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# TOWN OF WEST PARIS

## 54<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REPORT

2011



**Cover Photo:** *New flag pole at the Town Office was the Eagle Scout Project of Ryan Billings of West Paris. Pictured from left to right are Scoutmaster Nick DiConzo, Scout Cameron Rothwell, Scout Ryan Billings, John White and Assistant Scoutmaster Jesse Rowell.*

Town of West Paris

54<sup>TH</sup> Annual Report

*of the Municipal Officers and Officials for  
the year ending December 31, 2011*

# Town Of West Paris

## 2012 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Saturday, March 3, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.  
Agnes L. Gray School Gymnasium

### WEST PARIS TOWN OFFICE

25 Kingsbury Street  
P. O. Box 247  
West Paris, Maine 04289

Telephone: (207) 674-2701  
Fax Machine: (207) 674-2703  
Email: [wpto@megalink.net](mailto:wpto@megalink.net)  
Website: [www.westparisme.com](http://www.westparisme.com)

### Office Hours

Monday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Friday 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

### HANDY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Emergencies – Fire Police Rescue	911
Highway Department	674-2702
Animal Control	357-2818
Code Enforcement Officer	552-5559
Fire Station (Non-Emergency)	743-2288
Agnes L. Gray School	674-2332
U.S. Post Office	674-2951
Water District	674-2234

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETINGS

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month at  
5:00 p.m. Meetings are held in the Town  
Office

### WEST PARIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

226 Main Street

Telephone: (207) 674-2004

### Library Hours

Monday 1:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 1:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Friday 1:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### TRANSFER STATION

117 Pioneer Street

### Station Hours

Wednesday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

### PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.  
Meetings are held in the Town Office

# TOWN OFFICERS, OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS & OVERSEERS  
Wade Rainey (Chairman) Term ends 2012  
Randall Jones Term ends 2013  
Dennis Henderson Term ends 2014

DIRECTORS, M.S.A.D. 17  
Wendy Newmeyer Term ends 2012  
Nicholas DiConzo Term ends 2013

WATER DISTRICT TRUSTEES  
Philip Edmunds Term ends 2012  
Gregg Inman Term ends 2013  
Shame Poland Term ends 2014

## APPOINTED COMMITTEES

PLANNING BOARD  
Kenneth Poland (Chairman) Term ends 2012  
Dian Rainey Term ends 2012  
Richard Swain Term ends 2013  
Christopher Cooper Term ends 2014  
Steven McCann Term ends 2014  
Diane Holt (Alternate) Term ends 2012

BOARD OF APPEALS  
David Walton (Chairman) Term ends 2012  
Clark Holt Term ends 2013  
Dale Piirainen Term ends 2014

BUDGET COMMITTEE  
Dale Piirainen (Chairman) Term ends 2014  
George Twine Term ends 2012  
Bruce Downing Term ends 2013  
Kenneth Poland Term ends 2013  
Lisa Henderson Term ends 2014  
Dian Rainey Term ends 2014

LIBRARY TRUSTEES  
Bruce Dowing (Co-Chair) Term ends 2013  
Terry Merrill (Co-Chair) Term ends 2014  
Sandra Broberg Term ends 2013  
Rodney Abbott Term ends 2013  
David MacDowell Term ends 2013  
Marianne Walton Term ends 2014  
Ann Holt Paine Term ends 2014

## OTHER OFFICIALS AND STAFF

TOWN MANAGER, TOWN CLERK,  
TAX COLLECTOR, ROAD COMMISSIONER  
John F. White

DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR, DEPUTY  
TREASURER, MOTOR VEHICLE AGENT  
Holly Packard (resigned Dec. 2011)

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS,  
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK  
Donna DiConzo

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT  
Willard Keach, Foreman  
Duane Ryerson, Equipment Operator  
Kevin Davis, Equipment Operator

FIRE DEPARTMENT  
Norm St. Pierre, Chief  
Clay Wilson, Deputy Chief  
Jason Sciortino, Captain  
Kevin Davis, Lieutenant  
Robert Massat, Lieutenant  
Michael Henderson, Lieutenant  
Douglas Penley, Firefighter  
Steven Coombs, Firefighter  
Troy Billings, Firefighter  
Erik Poland, Firefighter  
Jeremy Strover, Firefighter  
Maurice Hart, Firefighter  
Nate Meserve, Firefighter  
Mark Neary, Firefighter  
Brandon Cary, Firefighter  
Cassandra Cary, Firefighter

TRANSFER STATION  
David Billings, Attendant  
Kevin Gibbs, Attendant

LIBRARY  
Patricia Makley, Librarian  
Anne Toepker, Saturday Librarian

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER  
Osman Hart

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR  
Hartley Mowatt

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER  
Shane Poland

PLUMBING INSPECTOR  
Sidney Abbott

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY  
Lois Abbott  
James Bennett  
Julia Bennett  
Deborah Crump  
Deborah Herrick  
Kathleen Jackson  
Susan Lyons  
Patricia Makley  
Esther McLaughlin  
Priscilla Pulsifer  
Anne Toepker

WEST PARIS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
COORDINATORS  
Veronica Poland  
Bobbie-Jo Chase

## **SELECTMEN'S REPORT**

To the Citizens of West Paris,

Thank you for supporting the Board of Selectmen in 2011. The Town of West Paris is financially sound with no long term debt. We have no outstanding loans. The new compactors at the Transfer Station will get us closer to the State of Maine's goal for recycling and will save us money in transportation and tipping fees. We are looking forward to another fine year.

Respectfully yours,  
Wade E. Rainey,  
Chairman, Board of Selectmen

## **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

To the Citizen's of West Paris,

First I wish to take this opportunity to recognize the employees of the Town. I thank our crew in the Highway Department, our attendants at the Transfer Station, our firefighters and our Town Office staff. They work hard to serve the needs of our community. As you may have heard Holly Packard who worked in the Town Office for eight years resigned to take a position with the Town of Minot. She was an important part of the staff and she will be missed. We wish her well in her new job.

The biggest highlights of the year involved the Transfer Station and it new procedures. At the beginning of the year we started the process of installing compactors at the station. That effort concluded with installation of most of the equipment in December. In July we began accepting Zero-Sort, also known as single stream recycling. This change in procedure was made to give households an easier way to recycle in hopes of improving our recycling percentage and lowering the cost of solid waste disposal.

This past year we replaced the roof on the Town Office and rebuilt the soffit on the front of the Highway Garage.

We had to find a new shelter for stray dogs with the closing of the Allen Hill shelter. Your town in concert with our neighbors, Woodstock and Greenwood decided to contract with Responsible Pet Care which was opening a shelter.

The Town had one mile of Tuelltown Road repaved. We are fortunate to have had some money set aside for the purpose as this kind of road work is very expensive.

The Selectmen approved an agreement with our local ATV club to permit passage of ATVs on shoulders of designated town roads between the ends of established trails.

The end of the year saw the consideration of banking proposals for Town funds in the upcoming years. In doing this we are planning some improvements which should benefit the town.

Yours respectfully,  
John F. White  
Town Manager

## ASSESSORS' REPORT

The Town's assessed valuation as of April 1, 2011 was \$85,433,912 which is an increase of \$560,788 from 2010. The local assessed valuation was certified to be 96% of the State valuation which is determined by an annual analysis of sales of real estate in the Town. Below is shown what makes up our current assessment.

<b>Buildings</b>	<b>\$44,622,792</b>
<b>Land</b>	<b>35,437,420</b>
<b>Personal Property</b>	<b>673,500</b>
<b>Industrial Property (includes Real and Personal)</b>	<b>3,257,400</b>
<b>Utility Property (Central Maine Power Co.)</b>	<b><u>1,442,800</u></b>
	<b>\$85,433,912</b>

The tax commitment for 2011 was \$1,264,422 up \$25,274 from 2010, and the tax rate was \$14.80 per \$1,000 of value. Below is shown the distribution of tax dollar by governmental unit.

