471.76
Jacob Verrill	\$11,724.54

*- indicates an employee has received pay from more than one department. The employee is listed within the department of which they receive the greatest amount of payments.

MUNICIPAL AUDIT

TOWN OF MECHANIC FALLS STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS JUNE 30, 2012

	<u>Primary Government</u>		
	<u>Governmental</u>	<u>Business -</u>	
	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Total</u>
		<u>Activities</u>	
Assets			
Cash	\$ 1,667,083	\$ 74,049	\$ 1,741,132
Accounts Receivable	108,569	0	108,569
Taxes Receivable	178,673	0	178,673
Taxes Lien Receivable	71,052	0	71,052
Inventories	5,310	0	5,310
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>3,375,740</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,375,740</u>
Total Assets	\$ 5,406,427	\$ 74,049	\$ 5,480,476
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	\$ 38,624	\$ 0	\$ 38,624
Accrued Expenses	67,096	0	67,096
Deferred Revenue	727	0	727
Non Current Liabilities:			
Due Within One Year	175,560	0	175,560
Due in More Than One Year	<u>541,051</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>541,051</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ 823,058	\$ 0	\$ 823,058
Net Assets			
<i>Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt</i>	\$ 2,659,129	\$ 0	\$ 2,659,129
<i>Restricted:</i>			
Tax Incremental Financing District	1,550	0	1,550
Unemployment	0	74,049	74,049
<i>Unrestricted</i>	<u>1,922,690</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,922,690</u>
Total Net Assets	\$ 4,583,369	\$ 74,049	\$ 4,657,418

**TOWN OF MECHANIC FALLS
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012**

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets		
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business - Type Activities	Total
Primary Government						
Governmental Activities						
General Government	\$ 370,181	\$ 143,339	\$ 0	\$ (226,842)	\$ 0	\$ (226,842)
Protection	383,916	2,164	0	(381,752)	0	(381,752)
Public Works	278,835	16,642	117,022	(145,171)	0	(145,171)
Fiscal Services	561,693	0	0	(561,693)	0	(561,693)
Community Services	54,952	1,860	14,261	(38,831)	0	(38,831)
Education	1,381,640	5,574	0	(1,376,066)	0	(1,376,066)
Fixed Charges	163,155	0	0	(163,155)	0	(163,155)
Interest on Long - Term Debt	33,065	0	0	(33,065)	0	(33,065)
Depreciation - Unallocated	<u>264,552</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(264,552)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(264,552)</u>
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 3,491,989	\$ 169,579	\$ 131,283	\$ (3,191,127)	\$ 0	\$ (3,191,127)
Business - Type Activities	<u>121</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(121)</u>	<u>(121)</u>
Total Primary Government	\$ 3,492,110	\$ 169,579	\$ 131,283	\$ (3,191,127)	\$ (121)	\$ (3,191,248)
General Revenues						
Property Taxes				\$ 2,930,268	\$ 0	\$ 2,930,268
Grants and Contributions Not Restricted to Special Programs				353,065	0	353,065
Unrestricted Investment Earnings				4,899	158	5,057
Miscellaneous				<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total General Revenues				\$ 3,288,232	\$ 158	\$ 3,288,390
Changes in Net Assets				\$ 97,105	\$ 37	\$ 97,142
Net Assets – July 1, 2011				<u>4,486,264</u>	<u>74,012</u>	<u>4,560,276</u>
Net Assets – June 30, 2012				<u>\$ 4,583,369</u>	<u>\$ 74,049</u>	<u>\$ 4,657,418</u>

