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Annual Report



*Mechanic Falls Town Office*

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# Annual Report

For the Year

January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

Including the Financial Reports

For the Fiscal Year

July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014



## Annual Report Dedication

### Richard Wing



Richard Wing, known by most as Dick Wing, has been a resident of Mechanic Falls for most of his life. He was born on February 17, 1934, the second son of Donald and Annie Wing. He lived in South Paris as a child before moving to Oxford and then to Mechanic Falls in his mid-teens.

Dick has been a proud and active member of the community all of his life. He joined the Mechanic Falls Fire Department as a volunteer when he was 18 years old. He is very proud of that, as he is a third generation firefighter following in his father's and grandfather's footsteps. He has been a member of the department for 62 years. During those years he helped with maintenance on the trucks and he was the proud driver of Engine 1.

Dick has always felt very strong about serving the community and making a difference for the citizens in our town. He believes everyone should exercise their right to vote. He served on the town council off and on for several years and was a member of the Charter Committee. Over the years he

has worked on the town equipment, worked for the school department and plowed snow in the winter for the town.

Dick is a member of Tyrian Lodge, receiving his 50 year pin last year. He has been a member of the Eastern Star and served as a board member for the Order of the Rainbow Girls where he received the Grand Cross of Color.

He started working at an early age here in town at Mac's Restaurant, and also at the Box Shop making furniture. He then went into the service where he taught mechanics in Direct Automotive Support. After he got out of the service he worked as a mechanic for various companies including Callahan Brothers. Prior to retirement he worked as a truck driver hauling freight. Since retiring he has pursued his passion and hobby of restoring old pickup trucks.

In February of 1968 he married his wife Janette. They have two daughters each from previous marriages. Rhonda, Debbie, Kathryn, and Jess. They have 4 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. They recently celebrated their 47<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

## 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 publically maintained roads

#### PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Regional School Unit #16 - Mechanic Falls / Minot / Poland  
 Elm Street School, PreK-6  
 Bruce M. Whittier Middle School, 7-8  
 Poland Regional High School, 9-12

## Tax Information

STATE VALUATION	
2003/04	\$105,800,000
2004/05	\$118,850,000
2005/06	\$125,500,000
2006/07	\$141,350,000
2007/08	\$155,700,000
2008/09	\$163,750,000
2009/10	\$166,150,000
2010/11	\$166,550,000
2011/12	\$158,550,000
2012/13	\$153,600,000
2013/14	\$146,900,000
2014/15	\$144,350,000

TAX COMMITMENT	
2003/04	\$2,302,892
2004/05	\$2,451,786
2005/06	\$2,486,440
2006/07	\$2,562,732
2007/08	\$2,605,930
2008/09	\$2,556,611
2009/10	\$2,465,800
2010/11	\$2,539,785
2011/12	\$2,571,996
2012/13	\$2,815,379
2013/14	\$2,911,010
2014/15	\$3,062,745

MUNICIPAL VALUATION	
2003/04	\$82,246,133
2004/05	\$83,965,286
2005/06	\$131,557,680
2006/07	\$135,568,928
2007/08	\$137,864,855
2008/09	\$139,705,496
2009/10	\$141,712,679
2010/11	\$144,717,137
2011/12	\$147,314,147
2012/13	\$147,178,523
2013/14	\$140,461,609
2014/15	\$142,411,547

TAX RATE / \$1,000	
2003/04	\$28.00
2004/05	\$29.20
2005/06	\$18.90
2006/07	\$18.90
2007/08	\$18.90
2008/09	\$18.30
2009/10	\$17.40
2010/11	\$17.55
2011/12	\$17.55
2012/13	\$18.65
2013/14	\$20.40
2014/15	\$21.20

## Hours of Operation

### Town Office

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday ..... 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM  
 Wednesday & Friday ..... 7:30 AM – 11:30 AM

### Transfer Station

Wednesday & Thursday ..... Noon – 5 PM  
 Saturday ..... 8 AM – 4 PM  
 Sunday ..... 8 AM – Noon

### Library

Monday & Wednesday ..... 9 AM – 5:30 PM  
 Tuesday & Thursday ..... 3 PM – 7 PM  
 Saturday ..... 9 AM – 2 PM

### Water Department

Monday – Friday ..... 7:30 AM – 4 PM

## Meeting Schedules

Board of Appeals ..... As Needed  
 Budget Committee ..... As Needed in March and April  
 Charter Commission ..... As Needed  
 Community Day Committee ..... January – June, Monthly  
 Development Commission ..... 7 PM, Second Monday, Monthly  
 Fire & Rescue ..... 7 PM, Second Monday, Monthly  
 Historical Society ..... 6:30 PM, Fourth Wednesday, Monthly  
 Library Trustees ..... 7 PM, First Wednesday, Monthly  
 Planning Board ..... 6 PM, Third Monday, Monthly  
 Recreation Committee ..... 6 PM, Second Thursday, Monthly  
 Revenue Enhancement Committee ..... 7 PM, Second Wednesday, Monthly  
 Safety Committee ..... 9 AM, Quarterly  
 Sanitary District Trustees ..... 7 PM, Fourth Monday, Monthly  
 Town Council ..... 7 PM, First Monday, Monthly

## General Information

**Governance:** By Charter adopted in 1992, amended in 2010, five elected Councilors and an appointed Town Manager

**Budget Adoption:** Referendum Voting, Second Tuesday in June

**Fiscal Year:** July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>

**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 15<sup>th</sup> and the second half due by the close of business day on May 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

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

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

Re-registration - bring the old registration, current proof of insurance and current mileage of the vehicle.

New Registration – (**dealer sale**) bring Bill of Sale showing sales tax was paid, Blue Title Application Form, Window Sticker, current proof of insurance and mileage on the vehicle.

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

New Registration - (transfer) bring same as private sale plus the Registration of the vehicle the Plates are transferred from

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

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

## Elected Officials (As of December 31, 2014)

Town Council	
Louis Annance	2016
Stephen Bolduc	2016
Cathy Fifield	2017
Wayne Hackett	2017
Nancy Richard, Chair	2015

Regional School Unit #16 Directors	
Jennifer Boenig	2015
Melissa Hodgkin	2015
Mary Martin	2016
Aaron Ouellette	2016
Jacques Wiseman	2017

Sanitary District Trustees	
Michael Baird, Chair	2016
Roger Guptill	2017
Wayne Marquis	2015
Randall Plummer	2015
Gary Purington	2016

## Appointed Committees

Board of Appeals	
Edwin Piirainen	2016
Thomas Walton	2017
Martha Wiseman	2016

Budget Committee	
Oliver Emery	2017
Peter Ford	2017
Sue Goulet	2016
Mike Needham	2016
Bonnie Payette, Chair	2015

**Community Day Committee**

Louis Annance

Sue Goulet

Cathy Griffiths

John Hawley

Doug Larrabee

Shirley Marquis

**Historical Society**

James Craig 2016

Matthew Gary, President 2015

Eriks Petersons 2015

Nancy Petersons 2017

Joan Walton 2016

**Planning Board**

Paula Bolduc, Chair 2015

Lou Goulet 2016

David Griffiths 2015

Jeremy Judd 2016

Keith Morse 2016

Paula Stotts 2017

Vacant 2017

**Development Commission**

Mike Baird, President 2017

Brenda Coleman 2016

Stuart Davis 2015

Tim Dean 2017

Vacant 2016

**Library Trustees**

Vicki Dean, Associate

Jenn Durant

Janice Earle

Nancy Petersons, President

Melinda Straight, Associate

Martha Wiseman

**Recreation Committee**

Jason Boenig 2016

Jay Bryant 2017

Robyn Coleman 2017

Nathan Edwards 2015

Matthew Gary 2016

Scott Lessard 2017

Jeff Martin 2016

Craig Smith 2015

Justin Starbird 2016

Jeff Sturtevant 2015

## Elected Government Officials

### Senator Susan Collins

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Dear Friends:

In November, the people of Maine entrusted me to serve another term in the United States Senate. I am deeply honored to serve you and will continue to work to bridge the partisan divide and to forge bipartisan solutions to the many challenges our nation faces. With the New Year just beginning, I welcome this opportunity to reflect on some of my work from this past year and to highlight some of my priorities for the year ahead.

The biggest challenge facing our State remains the need for more jobs so that Mainers can stay in our great State to live, work, and raise their families. Since small businesses create the vast majority of jobs, we must help them to start up, grow, and succeed. We must update our tax code to encourage small business investment in equipment and other assets, cut the red tape that is hampering job creators, build the transportation and energy infrastructure to support an expanding economy. We must also foster opportunities for key industries, from agriculture to defense. We must ensure that our workers have the skills they need for the jobs of today and tomorrow. These initiatives will remain my top priorities in the new Congress.

I am pleased to report a number of successes from this past year, including provisions from my “Seven Point Plan for Maine Jobs.” My proposals to streamline job training programs and better match workers’ skills with employers’ needs were enacted as part of a workforce investment act. I helped secure promising manufacturing opportunities for our state—from requiring the military to buy American-made athletic footwear for new recruits, just as it does for other uniform items, to an additional Department of Energy investment in the deepwater, offshore wind power project being developed by the University of Maine, Maine Maritime Academy, and private companies. For Maine agriculture, I succeeded in including the fresh, white potato in a federal nutrition program from which it has been the only vegetable to be excluded.

Also last year, I was pleased to join in the christening of the USS Zumwalt at Bath Iron Works, a Navy ship for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century that will help protect our nation and strengthen one of Maine’s most vital industries. And, for Veterans living in rural areas, I secured a two-year extension of the successful Access Received Closer to Home program, which is improving access to health care for Veterans in northern Maine. Finally, after several years in the making, I am delighted that Congress has approved my legislation to form a commission – at no cost to taxpayers – on the creation of a National Women’s History Museum. A museum recognizing the contributions of American women is long overdue, and this bill is an important first step toward that goal.

In the new Congress, I will serve as Chairman of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee. This position will allow me to continue working to ensure investments are made in critical transportation infrastructure, which is essential for our safety and economic growth. To date, Maine has received more than \$90 million for highway, bridge, airport, rail, and port projects through the successful TIGER grant program.

I will also serve at the helm of the Senate Special Committee on Aging in the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress, a position I sought because Maine has the highest median age in the nation. Working to address pressing issues facing our seniors, from long-term care and retirement security to the vast potential of biomedical research, will be on our agenda. Preventing and effectively treating Alzheimer’s should be an urgent national priority as this devastating disease continues to take such a personal and economic toll on more than five million Americans and their families. The Committee will also continue to focus on the scams and frauds targeting our senior citizens and has a toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) where seniors and their loved ones can report suspected fraud.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. As 2014 ended, I continued my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997; a tally that now stands at more than 5,700 consecutive votes.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the great State of Maine and the people of Mechanic Falls. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Lewiston Constituent Services Center at (207)784-6969, or visit my website at [www.collins.senate.gov](http://www.collins.senate.gov).

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator

## Senator Angus King

ANGUS S. KING, JR.  
MAINE

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ARMED SERVICES  
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INTELLIGENCE  
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

August 26, 2014

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

Dear Friends,

Since arriving to the U.S. Senate last January, I have been looking for ways to provide Mainers with improved access to federal services through the use of digital technology and on the ground outreach initiatives. Maine is a rural state and I know that traveling to our offices can present both logistical and financial challenges.

To help overcome those obstacles, I launched our signature **Your Government Your Neighborhood** outreach program in June 2013. Every other week members of my staff in Maine travel to different towns – ensuring that all 16 counties are served each month - to hold constituent office hours for local residents.

