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# Town of Mechanic Falls Annual Report 2012-13

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# TOWN OF MECHANIC FALLS

**ANNUAL REPORT 2012-13**

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## Annual Report

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For the Year  
January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013

Including the Financial Reports  
For the Fiscal Year  
July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013



*Mechanic Falls Town Office*

## Annual Report Dedication

### Michael Baird

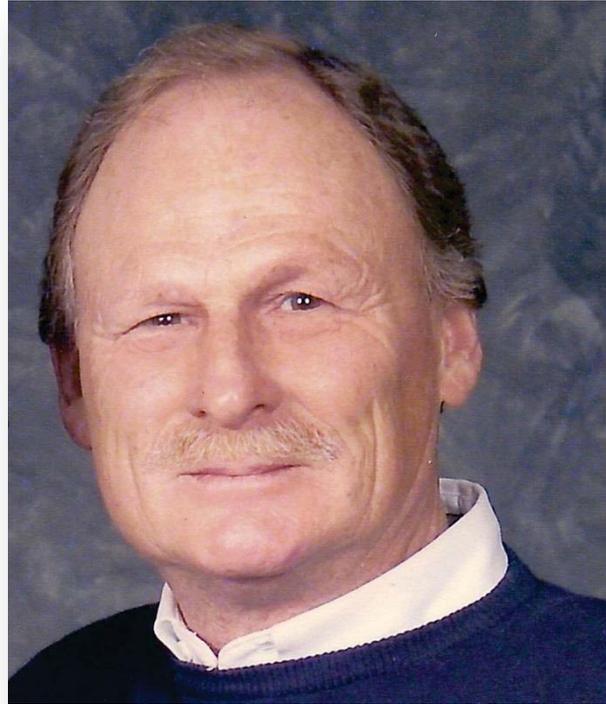
This year's town report is dedicated to Michael Baird. Michael is well respected member of our town and as one Mechanic Falls' resident said "A Voice of Reason ".

Michael Baird has been a resident of Mechanic Falls for fifty-eight years. He was born in Augusta, Maine October 7, 1942 to Lucile and Ralph Baird. He attended Washburn School and Webster Jr. High in Auburn and moved with his family to 53 Marshall Street, Mechanic Falls, in November of 1956 when he was in the eighth grade. Mike graduated from M.F.H.S. in 1961 and the University of Maine at Orono in 1972 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration.

Michael went to work for Central Maine Power Company, Lewiston District, in 1963 and became District Heating Advisor in 1967. He transferred to the Rockland District and later to the Augusta District, working in the Rate Department. He became Divisions Operations Assistant at CMP's Western Division in 1975. After leaving CMP, Mike worked on surveying projects as well as Hydro Projects throughout Maine and New England.

Michael married the former Colleen R. Lenahan in 1963 and together they raised their family at 27 Laurel Street, where Michael still lives today. He has two daughters, Theresa and her husband Kenneth Hewitt and Stephanie Baird. He has two granddaughters, Marlo and Alex Hewitt. Mike enjoys reading, gardening, hunting, fishing, maintaining his woodlot and yard, and of course his family and friends and early morning coffee with the boys at their local gathering spots.

Michael has served the community in a number of capacities. He belonged to The Androscoggin County Historical Society and has always had an interest in local history. He played an active role in setting up the historical display for Mechanic Falls' 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Michael was a member of the Androscoggin Valley Regional Planning Commission (1973-78), a Trustee of the Mechanic Falls School District (1973-78), the Planning Board as Chairman (1973-77), the Budget Committee (1981-82), the Development Commission (1990-present), many of those years as President, and was elected many times to serve as Town Meeting Moderator. Michael has also been elected to serve on the Mechanic Falls Sanitary District as a Trustee (1998-present) serving as the Chairman for a majority of those terms, as well.



## 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, Pre-K-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

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

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

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

## Hours of Operation

### Town Office

Monday – Thursday .....	7:30 AM – 5:30 PM
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
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## Meeting Schedules

Board of Appeals.....	As Needed
Budget Committee .....	As Needed
Charter Commission.....	As Needed
Community Day Committee .....	Varies, 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, Varies, 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 Council 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, 2013)

Town Council	
Louis Annance	2016
Daniel Blanchard, Chair	2014
Stephen Bolduc	2016
Cathy Fifield	2014
Nancy Richard	2015

Regional School Unit #16 Directors	
Jennifer Boenig	2015
Melissa Hodgkin	2015
Mary Martin	2016
Aaron Ouellette	2016
Jacques Wiseman	2014

Sanitary District Trustees	
Michael Baird, Chair	2016
Roger Guptill	2014
Wayne Marquis	2015
Randall Plummer	2015
Gary Purington	2016

## Appointed Committees

BOARD OF APPEALS	
Edwin Piirainen	2016
Thomas Walton	2014
Martha Wiseman	2016

DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION	
Mike Baird, President	2014
Brenda Coleman	2016
Stuart Davis	2015
Jon Damon	2016
Tim Dean	2014

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Jason Boenig	2014
Jay Bryant	2014
Robyn Coleman	2014
Nathan Edwards	2015
Matthew Gary	2016
Matt Grise	2015
Scott Lessard	2014
Danielle Loring	2016
Jeff Martin, Chair	2016
Jeff Sturtevant	2015

**COMMUNITY DAY COMMITTEE**

Louis Annance
Jay Bryant
Penny Bryant
Michelle Emery
Danielle Ferguson
Sue Goulet
Nancy Guptill
John Hawley
Doug Larrabee
Shirley Marquis
Nancy Petersons
Rachel Verrill

**PLANNING BOARD**

Paula Bolduc	2015
Lou Goulet	2016
Jeremy Judd	2016
Arthur Montana, Chair	2015
Keith Morse	2016
Paula Stotts	2014
Vacant	2014

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

James Bradley	2015
Oliver Emery	2014
Peter Ford	2014
Sue Goulet	2016
Tom Kuklinski	2016
Mike Needham	2016
Bonnie Payette, Chair	2015

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Andrew Craig, Associate
Vicki Dean
Jenn Durant
Janice Earle
Nancy Petersons, President
Melinda Straight, Associate
Martha Wiseman

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### SAFETY COMMITTEE

Jon Damon	Fire / Rescue
Steve French, Chair	Water Department
Jeffrey Goss	Police Department
John Hawley	Administration
Kathryn Oak	Transfer Station
Scott Penney	Public Works
Nick Richard	Code Enforcement

### REVENUE ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

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

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY

James Craig	2016
Matthew Gary, President	2015
Eriks Petersons	2015

Nancy Petersons	2014
Joan Walton	2016



## Elected Government Officials

### Senator Susan Collins

SUSAN M. COLLINS  
MAINE

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE  
ON AGING  
RANKING MEMBER  
APPROPRIATIONS  
SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON INTELLIGENCE

Dear Friends:

It is a privilege to represent Maine in the U.S. Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share some of my work from the past year.

Encouraging the creation of more jobs remains my top priority. I have developed a Seven Point Plan for Jobs in Maine, which includes proposals to spur small business investment, ensure robust workforce education and training, reduce regulatory red tape that stifles job creation, support Maine agriculture and manufacturing, and invest in the infrastructure needed to expand our economy. Traditional industries and small businesses remain the backbone of Maine's economy, and innovation will be important for future jobs as well. I have supported Maine's effort to lead the world in deepwater wind technology and was proud when the University of Maine and its private sector partners launched the first prototype this year. This emerging industry has the potential to create thousands of good jobs here in Maine.

BIW remains a major Maine employer and is critical to our national security. I have worked hard to support the Navy's request for a 10<sup>th</sup> DDG-51 and to continue construction on the DDG-1000s at the shipyard. This year's annual defense policy bill also contains more than 30 provisions to eliminate sexual assault from our military, including several provisions that I authored.

Partisan divisiveness in Washington continues to prevent us from addressing some of our nation's most serious challenges. Gridlock reached a peak in October with the federal government shutdown that pushed our country to the brink of defaulting on its financial obligations and damaged our economy. As the shutdown continued with no end in sight, I presented a proposal I believed both sides could support. Within days, I was leading a bipartisan coalition of 14 Senators that worked night and day to craft a plan to reopen government, avert default, and restart negotiations on a long-term plan to deal with our nation's unsustainable debt of more than \$17 trillion. Known as the "Common Sense Caucus," we will continue to work to develop solutions and bridge the partisan divide.

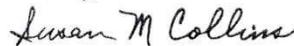
Earlier this year, across-the-board federal spending cuts known as "sequestration" took effect. These indiscriminate cuts jeopardized priorities from national security to medical research and stand in stark contrast to the thoughtful and thoroughly debated spending priorities set at town meetings throughout Maine. To bring some Maine common sense to this process, I authored bipartisan legislation to allow federal agencies to set priorities in administering the required cuts and wrote a new law to ensure that sequestration would not disrupt air travel, which plays such an important role in fueling Maine's tourism economy.

I have also enjoyed my work as the ranking member of the Senate Special Committee on Aging where, with Senator Bill Nelson of Florida, we work on issues of critical importance to Maine seniors. The committee has created a toll free hotline (1-855-303-9470) to make it easier for senior citizens to report fraud and scams and to receive assistance. I also serve as the Senate Co-Chair of the task force on Alzheimer's, a devastating disease that takes a tremendous personal and economic toll on more than five million Americans. Better treatment for Alzheimer's and ultimately finding a cure should be an urgent national priority.

Finally, I am proud to reflect our famous Maine work ethic by completing another year of service without missing a single roll call vote. I have not missed a vote since I was elected – a streak that stands at more than 5,300 in a row.

May 2014 be a good year for you, your community, and our great State of Maine.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator

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RANKING MEMBER

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SUBCOMMITTEE ON RAILROADS, PIPELINES, AND  
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PUBLIC  
BUILDINGS, AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

January 2014

Dear Friends:

Last year saw some of the most bitterly partisan political fighting in Washington in recent memory. However, the gridlock in Washington has not slowed my efforts to fight for Maine's businesses and industries on the national and international level. I will continue to visit and speak with Maine's small businesses and manufacturers to hear firsthand about their successes and challenges. This is an important part of my ongoing "Make it in Maine" agenda which consists of initiatives to boost domestic manufacturing and support job growth in our state.

In 2014, it will be my great honor to continue serving our nation's veterans as the Ranking Member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee. Over the course of the last year, I worked with Representative Jeff Miller (R-Florida), the committee's chairman, to pass a number of bills important to veterans. Some that we passed would reduce the VA's disability claims backlog, help get veterans their compensation faster, and improve training and educational opportunities. One critical measure we advanced through the committee would ensure that all VA programs receive funding a year in advance so no veterans will have to worry about services being disrupted.

While I am proud of these accomplishments, I know there is still so much to do. I will continue to fight for new advances in areas such as veteran employment, veterans' health care, and the ongoing concerns with the VA claims backlog.

I believe Washington is at a crossroads. There are many members of Congress on both sides of the aisle that truly want to get things done for the people they represent. Congress needs to work together to get things done and make Washington work again. I continue to be committed to making that happen, and continue to regularly meet with Democrats, Republicans, and Independents to forge a way forward.

As we move forward into a new year, my highest priority remains ensuring that Mainers receive timely and quality constituent services. Whether you have a specific concern with a federal agency or need help connecting to resources, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at any of my offices. I also encourage you to visit my website ([www.house.gov/michaud](http://www.house.gov/michaud)), where you can email me as well as connect with me on Facebook and Twitter.

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

With warmest regards,



Michael H. Michaud  
Member of Congress

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BUDGET  
INTELLIGENCE  
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

December 16, 2013

Town of Mechanic Falls Maine  
180 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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Paul R. LePage  
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February 24, 2014

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

Dear citizens of Mechanic Falls:

As a state, we have taken great strides over the course of the past years.

Growing our economy, decreasing our energy costs, and improving our educational system are the priorities of my administration. Maine needs to create a pro-growth environment that encourages our businesses to create jobs. It is critical that we focus on promoting policies which support and attract new investment. To achieve this, we need to keep taxes low on our families and businesses, and find ways to increase efficiency in government while protecting our most vulnerable citizens.

We have made great progress toward these endeavors. We passed **the largest tax cut in Maine's history**. Two-thirds of Maine taxpayers will get income tax relief, and 70,000 low-income Mainers will no longer pay income tax. My goal is to continue to drive down Maine's income tax.