**TOWN OF MECHANIC FALLS
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2012**

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets			
Cash	\$ 1,655,501	\$ 11,582	\$ 1,667,083
Taxes Receivable	178,673	0	178,673
Tax Liens Receivable	71,052	0	71,052
Accounts Receivable	108,569	0	108,569
Inventories	5,310	0	5,310
Due from Other Funds	<u>0</u>	<u>535,272</u>	<u>535,272</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 2,019,105</u>	<u>\$ 546,854</u>	<u>\$ 2,565,959</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balance			
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	\$ 38,624	\$ 0	\$ 38,624
Accrued Expenses	35,727	0	35,727
Deferred Revenues	156,727	0	156,727
Due to Other Funds	<u>535,272</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>535,272</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 766,350</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 766,350</u>
Fund Balance			
<i>Reserved, Reported In:</i>			
<i>Nonspendable</i>			
Permanent Funds – Nonexpendable	\$ 0	\$ 1,755	\$ 1,755
<i>Restricted</i>			
Tax Incremental Financing	0	1,550	1,550
<i>Committed</i>			
Capital Projects	0	460,541	460,541
Appropriated Surplus for FY 2012/13	264,223	0	264,223
<i>Unreserved, Reported In:</i>			
<i>Assigned</i>			
Special Revenue Funds	0	73,181	73,181
Permanent Funds, Expendable	0	9,827	9,827
<i>Unassigned</i>			
General Fund	<u>988,532</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>988,532</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$ 1,252,755</u>	<u>\$ 546,854</u>	<u>\$ 1,799,609</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 2,019,105</u>	<u>\$ 546,854</u>	<u>\$ 2,565,959</u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this Statement.

TOWN OF MECHANIC FALLS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues			
Taxes	\$ 2,930,268	\$ 0	\$ 2,930,268
Intergovernmental	390,318	94,030	484,348
Licenses, Permits and Fees	48,615	0	48,615
Charges for Services	24,836	18,011	42,847
Investment Income	3,476	1,423	4,899
Miscellaneous	<u>77,970</u>	<u>147</u>	<u>78,117</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 3,475,483	\$ 113,611	\$ 3,589,094
Expenditures			
<i>Current</i>			
General Government	\$ 338,078	\$ 31,588	\$ 369,666
Protection	374,966	18,193	393,159
Public Works	416,370	523,155	939,525
Fiscal Services	561,693	0	561,693
Education	1,381,640	0	1,381,640
Community Services	46,597	8,355	54,952
Debt Service	205,913	0	205,913
Fixed Charges	163,155	0	163,155
<i>Capital Outlay</i>	<u>77,409</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>77,409</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,565,821	\$ 581,291	\$ 4,147,112
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (90,338)	\$ (467,680)	\$ (558,018)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Operating Transfers	\$ (432,700)	\$ 432,700	\$ 0
Proceeds from Bond Issuance	<u>0</u>	<u>83,150</u>	<u>83,150</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ (432,700)	\$ 515,850	\$ 83,150
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ (523,038)	\$ 48,170	\$ (474,868)
Fund Balance – July 1, 2011	<u>1,775,793</u>	<u>498,684</u>	<u>2,274,477</u>
Fund Balance – June 30, 2012	<u>\$ 1,252,755</u>	<u>\$ 546,854</u>	<u>\$ 1,799,609</u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this Statement.

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #16

Superintendent



REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #16
MECHANIC FALLS • MINOT • POLAND

MICHAEL WILHELM
SUPERINTENDENT

TINA MESERVE
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

January 2013

Dear Citizens of Mechanic Falls,

Since arriving in March, I have very much appreciated the support and contributions the Town of Mechanic Falls has provided RSU #16 and have been impressed by the community spirit that pervades the Elm Street School.

The Elm Street School has benefited from its collaboration with the town. Students visited the Historical Society and learned about their community, the Fire Department provides lessons for Fire Prevention day and the town wrote a grant to give the school playground equipment for the PreK program.

In turn, ESS students are planning a grade 3-6 community service in the spring. They will help local businesses and the town clean up from the winter. To prepare future students for this event, PreK-2nd grade students will work at the Elm Street School as a way to give back to the school community, and 3-6 grade students will work in the town to give back to the larger community. This is ESS's way to say thank you for all of the support we get from the Mechanic Falls community members.