Over the past eleven months my work in Washington has been largely shaped by the four committees that I serve on: Armed Services, Intelligence, Budget, and Rules. These appointments allow me to engage on issues important to Maine and help craft legislation before it comes to the Senate floor. On the Armed Services Committee I work with my colleagues to honor our obligations to members of our armed forces both past and present, as well as ensure the continued strength, efficiency, and sustainability of our military. On the Intelligence Committee I work to effectively mitigate security threats facing our country while also establishing measures to guarantee that the privacy rights of U.S. citizens are protected. On the Budget Committee, I am working to ensure that necessary spending is tempered with fiscal responsibility, and my position on the Rules Committee allows me to push for procedural reforms that remove institutional inefficiencies and help move the country forward.

I am tremendously grateful for the opportunity to serve you and determined to keep you informed of my activities in Maine and Washington. As always, I welcome any thoughts, questions, or concerns that you may have. You can visit my website at <http://www.king.senate.gov> and provide your input there, or call our toll free in state line at **1-800-432-1599**. In addition, our local numbers are as follows: Augusta (207) 622-8292, Presque Isle (207) 764-5124, and Scarborough (207) 883-1588, and Washington D.C. (202) 224-5344.

Sincerely,



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## Governor Paul LePage



Paul R. LePage  
GOVERNOR

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March 30, 2015

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

Dear Citizens of Mechanic Falls,

Maine has a long tradition of civil participation in both state and local government, and I thank you for being informed and involved citizens.

My vision for Maine is prosperity, not poverty. For this reason, one of my top priorities is the reduction and eventual elimination of the income tax. Not only does an income tax cut put more money back in your pockets, but it will attract businesses that can offer good paying careers to keep our young people here in Maine. Further, this tax cut maximizes one of our existing resources — tourism — and ensures the millions of visitors who come to Vacationland each year contribute their small part to our economy.

Simply put, this proposal results in an immediate pay raise for all of you hard-working Mainers. It creates stronger and even more vibrant communities as we show people that we are serious about wanting people and businesses to come — and stay — in Maine.

If we are to make Maine prosperous, we must also work hard to reduce our heating and energy costs. I am committed to lowering the cost of energy, not only to attract job creators, but also to allow Maine people to affordably and effectively heat and power their homes.

And finally, it is of utmost importance that we begin to address the growing drug problem in our state. Maine's people are its most precious commodity, and our safety is being threatened by the drugs that are entering our state each and every day. My goal is to face the problem head on by employing more drug agents, prosecutors and judges before the epidemic destroys our communities.

It is a pleasure serving as your Governor. If ever I can be of assistance to you or if you have any questions or suggestions, I encourage you to contact my office by calling 287-3531 or by visiting our website at [www.maine.gov/governor](http://www.maine.gov/governor).

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage  
Governor



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## Senator Erik Brakey



### Annual Report to the Town of Mechanic Falls A Message from Senator Eric Brakey

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I am honored to represent you in the Maine Senate. I greatly appreciate the trust you placed in me and will work tirelessly for the betterment of you, your neighbors and our community, as well as for the great state of Maine. I am pleased to let you know that I have been chosen to sit as the Senate Chair for the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

My fellow legislators and I have a great deal to accomplish when the 127<sup>th</sup> Legislature reconvenes in January. The most important item on our to-do list is clear: our state needs more jobs at all levels of the pay scale, so it is our responsibility and my solemn promise to work to expand economic opportunity for all Mainers.

We must also renew our focus on addressing our outrageous energy costs. The spiraling costs of electricity harms families and businesses; both existing and those considering a move to Maine. Energy is my family business and my area of expertise. This will be my priority, both for relief and for business growth. Finally, my commitment to our aging population remains unwavering. I am confident we will continue to move Maine in the right direction.

Private sector gains remain the best vehicle to spur robust economic growth, and I am focused on ensuring that traditional industries and small businesses have their needs met so Maine will continue to create jobs. In the same sense, innovation is critical to providing a path forward for Maine's economy – and my colleagues and I are excited to encourage the ideas of entrepreneurial minds young and old. We must also maintain our commitment to quality education to prepare the next generation of entrepreneurs and skilled workforce.

Another essential component of a robust economy is an efficient use of state government's scarce resources, and I was elected because I will be an attentive steward of your tax dollars. Unfortunately, Maine's current distribution of benefits from our welfare system is not helping the folks who need these benefits most. In order to help our truly needy survive and get back on their feet, I will work with my fellow legislators to protect our state's vulnerable citizens while fighting fraud, waste and abuse in Maine's welfare system. In short, we must reform welfare.

You have my humble and sincere thanks for allowing me to represent you in Augusta. I stand ready to work with you over the next two years, so please feel free to contact me at 207-287-1505 and [sen.eric.brakey@gmail.com](mailto:sen.eric.brakey@gmail.com) if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy. I will be gratified to help you.

Best,

Eric Brakey  
State Senator

## Representative Kathleen Dillingham



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February 2015

Dear Friends & Neighbors:

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your State Representative. There is much work to be done between now and lawmaker's statutory adjournment date of June 17, as nearly 1,900 bill requests have been submitted for consideration. Keeping that in mind, receiving your feedback on the various policies to be deliberated is essential. Only by hearing from you can I be an effective public servant.

As you may know, State House leadership has assigned me to the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee. This panel has jurisdiction over a number of issues, some of which comprise the Department of Defense, Veterans, and Emergency Management Services (except the Maine Emergency Management Agency); the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations; the Maine National Guard; as well as liquor laws; harness racing; off-track betting; election laws; campaign practices; campaign financing and the Maine Clean Election Act; voter registration; initiatives and referenda; along with governmental ethics; lobbyist registration; and landlord-tenant laws. If you wish to tune into the hearings and work sessions conducted by this Committee, I encourage you to visit the Legislature's new Web site at <http://legislature.maine.gov/>.

With the goal of improving Maine's economy by enacting commonsense policies to grow our workforce and bring good-paying jobs to the State, this session will be focused on lowering energy costs; easing Mainers' tax burden; and putting an end to waste, fraud, and abuse in our welfare system. To achieve these objectives, it is up to legislators to work collaboratively and put residents' best interests well ahead of partisan politics.

It is always my intent to maintain an open line of communication with constituents. If you would like to receive my regular e-newsletter, please send me your e-mail address. This publication includes topics of interest related to government and other informative announcements.

Again, thank you for the privilege of serving the people of Mechanic Falls in Augusta. As the New Year progresses, I hope 2015 is one that brings you and your families good health, contentment, and prosperity!

Sincerely,

Kathleen R. J. Dillingham  
State Representative

District 72      Mechanic Falls, Otisfield and Oxford

## Congressman Bruce Poliquin

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## Mechanic Falls' Most Senior Resident



## Report of the Town Council

Mechanic Falls has five town councilors that are elected for staggered terms. It is our responsibility to act on behalf of and in the best interest of the citizens of our community. Each year we are faced with unique challenges but what is making our duties more difficult each year are the impacts on our local budget, of which we have minimal control. The demands on public services increase yearly, but the non-tax revenue streams are reduced each year. We consistently look for ways to keep our expenses low in an effort to keep the tax burden in check, but this is no small task, I assure you. Our municipal properties continue to age, our infrastructure weakens and unfortunately due to financial restrictions we have been taking two steps forward, three steps back.

We realize that we have to do more with less, and as you will read in the Town Manager's report, we took steps to accomplish that in this past year. Some of the changes we have made have not been popular. People are feeling the loss in services when they stop at the town office and find it closed, or access to certain staff has been minimized. We understand that we need to continue to keep our costs in check. However, we need to consider that in order to make our community attractive for commercial development, and we need to make sure we are giving potential businesses a reason to locate here. Not investing in our community will only serve to detract the very revenue opportunities we need to help support our tax base. A balance is not easy to achieve, and we work hard to make all ends meet.

Community and civic involvement are reaching dangerously low levels. We have many vacancies on various committees and our volunteer fire and rescue department memberships are well below optimum levels. Mechanic Falls has had a long history of able-bodied people who have served unselfishly to fulfill our needs. We are experiencing the same trend that is affecting other towns and cities in which people are not as willing to give freely of their time. As you read through the lists of committee members in this report, you will see that many people serve multiple committees. When they choose to get done, it leaves quite a hole to fill. It has never been more important for people to step up and help in order to keep our expenses low. As volunteers disappear, their services will still be needed but the only option for filling those gaps will be with paid personnel. Please consider our local groups and offer to serve in one way or another. Most committees require only one maybe two meetings a month.

I want to take an opportunity to thank former Councilor, Dan Blanchard. Dan termed out this past year and retired from public service after serving multiple years on various boards and committees. I would also like to thank my colleagues Lou Annance, Cathy Fifield and Steve Bolduc for their service and to welcome Wayne Hackett back to the Council after several years of hiatus. I would also like to emphasize my full support in the staff that operates our municipal functions. They continue to plug along despite the never-ending hurdles placed in their way. These are truly dedicated folks who do not always get credit when credit is due but give their one-hundred percent every day. We are in good hands with these people.

My current term will expire in June of 2015, and I have decided not to seek reelection. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving on the Council, as a member of the budget committee prior to that and as the Town's representative to the County Budget Committee. Mechanic Falls is a great community, with great people and even greater potential. As I move on to pursue other personal interests, I want to express my sincerest gratitude to those who voted to entrust me with this leadership position.

Nancy Richard  
Town Council Chair

## Report of the Town Manager

As each year comes and goes, we are faced with unique challenges that test our abilities and test us to do what we do best. Providing municipal services with less funding forces us to do more with less and in 2104, we began to feel some of the adverse reductions in services that have been slowly creeping up on us.

The Revenue Sharing received from the State was quite a contentious debate again this year as Governor LePage continues to try to eliminate it. Since the inception of the law in the early 1970s, five percent of income and sales taxes collected by the State is to be distributed to all the towns and cities in Maine to help keep taxes low. In 2006, Governor Baldacci began to dip into the portion to be distributed to help fund the State budget and this practice became an epidemic that has yet to be cured. The amount sent to towns has been cut by larger margins every year since. The town of Mechanic Falls used to receive \$390,000 a year when I became the manager in 2006. This fiscal year we will have received about \$180,000. The difference in the loss of revenue has been picked up by the local taxpayers in the form of tax increases, using our fund balance (savings account), service fee hikes, reduced municipal services and any combination of the above.

This past year we condensed three full-time positions to part-time. Our Tax Clerk, Code Enforcement Officer, and a Public Works employee were reduced to half time in an effort cut expenses. This has not been well received by the public, and the amount of savings achieved is debatable. In order to cut back on the staffing positions it was necessary for us to reduce the number of hours the town offices are open each week. We are closed on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. People wishing to apply for construction permits or have development questions have been turned away and have to return when the Code Officer is in the office. Relying on one less public works employee has increased the workload for the others resulting in increased overtime. Part time help brought in has created increased levels of damage to our equipment because of the lack of operational experience. People are noticing the loss in quality of services that they had come to expect from the town, and our responsiveness has slowed to meeting the public's need.

Major projects that used to be contracted out are being done utilizing our public works and water department staff. We have been quite successful with these ventures. In the summer, Public Works rebuilt the road base for the lower end of Mitchell Street, and the Water Department laid a new water main down Park Street. Some contracted help was needed for both projects, but we managed to save quite a bit of money by doing it ourselves. As successful as these examples are, it needs to be mentioned that while these folks are working on specialized projects, their routine work falls behind. Little things like neglecting ditching contribute to the rapid deterioration of our roads, which increases our future repair and replacement costs. There are good and bad aspects of every situation.

Another cost-cutting measure was to contract out our General Assistance administration. The town office has historically delivered this service, but the program was becoming more costly each year. The investigation component of GA was not happening. The lack of time for staff to conduct thorough investigations was not adequately identifying those who were not eligible for welfare. Hiring a specialist has resulted in significant reductions in the expense of this program and it is has determined that fewer folks are eligible to receive the aid because of misreporting of income, financial resources, and or evidence of misspent income.