We are striving to also cut the cost of electricity through our spearheading of a regional effort with Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island to expand the use of hydropower in Maine. Additionally, Maine is currently one of the fastest states in natural gas expansion.

We have passed legislation that will decrease the cost of health insurance for school districts, allowing more money to be spent in the classroom. Putting students first is important to me. Education is what saved my life, and I want every child in Maine to have the same opportunity I had. With the passage of charter school legislation, hundreds of families now have options for their children.

There's still a lot to do. The recent decision by the legislature to take money from our state's rainy day fund in order to pay revenue sharing in 2015 is fiscally irresponsible. We need government decision makers to act responsibly.

Maine has a great tradition of civic involvement and citizen participation in the decision making process. Thank you for taking the time to become informed and for working with your neighbors to hold government accountable.

It is a pleasure serving as your Governor. If ever I can be of assistance to you or 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 Garrett Mason



**Annual Report to the Town of Mechanic Falls**

A Message from Senator Garrett Mason

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Thank you for the opportunity to represent Mechanic Falls in the Senate during the past three years. It has been an honor working on your behalf to make Maine an even better place to live, work and conduct business.

The year began with a difficult task: covering an \$880 million shortfall in the two-year budget that was caused mainly by cost overruns in the MaineCare program. We were able to close this gap without reversing the income tax cuts passed by the previous Legislature, which has benefitted low and moderate-income residents the most. Eliminating those cuts would have represented a big step back for a state that has historically had one of the highest tax burdens in the country. Unfortunately, there were many proposals in the budget that I could not support that ultimately led to my voting against it. The budget included a 10 percent sales tax increase and a 14 percent hike in the meals and lodging tax. Maine's "Circuitbreaker" property tax relief program was replaced with the Property Tax Fairness Credit, which provides smaller refunds for homeowners and renters.

One of the Legislature's most significant achievements this session was finally paying off Maine's massive debt to its hospitals, which totaled \$484 million at the beginning of this past session. Through a joint effort between the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee and the Appropriations Committee, the Legislature approved a plan that allowed the state to use a revenue bond to pay off the debt and use the proceeds from a renegotiated state liquor contract to pay off the bond. The debt was the result of Medicaid services provided by 39 Maine hospitals for which they were never reimbursed, dating back to 2009. The skyrocketing debt coincided with the State's decision to rapidly expand eligibility for MaineCare. An earlier effort to link paying back Maine's hospitals with enlarging the State's welfare system by expanding MaineCare to 70,000 additional people failed passage.

The Legislature also approved the bipartisan Omnibus Energy Bill, which addresses reducing the cost of energy in Maine, cutting back on greenhouse emissions, and making money available to insulate Maine homes. The enacted law will increase natural gas capacity and improve connection to underserved areas of Maine, provide funding to help companies cut back on greenhouse emissions and give rebates to homeowners who switch from oil to natural gas or other more efficient heating systems, and provide funding to help homeowners improve insulation.

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

Sincerely,

Garrett P. Mason  
State Senator

**Representative Roger Jackson**

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*(Additional information, news, etc., from the House Republican Office)*

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**Representing:** District 100 - Mechanic Falls, Otisfield and Oxford



## Report of the Town Council

Elected Town Councilors are tasked with several things throughout the year. Most important is the policy making aspect ensuring that our community has the most appropriate guidance as required by the citizens of our town. Our next task is overseeing the Town Manager and his ability to manage the day to day services provided by the municipal employees, deliver guidance for the administration of the approved budget, and the secure collection of taxes and revenues to support that budget. Each year is different and we are always faced with unique issues to deal with. This past year was no exception.

Each year brings the new challenge of doing more with less. Our citizens want to have all the services they have come to expect but many have a hard time meeting the tax burden that comes with those services. We are constantly looking for ways to provide the same level of services and we made a couple of changes this past year that help us move towards that objective. We were successful in signing two shared services agreements with the Town of Poland. The first benefits the Public Works departments. It is no mystery that both towns have to each own specialized equipment that may be used sporadically throughout the year. By trading services, we have been able to take advantage of equipment and additional manpower when we have projects come up that are unexpected and in turn we are able to provide the same. The agreement requires that adequate record keeping provide transparent documentation to ensure that one community isn't advantaged over the other.

The second arrangement was for our emergency medical services. Mechanic Falls has struggled with inadequate staffing levels in our Rescue department and recruitment efforts have not produced fresh new people willing to work in this field. We have been very proud of our low budgeted EMS services because we have been able to sustain the service for many years with volunteers who make a minimal wage when called upon. The training and continued education required for this line of work has discouraged people from giving of their free time, especially when there are communities around us who opt to pay higher wages and benefits for full-time coverage. Our arrangement with Poland has allowed us to provide a faster medical response during the daytime hours when all of our volunteer staff is away working their regular employment. It was our intent to cross train our staff to work with the staff from Poland but this too has proven to be a poor motivator. The arrangement allows for quick response but it is not growing our local service as we had hoped.

After many decades of requests, we are now closer than ever to intersection improvements at Five Corners. The Maine Department of Transportation announced this past year that the traffic counts through this intersection and the number of accidents now warrant true traffic signals that will call for stopping traffic in all directions. Our staff, as well as staff from Poland, are currently working with the folks from DOT for the best possible options and it is our hope that the approved State funds will be expended for this project in the summer of 2015.

One of the policy changes we addressed this year was a request from the local ATV club asking for access on all of our public roads. An unusually sizeable crowd was in attendance at the meeting in support of opening the roadways for ATV traffic. Others expressed concern about the safety issues and ultimately we ran a trial period of six months. At this time, we have not had any issues reported and we will look to review this again after a full season of use has passed.

Most of you heard of the damaging fire we had in our wood pellet boiler in March. Many of the components were damaged due to excessive heat levels when the flue pipe became plugged up with soot. It was determined that the sales pitch of “set it and forget it” wasn’t even remotely factual. After consulting with some experts who took the time to train our staff in the proper operation, we learned that the wood pellet boiler required daily inspection, weekly and monthly maintenance. Our inability to contact the sales person to help us get the boiler back online only compounded our problem as we were forced to burn the more expensive fuel oil to heat our municipal buildings. Once we did make contact in September, the replacement parts were ordered, shipped into Boston, and then were held up because the sales person assisting us with customs brokerage failed to finish his details allowing for the release of the parts to us. As of the end of December, our wood pellet boiler was still offline.

We have been made aware of efforts to bring passenger rail service that would transport people between Montreal and Boston via the tracks passing through our little town. Why this might be of particular interest to us is Mechanic Falls has prime locations for the purpose of building a station for passengers to gain access. Studies have shown that having a rail stop in a community have only increased the local economic development efforts. We will be watching this issue closely in the next year.

Being an elected official is rewarding but comes with its share of negatives. Although we try our best to make the most appropriate decisions for our town, we know we are not going to please everyone. We do believe we are acting in the best interest of the property owners and appreciate the respect you show us for our efforts. It is often very difficult for us to try affecting good policy as public participation at our monthly meetings is regularly less than three citizens. I want to encourage people to make time to help us by attending the meetings and participating in your democratic process.

I wish to thank my colleagues, Nancy Richard, Cathy Fifield, Lou Annance, Bob Small, and Steve Bolduc for their efforts this past year. I also want to extend my appreciation to all of the municipal staff for their hard work. This is a great community and it has been my pleasure to serve as a Councilor.

Daniel Blanchard  
Town Council Chairman

## **Report of the Town Manager**

Annual reports are meant to serve as historical documents. In fact, since Mechanic Falls was officially incorporated back in 1893, every annual report written is in a vault in the town office. When it comes time to write these reports, I encourage my staff to make sure that we include details of memorable events because who knows, even though no one reads them today, someone might in the future. I usually get asked if we should be writing about the good stuff or the bad and this was certainly a year of the bad. Of the last eight years as your town manager, this past year has to be one that has caused the most stress for me.

In February, we had a random inspection by the Bureau of Labor Standards. In the public sector, these are the equivalent of the OSHA inspectors in private industry. Our inspector spent the better part of two days

combing through every department and scrutinizing every employee record. In the end, we were cited for many violations and fined for six of them resulting in a penalty of \$4,200. We take much pride in our safety program and have been awarded consistently high scores when evaluated by our insurance carrier, so we were a little surprised by the outcome. According to our inspector, our results were considered very good because most communities have fines in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. It is rare for them to see fines as low as ours. Regardless of the indirect praise, we still had to deal with the \$4,200 unbudgeted fine. Given a deadline of June 30<sup>th</sup>, we had to remediate all of the problems and almost all the departments had some issues to be addressed. The entire staff pitched in and by the end of June; we appealed our case to MBLS and all but \$250 of our fines were dropped. (The \$250 was an administrative fee that was mandatory).

In March, we had a damaging fire in our wood pellet boiler. People have often asked how the fire in a boiler can be a bad thing. Well apparently, when the stove pipe is not cleaned based on the manufacturer's recommendations, soot builds up and plugs the pipe. An obstruction, of course, does not allow any heat to escape. The increased heat fractured many of the metal components interior components rendering it unusable. We were unable to get replacement parts because the boiler, having been made by a manufacturer in Austria, did not have any parts in the USA. The salesman who sold us the boiler went missing just after he was advised of the fire and were unable to find anyone stateside who could help us with our foreign boiler. After months of trying to get someone to help us, the salesman made contact in September and offered to order the new parts for us. Finally... some relief. Not really. The salesman had made arrangements to get the parts here and they were shipped to Boston. They were being held by customs because we needed a customs broker to clear the parts. Long story short, the salesman stole the money we needed to pay the customs broker, we tracked down a parts manufacture in the Czech Republic who offered to help us, and we flew them to the US with a second set of parts. They got the boiler up and running again (now February 2014). Luckily our insurance company covered the money we lost by paying the difference for the higher price for oil versus wood pellets.

Mutual aid between fire departments is a great benefit. It gives a small town department access to other towns and city's specialized equipment, tools and manpower. In the spring, the City of Lewiston had a rash if arson fires that required a great deal of our support. We responded directly to their fire scenes and assisted in every way they needed us too. Mutual aid agreements are specifically written so that each community which helps out fronts the financial impact so that no one community is overburdened. The mutual aid theory is that, over time, each department returns the favor in services to balance out the local expense incurred. In another instance, although difficult to pinpoint exactly, we responded to another community's request for help and sand was run through our fire engine during the water shuttle process. Damages to a pump are not uncommon but in our case, the damages resulted in about \$15,000...not covered by insurance. Similar issues have all happened to other departments who have been in our town helping us out.

Also in the spring, a heavy rain storm, in just a few short hours, caused major road damage and wash out to a section of Lane Road. This is not the first time we have experienced washout problems on Lane Road but the continued damages are causing us to expend funds we could be using for other things. Road damages, as the result of rain events, are not covered by insurance.

The day before Thanksgiving, the public library was preparing to set up for their annual pie sale. As the ladies entered into the library (on the third floor of the town office), they could hear water running. A

heavy wind and rain event had ripped up the rubber membrane on the town office building, folded it over and allowed the heavy rain to fall directly into the building over the library. An "all-hands" was called and we were bailing like there was no tomorrow in hopes of preventing water damages to the floors below. The good news was insurance covered this but the repaired roof requires full replacement at taxpayer's expense.

In this past year, the municipality was also plagued with theft. Some of the things we take for granted are evidently of great value to others. Our transfer station was broken into numerous times. On each occasion, the thieves taking something different but the hot commodity seems to be the metal we collect. The town can offset our transfer station operation expenses by selling our recyclables. The other item that seems to be taken advantage of is the public sand pile. We try to limit what can be taken to three five-gallon buckets. But like everything else that isn't locked down, people were loading up the back of pickup trucks, power sanding units, trailers and 55 gallon drums. To an insult to injury, some of these people weren't even residents of Mechanic Falls. The number one comment we get when we confront people is "my tax dollars pay for that sand". And they are 100% correct. What people do not understand is that the sand pile is out there as a courtesy. State law prohibits the expending of public funds (tax dollars) on private property. When we allow people to take sand, they are using it on their private property, their business or spreading it on their private road. It is a violation of State law and, unfortunately, due to those who have abused it, the sand policy will be different next year.