The children have also had opportunities to learn and grow from the school's relationship with the larger RSU #16 District. The RSU #16 Summer School program at Poland Community School provided ESS students with reading support, so that they would not fall behind during the summer months. High School students mentor and tutor students during the year. The Poland Community School and Minot Consolidated School provide opportunities for ESS students to participate in some of their activities and Mechanic Falls does the same for them.

These are examples of specific town and school collaborations during the year, but there are many instances of relationships and sharing that are on-going. The town provides opportunities for high school juniors to perform community service and helps promote RSU #16 events and fund raisers. RSU #16 offers town use of facilities at no charge for community events and recreation.

RSU #16 is grateful for the town's support and looks forward to future opportunities to work together to support the education and recreation of Mechanic Falls' children.

Respectfully,

Michael Wilhelm

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Poland Regional High School



Poland Regional High School

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December 2012

Dear Mechanic Falls Residents;

Poland Regional High School has been working very hard over the past four years to ensure that more of our students experience success in our school. Through the process of developing our RTI (Response to Intervention) program, we have been able to dramatically decrease the numbers of students who drop out of our school. You can access this data on the Maine Department of Education website, but here are our data for the past several years:

- During the 2006-07 school year 48 students dropped out, 8.3% of our school
- During each of the school years between 2008-10, between 20-26 students dropped out, about 4% of our school
- During the 2010-11 school year 12 students dropped out, 2.6% of our school
- For the 2011-12 school year, the numbers aren't official but it looks like we will stay very low again.

Decreasing the number of students who drop out from 48 to 12 is a significant achievement for us and your community! Thanks to the hard work of our staff, more students are staying in school and earning their high school diploma. While we hope that someday our drop out rate will be 0, we will continue to look for creative ways to help our all of our students find success.

In addition, we have spent a great deal of time helping our students access the many educational opportunities that are provided in the area as well as the state. Here are some interesting statistics about what our kids are doing:

- We have 54 students enrolled at Lewiston Regional Technical Center
- We have 20 students taking (or took this summer) 24 college classes
- We have 24 students taking 31 on-line classes
- Last spring 92 students took 129 AP exams. 65% of the students earned a 3 or better (3 is passing).

Our school counselors have done an excellent job making sure every student knows his/her options and they are excellent advocates for our kids as they move on to post-secondary training, college, the military or work. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about PRHS.

Sincerely,
Cari Medd

Mike Wilhelm, Superintendent
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Whittier Middle School

WHITTIER MIDDLE SCHOOL

SHAWN VINCENT - PRINCIPAL



KELLY MARSTON - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

January 2013

Greetings from Whittier Middle School!

Bruce M. Whittier Middle School opened the 2012-2013 school year with 260 seventh and eighth graders from Mechanic Falls, Minot and Poland.

Whittier's curriculum and schedule are built around connecting with every child. We believe that positive relationships make a difference in the level of success students achieve in school. Every student is part of a Roundtable that meets daily. The Roundtable is made up of one teacher and approximately fourteen students. The purposes of the Roundtable are to create a community of learners, to ensure that at least one teacher knows each student well personally and academically, to provide a direct connection to school for every student's family, and to provide a means for addressing grade level and school-wide issues.

Students at Whittier take full-year courses in English language arts, math, science, social studies, and physical education. They also take art, technology education and wellness courses for one trimester per year. Each season brings a new offering of sports for the students. Eighty-two students participated in the fall season and played field hockey, soccer, or ran cross-country. Others played football through the recreation program. In addition, students at Whittier have the opportunity to participate in a number of clubs and activities such as student council, drama, yearbook, technology team, guitar club and math team.

Whittier kicked off a pair of initiatives this year to help encourage healthy choices for our students. For the first time, Whittier, aided by a grant, is offering a universal breakfast program. Most children participate in the breakfast program every morning. Well-fed students are more focused, engaged and ready to learn.

Additionally, the middle school started a full-school running program in mid-September. Staff organized the program to provide more consistent movement and exercise in the students' schedules. After eight weeks of training, students, staff and families were invited to participate in a 5K race in Minot. Two hundred and thirty-four students, staff, family members and friends completed the run/walk.

