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ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

Town of Van Buren

INCORPORATED IN 1881



FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016

(Annual Audit for year ending June 30, 2015)

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Paul R. LePage
GOVERNOR

Dear Citizens of Van Buren:

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

My vision for Maine is prosperity, not poverty. For this reason, one of my top priorities is the reduction and eventual elimination of the income tax. Some are pushing to raise the minimum wage, but I want Mainers to earn a maximum wage. Reducing the income tax is the biggest and most immediate pay raise for all hard-working Mainers.

Not only does an income tax cut put more money back in your pockets, but it will also attract businesses that can offer good-paying careers to keep our young people here in Maine. It shows the nation that we are serious about wanting people and businesses to come—and stay—in Maine.

Another of my priorities is to lower the cost of student debt in Maine. If young people are struggling with too much student debt, they are unable to afford homes or vehicles. We are now offering programs to help them lower their debt, stay in Maine, begin their careers and start families.

To provide good-paying jobs for our young people, we must also work hard to reduce our energy costs. High energy costs are a major factor in driving out manufacturers, mills and other businesses that need low-cost electricity. I am committed to lowering the cost of energy, not only to attract job creators, but also to allow Maine people to heat and power their homes affordably and effectively.

And finally, we are making progress to address the drug pandemic in our state. It is my most important duty to keep the Maine people safe. While education, treatment and prevention efforts are important, we must get the dealers off the streets. I am pleased the Legislature has finally agreed to fund my proposal for more drug agents to stem the supply of deadly opiates flowing into our communities, but our law enforcement agencies are still understaffed. We must do more.

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

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage
Governor



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MESSAGE TO THE CITIZENS OF VAN BUREN

Dear Neighbors:

Thank you for the trust you have placed in me by allowing me to serve as your State Representative in Augusta for the 127th Legislature.

During the 2016 legislative session we will discuss urgent legislation and bills carried over from 2015. All legislative work is scheduled to be completed by mid-April.

Our top priorities for this session include strengthening the economy, growing good-paying jobs and solving the state's drug crisis. We are also committed to ensuring the release of the voter-approved Land for Maine's Future bonds, growing the agricultural sector and investing in broadband and renewable energy so we can boost Maine's economy.

Last year, I authored legislation to authorize a free snowmobile weekend for snowmobilers from Maine, Quebec and New Brunswick to share their trails. Our northern neighbors will have an opportunity to visit some of our finest restaurants and lodging facilities. Maine has some of the finest groomed snowmobile trails in the U.S.A.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns or if you need assistance with state government. I can be reached by email at Danny.Martin@legislature.maine.gov or by phone at 231-1358.

Sincerely,

Roland "Danny" Martin
State Representative

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1904

Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust the people of our State have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments from 2015.

Growing the economy by encouraging job creation was and remains my top priority. The tax-relief bill signed into law at the close of last year contains three key provisions I authored to help foster job creation and provide small businesses with the certainty they need to invest, grow, and, most important, hire new workers. Another provision I authored that became law last year gives a boost to both Maine's economy and traffic safety. This provision permanently changed the federal law that previously had forced the heaviest trucks onto our country roads and downtown streets, rather than allowing them to use Maine's federal Interstates. In addition, I was glad to help secure another significant award for the University of Maine's deepwater offshore wind initiative, which has the potential to advance an emerging industry and create thousands of good jobs in our state.

Maine's historic contributions to our nation's defense must continue. In 2015, I secured funding toward a much-needed additional Navy destroyer, likely to be built at Bath Iron Works. Modernization projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard that I have long advocated for were also completed, as were projects for the Maine National Guard.

I was also deeply involved in crafting the new education reform law to better empower states and communities in setting educational policy for their students. The law also extends a program I co-authored that provides additional assistance to rural schools, which has greatly benefitted our state. A \$250 tax deduction I authored in 2002 for teachers who spend their own money on classroom supplies was also made permanent last year.