<b>Oxford Hills School District</b>	<b>\$666,157</b>
<b>Town of West Paris</b>	<b>473,164</b>
<b>Oxford County</b>	<b>71,052</b>
<b>Overlay</b>	<b><u>54,049</u></b>
	<b>\$1,264,422</b>

Donna Hays, CMA, the Agent is in the office twice a month. If you have any assessment questions please feel free to call the Town Office. Remember all new applications for Veteran's exemption, Homestead exemption or Tree Growth must be filed prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>.



# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

## VITAL STATISTICS RECORDED IN 2011

Marriages	16
Births	18
Deaths	43

## DEATHS RECORDED IN 2011

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Age</u>
Ford, Jeannette	12/15/2010	West Paris	West Paris	80
Courbron, Scott T.	1/3/2011	Lewiston	West Paris	43
Maruca, Mary F.	1/5/2011	West Paris	West Paris	94
McKeen, Ruth E.	1/7/2011	West Paris	West Paris	101
Ames, John L.	1/29/2011	West Paris	West Paris	80
Swan, Anna M.	2/4/2011	South Paris	West Paris	80
Keoskie, Mary R.	2/5/2011	West Paris	Kingfield	90
Barrows, Leone E.	2/9/2011	West Paris	Oxford	97
Perry, Mabel A.	2/19/2011	West Paris	Rumford	97
Poland, Claribel	2/22/2011	West Paris	West Paris	98
Knox, Frank H.	2/27/2011	West Paris	Hebron	88
Austin, Melvin A.	3/11/2011	South Paris	West Paris	84
Aumento, Helen A.	3/19/2011	West Paris	West Paris	87
Caswell, Priscilla F.	3/21/2011	West Paris	Bethel	83
Holden, Kathleen S.	4/3/2011	Norway	West Paris	86
Belskis, David	4/5/2011	West Paris	West Paris	65
McFarlane, Shirley P.	4/7/2011	Norway	West Paris	88
Crossley, Barry E.	4/30/2011	West Paris	Greenwood	84
Wall, Penelope R.	5/1/2011	Norway	West Paris	70
Powell, Eunice G.	6/11/2011	West Paris	Hanover	90
Harlow, Harland E.	6/13/2011	West Paris	West Paris	79
Conant, Howard F.	6/18/2011	West Paris	West Paris	80
Conway, Janice G.	6/28/2011	West Paris	West Paris	86
Hatch, Joseph I.	7/9/2011	West Paris	South Paris	67
Martin, Marion E.	7/25/2011	Portland	West Paris	73
Wilson, Perley H.	8/14/2011	West Paris	West Paris	78
Douglas, Alvin F.	8/24/2011	West Paris	Brownfield	75
Roy, Raymond A.	9/13/2011	Norway	West Paris	81
Bennett, Bessie M.	9/17/2011	West Paris	West Paris	88
Butterfield, Leslie C.	9/27/2011	Auburn	West Paris	86
Kennison, Alice D.	9/30/2011	West Paris	Bryant Pond	99
Andrews, Lenwood A.	10/2/2011	West Paris	West Paris	96
Beckwith, Errol D.	10/2/2011	Norway	West Paris	68
Boucher, Jeanne D.	10/19/2011	West Paris	Norway	78
Chevrier, Eva D.	10/20/2011	West Paris	West Paris	87
Ronalder, Elizabeth C.	11/5/2011	West Paris	West Paris	85
Rein, Oliver R.	11/10/2011	West Paris	West Paris	88
Stevens, Rebecca A.	11/10/2011	West Paris	West Paris	79
Saunders, John L.	12/2/2011	West Paris	Oxford	60
Dunham, Sylvia O.	12/13/2011	West Paris	Greenwood	88
Schau, Evelyn E.	12/13/2011	West Paris	West Paris	102
Waterhouse, Doris M.	12/14/2011	West Paris	West Paris	78
Metz, Ricca L.	12/15/2011	West Paris	West Paris	73

**TREASURER'S REPORT APPROPRIATED FUNDS**

**APPROPRIATED REVENUE RECEIPTS**

	<u>2011 Estimate</u>	<u>2011 Receipts</u>
Municipal Revenue Sharing	105,000.00	108,849.99
Urban-Rural Initiative	35,124.00	35,124.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	4,700.00	7,293.44
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	1,000.00	1,062.00
BETE Reimbursement	-	150.00
Homestead Reimbursement	5,750.00	26,799.00
General Assistance Reimbursement	-	9,148.21
FEMA Funds	-	-
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	232,000.00	216,500.54
Boat Excise Tax	1,300.00	1,295.60
Interest on Deposits	1,500.00	1,708.92
Interest on Tax Payments	18,000.00	12,491.86
Office Receipts	800.00	926.09
Vital Records Receipts	2,000.00	2,310.00
Agent Fees	7,000.00	6,969.25
Disposal Fees	1,500.00	1,644.07
Animal Control Revenue	1,000.00	1,895.00
Plumbing Permit Fees	500.00	-
Town Office Building Reserve	9,000.00	9,000.00
	<u>426,174.00</u>	<u>443,167.97</u>

**APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES**

	<u>2011 Budget</u>	<u>2011 Spent</u>
Discounnts	24,000.00	24,866.84
Abatement Interest	50.00	-
Personnel Benefits	89,867.00	87,601.40
Administration	135,032.00	133,794.61
Insurance Premiums	33,688.00	32,204.00
Annual Dues	4,351.00	4,331.87
Fire Department	66,800.00	62,470.30
Transfer Station	94,544.00	110,280.65
Planning Board/Appeals Board	1,100.00	798.97
Building Operations	20,145.00	20,643.39
Assessing	19,000.00	19,000.00
Street Lighting	12,000.00	11,978.24
Hydrant Rental	32,000.00	28,477.00
Emergency Management	1,122.00	1,027.62
Code Enforcement	4,600.00	-
Animal Control	5,300.00	4,518.76
Cemeteries	2,800.00	2,592.48
Highway	305,090.00	279,672.60
Capital Equipment Reserve	75,000.00	75,000.00
Library	27,733.00	27,375.99
Ambulance	25,830.00	25,830.00
Highway Capital Reserve	35,124.00	35,124.00
Non-Profits	6,717.00	6,717.00
General Assistance	11,500.00	17,076.11
Recreation	24,700.00	20,924.50
West Paris Explorers	2,500.00	2,500.00
Veterans Monument	500.00	500.00
	<u>1,061,093.00</u>	<u>1,035,306.33</u>

