

ANNUAL REPORT



2010-11

Town of Mechanic Falls

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Annual Report

OF THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
AND
SUPERINTENDANT OF SCHOOLS

FOR THE PERIOD
JANUARY 1, 2011 TO DECEMBER 31, 2011

INCLUDING THE FINANCIAL REPORTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 2010 TO JUNE 30, 2011



Mechanic Falls Town Office

ANNUAL REPORT DEDICATION



Mary Martin

This year's town report has been dedicated to Mary Martin. A long time, well respected teacher and administrator at Elm Street School, Mary retired after 27 years of service in June of 2011.

Mary was born November 23, 1952 to Francis and Eleanor Small. She was a former student of Elm Street, attended Edward Little High School, and earned her teaching and Master's degrees from the University of Southern Maine. She married Forrest Martin in 1973 and they have two daughters, Sarah and Amy and three grand children, Elliot, and twins Ivy and Vivian. The timing of Mary's retirement

allowed her to assist her daughter Amy when she brought the newborn twins home.

She began her teaching career in Oxford Hills, was hired as a second grade teacher at Elm Street School in 1984 and in 1997 was hired as the school's Principal. Mary will always be know as a pillar of strength for the school and for her love of the kids. Her calm, compassionate demeanor, commitment to superior education and her ongoing promotion to the importance of community set her well above the standard for school administrators. Her leadership skills, techniques and qualities were frequently referred to and used as an example in the education profession. In the spring of 2005, she was recognized as one of Maine's finest; Elementary Principal of the Year, by the Maine Principal's Association and was also honored by the National Association of Elementary School Principals in Washington DC.

"It was always important to listen to what Mary had to say because when she needed something for the school, there was never a reason to second guess her judgment. Her relationship with the community was rock solid. The respect that she had earned from her staff, students, parents and community members was unwavering. She will always be remembered as one of the prominent people who helped shaped our town for the better and Elm Street School will never be quite the same without her." – John Hawley

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	
2001/02	92,250,000
2002/03	93,450,000
2003/04	105,800,000
2004/05	118,850,000
2005/06	125,500,000
2006/07	141,350,000
2007/08	155,700,000
2008/09	163,750,000
2009/10	166,150,000
2010/11	166,550,000
2011/12	158,550,000

Tax Commitment	
2001/02	1,895,589
2002/03	2,090,902
2003/04	2,302,892
2004/05	2,451,786
2005/06	2,486,440
2006/07	2,562,732
2007/08	2,605,930
2008/09	2,556,611
2009/10	2,465,800
2010/11	2,539,785
2011/12	2,571,996

Municipal Valuation	
2001/02	78,235,170
2002/03	79,805,432
2003/04	82,246,133
2004/05	83,965,286
2005/06	131,557,680
2006/07	135,568,928
2007/08	137,864,855
2008/09	139,705,496
2009/10	141,712,679
2010/11	144,717,137
2011/12	147,314,147

Tax Rate / \$1,000	
2001/02	26.20
2002/03	26.20
2003/04	28.00
2004/05	29.20
2005/06	18.90
2006/07	18.90
2007/08	18.90
2008/09	18.30
2009/10	17.40
2010/11	17.55
2011/12	17.55

HOURS OF OPERATION

Town Office

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

Transfer Station

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

Library

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

Water Department

Monday – Friday 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM

GENERAL INFORMATION

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

Budget Adoption: Referendum Voting, Second Tuesday in June

Fiscal Year: July 1st to June 30th

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Meeting Schedules:	
Town Council – First Monday, 7 PM	Library Trustees - First Wednesday, 7 PM
Planning Board – Third Monday, 6 PM	Historical Society – Fourth Wednesday, 6:30 PM
Development Comm. – Second Monday, 7 PM	Charter Commission – As Needed
Recreation Committee – Second Thursday, 7 PM	Safety Committee – Quarterly, 9 AM
Board of Appeals – As Needed	Fire & Rescue – Second Monday, 7 PM
Community Day Committee – Monthly Jan-June	Revenues/ Energy Committee – Varies Monthly
Sanitary District Trustee – Second Monday, 7 PM	Budget Committee – As Needed

ELECTED OFFICIALS

(As of December 31, 2011)

Town Council	
Louis Annance	2013
Daniel Blanchard, Chair	2014
Cathy Fifield	2014
Nancy Richard	2012
Robert Small	2013

Regional School Unit #16 Directors	
Terri Arsenault	2013
Carl Beckett	2012
Jennifer Boenig (1 year term)	2013
Melissa Hodgkin	2012
Jacques Wiseman	2014

Sanitary District Trustees	
Michael Baird, Chair	2013
Roger Guptill	2014
Wayne Marquis	2012
Randall Plummer	2012
Gary Purington	2013

APPOINTED COMMITTEES

Budget Committee	
Oliver Emery	2014
Sue Goulet	2013
Tom Kuklinski	2013
Bonnie Payette, Chair	2012
Ed Piirainen	2013
Vacant	2012
Vacant	2014

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, Chair	2012
Matthew Gary	2013
John Hawley	2012
Jeff Martin	2013
Derek Thebarga	2013
Scott Lessard	2014
Vacant	2012

Planning Board	
Paula Bolduc	2012
Lou Goulet	2013
Jeremy Judd	2013
Arthur Montana, Chair	2012
Keith Morse	2013
Paula Stotts	2014
John Straight	2014
Vacant, Alternate	2012
Vacant, Alternate	2014

Development Commission	
Michael Baird, Chair	2014
Brenda Coleman	2013
Jon Damon	2013
Stuart Davis	2012
Tim Dean	2014
Vacant	2012

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

Board of Appeals	
Ed Piirainen	2013
Thomas Walton	2014
Martha Wiseman	2013
Donald York	2012
Vacant	2012
Vacant	2014

Historical Society	
Kenneth Carlin	2013
James Craig	2013
Matthew Gary	2012
Eriks Petersons, Pres.	2012
Nancy Petersons	2014
Jennifer Raymond	2014
Joan Walton	2013
Jean Williams	2013
Vacant	2012

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

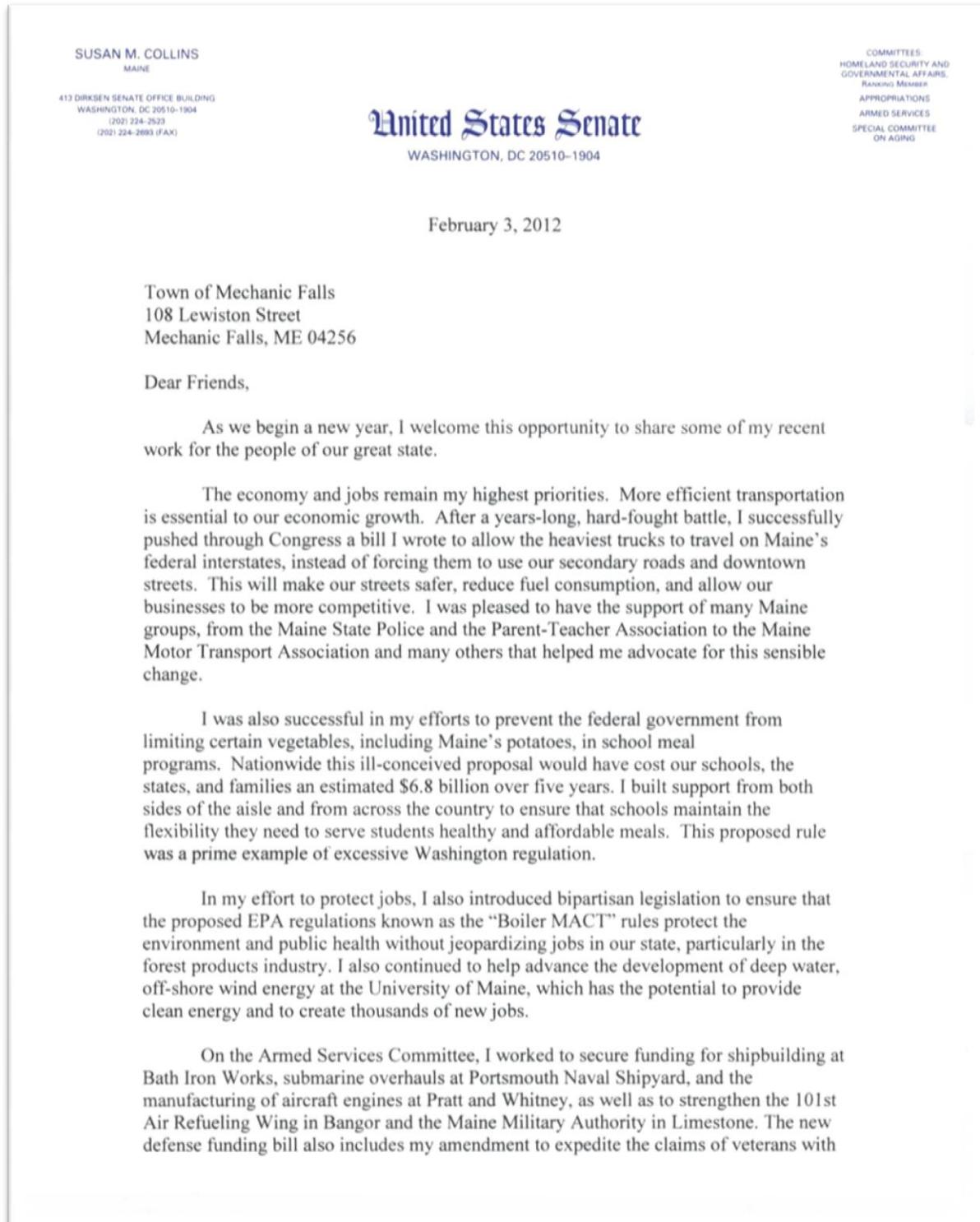
Charter Commission	
Jennifer Boenig	2013
William Diehl	2013
Oliver Emery	2013
Peter Ford	2013
Roger Guptill	2013
Michael Needham	2013
Randall Plummer	2013
Gary Purington, Chair	2013
Lawrence Newth	2013

Community Day Committee
Louis Annance
Michelle Emery
Sue Goulet
Pam Grondin
Nancy Guptill
Jennifer Kyllonen
Shirley Marquis
Nancy Petersons
Rachel Verrill

Comprehensive Plan Update Committee			
Michael Baird	Cathy Griffiths	Paula Stotts	
Steve Bolduc	Mary Martin	Joan Walton	
David Griffiths	Arthur Montana	Sarah Walton	
Shirley Marquis	Robert Small	Nick Richard	John Hawley

ELECTED GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

U. S. Senator Susan Collins



severe disabilities like the soldier I met who is suffering from ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

Last year, the President signed legislation I coauthored creating a national plan for combating Alzheimer's disease, which affects more than five million Americans and their families. In another health-related development, at my urging, the Food and Drug Administration allowed clinical trials to begin on the artificial pancreas, a device that could dramatically improve the health and quality of life for people with Type I diabetes.

Many Mainers have contacted me to express concern about the Postal Service, which is the linchpin of a nearly \$1 trillion mailing industry that employs 8.6 million people. I've sponsored bipartisan legislation to rescue the U.S. Postal Service from financial failure next year. This bill provides flexibility to the USPS to restructure itself in an effort to save billions of dollars and preserve universal postal service for all Americans, no matter where they live.

In December, I cast my 4,825th consecutive vote, making me the longest currently serving Senator never to have missed a vote. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the Town of Mechanic Falls and Maine in the United States Senate.