As a result of a scientific evaluation of the nutritional value of potatoes required by a law that I wrote, the wholesome fresh potato finally was included in the federal WIC nutrition program. I also worked on other issues important to Maine's farmers and growers, including research on wild blueberries and pollinating bees.

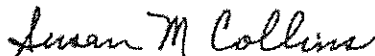
As Chairman of the Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I have made combating veterans' homelessness a priority. This year's housing funding law includes \$60 million for 8,000 new supportive housing vouchers for homeless veterans. Since this program began in 2008, the number of homeless veterans nationwide has dropped by one third. Maine has received nearly 200 vouchers to support homeless veterans.

Last year, I became Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee. My top three priorities for the committee are retirement security, investing more in biomedical research, and fighting fraud and financial abuses targeting our nation's seniors. I advocated for the \$2 billion increase in funding for the National Institutes of Health to advance research on such diseases as diabetes and Alzheimer's. The Senate also unanimously passed my bill to support family caregivers. The Aging Committee's toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for senior citizens to report suspected fraud and receive assistance and has already received more than 1,000 calls.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. As 2015 ended, I cast my 6,072nd consecutive vote, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Van Buren and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Aroostook County Office at (207) 493-7873, or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2016 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

COMMITTEES:
ARMED SERVICES
BUDGET
ENERGY AND
NATURAL RESOURCES
INTELLIGENCE
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Dear Friends of Van Buren:

It has been a privilege to serve the State of Maine since being sworn into the U.S. Senate.

Much of my time in Washington this past year has been devoted to the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Select Committee on Intelligence. Protecting our homeland and the people of Maine from terrorism and violence remains one of my top priorities. Through my work on the Armed Services Committee, I was able to secure several provisions in the 2016 National Defense Authorization Act that benefit Maine. The legislation authorizes the construction of an additional DDG-51 Arleigh Burke Class Destroyer that could be built at Bath Iron Works and expands the HUBZone program to stimulate economic growth at former military installations like the former Brunswick Naval Air Station.

Returning control to teachers, school districts, and states has also been a primary concern of mine. I am encouraged that the Every Student Succeeds Act has become law. It eliminates the burdensome requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act and ensures access to a quality education for all students. A provision I helped author in the bill will give states the opportunity to pilot the use of their own proficiency-based assessments in lieu of federally-mandated standardized tests. Also included in the bill are several measures I secured to promote local input, fund education technology initiatives, and explore new strategies to increase student access to the internet outside of school.

Communities across Maine have taken bold action to improve their broadband connectivity, and I have been proud to foster federal support for these types of projects. My amendments to the Every Student Succeeds Act will promote the type of work already occurring in Washington County, where students who lack broadband access are able to check out mobile hotspots from their local libraries. Additionally, a bill I co-sponsored, the Community Broadband Act, helped pave the way for the FCC to enact rules protecting the ability of municipalities to invest in better broadband. I am excited by Maine's leadership on this important economic development issue and will continue to support local efforts in this area.

After extensive negotiations, the Senate passed a five-year transportation bill that will increase highway and transit funding in Maine and provide stability to improve our transportation infrastructure. The legislation contains provisions I cosponsored to cut red tape and improve predictability and timeliness by streamlining the federal permitting process for large infrastructure projects. Also incorporated in this bill are my provisions to relieve financial regulations on Maine's community banks and credit unions and to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank, a critical tool that supports communities and small business across the state.

Following my inquiries in the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the National Park Service has announced they will begin exploring strategies to allow park visitors to purchase electronic passes online and will pilot the program at Acadia National Park. These passes would improve access to our nation's most treasured landscapes and would generate resources for years to come. I remain deeply engaged in preserving Maine's natural beauty and strengthening our outdoor recreation economy.