To support the program, Whittier Middle School received a grant for \$2,500 from ING. The ING Run for Something Better grant is presented to fifty schools across the United States to create or continue school running programs. The intention of the grant is to promote activity and healthy choices for children and to combat childhood obesity.

There is much to celebrate at Whittier this year. On September 10th, Mrs. Shannon Shanning was named 2013 Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Shanning is a special educator in an integrated learning classroom; she is the first special educator and middle school teacher to win the award. Shannon is in her twelfth year teaching in Poland and third at Whittier. Previously, she taught grades 4-6 at Poland Community School. Shannon grew up in Poland and attended Poland Community School as a student.

Whittier also received notification that the students made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) based on the most recent state testing. Only 204 schools out of 584 schools in Maine received the "Making AYP" status this year.

We are extremely proud of the teaching and learning taking place in our school. We have a staff dedicated to the success of our students, and we are seeing positive results and growth every day.

Shawn J. Vincent

Elm Street School

Elm Street School

“Dedicated to Creating a Quality Tomorrow”

129 Elm Street Mechanic Falls, ME 04256
Angie Taylor, Principal

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January 2013

Dear Citizens of Mechanic Falls,

As I complete my second year as principal, I am proud of the accomplishments of our students, the commitment of staff, and the support provided by our community. Last year, provided many challenges stemmed from not meeting AYP in reading for two years in a row; however, the Elm Street community has met this head on by analyzing data, implementing research-based actions and designing new curriculum that increased support in reading. The hard work and commitment resulted in a 9% increase in reading scores from 2011 to 2012. Many factors have played a role in our academic outcomes not the least of which is the current economic times. The high percentage of unemployment and reduced income 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.

The main focus for Elm Street School this year has been on student achievement in reading. Staff have met at grade level teams, discussed data, brainstormed actions that might address needs, and designed personal learning communities (PLCs). In addition to this, teachers received professional development in how to implement and progress monitor literacy using Fountas and Pinnell, which means that all district elementary teachers are using the same literacy assessments and instructional strategies. Further, teachers have met and read *Better Answers & Daily 5* in order to discuss writing strategies and a reading framework. The creation of learning communities has placed a greater emphasis on reviewing data for gaps and identifying strategies that will increase reading comprehension. It is amazing how much growth our students have shown in such a short time. This is evidenced in our increased NECAP results from 3rd -6th grade students. Every grade saw academic increases in math and reading.

In addition to focusing on reading, Elm Street began reviewing special education, Title 1, and looping in an effort to better meet the needs of our student population. Many hours have been spent reviewing test scores, individualized learning plans, and programming options to determine the direction of special education, Title 1, and looping next year.

As the world changes, so does the needs of our students; therefore, it is necessary to consider how we bridge the gap between academics and the real world. It is our goal to prepare students as they transition into adolescents, and part of that process includes teaching them 21st Century Learning Skills.

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.

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, school board, and the dedicated staff of Elm Street School. I am proud to represent our school and community.

Sincerely,

Angie Taylor

Adult Education



RSU 16 ADULT EDUCATION Mechanic Falls ~ Minot ~ Poland

Making a Difference Since 1984

January 2013

Dear Citizens,

Please join me in congratulating the thirty-seven Adult Education students who graduated during the 2011–2012 school year. Our cap and gown graduation ceremony was held on May 4, 2012 at the Elm Street School gymnasium and was well attended by approximately one-hundred friends and family members. Graduates went on to pursue college, employment and other personal goals such as commercial driving, cosmetology, nursing school and military endeavors.

In addition to the High School Diploma and GED® classes offered by core staff in literacy, math and other academic areas, computer classes were conducted and a wide variety of community enrichment classes were held in many special interest areas. Overall, nearly 475 people were served through our program.

We have recently updated our computer lab to include new hardware and software, thanks to a grant received from the collaborative effort of the Maine Office of Adult Education and the ConnectME Authority. We are excited to be able to better serve our students with their computer needs. I encourage you to check out the classes in our Fall and Spring brochures when receiving them in the mail, as we always have something new to offer.