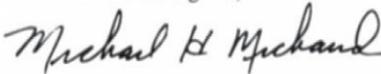
If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Lewiston state office at (207) 784-6969, or visit my website at <http://collins.senate.gov>. May 2012 be a good year for your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

U. S. Congressman Mike Michaud

<p>MICHAEL H. MICHAUD 2ND DISTRICT, MAINE</p>	<p>Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515</p>	<p>COMMITTEES: VETERANS' AFFAIRS 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</p>
<p>WASHINGTON OFFICE 1724 LONGWORTH HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON, DC 20515 PHONE: (202) 225-6306 FAX: (202) 225-2943 www.michaud.house.gov</p>	<p>January 17, 2012</p>	
<p>Dear Mechanic Falls residents and friends,</p>		
<p>These days I'm as frustrated as anyone with the partisan gridlock in Washington. Even the most routine congressional functions, such as passing budgets, are caught up in irresponsible political games. One way to stop this is a bill I am pushing that would make sure members of Congress wouldn't get paid if they fail to pass budget and appropriation bills on time. It is time for Congress to get serious and show some common sense.</p>		
<p>Yet, despite congressional dysfunction, I'm pleased to report progress on a number of initiatives important to Maine. Last year, Congress passed the Small Business Jobs Act, which included my amendment to ensure Maine small business lending agencies qualified for funding under the bill. As a result, Maine received \$13.2 million last September to support small business development. Since a requirement of the funding was to match every federal dollar with 10 additional dollars, that one investment is expected to spur \$132 million in small business lending in our state.</p>		
<p>My work in support of our nation's veterans continues to be very important to me. Last October, the House passed a measure I authored to ensure that severely disabled and elderly veterans are able to get the care they need at Maine's state veterans' homes. I'm pleased that it passed unanimously in the House, and I'm hopeful the Senate acts on it soon.</p>		
<p>We still have much work to do to create jobs and grow our national and state economies. Last year, I visited many Maine manufacturers and received a tremendous amount of valuable feedback. After these visits, and having heard back from over 85 Maine companies that filled out an online survey I created, it was made clear to me that legislative action is needed at the federal level to do more to boost our manufacturers and the positive impact they have on our economy.</p>		
<p>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 my Lewiston office at 207-782-3704. 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.</p>		
<p>Thank you again for the opportunity to represent you in Congress.</p>		
<p>With warmest regards,</p>		
		
<p>Mike Michaud Member of Congress</p>		
<p>BANGOR: 6 State Street, Suite 101 Bangor, ME 04401 Phone: (207) 942-6935 Fax: (207) 942-5907</p>	<p>LEWISTON: 179 Lisbon Street, Ground Floor Lewiston, ME 04240 Phone: (207) 782-3704 Fax: (207) 782-5330</p>	<p>PRESQUE ISLE: 445 Main Street Presque Isle, ME 04769 Phone: (207) 764-1036 Fax: (207) 764-1060</p>
<p>WATERVILLE: 16 Common Street Waterville, ME 04901 Phone: (207) 873-5713 Fax: (207) 873-5717</p>		

Senator Garrett Mason



Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me to work for the citizens of Mechanic Falls and our region. Representing your interests in the Maine State has been truly rewarding. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be your voice in Augusta.

When Republicans took their oath of office last December, we promised to move Maine in a new direction and to make our state more prosperous and affordable to all Mainers. Lawmakers also faced dire budget projections of a billion dollar shortfall. Many doubted we could attain anything substantive with the obstacles before us. Instead of looking at quick-fix solutions to the problems before us, we met our challenges head on by rolling up our sleeves and working together. Over the months that ensued, the Legislature approved a number of significant reform measures to our health insurance market, tax policies, and state regulations.

Looking back at the results of the First Regular Session, I believe legislators made significant strides in addressing Maine's most pressing needs during extremely difficult times. We did so while avoiding a government shutdown and the polarizing situations that occurred in other states. Leadership made the decision early on in the session that we would insist on a two-thirds budget and we would create a culture of inclusion, respect and consensus. We increased state funding to local schools by \$65 million, brought solvency to the retiree pension system, insisted on more transparency and accountability at the Maine Turnpike Authority, and paid back our local hospitals millions of dollars that had been owed to them for years. We worked hard to deliver the changes we promised, and we succeeded.

Though important progress has been made, lawmakers have a great deal of work ahead them when they return to Augusta in January. The most daunting task will be addressing a staggering \$120 million shortfall within the Department of Health and Human Services and its MaineCare program. In terms of all spending, MaineCare accounts for 32 percent of the state budget and enrollment is expected to grow at more than three times the rate of our revenues over the next four years. Difficult structural changes to the MaineCare program must be made soon; but I am confident that if we continue to work together as we did last year, we can return MaineCare back to a sustainable and quality system that protects Maine's most at-risk citizens.

Again, thank you for entrusting me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me if you ever need my help in navigating the state bureaucracy. I can be reached in Augusta at 287-1505 or by e-mail at Sen.Garrett.Mason@Legislature.Maine.com.

Sincerely,

Garrett P. Mason
Maine State Senator

Representative Jim Hamper

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State House E-mail:

RepJames.Hamper@legislature.maine.gov

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

As I return to Augusta for the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature, I would like to thank you for the honor of representing our community at the Capitol. With your input, I look forward to building on the good work achieved during the Legislature's First Regular Session.

The First Regular Session of the Legislature was a busy one, as we faced many difficult issues and decisions. I enjoyed hearing your views over the phone, reading your letters and responding to your e-mails. I believe you will be pleased with the accomplishments achieved by the Legislature so far. My colleagues and I were able to pass important legislation with strong bipartisan support. These initiatives included tax reform, a budget passed with near unanimous support, regulatory reform, welfare reform and pension reform that cut in half our state's \$4 billion unfunded pension liability. I believe these efforts will set the tone for the upcoming session as we continue our work toward restoring good governing principles to state government.

I encourage you to visit the Legislature's website, <http://maine.gov/legis/>, for up-to-date bill status information, public hearing dates, roll call votes on legislation and links to live video and audio broadcasts. This is an excellent way to stay involved in state government.

Please take note that I will continue to send legislative updates via regular mail and e-mail throughout the year to all who would like to stay informed. If you wish to receive these updates, please contact me at RepJames.Hamper@legislature.maine.gov and provide the applicable postal and e-mail addresses to which they should be sent.

As always, I look forward to seeing you around the community at town meetings and events. I encourage you to contact me anytime with your opinions, questions or suggestions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "James M. Hamper". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James M. Hamper
State Representative

District 100 Mechanic Falls, Otisfield and Oxford

REPORT OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Greetings,

Each municipal year seems to get busier and busier and shorter and shorter. This past year was certainly no exception. Here is a summary of what kept us so busy.

With the financial assistance of grant funds from Efficiency Maine and the Department of Conservation and Forestry, a total of about \$141,000, we were able to take on a number of projects targeted to save money for the community by reducing some of our energy losses. Some of the modifications that have been made are visible, some are not. The two that most people can see are the new wood pellet silo that was installed on the back of the town office building for the wood pellet furnace and the glass foyer inside the building. The wood pellet boiler is projected to save \$19,000 a year just by not burning oil. This savings is based on a per gallon price of \$3.25, so as the price of oil continues to increase, so does our savings. The new foyer has proved to be a huge insulator. This almost completely eliminates the intrusion of cold air into the building each time the front doors are opened. The projects that you can't see are the installation of fiberglass insulation on the drop ceilings of the third floor, the replacement of the electric hot water heaters with on-demand propane water heaters, wrap insulation on heating pipes, decommissioning of our programmable thermostats, occupancy sensor light switches, LED and CFL light bulbs, and energy smart power outlet strips. We have been tracking our energy expenses for the last couple of years and will use those benchmarks to determine the success of our improvements over the next couple of years.

We tackled two road construction projects this past summer. One planned, the other not. Edwards Road was scheduled for full replacement this year and our public works crew, with some assistance from Poland public works hauling gravel, completely dug out four feet of the old road base and replaced it with new gravel. The new gravel vastly improved the drainage courses. Poor drainage was the culprit for the deterioration in the first place. The road was repaved with three inches of new pavement. Road construction industry standards estimate the building of a road at \$100 per linear foot. At 1,780 feet long, we were looking at a hefty bill if we had contracted the work out. We accomplished the job for less than \$90,000 with our own equipment and talent. The lower section of Elm Street was a project we hadn't planned on but it made financial sense to grind and repave at the same time the sanitary district was doing their work. We ended up with base improvement and pavement from Park Street to the railroad tracks.

After several years of saving our money and with some leniency from the Department of Environmental Protection, we were finally able to construct our long overdue salt storage shed. Road salt used to be stored in a small garage-like structure that could only accommodate two truckloads of salt. The garage was too close to the river and therefore was in violation of the Shoreland Zoning rules. Our minimal storage capacity had been problematic during long winter storms and the increased demand from all the communities during these storms sometimes made it difficult for us to get what we needed in a timely manner. The new green sided building behind the town office was constructed

for \$56,000 and has the ability to store our whole winter's supply. We can also store any surplus through the off season to help combat increased pricing for the next season.

We revamped our municipal web page this past year. For those who have never used it, you won't see much of a difference, but for those who have seen it in the past but haven't been back for a while, you will notice a fresh new layout that includes pictures from around town, a new, easier to use event's calendar, the addition of Council meetings agendas, minutes and budget summaries. In this ever growing age of increased use of technology we will continue to explore adding services to the web page for greater convenience.

Unlike the communities in Oxford County, Mechanic Falls will not directly benefit from the profits of the new casino. The town of Oxford rezoned all the properties on Route 26 to allow for business development. On our side of the town line, all the properties were strictly residential. In preparation for the opening of the new casino on Route 26 in Oxford we felt it was appropriate to expand our ability to offer commercial growth opportunity so that we too would have the ability for development that could offer additional tax revenue. Route 26 from five corners to the Oxford town line was rezoned this year to allow for both residential and commercial uses. This keeps us competitive and offers a fair playing field. Folks who live in that rezoned area will continue to have their property valued at the residential rates until such time that they sell their land and it's converted for commercial use.

Due to a number of issues regarding handicapped accessibility, fire protection and renovation restrictions, it was necessary for us to close our public library downtown this year. This was rather bitter-sweet for most people and it was a tough decision to walk away from the location that had been home to the library for so many years. The library moved into the town office building after some minor renovations and has settled in quite nicely. The new location offers plenty of off-street parking, greater handicapped accessibility, full fire protection, and greater energy efficiency.

This past fall we installed a new back-up well for our public water supply. The old back-up well had a fixed strainer at the bottom of the well that had become plugged up over the years. After many different attempts to clean it, to improve water flow, we were unsuccessful. A new well was drilled and with today's technology and components we will have an adequate backup system for many years to come. We are so fortunate to have the same water flow through our pipes that is bottled by a local bottling plant that is sold around the world.

On behalf of the rest of the Council, I wish to thank all the municipal staff for the great job they do year after year. It is because of their budget conscious attitudes and hard work that we have managed to keep our tax rate stable for so many years.

Daniel Blanchard
Town Council Chairman

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Each year at this time when I sit down to write this report I am at awe of how fast the year has passed. It seems like I just wrote one of these until I take a look back and review everything we have accomplished this year. I won't go into all the details because Councilman Blanchard hits the high points with his report but it was a busy year for all of us, which I guess is why it feels like it went by so fast.

Voter Participation

One of the things I am most proud of this year was our voter turnout for our budget referendum. You have heard me gripe over the years about the decline of participation in the local government process and how the annual municipal and school budgets were being decided on by less than 2% of our population. Well a few years ago, I lobbied heavily to the Charter Commission in favor of doing away with town meeting and replacing it with ballot voting. There was some reluctance and I understood that by doing so we would be changing the history of this town forever. More importantly however was an opportunity to get more people involved. Some folks were intimidated by the town meeting process. They didn't like other people knowing how they voted when they would raise their hand for an article. Some were uncomfortable casting a vote and then being judged by others for how they voted. Attendance at town meeting declined to just a small amount of citizens when you subtracted out Council, committee members and the staff that had to be there. For the past ten years the average attendance at town meetings was 60 people (including the folks required to be there). When voters came to the polls last June to vote referendum style on the municipal budget 256 ballots were cast. For the first time in a very long time, we had a greater percentage of the voters give their opinion on how tax dollars should be spent. Was this a move in the right direction? Give us a few more years to gather statistics and I'll let you know but it appears we are off to a good start.

Dispatch Consolidation

You have been hearing and reading about dispatch consolidation in Androscoggin County for the past several years. I have now served on a number of committees looking into this and each of the committees has been unsuccessful in coming to a conclusive plan. The primary reason for the failure is finance. None of the committees have been able to come up with a decent cost structure that could adequately and fairly distribute the costs of such a center. Some of these previous studies have had funding formulas that would have increased our fees to as much as \$92,000 additionally each year.

To make a very long story shorter, our police department has had its dispatching service provided by the Androscoggin sheriff's department for better than 30 years. It has always been paid for by our county tax. More recently, the large communities in the county who have their own police departments and have their own dispatch services have challenged the authority of the County government to provide dispatching service to communities with police departments at no additional cost. Essentially what they are suggesting is that we have been getting our police dispatching for free for all these years. The Town Council and I agree that maybe we have been receiving this service at a

really good price and that we wouldn't be opposed to paying our fair share...if the price was reasonable and fair.

As I write this, the issue is still debatable and we are waiting to see if the County Commissioners are going to decide to leave things as they are or decide to change the structure of county dispatch. Either way, I expect we will see a change in the next year. Hopefully, it's not going to cost us an arm and a leg but due to the anticipated increase I have added funding to the proposed dispatch budget using the best rates that have been offered to us thus far.