It is with solemn responsibility that I have focused my energy addressing the opioid epidemic in Maine. This work includes convening roundtables with a wide-range of health care and law enforcement professionals to combat addiction; introducing a proposal to safely dispose of excess prescription drugs; cosponsoring a

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Senate-passed bill that addresses mothers struggling with addiction and the alarming effect it has on newborns; cosponsoring the TREAT Act, which expands the ability of medical specialists to provide life-saving medication-assisted therapies for patients battling heroin and prescription drug addiction; and calling on the Commander of U.S. Southern Command to increase efforts to stop the flow of heroin at our southern border.

I like to think of Maine as a big small town – and in a small town, the leaders are accessible and eager to listen. In that spirit, I've made it a priority to stay connected with people from all over Maine who e-mail, write, and call with suggestions or questions. If I can ever assist in your interaction with a federal agency, or you have thoughts, concerns, or personal input on a matter that is currently before Congress I hope you will contact me, let me know where you stand, and engage in this critical part of democracy. Please call my toll-free line at **1-800-432-1599** or one of my offices: Augusta (207) 622-8292, Presque Isle (207) 764-5124, Scarborough (207) 883-1588, or Washington, D.C. (202) 224-5344. You can also write me on our website at www.king.senate.gov/contact.

As always, I am honored to represent the people of Maine and look forward to working with you for the betterment of our great state.

Sincerely,



Angus S. King, Jr.
United States Senator

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TOWN OF VAN BUREN
ANNUAL REPORT OF MUNICIPAL ACTIVITIES

July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

Town Meeting Schedule

Polls for elections:

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

8:00AM – 8:00 PM

*The polls for balloting on Elective Town Offices will be held at the
Community Center on Champlain Street.*

Meeting on Warrant Articles

Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 7:00 PM

Action on the Warrant Articles will be conducted at the
M.S.A.D. #24 Auditorium.

COMMITTEE LISTING

As of June 1, 2016

TOWN COUNCIL

Michael Bouchard	Chair	2016
Paul Nadeau	Secretary	2018
Percy "Butch" Berube		2018
Clayton Belanger		2016
Donald Dumond		2017

TOWN MANAGER

Daniel L. McClung

TOWN CLERK

Nancy Troeger		2016
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REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Nancy Troeger		2017
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ASSESSORS AGENT

Anthony Martin

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Anthony Martin

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Chief Michael Bresett II
Van Buren Police Dept.

DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS

Ricky R. Sirois, Public Works Director
Michael Bresett II, Police Chief
Brian Caron, Fire Chief
Peter Laplante, Ambulance Director
Nancy Troeger, Library Director

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Ted Smith (Appointed)	Chair	2017
Gerald Blier (Elected 3-yr)		2017
John Parent (Elected 1-yr)		2016
Gary Levesque (Elected 1-yr)		2016
Peter Ashley (Elected 2-yr)		2016
Fernand Thibodeau (Appointed)		
Balazs Gerebin (Appointed)		
Dominic Lajoie (Appointed)		
Gilman Grandmaison (Appointed)		

COMMISSIONERS OF VAN BUREN HOUSING AUTHORITY

Steve Lapierre, Director		
Daniel Lapointe	Chair	2018
David J Madore		2016
Charles Plourde		2016
Donald Gagnon		2018
Peter Ashley		2019
Joyce Martin		2017
Ronald J. Dumond		2020

CIVIL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DIRECTOR

Vernon Ouellette

HEALTH OFFICER

Peter Laplante

MSAD#24 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

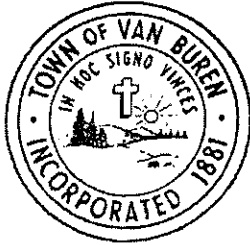
John B. Pelletier	Chair	2016
Anthony Martin		2016
John Parent		2017
Leslie Beaulieu		2018
Stephanie Bresett		2018
Becky Ouellette		2018
Rebecca Smith		2017