After many, many years of requests, changes are coming to the intersection at Five Corners. For years, both the towns of Mechanic Falls and Poland have expressed great concern regarding the safe passage of motor vehicles through this busy and dysfunctional intersection. With the increased traffic counts over the past few years, the Maine Department of Transportation has allocated funding that will close the entrance to and relocate Winterbrook Road to Route 11 in Poland. Taking that spur of the intersection out of the mix and adding a full set of traffic signals are scheduled for construction in 2015-16. This will surely make a difference in the safety level at this location.

The town was also awarded a \$125,000 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to install a box culvert on Lane Road. Anyone who has lived here for any length of time can attest to the serious drainage issues we have experienced over the years when micro-burst rainstorms have hit our region. Torrential rains have frequently caused road damage to this area as a result of inadequate drainage courses. This box culvert will cause the road to be closed for several days in the summer of 2015, but the result will allow much more water to exit the roadway and reduce the washouts produced by the flowing surges of rainfall.

I want to give an immense amount of credit to our emergency responders and to the mutual aid agencies that assisted with the tragic hayride accident at Harvest Hill Farms this past fall. Nothing will test the abilities and capabilities of a volunteer service than a mass casualty accident, and this unfortunate event was nothing less. The area communities and private medical transporting agencies came together that day and successfully treated and moved more than two dozen patients to local hospitals. Sadly, one teenage girl lost her life but the damages could have been far worse had it not been for the cooperative efforts of all of the police, fire and emergency medical personnel that responded that day. We do not give these

folks nearly enough credit for the time and energy they put into being the first line of response in our towns.

I want to thank Councilor Dan Blanchard, who termed out this past year and has retired from public service. I have appreciated Dan's support and guidance over the years and wish him well.

As I conclude my report for this year, I want also to thank those that continue to support me. I realize that government officials do not win popularity contests and are often not well liked. I do my very best for this community and try to make decisions in the best interest of the community as a whole. Sometimes that ticks people off when I cannot respond to their individual issue. I am here to serve everyone and follow policies drafted long before my tenure began, and I am often bound by those policies. I do make every effort to help find solutions, but there are just some things that are outside of my jurisdiction.

Thank you to the great team of employees I have. Each one of these individuals brings unique value to our annual goals, and our accomplishments could not be achieved without them. I appreciate all of them.

John Hawley  
Town Manager

## Municipal Department Reports

### Animal Control

It is the responsibility of the Animal Control Officer to respond to and investigate complaints from citizens concerning domestic animals, contain and pick-up stray, sick or injured, feral, and/or unwanted and captured domestic animals and transport them to an appropriate destination. If necessary the Officer will set traps to capture evasive domestic animals. The ACO also performs emergency animal rescue service.

The Officer will educate the public on proper animal care, wildlife problems, and animal control regulations, issues warnings/citations to animal owners found in violation of animal regulations and prepares and maintains necessary reports and



records and represents the community at court.

Last year, there were 337 animal complaints. Those included 16 animal trespassing complaints, 8 animal bites and 20 dogs that were picked up and transported to a shelter or returned to their owner.

For your own safety and for the safety of those in your community, please vaccinate your dogs and cats. Rabies is fatal.

Dogs older than six months must be vaccinated, and licensed with the Town by the end of the day, December 31st of each year. A \$25 late fee per dog is assessed if licensed later than January 31<sup>st</sup>. At the end of 2014, there were over 150 dogs that were not licensed on time. Please remember to mark your calendars in December to remind yourself of the end of year deadline.

Robert Larrabee  
Animal Control Officer

## Code Enforcement & Planning

This past year saw two code enforcement officers for the town, Nick Richards, who had filled this position since 2007, moved on to another job, and myself. Thank you, Nick for the good job you did. I hope I can do well.

To introduce myself, I am Leslie Johnson, the Code Enforcement Officer. Many of you know me from your visits to the Transfer Station where I also work. I am here to help with any questions you might have for your construction projects, including what you can build, where you can build it, and how to build it. Remember, just because you have room to construct something, doesn't mean you are allowed to by Town Ordinances, especially if you are in a Shoreland Zone or other area with certain restrictions. Check with me first. I issue building, plumbing, electrical, use, and driveway permits. If you want to open a business, I issue permits for that. If you are in doubt about whether something is allowed, call me.

For those of you that are familiar with land use management and building codes, you know that they are not static programs. Every three years the International Building Codes go through revisions. Some codes are dropped, and some are added, but they are always evolving to stay in sync with the changing tide of progress. The state statutes also go through frequent changes. If you have any questions before you consider a new project, contact me first to make sure you work within the code requirements.

One thing I have noticed is that once a project is completed to the point of inspection, I do not always receive notice of such. I usually have two inspections on all electrical and plumbing projects. The state requires two inspections on all Sub-Surface Waste Disposal Systems (Septic

Systems). Building projects may require three, four, five or more inspections depending on the project. Remember to call as you finish each stage of the project.

The total number of permits applied for this past year was 78. We had 28 applications for Building Permits. Of those, three were for mobile homes, one for a modular home placement, and two for stick built homes. The majority of the rest were for garage additions, decks, and internal remodeling. There were 23 Electrical Permits issued. Two were for standby generators, the rest were for the new homes and remodeling/upgrades. We had 23 plumbing permits. They included 12 for Internal Plumbing additions/relocations and 11 for Subsurface Waste Disposal Systems. There were 4 Use Permits.

I am here to serve you and look forward to a prosperous year.

Leslie Johnson  
Code Enforcement Officer

## Emergency Management

2014 was a very quiet year, however the winter of 2014-15 was very tough. It started with a two-day blizzard on January 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> which was declared a federal disaster making us eligible for replacement of funds expended during the storm. Reimbursement of \$10,794.21 will be forthcoming to Mechanic Falls with 75% coming from the Federal Government, 15% for the State and the remaining 10% is at the cost of the Town.

February ended up being the coldest month on record.

Special thanks to Scott Penney and his Public Works crew for their outstanding job of keeping our streets open during the snow storms.

I am currently working with Town Manager, John Hawley, on an All Hazards Preparedness Guide which will be posted on the Town's web site when completed.

I wish a quick and complete recovery for our Fire Chief Fred Sturtevant, following his horrific accident in January.

Let's hope the remainder of this winter will be storm free.

David Stimson  
Emergency Management Director



## Fire Department

Mechanic Falls Fire hopes all is well with you. We had a tough winter, but spring flowers are around the corner.

The department appreciates the support you have given us and we will be there for you when called upon. This last year has tested the department for many reasons, but the guys and gals have stood up to the challenge to give their best to the citizens of Mechanic Falls. Membership is down due either to ageing people moving on or the requirements to be a member are too demanding for some. We have been trying new recruiting ideas and hope for success in the future. If anyone is interested, or may know someone who is interested please come to a meeting or talk to any member to see if it might be a good fit.

We had a severe call last fall that truly tested our abilities. We responded to Pumpkin Land where an overturned trailer on the Gauntlet Hayride resulted in serious injury and death. This call showed the determination of all the members who responded and they performed at their top level of skill and caring. This call also showed how multiple agencies can work together to get the job done at the time of chaos. Without the benefit of mutual aid, no town could make it on their own today.



I want to say thanks to all who helped for their dedication and willingness to step up to the challenge given to them.

We have ordered a new fire truck and were able to get a good truck with in the budget

funds provided by you the taxpayers. It should be delivered in late 2015. This year's budget has been kept low as possible in anticipation of potential revenue losses from the State. The loss of funding to towns has made it tougher every year to do the job required. We will be able to do the job required of us still, but it puts a strain on our operation expenses. We are hoping for your continued support. Our department is one of the lowest cost fire departments around.

I want to say special thanks to all of the members of this department and to the other municipal departments for stepping up to the plate. I was the victim of a serious accident in early 2015 which eliminated my ability to run the fire department. I am proud to say that the staff kept going without my guidance and influence. It just goes to show that our community is protected by guys

and gals that are professionals through and through. I did not choose the wrong people for the jobs. Thank you.

Fred C. Sturtevant III  
Fire Chief

## Health and Safety Compliance

This past year was spent working with Maine Department of Labor, SafetyWorks and Maine Municipal Association's Risk Management Services. I attended many SafetyWorks trainings, and they also visited us to provide classes. This has been an advantageous relationship to develop. They are an excellent resource for maintaining safety compliance for the Town.

Several documents were updated, revised and rewritten. The documents updated were Fire Safety, Bloodborne Pathogens, our Safety Mission Statement, Hearing Conservation Plan, and Hazard Communication integrating the new Global Harmonization standard. The Hearing Conservation Plan was the most comprehensive. It required testing of noise levels for several pieces of equipment used by municipal employees, determining if noise thresholds were exceeded and auditory testing for affected employees. There are still policies which need updating and rewriting, and this is the goal for 2015.

Working with departments to provide training, assess training needs, and provide appropriate training materials has been a task which requires ongoing efforts. Trainings corresponding with job duties are something which require continual efforts and obligations in order to maintain a level of compliance acceptable to the Department of Labor and Maine Municipal Association.

Kathryn Oak  
Health and Safety Compliance Officer

## Library

The library has seen some exciting changes in 2014. I took over as librarian in June and have been very excited to be able to see the library through these changes. I would like to thank everyone for welcoming me to the community; it has been a great start.

In July we began transitioning over to new cataloging software. I have been systematically cataloging the entire library and have completed the Children's, Juvenile and Young Adult collections and hope to have the Adult collection done by sometime this summer.

We have a newly remodeled room for the Juvenile collection with new shelving that opens up the space dramatically, making it very inviting. We added riser seating to the Juvenile room which makes Storytime a lot more fun and provides seating for youngsters to sit and enjoy the space. The Young Adult collection has been moved into its own space which has gotten positive feedback from our teens and adults.

We added new programs including a weekly Storytime that is very popular and is at full capacity, a Book Group for Adults, and a Fiber Group where participants can bring their fiber crafts and get tips, share their experience, try new crafts and socialize.

We received two grants; A Libri Foundation grant that provided \$1,400 worth of children's books for our collection and a Maine Humanities Lets Talk About It grant that provided materials and a facilitator from Bates College to discuss the Opening Windows Series, Five Women, Five Cultures. We have had a guest speaker from Safe Voices provide a preschool Storytime as well as a Healthy Relationships program for those 16 and older.

The annual pie sale raised \$600 which was made possible by our wonderful patrons and community members who braved the storm to donate and/or buy pies. We had two book sales this year, which raised \$777.91 for the benefit of the library. Thank you!



*Weekly Story Time at the Library*

The library saw 2,754 patrons and had 1,794 adult books, 2,156 youth books, 533 Audio/DVDs, 212 e-book/audios checked out. Computers were used 593 times and wireless access from within the library was used 58 times July-December. 69 Interlibrary loans were requested, 58 between June and December. This number is down from previous years, but we hope to make this service more readily available in the future. 230 reference questions were answered, 69 new patrons have registered and 148 people attended programs July-December. Using the information available and the Library Use Calculator provided by the Maine State Library, the estimated value of library services to the community this past year is \$78,087.

Services available: We have two public access computers, plus two laptops available for use within the library with Internet access, free Wi-Fi, access to the Overdrive download library and Interlibrary loans through the Maine State Library, black & white photocopies at 25¢ each and printouts at 25¢ for black & white and 50¢ for color, programs for preschoolers and adults and we have new books arriving monthly.

Thank you for your patronage and we welcome you to stop by and see what's new!