Slush Fund

I would like to offer some clarification regarding the Town's "Slush Fund". You often hear that the town has all kinds of money stashed away and we use it on a whim when we see fit. And you know what, that is partially true. This so called slush fund is actually what we call our fund-balance. I'm not sure where the name ever came from but the fund is replenished using surplus funds from the previous budget year.

The fund balance account is required for all municipalities and essentially is a safety net that is created to cover all the operational expenses of a town in the event of a major disaster. Let's say for example we have an unlikely incident, such as a tornado in the month of May that wipes out half the town. It is probable that people will not be able to continue to pay their taxes and therefore leave the town with reduced operating funds. The municipal services that would be critical in our time of need such as Public Works, Police, Fire and Rescue would shut down. There would be little money to operate these departments without the fund balance account during such a critical time of need.

Different municipalities have different philosophies as to how much should be in that account but the rule of thumb seems to be narrowed down to having at least three months but not more than six months worth of funds. We are content with three months and so is our auditor. So how does the money get into that account? Each year we prepare a budget that we believe we need to cover all the costs associated with operating the municipality. There are some years when we use most of that money but some of the time, due to our own conservation and circumstances in our favor (mild winters) we don't spend the entire budget. The left over funds automatically drop into the fund balance account. We also have to predict what we would receive for revenues for the year. These are in the form of registrations, licensing and locally imposed fees. We always plan for lower than what we think we will receive just to be on the safe side. Any funds received over what we predicted also drop into the fund balance account.

Mechanic Falls should have about \$800 thousand in our fund balance to satisfy our three month safety net. The last several years however that account has grown and at one point reached \$1.4 million. So why don't we just give back the extra money to the tax payers? Well we do... by not raising our municipal tax rate each year. What we have done, is taken those surplus funds to make our annual debt payments on bonds, replenish our capital reserve accounts for the future purchases of our largest municipal vehicles and equipment, and taken care of smaller capital projects that we put off in years when we weren't so prosperous. The use of these funds is only recommended by us, and you the

voters, have had the final say when approving the budget. By doing so, there is no need to raise the tax rate and we still have all our needs covered.

Web Page

This past year, we invested in improvements our municipal web page. This allowed us to get away from a standard cookie cutter style page and enabled us to incorporate our municipal colors and photos that best represent us. We have also been trying to keep it updated so that you are getting the most current information that is available. Keep in mind that we are a small staff and some of the pages get a little out dated. More importantly, we try to stay on top of the events calendar so that folks are aware of the public meetings.



We have also added the tax assessing information this past year. In collaboration with our assessing agent John O’Donnell Associates, all the tax maps and individual parcels are now accessible from the comfort of your home or office. As time goes on, we will be attaching additional information to the individual property files such as septic plans, construction permits, and other information pertinent to the property. This is a work in progress and will take some time.

A new feature we hope to have in place for summer of 2012 will be the ability to conduct some municipal business online including paying for taxes, permits and licenses with credit, debit cards and checks. Not all municipal business can be conducted on line and do require the office visit and we certainly understand those folks who are reluctant to jump into cyber payments. We will not be

reducing any staff, or hours so you will still have access to a live person if you need it. Hopefully, it will reduce some of the wait time for those that come during busy periods of the day.

You can also sign up to receive e-mails about upcoming important dates, reminders of elections, events in the community and anything else we happen to send out. Look for the email sign up link on the top of our home page just below the pictures. Take a look if you haven't and let us know what you think - mechanicfalls.govoffice.com.

Nutshell

I would like to express a grateful thank you. I am now in my seventh year as your town manager and although not all of my days are rosy, I still enjoy coming to work each day knowing that you have entrusted me to look after the best interest of our home. Bill Cosby once said, "I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody." It took me several years to recognize this until I realized it was more important to focus my energies on the community as a whole. There is always going to be a small contingent of folks who will just never be happy with whatever we in government do. I appreciate those citizens that have been extremely supportive, the fantastic folks who unselfishly volunteer their precious time to serve on our boards and committees and to my staff. As a whole, we are a great team and it is a pleasure for me to be part of it. Thank you.

John Hawley
Town Manager



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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 ordinance.

Last year I reported that the Planning Board met 6 times. This year the Planning Board met 8 times to review development applications for new business and additions to existing businesses as well as hold workshops to amend the ordinance.

The year started off in a busy fashion as we had meetings each month from January to June. The Board did not meet again until November and December. The January meeting was held to review an application for The Maine Wood Treeters to expand their operation and house a fence making machine shop in the old Callahan buildings on Lewiston Street. The plan was approved; however it looks as though they chose not to go ahead as planned. A workshop was held after that meeting to discuss adding language to the ordinance regarding adult entertainment, medical marijuana, and rezoning Route 26 to accommodate a mixed use along the corridor.

In February, the Board met to further discuss amendments to the ordinance and the rezoning of Route 26 and finalize the language to be recommended to the Town Council for approval. The Board held a public hearing in March on the proposed ordinance amendments. After the public hearing, the Board conducted their meeting and recommended the Town Council approve the proposed amendments.

In April, the Board reviewed 2 applications from Services Unlimited, Inc. owned by Matt and Mark Gary. The first was a Gravel Pit proposed at the property located at the end of Riverside Drive. Many abutters attended the meeting with their concerns and the Board tabled a final decision pending a site visit, which was held on Saturday, April 23. The second item was an amendment to a subdivision plan from 1975. It was approved. The Board also reviewed the rezoning of Route 26 at the request of the Town Council and made a final recommendation. The Board met again in May for the Services Unlimited, Inc. gravel pit, and approved the plan with conditions.

The Board met again in June to review an application by Chuck Starbird to expand his Conditional Use Permit to operate a commercial recreation facility to include a 12 hole disc-golf course. The Board approved the plan. They held elections for Chair and Vice-Chair positions. Art Montana was voted Chairperson and Keith Morse was voted Vice-Chairperson.

The Board held workshops in November and December to discuss amending the ordinance to add language pertaining to abattoirs/slaughterhouses. The Board held a public hearing in December and also voted to recommend the Town Council approve the proposed amendments.

The Planning Board is made up of 7 members with 2 alternates. We currently have 7 members with 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. We will train the right person. When the planning board does need to get together, they generally meet the third Monday of each month at 6PM. These meetings are always open to the public but you might want to call before coming to make sure there is a meeting.

Nicholaus Richard
Administrative Assistant to the Board

Board of Appeals

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

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

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

Nicholaus Richard
Administrative Assistant to the Board

Development Commission

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

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

In 2011 the MFDC funded two loan requests. A \$35,000 loan was made to Richard Conway of Mechanic Falls Redemption to assist with building improvements, machinery & equipment, and working capital. A \$5,000 loan was made to Davis Land Surveying, LLC to help fund short term working capital needs. A third loan was approved for United Supermarket LLC to assist with the purchase of a portion of the Depot Square property. However, this project fell through because the property appraisal was significantly lower than the sales price.

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

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

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

Safety Committee

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 polices 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



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Revenue Enhancement / Energy Committee

The Revenue Enhancement Committee has continued its work of saving taxpayer dollars during the past year by tackling several energy saving projects in the municipal buildings. The largest project accomplished was the installation of the biomass boiler.

The biomass boiler is now up and running and saving taxpayers approximately \$19,000 annually in fuel costs by switching from oil to wood pellets. The total cost of the project was \$189,000 and nearly half of the project, \$94,031, was paid through a U.S. Forestry Service grant. The remaining \$94,515 was taken out of the municipal fund balance with voter approval in June 2011. Wood pellets are considered a carbon-neutral renewable fuel source and are purchased from a Maine vendor.

In addition to receiving grant funds for the biomass boiler, the committee members won two grants totaling \$46,000 from Efficiency Maine. The first grant for \$10,000 closed out in December 2011 and was spent on the following items: payments totaling \$6,925 went to Next Century Energy Consultants. \$393 was spent on occupancy sensors and \$650 on energy saving smart power strips for the Town Office. \$295 was spent on the insulator covers and \$165 on CFL light bulbs for the energy fair as well as \$103 for the energy books donated to the library. John Hawley had to complete the town's Energy Action Plan, a requirement of the grant, after the energy consultant left. He calculated the town should be reimbursed \$1,159 for the hours he spent doing the energy plan as well as \$869 for his time spent in the committee meetings and energy fair.

The second grant, totaling \$36,000, has been spent on a variety of projects, some more visible than others. The airlock foyer in the town office, which will reduce the draft caused by opening the large double doors at the front entrance, cost \$7,500. Other projects included piping insulation in the Fire Department and Public works building totaling \$2,945 and \$6,045 for the on-demand propane hot water heaters. The heating system and thermostat were reprogrammed, making it more energy efficient, for a cost of \$6,000. \$565 was spent on LED lighting in the town office complex as well as \$565 for occupancy sensors in the public works and fire department buildings. \$2,980 was spent doing the drop ceiling on the 3rd floor of the town office building and \$2,081 was spent to install electric sub-meters on the public works and fire department buildings. The committee is currently looking at several other projects to spend the remaining grant money, including the possibility of installing solar panels to heat the hot water needs of the municipal buildings.

Plans are also underway for this year's Community Day celebration and the event is getting bigger. Activities will be spread out over two days, with the celebration kicking off Friday night, June 22. On Saturday, June 23, the Pottle Hill Road Race will start the day and there will also be a mid-morning parade along with several other events and food vendors in downtown and at the municipal building.

The committee continues to investigate several ways to generate revenue for the town including hydropower and solar options, wholesaling water and starting an incubator business space.

As ideas come forward, the members discuss and research the possibilities to determine whether or not recommendations should be made to Town Council.

We are always looking for new ideas and new faces so we encourage anyone to come attend the next meeting. We look forward to serving at the pleasure of the Town Council for the next year and hope to continue coming up with creative ways to generate or save money for the taxpayers.

Robert Small,
Revenue Enhancement / Energy Committee Chairman

MUNICIPAL REPORTS

Town Clerk

Here is a brief summary of 2011

The new Town Office hours have worked out nicely for the residents; we have received great feedback stating that the residents appreciate the extended hours.

On the election front, it was another busy year in the clerk's office with elections. We made it through another year of elections for the RSU 16 budget after the third vote a new budget was passed on 11/8/11. We had the Local Election on June 14, 2011 to vote on the town budget, this was the first year voting on the entire budget as a ballot vote, there were 256 ballots cast.

With new laws being implemented for requesting Absentee Ballots please be sure that you request the ballots early or you will not be eligible to receive one in time. You can either request the ballot by phone, by mail or on the Elections website at <http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/>.

January 22, 2011 was the annual rabies clinic with Dr. Frechette. We vaccinated 19 Dogs and 1 cat. I was there to license any Mechanic Falls resident's dog. Please remember that all dogs are to be licensed NO later than December 31st. The fee is \$11.00 for male/female and \$6.00 for spayed/neutered. Any dogs not licensed prior to February 1st of any year will be required to pay a \$25.00 late fee.

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

Lisa Palmer
Town Clerk

Deaths in Mechanic Falls

4/8/2011	Britney L Wentworth
4/8/2011	Adam L Nile
4/11/2011	Richard M George
5/25/2011	Regis Bosse
6/17/2011	Martin James Boyd
9/7/2011	Wayne E Burgess
9/9/2011	Elwina L Dubois

Deaths In Other Towns

1/13/2011	Allen R Crooker
1/15/2011	Marilyn J Hamel
1/20/2011	Rene J Gagnon
1/21/2011	Janie R Smith
1/21/2011	Robin L Taylor
4/4/2011	Colleen Rose Baird
5/10/2011	Elizabeth I Lachance
5/17/2011	John Hackett
6/12/2011	John Frankovis
9/10/2011	Donald W Damon
10/4/2011	Gerald A Tardif
10/13/2011	George Leonard

Marriages 2011

3/12/2011	Brandon Michael Edwards & Samantha Noel Baker
3/18/2011	David Russell Pratt Jr & Frankie Anne Holt
3/25/2011	Mark Anthony Game & Jolleen Young
4/12/2011	Jeffrey Paul McBean & Amanda L Jordan
5/13/2011	Robert L Tolliver & Cassandra M Lothrop
6/24/2011	David Michael Yeaton & Heidi Lynn Maxwell
6/25/2011	Dylan Vaughn Magers & Megan Marie Harmon
7/23/2011	Scott Eric Berry & Angela Christina Long
7/27/2011	Charles William Crabtree & Helen A Omolo
8/13/2011	Chad Andrew Labrecque & Jennifer Lynn Bisson
8/13/2011	Matthew Richard Herrick & Jessica Marie Richards
8/18/2011	Thomas Michael Greeley & Pamela Louise Hancock
8/20/2011	Kenneth Alan Tibbetts & Sandra Mary Cote
9/10/2011	Bryan Paul Letourneau & Darcy Caitlin Pettengill
9/24/2011	Christopher George Morrison & Alyssa Lee Reid
9/25/2011	Robert Camille Bussier & Brandie Georgette Phillips
10/22/2011	Clayton N Harlow & Marianne Gallo
11/5/2011	Adam D Gravel & Shasta L Williams
11/11/2011	Mark S Barry & Laura M Murray

Births 2011

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

Mechanic Falls welcomed 39 new babies in 2011

Code Enforcement & Planning

Hello all, as you know I am Nicholaus Richard, your Code Enforcement Officer. Last year I reported 159 total permits issued. There was a decline in numbers of permits issued this year as my office issued 116 total permits. There were 52 building permits issued. There were 16 plumbing permits, 43 electrical permits, and 5 other permits issued. The previous year saw 10 new dwelling units permitted as opposed to this year only 1 new dwelling unit. This could be the reason for a lower permit count as new dwellings require plumbing and electrical permits as well. The trend seems to be that homeowners are just not building new homes, but rather renovating and adding to their existing homes.