Keep in touch with events and developments in our program by finding us on FaceBook or by checking out our website at <http://mechanicfalls.maineadulted.org/>. Furthermore, if I can be of any assistance to you, please email me at jrose@rsu16.org, call me at 345-3217, or stop by our Learning Center at Elm Street School in Mechanic Falls. Your ideas, support and involvement are always welcome and very much appreciated!

Respectfully,

Jenny H. Rose
Director

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UNPAID PROPERTY TAXES

PERSONAL PROPERTY 2010

LEAF FINANCIAL CORP	\$462.68
TENNANT SALES & SERVICE CO	\$127.28

PERSONAL PROPERTY 2012

HOLBROOK, SHAWN	\$43.00
JIMMY V's STUDIO II	\$29.59

REAL ESTATE LIENS 2012

ALLEN, DIANA G	\$309.58	JOHNSON, ERIC W	\$1,358.37
BARBATO, DOUGLAS	\$66.56	KENDRICK, JAMES E	\$21.24
BEAL, CARROL	\$386.63	LAMBERT, RONALD	\$362.06
BEAULIEU, RAYMOND E	\$884.33	LAMBERT,PATRICIA T HEIRS OF	\$1,318.18
BELL, DANIEL	\$77.80	LEONARD, DAVID	\$1,210.77
BENSON, KRISTINA N	\$1,852.05	LEONARD, DAVID M JR	\$2,031.76
BEST, PHILIP E	\$517.55	LOWE, WALTER A	\$1,534.40
BISBEE, LELAND	\$1,331.17	MARTIN, CYNTHIA A.	\$3,791.53
BLACK, PAMELA	\$793.77	MILLETT, CHARLES	\$2,963.84
CARTER, DONALD	\$1,860.83	O'DONNELL, RICHARD	\$477.90
CARTER, DONALD	\$507.90	PALMER, JEREMY W	\$381.36
CHILDS, CHRISTINE (LE)	\$2,242.76	PARSONS, JENNIFER J	\$3,466.65
COOLIDGE, KEITH	\$624.03	PEARL, CHAD	\$5,659.70
COZZOLINO, MICHAEL	\$309.48	PENNEY, ESTELLE	\$75.29
CRANE, JOYCE E	\$2,096.00	RING, MICHAEL	\$510.71
DAVIDSON, CECELIA A CPI HOUSING	\$1,052.65	ROWE, JULIANNE F	\$2,430.07
DAVIDSON, CECELIA A HIGHLAND AVE	\$1,045.45	SCHMIDT, JEFFREY	\$746.85
DOHERTY-KALLOCH, MARLA	\$492.80	STIMSON, NINA M	\$403.30
DOUGLASS, RACHEL	\$240.68	TAMMARO, RHONDA	\$300.46
DUFOUR, DENIS	\$3,078.45	TARDIF, GERALD A	\$1,199.02
DUHAMEL, KAREN M	\$579.67	TARDIF, SELENA M	\$309.67
GIRARDIN, ALINE	\$140.22	THORNE, CLAIRE	\$880.39
HART, RUSSELL A	\$1,731.31	TIBBETTS, ELVA HEIRS OF	\$1,264.65
HILL-FRANCISCO, DOROTHY	\$2,138.47	TOUSSAINT, RUSSELL E	\$1,613.72
HOFFMAN, TRACI FORECLOSED	\$1,699.19	WILLSON, BRUCE W	\$2,108.28