Connie Cushing Sefcik  
Librarian

## Police Department

The Mechanic Falls Police Department has had a busy year. We have more than doubled the number of drug cases against subjects who want to possess, use and sell illegal drugs in this town. Officers are aggressively making an impact and will continue to do so. The department was able to obtain over \$4700.00 in drug money through asset forfeiture. There are specific guidelines on how the money can be spent but without going into great detail it has to be used on police equipment. This helps in that items I may have had to budget for are now able to be purchased with that money and I can request fewer tax dollars in my budget. We run a very lean operation as it is so every penny we get helps. The Police Department has participated in the "Drug Take Back" programs that allow citizens to bring their unused/expired medications in on a couple of different days through the year and they are disposed of properly. There has never been a good way for residents to dispose of them. Most people used to flush them down the toilet but that was bad for the sewerage treatment plants and the environment. The Town of Mechanic Falls turned in about nearly 100 pounds of prescription drugs and medication in 2014. We have a box that was given to us by the Sheriff's Department that allows you to drop off anytime the town office is open.

There are many scams going around that try to get you to give your money away. Don't get fooled. If someone calls and says you have won anything but you have to pay money up front first it is likely a scam. If you get a call and someone is trying to get you to wire money or prepaid cards for any reason at all be very careful. Call us first as we often hear of these scams and can try to help you determine the validity of the situation. A general rule of thumb is if it sounds too good to be true than it probably is a hoax.

Over this past year I have received some letters/thank you cards from citizens local and away that have had contact with the department. They were thanking the department and the officer that they had contact with for their professionalism, help and understanding. We don't get thanked very often but when we do we appreciate you taking the time to acknowledge us. We thank you for your support and we are proud to protect and serve the Town of Mechanic Falls.

**Calls for service in 2014: 3525**

The Police Department handled 2 fewer calls for service in 2014 than we did in 2013. We had been in the 3300 range in 2012. Our increased volume has stayed up again this year.

**Traffic Offenses: 1162**

***Citations: 274***

***Warnings: 888***

The Mechanic Falls Police Department issued 3.2 WARNINGS for every 1 Citation. A driver's chance of getting a warning from us is more than triple when they are stopped. We do however

feel that we are making a difference as it seems that we have few repeat offenders so quite often a warning is sufficient.

**Criminal / Civil Violations  
1/01/2014 – 12/31/2014**

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	2	OPERATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	19
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ASSAULT	10	MINOR POSSESSING LIQUOR	6
ROBBERY	1	ALLOW MINOR POSSESSION /CONSUME LIQUOR	3
SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF MINOR	1	FURNISHING LIQUOR TO MINOR	2
ENDANGERING WELFARE OF CHILD	4	CRIMINAL TRESPASS	4
ASSAULT	6	VIOLATING CONDITIONS OF RELEASE	27
CRIMINAL THREATENING	1	VIOLATION OF PROTECTION ORDER	3
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRIMINAL THREATENING	2	ILLEGAL TRANSPORT ALCOHOL BY MINOR	5
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TERRORIZING	1	OBSTRUCTING THE REPORT OF CRIME	1
TERRORIZING	1	HARASSMENT	1
STEALING DRUGS	5	HARASSMENT BY TELE/ELEC DEVICE	5
BURGLARY	18	WARRANT ARRESTS	3
BURGLARY OF MOTOR VEHICLE	7	SALE OF LIQUOR TO VISIBLY INTOXICATED PERSON	1
THEFT	44	FAILING TO OBTAIN DRIVERS LICENSE	1
AGGRAVATED CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	1	OPERATING VEHICLE WITHOUT LICENSE	8
FORGERY	1	ILLEGALLY ATTACHED REGISTRATION PLATES	15
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	32	DISPLAYING FICTITIOUS INSPECTION STICKER	1
UNLAWFUL TRAFFIC SCHEDULED DRUGS	2	LEAVING THE SCENE OF CRASH	3
UNLAWFUL FURNISHING SCHEDULED DRUG	1	FAILING TO REPORT VEHICLE CRASH	5

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF SCHEDULED DRUGS	12	OPERATING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED	57
POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA	26	DRIVING TO ENDANGER	4
SALE & USE DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	19	OPERATING W/ SUSPENDED REGISTRATION	9
CULTIVATING MARIJUANA	2	HABITUAL MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENDER	3
NEGOTIATING WORTHLESS INSTRUMENT	11	FAILURE TO REGISTER VEHICLE	35
REFUSING TO SUBMIT TO ARREST	1	SPEEDING 30+ MPH OVER LIMIT	7
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	2		

Thank you for your continued support.

Jeffrey Goss  
Police Chief

## Public Works

The Public Works crew has one goal in mind, to make our roads, parks, sidewalks, lawns and buildings, something that the people of this town can appreciate and be proud of. We work very hard at keeping things safe and passable in the winter months, and looking clean and presentable the rest of the year. Great pride is taken by me and my staff to make sure that any project we are on we do it to the best of our ability and do it as least expensive as possible.

Last winter was a moderate one as far as snowstorms, our trucks were on the roads for snow plowing, sanding or salting 47 times. That does not include pushing snowbanks back or hauling snow from the downtown to Fireman’s Field. Seventy nine inches of snow fell on us and it was a very long cold winter that many people thought would never end.

We always do our spring cleaning of roads, sidewalks, parking lots and paint stripping to make the town look nice for the summer months. We always have four young men help us clean the sidewalks during their school spring vacation and they earn their money. Cleaning up dirt is one of the toughest jobs there is because of the dust and the heat but we always get the job done.

In mid-summer one of my long time employees, Tim Estes, moved on to another job closer to home. I want to thank him for his devotion and wish him the best on his new endeavor. After he left, we continued with just a thirty hour part time employee in his place. This was an attempt to see if we could reduce staff to save taxpayers money but it made it tough to accomplish all that

we have to do. I hope we can change that in the coming year and restore that position back to full time.

Many miles of roadside ditching, mowing and an awful lot of patching take a lot of our time during the summer. This year we had a project to do on Mitchell Street so we spent some time hauling material for the job. The project was started in early September was completed on time and well under what was budgeted. The road is much better than before. A big thank you to all the folks that live in that neighborhood for their patience and kindness while we worked on the road.

As summer faded away it was time to prepare our trucks and equipment for another winter and we take great pride in making sure these vehicles are ready for the job, painted where need be and cleaned as often as possible. We try to make them very presentable at all times so our townspeople can be as proud of them as we are.

Going into my twenty year stretch working for this town I would like to say it has always been a pleasure to work here and I hope I have many more years to serve this town. I am lucky to have the great crew that I work with every day, they make the job very enjoyable while we are getting a lot accomplished at the same time. It takes a great team to get things done and we have good one.

Scott R. Penney  
Public Works Director

## Rescue

It has been a little over a year since Poland Fire Rescue started providing day time coverage (6 am till 6 pm) and things have been going well. United Ambulance Service continues to be our transporting service from 6 pm until 6 am.

Rescue was activated 84 times last year.

Rescue is currently made up of three Basic Emergency Medical Technicians, four Advanced EMTs, one Paramedic, and two drivers. We always have a need for more licensed EMTs. If interested please complete an application online or at the Town Office.

### Rescue Calls January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014

Abuse / Neglect	1
Assist Only	1
Behavioral / Psychiatric Disorder	3
Cardiac - Chest Pain	1

Cardiac - Other	1
Cardiac Arrest - Asystole	2
Cardiac Arrest - BLS	1
Flu Like Illness	1
Nausea / Vomiting (Unknown Etiology)	1
No Apparent Illness / Injury	4
Obvious Death	3
Other Illness / Injury	4
Overdose - Drug / Medication	4
Pain - Chest (Non-Cardiac)	3
Pain - Extremity (Non-Traumatic)	1
Stroke / CVA / TIA	1
Syncope / Fainting	3
Traumatic Injury - Back	1
Traumatic Injury - Extremity	10
Traumatic Injury - Head	5
Traumatic Injury - Multisystem	5
Traumatic Injury - Torso	1
Weakness / General Malaise	1
Total	58

Thank you to the team all for your hard work and dedication. And thank you to the community for your support and donations.

Jennifer Casey  
Rescue Chief

## Solid Waste

This was certainly a year of changes for the transfer station.

- Our Operations Manual and Solid Waste Ordinance were amended to reflect current practices.

- Even more compost was used by all of you this past year and I hope everybody has been happy with it. Please, let us know if there is anything we can do to improve the process.
- We celebrated America Recycles Day by recognizing our local vendors and how your recyclables contribute to local employment.
- A new gate was installed because the old was damaged when hit by a vehicle.
- We hosted an AVCOG Solid Waste Operator's Forum. It was nice to show off our facility.
- Our hauling and engineering needs are met by different vendors which saves us money for these services.
- Wood handling has changed because the cost for managing our wood debris had increased dramatically. We now collect the wood in a roll-off container for transport to RE-Energy in Lewiston. This process will be a lot cleaner for the transfer station and should be cost neutral.
- Lastly, our recycling rates last year are roughly 53% compared to 52% the year before.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation, kindness and generosity! If there is ever a way we can better serve you, please let us know.

Kathryn Oak  
Transfer Station Manager

## Town Clerk

Our former Town Clerk, Laurel Nadeau resigned from her position in August. She and her husband decided to sell their home and move back to Florida. I am happy to announce that the position of Town Clerk was offered to me and I gladly accepted.

The following is a list of the elections held during 2014:

- May 15, 2014 Warrant for RSU 16 District Budget Meeting
- May 12, 2014 Warrant for RSU 16 Budget Validation Referendum
- June 2, 2014 State of Maine Primary Election & Town Local Candidate and Budget Referendum
- July 22, 2014 Municipal Budget Referendum
- November 4, 2014 State of Maine General Election/State Referendum

The November election was the first election for me in 7 years, I was very lucky to have such knowledgeable election clerks as Nancy Petersons, Lydia Fisher and Michelle Emery to help me through the process. Thank you ladies.

We held the annual rabies clinic with Dr. Frechette in January. However, the weather and lack of advertising on the sign out front produced a poor turnout. Please remember State Law

requires you to license your dog every year BEFORE December 31. The fee is \$11.00 for male/female and \$6.00 for spayed/neutered. I tried calling every owner before the February deadline, but many no longer have their landlines or their cell phone mailboxes have not yet been set up. There is a late fee of \$25.00 for all dogs not licensed before February 1 in addition to the regular license fee.

Motor Vehicle renewal is available to residents for vehicle and trailer registrations through Rapid Renewal. You can use this service if you have an excise –taxable vehicle either commercial or passenger (less than 12,000 pounds GVW) or non-excise taxed trailer (such as a utility trailer). You will need your current yellow registration, your current insurance card and the vehicle’s current mileage. The service is available to you at <https://www1.maine.gov/online/bmv/rapid-renewal/>.