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. This was the first year of my tenure that an issue has caused the Town to take legal action. In fact, there were 2 issues that went to court. It is the goal of the Town to not go to court over matters and try to work things out with property owners before we reach that end, however; in these instances and under legal advice we took action on 2 property owners. One case dealt with a dangerous abandoned structure that posed serious health and safety issues to the public. The second case involved a property owner renting out a third unit of his home, creating a violation of the Mechanic Falls Zoning and Land Use Ordinance as his property did not meet the dimensional requirements for a third unit. Both cases were ruled in favor of the Town.

There is still on-going monitoring of some nuisance issues related to trash/junkyard activities on some properties around town. There is always the little nuisance complaints like too many unregistered vehicles on ones property, but for the most part, those are handled with just a friendly letter explaining the violation.

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

In last year's report, I explained the new Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code or MUBEC as an example of the ever-changing rules and regulations put forth by the State. The State of Maine has again changed the rules regarding the building code. Mechanic Falls now falls into a category of towns

that can choose from a few options of enforcing a building code. The Council has chosen, at my recommendation, to enforce 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



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Library

The year 2011 was a very busy year!!!

The Library's Annual Book Sale held on Community Day raised \$725 which was generously matched with another \$725 by Modern Woodmen Of America. 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 \$517. Many thanks to those members of the community that either donated pies for the sale, or purchased them.

The 2011 Summer Reading Club was "One World, Many Stories". Once again, Sue Littlefield, a teacher at Elm Street School, acted as a volunteer, and led the craft/story workshops. As usual, everyone enjoyed the prizes that were awarded.

At the end of July, yours truly sustained a hair-line fracture of my left hip. The doctor enforced complete bed-rest (no movement at all) since the fracture was not operable. Heartfelt thanks goes out to Melinda Straight who substituted for me. She did an amazing job!!

During my absence the Library move to the 3rd floor of the Town Office was finally decided upon. The old location (15 Elm Street) closed as of September. The new location did not open until January 18, 2012 (soft opening), which was also when I returned to work. The official Open House was held on Saturday, January 28, 2012.

The Trustees, and community volunteers made all of this possible. Their tireless efforts should be remembered, and appreciated. Without their help, this move could never have been completed. Also, much thanks to John Hawley the Town Manager and the town employees that assisted with acquiring shelving from USM, moving & assembly of the shelves, and many other tasks.

There is too much to mention in this report (2011). Please know that there will be more reported in next year's annual report, as well as many more people to be thanked.

Sandi Brown-Eustis
Librarian

Historical Society

The Mechanic Falls Historical Society collection is steadily growing and soon we will be utilizing the upstairs section of the former First Congregational Church to showcase the accumulated artifacts, articles, photographs and other memorabilia about Mechanic Falls.

Along with our popular roast beef community suppers the society also featured Bill Green who talked about the life and times of Joshua Chamberlain and Percy Turner who presented an outstanding history of the Maine State Police.

The success of the society rests on the donation of articles by a score of people. The society learned about the fascinating life of Edna L. Kempton who graduated from Mechanic Falls High School in 1926 and lived to be a 100 years old. Her caregiver, Irene Stahl from Wrentham, Massachusetts, discovered us through the town's web site and provided us documents and photographs which Edna had always hoped she could share with the town she grew up in. Richard and Betty Clukey also presented the society with numerous items of interest – including a 14 foot sign which dates back to the 1850's and heralds two separate businesses. The family of Lloyd Boyd donated issues of the Androscoggin Post from 1972 and 1973 which carried the column "Poon's Corner", written by Furgoon Poon, pen name for Russ Penney. The society also received a variety of interesting items from Dick Wing, Malcolm Sawyer, Janice Biardi, Alma Palmer, David Nelson, Albert Thurlow, Jody and Judy McMorrow and Ken Carlin.

The 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 always appreciated.

Eriks Petersons
Historical Society President

Recreation

The Mechanic Falls Recreation Committee is made up of ten volunteer members. We are a group of committed and dedicated volunteers trying to offer quality youth sports and activities to the children of our community.

We were proud to offer the following youth programs to more than 400 combined participants: Quad –Town basketball, Tri-Town soccer, Skiing/snowboarding, three levels of softball – Farm, Little League, & Senior League, Five levels of baseball – Tee Ball, Rookie, Minors, Majors, & Babe Ruth, and the Summer Rec day camp program. We also offered two levels of adult softball – Competitive and Non competitive.

Below is a partial list of accomplishments for 2010 / 2011:

- Purchased two portable basketball hoops for Rec and Elm Street School
- Purchased twelve new basketballs for Rec and Elm Street School
- Installed donated backboards and hoops in the municipal building gym
- Purchased new goals, soccer balls and team jerseys for the soccer program
- Built an overhang on the snack shack for outdoor cooking
- Built a new tee ball field
- Ran a successful 11U tournament for Cal Ripken Baseball

Put on an ice rink party for the whole family

Purchased walkie talkies to be used for the Ski program

The biggest accomplishment for the Rec Committee was the completion of the lights on the Coleman Field. A big thank you goes out to Bill Bickford and Jim Marston for seeing this huge project through to its completion. The committee would also like to thank all of the voters for allowing this project to happen. Scott Penny and the Public Works crew also deserve a big thank you for all of their help with this project.

The Rec Committee has several projects on our list for 2011 / 2012. We were lucky enough to have an electronic scoreboard donated to the committee and we hope to have it up and running for the next baseball season. The Tee Ball field has been built but is in need of fencing and benches for the players. We are also looking at building a new snack shack and restrooms by the softball field for use during tournaments and community events.

The Rec Committee would like to thank the Mechanic Falls Public Works, Mechanic Falls Water Department, Elm Street School, town employees, residents, volunteers, and businesses for their continued support with our programs. We would also like to thank everyone who has been involved in one of our fundraising events. The fundraisers we do help keep the price of the registration fees as low as possible. We currently do tag days, cash calendars, shoot-a-thon, business sign program, uniform sponsors, and a dance. And lastly the committee would like to thank all of the parents and children who continue to participate in our programs. We couldn't do it without you.

Michelle Emery
Recreation Committee Chairman

Santa for the Kids

I need to start this report off by saying our Santa for the kids program actually starts in November. We were able to provide 19 families with Thanksgiving baskets this year. 4 baskets were provided by the Pink Feathers, we also received baskets from the Nazarene Church, American Legion and the Minot Methodist Church.

This was the 20th year of the program and the donations we received made it possible for us to help 27 families with 82 children and adults with winter items that were needed and toys. Hannaford Bros Co. was very generous to us again this year and that enabled us to help more families this year. All families received a gift certificate to help with the holiday meal and diapers if needed.

I want to thank all that donated, with gifts, turkeys, food baskets, knitted items, money, gift certificates and even the wrapping paper. The donations we received truly made this a community project. 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.

The community response to this program has been overwhelming. The Town office may organize and run this program, but we do not do it alone. Those wishing to make donations for next year can drop off new, unwrapped toys at the Town Office at any time. I look for sales year round, and clearance sales makes our money go much farther. Any and all donations are appreciated.

Shirely Marquis
Tax Clerk
Program Coordinator

Animal Control

Last year, there were a total of 347 general complaints, 17 animal trespassing violations, 15 dogs returned to their owners, and 7 animal bites.

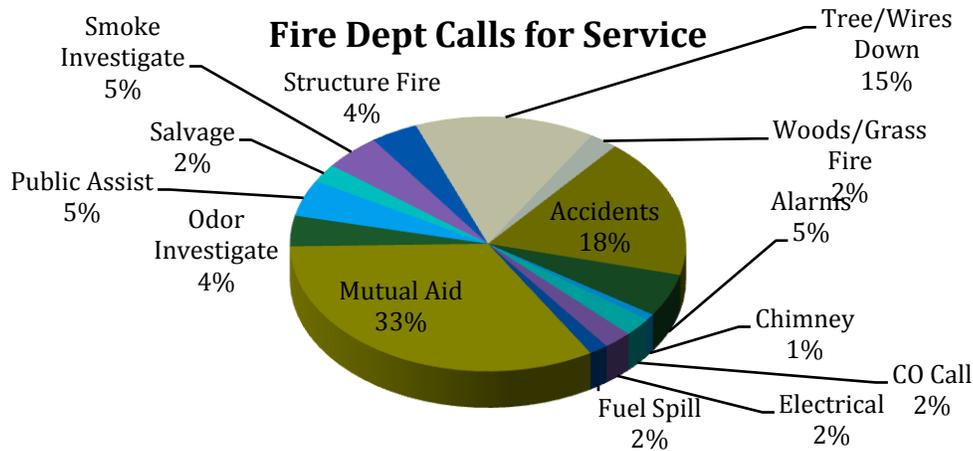
Just a friendly reminder, all dogs older than 6 months must be licensed annually. To avoid late fees, licensing must be completed no later than January 31st.

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. 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



Hello again. I hope you have all had a good winter. Snow's gone and warm weather is on its way.

It's been a busy winter for us helping around town and providing mutual aid to surrounding towns. There were many structure fires that required a lot of man power, but the guys and gals were up for the challenge. They are always ready and willing to help out and we really appreciate your support. This year's budget is reflection of what we believe meets the minimum needs of the town and still allows us to do the job required. With the elimination of town meeting last year, we want to make sure that anyone who has questions about the fire or rescue departments get the answers they need. We will be available at the public hearings and you can always give us a call.

We have been keeping an eye on the casino being built on our backdoor. We know it will affect our public safety responses and we have been doing our part so we haven't been left out of the conversations to get any aid that we may warrant.

We have had some new members join this year which greatly helps and they have been ready to take on the challenge of training and getting up in the night to help with the regulars. There is a lot of dedication required to be on a volunteer department today and we are always looking for help. If you know someone who might be interested, we review applications for candidates twice a year in May and December. Applications can be picked up at the town office or on the municipal website. If you have questions about membership, stop by the fire station and someone would be happy to explain the process.

We have managed to keep the budget flat knowing the economy has not improved much and that there are still a lot of people struggling. We try to accomplish as much as we can with in-house staff skills so as not to send out work to expensive repair companies. We make every effort to repair equipment before we replace it.

As you know, the state and federal governments put a lot of requirements on us, some good, some more bothersome but they all seem to cost money and these requirements rarely come with funding. Unfunded mandates make it hard for us to control spending at times. We went through a state inspection last summer and did fairly well. Some improvements need to be made in administration as far as record keeping and in training, which we are trying to correct. It is tough to run a department with full-time requirements and a volunteer staff but we do our best.

Always remember, we are here for you in your time of need, to help keep you safe with information or inspections when requested. The Department and I hope that you support us. Don't forget to vote.

Fred C. Sturtevant III
Fire Chief

Rescue

Rescue responded to 223 calls in 2011. Our average response time is 5.6 minutes from the time we are dispatched until the time we respond to the location of the emergency. According to the state reports 49% of our call volume is between 1801-2100. See below for a breakdown of the call times.

Times of Call Report
From 01/01/11 To 12/31/11

Time Period	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Total	Percentage
0001 - 0300	0	3	1	0	3	3	0	10	4.48%
0301 - 0600	1	2	2	3	4	1	1	14	6.28%
0601 - 0900	2	4	2	1	0	3	4	16	7.17%
0901 - 1200	4	3	3	5	4	2	7	28	12.56%
1201 - 1500	5	2	4	4	2	5	1	23	10.31%
1501 - 1800	7	6	6	4	4	1	6	34	15.25%
1801 - 2100	13	5	8	4	3	10	6	49	21.97%
2101 - 0000	4	4	5	6	0	5	3	27	12.11%
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	9.87%
Total	36	29	31	27	20	30	28	223	100%

In 2011 four of our Basic members completed the Intermediate course and are now registered EMT-I's. Thank you for all your time you dedicated to class work and clinical, Jon Damon, Jordan Emery, Mike Schadle, and Jen Casey. We currently have 14 licensed members and 3 drivers. If you are interested in joining the rescue department, please contact the Town Office for an application.