**REAL ESTATE TAXES 2013
1ST HALF NOT PAID**

ALDEN, SARAH L	\$1,836.19	DUFOUR, DENIS	\$1,631.04
ALLEN, DIANA G	\$159.83	DUHAMEL, KAREN M	\$459.91
ANDOVER COVD. BRIDGE LLC	\$1,150.15	FRASER, JOEL	\$589.34
ANDOVER COVD. BRIDGE, LLC	\$131.52	GAGNON, DAVID	\$422.44
ANDOVER COVD. BRIDGE, LLC	\$6,784.03	GAUTHIER, NORMAND	\$307.35
ANDOVER COVD. BRIDGE, LLC	\$898.94	GEORGE, ROBERT	\$209.54
ANKETELL, SETH	\$139.78	GIRARDIN, ALINE	\$74.51
BARBATO, DOUGLAS	\$73.76	GOLDING, ROBERT J	\$5.10
BARNARD, ROBERT W JR	\$412.07	GOODRICH, MYRON E	\$1,420.68
BEAL, CARROL	\$187.71	GOULET, SUSAN	\$272.38
BEAULIEU, RAYMOND E	\$579.46	GRANT HOLDINGS LLC	\$383.83
BEAULIEU, RAYMOND E	\$60.62	HERSEY, BONNIE	\$154.89
BELL, DANIEL	\$150.04	HILL-FRANCISCO, DOROTHY M	\$423.82
BENNETT, MARISSA	\$15.48	HILL-FRANCISCO, DOROTHY M	\$1,136.25
BENSON, KRISTINA N	\$984.07	HILL-FRANCISCO, DOROTHY M	\$458.05
BERRY, ROBERT C	\$56.94	HOBBS, GREG	\$266.80
BEST, JOHN J.	\$152.45	HOFFMAN, TRACI FORECLOSED	\$902.85
BISBEE, LELAND	\$702.64	JOHNSON, ERIC W	\$721.76
BLACK, PAMELA	\$921.87	JONES, ANGELA A	\$914.77
BRAGDON, PETER & SHARON	\$2,122.91	KENDRICK, JAMES E	\$11.29
BURNS, THOMAS F	\$387.64	KENISTON, HEATH	\$61.55
CALABRESE, BRETT	\$388.11	LAMBERT, RONALD	\$187.71
CARTER, DONALD	\$988.73	LAMBERT, PATRICIA T HEIRS OF	\$695.74
CARTER, DONALD	\$269.87	LEONARD, DAVID M JR	\$1,074.90
CHASE, BRIAN J	\$1,380.97	LEONARD, JOYCE	\$638.67
CHILDS, CHRISTINE (LE)	\$1,251.79	LIBBY, MARY O	\$132.79
CHINNOCK, MARK	\$2,483.62	LOWE, WALTER A	\$810.62
COFFIN, WALTER HEIRS OF	\$46.63	MAHER, WILLIAM & ZACHARY	\$1,008.50
COLBERT, GEORGE D	\$1,268.39	MANCHESTER, JOHN L	\$152.93
COLON, CARLOS	\$40.66	MARTIN, CYNTHIA A.	\$2,108.22
CONANT, NEAL R	\$591.85	MCINNIS, SHIRLEY K	\$1,106.13
COOLIDGE, KEITH	\$1,088.60	MESADEAN INC	\$431.10
COPP, DONALD L	\$1,205.73	MILLETT, CHARLES	\$1,567.35
COPP, DONALD L	\$891.66	MITCHELL, BREE ANNE	\$93.91
COZZOLINO, MICHAEL	\$234.15	MORRELL, EUGENE L	\$568.08
CPI HOUSING FUND LLC	\$559.32	MULLDUNE, MARYANN	\$97.09
CRANE, JOYCE E	\$1,113.69	NAZARENE CHURCH	\$5.21
CROCKETT, DONALD	\$261.38	PARSONAGE	
CUMMINS, HEIRS OF JOHN B	\$479.77	O'DONNELL, RICHARD	\$1,344.39
CUMMINS, HEIRS OF JOHN B	\$1,139.52	PALMER, JEREMY W	\$197.97
DAVIDSON, CECELIA A	\$831.23	PARSONS, JENNIFER J	\$837.45
DAVIS, SCOTT	\$223.62	PARSONS, JENNIFER J	\$1,841.97
DECKER, SCOTT	\$7.77	PEARL, CHAD	\$3,002.56
DLR'S SILVER SPUR, LLC	\$139.13	PEARL, CHARLES	\$679.10
DOHERTY-KALLOCH, MARLA J	\$257.19	PEARL, CHARLES JR	\$509.80
DOUGLASS, RACHEL	\$203.47	PELLETIER, GLORIA A	\$502.15
DOWNES, ANTHONY J	\$775.90	PELLETIER, GLORIA A	\$1,512.24
DUFOUR, BARBARA	\$99.22	PENNEY, ESTELLE	\$40.01