# TOWN PAYROLL FOR 2011

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Pay</u>
Arsenault, Ryan	Fire	Firefighter	Volunteer	11.25
Billings, David	Transfer Station	Attendant	Part-Time	17,327.14
Billings, Troy	Fire	Firefighter	Volunteer	408.13
Blaquiere, Charles	Fire	Firefighter	Volunteer	201.88
Cary, Brandon	Fire	Firefighter	Volunteer	136.44
Cary, Cassandra	Fire	Firefighter	Volunteer	180.69
Chesley, Alton	Fire	Fire Police	Volunteer	49.34
Cooper, Christopher	Planning Board	Member	Appointed	50.00
Davis, Kevin	Fire	Lieutenant	Volunteer	689.08
Davis, Kevin	Highway	Equipment Operator	Full-Time	27,265.36
DiConzo, Donna	Town Office	Deputy Clerk	Part-Time	16,400.69
Gibbs, Kevin	Transfer Station	Attendant	Part-Time	12,505.21
Gould, Brenda	Library	Substitute Librarian	Part-Time	427.50
Hart, Maurice Jr.	Fire	Firefighter	Volunteer	867.20
Hart, Osman	Animal Control	Officer	Part-Time	3,000.00
Henderson, Dennis	Town Office	Selectman	Elected	1,746.00
Henderson, Michael	Fire	Lieutenant	Volunteer	1,306.57
Holt, Diane	Planning Board	Alternate	Appointed	185.00
Johnson, Cynthia	Town Office	Custodian	Part-Time	2,135.00
Jones, Randall	Town Office	Selectman	Elected	1,218.00
Keach, Willard	Highway	Foreman	Full-Time	41,925.67
Labbe, Ernest III	Fire	Fire Police	Volunteer	79.37
Larrabee, Robert	Fire	Fire Police	Volunteer	115.84
Larrabee, Tina	Fire	Fire Police	Volunteer	85.81
Makley, Patricia	Library	Librarian	Part-Time	8,658.02
Massat, Robert	Fire	Lieutenant	Volunteer	794.69
McCann, Steven	Planning Board	Member	Appointed	120.00
Morrison, James	Fire	Fire Police	Volunteer	66.50
Neary, Mark	Fire	Firefighter	Volunteer	927.32
Nolen, Carolen	Library	Substitute Librarian	Part-Time	123.75
Noyes, Larry	Transfer Station	Substitute Attendant	Part-Time	60.00
Packard, Holly	Town Office	Deputy Collector/Clerk	Full-Time	35,888.86
Parker, Adam	Fire	Firefighter	Volunteer	8.25
Penley, Douglas	Fire	Firefighter	Volunteer	1,551.70
Poland, Erik	Fire	Firefighter	Volunteer	202.14
Poland, Kenneth	Planning Board	Member	Appointed	120.00
Pulsifer, Priscilla	Library	Substitute Librarian	Part-Time	78.75
Quinn, Joan	Fire	Fire Police	Volunteer	49.34
Rainey, Dian	Planning Board	Member	Appointed	120.00
Rainey, Wade	Town Office	Selectman	Elected	2,250.00
Record, Michael	Fire	Fire Police	Volunteer	67.50
Ryerson, Duane	Highway	Equipment Operator	Full-Time	29,253.41
Sciortino, Christopher	Fire	Captain	Volunteer	4,385.70
St. Pierre, Garett	Fire	Firefighter	Volunteer	69.00
St. Pierre, Norman	Fire	Chief	Volunteer	7,719.82
Stover, Jeremy	Fire	Firefighter	Volunteer	803.01
Swain, Richard	Planning Board	Member	Appointed	120.00
Toepker, Anne	Library	Saturday Librarian	Part-Time	1,534.25
White, John	Town Office	Town Manager	Full-Time	47,256.32
Wilson, M. Clayton	Fire	Deputy Chief	Volunteer	4,390.57
				<u>274,936.07</u>