A brief rundown of the calls for the year are as follows:

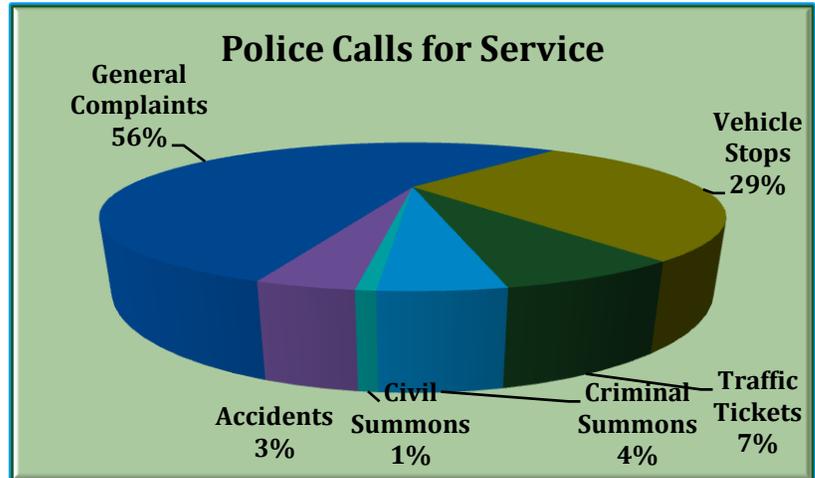
Provider Impression	# of Runs
Abuse / Neglect	2
Altered Level of Consciousness / Coma	1
Assist Only	11
Behavioral / Psychiatric Disorder	7
Cardiac - Chest Pain	32
Cardiac Arrest - Asystole	1
Dehydration	4
Diabetic Emergency	5
Flu Like Illness	7
Hemorrhage - Non-Traumatic	1
Hemorrhage - Traumatic	1
Nausea / Vomiting (Unknown Etiology)	2
No Apparent Illness / Injury	15
Obvious Death	1
Other Illness / Injury	41
Overdose - Drug / Medication	2
Pain - Abdominal (Non-Traumatic)	3
Pain - Back (Non-Traumatic)	2
Pain - Chest (Non-Cardiac)	3
Pain - Extremity (Non-Traumatic)	6
Pain - Head (Non-Traumatic)	3
Respiratory Arrest	1
Respiratory Distress - Bronchospasm	3
Respiratory Distress - Pulmonary Edema	4
Respiratory Distress - without Bronchospasm	5
Seizure / Convulsions	12
Sepsis	1
Syncope / Fainting	2
Toxic Exposure	1
Traumatic Injury - Burn	3
Traumatic Injury - Extremity	11
Traumatic Injury - Head	7
Traumatic Injury - Multisystem	2
Traumatic Injury - Spinal	6
Traumatic Injury - Torso	1
Weakness / General Malaise	9
Total	223

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

Jennifer Casey
Rescue Chief

Police

The Police Department has had a pretty successful year. We have been able to maintain our staffing and we have done fairly well at solving reported crimes. The largest problem this past year has been Thefts. The poor economy and the rash of prescription medication abusers has created a surge in thefts across the entire State. I urge everyone to keep information about medications to yourself and not discuss them in any public environments. Peel labels off empty prescription bottles so that people who check trash cannot discover where you live and what medications you are using. Subjects are going as far as to go into homes and cut all the copper they can out of the homes infrastructure. This includes all copper piping and wiring. You can imagine the damage that is caused not to mention the material that is stolen. Now more than ever I urge people to report suspicious activity when you see it happening.



The Police Department has also participated in two previous “Prescription Drug Take Back” events. These are planned events where the public can bring expired/unused prescription medication to the police station and turn it in. We will handle the disposal of the medication. It is not safe to flush medications down the toilet and definitely unsafe to just throw them in the trash. We have another Prescription Drug Take Back event scheduled for April 28, 2012. We will post the times as we get closer to the event date.

We were able to finalize the Jack Callahan case. The case resulted in Callahan receiving a lengthy prison sentence with probation following that and him being a lifetime registrant of the “Sex Offender Registry” upon his release. This was a very difficult case for many members of our community, his family, the police department, and his victims. We hope that the healing can begin and that knowing justice was served can be an aid to that process.

I urge the citizens of Mechanic Falls to be aware of what goes on in your community and be part of the work to keep our town safe. Keep good records of your property and keep things locked up. Report suspicious activity to the police department and watch out for each other. We are not always in the office but there is always an officer on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!**

Jeffrey Goss
Chief of Police

Emergency Management

We didn't escape severe weather damages as lightly this year as we have in recent past years, although we did have only two serious incidents.

Hurricane Irene hit us first, downing a lot of trees and wires and causing widespread loss of power. It actually could have been a lot worse than it was though. Our town sustained approximately \$22,000.00 in damages to municipal properties. Unfortunately, Androscoggin County did not receive any federal assistance this time. Other areas were hit harder and suffered much more damage than we did.



We were ready for whatever might happen by activating all municipal departments and keeping open lines of communication. All departments certainly ended up handling their fair share of calls. The shelter at Elm Street School was readied for anyone who might need emergency shelter. As it happened, no one utilized the school's shelter. Everyone found either a friend or family member or neighbor to take them in until things were back to normal. That's life in a small town!

The second serious situation was a wind storm that blew through town, destroying three mobile homes on Evergreen Drive, as well as causing a few other minor mishaps. A couple of huge old pine trees toppled, crushing the three homes beneath. Again, thankfully, there were no injuries.



EMA wishes to thank all public safety entities for their exceptional cooperation during stressful times such as these, so that our community can stay as safe and functional as possible under less than ideal situations. Not only experienced, paid civil servants but volunteers, as well, in small towns are crucial to our well-being. Mechanic Falls can boast of both!

Let's hope the coming year is a safe and prosperous one for all.

David C. Stimson
Emergency Management Director

Public Works

We are always busy at Public Works. If we are not plowing or sanding we are working on the roads, sidewalks, equipment and all the other tasks that are asked of us throughout the year. This department does a lot of little extra things that most people never see, such as carpentry at the Library or putting in air conditioners, moving materials up to the transfer station, roofing a building, building steps, at the town office moving things around or building a storage rooms. We do whatever is asked of us because that is our job, helping out no matter what the task.

The 2010-11 winter was a moderate one with 16 storms over a three month period and about 81 inches of snow. A little less than the previous three years but still plenty to keep us busy.

Spring finally came and as always it was time to clean the streets. We rented a sweeper and spent weeks cleaning up the sand around town getting ready for the busy summer season.

A couple of big jobs were accomplished last year with the complete rebuilding of Edwards Road, done totally by Public works, taking out three feet of clay and putting in a whole new gravel base, ditch to ditch 1,500 feet long. It took about five weeks but this was fun job and it came out quite well. Before we could rebuild the road we had to haul all the gravel from Pikes in Poland to the transfer station. This took almost a month and we got a big helping hand from Poland lending us two men and two wheelers for almost three weeks. After the road was roughed out the town of Minot came over and graded the road for us and then came back later and shouldered it with their shouldering box. We had gone to Minot and helped them do their shoulders and we went to Poland twice with our bulldozer and worked on their old land fill dozing down the knot weed. The three towns working together save us all money and it is a pleasure to work with each of them.

We spent quite a bit of time doing the ground and prep work for the new salt shed built behind the town office.

Amongst all of this we still had to find time to do all our other summer tasks, such as paint striping, bush-hogging, and ditching so we kept quite busy. All the grass in the parks, Historical Society and all the ball fields are mowed by Public Works. We hire a part timer in the summer but in the spring



and fall we take care of it ourselves including all the trimming too.

The year goes by awful fast with so many things to do but myself and my crew truly enjoys it. Keeping this town up to snuff is a big task but one we work real hard at. I am proud of the way this town looks and is taken care of and I hope all the towns people are too. If anyone has a complaint, do not hesitate to call me at 345-3089.

Last of all I would like to thank my crew, I could not do all we do without them, thanks Ron Tirrell, Tim Estes, Chris Arsenault, and my part time help Bob Goddard and Greg Ryder. These guys are some pretty special people that I can't say enough about, I am lucky to have such a great crew, thanks guys.

Scott R. Penney
Director

Solid Waste

The Transfer Station has benefited from its current staff consisting of Lydia Fisher, Les Johnson, Brian Thurlow-Latham and Kathryn Oak. We are lucky to have a team who works so well together. It's in this manner that we can better serve the community with its waste disposal. Lydia brings a vibrancy of personality instrumental in educating proper disposal outlets and she knows how to keep our canine friends begging to visit the dump! Les has a knowledge of metals and mechanics which has increased some of our metal recycling yields substantially. Brian's gregarious, well-mannered personality makes him easy to approach when you have questions. He is also quick to grasp proper disposal routes so feel free to ask questions. We hope you all feel comfortable using the facility and if not we hope you feel comfortable sharing ideas for improvement.

This past year 444 tons of waste was sent to Mid-Maine Waste Action Corp for disposal. This cost the Town \$43,960! The Transfer Station staff would like to propose a challenge to all who use the facility to reduce this disposal burden. If we could recycle more, this number could be significantly reduced. We'll be working on this goal and we hope you all will assist. We can't do it without you.

We would also like to encourage the use of our compost. We're managing the compost more intensively to produce a better product. We even have a small screen for screening out small sticks if you're looking for an even higher quality material. This compost is used around the gardens at the transfer station and in many of the public spaces.

Thanks to all for your courtesy, kindness and cooperation when visiting the Transfer Station. It is a pleasure to work with you all and it probably shows!

Kathryn Oak
Transfer Station Manager

Water Department

We spent a lot of time this year with the contractor that was doing the storm water separation project. While it wasn't our project, our utility was effected by the excavating of sewer/ storm water pipes. We were able to replace some of our older infrastructure, from small services to larger mains and fire hydrants during this project.

There is a discussion that takes place occasionally concerning fluoride in drinking water. Many years ago this town voted to add fluoride to its water system. It was widely considered that a fluoride level of 1.4 parts per million (PPM) was the optimum level. Most recently we have received guidance from the State Drinking Water Program saying that we may lower our fluoride to .7 PPM's.

Most of our time this fall was taken up by the installation of a new back up well. Our existing well became plugged and because of its proximity to our production well it was determined that a new well a short distance from the building was the right thing to do. We were fortunate to find that Goodwin's Well and Water in Turner could supply us with a well of sufficient size to supply us with a back up source. We were able to perform a lot of the work ourselves keeping the price low.

This past summer saw the retirement of our office manager, Carolyn Bennett. She left our office in fine shape and books that were balanced to the penny. This made an easy transition for our new office manager, Michelle Emery.