The year 2013 wasn't all bad, and I would like to point out that one of the nicest things the town has owned in a long time is a digital message board out on the town office front lawn. Thanks to a grant from Homeland Security, the sign required no local use of tax dollars (yes, I know your federal tax dollars paid for it). This sign has given us the ability to offer greater awareness of what is going on in the community and all the local public groups have taken advantage of its use. I especially appreciate the sign because I no longer have to manually change the letters in the middle of winter.

Despite 2013's drawbacks, we managed to complete the year with a minor surplus. Surpluses are likely used to offset the next year's budget but we are getting more and more frugal each year to try to keep taxes in check. These surpluses are becoming almost nonexistent. Coupled with the reduction in State revenue sharing, the local taxpayers have to front more of the financial burden. I had stated in last year's report that I was not looking forward to the future and having experienced another year with very little change in the positive, I have not altered my opinion. We understand that people are struggling economically and we do our very best to provide the services that we do and minimal cost. We have reached a point however, where we need additional guidance from the taxpayers. Hard decisions are going to have to be made because we cannot financially sustain our current services. Public participation has never been more necessary and I encourage people to attend our meetings. Share your thoughts, give us ideas, and let us know what you can live with or without so that we can make the best decisions based on your needs.

I can't do the job that I do without the support from our elected officials, appointed committee members, volunteers and especially my staff. Mechanic Falls is a great community and I am proud to have served as your manager for another year.

John Hawley  
Town Manager

## Municipal Department Reports

### Animal Control

In 2013, Animal Control was called to handle 338 complaints. These included 21 animal trespasses, six animal bites and 25 free-running dogs were picked up and returned back to their owner or taken to the shelter.

As a friendly but vital reminder, rabies is fatal. For your personal safety and the well-being of your family and pets, please vaccinate your dog and cat.

Robert Larrabee  
Animal Control Officer

### Code Enforcement & Planning

Last year I reported 130 total permits issued. There was a decrease in the total amount of permits this year as 89 permits were issued. There were 36 building permits issued. There were 14 internal plumbing permits, 28 electrical permits, 6 subsurface wastewater disposal permits, and 5 other permits issued. Compared to the previous year permitting 5 new dwelling units, this past year 8 new dwelling units were permitted. This year we also permitted a 22,400 square foot commercial warehouse built at The Maine Wood Treaters.

In last year's report I explained how I attended a class for database creation and maintenance. I am continuing to use the database and have added a few more tools for tracking and record keeping.

Every year there are a few major enforcement issues that this office handles. This year was similar to the last in that there were a couple major issues to deal with. The issue involving the illegal operation of an auto sales, repair, and body shop in last year's report was an ongoing issue this year that has since been halted. I am continually monitoring that situation. Last year's report also mentioned a major issue involving the illegal operation of a waste disposal facility and the illegal dumping of trash in the Shoreland Zone. As I stated last year, we had a pending court date. The Town was heard in court on March 28 and the Judge ruled in the Town's favor. I am pleased to inform you that at this time the property involved has been cleaned up by the owner and all fees and citations have been paid.

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

It is important to remember that new construction projects need construction permits. Any new construction that has a value of greater than \$1,000 or affects 100 square feet or more needs a building permit. Cosmetic jobs such as replacement windows, new siding or roofing do not require permits. If you have any doubts, it is better to call and ask. State and Federal rules and regulations are changing all the

time and in a lot of cases grandfathering is not permitted or granted. As the CEO, I am the point person for our community to keep up on such changes. This is another good reason to check in before starting a project. I am here to help this community develop in a safe manner ensuring proper construction methods are utilized while minimizing impacts on the local ecology. Violating State or Federal rules can bring some hefty fines on top of possible fines from the town. A call ahead of time will save a headache down the road. All inspections are scheduled through my office.

In last year's report I explained the ever-changing rules and regulations put forth by the State in regards to the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code or MUBEC. The State of Maine is constantly evolving with respect to the rules regarding the building code. I will keep up with these changes as they occur and do my best to educate the Town and it's developers of these changes. Mechanic Falls is currently enforcing the Maine Uniform Building Code or MUBC. Any construction project must now meet the requirements of this code. If you have any questions pertaining to this code, please give me a call and we can discuss the matter. I can be reached at 345-2221.

Nicholaus Richard  
Administrative Assistant to the Board

### **Emergency Management**

Mother Nature threw three major weather disasters at Mechanic Falls during 2013.

First was the blizzard on February 8th and 9th, dubbed "Nemo". The storm did qualify for FEMA reimbursement, and we received \$11,616 towards the \$12,907 in expense to deal with the heavy snowfall.

The second storm was a significant rain storm on August 9th that affected us locally. The large amount of rain that fell within a very short time span creating substantial damage to Lane Road. A great round of applause to our highway crew who restored the road in just a few short days. At the time of writing this report, we are currently in the process of applying for federal hazard mitigation funds to rebuild portions of Lane Road and improve the drainage. If approved, this grant would cover 75% of the roughly \$125,000 proposed project.

Lastly was a major ice storm that hit our community in December. Once again our Highway Department kept our roads open. Many thanks to them! We are still waiting to hear if the federal government reimburses us for some of the overtime and other additionally related costs associated with that weather event. The \$1.8 million dollars in damages state-wide qualified for disaster status and Governor LePage had submitted a request to Washington. Locally, we sustained \$18,000 in expenditures, and we hope to receive some portion of that in compensation.

My special thanks to all municipal employees who keep our community running smoothly.

David C. Stimson  
Emergency Management Director

### Fire Department

Hello from the Mechanic Falls Fire Department. I hope all of you made it through the crazy winter we experienced. It took quite a toll on us with all the different types of weather, but we are tough Mainers, and I am sure you all faired very well.

The department wants to thank all of you for supporting us in these tough economic times. We are always here and ready to respond when called on so don't be afraid to give us a call if you need assistance. This year's budget reflects our needs to do the job asked of us. We try to keep expenses down and maintain the current equipment but as some of it is starting to show age, hopefully we can replace it to keep up to minimum standards. We went through a tough State of Maine Bureau of Labors inspection this past year. They have many mandates that all volunteer department must meet to function safety. With the help of the firefighters and town office staff we got through it and were able to abate all of our imposed fines. Our weaknesses were in recordkeeping and training, but all are now complete and with newly implemented procedures and the hiring of our new Health and Safety Officer, it will be easier for us to keep up to date.

We lost a couple older and past members of the department this past year. I want first to offer a great big thanks to Don Patterson for all the years of dedication to the Town of Mechanic Falls. He, unfortunately, had to retire due to health issues. We miss him and wish him well. Don served as past Chief, Safety Officer, Driver, Firefighter, and in the past several years when he was not physically able to respond to the scenes any longer, he served as House Captain. There wasn't anything he would not do, you name it he did it. We also lost longtime Assistant Dispatcher, Gloria Tardif who passed away. Gloria served the department for 15+ years. We always enjoyed hearing her voice on the radio and remember how well she handled the mill fire. Back then we had only two dispatchers who covered this town every day and every hour. Long events often left these ladies without any breaks. She was a tough lady, and we extend our best wishes to her family.

The membership of the department seems to be getting older in age and smaller in numbers. We are not seeing people join as in the past. With busy lives, we are experiencing the same volunteer shortages as other departments around us. Membership is dwindling as we tend to pick up three new people but end up losing two of them. It's quite a commitment for some people to put in the time required, and as you seen in the news there are no easy answers. To battle the staffing shortages, you will see more mutual aid come from other towns and us being called to help in return. It is the nature of the game for now but we want to assure you that we will still will be there when you call.

Fred C. Sturtevant III  
Fire Chief

### Health & Safety Compliance

The Town of Mechanic Falls was recently inspected by the State of Maine, Bureau of Labor Standards (MEBLS). This resulted in an increased awareness of the documentation, training and policies needed for compliance with State and Federal safety regulations. It was decided the Town's safety programs

could stand some polishing which would require a part time position. In October of 2013, a position for the Safety and Health Compliance Officer became available.

Having past experience as a Safety Manager and many years on safety committees, including the Town's Safety Committee, I am excited to have the opportunity to apply these skills for the Town. The challenge of safety compliance will be met with professionalism, diplomacy and enthusiasm.

Kathryn Oak  
Health and Safety Compliance Officer

### Library

2013 saw the resignation of three library trustees—Catherine Griffiths, Janney Lupton, and Terri Hartford—and the appointment of three new members: Jennifer Durant, Melinda Straight and myself, Andrew Craig. With my hiring, Sandi began preparations to undergo knee replacement surgery and was on medical leave from October through December.

For Community Day, Sandi Wilson did a public reading from her book *Robbie's Rabbit*. The library's Summer Reading program had the theme "Dig Into Reading" and included a number of science books in the Eyewitness Guides nonfiction series. Sue Littlefield volunteered for two workshops.

In 2013, the library held two book sales, the first in May (earned \$454.16) and the second in October (earned \$301.25). We also experimented with pricing, offering library-issued bags to fill at \$5.00 each.

The library's annual pie sale held November 27, 2013, earned \$578 (after \$80 in start-up costs). With it began the start of the year's most noteworthy business: the leak.

As a result of the preceding storm, rainwater soaked through the ceiling into the library's adult fiction room. Water damaged a total of 89 books, multiple layers of ceiling—including drywall, insulation, and drop ceilings—that needed to be replaced, and soaked into the carpet and floor.

In addition to the building repairs, we will be replacing the current set of bookshelves with spares currently in storage. The expectation is that rust may develop on those shelves present during the leak. Rather than see them simply disposed of, the Mechanic Falls Historical Society has expressed interest in making use of the old bookshelves.

Lastly, 2013 saw 2,636 non-unique patrons visit the library, collectively borrowing adult books 2,547 times, juvenile books 2,020 times, and 622 times borrowing either DVDs or audio books. Additionally, patrons requested 106 Inter-Library Loans in 2013, 95 of which were honored by lending libraries and borrowed by patrons. Those remaining requests were either unavailable at other libraries, received but never borrowed, or purchased outright and added to our shelves.

#### Library Hours:

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

Services we offer:

- Free WiFi and 4 computers and a printer for public use
- Access to free audio books and eBooks thru the Maine State Library for library patrons
- Books (Juvenile, Adult, and Adult Large Print), movies, adult audio books on CD

Andrew Craig  
Substitute Librarian

### Police Department

The Mechanic Falls Police Department has spent the better part of 2013 understaffed and has put a great deal of stress and strain on the department. In many instances cases are taking longer to be investigated and cleared. Having to work a patrol shift myself for 40 plus hours every week has also hampered my ability to keep up with required reporting to various agencies and departments. I am fortunate that we have a great group of guys who have stepped up when I needed them to. As the year came to a close we were finally able to get back to full staffing and as the new year begins I will be trying to catch up on all aspects of my job. I appreciate the patience of our community in certain matters and hope to be back on track by spring.

Here is a breakdown of our activity:

Calls for service in 2013: 3527

The Police Department handled over 200 more calls for service in 2013 than we did in 2012.

Traffic Offenses: 1352  
Citations: 219  
Warnings: 1133  
Traffic Crashes: 21

The Mechanic Falls Police Department issued five WARNINGS for every one citation. We know these are lean times and try to achieve compliance with traffic laws through warnings rather than costly traffic tickets.

#### Criminal/Civil Violations

Aggravated assault	4	Domestic violence terrorizing	2
Domestic violence assault	12	Arson	1
Unlawful sexual contact	1	Terrorizing	3
Unlawful sexual touching	1	Reckless conduct	3
Assault	11	Burglary	14
Criminal threatening	3	Burglary of motor vehicle	1
Criminal threatening w/ weapon	1	Theft	26

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Aggravated forgery	1	Violation of protection order	3
Forgery	1	Refusing to sign criminal summons	3
Impersonating a public servant	1	Fail to provide correct name/address	1
Criminal mischief	13	Harassment	1
Unlawful furnishing scheduled drug	1	Harassment by telephone/electronic device	2
Unlawful possession of scheduled drugs	2	Warrant arrests	9
Possession of marijuana	17	Defrauding a creditor	1
Sale & use drug paraphernalia	17	Failing to obtain driver's license	2
Trafficking in dangerous knives	1	Operating vehicle without license	12
Negotiating worthless instrument	27	Operating over spring posted roads	1
Refusing to submit to arrest	1	Displaying fictitious inspection sticker	2
Disorderly conduct	2	Leaving the scene of crash	1
Operating under the influence	21	Failing to report vehicle crash	1
Minor possessing liquor	9	Operating while license suspended	27
Allowing minor possession/consume liquor	1	Driving to endanger	2
Furnishing liquor to minor	2	Operating w/ suspended registration	6
Criminal trespass	7	Habitual motor vehicle offender	1
Violating conditions of release	32	Failure to register vehicle	23

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

Jeffrey B. Goss  
Chief of Police

### Public Works

Public Works does not have many days where there is not much to do, things always seem to come up that tend to keep this department very busy. We accomplish an awful lot for being only a four man crew and take on any task that is put in front of us. We also have a part timer that has helped us out many times when we need the extra help.