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

**UNPAID 2011 TAXES**

Owner	Map/Lot	Balance	Owner	Map/Lot	Balance	Owner	Map/Lot	Balance
Abbott, Clay	016-048	\$ 1,278.30	Frothingham, Tamsyn Young	013-049-003	\$ 1,983.16	Osgood, Eugene	013-013	\$ 207.57
Abbott, Clay A.	016-066-001	\$ 1,485.87	Gammon, Steven M.	014-002	\$ 866.14	Page, Karen	012-026	\$ 1,122.99
Abbott, Dannie D. & Deana	016-066-002	\$ 764.59	Geneva Ventures, LLC	003-011	\$ 267.31	Page, Karen A.	012-026-ON	\$ 221.01
Abbott, Sidney M. & Geraldine B	016-066	\$ 1,792.01	Geneva Ventures, LLC	003-014	\$ 247.89	Palmer, Daniel & Gordon, Marg	016-017	\$ 554.03
Allen, Jessica & Frederick	011-037-003	\$ 618.24	Gibbs, Kevin	011-039	\$ 758.62	Palmer, Eleanor & Mary Ann	006-066	\$ 630.19
Andrews, Jeremy	016-024-009	\$ 580.91	Gigas, Paul G. & Kathleen A.	016-025-003	\$ 686.94 **	Paul, Jeffrey & Maria	016-024-007	\$ 442.03
Andrews, Mark	012-048	\$ 1,409.71	Goudreau, Andrew R.	019-011-002	\$ 1,680.01	Perham, Paul C.	018-012-003	\$ 827.31
Angevine, Laurel B.	018-025-002	\$ 1,154.35	Gould, Katherine M. & Michael /	015-034-001	\$ 736.22	Perkins, Donna L.	005-005	\$ 98.56
Babbidge, Jonathan & Doris	016-025-005	\$ 530.14	Graham, Erin Rae Hatch	008-024	\$ 1,349.98	Perkins, Donna L.	005-018	\$ 859.52
Baker, David & Michelle	001-002	\$ 1,457.50 *	Graiver, Halyne L.	019-021	\$ 117.97	Poland, Alexander L.	016-056	\$ 927.36 **
Baldrige, Donnie R. & Stella J.	012-011-005	\$ 274.77	Graiver, Halyne L.	019-011	\$ 573.44	Poland, Weldon E. & Charles E.	015-030	\$ 706.35 *
Baldrige, Donnie R. & Stella J.	012-011-006	\$ 280.75	Graiver, William F.	015-004	\$ 5,289.94	Porter, Maurice	011-013-003	\$ 179.20
Baldrige, Donnie R. & Stella J.	012-011-003	\$ 1,747.21	Grover, Roni & Jeanne	019-025-001	\$ 1,447.05	Rainey, Marc	016-023-005	\$ 712.32
Baldrige, Donnie R. & Stella J.	012-011-004	\$ 277.76	Guilford, Todd C. & Lisa M.	011-030	\$ 1,496.33	Ray, Joshua T. & Ryan K.	008-012	\$ 1,161.82
Baldrige, Donnie R. & Stella J.	012-011-007	\$ 286.72	Guy, Mary A.	016-004-010-ON	\$ 134.40	Record, Forrest S.	016-046	\$ 981.12
Bean, Richard A., Sr.	017-020-001	\$ 784.60	Guy, William F., Jr. & Mary A.	016-004-010	\$ 519.68	Rice, Nicole	005-004 ON2	\$ 168.75
Beaulieu-Dow, Marguerite C.	017-042	\$ 879.58	Hadley, Dale Scott	018-011	\$ 901.98	Richards, Jason	019-038-003-ON	\$ 262.83
Boucher, Richard K.	011-038	\$ 1,122.99 **	Hadley, Erlon	014-066 (part of	\$ 119.47	Robar, Robert & Deborah	016-067	\$ 247.89
Brett, Donald, Julie, Patricia & R	016-022-001	\$ 1,415.22 *	Hadley, Erlon Sr.	015-039	\$ 728.75	Roberts, Michelle	016-004-015-ON	\$ 98.56
Brown, Glean	017-010-001	\$ 1,336.54	Hadley, Keith Allen	018-011-001	\$ 636.16	Roberts, Jack V. & Lin	017-039-004	\$ 562.99 **
Buker, Darlene & Calvin	016-004-007	\$ 945.28	Hadley, Sharon (Beaudet)	018-028-002	\$ 1,087.15	Roberts, Joel B.	016-023-002	\$ 1,621.77
Campbell, Shirley R. & Walter J.	015-016	\$ 355.42	Hall, Laura (Life Estate)	005-016	\$ 670.51	Robertson, Philip S. & Maureen	015-017	\$ 325.55
Carey, Robert A.	013-033-001	\$ 1,082.34	Harlow, Gina L. & Christopher J.	017-036-001	\$ 772.06	Robinson, Beverly A.	006-009	\$ 1,181.23
Cayouette, Pamela Knox	016-070-001	\$ 2,343.05 **	Harvey, Selena	013-001-001	\$ 486.83	Robinson, David B. & Pauline A.	013-039	\$ 1,739.74
Chamberlain, Graydon & Ruth	017-003	\$ 923.48	Heath, Melissa B.	011-030-001	\$ 628.70	Robinson, David B. & Pauline A.	013-037	\$ 680.96
Cobble View Properties c/o Sam	006-035	\$ 109.01	Hemlock Haven	017-039-005	\$ 307.63 **	Robinson, Emily A.	004-028	\$ 1,057.28
Cobble View Properties c/o Sam	006-034	\$ 3,174.84	Henderson, Robert & Michelle	005-004-ON	\$ 198.61	Robinson, Mathew & Virginia	013-039-001	\$ 666.03
Cobble View Properties c/o Sam	006-032-001	\$ 103.04	Herrick, Judith & Lewis	016-004-006	\$ 362.88	Roe, Michael R.	012-033-010	\$ 703.36 **
Collette, Barry M. & Kathleen J.	002-005	\$ 1,768.11	Hoff, Joe & Heather	016-004-013 ON	\$ 37.33	Roe, Michael R.	012-033-003	\$ 307.63 **
Conley, Harold D.	016-007	\$ 224.10	Holden, Kathryn & Michael	017-039-004-ON	\$ 237.44	Rowell, Jesse & Carolyn	001-011-004	\$ 1,229.02
Connell, Kenneth P.	017-038-003	\$ 758.62	Hutchinson, Gretchen S.	008-015	\$ 592.86	Ruokolainen, Nestor A. & Rache	008-025	\$ 942.30
Cooper Farms	012-066	\$ 4,630.85 **	Hutchinson, Gretchen S.	008-016	\$ 979.63	Sande, Jesiah E. & Sandra P.	016-004-011	\$ 886.94
Cooper Farms	012-001	\$ 367.36 **	Inman, Gregg & Dixie	014-001	\$ 281.71	Seams, Steven L.	016-016-002	\$ 649.60
Cooper, Cameron A.	012-012-003	\$ 1,456.01	Johnson, Erica L. & Labay, Rich	016-073	\$ 2,108.60	Shead, Donald G. JR. & Barbara	008-007	\$ 1,320.11
Cooper, Christopher	014-073	\$ 153.81 **	Jones, Jeanmarie T. & Randall	001-011-001	\$ 2,096.65	Silver, Adam	012-012-001-001	\$ 839.26
Cooper, Christopher	014-083	\$ 67.20 **	Jordan & Wainwright, LLC	015-013	\$ 2,305.72	Sisson, Jack David	016-024-005	\$ 764.59
Cooper, Christopher	014-075	\$ 171.73 **	Jordan, Debra L.	016-055	\$ 1,160.33	Spencer, Michael & Sandy	017-015-002	\$ 1,400.75
Cooper, Christopher	014-078	\$ 4.48 **	Kennison, James Walter	011-015-002	\$ 674.99 **	Stoddard, Eric	016-064-001	\$ 368.86
Cooper, Christopher A. & Lorelei	014-061	\$ 513.71 **	King, Lesley Helen	016-052-002	\$ 421.12	Stoddard, Eric	016-040	\$ 1,302.19
Cooper, Christopher A. & Lorelei	012-012-001	\$ 643.63 **	Knox, Edward	013-049-004	\$ 1,959.26	Tikander, Neil O. & Charlene R.	012-034	\$ 2,899.74
Cooper, Christopher A. & Lorelei	018-010	\$ 1,045.34 **	Kontos, Nicholas J., Jr.	019-036	\$ 143.48	Tripp, Colby & Jennifer	004-027	\$ 1,184.22
Cooper, Christopher A. & Lorelei	018-010-ON	\$ 194.13 **	Kovar, John L. JR. Sawyer, Gar	011-031	\$ 815.36	Tuell, Gilman E. JR.	011-024	\$ 249.39 **
Cooper, Christopher A. & Lorelei	012-013	\$ 4,247.06 **	Lang, Charles D.	001-012	\$ 533.12	Verrill, Dale R.	013-001-006	\$ 347.95
Cooper, Christopher A. & Lorelei	012-012	\$ 924.38 **	Lang, Merle Sr. (Heirs of)	019-034	\$ 792.96	Verrill, Dale R.	013-019	\$ 331.52
Cooper, Christopher A. & Lorelei	012-004	\$ 897.50 **	Lavine, Sharon	008-001	\$ 1,151.37	Waisanen, H & S Trust	007-027	\$ 797.04 *
Copithorne, Richard	003-006	\$ 1,260.38	Lawrence, Donald D.	013-004-001	\$ 555.52	Waterhouse, Elaine Phillips, Sai	013-049-008	\$ 540.59 **
Copithorne, Richard	015-011	\$ 286.72	Lawrence, Donald D.	013-004-002	\$ 543.58	Waterhouse, G. Kevin & Elaine	014-054	\$ 1,418.47 **
Cote, Anthony Richard, Trina An	017-010-004	\$ 482.38	Lawrence, Donald D.	013-004	\$ 658.56	Westleigh, Anni	006-048	\$ 951.07
Cote, William & Clarrisa	013-030-ON	\$ 201.60	Leland, Tammy	016-050	\$ 525.66	Westleigh-Griffin, Louisa M.	013-001-005	\$ 2,264.96
Cote, William & Clarrisa	011-015-004	\$ 615.26	Leupold, Gregory M.	015-013-003	\$ 1,205.13	White, Parker F. SR	017-047	\$ 754.82 **
Crockett, Gerard	016-025-002	\$ 1,160.33 **	Lewis, Judith & Scott	017-020-002	\$ 1,711.37	Whitney, Scot & Regina A.	016-014	\$ 718.30
Cummings, Roenell Jr. & Mary E	016-024-008	\$ 385.28	Littlehale, Daniel R. & Jane E.	017-024	\$ 274.77	Willis, Todd & Laurie	008-015-ON	\$ 37.33
Daniels, Danny A. & Krista M.	012-042-001	\$ 4,666.69	Loring, Tina L.	016-023-001	\$ 517.45 **	Wilson, Delwin C.	016-013-002	\$ 1,100.59
Daniels, Danny A. & Krista M.	006-051	\$ 542.08	Markle, Keith & Diane	006-005	\$ 701.87	Wormell, Charlot	014-030-001	\$ 1,440.10
Davis, Corrine	018-026-001	\$ 1,194.67	Marston, Randy & MaryKay	013-031-001	\$ 1,140.91	Yeaton, Elwood E. & Barbara L.	016-004-004	\$ 1,351.47
Davis, Corrine	018-026	\$ 1,605.34	Mason, Jerrold L. & Tracie L.	019-028	\$ 307.63	Young, Dana E. & Glenn W.	013-023	\$ 957.23
DeHass, Bertha H.V.	006-043	\$ 580.91	Mason, Jerrold Lyndon & Tracie	019-028-001	\$ 1,032.94	Young, Dana E. & Linda	011-025	\$ 355.42
Dillingham, Kevin & Stacy	015-002	\$ 913.92	Mason, Kalvin B. & Cathy	003-010	\$ 2,045.88	Young, James	016-004-015	\$ 576.43
Dobson, Stephen W., Conti, Ana	016-024-006	\$ 612.27	Michaud, Edwin G. & Nancy A.	003-004-001	\$ 1,438.09	Young, James	016-004-014	\$ 228.48
Dube, Roger	006-021	\$ 2,093.66	Miller, Elizabeth E. & William H.	006-032	\$ 1,358.94	Young, Samuel E.	016-070-001-B	\$ 2,048.86
Emery, Daniel K.	012-060-002	\$ 362.88	Miller, Saleta	013-004-001-ON	\$ 279.25 **	Zeeegers, Mark E. & Betty S.	016-004-008	\$ 440.54
Fahay, David T.	004-011	\$ 1,112.54	Miller, William J.	016-024-013	\$ 673.50	<b>TOTAL:</b>		\$155,895.62
Fantoni, Philip	016-046-003	\$ 975.15	Millett, Norman	002-013	\$ 594.35			
Farnum, Kevin J. & Amy M.	003-008	\$ 1,417.18	Millett, Norman R. & Jean	019-018	\$ 1,178.25	<b>Balances are as of 12/31/2011</b>		
Farrar, Juanita M.	006-038	\$ 446.51	Moore, Matthew D. & Eileen M.	017-015	\$ 558.51	<b>* Partial payment made since the close of books</b>		
Finished Interiors, LTD, c/o Nom	019-037	\$ 1,600.86	Moran, Kevin ~ Trustee	016-023	\$ 2,265.40	<b>** Total paid since the close of books</b>		
Floster, John DBA West Paris Gr	006-060	\$ 1,680.69	Mowatt, Hartley H., Jr.	012-044	\$ 648.11			
Fox, Robert & Anne	017-035	\$ 766.08	Norton, Anthony & Hodgkin, Dor	011-033	\$ 1,036.38			
Frazer, Frederick & Diana	016-046-009	\$ 471.90	Okenquist, Gary R. & Edith D.	005-010	\$ 1,315.63			