Stephen French
Superintendent



MUNICIPAL REVENUES RECEIVED

July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011			
Motor vehicle excise	\$361,986.71	CEO Citations	\$0.00
Boat excise	\$1,667.60	Police Fines	\$275.00
Motor vehicle license	\$9,847.00	Late fee dogs	\$825.00
Snow/atv license	\$302.00	Service Charges	\$100.00
Boat license	\$146.00	Municipal Gym Rent	\$327.50
Cash mgmt interest	\$6,076.14	Adult Ed Rent	\$14,580.00
Real estate interest	\$16,581.68	USCTC Rent	\$4,521.08
Lien Costs	\$5,210.17	Head start rent	\$0.00
Will/fax/notary fees	\$847.00	Tennis lights	\$0.00
Postage/copies/voter	\$1,011.52	Insurance Reimburse	\$2,921.00
Trfr Station stickers	\$2,975.00	Recycling Reimburse	\$17,241.49
Driveway Entrance	\$208.00	Welfare Reimburse	\$0.00
Pole Permits	\$0.00	Police Reimburse	\$0.00
Building Permits	\$8,374.78	Business Advertising	\$250.00
Plumbing Permits	\$998.25	Oxford Bank Accts	\$0.00
Electrical Permits	\$3,020.00	Tree Harvesting	\$14,078.87
Conditional Use Per	\$650.00	Tax Acquired Prop	\$0.00
Hunt/Fish License	\$598.50	Pymt in Lieu of Tax	\$700.59
Weapons Permits	\$152.00	Veteran's Exemption	\$1,902.00
Vital Records	\$1,407.80	Tree Growth Reimb	\$2,214.53
Marriage License	\$924.00	BETE Tax Reimburse	\$5,895.00
Victualer's License	\$550.00	Highway Block Grant	\$22,992.00
Liquor License	\$300.00	State Revenue Share	\$293,020.20
Dog License	\$923.00	State Welfare Reimb	\$7,112.89
Dog Fees	\$415.00	Homestead Reimb	\$66,409.00

Rabies Call	\$3.00	Snowmobile Refund	\$860.60
Public Safety Reports	\$392.00	FEMA Reimbursement	\$0.00
Zoning Fee	\$100.00	Sex Offender Registry	\$0.00
Court Fee	\$623.91		
Water Admin Fee	\$16,000.00		
Home Occupation	\$115.00	Total Received:	\$930,420.66
Special Amusement	\$210.00	Total Anticipated:	\$776,740.00
Cable Franchise Fee	\$28,400.85	% Received	119.79%
Transfer Station Fee	\$3,177.00		

SALARIES / PAYMENTS TO MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

Administration		Peter Ford Sr	\$500.00
		Nancy Richard	\$500.00
John Hawley	\$64,839.14	Robert Small	\$500.00
Shirley Marquis	\$34,153.21		
Lisa Palmer	\$31,307.45	Election Clerks	
Lisa Prevost	\$43,513.34	Joann Hutchinson	\$176.00
		Nancy Petersons	\$354.00
Animal Control			
Robert Larrabee	\$3,975.00	EMA Director	
		*David Stimson	\$1,048.64
Board of Appeals			
Tony Bennett	\$0.00	Fire Department	
Tom Walton	\$0.00	David Barton	\$1,213.64
Donald York	\$0.00	Wayde Boston	\$1,704.76
Bruce Richardson	\$0.00	Donald Boyd	\$1,315.14
Ed Piirainen	\$0.00	Edward Brown	\$884.89
Martha Wiseman	\$0.00	*Thomas Casey	\$1,663.14
		David Clukey	\$1,204.13
Council		Ray Crockett	\$20.63
Dan Blanchard	\$600.00	*Jonathan Damon	\$1,488.27
Roger Guptill	\$500.00	Thomas Doherty	\$631.89

*Shawn Dostie	\$3,318.76
*Jordan Emery	\$1,917.15
*Matthew Fifield	\$1,616.13
*Jennie Friree	\$1,838.77
Paul Harvey	\$664.76
Brandon Kimball	\$78.38
*James Lavertu	\$517.02
*Ben Limerick	\$2,281.76
*Randal Madore	\$2,569.39
Stephanie Madore	\$78.38
Benjamin Marking	\$33.00
Donald Patterson	\$2,504.26
Catherine Proulx	\$694.39
William Proulx	\$189.76
Armand Richard	\$861.51
Michael Schadle	\$273.88
*Chris Strout	\$845.27
*Fred Sturtevant	\$5,250.39
*Jacob Verrill	\$973.63
Christopher Wilson	\$8.25
Richard Wing	\$436.63

Library

Sandra Brown Eustis	\$8,633.40
Michelle Paladino	\$597.60
Melinda Straight	\$1,812.96

Planning Board

Arthur Montana	\$72.00
Keith Morse	\$60.00
John Straight	\$60.00
Paula Stotts	\$70.00
Lou Goulet	\$50.00
Shawn Dostie	\$30.00
Paula Bolduc	\$60.00
Jeremy Judd	\$50.00

Planning/Code Enforcement

Nick Richard	\$37,481.60
Kieth Bennett	\$1,862.50
Larry Cloutier	\$25.00
Wayne Marquis	\$100.00
Rodney Smith	\$100.00

Police Department

Jeffrey Goss	\$57,510.87
Paul Harrison	\$49,735.29
James Avery	\$42,825.90
Zachary Bisson	\$656.64
Jason Boulanger	\$6,401.52
Alan Carr	\$22,580.85
William Cook	\$4,420.84
*Michelle Emery	\$9,363.83
George Gould II	\$1,799.68
Anthony Keach	\$40,451.06

Public Works Department

Scott Penney	\$52,353.53
*Chris Arsenault	\$28,658.63
Timothy Estes	\$35,892.12
Robert Goddard	\$5,363.84
Samuel Penney	\$586.88
Ronald Tirrell	\$38,793.00

Recreation

Royce Beane	\$728.00
Kimberly Botellio	\$1,140.00
David Dean	\$888.96
Michael Downing	\$832.00
Ann Marie Eldridge	\$499.00
Amanda Gibson	\$125.00

Paula Glatz	\$3,660.80
Courtney Marston	\$1,013.96
Suzanne Marston	\$3,992.00
Kaitlyn Roy	\$888.96
Aaron Schmitz	\$888.96
Kate Wallingford	\$125.00

Rescue Department

*Jennifer Casey	\$4,554.89
Josette Coreau	\$120.00
Jon Demers	\$60.00
Aaron Haslett	\$60.00
*Melissa Hodgkin	\$825.26
Melanie Judd	\$24.75
Aaron Nugent	\$60.00
Zachery Pushee	\$120.00
Elwood Strout	\$436.01
Ashley Wax	\$300.00

Spring Clean Up

Michael Jursa	\$300.00
Brian Stevens	\$300.00

Charles Zink	\$258.75
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Transfer Station

*Kathryn Oak	\$27,205.62
*Timothy Bartlett	\$2,273.25
Lydia Fisher	\$10,603.01
Sidney Hall Sr	\$1,021.54
Leslie Johnson	\$2,290.50
Donald Lahey	\$2,733.21
Jocelyn Lahey	\$222.00
B. Thurlow Latham	\$1,998.00

Water Department

Stephen French	\$50,910.26
David Barton	\$30.00
Carolyn Bennett	\$14,474.55
Anthony Corey	\$28,756.50
Michelle Emery	\$894.45
Laurie French	\$1,080.00
James Lavertu	\$60.00
Benjamin Limerick	\$310.00
Jacob Verrill	\$12,900.35



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AUDIT

**TOWN OF MECHANIC FALLS
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2011**

	<u>Primary Government</u>		
	Governmental Activities	Business - Type Activities	Total
Assets			
Cash	\$ 2,299,433	\$ 74,012	\$ 2,373,445
Accounts Receivable	74,485	0	74,485
Taxes Receivable	142,833	0	142,833
Taxes Lien Receivable	57,723	0	57,723
Prepaid Expenses	0	0	0
Inventories	6,126	0	6,126
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>2,893,115</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,893,115</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 5,473,715</u>	<u>\$ 74,012</u>	<u>\$ 5,547,727</u>
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	\$ 110,736	\$ 0	\$ 110,736
Accrued Expenses	68,704	0	68,704
Deferred Revenue	1,140	0	1,140
Non Current Liabilities:			
Due Within One Year	173,239	0	173,239
Due in More Than One Year	<u>633,632</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>633,632</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 987,451</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 987,451</u>
Net Assets			
<i>Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt</i>	\$ 2,086,244	\$ 0	\$ 2,086,244
<i>Restricted:</i>			
Tax Incremental Financing District	1,541	0	1,541
Unemployment	0	74,012	74,012
<i>Unrestricted</i>	<u>2,398,479</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,398,479</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 4,486,264</u>	<u>\$ 74,012</u>	<u>\$ 4,560,276</u>

**TOWN OF MECHANIC FALLS
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011**

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue & Changes in Net Assets		Total
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants & Contributions	Governmental Activities	Primary Government Business - Type Activities	
Primary Government						
Governmental Activities						
General Government	\$ 372,091	\$ 102,654	\$ 0	\$ (269,437)	\$ 0	\$ (269,437)
Protection	374,805	2,993	18,000	(353,812)	0	(353,812)
Public Works	422,096	23,393	22,992	(375,711)	0	(375,711)
Fiscal Services	450,661	0	0	(450,661)	0	(450,661)
Community Services	38,759	0	7,974	(30,785)	0	(30,785)
Education	1,361,192	14,580	0	(1,346,612)	0	(1,346,612)
Fixed Charges	153,732	0	0	(153,732)	0	(153,732)
Interest on Long - Term Debt	28,422	0	0	(28,422)	0	(28,422)
Depreciation - Unallocated	225,166	0	0	(225,166)	0	(225,166)
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 3,426,924	\$ 143,620	\$ 48,966	\$ (3,234,338)	\$ 0	\$ (3,234,338)
Business - Type Activities	806	0	0	0	(806)	(806)
Total Primary Government	\$ 3,427,730	\$ 143,620	\$ 48,966	\$ (3,234,338)	\$ (806)	\$ (3,235,144)
General Revenues						
Property Taxes				\$ 2,920,723	\$ 0	\$ 2,920,723
Grants & Contributions Not Restricted to Special Programs				369,440	0	369,440
Unrestricted Investment Earnings				8,369	314	8,683
Miscellaneous				0	0	0
Total General Revenues				\$ 3,298,532	\$ 314	\$ 3,298,846
Changes in Net Assets				\$ 64,194	\$ (492)	\$ 63,702
Net Assets – July 1, 2010				4,422,070	74,504	4,496,574
Net Assets – June 30, 2011				\$ 4,486,264	\$ 74,012	\$ 4,560,276

**TOWN OF MECHANIC FALLS
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2011**

	General Fund	Road Bond	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets				
Cash	\$ 2,287,997	\$ 0	\$ 11,436	\$ 2,299,433
Taxes Receivable	142,833	0	0	142,833
Tax Liens Receivable	57,723	0	0	57,723
Accounts Receivable	74,485	0	0	74,485
Inventories	6,126	0	0	6,126
Due from Other Funds	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>489,484</u>	<u>489,484</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 2,569,164</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 500,920</u>	<u>\$ 3,070,084</u>
Liabilities & Fund Balance				
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	\$ 36,724	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 36,724
Accrued Expenses	38,247	0	0	38,247
Deferred Revenues	157,140	0	0	157,140
Due to Other Funds	<u>561,260</u>	<u>2,236</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>563,496</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 793,371</u>	<u>\$ 2,236</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 795,607</u>
Fund Balance				
<i>Reserved, Reported In:</i>				
<i>Nonspendable</i>				
Permanent Funds – Nonexpendable	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,755	\$ 1,755
<i>Restricted</i>				
Tax Incremental Financing	0	0	1,541	1,541
<i>Committed</i>				
Capital Projects	0	(2,236)	421,870	419,634
Appropriated Surplus for FY 2011/12	604,700	0	0	604,700
<i>Unreserved, Reported In:</i>				
<i>Assigned</i>				
Special Revenue Funds	0	0	66,073	66,073
Permanent Funds, Expendable	0	0	9,681	9,681
<i>Unassigned</i>				
General Fund	<u>1,171,093</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,171,093</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$ 1,775,793</u>	<u>\$ (2,236)</u>	<u>\$ 500,920</u>	<u>\$ 2,274,477</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	<u>\$ 2,569,164</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 500,920</u>	<u>\$ 3,070,084</u>

TOWN OF MECHANIC FALLS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

	General Fund	Road Bond	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues				
Taxes	\$ 2,906,723	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,906,723
Intergovernmental	400,406	0	18,000	418,406
Licenses, Permits & Fees	52,620	0	0	52,620
Charges for Services	45,395	0	0	45,395
Investment Income	6,076	0	2,293	8,369
Miscellaneous	<u>45,401</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>204</u>	<u>45,605</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 3,456,621</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 20,497</u>	<u>\$ 3,477,118</u>
Expenditures				
Current				
General Government	\$ 340,203	\$ 0	\$ 31,394	\$ 371,597
Protection	371,633	0	4,435	376,068
Public Works	384,974	0	85,744	470,718
Fiscal Services	450,661	0	0	450,661
Education	1,361,192	0	0	1,361,192
Community Services	38,641	0	118	38,759
Debt Service	212,650	0	105,315	317,965
Fixed Charges	153,732	0	0	153,732
Capital Outlay	<u>0</u>	<u>409,365</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>409,365</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 3,313,686</u>	<u>\$ 409,365</u>	<u>\$ 227,006</u>	<u>\$ 3,950,057</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>\$ 142,935</u>	<u>\$ (409,365)</u>	<u>\$ (206,509)</u>	<u>\$ (472,939)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Operating Transfers	\$ (121,519)	\$ 0	\$ 121,519	\$ 0
Proceeds from Bond Issuance	<u>0</u>	<u>407,129</u>	<u>117,886</u>	<u>525,015</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>\$ (121,519)</u>	<u>\$ 407,129</u>	<u>\$ 239,405</u>	<u>\$ 525,015</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ 21,416	\$ (2,236)	\$ 32,896	\$ 52,076
Fund Balance – July 1, 2010	<u>1,754,377</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>468,024</u>	<u>2,222,401</u>
Fund Balance – June 30, 2011	<u>\$ 1,775,793</u>	<u>\$ (2,236)</u>	<u>\$ 500,920</u>	<u>\$ 2,274,477</u>

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #16 REPORTS

Superintendent



DENNIS J. DUQUETTE
SUPERINTENDENT

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #16
MECHANIC FALLS • MINOT • POLAND

RICKY A. KUSTURIN
BUSINESS MANAGER

Dear Parents and Citizens of Mechanic Falls,

As we move through our 2011/2012 school year, I want to express to our community my deepest appreciation for your support and a most earnest **thank you** for your dedication and commitment to our schools. I would like to share with you a great quote from Albert Pike, soldier, writer, Freemason. "**What we have done for ourselves alone, dies with us; What we have done for others and the world, remains and is immortal.**"

I share this quote with you because it reminds me of the spirit and commitment our community has toward their belief in education. I realize we are facing very difficult economic times, but we still manage to advocate for our schools and kids living in our three towns and this is what they will remember. Your support, combined with the knowledge we bestow on them, is what really makes a difference and gives our youth a future. A future they do not necessarily understand at this moment, but in time will be thankful for having lived in a community that truly values education.