VAN BUREN WATER DISTRICT

Philip " Skip" Dumais, Manager		
Daniel Pelletier	Treasurer	2018
Robert Doucette	Chair	2017
Craig Troeger	Clerk	2016

VAN BUREN LIGHT & POWER TRUSTEES

Philip " Skip" Dumais, Manager		
Carl Morrow	Chair	2016
Ronald "Jim" Dumond	Treasurer	2018
Patrick Vaillancourt	Clerk	2017



Town of Van Buren

Assessor's Office

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Inhabitants of Van Buren,

During the 2016 tax year the Town of Van Buren observed a minimal decrease in personal property, but more substantially a decrease in real estate valuation. The biggest driving factor of the real estate valuation decrease is the State's adjustment to the Homestead Exemption. For the 2016-2017 tax year the Homestead Exemption will be \$15,000. The increased exemption will help to reduce the tax bills of qualifying homeowners even if there is a slight increase in the Mill Rate. As always, if you have any questions regarding your valuation, please contact the Town Office.

The following statements and documents are the responsibility of the Board of Assessors. It is the Board of Assessors responsibility to ensure that all documents are both complete and accurate, to the best of their knowledge.

In our opinion, the subsequent documents presented below, fairly represent, in all material respects, the total assessment for the Town of Van Buren, and the results are in conformity with the assessment principles accepted by the State of Maine.

Sincerely,

Anthony Martin, CMA
Assessors' Agent

ASSESSORS' NOTICE

To resident owners, all Inhabitants of the Town of Van Buren, Maine, and all Administrators, Executors, Trustees, etc. of all estates taxable in said Town, such persons are hereby notified to: MAKE AND BRING IN TO THE ASSESSORS [A] TRUE AND PERFECT LISTS OF THEIR ESTATE, REAL AND PERSONAL, not by law exempt from taxation of which they are possessed on the FIRST DAY OF APRIL, 2016, and be prepared to make oath to the truth of the same and to answer all property inquiries in writing as to the nature, situation, and value of ALL property liable to be taxed.

FAILURE TO NOTIFY

And any resident owner who neglects to comply with this notice is hereby barred of the right to make application to the Assessors of the County Commissioners for any abatement of taxes, unless a list is provided, accompanied with satisfaction, as to why the list was unable to be offered at the time appointed.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Do you have a homestead exemption?

Homestead Exemption. This program provides a measure of property tax relief for certain individuals that have owned homestead property in Maine for at least twelve months and make the property they occupy on April first their permanent residence. Property owners would receive an exemption of \$15,000. In order to be eligible for a tax exemption, please notify, IN WRITING THROUGH APPLICATION, the Assessors of the Municipality of Van Buren, together with proof of residency. Once made, it need not be repeated in succeeding years. If an application is not completed by April 1, 2017, the applicant will not be considered for a 2017 homestead exemption.

VETERAN'S EXEMPTION

Are you a veteran?

Veteran Exemption. A veteran who served during a recognized war period and is 62 years or older; or, is receiving 100% disability as a Veteran; or, became 100% disabled while serving, is eligible for \$6,000. In order to be eligible for a tax exemption, please notify, IN WRITING THROUGH APPLICATION, the Assessors of the Municipality of Van Buren, together with proof of residency. Once made, it need not be repeated in succeeding years. If an application is not completed by April 1, 2017, the applicant will not be considered for a 2017 veteran's exemption.

BLIND EXEMPTION

Are you legally blind?

Blind Exemption. An individual who is determined to be legally blind receives \$4,000. In order to be eligible for a tax exemption, please notify, **IN WRITING THROUGH APPLICATION**, the Assessors of the Municipality of Van Buren, together with proof of residency. Once made, it need not be repeated in succeeding years. If an application is not completed by April 1, 2017, the applicant will not be considered for a 2017 blind exemption.

BETE EXEMPTION

ATTENTION ALL BUSINESSES!!!