Last winter was a moderate one ending up with a little over seventy inches of snow and one good blizzard in February when over twenty inches of snow fell upon us. That was a very tough storm to handle between trying to keep up with the weather and to have to fight with the windshield wipers on the trucks.

In the spring the sand that kept our roads safe all winter has to be picked up in the parking lots, sidewalks and on the in town streets. This job is one of the toughest, dirtiest and long lasting, but it looks real good when it is done.

Before Memorial Day, all the parking lines and street markings around town are painted by the department, so the town looks nice for the holiday.

Beavers kept us busy on Patterson road many a morning unplugging a big culvert that they seemed determined to keep plugged. A trapper was hired to catch them, and after he had gathered up four of them the problem seemed to end.

A lot of roadside ditching was done around town especially on Lane road after a huge downpour washed the road out, and it had to be closed for a couple of days. The crew spent almost a month rebuilding the ditches, putting in new culverts and making the drainage better than before. Some areas had to be repaved, and much tree trimming was done.

All the trucks are thoroughly gone over every year, maintenance is performed, repairs are made, body painting is done, and the plows are prepared for the winter.

Decorating the town for the holidays is a big event for the crew and some new candy canes were built by the department and put on the bridge. More decoration ideas are being thought about, and some new things should be added for the next holiday season.

I cannot thank my crew enough for the hard work and a great attitude no matter how difficult things get sometimes, they are a great bunch, and I could not have a better team.

We appreciate the support from all the fine residents of this town and hope that you are all happy with our efforts.

Scott R. Penney  
Public Works Director

### Rescue

In August Rescue reached out to Poland Fire Rescue to see if they would be able to assist with providing coverage to our Town from 6am until 6pm. Most of our members work full time jobs and are not available to respond during this time frame. Poland Fire Rescue did agree to respond to our Town and are currently our transporting service during that time frame. United Ambulance Service continues to be our transporting service from 6pm until 6am.

Rescue was activated 174 times last year. Please see the chart below for a breakdown.

Response Disposition	#	%
Treated, Transported by Private Vehicle	3	1.72%
Treated, Transported by Law Enforcement	2	1.15%
Treated, Transported by EMS (ALS)	1	0.57%

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Treated, Transferred Care to other EMS Service	99	56.90%
Treated, Patient Refused Transport	10	5.75%
Patient Refused Treatment	7	4.02%
No Treatment Required	16	9.20%
No Patient Presented (Stand By)	3	1.72%
Deceased on Scene	2	1.15%
Cancelled	29	16.67%
Unknown	2	1.15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

According to our records, verified by the State, most of all calls occur between 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM and our busiest day of the week is Friday. Thursday's are our second busiest day for call volume.

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

<b>Provider Impression</b>	<b># of Runs</b>	<b>% of Runs</b>
Allergy / Anaphylaxis	1	0.72%
Altered Level of Consciousness / Coma	1	0.72%
Assist Only	2	1.44%
Behavioral / Psychiatric Disorder	6	4.32%
Cardiac - Chest Pain	4	2.88%
Cardiac - Other	2	1.44%
Cardiac Arrest - Asystole	2	1.44%
Cardiac Arrest - Pulseless Electrical Activity	1	0.72%
Flu Like Illness	7	5.04%
Hemorrhage - Non-Traumatic	2	1.44%
Hemorrhage - Traumatic	3	2.16%
Nausea / Vomiting (Unknown Etiology)	1	0.72%
No Apparent Illness / Injury	19	13.67%
Other Illness / Injury	15	10.79%
Overdose - Drug / Medication	2	1.44%
Overdose - ETOH	1	0.72%
Pain - Abdominal (Non-Traumatic)	7	5.04%
Pain - Back (Non-Traumatic)	3	2.16%
Pain - Chest (Non-Cardiac)	1	0.72%
Pain - Extremity (Non-Traumatic)	1	0.72%
Respiratory Distress - Other	15	10.79%
Respiratory Distress - Pulmonary Edema	1	0.72%
Seizure / Convulsions	3	2.16%
Stroke / CVA / TIA	3	2.16%
Syncope / Fainting	3	2.16%
Traumatic Injury - Back	5	3.60%

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Traumatic Injury - Extremity	12	8.63%
Traumatic Injury - Head	7	5.04%
Traumatic Injury - Multisystem	3	2.16%
Traumatic Injury - Torso	2	1.44%
Weakness / General Malaise	4	2.88%
Total	139	100%

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

Thank you to all the members for your hard work and dedication.

Thank you to our citizens for your support and donations.

Jennifer Casey  
Rescue Chief

### Solid Waste

Your Transfer Station staff has remained the same for another year. We are Kathryn Oak, Lydia Fisher, Brian Thurlow-Latham, Les Johnson, and Dennis Mazurkiewicz. We feel we are a cohesive team and this improves our service to you.

The compost was a big hit this year. The decomposition of your leaf and yard waste produces a great soil amendment as you can be witnessed in the gardens at the transfer station. Thanks to Brian for making and maintaining screens to use at the compost pile. We usually have extra totes and shovels so all you have to do is come up, grab a shovel and bring home free compost!

Our solid waste burden remains about the same without an increase in recycling rates. It will be our goal for 2014 to reduce the waste volume by increasing recycling rates and encouraging backyard composting of food residuals. Food residuals comprise approximately 25% of our solid waste and would be of greater benefit as compost than going to incineration.

Thanks again this year for all the compliments and kindnesses you bestow upon us all. It encourages us to continually strive to do better.

Kathryn Oak  
Transfer Station Manager

### Town Clerk

The following is a list of elections held during 2013:

- May 15, 2013 RSU 16 Public Presentation of the School Budget for public vote at the Poland Regional High School
- June 11, 2013 Town Local Candidate and Town Budget Referendum; and RSU 16 Budget Validation Referendum
- November 5, 2013 State of Maine General Election

The RSU 16 Budget Validation Referendum passed this year with one referendum election. We had another busy year in the clerk's office with three election dates. There were 188 votes cast on June 11 and 297 on November 5. The voter turnout at the June election was 9% of our registered voters and 15% for the November election.

Please remember State law requires a voter to request and/or vote by Absentee Ballot by the 3rd Business Day prior to an election. After that, you can only request a Special Circumstances Absentee Ballot. The circumstances are: (1) Unexpected absence from town on Election Day; (2) a physical disability; (3) an incapacity or illness that resulted in the voter being unable to leave home or facility. Please note, only the registered voter can sign the Special Circumstances Application. Please be sure to request your absentee ballot early either in person, by phone or by mail. You can also request an absentee ballot by going to the Maine Secretary of State Elections website: [http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/voter\\_info/index.html](http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/voter_info/index.html).

We held the annual rabies clinic with Dr. Frechette on January 12, 2013. The Clerk's Office was present to license dogs for residents of Mechanic Falls and licensed 15 dogs. Please remember State Law requires you license your dog every year before December 31. The fee is \$11.00 for male/female and \$6.00 for spayed/neutered. There is a late fee of \$25.00 for all dogs not licensed before February 1 in addition to the regular license fee.

Motor vehicle renewal is now available online to residents for vehicle and trailer registrations through Rapid Renewal. We began offering the service in July 2013 and it is popular with a total of 81 vehicles registered online from July – December 2013. You can use this service if you have an excise-taxable vehicle, either commercial or passenger (under 12,000 pounds GVW) or non-excise taxed trailer (such as a utility trailer). You will need your current yellow vehicle/trailer 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 2013 from the Town Clerk's Office:

- Vital Statistics – 14 marriages, 25 deaths and 22 births
- Animal Welfare – 455 Dog and 6 Kennel licenses issued
- Motor Vehicle – 3,096 MVR3's (registrations) processed
- Inland Fisheries & Wildlife – 288 Hunting/Fishing Licenses issued, registrations for 117 Boats, 98 Snowmobiles and 97 ATVs processed for a combined total of 600 Authorities processed
- 34 Various Business Licenses issued

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

Laurel Nadeau  
Town Clerk

### Births

*State of Maine Statute no longer permits the printing of specific  
Information pertaining to new births.*

Mechanic Falls welcomed 22 new babies in 2013

### Deaths

10/20/2012	Patricia A. Emery*
01/19/2013	Arthur E. Duchemin
02/11/2013	John A. Kelleher
04/11/2013	Gerald A. Dionne
04/13/2013	Roger W. Dunning
04/13/2013	Troy E. Harnden
05/03/2013	Patrick G. Diters
05/19/2013	Joan M. Pike
05/23/2013	Raymond A. Frost
06/01/2013	Virtue J. Provencher
06/10/2013	Cecelia A. Davidson
06/20/2013	Dora B. Shields
07/19/2013	Jeannette "Ginni" B. Timberlake
08/10/2013	Viola R. Stone
08/14/2013	Alfred J. Carroll, Sr.
08/29/2013	Margaret F. Brissette
08/31/2013	Victor L. Fournier

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09/07/2013	Virginia T. Huskins
09/18/2013	Jane Nichols
11/06/2013	Stephen Adamson
11/17/2013	Hazel Thurlow
11/19/2013	Frederick Ridlon
11/25/2013	Albert Stronach
12/10/2013	Ernest Whitworth
12/11/2013	Frederick Lipton
12/15/2013	Hazel Conant
12/18/2013	Phyllis Coffin
*This out of state death was not reported in time for the 2012 annual report.	

### Marriages

05/26/2013	Alexander J. Stace & Sarah E. Way
06/14/2013	Nancy R. Stimson & Julie-Ann M. McDonald
07/06/2013	Nathan N. Spiller & Amanda R. Paille
07/09/2013	Stephen M. Limerick & Natalia Gonzalez Santana
07/19/2013	Justin R. Tardif & Danielle K. Borden
08/01/2013	Paul E. Hackett & Donna M. Bast
08/10/2013	Derek C. Pray & Jennifer L. Inman
09/14/2013	Joseph A. Gilks & Gloria A. Simpson
09/21/2013	Philip A. Brienza & Jennifer M. Baril
09/28/2013	McKYLE M. Foster & Emily C. Dionne
10/05/2013	Derek R. Waters & Kastle K. Kelley
10/12/2013	Andrew D. Achorn & Olivia J. Poulin
10/12/2013	Benjamin R. Harrison & Chelsey M. Bartlett
12/24/2013	Sean M. Cleary & Victoria J. Bilodeau

### Water Department

We started the year off with a letter from The Maine Drinking Water Program informing us that we were receiving a “notice of non-compliance” for not testing for radium-228. There were a lot of water utilities that received the same notice. As it turns out the state lab doesn't perform that test. All of our routine tests are done by the state lab and we assumed that we were up to date on all of our testing. This test is only done every nine years. Because the state shared in this oversight they allowed us to test in 2013 and provide them with the results. We contracted with an out of state lab and passed the test with no issues. Because of this we had to report that we failed to monitor radium-228 on our yearly consumer confidence report (CCR).

At the end of 2012 we had a mainline break on Lewiston Street in the area of Judson Street. This patch job haunted us all winter until we could cut out the affected area and get it re-hot topped. Lewiston Street had just been re-surfaced that previous summer. This was a project that saw the Highway crew, along with the Sanitary District join forces with us to finally get the hot top restored. The Water Department enjoys a good working relationship with both the Highway department and Sanitary District.

We have been working towards creating electronic record keeping. For years we have depended on paper records of all our gate valves and service records. We are in the process of converting them so that we can have them available to us on tablets in our trucks. No more photocopying and returning to the office for more records.