The world is a special place and we all have the ability to make a positive difference; and, in reality, change peoples' lives for the better with this very simple message.

Happiness lives inCOMMUNITY

- C**oming together
- O**pen arms, open hearts, open minds
- M**utual respect
- M**utual support
- U**nderstanding differences
- N**ever losing sight of common goals
- I**ntegrity – both individual and collective
- T**rust and truth
- Y**ielding to one another in healthy interdependence

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

Sincerely,

 Dennis J. Duquette
 February 2012

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Poland Regional High School



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February 2012

To the Residents of Mechanic Falls,

Thank you for all of your support of the schools of RSU #16. Every time you attend a game or a concert, spend money on a student with a fundraiser, or assist a student with a school project, you are helping to build a stronger community and helping to raise stronger and more resilient young adults.

The big change at PRHS this year is a bumper crop of new teachers and administrators. Patrick Flynn has joined us as our new Dean of Faculty. After many years of service, Ray Lafreniere retired last spring. Mr. Flynn joins us from his previous position as an English teacher and department chair in Illinois. Our two new science teachers, Charlie Yancey and Bob O'Brien, come to us with many years of experience and have already built strong relationships with kids. Our two new English teachers are Kris Wright and Helen Moulton. Mr. Wright returns to PRHS after two years away and Mrs. Moulton joins us from Buckfield. Our two new special education teachers, Matt Closson and Peter MacVane, are recent graduates of the ETEP unified program at USM. They come to us from an excellent training program and with a great deal of life experience in the business world and the Navy. Our new guidance counselor, Corey McFadden, joins us after being trained at PRHS while he was earning his Master's degree and serving as a school counselor for a year at Lisbon High School. Gil Donatelli joins us as a very experienced music teacher to take over our high school and middle school chorus program. Finally, Michelle Richards is our new Spanish teacher and has fit right in with our World Language department.

Each of these positions, with the exception of one special education teacher, replaces a staff member who has left our school. They have brought great energy and professional knowledge to our school and our kids are benefiting from the work they are doing in the classroom. We continue to build a great high school to best serve the teenagers of your town.

Sincerely,

Cari Medd
Principal

Dennis Duquette, Superintendent
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Bruce M. Whittier Middle School



February 2012

To the Citizens of Mechanic Falls,

Greetings from Whittier Middle School! Last year at this time, we were settling into our new routines and adapting to life in our newly consolidated district middle school. What a difference a year makes! As we begin our second year as a tri-town middle school, all of us at WMS have observed just how much stronger we are for having had a year under our belt together. We are proud of the foundation we established last year, but it is apparent that we are beginning this year with greater confidence, consistency, and collaboration. Energy is high and we are looking forward to a fabulous year!

As we brought students from the three towns together last year, our primary focus as a school was upon building a strong sense of community and belonging at Whittier Middle School. These efforts were reflective of our strong belief that cultures of belonging and respect are critical to support high levels of academic achievement. Student and family feedback consistently demonstrated the success of these efforts. Some of the most powerful feedback came from 8th grade students, who participated in exit interviews at the end of the year. One question asked of students was, "What have you learned about yourself in your time at Whittier Middle School?" They shared such things as,

- *"I am more confident than I used to be. I feel like a leader. If I work really hard, I can get what I want out of school."*
- *"I am not afraid to show who I really am and what I believe in. It is okay to be different."*
- *"I have more potential than I thought."*
- *"I can push myself to the limit. I am proud of that."*

This year, we seek to build upon these early successes. This includes finding additional ways to involve students in the leadership of our school. Our newly instituted monthly Whittier community meetings are a time for students and adults to collaborate in planning, problem solving, and celebrations of success to improve our school. Our goal is to promote positive student involvement and opportunities for all students to develop and practice citizenship, communication, and problem solving skills.

While we continue to work diligently to sustain a positive learning environment, we are also eager to begin a more in depth analysis of academic performance at Whittier Middle School. The vast majority of the staff attended a voluntary summer institute after school ended last summer in efforts to strengthen our curriculum. Throughout the course of this year, faculty will be engaged in data analysis to identify our students' strengths and weaknesses and working collaboratively to develop effective responses. The staff is highly motivated and engaged to continuously improve their skills to best serve our students. Whittier Middle School is truly an exciting place of learning for students and staff alike!

One of the best ways to stay in touch with events at Whittier Middle School is to visit our school website at <http://www.rsu16.org/WMS/whittierms.html>. Our site is updated regularly. If you ever have questions, concerns, ideas, or feedback, we would love to hear from you. We are working hard every single day to make our school the best it can be!

Sincerely,

 Ayesha Farag-Davis, Principal

Elm Street School

Elm Street School

“Dedicated to Creating a Quality Tomorrow”

129 Elm Street Mechanic Falls, ME 04256 (207) 345-3381 Fax: 346-6224
Angie Taylor, Principal

February 2012

Dear Citizens of Mechanic Falls,

As I complete my first year as principal, I am proud of the accomplishments of our students, the commitment of staff and the support provided by our community. This year has 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. 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). Teachers have met and read Better Answers & Daily 5 in order to discuss reading strategies that would lead to better constructed response. Creating 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



Making a Difference Since 1984

February 2012

Dear Citizens of Mechanic Falls,

Allow me to begin by extending, on behalf of our program, sincere thanks and gratitude to my predecessor, Nancy Watson, for her twenty-one years of genuine commitment and dedication to the educational needs of adults in our community. She has made a tremendous impact on staff, students and community members alike during the course of her employment, and we are grateful for her service.

Next, I would like to once again congratulate the forty-one Adult Education students who graduated during the 2010 – 2011 school year. The inspiring cap and gown graduation ceremony was held on May 6th in the Poland Community School gym, and was well attended by approximately 100 friends and family members. Graduates went on to pursue goals in areas such as early childhood development, cosmetology, fire fighting, nursing, diesel mechanics, culinary arts, military options, CDL training and other post-secondary education.

Appreciation goes out to our instructors for dedicating (and sometimes *donating*) time toward education and community enrichment. In addition to the High School Diploma and GED classes offered by core staff in literacy, math and other academic and vocational areas, community classes were held in areas of personal finance, health and fitness, technology, outdoor activities and special interests. Overall, nearly 475 people were served through our program.

I encourage you to keep in touch with events and developments in Adult Education by finding us on the web or on Facebook. Furthermore, if I can be of any assistance to you, I encourage you to email me at jrose@rsu16.org, call me at 345-3217, or stop in to see me in our great new location at Elm Street School in Mechanic Falls. Your ideas, support and involvement are always welcome!

Respectfully,

Jenny H. Rose
Director

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UNPAID PROPERTY TAXES

REAL ESTATE TAX LIENS 2006

BAROUDI, ADAM A	TOWN FORECLOSED	\$	650.00
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REAL ESTATE TAX LIENS 2009

BAROUDI, ADAM A	TOWN FORECLOSED	\$	3,949.32
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REAL ESTATE LIENS 2010

BAROUDI, ADAM A	TOWN FORECLOSED	\$	3,761.88
RICCI, MARK D	TOWN FORECLOSED	\$	905.85

2010 PERSONAL PROPERTY

Leaf Financial Corp	\$	462.68
Tennant Sales & Service Co	\$	127.28

REAL ESTATE TAX LIENS 2011

ALLEN, DIANA G	\$	313.09	LARKIN, ELIZABETH	\$	2,363.28
BAROUDI, ADAM A TOWN FORECLOSED	\$	3,843.27	LEONARD, DAVID	\$	1,214.28
BEAULIEU, RAYMOND E	\$	742.84	LEONARD, DAVID M JR	\$	2,035.27
BENSON, KRISTINA N	\$	1,852.05	LOWE, WALTER A	\$	1,537.91
BERRY, SCOTT E	\$	284.13	MADORE, RANDAL L	\$	868.37

BISBEE, LELAND	\$ 1,334.68	MILLETT, CHARLES	\$ 2,969.46
BULLIS, DONALD	\$ 449.63	MORIN, BEVERLY J	\$ 2,018.95
CARTER, DONALD	\$ 1,860.83	O'DONNELL, RICHARD	\$ 760.28
CHILDS, CHRISTINE (LE)	\$ 1,585.73	PALMER, JEREMY W	\$ 384.87
COZZOLINO, MICHAEL	\$ 285.23	PARSONS, JENNIFER J	\$ 3,466.65
DAVIDSON, CECELIA A	\$ 836.29	PEARL, CHAD	\$ 5,663.21
DECKER, SCOTT	\$ 2,046.33	PEARL, CHARLES JR	\$ 960.33
DOSTIE, THELMA M	\$ 1,740.38	RICCI, MARK D	\$ 2,408.74
DOUGLASS, RACHEL	\$ 197.61	RING, MICHAEL	\$ 98.65
DOWNES, ANTHONY J	\$ 1,142.89	ROBERTS, HOMER	\$ 1,142.33
DUFOUR, DENIS	\$ 3,081.96	ROWE, JULIANNE F	\$ 2,475.68
DUHAMEL, KAREN M	\$ 877.85	SCHMIDT, JEFFREY	\$ 909.47
GIRARDIN, ALINE	\$ 140.22	STIMSON, NINA M	\$ 403.30
HILL, DOROTHY M	\$ 797.65	TAMMARO, RHONDA	\$ 303.97
HILL, DOROTHY M	\$ 2,138.47	TARDIF, GERALD A	\$ 1,202.53
HILL, DOROTHY M	\$ 862.06	TIBBETTS, ELVA HEIRS OF	\$ 1,264.65
HOFFMAN, TRACI	\$ 1,350.34	TOUSSAINT, RUSSELL E	\$ 1,617.23
LAMBERT, RONALD	\$ 365.57	WILLSON, BRUCE W	\$ 2,111.79
LAMBERT,PATRICIA T HEIRS OF	\$ 1,321.69	YEATON, DAVID M	\$ 1,878.55

2012 REAL ESTATE TAXES 1ST HALF NOT PAID

ALLEN, DIANA G	\$ 154.79	JONES, GREGORY H	\$ 218.15
ANDOVER COVERED BRIDGE LLC	\$ 1,082.31	KENDRICK, JAMES E	\$ 10.62
ANDOVER COVERED BRIDGE, LLC	\$ 117.24	KENISTON, HEATH	\$ 57.92
ANDOVER COVERED BRIDGE, LLC	\$ 5,972.53	LAMBERT, RONALD	\$ 181.03
ANDOVER COVERED BRIDGE, LLC	\$ 651.63	LAMBERT,PATRICIA T HEIRS OF	\$ 659.09
ANKETELL, SETH	\$ 135.93	LARKIN, ELIZABETH	\$ 1,181.64
BARBATO, DOUGLAS	\$ 69.41	LARRABEE, DOUGLAS M	\$ 1,222.10
BARNARD, ROBERT W JR	\$ 387.77	LAVINIO, ELIZABETH	\$ 2,057.13
BAROUDI, ADAM A	\$ 1,919.88	LEONARD, DAVID	\$ 605.39
BEAL, CARROL	\$ 193.32	LEONARD, DAVID M JR	\$ 1,015.88
BEAULIEU, RAYMOND E	\$ 549.67	LIBBY, MARY O	\$ 129.35
BELL, DANIEL	\$ 145.58	LOWE, WALTER A	\$ 767.20
BENNETT, MARISSA	\$ 102.32	M & M HOUSING ASSOCIATES	\$ 719.73
BENSON, KRISTINA N	\$ 926.03	MACGREGOR, IRVING JR	\$ 726.85
BERRY, SCOTT E	\$ 140.31	MACIE, RUDY W	\$ 1,172.25