PORTER, ROBERT L	\$1,054.53	TARDIF, SELENA M	\$941.73
POST, BRUCE	\$437.81	TAYLOR, CLARENCE	\$594.00
POWERS, STEVEN	\$1,179.62	THORNE, HEIRS OF CLAIRE	\$1,077.32
RATTE, GAETAN	\$194.34	TIBBETTS, ELVA HEIRS OF	\$671.96
RING, MICHAEL	\$266.70	TIME WARNER, NY CABLE LLC	\$696.02
RIVARD, DANIEL R	\$900.38	TIME WARNER, NY CABLE LLC	\$1,207.22
ROBBINS, ANDREW L	\$89.62	TOUSSAINT, RUSSELL E	\$852.77
ROWE, JULIANNE F	\$1,427.19	TUFTS, LORRAINE	\$982.86
ROWE, HEIRS OF EDITH	\$867.79	TURCOTTE, TIMOTHY H	\$822.00
SCHMIDT, JEFFREY	\$583.00	TWITCHELL, PRISCILLA	\$51.57
SMITH, FOREST B	\$872.08	VADEBONCOEUR, JAMES C	\$12.03
SPH PROPERTIES, LLC.	\$903.49	WHEELER, TRACY ROSE	\$242.45
ST HILAIRE, RAYMOND	\$1,263.63	WHITE, BEVERLY E	\$1,138.03
STIMSON, NINA M	\$214.29	WILBUR, STEVEN	\$654.06
STOTTS, MARK S	\$1,080.86	WILCOX, RICHARD	\$562.77
STROUT, GLADYS E	\$164.90	WILLSON, BRUCE W	\$1,115.55
TAMMARO, RHONDA	\$154.98	WING, RICHARD E	\$810.90
TARDIF, GLORIA J	\$632.42	WING, RICHARD E	\$510.09

SUPPLEMENTAL TAXES 2013
1ST HALF NOT PAID

BEAL, CARROL	\$2,816.71
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PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES 2013
1ST HALF NOT PAID

ANDOVER COVERED BRIDGE, LLC	\$416.77
DLR'S SILVER SPUR LLC	\$44.47
FENNESSY, SHEILA	\$64.13
GRANT HOLDINGS	\$443.70
HARVEST HILL FARMS	\$1,677.10
HOLBROOK, SHAWN	\$55.02
JOE ZAPPER'S THE CREATIVE EDGE	\$8.30

BUDGET SUMMARY (Proposed)