Interesting statistics for 2014 from the Town Clerk’s Office:

Vital Statistics –

- 15 Marriages
- 34 Deaths
- 33 Births

Animal Welfare –

- 377 Dogs Licenses
- 6 Kennel Licenses

Motor Vehicle-

- 3394 MVRs (Registrations) processed

Inland Fisheries & Wildlife-

- 212 Hunting/Fishing Licenses
- 108 Boat Registrations
- 89 Snowmobiles Registrations
- 90 ATV Registrations

Business Licenses

- 30 Various Licenses and Permits

Marriages in 2014	
3/29/2014	Greg M. Webster & Shannon Wilson
5/31/2014	Anthony V. Emery & Amanda Boyd-Sherrer
6/14/2014	Timothy M. Larracey & Whitney Rolfe
6/14/2014	Edward W. Morris III & Nicole Vachon
6/27/2014	Charles S. Dunlop & Kimmy Grant
6/28/2014	Tyler P. Brooks & Natalie Bergeron
6/28/2014	Scott E. Boyd & Katie Crafts

7/5/2014	Vincent L. Alai & Louise Daigneault
7/24/2014	Anthony M. Andreas & Kim Nichols
8/16/2014	Kyle D. Millett & Erin Proctor
8/17/2014	Thomas E. Jones & DeAnne Start
9/6/2014	Raymond E. Beaulieu & Phyllis Burgess
9/27/2014	Brian P. Gilbert & Katie Ellis
10/11/2014	Cody T. Wallingford & Shawnie Pearl
12/13/2014	Michael S. Kyllonen & Deborah Wing

### Deaths in 2014

1/18/2014	Paul Mathon
1/21/2014	Gloria Bilodeau
1/22/2014	William Diehl
1/23/2014	Gary Howard
2/15/2014	Gloria Tardif
3/11/2014	Albert Tirrell
4/8/2014	Charles Berry
4/14/2014	Ashley Rowe
4/16/2014	Joseph Flanders
4/26/2014	Barbara Sanborn
6/2/2014	Thelma Cronin
6/9/2014	Judith Yates
7/5/2014	Wilbur Quittmeyer
7/5/2014	Linwood W. Edwards
7/8/2014	Danny Barfield
7/15/2014	Julien Gilbert
8/4/2014	Roger N. Arris
8/6/2014	Paul E. Fortin
8/11/2014	Christopher S. Mazzillo, Jr.
8/12/2014	Carl Frost
8/13/2014	Stella E. Irish

9/1/2014	Robert M. Flint
10/6/2014	James Gower
10/21/2014	Donna L. Palmer
10/23/2014	Kassandra Lavoie
10/29/2014	Evelyn G. Biardi
11/3/2014	Donald J. Perry
11/25/2014	Bertha Gray
11/26/2014	Alan Pray
11/28/2014	Elizabeth Hackett
12/21/2014	Peter Van Ham
12/22/2014	Mary Goodrich
12/25/2014	Nellie Black
12/29/2014	Mary Lou Yates

Please be sure to check out Mechanic Falls' website to keep up to date on the Council Meeting minutes or new and upcoming events in town. <http://www.mechanicfalls.govoffice.com/>

Shirley Marquis  
Town Clerk

## Water Department

First of all we would like to thank those of you that help with the snow removal around the fire hydrants in your neighborhood. We are now tending to one-hundred and six (106) hydrants both in Mechanic Falls and Poland. Historically the fire fighters shoveled the hydrants and the Water Department paid them, but it is getting more difficult to get this accomplished. So to those of you that help us out, thank you!

This past spring the Water Department hosted the Maine Water Utilities Association (MWUA) meeting here at the American Legion. The MWUA moves around the state holding it's meeting in various places. We were asked to give a short presentation on our history and the Town Manager "welcomed" them to town. The luncheon put on by the Legion was "top shelf" as usual!

This year we took on the Park Street main replacement project. It was quite an undertaking for our small crew. We hired an excavator with an operator to do the digging and our crew was augmented by the two from the Sanitary District. We were able to get the new main installed in a week. But then the project slowed down while we re-connected the services and mains. We found ourselves taking longer than we wished due to scheduling conflicts and weather events.

The heavy rains we had wreaked havoc on our restoration work, and put us behind in the final cleanup work. But I'm happy to say we are finally done! As usual, the crew from the Highway Department came to our aid. Trucking materials in and out and helping us restore the pavement. Like most projects, the first winter will tell us where we need to concentrate our efforts in final restoration. So we will be back in the spring when the frost is gone to see if any repairs are necessary. We would like to thank the neighbors for putting up with us. We tried our best to keep disruptions to a minimum. Dust was a villain we couldn't contain! But we are finally done! The pipe we replaced was installed in the early nineteen hundreds. So it was just one-hundred years old! We replaced six- inch cast iron pipe with eight-inch plastic pipe, doubling our capacity to deliver water to the Lewiston Street area. So thanks again to the neighborhood for putting up with us.

Our system is growing!. We connected eight new services and disconnected one service to replace it with a larger one, for a net growth of seven services. We also added one more fire hydrant to the system in the Poland area due to the C. N. Brown reconstruction.

We are now able to accept payments by credit card, and payments can be made on line. If you wish to make a payment using your credit card you may come into the office and we can assist you. There is a small service charge for this service. You may also make a payment using the internet. First you must go to the Town site, locate the Water Department, then proceed from there.

It has been determined that we are due for a rate increase. We have gone seven years without one. We are looking at a ten percent increase. That will compute to a little less than one and a half percent a year. Previous increases have been thirteen, twenty-two, and twenty-three percent. I would remind you that you are billed quarterly, with a few commercial properties billed monthly. Keep this in mind as you contemplate your increase.

We are proud of the quality of water we provide. Our source is in sight of one of Poland Springs' facilities. So we liken our water quality to theirs.

Steve French  
Superintendent



# Community Day 2014



## Committee Reports

### Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals is another voluntary board made up of 5 individuals, 3 serving and 2 alternates. They have two functions: to hear and make binding decisions regarding decisions of the Planning board and Code Enforcement Officer, and granting or rejecting variance requests. Following stringent guidelines set by the State, they can either send the appeal back for further review and consideration, or they can deny it. A denial can only be overturned by a court of law.

The Board did not meet this year, but they are standing on the side line ready to serve when they are needed and we thank them for that. The two alternate positions are currently vacant, so if you would like to know more about this position contact the Town Office.

Leslie Johnson  
Administrative Assistant to the Board

### Community Day Committee

Our fifth annual Community Day came and went without a hitch. We had great weather which was both blessing and a curse. The good weather is great for participants and observers but it also tends to lower the numbers of people who turn out. It was the first weekend of summer, kids had just gotten out of school and people want to just get away for that weekend. Those that were there had a good time and we were pleased to offer a few new features for the day. Big Red, the monster fire truck was on hand for both the parade and rides for the kids. The blueberry pie eating contest for the kids was also a crowd pleaser. We will be sure to bring that back for next year as well as consider an adult contest as well. The committee wishes to thank all of the local groups and organizations that put together activities and those that marched in the parade.

The Community Day committee is struggling with volunteers to help plan and coordinate this day. The group meets once a month starting in February and then a couple times a month beginning in May. The Committee has had to rely on municipal staff to perform a lot of the functions that should be taken on by volunteers. With reductions in municipal staff, this is creating an issue and more volunteers will be vital for the future of Community Day. Please contact the town office if you are interested.

John Hawley  
Administrative Assistant to the Committee

## 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 private, 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 \$325,000 available to qualified Mechanic Falls' businesses.

In 2014 the MFDC funded one loan request. A \$94,000 loan was made to Walter Berry to assist in the acquisition and re-opening of the Depot Square Hardware & Variety. The funds were used to purchase initial inventory and supplies.

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  
Administrator to the Commission  
Androscoggin Valley Council Of Governments

## Planning Board

The Planning Board is a voluntary board made up of seven members and two alternates. Currently there are six serving, with the seventh and the two alternates' positions vacant. The job of the Planning Board is to review and act on Conditional Use and Special Exception Permits that the Code Enforcement Officer forwards to them, and to advise the Town Council of Changes to the Zoning and Land Use Ordinance.

Longtime member Arthur Montana retired this year from his position on the Planning Board. We thank him for his service and dedication to the community. He will be missed. Paula Bolduc was nominated to fill the chair vacancy left by Arthur.

There were no Conditional Use or Special Exception permits that needed to be reviewed by the Planning Board, but they did meet one time this year to consider a possible change on the expiration dates of permits issued under the Zoning and Land Use Ordinance and the Shoreland Ordinance. The Board felt that having different expiration dates was not a problem; we shouldn't be too restrictive on the length of time to complete a project. We need to attract business and be business friendly.

If you would like to serve on this committee please contact the Town Office.

Leslie Johnson  
Administrative Assistant to the Planning Board

## Recreation Committee

The Mechanic Falls Recreation Committee consists of 10 members. We are a group of committed and dedicated volunteers who strive to provide quality youth and adult activities for our great community.

We were proud to offer the following youth programs to more than 400 combined participants: Quad –Town and Oxford Hills basketball league, 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 slow pitch softball (competitive and non-competitive), adult men's basketball league, and adult volleyball.

Below is a partial list of the committee's accomplishments for 2013/2014:

- Purchased over 20 new basketballs for the 2015 basketball season.
- Continued groundwork around the Pratt and Coleman baseball fields after the pine tree and stump removal.
- Repaired significant wood rot to our snack shack and equipment storage building.
- Hosted 10u and 12u district baseball tournaments, which both Mechanic Falls teams won the tournament.
- Hosted Andy Valley baseball and softball playoffs all on the same day.
- Hosted a successful soccer at the Mechanic Falls fields for the first time in over ten years.
- Started ground work to all of our baseball and softballs fields. The committee is investing a considerable amount of money to level all of our outfields and eliminate all the lips in the infields.

It is difficult to pick just one shining achievement from our committee. We are a very active group who are always looking for new activities for our community. While we look to provide these activities and maintain our current activities, we struggle to keep our youth participation numbers equal to the previous years.

After speaking to many members within our community asking for feedback, we have found that increase in participation fees, increased equipment cost that parents are responsible for, and the introduction of travel sports in our areas are the major contributors. We are committed to finding ways to increase the participation in the following years to come.

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, business sign program, uniform sponsors, a dance, and adult slow pitch softball tournaments as fundraisers. And lastly the committee would like to thank all of the parents and children who continue to participate in our programs. We could not do it without you.

Jeff Martin  
Recreation Committee Chair

## Revenue Enhancement Committee

The Mechanic Falls Revenue Enhancement Committee needs your help! Our committee has been exploring several different ways to generate revenue for the town without raising tax dollars. Some things we've discussed in the last year include: reducing expenses by consolidating services; creating a town brand to attract both new businesses and residents; exploring ways to generate revenue through water whether bottling it or harnessing for hydropower; expanding the town sewer line to the five corners intersection to attract more business development; contacting the state about reconfiguring the five corners intersection and adding a traffic light; a solar energy farm or cooperative on the transfer station property; passenger rail service through the town with the possibility of a train station stop; and monitoring grant opportunities for any of the aforementioned projects.

This committee has had a core group of members since the beginning: Robert Small, Carl Beckett, Yvon Gilbert, Jennifer Boenig and Nancy Guptill. Town Manager John Hawley participates in the monthly committee meetings as his schedule permits as does Councilman Lou Annance. Other members have also come and gone over the last five years. While we tackled several projects in the first few years that generated tax savings, our efforts over the past year haven't yielded any solid results. We're frustrated by this and are asking for your help.

We're concerned about the tax rate and feel that the "status quo" isn't good enough. However, things won't change unless people get involved. Attend and participate in a town council or committee meeting. Can't make a meeting? Send a council or committee member an email expressing your thoughts and concerns. Our town leaders and committee members are doing the best they can with the information they have, however, many times that information only comes from a few people.

Please voice your thoughts, ideas, concerns and suggestions and help us explore creative ways to generate additional revenue streams for the town. We need concerned people with innovative ideas to help solve problems. We'd love to hear from you!

Robert Small  
Committee Chair

## Safety Committee

The Safety Committee is made up of municipal employees tasked with overseeing safety in the work place to ensure that our workers compensations rates and risk management insurance cost stay low. Meeting on a quarterly basis, this group generates and reviews safety policies for adoption by the Town Council. They also review work place accidents and injuries to ensure that best practices are being implemented and adhered to. The committee is made up of myself representing the Water Department, Kathryn Oak, Transfer Station and Safety and Health Compliance, Jon Damon, Fire and Rescue, Jeff Goss, Police and John Hawley, Administration.

There were changes in store for the Safety Committee this year. Because of all the rules and regulations each department needs to adhere to, the position of "Safety and Health Compliance Officer" was established to help keep up. The ever changing work place environmental standards and mandated reporting and recordkeeping is too much for a committee. This part time position will help us to abide by the safety standards that are in place to protect the employees and the public.

As always we ask that any safety concerns be reported to us so that we may follow up on them.