BEST, PHILIP E	\$ 258.78	MADORE, RANDAL L	\$ 432.43
BISBEE, LELAND	\$ 665.59	MANCHESTER, JOHN L	\$ 143.91
BLACK, PAMELA	\$ 871.89	MARCINUK, PETER	\$ 2.74
BROWN, ROGER	\$ 96.88	MARSTON, LINDA D	\$ 299.05
BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO	\$ 307.22	MARTIN, CYNTHIA A.	\$ 1,935.77
BULLIS, DONALD	\$ 222.01	MCINNIS, SHIRLEY K	\$ 1,031.54
BURGESS, LARRY D	\$ 2.83	MESADEAN INC	\$ 405.67
CALABRESE, BRETT	\$ 369.61	MILLETT, CHARLES	\$ 1,481.92
CARROLL, ALFRED J	\$ 709.46	MORIN, BEVERLY J	\$ 1,007.72
CARTER, DONALD	\$ 930.42	NAY, CLARK E	\$ 765.97
CARTER, DONALD	\$ 253.95	O'DONNELL, RICHARD	\$ 1,265.09
CHASE, BRIAN J	\$ 2,362.58	PALMER, JEREMY W	\$ 190.68
CHILDS, CHRISTINE (LE)	\$ 1,182.35	PARSONS, JENNIFER J	\$ 798.79
COFFIN, WALTER HEIRS OF	\$ 43.88	PARSONS, JENNIFER J	\$ 1,733.33
COLON, CARLOS	\$ 42.65	PEARL, CHAD	\$ 2,829.85
COOLIDGE, KEITH	\$ 1,028.78	PEARL, CHARLES	\$ 1,012.65
COPP, DONALD L	\$ 839.07	PEARL, CHARLES JR	\$ 484.12
COUNTRY SIDE MANAGEMENT	\$ 559.94	PENNEY, ESTELLE	\$ 37.65
COZZOLINO, MICHAEL	\$ 220.34	POST, BRUCE	\$ 416.38
CRANE, JOYCE E	\$ 911.77	RICCI, MARK D	\$ 1,204.37
CRANE, JOYCE E	\$ 1,048.00	RICHARDS, JESSICA M.	\$ 1,124.78
CROCKETT, DONALD	\$ 250.35	RING, MICHAEL	\$ 255.36
CUMMINS, HEIRS OF JOHN B	\$ 451.48	RIOUX JR, DONALD	\$ 109.08
CUMMINS, HEIRS OF JOHN B	\$ 1,072.31	ROBERTS, HOMER	\$ 568.36
DAVIDSON, CECELIA A	\$ 526.33	ROWE, JULIANNE F	\$ 1,350.04
DAVIDSON, CECELIA A	\$ 786.59	SCHMIDT, JEFFREY	\$ 553.00
DECKER, SCOTT	\$ 939.81	SERVICES UNLIMITED, INC	\$ 920.32
DESSENT-PERRY, JANE G	\$ 862.94	SERVICES UNLIMITED, INC	\$ 539.14
DESTRINI, JOHN	\$ 1,415.32	SERVICES UNLIMITED, INC	\$ 861.18
DOHERTY-KALLOCH, MARLA J	\$ 246.40	SERVICES UNLIMITED, INC	\$ 427.43
DOSTIE, THELMA M	\$ 1,825.47	SERVICES UNLIMITED, INC	\$ 318.80
DOUGLASS, RACHEL	\$ 195.86	SERVICES UNLIMITED, INC	\$ 932.43
DOWNES, ANTHONY J	\$ 758.16	SMITH, FOREST B	\$ 820.64
DUFOUR, BARBARA	\$ 97.76	SPH PROPERTIES, LLC.	\$ 43.04
DUFOUR, DENIS	\$ 1,539.23	ST HILAIRE, RAYMOND	\$ 1,196.12
DUHAMEL, KAREN M	\$ 437.17	STIMSON, NINA M	\$ 201.65
FRASER, JOEL	\$ 324.03	STOTTS, MARK S	\$ 1,021.50
G & G PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	\$ 585.30	STURTEVANT, DARLEEN E	\$ 358.30
G & G PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	\$ 1,209.12	TAMMARO, RHONDA	\$ 150.23
G & G PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	\$ 1,519.92	TARDIF, GERALD A	\$ 599.51
GARY, MARK J	\$ 1,169.62	TAYLOR, CLARENCE	\$ 563.36
GARY, MATTHEW A	\$ 703.67	TIBBETTS, ELVA HEIRS OF	\$ 632.33

GARY, MATTHEW A	\$ 664.53	TOUSSAINT, RUSSELL E	\$ 806.86
GARY, MATTHEW A	\$ 319.76	TUFTS, LORRAINE	\$ 929.28
GAUTHIER, NORMAND	\$ 293.61	TWITCHELL, PRISCILLA	\$ 48.53
GEORGE, ROBERT	\$ 204.20	VALLEE, NORMAND J	\$ 495.79
GIRARDIN, ALINE	\$ 70.11	VALLEE, NORMAND J	\$ 219.38
GOULET, SUSAN	\$ 804.85	VALLEE, NORMAND J	\$ 167.43
HART, RUSSELL A	\$ 865.66	VALLEE, NORMAND J	\$ 48.27
HEWINS, DANA	\$ 131.80	VOISINE, GARY	\$ 99.86
HILL-FRANCISCO, DOROTHY M	\$ 398.83	WASHINGTON, ROBERT	\$ 222.62
HILL-FRANCISCO, DOROTHY M	\$ 1,069.24	WHEELER, TRACY ROSE	\$ 228.15
HILL-FRANCISCO, DOROTHY M	\$ 431.03	WHITE, BEVERLY E	\$ 1,075.29
HOBBS, GREG	\$ 251.06	WILBUR, STEVEN	\$ 619.87
HOFFMAN, TRACI	\$ 849.60	WILCOX, RICHARD	\$ 533.96
HOYLE, GREGORY W	\$ 116.56	WILLSON, BRUCE W	\$ 1,054.14
JOHNSON, ERIC W	\$ 679.19	WING, RICHARD E	\$ 763.08
JOHNSON, CHRISTOPHER A.	\$ 1,595.03	WING, RICHARD E	\$ 485.52
JONES, ANGELA A	\$ 932.79	YEATON, DAVID M	\$ 937.52
JONES, BRANDON E	\$ 226.66		

2012 PERSONAL PROPERTY 1ST HALF NOT PAID

ANDOVER COVERED BRIDGE, LLC	\$ 348.32
G & G PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	\$ 102.67
KATHY'S DINER	\$ 33.35
KYLLONEN, MICHAEL	\$ 94.64

BUDGET SUMMARY

	2009/10 APPROVED	2010-11 APPROVED	2011-12 APPROVED	2010-11 ACTUALS	2012-13 PROPOSED	NET CHANGE
BUDGET CATEGORIES						
Boards and Council	\$10,162	\$11,901	\$12,327	\$11,064	\$12,372	\$45
Legal Services	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,473	\$7,500	\$2,500
Municipal Complex	\$71,254	\$81,024	\$86,512	\$88,709	\$82,681	(\$3,831)
Town Clerk / Elections	\$131,477	\$131,327	\$132,845	\$129,863	\$136,826	\$3,981
Town Manager	\$63,985	\$65,137	\$65,885	\$64,461	\$67,695	\$1,810
Utilities	\$155,140	\$125,140	\$209,540	\$124,454	\$167,340	(\$42,200)
Code Enforcement / Planning	\$42,684	\$43,191	\$43,915	\$40,633	\$45,259	\$1,344
Library	\$20,875	\$21,267	\$24,087	\$20,948	\$24,252	\$165
Recreation	\$3,712	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$2,993	\$3,500	\$500
Social Services / Welfare	\$19,595	\$25,095	\$25,095	\$14,700	\$25,095	\$0
Assessor	\$16,300	\$19,050	\$19,800	\$16,427	\$19,800	\$0
Auditor	\$6,700	\$6,000	\$6,800	\$6,393	\$6,600	(\$200)
Contingency	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$9,600	\$10,000	\$0
Debt Service	\$153,813	\$212,650	\$206,864	\$212,650	\$198,993	(\$7,871)
Pensions / Insurances	\$291,421	\$305,884	\$320,990	\$293,788	\$330,721	\$9,731
Animal Control	\$4,950	\$5,100	\$8,138	\$4,367	\$8,138	\$0
Dispatcher	\$10,630	\$10,190	\$10,440	\$10,726	\$42,502	\$32,062
EMA	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$754	\$750	\$0
Fire Department	\$56,615	\$56,620	\$59,069	\$61,947	\$62,950	\$3,881
Police Department	\$284,637	\$288,275	\$295,719	\$269,094	\$299,366	\$3,647
Rescue	\$19,730	\$22,556	\$22,946	\$24,681	\$21,806	(\$1,140)
Health Officer	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$500	\$750	\$0
Public Works	\$313,674	\$285,667	\$309,448	\$279,181	\$319,590	\$10,142
Solid Waste	\$113,048	\$110,949	\$115,350	\$106,913	\$119,382	\$4,032
County Tax	\$149,142	\$154,340	\$161,012	\$153,041	\$160,631	(\$381)
GENERAL FUND	\$1,956,044	\$2,000,863	\$2,156,282	\$1,953,360	\$2,174,499	\$18,217
CIP BUDGET	\$54,000	\$99,000	\$79,000	\$99,000	\$46,000	(\$33,000)
RESERVES BUDGET	\$0	\$0	\$205,700	\$0	\$202,208	(\$3,492)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,010,044	\$2,099,863	\$2,440,982	\$2,052,360	\$2,422,707	(\$18,275)
APPLIED REVENUES	\$964,640	\$776,740	\$772,622	\$930,421	\$822,130	\$49,508
APPLIED FUND BALANCE	\$0	\$212,650	\$345,717	\$212,650	\$292,301	(\$53,416)
NET TO BE RAISED	\$1,045,404	\$1,110,473	\$1,322,643		\$1,308,276	(\$14,367)

BUDGET REFERENDUM – SAMPLE BALLOT

DRAFT BALLOTMUNICIPAL ELECTION
TOWN OF MECHANIC FALLS

June 12, 2012

YES ←	-	To see if the Town will fix a date when taxes shall be due and payable, and to see if the
NO ←	-	Town will fix a rate of interest to be charged on taxes unpaid after said date. (Recommended that one half of annual taxes be due and collectible on or before October 15, 2012 and that second half of taxes be due on or before May 15, 2013, and also recommended that an interest of 7.00 percent per annum be charged on all unpaid taxes as of that date.)
YES ←	-	To see if the Town will allow the Town Council to act on their behalf in matters of
NO ←	-	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 ←	-	To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Council to approve payment of bills,
NO ←	-	pertaining to emergencies and unforeseen expenses, that they deem necessary from the Contingency Account.
YES ←	-	To see if the Town will vote to apply \$ 822,130 of anticipated revenues against the
NO ←	-	total amount authorized to be raised by taxation.
YES ←	-	To see if the Town will authorize the Town Council to accept and expend unforeseen
NO ←	-	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 ←	-	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$12,327 for Boards
NO ←	-	and Council Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ←	-	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$7,500 for Legal
NO ←	-	Services Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ←	-	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$82,681 for Municipal
NO ←	-	Complex Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ←	-	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$136,826 for Town
NO ←	-	Clerk/Elections Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ←	-	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$67,695 for Town
NO ←	-	Manager Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)

YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$167,340 for Utilities
NO ← -	Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$45,259 for Code
NO ← -	Enforcement and Planning Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$24,252 for Public
NO ← -	Library Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$3,500 for Recreation
NO ← -	Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$25,095 for Welfare
NO ← -	Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$19,800 for Assessor
NO ← -	Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$6,600 for Auditor
NO ← -	Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$10,000 for
NO ← -	Contingency Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$154,900 and expend
NO ← -	\$44,093 from fund balance for Debt Service Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$330,721 for
NO ← -	Pensions and Insurances Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$8,138 for Animal
NO ← -	Control Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$42,502 for
NO ← -	Dispatcher Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$750 for Emergency
NO ← -	Management Agency Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$62,950 for Fire
NO ← -	Department Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$299,366 for Police
NO ← -	Department Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)

YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$21,806 for Rescue
NO ← -	Department Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$750 for Health
NO ← -	Officer Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$319,590 for Public
NO ← -	Works Department Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$119,382 for Solid
NO ← -	Waste Department Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to expend from fund balance \$46,000 for Capital
NO ← -	Improvements Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to expend from fund balance \$202,208 for Reserves
NO ← -	Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
YES ← -	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$160,631 for
NO ← -	Androscoggin County Tax Assessment. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)