The reconstructing of Route #26 in Poland occupied a lot of our time this construction season. We were very concerned that we would be required to relocate our water main to accommodate the new drainage system. This would have been difficult at best as the ten thousand feet of water main that goes from the high school to the area of the Lion's Club is only fed in one direction. The State Engineers were very good to us. They managed to “design” their way around us!

We are seeing a few new services both in Poland and Mechanic Falls. This is encouraging to us.

Steve French  
Water Department Superintendent



## Committee Reports

### Board of Appeals

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

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

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

Nicholaus Richard  
Administrative Assistant to the Board of Appeals

### Community Day Committee

This past year we successfully pulled off our fourth annual Community Day. It had to have been the best one yet and although it is small compared to the Homecoming Weeks many remember of yesteryear, it is still a great day for the town. We could not have asked for better weather and conditions were perfect.

This year we were able to sponsor many activities thanks to a number of the local businesses and groups. Starting off the weekend was the popular Pink Feather Foundation's couple's competition on Friday night followed by the Recreation Committee's movie night at Elm Street School. Helping make our day a success was the pancake breakfast put on by the Boghooter's Snowmobile Club and the Tri-Town Education Fund's Pottle Hill Road Race. The American Legion had their ever popular chicken barbeque and the Mason's offered strawberry shortcake for dessert. Stillbrook Acres had their horse and carriage rides over the bridge as the duck race was passing under it. The Veteran's Park had many food and craft vendors as well as kid's games provided by several of the local organizations. The Fire and Rescue also had their bouncy house and smoke house simulator on hand. To top off the day, our little parade drew quite a crowd and the steel drum band Tinpanik played a concert in Maise Keene Park.

All in all, it was a nice day and people were pleased with the turnout. We are always looking for volunteers to help us with the planning. If you have some free time to give, please contact the town office.

John Hawley  
Administrative Assistant to the Community Day 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 non-profit organization charged with stimulating industrial and commercial development and expansions in Mechanic Falls. The MFDC promotes economic development by providing financial loan assistance to businesses, which create new jobs, and by acquiring and selling land in support of the Town's economic development efforts.

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

In 2013 the MFDC funded one loan request. A \$33,000 loan was made to Shawn Holbrook of SPH Properties, LLC to assist with the expansion and paving of their parking lot.

The MFDC also submitted a purchase offer on the former Pottle Works Building. However, the offer was not accepted and the seller declined to make a counter-offer. The MFDC remains interested in the property at the right price.

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

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

Greg Whitney  
Androscoggin Valley Council Of Governments

### Planning Board

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

Last year I reported that the Planning Board met 4 times. This year the Planning Board held 5 meetings and 7 workshops. The workshops were held to review the ordinance and make necessary amendments due to the acceptance and approval of our Comprehensive Plan by the voters and the State.

This year started off with meetings in January, February, and March with a workshop after the February meeting. Workshops were also held in July and continued each month until December. Meetings were held in both November and December.

The January meeting was held to review an application from Kennebec Lumber Company seeking a Conditional Use Permit to operate a log yard on the Harvest Hill Farm property.

As you can see the Board approved the permit and Kennebec Lumber is using a portion of the land for log storage before being transported to nearby mills for production.

In February, the Board reviewed an application brought forth by E.S. Coffin Engineering & Surveying Inc. for 12 Winterbrook Rd LLC, seeking a Conditional Use Permit to operate Trucking / Distribution Terminal located at 12 Winterbrook Rd. A utility company was looking to use the site as a home base of operations and maintenance for their vehicles. The Board approved the permit with the condition that commercial trucks use Route 11 for entrance and exit. The workshop was held this month to review the sign ordinance and allow for larger signs and set up a sign permit fee schedule.

In March, the Board reviewed an application from Chad and Roxanne Pearl seeking a Conditional Use Permit to operate a sport themed restaurant/pub located at 128 Lewiston Street. The Board approved the permit with conditions regarding parking lot lighting and signage directing traffic through the parking lot.

Starting in July, the Board held workshops each month to review the Zoning and Land Use Ordinance and make necessary amendments to meet the guidelines set forth in the Comprehensive Plan update. A few zoning districts had name changes and the 3 downtown business zoning districts were combined into 1 downtown business district. The uses in each district remained the same with minor changes in permit types required for a few uses.

The November meeting was held at the request of the Town Council to look into adding language to the ordinance in regards to preserving the commercial downtown. The Board reviewed proposed changes that would require first floor commercial spaces remain as such and any new first floor spaces must be commercial. After hearing public comments during the meeting, the Board decided not to recommend an amendment to the ordinance in this regard.

In December, New England Forestry Consultants, Inc. on behalf of the Mechanic Falls Water Department was seeking Planning Board approval to use heavy equipment within the 400 foot well head protection zone as defined by the Aquifer Ordinance. After reviewing the application, the Board approved for the use of the logging skidder in that area. A workshop was also held to review a proposed amendment to the

ordinance to adopt a Property Maintenance Code. The Board decided not to recommend the proposed amendment at this time.

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

Nicholaus Richard

Administrative Assistant to the Planning Board

### **Recreation Committee**

The Mechanic Falls Recreation Committee is a 100% volunteer group. The members of the committee have a strong passion to provide the towns people with activities year around while coaching good sportsmanship, dedication, and respect. Because of that passion, desire, and willingness to volunteer countless hours throughout the year the Mechanic Falls Recreation Committee continues to improve its facilities, quality, and outreach of its programs.

In 2013, we continued to offer all of the programs we have had in years past, which are: tee-ball, Rookie, Minor, and Major League Baseball, Farm, Little League and Senior League Softball. We continued participation with Poland, Minot, and Hebron in the Multi-Town basketball and soccer programs for both boys and girls. Skiing and snowboarding continued to be offered at Shawnee Peak with bus transportation. Adult activities consisted of summer and fall co-ed slow-pitch softball and pick-up volleyball throughout the school year. With all of those activities mentioned above, our recreation programs have successfully reached an estimated 950 participants and there is always room for more.

With the growing number of competitive travel sports in our area, we are always concerned about the number of participants decreasing from season to season. We welcome all newcomers and former participants to join our programs. The programs are here for the people of Mechanic Falls. We encourage all to use them.

As in all previous years, the Mechanic Falls Recreation Committee and participants have worked hard to raise money to continue with facility and equipment improvements. Some of our projects were:

The removal of the tall pine trees between the Jerry Coleman and Pratt Field. This not only reduces yearly clean-up efforts and weekly maintenance to the fields, but it also elevates previous safety concerns with falling debris. Thanks to the Town of Mechanic Falls, the Mechanic Falls Public Works, and the Q-Team Tree Service, this was able to be accomplished under budget.

We also started a very large project on our snack shack and equipment shed. Over the years, water has caused damage to the bathrooms as well as parts of the building structure. The project was started late

last fall with the replacement of the bathroom floor and removal of the wrap around deck. In 2014 the rebuilding process will begin.

As in previous years, we continue to purchase new equipment for all participants to use. 2013 was no different than any other year. Every sport received some new equipment.

The Recreation Committee would like all to know, none of our programs would exist if it was not for the generosity and support from our faithful contributors and volunteers. We would like to give a special thank you to Mechanic Falls Public Works, Mechanic Falls Water Department, Elm Street School, the Town of Mechanic Falls, town employees, and all local business. We especially want to thank the community and particularly our volunteers for all of their hard work in providing quality programs and facilities to the youth in our community.

We look forward to another successful year and encourage anyone with questions, comments, concerns, or suggestions to bring them to the committee. Our meetings are open to the public. We would love to hear from you. We can always use more volunteers. No contribution is too small and will not go unnoticed by our committee members. Without volunteers we could not offer any of the programs that we currently enjoyed by our youth and adult participants. Such programs are an integral part of growing up in the small community in which we are so blessed to live.

Jeffrey P. Martin  
Recreation Committee Chairman

### Revenue Enhancement Committee

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

In this past year, the committee has been diligently focused on the potential growth of the Five Corners area. With the intensified attraction to the region spawned by the casino, this intersection has prime acreage for developmental opportunities. Some of the specific topics we explored were the possibility of providing sewer service to this area and improved intersection at Routes 26 and 11. Sewer line extension is still being considered by the Town, Sanitary District and Town of Poland. Funding for the intersection upgrades has been approved by the State and construction is slated for summer of 2015.

In September, the committee held an informational meeting with the residents and business owners who might likely be affected by growth of the Pigeon Hill region. It was an opportunity for us to listen to their concerns and gather opinions but more importantly to establish an open line of communication with these folks.

We continued to look at solar prospects. John Hawley and Carl Beckett spent some time meeting with representatives from Senator Angus King's office regarding potential funding for large scale solar

opportunities. Solar energy has been a project on our radar for a couple of years as we believe with the appropriate grant funding we could potentially have a viable project that may generate savings in the form of energy credits for the town.

Passenger rail service was another hot topic this past year as there is a couple of groups looking to have this service restored to the rail that passes right through town. What is more intriguing to us is a specific interest in private rejuvenation of a rail stop in Mechanic Falls. This would offer commuters the option to ride to Portland and sightseers to travel to Boston and beyond. This topic will continue to be explored in the next year.

We are always looking for new ideas and additional committee members to spur us along. Please contact John at the Town Office if you have questions.

Robert Small  
Revenue Enhancement Committee Chairman

### **Safety Committee**

This was a rewarding year for the Safety Committee and the Town Employees as well. We were subject to a "surprise visit" from Maine Bureau of Labor Standards (MBLS) (Maine OSHA). Their inspector spent three days reviewing our safety policies and facilities. At the end of the inspection we had some discrepancies to correct, mostly record keeping. The State inspector was very pleased with the Town's efforts to abide by the rules and regulations that govern us. And even promoted the town applies for the highly prized SHAPE award that entitles us to self-police ourselves under the guidance of the MBLS.

As a result of the state audit we determined that we needed a person to oversee our safety efforts. The town has hired Katherine Oak to fill that position for a limited amount of hours each week.

As always we encourage residents to alert us to any issue that would appear unsafe so that we can determine the proper action to take.

Stephen French  
Safety Committee Chairman

### **Santa For The Kids**

This was our 22nd year of the Santa for the Kids Program. This year we had a record breaking year, helping out 27 families and 84 children and adults have a better Christmas. We always provide the winter items that the kids need to keep them warm while at school and at play, clothes if requested and help with their holiday meal. This year we didn't have to purchase many toys as our toy inventory is still quite large. We received a special delivery of 16 turkeys from the Doyer family, in the past I have always thanked Bourque's Market in Lewiston, but this year I realized they actually came from the Doyer's. Something

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new this year, the Oxford Casino donated many boxes of canned goods that we gave out in addition to the gift certificates to Future Foods that were donated by residents and Hannaford gift cards that were donated from Hannaford.

Our Santa program has turned into the Thanksgiving and Santa program. We were able to help 21 Families with providing Thanksgiving baskets, thanks goes to the Minot Methodist church, the Pink Feathers, The Church of the Nazarene and area residents.

I want to thank all that donated this year. Without the help of area businesses and townspeople this program would not be such a success. It always makes me feel so blessed to live in a community that is so willing to give to help those less fortunate than themselves. Those wishing to make donations for next year can drop new, unwrapped toys or bedding as many are now asking for those items also at the Town Office at any time though out the year. Any and all donations are appreciated.