Business Equipment Tax Exemption (BETE). Partial exemptions must be adjusted by the municipality's certified assessment ratio. All of the above exemptions require completion of an application to the local town office where the property is located. Exemption claims may require additional information to support the claim for exemption, and must be delivered to the Assessor's office no later than April 1. In order to be eligible for a tax exemption, please notify, **IN WRITING THROUGH APPLICATION**, the Assessors of the Municipality of Van Buren, together with a true and perfect list of personal property. The application **MUST** be submitted every year by April 1 in order to qualify for any given year. If an application is not completed by April 1, 2017, the applicant will not be considered for a 2017 BETE exemption. * **RETAIL, SERVICES, & SALES DO NOT QUALIFY FOR BETE¹***. For more information, please contact the Town Office.

PERSONS DOOMED

Any persons or entity neglecting to comply with this notice is hereby barred of the right to make application to the Assessors of the County Commissioners for any abatement of taxes, unless a list is provided, accompanied with satisfaction, as to why the list was unable to be offered at the time appointed.

¹ Retail operations may qualify for BETR. Please contact Maine Revenue Services for more information.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The following is a statement of the *inventory and valuation* of the taxable property, *both real and personal estates*, found in the Town of Van Buren on April, 2016.

ASSESSED REAL ESTATE (TAXABLE²) VALUATION	
Land	\$ 10,338,900.00
Buildings	\$ 48,295,800.00
Total Assessed Real Estate Valuation	<u>\$ 58,634,700.00</u>
Less Exemptions:	
Blind	\$ 0.00
Homestead	\$ 8,190,000.00
Veteran:	
Maine Enlisted	\$ 474,000.00
Non-Maine Enlisted	\$ 72,000.00
Widow	\$ 6,000.00
Total Exempt Real Estate	<u>\$ 8,742,000.00</u>
Total Taxable Real Estate Valuation	<u>\$ 49,892,700.00</u>

ASSESSED PERSONAL PROPERTY (TAXABLE³) VALUATION	
Total Assessed Personal Property Valuation	<u>\$ 3,390,354.00</u>
Less BETE:	
Machinery & Equipment	\$ 395,424.00
Computer Equipment	\$ 5,994.00
Total BETE Exempt Personal Property	<u>\$ 401,418.00</u>
Total Taxable Personal Property Valuation	<u>\$ 2,988,936.00</u>

TOTAL VALUATION BASE: \$52,881,636⁴
PROJECTED MILL RATE: 27.25

² Excludes real estate owned by tax exempt entities and organizations.

³ Excludes personal property owned by tax exempt entities and organizations.

⁴ Information presented is accurate as of June 1, 2016, and *may* change after the commitment of taxes.

Municipal Assessment*

2016-2017

Assessments:

County Tax	\$	75,090.00	
Municipal Appropriation	\$	1,790,575.00	
TIF Financing Plan Amount	\$	0.00	
Local Education Appropriation	\$	568,712.00	
Overlay	\$	12,658.00	
Total Assessments			\$ 2,447,035.00

Deductions:

State Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$	145,000.00	
Homestead Reimbursements	\$	113,406.00	
BETE Reimbursements	\$	5,818.00	
Other Revenues	\$	741,700.00	
Total Deductions			\$ 1,005,924.00

Net Assessment for Commitment **\$ 1,441,111.00**

*This is an estimate of the Net Assessment using the State of Maine's 2016 Enhanced BETE Municipal Tax Rate Calculation Form. The actual Net Assessment can only be determined after the Town Budget has been passed by the voters and a mill rate set by the Town Council.



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Gateway
To The
St. John Valley

Report of the Town Manager

To the Town Council and Citizens of Van Buren:

I am very excited to submit my second letter of transmittal to the citizens of Van Buren. It is hard to believe that two years have passed since I accepted the job as your Town Manager but the time has passed quickly and I believe we have been productive as a town. I am excited about the possibilities that are in front of us and feel that together we can accomplish a great deal in the upcoming year.