	2010-11 APPROVED	2011-12 APPROVED	2012-13 APPROVED	2011-12 ACTUALS	2013-14 PROPOSED	NET CHANGE
BUDGET CATEGORIES						
Boards and Council	\$11,901	\$12,327	\$12,372	\$10,960	\$12,055	-\$317
Legal Services	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$5,068	\$7,500	\$0
Municipal Complex	\$81,024	\$86,512	\$82,681	\$77,322	\$80,560	-\$2,121
Town Clerk / Elections	\$131,327	\$132,845	\$136,826	\$132,610	\$137,670	\$844
Town Manager	\$65,137	\$65,885	\$67,695	\$66,905	\$68,407	\$712
Utilities	\$125,140	\$209,540	\$167,340	\$210,641	\$167,340	\$0
Code Enforcement / Planning	\$43,191	\$43,915	\$45,259	\$43,301	\$45,989	\$730
Library	\$21,267	\$24,087	\$24,252	\$15,825	\$24,081	-\$171
Recreation	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$2,976	\$3,500	\$0
Social Services / Welfare	\$25,095	\$25,095	\$25,095	\$27,796	\$24,925	-\$170
Assessor	\$19,050	\$19,800	\$19,800	\$20,225	\$21,300	\$1,500
Auditor	\$6,000	\$6,800	\$6,600	\$6,600	\$6,600	\$0
Contingency	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$6,906	\$10,000	\$0
Debt Service	\$212,650	\$206,864	\$198,993	\$205,913	\$154,106	-\$44,887
Pensions / Insurances	\$305,884	\$320,990	\$330,721	\$317,321	\$377,622	\$46,901
Animal Control	\$5,100	\$8,138	\$8,138	\$7,287	\$8,238	\$100
Dispatcher	\$10,190	\$10,440	\$42,502	\$10,341	\$33,020	-\$9,482
EMA	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$697	\$850	\$100
Fire Department	\$56,620	\$59,069	\$62,950	\$58,012	\$63,200	\$250
Police Department	\$288,275	\$295,719	\$299,366	\$293,391	\$299,593	\$227
Rescue	\$22,556	\$22,946	\$21,806	\$16,418	\$21,385	-\$421
Health Officer	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$500	\$750	\$0
Public Works	\$285,667	\$309,448	\$319,590	\$300,298	\$319,477	-\$113
Solid Waste	\$110,949	\$115,350	\$114,402	\$115,575	\$116,580	\$2,178
County Tax	\$154,340	\$161,012	\$160,631	\$161,011	\$159,503	-\$1,128
GENERAL FUND	\$2,000,863	\$2,156,282	\$2,169,519	\$2,113,899	\$2,164,251	-5,268
CIP BUDGET	\$99,000	\$79,000	\$62,015	\$283,109	\$5,600	-56,415
RESERVES BUDGET	\$0	\$205,700	\$202,208	\$0	\$58,500	-143,708
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,099,863	\$2,440,982	\$2,433,742	\$2,397,008	\$2,228,351	-205,391
APPLIED REVENUES	\$776,740	\$772,622	\$822,130	\$820,083	\$686,255	-135,875
APPLIED FUND BALANCE	\$212,650	\$345,717	\$308,316	\$345,717	\$144,000	-164,316
NET TO BE RAISED	\$1,110,473	\$1,322,643	\$1,303,296	\$1,231,208		94,800

SAMPLE BALLOT – BUDGET REFERENDUM

DRAFT BALLOT

MUNICIPAL ELECTION
TOWN OF MECHANIC FALLS
JUNE 11, 2013

YES ← - NO ← -	To see if the Town will fix the dates of on or before October 15, 2013 that the first half of annual taxes be due, and on or before May 15, 2014 when the second half of annual taxes shall be due and payable, and to see if the Town will fix a rate of 7% interest per annum to be charged on taxes unpaid after said dates.
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 \$ 686,255 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 \$12,055 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 \$7,500 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 \$80,560 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 \$137,670 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 \$68,407 for Town Manager Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← - NO ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$167,340 for Utilities Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← - NO ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$45,989 for Code Enforcement and Planning Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← - NO ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$24,081 for Public Library Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← - NO ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$3,500 for Recreation Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← - NO ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$24,925 for Welfare Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← - NO ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$21,300 for Assessor Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← - NO ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$6,600 for Auditor Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← - NO ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$10,000 for Contingency Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)

YES ← - NO ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$10,106 and expend \$144,000 from fund balance for Debt Service Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← - NO ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$377,622 for Pensions and Insurances Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← - NO ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$8,238 for Animal Control Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← - NO ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$33,020 for Dispatcher Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← - NO ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$850 for Emergency Management Agency Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← - NO ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$63,200 for Fire Department Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← - NO ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$299,593 for Police Department Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← - NO ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$21,385 for Rescue Department Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← - NO ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$750 for Health Officer Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← - NO ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$319,477 for Public Works Department Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← - NO ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$116,580 for Solid Waste Department Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)

YES ← - NO ← -	To see if the Town will vote to expend from fund balance \$5,600 for Capital Improvements Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend)
YES ← - NO ← -	To see if the Town will vote to expend from fund balance \$58,500 for Reserves Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend)
YES ← - NO ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$159,503 for Androscoggin County Tax Assessment. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)