Shirley Marquis  
Santa for the Kids Program Coordinator



## Municipal Revenues Received

July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013

Motor vehicle excise	\$375,611.91	Special Amusement	\$271.29
Boat excise	\$1,495.80	Cable Franchise Fee	\$26,604.81
Motor vehicle license	\$9,807.00	Transfer Station Fee	\$2,571.77
Snow/ATV license	\$221.00	CEO Citations	\$150.00
Boat license	\$136.00	Police Fines	\$125.00
Cash Management Interest	\$2,845.43	Late fee dogs	\$428.00
Real estate interest	\$17,172.13	Service Charges	\$0.00
Lien Costs	\$5,339.35	RSU 16 Winter Maintenance	\$0.00
Will/fax/notary fees	\$709.50	Municipal Gym Rent	\$1,335.00
Postage/copies/voter	\$704.20	USCTC Rent	\$4,720.44
Transfer Station stickers	\$3,160.00	Head start rent	\$0.00
Driveway Entrance	\$527.20	Tennis lights	\$0.00
Pole Permits	\$0.00	Insurance Reimburse	\$3,519.00
Building Permits	\$7,350.51	Recycling Reimburse	\$12,540.95
Plumbing Permits	\$2,197.50	Welfare Reimburse	\$0.00
Electrical Permits	\$1,810.00	Police Reimburse	\$0.00
Conditional Use Per	\$345.00	Ball Field Lights Reimbursement	\$5,000.00
Hunt/Fish License	\$508.75	Oxford Bank Accts	\$0.00
Weapons Permits	\$460.00	Sale Town Owned	\$0.00
Birth/Death	\$403.00	Tax Acquired Prop	\$0.00
Marriage License	\$612.00	Pymt in Lieu of Tax	\$1,526.98
Victualer's License	\$522.50	Veteran's Exemption	\$3,440.00
Liquor License	\$800.00	Tree Growth Reimb	\$3,385.08
Marriage Certificate	\$390.00	BETE Tax Reimburse	\$6,528.00
Burial Permits	\$602.00	Highway Block Grant	\$22,992.00
Add Certified Copies	\$95.20	State Revenue Share	\$262,382.48
Dog License	\$890.00	State Welfare Reimb	\$11,638.23
Dog Fees	\$419.00	Homestead Reimb	\$76,560.00
Rabies Call	\$2.00	Snowmobile Refund	\$556.08
Public Safety Reports	\$442.00	FEMA Reimbursement	\$0.00
Zoning Fee	\$50.00	Sex Offender Registry	\$125.00
Court Fee	\$679.35		
Water Admin Fee	\$16,000.00		
Home Occupation	\$80.00		
		Total Revenues Received	\$898,788.44
		Total Anticipated (Budgeted)	\$897,952.05
		% of Revenues Received	100.09%

## Payments to Municipal Officials

### Administration

John Hawley	\$66,829.91
Laurel Nadeau	\$31,917.44
Lisa Prevost	\$45,308.56
Shirley Marquis	\$35,565.65

### Animal Control

Robert Larrabee	\$4,160.00
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### Board of Appeals

Edwin Piirainen	\$0.00
Martha Wiseman	\$0.00
Thomas Walton	\$0.00

### Elections

Brenda Coleman	\$38.00
Nancy Petersons	\$224.00

### Emergency Management

David Stimson*	\$3,047.56
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### Fire Department

Ben Limerick	\$482.25
Cathy Proulx	\$805.51
Chris Strout*	\$652.13
David Barton	\$581.81
David Clukey	\$1,447.63
Devin Herbert	\$531.75
Donald Boyd	\$1,059.50
Donald Patterson	\$2,508.88
Edward Brown	\$1,414.38
Fred Sturtevant*	\$6,998.75
Jacob Verrill*	\$611.85
James Lavertu*	\$78.75
Jennie Friree*	\$417.75
Jonathan Damon*	\$2,058.39
Jordan Emery*	\$1,842.95
Matthew Fifield*	\$1,926.51

Michael Schadtle	\$47.63
Paul Harvey	\$1,252.76
Randal Madore*	\$721.13
Ray Crockett	\$163.69
Richard Wing	\$130.50
Stephanie Madore	\$119.63
Thomas Casey*	\$1,363.75
Thomas Doherty	\$914.26
Wayde Boston	\$1,826.38

### Library

Elaina Sessions	\$346.45
Melinda Straight	\$1,428.06
Michelle Paladino	\$42.25
Samantha Marquis	\$118.30
Sandra Brown Eustis	\$13,265.51

### Planning / Code Enforcement

Arthur Montana	\$72.00
Jeremy Judd	\$30.00
John Straight	\$10.00
Keith Morse	\$40.00
Kieth Bennett	\$1,022.50
Lou Goulet	\$50.00
Nick Richard	\$39,097.29
Paula Bolduc	\$60.00
Paula Stotts	\$50.00
Rodney Smith	\$100.00
Wayne Marquis	\$175.00

### Police Department

Alan Carr	\$15,463.96
Alfred J. Daigle	\$22,645.73
James Avery	\$25,042.01
Jason Boulanger	\$17,584.22
Jeffrey Goss	\$57,627.88
Matthew Johnson	\$540.00
Michelle Emery*	\$11,433.43

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Nick Gagnon	\$6,747.84
Paul Harrison	\$51,957.92
Zachary Bisson	\$41,251.88

### Public Works

Chris Arsenault*	\$10,411.67
Greg Ryder	\$3,016.84
Robert Goddard	\$4,885.69
Ronald Tirrell	\$39,240.53
Scott Penney	\$54,363.71
Tim Estes	\$36,757.03
Zachary Yates*	\$19,092.59

### Recreation

Kyle Herrick	\$500.00
Mariah Dufour	\$875.00
Michael Downing	\$1,106.88
Paula Glatz	\$4,500.00
Robert Porter	\$500.00
Robin Dufour	\$3,256.00
William Bickford	\$108.00
Zachary Lowe	\$1,000.00

### Rescue

Elwood Strout	\$242.25
Jennifer Casey*	\$7,275.52
Melissa Hodgkin*	\$403.88

Spring Clean-Up	
Kristopher Lugner	\$300.00
Kyle Jones	\$300.00
Peter Dumond	\$300.00
Tyler Merrill	\$300.00

### Town Council

Cathy Fifield	\$500.00
Daniel Blanchard	\$600.00
Lou Annance	\$500.00
Nancy Richard	\$500.00
Robert Small	\$500.00

### Transfer Station

Brian Thurlow-Latham	\$9,590.13
Dennis Mazurkiewicz	\$1,741.50
Kathryn Oak*	\$27,363.72
Leslie Johnson	\$4,933.34
Lydia Fisher	\$10,552.45

### Water Department

Anthony Corey	\$35,535.34
Benjamin Limerick	\$80.00
Jacob Verrill	\$12,275.70
Michelle Emery	\$15,694.32
Stephen French	\$50,132.51
Thomas Doherty	\$50.00

\* - Indicates an employees has receives payment from more than one department.

# Municipal Audit

## TOWN OF MECHANIC FALLS STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2013

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business - Type Activities	Total
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash	\$ 1,557,993	\$ 74,000	\$ 1,631,993
Accounts Receivable	63,340	0	63,340
Taxes Receivable	188,015	0	188,015
Taxes Lien Receivable	57,603	0	57,603
Inventories	6,660	0	6,660
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>3,075,702</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,075,702</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>\$ 4,949,313</u>	<u>\$ 74,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,023,313</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	\$ 56,016	\$ 0	\$ 56,016
Accrued Expenses	72,403	0	72,403
Taxes Paid in Advance	1,495	0	1,495
Non Current Liabilities:			
Due Within One Year	132,684	0	132,684
Due in More Than One Year	<u>408,367</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>408,367</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>\$ 670,965</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 670,965</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
<b>Net Position</b>			
<i>Net Investment in Capital Assets</i>	\$ 2,534,651	\$ 0	\$ 2,534,651
<i>Restricted:</i>			
Tax Incremental Financing District	1,561	0	1,561
Unemployment	0	74,000	74,000
<i>Unrestricted</i>	<u>1,742,136</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,742,136</u>
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<u>\$ 4,278,348</u>	<u>\$ 74,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,352,348</u>

**TOWN OF MECHANIC FALLS  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013**

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>			<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets Primary Government</u>		
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business - Type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Primary Government</b>						
<b>Governmental Activities</b>						
General Government	\$ 434,545	\$ 85,965	\$ 0	\$ (348,580)	\$ 0	\$ (348,580)
Protection	435,664	3,997	0	(431,667)	0	(431,667)
Public Works	361,530	22,182	22,992	(316,356)	0	(316,356)
Fiscal Services	538,540	0	0	(538,540)	0	(538,540)
Community Services	51,499	5,369	11,639	(34,491)	0	(34,491)
Education	1,487,946	0	0	(1,487,946)	0	(1,487,946)
Fixed Charges	161,935	0	0	(161,935)	0	(161,935)
Interest on Long - Term Debt	26,364	0	0	(26,364)	0	(26,364)
Depreciation - Unallocated	462,717	0	0	(462,717)	0	(462,717)
<b>Total Governmental Activities</b>	<b>\$ 3,960,740</b>	<b>\$ 117,513</b>	<b>\$ 34,631</b>	<b>\$ (3,808,596)</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ (3,808,596)</b>
<b>Business - Type Activities</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(170)</b>	<b>(170)</b>
<b>Total Primary Government</b>	<b>\$ 3,960,913</b>	<b>\$ 117,516</b>	<b>\$ 34,631</b>	<b>\$ (3,808,596)</b>	<b>\$ (170)</b>	<b>\$ (3,808,766)</b>
<b>General Revenues</b>						
Property Taxes				\$ 3,146,821	\$ 0	\$ 3,146,821
Grants and Contributions Not Restricted to Special Programs				352,851	0	352,851
Unrestricted Investment Earnings				3,903	121	4,024
<b>Total General Revenues</b>				<b>\$ 3,503,575</b>	<b>\$ 121</b>	<b>\$ 3,503,696</b>
<b>Changes in Net Position</b>				<b>\$ (305,021)</b>	<b>\$ (49)</b>	<b>\$ (305,070)</b>
<b>Net Position – July 1, 2012</b>				<b>4,583,369</b>	<b>74,049</b>	<b>4,657,418</b>
<b>Net Position – June 30, 2013</b>				<b>\$ 4,278,348</b>	<b>\$ 74,000</b>	<b>\$ 4,352,348</b>

**TOWN OF MECHANIC FALLS  
BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2013**

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash	\$ 1,546,324	\$ 11,669	\$ 1,557,993
Taxes Receivable	188,015	0	188,015
Tax Liens Receivable	57,603	0	57,603
Accounts Receivable	63,340	0	63,340
Inventories	6,660	0	6,660
Due from Other Funds	<u>0</u>	<u>553,914</u>	<u>553,914</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,861,942</b>	<b>\$ 565,583</b>	<b>\$ 2,427,525</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>\$ 1,861,942</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 565,583</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,427,525</u></b>
<b>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balance</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	\$ 56,016	\$ 0	\$ 56,016
Accrued Expenses	42,465	0	42,465
Deferred Revenues	166,995	0	166,995
Due to Other Funds	<u>553,914</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>553,914</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>\$ 819,390</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 0</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 819,390</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 – Nonexpendable	\$ 0	\$ 1,755	\$ 1,755
<i>Restricted</i>			
Tax Incremental Financing	0	1,561	1,561
<i>Committed</i>			
Capital Projects	0	493,330	493,330
Appropriated Surplus for FY 2013/14	144,000	0	144,000
<i>Unreserved, Reported In:</i>			
<i>Assigned</i>			
Special Revenue Funds	0	59,023	59,023
Permanent Funds, Expendable	0	9,914	9,914
<i>Unassigned</i>			
General Fund	<u>898,552</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>898,552</u>
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,042,552</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 565,583</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,608,135</u></b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,861,942</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 565,583</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,427,525</u></b>

## Regional School Unit #16



TINA W. MESSERVE  
SUPERINTENDENT

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #16  
MECHANIC FALLS • MINOT • POLAND

KIM BRANDT  
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

January 2014

Dear Citizens of Mechanic Falls,

Every day that I walk through our schools, visit local establishments and talk to members of our communities, I am impressed with how frequently I see and hear examples of collaboration between our citizens and our staff. Your investment in the education of our students is key to our mission to prepare and support all students to do and be their best.

We know that, as Helen Keller believed, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

We are in the midst of our FY 2014 - 2015 Budget process. Our Budget Committee is composed of members of the RSU #16 School Board, Central Office Administration and Town Leaders. Please know that we count on your feedback, and that our collective best thinking will ensure that we meet the goals of our Strategic Plan and our mission. Major goals include transparency and communication. Our Budget Committee meetings are open to the public and videotaped, so those of you who are unable to attend in person can participate from the comfort of your home. Our website ([www.rsu16.org](http://www.rsu16.org)) will host all of our budget information and an email address so that you can send your budget ideas to me. I promise to read, consider and share all ideas you send to me with the Budget Committee. Your input is important and we want you to know that we are listening to you, our communities, throughout the process.