I am pleased that the town expense budget presented this year is over \$66,000 lower than the approved budget from last year. The Town Council and Budget Committee have put forth a solid effort to reduce expenses and not impact services to our community.

I believe we need to focus on economic development initiatives and funding opportunities that will benefit the town. We have an ageing infrastructure that needs upgrading and I am pleased that we were able to complete extensive paving projects this year and will complete a sewer upgrade in the summer of 2016 that will greatly enhance the quality of our sewer lines. We are planning additional paving projects this year and are discussing the next significant project to continue the enhancements to our sewer systems.

There are two Town Council seats open this year and I sincerely hope that the town elects new Council members that will have the best interests of the town at heart and assist in continuing our existing projects and strategies. I am thankful that the Council this year was strategic and willing to work hard to improve Van Buren and maintain a high quality of life for our residents.

I am honored to be your Town Manager and know that together we can make great strides in improving what we already have. I would like to thank my family, my staff, the Town Council, the Budget Committee, and all of the wonderful volunteers that give their time and effort to benefit the town. We are truly fortunate to have the things that we do in Van Buren and my goals are to enhance and improve what we already have and explore all possibilities of new and exciting opportunities.

I look forward to a great year and hope to meet and work with as many of you as possible.

Respectfully submitted,


Daniel McClung

TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

June 1, 2016

To the Citizens of Van Buren:

The Town Council has made many changes in the past year to keep the services to the citizens of Van Buren. It is getting harder each year to do this without cutting services needed to meet our needs. Our tax base has been declining each year, funding and grants from the State and Federal Governments are declining and the cost of getting the grants are on the rise. The State of Maine Legislature is in a grid lock on Revenue Sharing. They are putting a bigger burden on the Town's tax payer.

We wish to thank our Town Manager, Dan McClung, for his long hours, hard work and dedication in keeping us well informed and getting us the right tools to make our decisions in making this town a better place to live.

The Council wishes to thank the Department Heads for helping us make the changes in Town government, to save money and to keep our services. We want to thank all our town employees for their dedication and hard work in providing these services to the people of our town.

The Council voted to have a complete reevaluation of the Town. This will take part in a two-year period. For 2016-2017, the land value will be looked at and updated. This will show up on the tax base in 2017-2018. The next part will be the real estate values which may take up to two years to complete. This will help in making a fair value on our taxpayer. The last evaluation was done over fifteen years ago.

Our committees, board members and volunteers serving our town have built up and more people are stepping up to take a role in making Van Buren a strong place to live. Thank you. Anyone who is willing to serve on the town committees, please contact any council member or our town manager for openings. Your service to our Town will be greatly appreciated and welcomed.

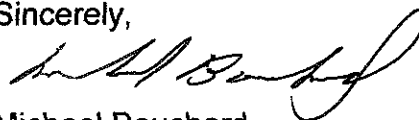
To our service clubs who are helping to bring people from the outside to visit and spend time enjoying what we have to offer, thank you for making them feel welcomed and at home.

To our store owners, service businesses, our commercial and farming owners, thank you for the jobs which you provide to the people of Van Buren, the dedication and support which you are giving to our community.

Lastly, I wish to thank my fellow councilmen for the hard work, dedication and support you have put in for the benefit of our town. I personally wish to thank all of you for the support you have given to me as Chairman of the Council.

As Chairman and fellow Councilors, we wish to thank the people of Van Buren for all your support, comments and taking the time to talk to us to voice your opinion. We are proud to be residents of Van Buren.