Steve French  
Committee Chair

## Santa For The Kids

This past Christmas was our 23<sup>rd</sup> year doing the Santa for the Kids program. We had 17 families (50 children and their parents) that signed up for help this year, although the Poland Food Bank helped many Mechanic Falls residents. We touch base with them and also with the

area churches to make sure that there is no double-dipping. We do require that all who request help fill out an application, and sign a form stating that they are not seeking assistance elsewhere.

This is the first year that Hannaford did not supply us with gift cards, but with the donations we received we were able to purchase Future Foods gift certificates to go along with the turkeys donated by the Doyer Family and the boxes of canned goods provided by the Oxford Casino.

Without the generous help of our Mechanic Falls businesses and townspeople and organizations like the American Legion Post #150, the Sons of the American Legion, and the Legion Ladies Auxiliary, this program would not be able to help as many as it does. Those wishing to make donations for next year can drop new, unwrapped toys or bedding at the Town Office at any time though out the year. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated.

Shirley Marquis  
Santa for the Kids Program Coordinator



*Community Day 2014 – Kids Blueberry Pie Eating Contest*

## Municipal Revenues Received

July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

Motor vehicle excise	\$380,210.09	Special Amusement	\$175.00
Boat excise	\$1,472.60	Cable Franchise Fee	\$26,572.54
Motor vehicle license	\$9,133.00	Transfer Station Fee	\$2,709.00
Snow/atv license	\$260.00	CEO Citations	\$50.00
Boat license	\$118.00	Police Fines	\$150.00
Cash mgmt interest	\$2,090.82	Late fee dogs	\$250.00
Real estate interest	\$15,338.39	Service Charges	\$0.00
Lien Costs	\$6,542.12	RSU 16 Winter Maint	\$0.00
Will/fax/notary fees	\$568.00	Municipal Gym Rent	\$615.00
Postage/copies/voter	\$282.00	USCTC Rent	\$4,720.44
Trfr Station stickers	\$2,360.00	Head start rent	\$0.00
Driveway Entrance	\$284.40	Tennis lights	\$0.00
Pole Permits	\$0.00	Insurance Reimburse	\$3,766.64
Building Permits	\$8,270.37	Recycling Reimburse	\$15,931.88
Plumbing Permits	\$1,590.00	Welfare Reimburse	\$0.00
Electrical Permits	\$1,005.00	Police Reimburse	\$0.00
Conditional Use Per	\$45.00	Ball Field Lights Reimb	\$0.00
Hunt/Fish License	\$443.25	Oxford Bank Accts	\$1,698.13
Weapons Permits	\$298.00	Sale Town Owned	\$0.00
Birth/Death	\$727.00	Tax Acquired Prop	\$1,740.03
Marriage License	\$648.00	Pynt in Lieu of Tax	\$1,567.12
Victualer's License	\$390.00	Veteran's Exemption	\$1,880.00
Liquor License	\$250.00	Tree Growth Reimb	\$3,196.24
Marriage Certificate	\$351.00	BETE Tax Reimburse	\$8,461.00
Burial Permits	\$868.00	Highway Block Grant	\$22,864.00
Add Certified Copies	\$453.60	State Revenue Share	\$181,995.33
Dog License	\$913.00	State Welfare Reimb	\$13,419.01
Dog Fees	\$429.00	Homestead Reimb	\$80,143.00
Rabies Call	\$1.00	Snowmobile Refund	\$688.48
Public Safety Reports	\$404.00	FEMA Reimbursement	\$1,936.14
Zoning Fee	\$0.00	Sex Offender Registry	\$40.00
Court Fee	\$730.13		
Water Admin Fee	\$16,000.00	Total Revenues Received	\$827,144.75
Home Occupation	\$100.00	Total Anticipated (Budgeted)	\$774,833.35
		% of Revenue Received	106.75%

## Payments to Municipal Officials / Employees

July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

### Animal Control

Robert Larrabee \$4,160.00

### Administration

John Hawley \$67,728.33

Shirley Marquis \$36,778.28

Laurel Nadeau \$32,796.71

Lisa Prevost \$46,102.77

### Code Enforcement

Nick Richard \$31,904.79

Kieth Bennett \$950.00

Wayne Marquis \$187.50

Rodney Smith \$100.00

Samantha Marquis \$755.00

### Council

Daniel Blanchard \$600.00

Nancy Richard \$500.00

Lou Annance \$500.00

Cathy Fifield \$500.00

Steve Bolduc \$500.00

### Election Clerks

Brenda Coleman \$28.00

Nancy Petersons \$214.00

### Emergency Management

David Stimson\* \$3,257.19

### Fire Department

David Barton \$605.76

Kayla Bickford \$506.25

Wayde Boston \$2,377.57

Donald Boyd \$471.75

Edward Brown \$1,186.13

Thomas Casey<sup>(1)</sup> \$793.00

David Clukey \$1,552.44

Jonathan Damon<sup>(1)</sup> \$2,541.47

Kelli Doherty \$58.50

Thomas Doherty \$1,521.03

Jordan Emery<sup>(1)</sup> \$987.96

Matthew Fifield\* \$2,512.94

Jennie Friree<sup>(1)</sup> \$698.26

Paul Harvey \$704.75

Devin Herbert \$2,980.02

Ben Limerick \$958.51

Randal Madore<sup>(1)</sup> \$2,302.63

Stephanie Madore \$525.75

Donald Patterson \$360.95

Cathy Proulx \$560.25

Chris Strout \$867.26

Fred Sturtevant<sup>(1)</sup> \$7,340.95

Richard Wing \$188.25

### Janitor

Burton Philbrick \$4,224.00

### Library

Sandra Brown Eustis \$5,761.22

Andrew Craig \$9,533.92

Connie Cushing-Sefcik \$1,131.60

Melinda Straight \$304.95

### Planning Board

Arthur Montana \$36.00

Keith Morse \$0.00

Paula Stotts \$30.00

Lou Goulet \$30.00

Paula Bolduc \$20.00

Jeremy Judd \$20.00

**Police Department**

Jeffrey Goss	\$61,849.36
Paul Harrison	\$52,878.84
Zachary Bisson	\$46,275.43
Jason Boulanger	\$510.00
Alfred J. Daigle	\$55,477.73
Michelle Emery <sup>(4)</sup>	\$11,622.92
Nick Gagnon	\$1,635.00
Shawn Gagnon	\$27,033.78
Matthew Johnson	\$360.00

**Public Works**

Scott Penney	\$56,710.62
Tim Estes	\$38,115.65
Robert Goddard	\$7,087.63
Greg Ryder	\$2,058.59
Ronald Tirrell	\$39,071.31
Zachary Yates <sup>(2)</sup>	\$35,271.63
Benjamin Campbell	\$300.00
Kyle Jones	\$300.00
Yvon Desmarais	\$300.00
Leo Groves	\$262.50

**Summer Recreation**

Michael Downing	\$1,008.92
Robin Arris	\$2,860.00
Mariah Dufour	\$750.60
Paula Glatz	\$4,000.00
Zachary Lowe	\$975.78

**Rescue**

Jennifer Casey <sup>(2)</sup>	\$6,556.84
Melissa Hodgkin <sup>(2)</sup>	\$54.00
Elwood Strout	\$355.89

**Transfer Station**

Kathryn Oak <sup>(3)</sup>	\$29,123.65
Lydia Fisher <sup>(4)</sup>	\$10,264.70
Leslie Johnson <sup>(5)</sup>	\$9,004.47
Dennis Mazurkiewicz	\$2,366.47
Brian ThurlowLatham	\$9,077.57

**Water Department**

Stephen French	\$51,562.24
Anthony Corey	\$36,137.31
Michelle Emery	\$15,607.80
Jacob Verrill	\$11,192.18
Devin Herbert	\$48.00
Benjamin Limerick	\$48.00
Chris Strout	\$112.00

(#) Indicates an employee received payment from more than one department

(1) – Payment from Rescue

(2) - Payment from Fire Department

(3) – Payment from Safety and Health Compliance

(4) - Payment from Election Clerk

(5) - Payment from Code Enforcement

## Municipal Budget Summary – FY 2014-15

BUDGET LINES	2011-12 ACTUALS	2012-13 ACTUALS	2013-14 APPROVED	2014-15 PROPOSED	NET CHANGE
Boards and Council	\$10,960	\$10,639	\$12,055	\$10,710	(1,345)
Legal Services	\$5,068	\$3,008	\$7,500	\$5,000	(2,500)
Municipal Complex	\$77,322	\$83,678	\$80,560	\$83,066	2,506
Town Clerk / Elections	\$132,610	\$135,792	\$137,670	\$137,795	125
Town Manager	\$66,905	\$68,587	\$68,407	\$70,410	2,003
Safety Compliance Officer	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,238	8,238
Utilities	\$210,641	\$167,050	\$167,340	\$168,086	746
Code Enforcement / Planning	\$43,301	\$42,400	\$45,989	\$25,034	(20,955)
Library	\$15,825	\$24,261	\$24,081	\$24,606	525
Recreation	\$2,976	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	0
Social Services / Welfare	\$27,796	\$23,444	\$24,925	\$24,900	(25)
Assessor	\$20,225	\$20,281	\$21,300	\$20,300	(1,000)
Auditor	\$6,600	\$6,600	\$6,600	\$6,000	(600)
Contingency	\$6,906	\$9,581	\$10,000	\$10,000	0
Debt Service	\$205,913	\$198,784	\$154,106	\$143,065	(11,041)
Pensions / Insurances	\$317,321	\$335,059	\$377,622	\$312,513	(65,109)
Animal Control	\$7,287	\$7,777	\$8,238	\$7,618	(620)
Dispatcher	\$10,341	\$21,378	\$33,020	\$32,780	(240)
EMA	\$697	\$772	\$850	\$1,000	150
Fire Department	\$58,012	\$58,536	\$63,200	\$63,206	6
Police Department	\$293,391	\$288,976	\$299,593	\$295,303	(4,290)
Rescue	\$16,418	\$17,297	\$21,385	\$19,606	(1,779)
Health Officer	\$500	\$500	\$750	\$690	(60)
Public Works	\$300,298	\$281,235	\$319,477	\$334,306	14,829
Solid Waste	\$115,575	\$98,563	\$116,580	\$123,384	6,804
County Tax	\$161,011	\$160,631	\$159,503	\$156,104	(3,399)
GENERAL FUND	\$2,113,899	\$2,068,327	\$2,164,251	\$2,087,220	(77,031)
CIP BUDGET	\$283,109	\$63,897	\$5,600	\$94,400	88,800
RESERVES BUDGET	\$0	\$202,208	\$58,500	\$187,550	129,050
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,397,008	\$2,334,432	\$2,228,351	\$2,369,170	140,819
APPLIED REVENUES	\$820,083	\$898,788	\$686,255	\$747,327	61,072
APPLIED FUND BALANCE	\$345,717	\$303,316	\$144,000	\$98,000	(46,000)
NET TO BE RAISED	\$1,231,208	\$1,132,328	\$1,398,096	\$1,523,843	125,747

## Municipal Audit

**TOWN OF MECHANIC FALLS  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2014**

	<u>Primary Government</u>		
	<u>Governmental</u>	<u>Business -</u>	
	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Total</u>
		<u>Activities</u>	
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,468,683	\$ 74,111	\$ 1,542,794
Accounts Receivable	72,806	0	72,806
Taxes Receivable	215,014	0	215,014
Tax Lien Receivable	73,870	0	73,870
Inventories	7,165	0	7,165
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>2,830,700</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,830,700</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 4,668,238</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 74,111</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,742,349</u></b>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b><u>\$ 0</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 0</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 0</u></b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	\$ 50,146	\$ 0	\$ 50,146
Accrued Expenses	70,803	0	70,803
Taxes Paid in Advance	1,337	0	1,337
Non Current Liabilities			
Due Within One Year	119,728	0	119,728
Due in More Than One Year	<u>288,639</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>288,639</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>\$ 530,653</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 0</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 530,653</u></b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b><u>\$ 0</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 0</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 0</u></b>
<b>Net Position</b>			
<i>Net Investment in Capital Assets</i>	\$ 2,422,333	\$ 0	\$ 2,422,333
<i>Restricted</i>			
Unemployment	0	74,111	74,111
<i>Unrestricted</i>	<u>1,715,252</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,715,252</u>
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b><u>\$ 4,137,585</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 74,111</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,211,696</u></b>