As stated in our vision, we are working to build a strong sense of pride and support from the governments and citizens of Mechanic Falls, Minot and Poland. We know that a unified district with equitable opportunities for all students is an essential part of that vision. Early Release Wednesdays have significantly increased our ability to develop aligned expectations across the three towns, at each grade level and by each department. Teachers are collaborating on best practices in instruction and assessment, and supporting each other with specific student needs. We thank our communities for the time to achieve our goals and work towards the promises set forth in the Strategic Plan.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Tina Messerve

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## Poland Regional High School

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Dir. of Co-Curricular Activities  
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December 2013

Dear Mechanic Falls Residents:

Poland Regional High School recently hosted an accreditation visiting committee from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). Every ten years, we seek accreditation from NEASC to affirm that the programs, instruction, and support we provide to the high school students of RSU 16 meet the high standards set for New England high schools. We earned our initial accreditation in 2002.

The visiting committee consisted of 16 educators from Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. They visited our school for four days, interviewing our students, teachers, school board members, parents, and administration. They shadowed our students and reviewed the curriculum and instructional materials our teachers use every day. We will receive a full report with commendations and recommendations this spring but we received some very positive unofficial feedback on the last day of the visit. They applauded our strong support system designed to help our students meet common rigorous standards and earn a high school diploma, the comprehensive advisory program (Roundtable) we have developed over the years, and our teachers' commitment to high quality teaching and learning and the professionalism they exhibit every day as they work with our students.

The visit was a great success, providing us not only with positive feedback but also with suggestions to improve. When we get the final report, we will use it to guide our work for the next several years.

We have continued to spend a great deal of time helping our students access the many educational opportunities that are provided in the area as well as the state. Here are some interesting statistics about what our kids are doing:

- We have 42 students enrolled at Lewiston Regional Technical Center
- We have 24 students taking (or took this summer) college classes
- Last spring 100 students took Advanced Placement (AP) exams. AP offers students the opportunity to take a college level course while in high school and earn college credit.

Our current enrollment is 515 students.

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

Sincerely,  
Cari Medd

**Tina Meserve**  
Superintendent  
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# WHITTIER MIDDLE SCHOOL

SHAWN VINCENT - PRINCIPAL



KELLY MARSTON - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

December 17, 2013

Greetings from Whittier Middle School!

*We are Whittier!* The 2013-14 edition of Bruce M. Whittier Middle School features 258 students, 18 full-time teachers, and 7 additional full-time staff. Whittier also shares a number of staff with other schools in the district.

As a school, we talk about our actions and words reflecting who we are as a school community. We are committed to growing in our understanding and modeling of 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.

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. Many other students played football through the recreation program. In addition, students at Whittier have the opportunity to participate in a number of clubs and activities such as student council, drama, yearbook, technology team, guitar club, art club and math team.

Throughout the fall, students participated in digital citizenship training to prepare for new iPads in the classrooms. Staff and students continue to work with the new technology to enrich classroom instruction and student learning.

Shannon Shanning's reign as 2013 Maine Teacher of the Year will soon draw to a close, but it has been exciting to share Whittier Middle School with the United States through Mrs. Shanning's adventures. This summer, Shannon had the opportunity to visit the White House and meet the President. She also went to NASA's Space Camp and threw out the first pitch at a Sea Dogs game in June. Recently, Shannon sat on a focus panel for the Council of State Governments as a representative for special educators in Phoenix, Arizona. Only four state Teachers of the Year were asked from the fifty-eight.

In October, Whittier hosted a "Cultural Exchange Day" with members of the Somali community from Lewiston, Maine. Eighth grade students worked to develop the skills to critically analyze media in order to create a well-informed opinion on a topic of interest within their community. The curriculum was designed by 8th grade teachers Erica Swenson and Alice Shea after the school district challenged all educators to focus on teaching critical thinking and inquiry through writing.

Whittier renewed its commitment to encouraging healthy and active students by training students for a 5K race. Students participated in a Couch-to-5K program from September through November. The culminating Tri-Town Family 5K took place on Sunday, November 10 at Minot Community Park. Even though it was very cold, 312 students, staff, family members and friends ran or walked the race. It was exciting to celebrate healthy life choices with the community in a truly festive atmosphere.

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

## Elm Street School

129 Elm Street • Mechanic Falls, Maine 04256  
Angie Taylor, Principal

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January 2014

Dear Citizens of Mechanic Falls,

I am proud of the accomplishments of our students, the commitment of staff, and the support provided by our community. All of the hard work in the past two years has proved successful as Elm Street School made AYP in reading this year! This is quite a moment for our teachers and students. As we continue our work with literacy, we are also using our early release time to conduct action research so we can increase student achievement in math. Many factors have played a role in our academic outcomes not the least of which is the current economic times. The high percentage of unemployment and reduced income has placed burdens on many families in our community, which is evident in the student needs we see each day at school. Our special needs population, the numbers of families with housing issues, and the students eligible for free or reduced meals are all increasing. We are focused intently on meeting the educational needs of all students. Elm Street School has also utilized all available resources to meet student and family needs.

The main focus for Elm Street School this year has been on student achievement in math. Staff have met at grade level teams, discussed data, brainstormed actions that might address needs, and designed personal learning communities (PLCs). In addition to this, teachers received professional development in math, which means that all district elementary teachers are working together as we continue our efforts to increase student engagement. The creation of learning communities has placed a greater emphasis on reviewing data for gaps and identifying strategies that will increase numeracy.

Elm Street School continues to create and sustain family and community partnerships. The Mechanic Falls Fire Department provides strong support to the school through visitations, discussions of fire safety and assistance during fire drills. Elm Street School is utilized for basketball during the winter months and will be used for a summer recreation program beginning in June. The Mechanic Falls Police Department continues to assist the school and to support our annual "Walk to School" event. 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 economics.

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

Sincerely,

Angie Taylor



**RSU 16**  
**ADULT EDUCATION**

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December 2013

Dear Citizens,

Please join me in congratulating the seventeen Adult Education students who graduated during the 2012–2013 school year. Our cap and gown graduation ceremony was held on May 10, 2013 at the Elm Street School gymnasium and was well attended by many friends and family members. We were honored to have RSU 16's own Maine Teacher of the Year, Shannon Shanning, deliver the inspirational message, and to have Interim Superintendent Michael Wilhelm present diplomas. Graduates went on to pursue college, employment and other personal goals such as childcare, cosmetology, engineering, nursing and various military options.

In addition to the High School Diploma and GED® classes offered by core staff in literacy, math and other academic areas, computer classes were conducted and a wide variety of community enrichment classes were held in many special interest areas. These enrichment classes served nearly 470 people.

The year 2013 brings to a close a long history with the GED for the State of Maine. Looking ahead, we are eager to begin a new chapter of equivalency testing with the High School Equivalency Test, which will be more commonly known as the HiSET exam. We will also focus on new Adult Education College and Career Readiness Standards as we prepare our students for future pathways.

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

Respectfully,

Jenny H. Rose  
Director

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## Unpaid Property Taxes

### PERSONAL PROPERTY 2010

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

### REAL ESTATE TAXES

#### LIENS 2013

ALDEN, SARAH L	\$3,672.37
ALLEN, DIANA G	\$319.66
BARBATO, DOUGLAS	\$147.52
BAROUDI, ADAM	\$645.55
BEAULIEU, RAYMOND E	\$968.91
BENNETT, KATHRYN D.	\$948.70
BENSON, KRISTINA N	\$1,968.13
BEST, JOHN J.	\$304.89
BISBEE, LELAND	\$1,405.28
BLACK, PAMELA	\$1,843.74
BOUTHOT, BRENDA	\$396.87
CHILDS, CHRISTINE (LE)	\$2,503.58
CONANT, NEAL R	\$1,015.59
CONANT, HAZEL	\$1,151.30
CONANT, HAZEL	\$338.03
COOLIDGE, KEITH	\$285.09
COZZOLINO, MICHAEL	\$378.63
CRANE, JOYCE E	\$40.36
DAVIDSON, HEIRS OF CECELIA A	\$1,662.46
DAVIS, JOHN W JR	\$2,220.00
DOUGLASS, RACHEL	\$406.94
DUFOUR, DENIS & ROBIN ARRIS	\$2,581.95
GAGNON, DAVID	\$932.93
GEORGE, ROBERT	\$419.07
HILL-FRANCISCO, DOROTHY M	\$847.64
HILL-FRANCISCO, DOROTHY M	\$2,272.50
HILL-FRANCISCO, DOROTHY M	\$916.09
JARVIS, BRIAN	\$1,115.27

LAMBERT, RONALD	\$375.42
LAMBERT,PATRICIA T HEIRS OF	\$1,391.48
LEONARD, DAVID M JR	\$2,149.79
LEONARD, JOYCE	\$1,277.34
LOWE, WALTER A	\$1,621.24
MAHER, WILLIAM & ZACHARY	\$2,017.00
MARTIN, CYNTHIA A.	\$4,216.43
MILLETT, CHARLES	\$3,134.69
MILLETT, HARTLEY L	\$961.87
MORRELL, EUGENE L	\$54.86
MULLDUNE, MARYANN	\$194.17
O'DONNELL, RICHARD	\$2,688.77
PARSONS, JENNIFER J	\$3,683.93
PEARL, CHAD	\$6,005.11
PEARL, CHARLES JR	\$1,019.60
RING, MICHAEL	\$533.39
ROWE, JULIANNE F	\$2,854.38
ROWE,HEIRS OF EDITH	\$1,735.57
SCHMIDT, JEFFREY	\$1,166.00
ST HILAIRE, RAYMOND	\$2,527.26
STIMSON, NINA M	\$428.58
TAMMARO, RHONDA	\$309.96
TARDIF, GLORIA J	\$1,264.84
TARDIF, SELENA M	\$1,883.46
TIBBETTS, ELVA HEIRS OF	\$1,343.92
TOUSSAINT, RUSSELL E	\$1,705.54
WILCOX, RICHARD	\$721.16
WILLSON, BRUCE W	\$2,231.10

## REAL ESTATE TAXES 2013/2014

## FIRST HALF NOT PAID

ALDEN, SARAH L	\$2,207.49
ALLEN-PARKER, DIANA G	\$118.49
ANDOVER COVERED BRIDGE LLC	\$1,346.39
ANDOVER COVERED BRIDGE, LLC	\$139.92
ANDOVER COVERED BRIDGE, LLC	\$12,291.29
ANDOVER COVERED BRIDGE, LLC	\$906.01
ANKETELL, SETH	\$117.77
ARNOLD L. LEAVITT REVOCABLE	\$497.71
ARNOLD L. LEAVITT REVOCABLE	\$1,178.48
BARNARD, ROBERT W JR	\$468.66
BAROUDI, ADAM	\$2,140.34
BEAL, RICHARD/KAREN	\$391.10
BEAULIEU, RAYMOND E	\$732.93
BENNETT, KATHRYN D.	\$843.66
BENSON, KRISTINA N	\$768.01
BERRY, SCOTT E	\$139.53
BEST, JOHN J.	\$98.46
BISBEE, LELAND	\$683.26
BLACK, PAMELA	\$1,008.44
BOUTHOT, BRENDA	\$413.63
BROWN, ROGER	\$95.88
BROWN, JOSH	\$66.62
BURNS, THOMAS F	\$423.68
CALABRESE, BRETT	\$219.90
CHILDS, CHRISTINE (LE)	\$1,602.17
CONANT, NEAL R	\$488.00
CONANT, HAZEL	\$1,134.24
CONANT, HAZEL	\$363.38
COOLIDGE, KEITH	\$945.56
COPP, DONALD L	\$1,073.52
COPP, DONALD L	\$819.22
COZZOLINO, MICHAEL	\$245.88
CRANE, JOYCE E	\$1,125.42
DAVIDSON, HEIRS OF CECELIA A	\$830.31