Sincerely,



Michael Bouchard
Chairman of the Van Buren Town Council

Town Clerk Annual Report

Reporting statistics for 2015 births, marriages, and deaths:

Births	26
Marriages	9
Deaths	53

Vital record books on file at the Town Office:

Birth	1838 to Present
Marriages	1899 to Present
Deaths	1899 to Present

The following fees are set by the State of Maine:

Marriage License	\$40
Certified copies of birth, marriage & death certificates	\$15
Addition Certified copies (if purchased at same time)	\$6
Non-certified copies*	\$10

*State recommendation

Annual dog registration begins in October and the fees are:

Neuter/Spay	\$6
Unaltered	\$11

To avoid the late fee of \$25, you must register your dog(s) before January 31st.

The Municipal Election will be held Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at the Van Buren Community Center. Polls are open from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.

The Annual Town Meeting will be held Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Van Buren High School Auditorium.

General Government's Annual Report

As another year is about to come to an end, we are pleased to say it went very smooth. Our audit was done soon after the close of the fiscal year, which hasn't happened in years. The office morale continues to improve and we are all working together for a common goal.

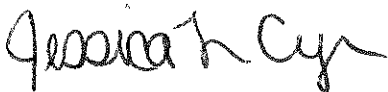
The Town's website www.vanburenmaine.com and Facebook accounts have been great at keeping the public informed with events, job openings, deadlines and closures. On the website you can view town ordinances, tax cards, property maps and upcoming events/projects. To save yourself time, you can also print a variety of applications, from building permits to tax exemption applications and even some state applications.

The pay online services have been successfully running for a year now. You can access the links through our website. Residents can re-register their vehicles and trailers online using either an e-check or credit/debit card; if using an e-check there are no additional fees, however if using a credit/debit card there is an additional 2% charge. You can also re-register your boat, atv and snowmobile online, as well as purchase a hunting and/or fishing license. In order to utilize the real estate online payment service, you will need to know your account number and be current, non-lien status. To make a waste water payment you will need your account number; any payments that are submitted will be applied to the older balances.

We will continue to do our best at providing the level of service that you, the Citizens of Van Buren have come to know, expect and most importantly deserve. We are here for you at the Town Office and look forward to serving you. Town office and staff hours are Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the exception of the last business day of the month closing at 4 p.m. for reconciling.

In closing, we would first like to thank you, the Citizens of Van Buren for all your patience, support, and encouraging words. Thank you to the Town Manager, the Town Council, Department Heads and the rest of the staff.


Respectfully Yours,



Jessica L. Cyr
Wastewater Collector/Deputy Clerk/Motor
Vehicle Agent



Anthony Martin
Tax Assessor/Code
Enforcement Officer



Heather L. Dumond
Deputy Tax Collector/Deputy Clerk



Michael Ouellette
Bookkeeper

2016 Annual Report for the Van Buren Police Department

On behalf of the Van Buren police Department, I am pleased to submit this year's annual report to the citizens of Van Buren. I would like to start this year's report by thanking our Town Council, Town Manager, and the community members for their continued support of the Police department.

The police department is made up of three full-time officers. The full-time officers are a police chief, patrol sergeant, and a patrol officer. The department also relies on reserve officers to assist with shift coverage. The police department continually trains it's officers so that the department maintains the highest level of proficiency. Currently, we have an officer assigned and trained to investigate all sex crimes within the town. This officer is also a member of the Aroostook County Computer Crimes Task Force. Other specialized training includes a Drug Recognition Expert, Advanced Crime Scene Investigations, Drug Interdiction/Detection, and Firearms Instructor. With the Firearms Instructor training we have been able to provide handgun safety courses to residents of our community. We are anticipating a new firearms range in Van Buren. This will only add to the frequency of safety course's offered in our area.

The crime rate has remained consistent over the past five years; however the crime trend has shifted. The Van Buren Police Department has seen a substantial increase in drug related crimes. Van Buren has also seen an increase in the drug "Heroin". We also continue to struggle with pharmaceuticals. These drugs and their addictive qualities can rapidly have a negative impact upon a community. It is for this reason the police department has stepped up it's efforts to confront this problem. Our collaborative relationship with various state and federal agencies, combined with our proactive enforcement, has yielded positive results. The Van Buren Police Department continues to collect unused medications and sharps from residents. This collection limits the often highly sought after prescriptions within our community while simultaneously disposing of them properly.