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

UNPAID 2010 TAX LIENS

Owner	Map/Lot	Balance
Angevine, Laurel B.	018-025-002	\$ 1,268.96
Beaudet, Sharon	018-028-002	\$ 1,192.48
Beaulieu-Dow, Marguerite C.	017-042	\$ 973.50
Bragg, Juanita M.	006-038	\$ 516.65
Campbell, Shirley R. & Walter J.	015-016	\$ 409.52
Connell, Kenneth P.	017-038-003	\$ 241.57 *
Cooper, Cameron A.	012-012-003	\$ 92.63
Cote, William & Clarrisa	013-030-0N	\$ 247.26
Cote, William & Clarrisa	011-015-004	\$ 683.64
Cummings, Roenell Jr. & Mary E	016-024-008	\$ 452.06
Davis, Corrine	018-026	\$ 1,728.10
Dube, Roger	006-021	\$ 2,248.84
Emery, Daniel K.	012-060-002	\$ 312.38
Finished Interiors, LTD	019-037	\$ 1,723.37
Fox, Robert & Anne	017-035	\$ 844.34
Gammon, Steven M.	014-002	\$ 959.32
Geneva Ventures, LLC	003-014	\$ 296.10
Geneva Ventures, LLC	003-011	\$ 316.58
Gould, Katherine M. & Michael	015-034-001	\$ 816.83
Guy, William F., Jr. & Mary A.	016-004-010	\$ 582.81
Hadley, Dale Scott	018-011	\$ 990.33
Hadley, Erlon Sr.	015-039	\$ 803.36
Hadley, Keith Allen	018-011-001	\$ 705.70
Heath, Melissa B.	011-030-001	\$ 714.44
Henderson, Robert & Michelle	005-004-0N	\$ 243.53
Holden, Kathryn & Michael	017-039-004-0N	\$ 285.08
Hutchinson, Gretchen S.	008-016	\$ 665.60
Hutchinson, Gretchen S.	008-015	\$ 1,079.06
Jordan & Wainwright, LLC	015-013	\$ 2,494.90
Lang, Charles D.	001-012	\$ 596.99
Lang, Merle Sr. (Heirs of)	019-034	\$ 871.11
Lavine, Sharon	008-001	\$ 1,075.67
Leland, Tammy	016-050	\$ 740.35
Leupold, Gregory M.	015-013-003	\$ 1,305.91
Mowatt, Hartley H., Jr.	012-044	\$ 718.30
Norton, Anthony & Hodgkin, Dor	011-033	\$ 1,127.89
Page, Karen	012-026	\$ 1,219.26
Page, Karen A.	012-026-0N	\$ 267.75
Palmer, Eleanor & Mary Ann	006-066	\$ 710.42
Poland, Weldon E. & Charles E.	015-030	\$ 796.35 **
Rainey, Marc	016-023-005	\$ 802.65 *
Ray, Joshua T. & Ryan K.	008-012	\$ 1,265.81
Roberts, Michelle	016-004-015-0N	\$ 138.56
Robertson, Philip S. & Maureen	015-017	\$ 375.15
Robinson, Beverly A.	006-009	\$ 738.14
Sande, Jesiah E. & Sandra P.	016-004-011	\$ 764.84
Seams, Steven L.	016-016-002	\$ 719.88
Sisson, Jack David	016-024-005	\$ 841.18
Willis, Todd & Laurie	008-015-0N	\$ 85.00
Young, Dana E. & Glenn W.	013-023	\$ 1,045.14
Young, Dana E. & Linda	011-025	\$ 409.52
Young, James	016-004-015	\$ 642.68
Young, James	016-004-014	\$ 281.21
Zeegers, Mark E. & Betty S.	016-004-008	\$ 510.35
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$ 41,939.05</b>

Balances are as of 12/31/2011

\* Partial Payment made since the close of books

\*\* Total payment made since the close of books

UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Owner	Balance	Owner	Balance
<b>2003</b>			
Biron, Dennis L.	\$ 111.42	Abbott, Sidney M. & Geraldine B.	\$ 108.32
Discount Shoes	\$ 24.76	Barbara's Chowder House	\$ 30.09
Hutchinson, Bartlett & Priscilla	\$ 383.78	Cooper Farms	\$286.94 **
Wormell, Charlot	\$ 247.60	Crouch, John Jr.	\$ 173.01
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 767.56</b>	Direct TV Inc.	\$ 278.11
<b>2004</b>			
Biron, Dennis L.	\$ 112.83	J & W Oil Company	\$ 1,498.39
Discount Shoes	\$ 25.07	Mason, Kalvin & Cathy	\$ 15.04
Hutchinson, Bartlett & Priscilla	\$ 388.65	Waterhouse, G. Kevin & Elaine	\$ 92.99 **
Wells Fargo Financial Leasing, INC	\$ 108.90	Wilday, LLC	\$ 2,053.52
Wormell, Charlot	\$ 250.75	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,536.41</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 886.20</b>		
<b>2005</b>			
Biron, Dennis L.	\$ 114.29		
Wilday, LLC	\$ 44.93		
Wormell, Charlot	\$ 253.98		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 413.20</b>		
<b>2006</b>			
Biron, Dennis L.	\$ 104.66		
Wilday, LLC	\$ 3,377.93		
Wormell, Charlot	\$ 235.49		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,718.08</b>		
<b>2007</b>			
Biron, Dennis L.	\$ 85.40		
Village Hardware	\$ 64.63		
Wilday, LLC	\$ 2,725.94		
Wormell, Charlot	\$ 191.58		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,067.55</b>		
<b>2008</b>			
Dennis Henderson Trucking	\$ 79.27		
Mason, Kalvin B. & Cathy	\$ 17.14		
Village Hardware	\$ 59.99		
Wilday, LLC	\$ 2,530.12		
Wormell, Charlot	\$ 177.82		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,864.34</b>		
<b>2009</b>			
Barbara's Chowder House	\$ 38.34		
J & W Oil Company	\$ 1,920.78		
Kolker, Robert	\$ 16.43		
Mason, Kalvin B. & Cathy	\$ 16.43		
Wilday, LLC	\$ 2,205.61		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,197.59</b>		
<b>2010</b>			
Barbara's Chowder House	\$ 31.73		
J & W Oil Company	\$ 1,606.90		
Mason, Kalvin B. & Cathy	\$ 14.28		
Wilday, LLC	\$ 2,006.64		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,659.55</b>		

## WEST PARIS FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Dear Citizens,

The members of the West Paris Fire Department would like to thank all the townspeople for their support throughout the year especially during Old Home Days. The Fire Department hosts a chicken barbeque every year to raise money to purchase equipment that we need and not budgeted for. We also thank our Auxiliary for raising money for us to purchase food and drink for trainings and fire scenes.