**TOWN OF MECHANIC FALLS  
BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2014**

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,456,935	\$ 11,748	\$ 1,468,683
Taxes Receivable	215,014	0	215,014
Tax Liens Receivable	73,870	0	73,870
Accounts Receivable	72,806	0	72,806
Inventories	7,165	0	7,165
Due from Other Funds	<u>0</u>	<u>524,732</u>	<u>524,732</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,825,790</b>	<b>\$ 536,480</b>	<b>\$ 2,362,270</b>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,825,790</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 536,480</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,362,270</u></b>
<b>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balance</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	\$ 50,146	\$ 0	\$ 50,146
Accrued Expenses	39,498	0	39,498
Deferred Revenues	210,837	0	210,837
Due to Other Funds	<u>524,732</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>524,732</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>\$ 825,213</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 0</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 825,213</u></b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
<b>Fund Balance</b>			
<i>Reserved, Reported In:</i>			
<i>Nonspendable</i>			
Permanent Funds – Non-Expendable	\$ 0	\$ 1,755	\$ 1,755
<i>Committed</i>			
Capital Projects	0	443,273	443,273
Appropriated Surplus for FY 2014/15	123,000	0	123,000
<i>Unreserved, Reported In:</i>			
<i>Assigned</i>			
Special Revenue Funds	0	81,459	81,459
Permanent Funds, Expendable	0	9,993	9,993
<i>Unassigned</i>			
General Fund	<u>877,577</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>877,577</u>
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,000,577</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 536,480</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,537,057</u></b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,825,790</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 536,480</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,362,270</u></b>

## Regional School Unit #16



**TINA MESERVE**  
SUPERINTENDENT

**REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #16**  
MECHANIC FALLS \* MINOT \* POLAND

**KIM BRANDT**  
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

January 2015

Dear Citizens of Mechanic Falls,

Every day is a new opportunity to be grateful for what we have and work toward an even brighter future for our students. RSU #16 has much to be grateful for this year. With the support of our communities, we added several new positions, including a Dean of Students at Bruce Whitier Middle School (BWMS) that now allows our formally shared Assistant Principal to focus all of her time at Poland Community School. We are pleased to report that current student discipline data shows positive trends due to the additional support. We added funding for a district-wide Gifted and Talented position to help our gifted students achieve their full potential. We are still working hard to fill that position. We have improved the safety of our schools with roof repairs and by updating old doors and windows. Improving safety is an ongoing focus and will be paramount as our Facilities Review Committee begins the task of addressing the overcrowding at BWMS.

RSU #16 came together in consolidation five years ago. We were highlighted in the Portland Press Herald on Sept. 29, 2014 for the success of our consolidation. Although we still have areas for growth, we have witnessed many benefits during the last five years. Our students have more equitable services and are showing improvements academically. Although the cost for services and products continues to rise, our budget remains close to 2 million below pre-consolidation levels. Every year we move closer to our goal of being a fully unified district. This year, we reached a major milestone by negotiating a unified salary scale for all teachers PreK-12. We are also enjoying stronger relationships with Town Leaders. RSU #16 School Board members have been attending more Town Meetings. Assistant Superintendent, Kim Brandt and I have regularly scheduled meetings with Town Managers, John Hawley (Mechanic Falls), Arlan Saunders (Minot) and Bradley Plante (Poland). We appreciate this time to celebrate good news, share information and offer support when challenges arise at the district and town level.

A recent Board survey showed that our communities do not feel well informed about the work we are accomplishing during our Early Release Wednesdays. Our goal is to improve communication on this important work. This year our focus is on improving the literacy skills of our students. Teachers are implementing Writing Workshop PreK-6. Writing Workshop includes teaching critical writing skills, writing every day and new routines for conferring with students on their writing. Teachers at BWMS have been aligning their writing to the Common Core State Standards and creating common assessments. PRHS teachers are working to meet the new State requirements for Proficiency-Based Diplomas. We thank our communities for the time to achieve our goals and work toward the promises set forth in the Strategic Plan.

We are just beginning the 2015-16 Budget process. Our Budget Committee includes members of the RSU #16 School Board, Central Office Administration and Town Leaders. Once again, we will be counting on your feedback as we develop a budget that allows us to meet the goals of our 5-Year Strategic Plan while being fiscally responsible to our community members. As always, our FY '15-16 budget will be developed in a transparent and collaborative manner. Our Budget Committee meetings are open to the public and videotaped. Our website ([www.rsu16.org](http://www.rsu16.org)) will host all of our budget information.

As Henry Ford said, "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Tina Meserve



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January 4, 2015

Dear Mechanic Falls Residents;

Last November, PRHS hosted a team of 15 educators from all over New England as part of our accreditation process. PRHS received its initial accreditation back in 2002, just three years after we opened our doors. The accreditation process is managed by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (<https://cpss.neasc.org/about-us>). The purpose of accreditation is about “(1) establishing and maintaining high standards of educational excellence and (2) utilizing evaluation processes which focus on self-improvement through effective peer review. Schools which voluntarily demonstrate through the Association's evaluation processes that they meet established standards are accredited and thus become members in the Association.”

The PRHS community underwent an exhaustive two year self-study, gathering information from students, staff, parents, and community members to evaluate our school and determine our strengths and areas that are in need of improvement. As a result of this self-study and visit, we received a comprehensive report detailing commendations and recommendations for us to review. This report is available on the school website at <http://www.rsu16.org/PRHS/PRHS.html>. Just click the green box labeled “NEASC Accreditation Report” right on our home page. We are pleased with the report and are proud to share it with you.

The three towns of RSU 16 have much to be proud of at PRHS. Your students are achieving great things every day and setting big goals for themselves for their lives after high school. Thank you for supporting them and providing such supportive communities.

Sincerely,

Cari Medd  
 Principal

**Tina Meserve**  
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# WHITTIER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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SHAWN VINCENT - PRINCIPAL



JESSICA MADSEN - DEAN OF STUDENTS

January 1, 2015

Greetings from Whittier Middle School!

*We are Whittier!* Our school theme this year is *Choose to Lead*. Middle school is a crucial time for students to make decisions about what is important to them, what is right and who they wish to be. The students develop a new level of independence when they reach the middle school level. Knowing this, our teachers are committed to teaching and modeling our core values: empathy, integrity, perseverance, loyalty, compassion and responsibility. As a staff, we seek to provide a wealth of opportunities for our students to develop as citizens and leaders in the community.

The 2014-15 edition of Bruce M. Whittier Middle School features 248 students, 18 full-time teachers, and 8 additional full-time staff. Whittier also shares staff with Elm Street School, Minot, PCS and PRHS.

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

At Whittier, we work to improve the quality of education we provide each year. Our staff has designated six areas of focus for growth this year and committees of teachers are championing our school theme by taking on the challenge of leading the work.

**Curriculum:** *The committee's goal is to make Whittier learning standards transparent, comprehensive, uniform, current, rigorous and functional. The current work is focused on taking the Common Core State Standards and rewriting them into "I can" statements. Making the goals clear and family-friendly are important parts of helping students own their learning.*

**Response to Intervention:** *Response to Intervention (RTI) is a multi-tier approach to the identification and support of students with learning and behavior needs. This committee is building and establishing Whittier's system.*

**Roundtable:** *Roundtable is Whittier's advisory program. This committee oversees the curriculum and Roundtable schedule. Roundtable is essential to our success at Whittier; it is our opportunity to grow together as a learning community.*

**Technology:** *The purpose of this committee is to work with students and staff to better provide technology support at Whittier. Whittier is a 1-to-1 school; each student is able to use an iPad provided by the state. This team is working to build true integration of technology in classroom instruction.*

**Wellness:** *Whittier Middle has recently become a Let's Go! 5-2-1-0 school. Active students are happy and successful students. Two hundred and eighty-six people recently participated in our 5K community event on November 9<sup>th</sup> in Minot. This committee is dedicated to keeping our students moving.*

**Writing:** *Writing is an area of need for RSU 16 students. This committee created a writing prompt to learn more about the specific needs of our students and to develop a plan to support student growth.*

Whittier Middle School is dedicated to providing students with high quality learning experiences necessary for them to become healthy, positive, educated citizens. We are excited about the teaching and learning taking place in our school each day.

Shawn J. Vincent  
Principal

RSU #16  
ELM STREET SCHOOL  
"Dedicated to Creating a Quality Tomorrow"



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January 2015

Dear Friends and Family of Elm Street School & Mechanic Falls:

It is a great privilege to serve Mechanic Falls, Elm Street School and the greater RSU #16 community. I am extremely impressed with the support of the community, staff and students of Elm Street School and RSU #16. The genuine support began at community day before Open House and emanates at every Wildcat Assembly, Student Led Conference and school event.

For all returning and new community members, Elm Street School serves approximately 277 students in grades PK-6. The class sizes range from 14-20 students. Elm Street School provides services and programming to ensure that every learner receives an excellent education; ranging from Gifted and Talented Services to Title I services to services for students with special needs. These services are provided by the full time teaching staff of 20 teachers as well as several itinerant staff that support multiple buildings or do not work full-time; 5 of which are new to Elm Street School. These services are supported by the full time Ed. Tech. staff of 15; 4 of which are new to Elm Street School. Overall, I am proud of the accomplishments of our students, the commitment of staff, and the support provided by our community. Elm Street will continue our work with literacy, we are also using our early release time to learn and implement Writer's Workshop so we can increase student achievement in writing. Part of this work has been focused on analyzing student work and implementing the components of the writing workshop. Elm Street, along with every other school, will create a plan to support the new assessments that Maine learners in grades 3-8 will be taking this spring.

Elm Street School continues to create and sustain family and community partnerships. The Elm Street School PTO graciously built and installed cubbies in the PK-3 wing so that students could store their coats, gloves and hats outside of the classroom. This year, the PTO has already raised enough money to construct an outdoor classroom that will allow students to learn beyond the confines of the classroom. The PTO has staffed the book fair, planned and orchestrated the district-wide Harlem Wizards Basketball Game and supported a food drive to benefit the Mannafed program that supports RSU #16 students needing additional food. 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. This year Ell Fanus and John Hawley teamed up to provide a real world experience for our GATE students. We really appreciate John's commitment to our school and his ability to engage students in rich conversation about the value of education. Other school partnerships include being a 5-2-1-0 school, a 7 Habits for Happy Kids School and a strong partnership with the Ecology School, which culminates in a three day two night experience at Ferry Beach.

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,

*Ryan W. Patrie*

Ryan W. Patrie



## RSU 16 ADULT EDUCATION

Mechanic Falls ~ Minot ~ Poland

Making a Difference Since 1984

December 2014

Dear Citizens,

This year we celebrated the accomplishments of nineteen new Adult Education graduates at our cap and gown graduation ceremony on Friday, May 30, 2014. More than 150 friends and family gathered in the Elm Street School gymnasium to recognize the achievements of these students, and to watch as Superintendent Tina Meserve presented them with diplomas. Our inspirational message was delivered by Walter Ridlon, retired teacher and former Director of Career Pathways for Central Maine Community College.

We transitioned to new testing materials and protocols this year after Maine replaced the GED® with the HiSET® exam, or *High School Equivalency Test*, in January of 2014. We have also begun to focus on new Adult Education College and Career Readiness Standards set forth by the State. It is expected that these adult-appropriate Common Core Standards will be fully implemented in Adult Education programs state-wide over the next two years, as we continue to prepare and equip our students for future pathways. In addition to the High School Diploma and HiSET classes offered by core staff in literacy, math and other academic areas, computer classes and a wide variety of community enrichment classes, serving nearly 400 people, were also held.