DAVIS, JOHN W JR	\$2,437.29
DOUGLASS, RACHEL	\$145.22
DOWNES, ANTHONY J	\$69.07
DUDLEY, HEIRS OF ALVIN	\$1,034.45
DUFOUR, DENIS	\$1,720.84
EMERY, PATRICIA	\$607.05
FARRELL, FRANCIS L	\$1,696.27
FARRELL, FRANCIS L	\$490.71
G & G PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	\$664.25
G & G PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	\$1,568.76
G & G PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	\$1,774.35
G & G PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	\$1,929.16
GAGNON, HEIRS OF DAVID E	\$466.81
GARY, MARK J	\$233.81
GARY, MATTHEW A	\$698.34
GARY, MATTHEW A	\$668.51
GARY, MATTHEW A	\$10.20
GAUTHIER, NORMAND	\$312.53
GEORGE, ROBERT	\$264.42
GIGUERE, TANYA	\$282.53
GLATZ, KEVIN A	\$1,166.73
GOULET, SUSAN	\$370.25
HARRISON, CARRIE A	\$287.64
HARRISON, CARRIE A	\$32.98
HERRICK, SHEILA	\$72.18
HILL-FRANCISCO, DOROTHY M	\$383.36
HILL-FRANCISCO, DOROTHY M	\$1,056.92
HILL-FRANCISCO, DOROTHY M	\$402.60
HOBBS, GREG	\$224.83
JARVIS, BRIAN	\$1,018.67
JASIM, LLC	\$2,424.24
JONES, ANGELA A	\$946.08
KENDRICK, JAMES E	\$12.34
KENISTON, HEATH	\$63.31

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LACROIX, RICHARD	\$269.17
LAMBERT, RONALD	\$94.26
LAMBERT, JAMES	\$531.80
LARRABEE, DOUGLAS M	\$1,370.72
LARRABEE, KIMBERLY	\$77.85
LEGERE, NANCY E	\$0.40
LEONARD, DAVID M JR	\$1,125.47
LEONARD, JOYCE	\$677.40
LIBBY, MARY O	\$24.64
LOWE, WALTER A	\$645.48
MAHER, WILLIAM & ZACHARY	\$897.20
MANCHESTER, JOHN L	\$186.87
MARSTON, TRISHA L	\$845.00
MARTIN, CYNTHIA A.	\$2,774.71
MCINNIS, SHIRLEY K	\$811.56
MELENDY, ARTHUR R	\$1,713.51
MESADEAN INC	\$653.38
MILLETT, CHARLES	\$1,842.00
MILLETT, HARTLEY L	\$947.73
MITCHELL, BREE ANNE	\$47.73
MORIN, BEVERLY J	\$891.08
MORRELL, EUGENE L	\$584.20
MULLDUNE, MARYANN	\$98.13
NAZARENE CHURCH PARSONAGE	\$363.30
NUGENT, TIMOTHY R	\$946.73
O'DONNELL, RICHARD	\$1,297.09
PARSONS, JENNIFER J	\$2,813.37
PEARL, CHAD	\$3,541.82
PEARL, CHARLES	\$1,006.32
PEARL, CHARLES JR	\$432.49
PELLETIER, GLORIA A	\$444.69
PERRY, JEANNE	\$232.23
PLUMMER, RANDY	\$155.88
PLUMMER, THOMAS	\$407.38
PORTER III, EARLE G.	\$452.68
PORTER, ROBERT L	\$1,045.86

POST, BRUCE	\$402.15
RICCI, MARK D	\$528.26
RING, MICHAEL	\$167.15
RITCHIE, MARY	\$17.35
RIVARD, DANIEL R	\$863.99
ROBERTS, HOMER	\$255.86
ROWE, JULIANNE F	\$1,366.70
ROWE, HEIRS OF EDITH	\$827.87
SCHMIDT, JEFFREY	\$489.61
SCOTT, MEREALD	\$0.01
SHERMAN, RANDY	\$119.50
SMITH, FOREST B	\$173.00
SMITH, FOREST B	\$621.77
SMITH, FOREST B	\$758.97
SPH PROPERTIES, LLC.	\$899.43
ST HILAIRE, RAYMOND	\$1,231.18
STIMSON, NINA M	\$187.52
STOTTS, MARK S	\$1,061.67
STURTEVANT, DARLEEN E	\$26.25
TAMMARO, RHONDA	\$84.21
TARDIF, GLORIA J	\$527.60
TARDIF, SELENA M	\$867.24
TAYLOR, CLARENCE	\$398.34
TIBBETTS, ELVA HEIRS OF	\$600.26
TOUSSAINT, RUSSELL E	\$1,070.61
TUFTS, LORRAINE	\$563.87
TWITCHELL, PRISCILLA	\$56.22
VALLEE, NORMAND J	\$591.09
VALLEE, NORMAND J	\$204.00
VALLEE, NORMAND J	\$155.70
VALLEE, NORMAND J	\$44.86
WHEELER, TRACY ROSE	\$214.20
WHITAKER, JESS	\$797.13
WHITE, BEVERLY E	\$995.79
WILCOX, RICHARD	\$569.47
WILLSON, BRUCE W	\$988.34

## Budget Summary (Proposed)

	2010--11 ACTUALS	2011-12 ACTUALS	2012-13 ACTUALS	2013-14 APPROVED	2014-15 PROPOSED	NET CHANGE
Boards and Council	\$11,064.0	\$10,960	\$10,639	\$12,055	\$12,035	-20
Legal Services	\$5,473.0	\$5,068	\$3,008	\$7,500	\$7,500	0
Municipal Complex	\$88,709.0	\$77,322	\$83,678	\$80,560	\$83,066	2,506
Town Clerk / Elections	\$129,863.0	\$132,610	\$135,792	\$137,670	\$141,205	3,535
Town Manager	\$64,461.0	\$66,905	\$68,587	\$68,407	\$70,410	2,003
Safety Compliance Officer	\$0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,238	8,238
Utilities	\$124,454.0	\$210,641	\$167,050	\$167,340	\$168,086	746
Code Enforcement / Planning	\$40,633.0	\$43,301	\$42,400	\$45,989	\$34,960	-11,029
Library	\$20,948.0	\$15,825	\$24,261	\$24,081	\$24,606	525
Recreation	\$2,993.0	\$2,976	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	0
Social Services / Welfare	\$14,700.0	\$27,796	\$23,444	\$24,925	\$24,900	-25
Assessor	\$16,427.0	\$20,225	\$20,281	\$21,300	\$20,300	-1,000
Auditor	\$6,393.0	\$6,600	\$6,600	\$6,600	\$6,000	-600
Contingency	\$9,600	\$6,906	\$9,581	\$10,000	\$10,000	0
Debt Service	\$212,650.0	\$205,913	\$198,784	\$154,106	\$189,465	35,359
Pensions / Insurances	\$293,788.0	\$317,321	\$335,059	\$377,622	\$322,282	-55,340
Animal Control	\$4,367.0	\$7,287	\$7,777	\$8,238	\$8,238	0
Dispatcher	\$10,726.0	\$10,341	\$21,378	\$33,020	\$32,780	-240
EMA	\$754.0	\$697	\$772	\$850	\$1,000	150
Fire Department	\$61,947	\$58,012	\$58,536	\$63,200	\$63,206	6
Police Department	\$269,094.0	\$293,391	\$288,976	\$299,593	\$309,892	10,299
Rescue	\$24,681.0	\$16,418	\$17,297	\$21,385	\$19,606	-1,779
Health Officer	\$500.0	\$500	\$500	\$750	\$750	0
Public Works	\$279,181.0	\$300,298	\$281,235	\$319,477	\$334,306	14,829
Solid Waste	\$106,913.0	\$115,575	\$98,563	\$116,580	\$123,384	6,804
County Tax	\$153,041.0	\$161,011	\$160,631	\$159,503	\$156,104	-3,399
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	\$1,953,360.0	\$2,113,899	\$2,068,327	\$2,164,251	\$2,175,819	3,330
<b>CIP BUDGET</b>	\$99,000	\$283,109	\$63,897	\$5,600	\$94,400	88,800
<b>RESERVES BUDGET</b>	\$0	\$0	\$202,208	\$58,500	\$187,550	129,050
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	\$2,052,360.0	\$2,397,008	\$2,334,432	\$2,228,351	\$2,457,769	229,418
<b>APPLIED REVENUES</b>	\$930,421.0	\$820,083	\$898,788	\$686,255	\$731,600	45,345
<b>APPLIED FUND BALANCE</b>	\$212,650.0	\$345,717	\$303,316	\$144,000	\$98,000	-46,000
<b>NET TO BE RAISED</b>	\$909,289.0	\$1,231,208	\$1,132,328	\$1,398,096	\$1,628,169	<b>230,073</b>

## Draft Warrant – Budget Referendum

### MUNICIPAL DRAFT BUDGET WARRANT MUNICIPAL ELECTION TOWN OF MECHANIC FALLS June 10, 2014

- 1 To see if the Town will fix a date when taxes shall be due and payable, and to see if the Town will fix a rate of interest to be charged on taxes unpaid after said date. (Recommended that one half of annual taxes be due and collectible on or before October 15, 2014 and that second half of taxes be due on or before May 15, 2015, and also recommended that an interest of 7.00 percent per annum be charged on all unpaid taxes as of that date.)
- 2 To see if the Town will allow the Town Council to act on their behalf in matters of making necessary transfers among over-drafted accounts when such overdrafts do not exceed ten percent of the approved budget or \$10,000, whichever is larger, and when such transfers will not make the Town's budget as a whole over-drafted.
- 3 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Council to approve payment of bills, pertaining to emergencies and unforeseen expenses, that they deem necessary from the Contingency Account.
- 4 To see if the Town will vote to apply \$731,600 of anticipated revenues against the total amount authorized to be raised by taxation.
- 5 To see if the Town will authorize the Town Council to accept and expend unforeseen funds from insurance settlements, grants, gifts and other limited receipts for the support of a balanced municipal budget with any surplus funds transferring to the fund balance account at the close of the fiscal year.
- 6 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$12,035 for Boards and Council Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
- 7 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$7,500 for Legal Services Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
- 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$83,066 for Municipal Complex Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
- 9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$141,205 for Town Clerk/Elections Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)

<b>10</b>	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$70,410 for Town Manager Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
<b>11</b>	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$8,238 for Safety Compliance Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
<b>12</b>	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$168,086 for Utilities Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
<b>13</b>	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$24,960 for Code Enforcement and Planning Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
<b>14</b>	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$24,606 for Public Library Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
<b>15</b>	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$3,500 for Recreation Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
<b>16</b>	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$24,900 for Welfare Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
<b>17</b>	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$20,300 for Assessor Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
<b>18</b>	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$6,000 for Auditor Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
<b>19</b>	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$10,000 for Contingency Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
<b>20</b>	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$91,465 and expend \$98,000 from fund balance for Debt Service Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
<b>21</b>	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$322,282 for Pensions and Insurances Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
<b>22</b>	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$8,238 for Animal Control Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)

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<b>23</b>	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$32,780 for Dispatcher Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
<b>24</b>	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$1,000 for Emergency Management Agency Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
<b>25</b>	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$63,206 for Fire Department Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
<b>26</b>	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$309,892 for Police Department Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
<b>27</b>	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$19,606 for Rescue Department Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
<b>28</b>	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$750 for Health Officer Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
<b>29</b>	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$334,306 for Public Works Department Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
<b>30</b>	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$123,384 for Solid Waste Department Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
<b>31</b>	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$94,400 for Capital Improvements Budget. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
<b>32</b>	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$187,550 for Reserves Budget (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
<b>33</b>	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$6,104 for Androscoggin County Tax Assessment. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)
<b>34</b>	To see if the Town will vote to expend from the Fund Balance account \$30,000 to meet a local matching funds requirement of up to 25% of a proposed \$125,000 project for drainage improvements on Lane Road. This expenditure will be contingent on approved Hazard Mitigation Grant funding, of the remaining 75%, from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. (Council and Budget Committee So Recommend.)

## Referendum Question

### FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Council to enter a lease/purchase agreement with a lending institution for a term not to exceed 5 years on such terms they deem in the best interests of the Town for the lease/purchase of a 2015 fire truck; to transfer \$160,000 from the Fire/Rescue Reserve Account as a down payment; and to authorize the Council to execute any documents necessary to accomplish said purpose.

#### **Supplemental Information:**

Purchase cost of new truck	\$380,000.00
Down payment	-\$160,000.00
<u>Estimated Interest (@2.72%)*</u>	<u>+/- \$11,964.00</u>
Amount to be leased	+/- \$231,964.00
Annual Payments (5)	+/- \$46,393.00

*\* Actual interest rate can only be estimated at the time of the writing of this question. The interest rate will be determined at the time of signing the lease. The +/- symbol indicates the actual amounts may be slightly higher or lower based on the actual interest rate settled at the time of the lease agreement.*