This past year we experienced tropical storm Irene that caused multiple power outages in the Town. Fire crews were available at the Fire Station to distribute drinking water as well as respond to emergencies as they arose. Thank you to Poland Spring Water for their generous donation of water supplied to us for fire scenes and for emergency operations.

We had 82 calls for the year 2011.

Structure Fires	24	Vehicle Fires	3
Car Accidents	15	Fuel/Chemical Spills	3
Medical Assists	12	Severe Weather	3
Power Lines	7	Unauthorized Burn	1
False Alarms	4	Smoke Report	1
Brush/Woods Fires	4	Water Rescue	1
Carbon Monoxide	4		

Sincerely,  
Norm St. Pierre  
Fire Chief

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Dear Citizens,

Well, 2012 is here! We made it through 2011; the winter (2010-2011) came and went.

The 1994 truck getting stuck on McKeen Road was the most excitement we had last year. The roadway gave way, causing the truck to tip up on its side, resulting in some damage, mostly structural. A skidder was needed to hold it upright while a wrecker towed it out of the ditch. We ended up plowing two routes with one truck which meant some areas were plowed out quite late. Our 2004 truck also got stuck during that storm as well and need to be pulled out. Needless to say it made for a very long day.

By late March, winter was getting over and mud season beginning. We were starting to grade gravel roads. We did regular spring maintenance during March and April, painting plows and wings, cleaning sanders, and lubricating sander chains.

We started sweeping sidewalks and roads in May. We contract the sweeping in the village. The work does not take as long as it used to. We patched potholes and graded, getting ready for our big summer project of rebuilding one mile of Tuelltown Road. Culverts that were replaced on Tuelltown Road were replaced with ADS 12 plastic culverts. The culverts have a service life of 100 years as opposed to metal which has a life of about 20 years. We cut and chipped brush on the shoulders. Both sides of the road were ditched. The Town hired Pine Tree Paving of Norway to grind the old pavement, grade and compact the road material and then apply hot mix pavement.

During the summer, we mowed roadsides. Unfortunately our leased mower had several breakdowns which lengthen the time spent. Of course we graded gravel roads as needed. We shimmed portions of Abbott Hill, Dunham, Stearns Hill, Morse Hill and Tuelltown roads with cold mix patch. On the gravel section of Tuelltown Road we replaced some of the culverts. We also worked in the Town gravel pit, making a new access road to the bottom section so we could get material in different bank of the pit.

We had an early snowstorm before Halloween and another before Thanksgiving, but we were ready. We had to be careful because the ground was not frozen yet. The Selectmen purchased a Tracless snow blower/plow to better take care of our sidewalks and other tight places where bigger machines don't work well during the winter.

It has been a busy and interesting year all around.

Respectfully,  
Bill Keach  
Highway Foreman

## TRANSFER STATION REPORT

On July 1<sup>st</sup> we began the "Zero-Sort"<sup>TM</sup> recycling program. Previously items such as milk jugs, cans, glass, mixed paper and corrugated cardboard needed to be separated and tossed into the appropriate bins. With "Zero -Sort"<sup>TM</sup> all items to be recycled can be tossed into a single container with no sorting necessary. The implementation of this system also allows us to take many different kinds of plastic in addition to milk jugs. We hope that all citizens will take advantage of this and redouble their efforts to recycle as much as possible. The more we recycle, the lower our operational costs will be. Below are the statistics of the station.

<u>Type</u>	<u>Tons</u>
Municipal Solid Waste	<b>512.11</b>
Recycling (Jan.-June)	Data not available
Zero-Sort <sup>TM</sup> Recycling (July-Dec.)	<b>38.99</b>
Recycled Corrugated Cardboard	<b>27.96</b>
Recycled Clean Wood	<b>15.14</b>
Bulky Waste/Construction Debris	<b>106.14</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>700.34</b>



## **WEST PARIS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION REPORT**

2011 was another great year for the West Paris Athletic Association. We would like to thank all the volunteers, parents and players who donated time, equipment and money to make our season successful. Participation was slightly lower this year than in 2010, however, we still had 70 children enroll in the summer Softball/Baseball program and a total of 18 coaches/volunteers. Volunteers spent many hours cleaning up the ball fields at the Mann Complex in preparation for the busy season including repairing fences and bleachers, cleaning up the snack shack and grandstands as well as the infield surface material from the Babe Ruth and Little League field which was washed away during the spring flooding. The infield surface of all the playing fields were replaced with new material to provide excellent playing surfaces as well as ensure the safety of the players. In addition, we continued to work on the much needed fourth field by completing the infield surface and fencing. The only thing remaining to get this field ready for the 2012 season is the completion of the dugouts! Fundraising efforts were in high gear this year as well. Fundraisers included the renewal of all field signs from local businesses, Little Ceasar's Pizza Kits, and fried dough sales at Old Home Days. 2012 looks to be a busy year as we anticipate another year of high player enrollment and more improvements to the ball fields including additional fencing projects as well as the construction of a second (smaller) snack shack building for the upper fields in hopes of bringing in additional snack shack profits. We are also looking to begin work on replacing the wooden bleachers with low maintenance aluminum bleachers through fundraising efforts and a short term increase to the annual budget. We are continuously looking for volunteers to coach or help coach ball teams, work in the snack shack and help maintain the facility. Anyone interested in volunteering or looking for more information can contact the Town Office.

Thanks again to everyone who contributed to WPAA's success in 2011!

## **WEST PARIS LIBRARY REPORT**

### **Arthur L. Mann Memorial Library**

The library continues to attract a growing number of visitors and has added a significant number of new patrons. The library is becoming a focus of the community's interest in its young people, literary and cultural programs, and research opportunities.

A new program is the result of a grant by Maine Reads to help establish a place where people seeking help in improving their reading, math, or writing skills may come for some assistance. Also available is help for those seeking employment or needing to apply for public assistance. Pam Burke is leading the math tutoring program. She holds a drop-in Math Help Center from 3:30 to 5:30 every Wednesday. She is also available to provide one-on-one math tutoring to any child in grades 1-8 or to any adult. Scott Randolph leads the literacy tutoring program. He works with Oxford Hills Adult Education, which provides training for adult literacy tutors. Anne Toepker leads the "Search and Apply" Assistance Program. Beginning February 20, a volunteer will be available at the library each Monday between 4:00 and 6:00 PM to assist anyone needing help with looking or applying for work or public assistance. Copies of brochures describing the Math Tutoring, Reading/Writing Help, and Search and Apply programs are available at the library.

Some of the challenges we faced this year included the day we ran out of oil for the furnace, recurring problems with the outside lighting, and some water damage to the cork floor in the children's area. The oil delivery problem seems to be resolved, additional work needs to be done to make sure the wiring for the exterior lighting is reliable in bad weather, and Bolster's repaired the cork flooring. The stairs and walls leading to the basement have been painted. The walls and ceiling in the older part of the library have been painted. In fact, there is a new ceiling in the older part of the library, which has enhanced the appearance of that part of the building. There is a new pump in the basement to remove condensation from the air conditioner. Lumber from the huge pine tree which had to be cut down during construction was planed by Wade Rainey. Some of this wood was made into plaques in recognition of those who gave significantly to the addition's construction fund. One such plaque thanks employees who worked for the Penley Corporation over many decades. A generous donation was made to the library from the Penley family, and they asked that any plaque in their name should recognize the efforts of the hundreds of people who made Penley Corporation successful for many years.