I encourage you to take a look at the classes in our Fall and Winter/Spring course catalogs when receiving them in the mail. You can also keep in touch with events and developments in our program by finding us on FaceBook, Twitter, or by visiting our website at <http://mechanicfalls.maineadulted.org/>. Furthermore, if we can be of any assistance to you, please email me at [jrose@rsu16.org](mailto:jrose@rsu16.org), call 345-3217, or stop by our Learning Center at Elm Street School in Mechanic Falls. Your ideas, support and involvement are always welcome and very much appreciated!

Respectfully,

Jenny H. Rose  
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## Unpaid Property Taxes

### Personal Property – 2014

CR & SONS GARAGE DOOR INSTALLATION	\$108.96
HARVEST HILL FARMS	\$4,035.83
JOE ZAPPER'S THE CREATIVE EDGE	\$16.67
KYLE, SHARLEEN	\$185.17
ROY, LAURIER & DIANA	\$91.80

### Property Liens – 2014

ALDEN, SARAH L	4244.97
ALLEN-PARKER, DIANA G	236.97
BAROUDI, ADAM	3161.81
BEAL, RICHARD/KAREN	480.97
BEAULIEU, RAYMOND E	1228.05
BENSON, KRISTINA N	1536.02
BEST, JOHN J.	196.92
BLACK, PAMELA	2016.87
BOUTHOT, BRENDA	827.26
CALABRESE, BRETT	439.80
CHILDS, CHRISTINE (LE)	3204.33
DAVIDSON, HEIRS OF CECELIA A	1660.62
DAVIS, JOHN W JR	798.94
DOUGLASS, RACHEL	290.43
DUDLEY, HEIRS OF ALVIN	942.98
DUFOUR, DENIS	3441.68
FARRELL, FRANCIS L	1428.72
G & G PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	1779.58
G & G PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	3045.20
G & G PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	3676.24
GEORGE, ROBERT	523.92
HILL-FRANCISCO, DOROTHY M	766.71
HILL-FRANCISCO, DOROTHY M	2113.83
JARVIS, BRIAN	1846.91

LACROIX, RICHARD	403.34
LEONARD, DAVID M JR	2250.94
LEONARD, JOYCE	1199.41
LOWE, WALTER A	1290.95
MAHER, WILLIAM & ZACHARY	1794.40
MANCHESTER, JOHN L	373.73
MARTIN, CYNTHIA A.	5549.41
MOTTRAM, BEVERLY L	457.97
NAZARENE CHURCH PARSONAGE	423.13
O'DONNELL, RICHARD	2594.17
PARSONS, JENNIFER J	5626.73
PEARL, CHAD	7083.63
PLUMMER, RANDY	231.15
RING, MICHAEL	334.29
ROWE, JULIANNE F	2733.40
ROWE, HEIRS OF EDITH	1655.73
STIMSON, NINA M	375.03
TARDIF, GLORIA J	1055.19
TARDIF, SELENA M	1734.47
TIBBETTS, ELVA HEIRS OF	1200.52
TOUSSAINT, RUSSELL E	2141.22
WILLSON, BRUCE W	1742.75
WING, TIMOTHY	1367.85
WING, TIMOTHY D.	125.46

**Property Taxes – 2015 (First Half Year Delinquent)**

14 PEARL ST LAND TRUST	\$670.79	CHINNOCK, MARK	\$2,521.68
ALBT. BERGEN / ELEANOR AGNES	\$47.60	COLBERT, GEORGE D	\$1,476.14
ALDEN, SARAH L	\$2,294.05	CONANT, HEIRS OF HAZEL	\$1,346.18
ALLEN-PARKER, DIANA G	\$123.13	CONANT, HEIRS OF HAZEL	\$377.63
ANDOVER COVERED BRIDGE LLC	\$1,399.19	COOLIDGE, KEITH	\$982.64
ANDOVER COVERED BRIDGE, LLC	\$12,773.30	COPP, DONALD L	\$1,115.62
ANDOVER COVERED BRIDGE, LLC	\$941.54	COPP, DONALD L	\$851.34
ANKETELL, SETH	\$122.39	COZZOLINO, MICHAEL	\$255.54
ANNANCE, LOUIS P	\$101.55	CRANDALL, SCOTT	\$696.62
BABCOCK, JEREL	\$430.70	CUNNINGHAM, THOMAS	\$451.24
BARNARD, ROBERT W JR	\$280.62	DAVIDSON, HEIRS OF CECELIA A	\$968.87
BAROUDI, ADAM	\$2,224.27	DAVIS, JOHN W JR	\$2,532.87
BEAL, RICHARD/KAREN	\$406.44	DEAN, TIMOTHY D	\$1,358.85
BEAULIEU, RAYMOND E	\$761.68	DECKER, SCOTT	\$850.93
BEEVERS, FRANK A JR	\$1,179.89	DONOHUE, BRIAN L	\$325.65
BEGIN SR, WILFRED M	\$538.24	DOUGLASS, RACHEL	\$150.91
BEGIN SR, WILFRED M	\$311.64	DUDLEY, HEIRS OF ALVIN	\$1,075.01
BENSON, KRISTINA N	\$798.13	DUFOUR, DENIS	\$1,788.33
BEST, JOHN J.	\$102.32	DUHAMEL, KAREN M	\$311.97
BLACK, PAMELA	\$1,047.98	EMERY, PATRICIA	\$422.35
BOUTHOT, BRENDA	\$429.85	FARRELL, FRANCIS L	\$974.80
BRAY, CYNTHIA M.	\$645.53	G & G PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	\$501.16
BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO	\$641.83	G & G PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	\$1,630.28
BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO	\$470.32	G & G PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	\$1,843.94
BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO	\$169.99	G & G PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	\$2,004.81
CALABRESE, BRETT	\$228.53	GAGNON JR, DAVID E.	\$485.11
CARTER, DONALD	\$972.32	GAGNON, JEREMY	\$388.20
CARTER, JODIE	\$194.92	GARY, MATTHEW A	\$725.72
CHILDS, CHRISTINE (LE)	\$1,429.88	GARY, MATTHEW A	\$694.73

GARY, MATTHEW A	\$10.60
GARY, MATTHEW A	\$357.99
GARY, MATTHEW A	\$228.61
GAUTHIER, NORMAND	\$324.79
GEORGE, ROBERT	\$274.79
GLATZ, KEVIN A	\$1,138.36
GOLDING, ROBERT J	\$141.03
GOULET, SUSAN	\$384.77
HALE-PAGANO, DEBORAH ANNE	\$935.59
HANDY HARDWARE INC	\$81.16
HILL-FRANCISCO, DOROTHY M	\$398.39
HILL-FRANCISCO, DOROTHY M	\$1,098.36
HOBBS, GREG	\$233.65
HOYLE, GREGORY W	\$744.78
JARVIS, BRIAN	\$952.61
JASIM, LLC	\$2,519.30
JOHNSON, ERIC W	\$864.99
KENISTON, HEATH	\$65.80
LACROIX, RICHARD	\$279.73
LARRABEE, DOUGLAS M	\$1,424.47
LARRABEE, KIMBERLY	\$80.90
LARRABEE, DEBRA L	\$549.02
LEONARD, DAVID M JR	\$1,169.61
LEONARD, JOYCE	\$703.97
MADORE, RANDAL L	\$510.05
MAHER, WILLIAM & ZACHARY	\$932.39
MANCHESTER, JOHN L	\$194.19
MARSTON, LINDA D	\$390.01
MARTIN, CYNTHIA A.	\$2,883.52
MCINNIS, SHIRLEY K	\$539.71

MELENDY, ARTHUR R	\$654.28
MESADEAN INC	\$679.01
MORIN, BEVERLY J	\$937.07
MORRELL, EUGENE L	\$588.52
NAZARENE CHURCH PARSONAGE	\$377.54
O'DONNELL, RICHARD	\$1,347.95
PARSONS, JENNIFER J	\$2,923.69
PEARL, CHAD	\$3,680.71
PEARL, CHARLES	\$1,362.19
PEARL, CHARLES JR	\$435.89
PELLETIER, GLORIA A	\$462.13
PELLETIER, GLORIA A	\$1,276.48
PERRY, JEANNE	\$656.90
PIKE, HEIRS OF JOAN M	\$685.28
PLUMMER, RANDY	\$161.99
PORTER, ROBERT L	\$1,021.47
POST, BRUCE	\$417.92
PURINGTON, ANTHONY J	\$584.85
RATTE, GAETAN	\$212.07
RICCI, MARK D	\$801.40
RING, MICHAEL	\$173.70
ROBERTS, HOMER	\$39.90
ROWE, JULIANNE F	\$1,420.30
ROWE, HEIRS OF EDITH	\$860.33
SERVICES UNLIMITED INC	\$603.02
SERVICES UNLIMITED, INC	\$1,119.14
SERVICES UNLIMITED, INC	\$835.18
SERVICES UNLIMITED, INC	\$14.63
SERVICES UNLIMITED, INC	\$14.63
SERVICES UNLIMITED, INC	\$14.63

SERVICES UNLIMITED, INC	\$14.63	TIBBETTS, ELVA HEIRS OF	\$623.80
SERVICES UNLIMITED, INC	\$14.63	TOUSSAINT, RUSSELL E	\$1,118.08
SERVICES UNLIMITED, INC	\$17.17	VALLEE, NORMAND J	\$614.27
SERVICES UNLIMITED, INC	\$568.75	VALLEE, NORMAND J	\$212.00
SERVICES UNLIMITED, INC	\$970.11	VALLEE, NORMAND J	\$161.80
SERVICES UNLIMITED, INC	\$66.63	VALLEE, NORMAND J	\$46.62
SERVICES UNLIMITED, INC	\$464.30	WATERFORD PROPERTIES INC	\$572.25
SERVICES UNLIMITED, INC	\$405.91	WATERFORD PROPERTIES INC	\$357.22
SERVICES UNLIMITED, INC	\$1,369.12	WATERFORD PROPERTIES INC	\$348.32
SERVICES UNLIMITED, INC	\$232.88	WATERFORD PROPERTIES INC	\$348.21
SHERMAN, RANDY	\$124.18	WATERFORD PROPERTIES INC	\$360.30
SMALL, KATHERINE M	\$824.63	WATERFORD PROPERTIES INC	\$355.00
SMITH, FOREST B	\$144.43	WATERFORD PROPERTIES INC	\$349.59
SMITH, FOREST B	\$632.10	WATERFORD PROPERTIES INC	\$363.26
SMITH, FOREST B	\$788.74	WATERFORD PROPERTIES INC	\$360.40
SPH PROPERTIES, LLC.	\$934.70	WATERFORD PROPERTIES INC	\$361.36
ST HILAIRE, RAYMOND	\$1,238.47	WATERFORD PROPERTIES INC	\$351.07
STIMSON, NINA M	\$194.87	WATERFORD PROPERTIES INC	\$19.61
STOTTS, MARK S	\$1,103.30	WHEELER, TRACY ROSE	\$222.60
STOWELL III, NORRIS A.	\$263.20	WHITE, JEFFREY	\$246.27
SWANSON, JOHN M	\$246.40	WHITE, JEFFREY	\$103.35
TARDIF, SELENA M	\$901.25	WILBUR, STEVEN	\$541.58
TARDIF, HEIRS OF GLORIA J	\$654.29	WILLSON, BRUCE W	\$1,027.10
TAYLOR, CLARENCE	\$413.96	WING, TIMOTHY	\$1,421.49
THE HENRY LAUGHLIN III REVOCABLE TRUST	\$203.08	WING, TIMOTHY D.	\$130.38