We look forward to another successful year and invite any and all of the townspeople to use the resources available to them at the library. We continue making efforts to replenish our capital funds and to enhance the library. The Board of Trustees includes nine members. Their terms end on the dates mentioned. Bruce Downing, 2013, and Terry Merrill, 2014, (co-chairpersons); Sandra Broberg, 2012, (treasurer); Elaine Emery, 2014, (secretary); Rodney Abbott, 2012; Les Pulsifer, 2014; Marianne Walton, 2013; David MacDowell, 2012; and Ann Holt Payne, 2013, (our Greenwood representative on the board).

Thanks go to our excellent librarian, Patty Makley; our Saturday librarian and grant writer, Anne Toepker; and to the Friends of the Library, both those who are officially members of that group and others who also give generously of their time and talents.

## WEST PARIS PUBLIC LIBRARY, LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

An awesome 122 new members signed up for library cards during 2011. A total of 4,580 visits were made to the library, with 44% of young people using a computer, and 23% of adults using a computer. 5,435 items were borrowed. Several hundred people attended special events.

The library now has a digital projector for the use of community groups, at the library. When Joe Makley presented an evening program about a recent trip to volunteer in Haiti, he was able to accompany it with pictures. The children's summer reading program, "Reading Around the World" centered on films of a child living in each of these countries, India, China, Australia, and Mexico. Crafts, games, and ethnic food were provided by myself and Anne Toepker, our excellent Saturday librarian. The Wednesday evening Poetry & Literature group, led by Rodney Abbott, watched a Mark Twain movie, projected on the wall of the conference room.

The Friends of the Library is proud to announce that an elegant table was purchased for the conference room. This is dedicated to the memory of the beloved founder of our Friends' group, Ida Gurney (1924-2009). She was a thoughtful, witty, energetic & warm-hearted supporter of our library and community life. The table was purchased with the donations given in her honor.

The library addition proudly showcased the work of many West Paris artists. Eva Kozun's art students at the Agnes Gray School had a lively & colorful group show. The Friend's group and the PTO hosted an opening reception for the young artists and their families. The crewel work of Leone Bane Penley (1910-1999) was breathtaking, and brought people into the library all summer to view "Stitches from the Heart." In October, the Friends gave a reception for "Through My Kitchen Window," a display of the paintings of life long Greenwood resident, Fay Morgan Holt (1918-2009). Visitors found Fay's paintings of the seasons, seascapes, and her home in Greenwood, extremely moving. The Friends invited Raymond Miller, co-author of "From the Volcano to the Gorge: Getting the Job Done on Iwo Jima," to talk during Old Home Days; they held the ever popular Easter Egg Hunt, ran two book sales, participated in the community Christmas craft fair, and cleaned and organized the library's cellar.

The Friends sponsored the annual "Let Your Light Shine" memorial fund-raiser that brightens Main St. all winter. The lighting party was held under the recently refurbished Castle chandeliers, which are now in use. The children of Agnes Gray School made & sold Christmas ornaments and pins as a fund-raiser for the library's children's area. In addition, the Friends & Trustees, & librarians were happy to collaborate with a new drama group at the school, headed by teachers Sarah Timm and Holly Lidstone. We turned the addition into a mini theater for the exuberant play "Snow White," a benefit for the Explorers Program. This original script set the old Fairy Tale in the village of West Paris!

There are other ways the school & library work together: a library story-time for the 1<sup>st</sup> grade, and Mary Christine Hargreaves sang for their last day celebration: a book program in which the school featured a monthly author and gave the library a book by that author; school children carried the library banner in the Old Home Days parade; and the Summer Explorers visited the library every week.

The library is blessed with outstanding volunteers. Special thanks go to Priscilla Pulsifer, Brenda Lynn Gould, & Esther McLaughlin for their weekly contributions to the library's operation. Our active library is supported by their skills. We thank Beverly Stevens for extensive database entry, as well as Elaine Emery. Elaine also taught knitting during mud season, and creates the beautiful seasonal decorations for the library. Sandra Broberg, and Priscilla & Les Pulsifer take books to the Ledgeview Living Center bimonthly. Benton Shattenberg volunteered during the winter, and Alex James was the skilled assistant for the Summer Reading Program. And finally, I give heartfelt thanks to the many others who have enthusiastically supported the library with wonderful contributions in 2011.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia Makley

## OLD HOME DAYS REPORT

Old Home Days was held June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> in 2011 with the theme "Music in the Air." The event was held a week later than usual to coincide with the West Paris alumni gathering and an optimistic chance for better weather. Live music was featured both days at various locations in town.

The Flag Ceremony was held by the Veterans Memorial Park followed by musician Jim Bennett, who was dressed in Civil War attire and performed music from that time period.

Paul Lowell of Rumford performed acoustic favorites until Friday evening's main event — a rock 'n' roll street dance that featured the Rumford based band Monsta.

Fireworks were spectacular!

At the Little Castle Library local author Raymond Miller signed his co-authored book, "From the Volcano to the Gorge: Getting the Job Done on Iwo Jima." A women's barbershop quartet, "Four on a Match" sang popular music from the World War II era. They sang unaccompanied by musical instruments in four-part harmony. Friends of The Little Castle Library hosted "Stitches from the Heart" a fine collection of crewel and Jacobean embroidery. The stunning work had been created by the much loved West Paris resident Leone Bane Penley (1910-1999) and was shown for the first time as a collection. "It is the fourth in a series of art exhibits featuring West Paris artists since the newly expanded addition was added last year."

The weather held out for the parade which was well attended.

The Mollycokett Sportsman's Club sold breakfast Saturday and served burgers, hot dogs and fries both days. The club, which builds and maintains area snowmobile trails, also hosted their annual 'Duck Race.'

The West Paris Fire Department hosted a chicken barbecue luncheon.

The West Paris Bobcat Pom and Twirl Team had just taken the state champion title and showed why with an outstanding performance.

A Baby Pageant showcased the cutest smiles in the village.

The hip-hop styling of Jaci's Jazzettes was "dazzling."

Markus and Angelique Steelgrave performed "The Magic of the Steelgraves," The West Paris Historical Society Museum was open and busy.

New this year was a Sky Jumping Trampoline site, a petting Zoo from the Inch by Inch Farm, and "The Magic of the Steelgraves,"

Other musical talent whose performance enhanced the festival theme were: Al Mallory (W.P. resident) from the Bunch of Old Hippies' Band, Mary "Uke-Lady" Hargraves, Safe 2 Say, Austin Williams, Jo Plummer and Bob Gautier as Just US 2 (W.P. resident.)

The Mission Congregational Church hosted a Finnish Kantel demonstration.

West Paris Baptist Church hosted an open house and puppet show.

The Saturday Night Street Dance featured the Rockin' Road Runners with Sammy Chapman (and son) opening.

There was a petting zoo, magic show, trapeze, food vendors, a lawnmower pull, toy train display by the Great Falls Railroad Club, 50/50 and raffle drawings.

Rides were provided by Summit Adventures.

The Chinese Auction was well supported with generous donations and enthusiastic bidders thanks to the efforts of Kathleen Jackson who has stepped down but is available in an advisory capacity. This and other positions are now available.

Meadow Creek Farms provided daily horse-drawn wagon rides through the quaint West Paris village.

The use of social media was introduced in 2011 and expanded reach to a broader audience through the West Paris Facebook page and statewide tourist based websites. While the focus is to stay local, many West Paris natives have moved outside the region and appreciate being reminded "to come home." The listing for June 1st and 2nd 2012 has been posted on the Maine tourism websites since last year.

Hands down it was still the tried and true that got the strongest reaction. The on air radio support of WOXO/Gleason Broadcasting increased the word of mouth about West Paris Old Home Days and helped build the anticipation of the event.

Undeniably, the impact of the Sun Journal (thanks to Ursula Albert and Terry Karkos) reported the news about Old Home Days in good old fashioned black and white. The on-line color photos are now a precious archive of West Paris history. The Advertiser Democrat and Bethel Citizen (Ann Sheehan, Mike Daniels) sealed the deal with announcements, features, articles and photos. Overall there was important attention targeted.

Seeing these results has inspired the 2012 theme to be "Rediscover West Paris, The Gem of Western Maine." Not only is this idea already inspiring greater community support, it adds continuity to the investment already made by the town when they posted the welcome signs on Rt. 26.

Great effort is being made to focus on better communication to include and promote the town treasures: The West Paris Historical Society, The Little Castle Library, the churches, the Grange, the many early buildings still standing, and those that are not.

Volunteers are still needed to help at Old Home Days 2012 to run games, sales, set up and break down structures.

Showcase your craft, skill, business or suggest your favorite "fair food vendor." To be in the parade participants should contact [ypoland@megalink.net](mailto:ypoland@megalink.net)

For vendor opportunities contact [Jacisjazzettes@hotmail.com](mailto:Jacisjazzettes@hotmail.com)

To share your favorite memory or trivia of West Paris [westparispr@gmail.com](mailto:westparispr@gmail.com) (Pending confirmation I can use this address.)



Six-year-old Lincoln Merrill, left, Will Bru, 7, Molly Southard, 6, and Brooks Merrill, 2, held by mom Lissa Merrill, wave to parade participants.



Don Shead and 4-year-old Pieper Shead of West Paris wave to crowds. Shead is driving a 1951 Massey-Harris tractor.

# The Oxford Hills School District

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### Annual Report for the Town of West Paris

FROM: Rick Colpitts, Superintendent of Schools

**“The great weight of the ship may indeed prevent her from acquiring her greatest velocity; but when she has attained it, she will advance by her own intrinsic motion, without gaining any new degree of velocity, or lessening what she has acquired.” *William Falconer***

I remain optimistic about the future of the School District and proud of its accomplishments. Its velocity, carried by the professionalism and commitment of its staff, continues to move slowly forward. Having suffered four years of declining State subsidy and the loss of 46 employees, the District is still on course and continues to meet the needs of its students and communities, albeit, with greater difficulty. Your School Board deserves much credit. They have made many difficult decisions and have been largely successful in seeking greater efficiencies in transportation and operations, reducing impact on classroom instruction. Our momentum forward will undoubtedly slow as the economic crisis across the country shows little sign of abatement. With little changing at the State and Federal level any forward motion will likely require increased commitments from our communities.

The West Paris Schools have seen some changes this year. Some of these were changes instituted for increased efficiencies, while others were for program enhancements.

- We did not use the Legion Memorial School this year. All of our K-4 students were housed in the Agnes Gray building. Though it required some rearranging of rooms and our computers moved into classrooms rather than being in a lab, there were also benefits to this arrangement. Of course facility costs were reduced, but there were

additional benefits of having all students in one building. The safety concern for crossing 5 and 6-year-olds was eliminated and instructional time for walking back and forth was saved. In addition, our youngest students feel more a part of our school community.

- Agnes Gray has begun a school-wide vocabulary focus called Words of the Week with all students. By expanding our students' vocabulary knowledge, we will improve our students reading development. Vocabulary instruction also leads to gains in comprehension. Each week students explore and learn about five new words.

- During the District's Aspire Higher Month, we held several activities. Students wrote about what they wanted to be when they grew up, and some prepared skits for an assembly. On October 26, our students and all students in the District marched in the Aspire Higher March for Aspirations. We were also contacted by Jackson Scholarship winners who are preparing a follow-up presentation for our students.

- The PTO sponsors two Scholastic Book Fairs throughout the year in which they raise funds to send students on field trips in and out of the District. The PTO and the town's Historical Society combined efforts to supply Christmas gifts for 25 students this year.

- Just before the holiday vacation our students walked many donated food items to the new food pantry which has been opened by the Baptist Church. Our aim was to support families in need, while introducing the availability of this resource to our families who may need it.

- The school continues to enjoy a strong partnership with the 'Little Castle Library' with multiple joint ventures. Students make frequent walking trips to the library, collect pennies to support it, and hold special events at the library to encourage families to visit.

Oxford Hills Middle School has continued to make strong community connections to support our students. These connections have allowed our students to build on their classroom experiences in the real world setting. We are particularly thankful to our business partners who have donated countless hours and financial resources in support of our students.

The Middle School is piloting an alternative education program through a partnership with the University of Maine 4 H camp at Bryant Pond. Early feedback from participating students, their parents and staff, and attendance data suggests that this program may be very successful.

Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School has started a “Word of the Week” vocabulary initiative. Students are exposed to one of the challenging vocabulary words each Monday morning and then asked to use it within a sentence. A student's sentence is drawn on Wednesday and that student receives a pizza and appetizer from our corporate sponsor, Pizza Hut. The working definition for the word is posted on Thursday for the students to see. Classes, custodians and cafeteria workers are using the word throughout the week.

OHCHS has made a move to a new math curriculum that aligns with the SAT and the new “Common Core” standards that will be used in 2014. The District budget has allowed OHCHS to purchase new math textbooks to help all students receive a rigorous and enriching math experience that is directly aligned to the assessments they will have to take. This transition is a four-year process and this year’s budget will support the third year of the transition to the new text. Math instructors have also received professional development training in the implementation of the new curriculum.

Oxford Hills Technical School (Maine Vocational Region 11) is having a great year. The program currently has 818 students from Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School and Buckfield High School enrolled in one or more of our 19 programs.

Students in our programs are learning industry-standard skills in state of the art facilities. For example, our automotive students follow ASE curricula to diagnose and repair a variety of mechanical and auto body issues. Similarly, Graphic Design, Graphic Printing, and Advanced Communications students use the latest versions of Adobe software. In fact, students from these programs were the 2011 Maine SkillsUSA Champions and competed in the National Championships in June 2011.

The Vocational Program enjoys ongoing partnerships with many local businesses and organizations. The Building Construction Technology program continues to build structures for the Cooperative Extension Conservation Camp in Bryant Pond. Allied Health students are in internships with such medical facilities as Stephens Memorial Hospital, the Veterans' Home, and Market Square. The Pre-Engineering program works with engineers from both c-Link Systems and Maine Machine Products. The Forestry program continues to work with the Roberts Farm, clearing land



and milling lumber for use in future structures. And this fall the Early Childhood Education program became an approved part of the SAD 17 network of four-year-old programs, producing revenue for SAD 17 and making available professional development opportunities for the vocational students.

Finally, the Vocational Program continues to give students a jumpstart on their college careers. The program has almost 40 articulation or dual enrollment agreements with colleges and universities that allow students to earn credits at those institutions. In 2010-11, 50 students earned 189 college credits at little or no cost to them.

Our students are fortunate to live in communities that support their education in and out of the classroom. It is our communities who make our District distinct from others. Your support for our programs and staff give me optimism about the School District's future ability to provide meaningful programs. Our ship is lighter these days but it continues to move forward. I believe its velocity will increase if the combined efforts of staff and community continue to pull together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Colpitts".

Richard Colpitts  
Superintendent of Schools