The Police department continues to call on the community to assist in apprehending offenders who attempt to poison our youth with drugs, engage in other criminal activities and who would otherwise compromise the safety of our community. There is a direct correlation between a community's support for public safety officers and the effectiveness of those departments. The Van Buren Police Department's successes are a reflection of the positive relationships between community members and the officers. We thank you for your assistance and greatly appreciate your continued support.

Michael Bresett, M.S.
Police Chief
Van Buren Police Department

Brian R Caron, Fire Chief
Van Buren Fire Department
51 Main Street, Suite 101
Van Buren, Maine 04785



TO: The Residents of Van Buren,
Cyr Plantation, Hamlin and VB Cove T17-R3 (Long Lake)

May 31, 2016

As in past years, we have been busy maintain our stations and fleet of Fire Fighting vehicles and equipment, which we are very proud of. One of our most important roles as firefighters is making sure the annual training requirement of our firefighter are completed. We were also fortunate to get additional State Certified Training including EVOC, HAZMAT OPS, S130-190. Just recently we were able to meet with a Maine Fire Training Coordinator to set up a Firefighter qualification training program for newer members.

We were able to get a state instructor up here for FREE...to get all Firefighters EVOC certified,(emergency vehicle operation certification). This was a 16 plus hour certification course including a driver qualification test, which all firefighters successfully passed. Also the Aroostook County EMA office sponsored a Hazmat Awareness & Operations level class with hands on practical test giving us a lot of Hazmat knowledge. This course was a 24 hour certification course.

The most recent training was the Forestry S130-190. This class is to be able to fight Forest Fires and how to use forestry tools (hand tools, portable pumps, water sources, radio communications, fire shelters etc.) This class had 16 plus class room hours and 10 hands on (field) hours. This gives the VBFD the capabilities to work hand in hand with the Maine forest service and the equipment that they use on forest fires.

Lastly the Fire department has applied for a FEMA / FAG (Fire Act Grant) to replace aging equipment that no longer meets NFPA standards. This includes; all brass 1 ½" attack line hose, a hose testing machine that will allow us to test the hose to current NFPA standards, a Thermal Imaging Camera that will replace a 20 year old camera, new SCBA carbon fiber bottles, structural firefighting gear for the entire dept. The total project cost is \$160,000.00. If we are awarded this grant, we will be obligated to pay 5% which will be \$8000 I think that would be a good deal if we are approved.

In closing I would like to Thank All Who Support the Fire Dept. and all the Fire Fighters, spouses and families on the fire department for their dedication!!!

BE SAFE!!

Sincerely, Brian Caron
Van Buren Fire Chief

**Town of Van Buren
Highway Department
375 Main Street
Van Buren, Maine 04785**

The Van Buren Highway consists of one director and four employees who maintain the town's infrastructure and roadways.

Our fleet of equipment and tools require regular maintenance. The fleet consists of two plow trucks, one motor grader, one pay loader, one backhoe loader, one street sweeper, one sidewalk snowplowing tractor and four snow hauling trucks. The town purchased a new Volvo L90 payloader; the loader is the backbone of our daily operations.

The following is a partial list of services and tasks provided to the residents of Van Buren:


- Respond to a wide variety of questions, complaints, and suggestions (street damage, drain problems, downed trees)
- Maintain roadways, curbs, and sidewalks
- Maintain and/or replace culverts and catch basins
- Install and maintain roadway signage and road markings
- Sweep/clean town streets and sidewalks
- Patch potholes
- Mow lawns
- Brush removal
- Snow plowing and snow removal from roads, sidewalks and town parking lots

The goal of this department is to provide the citizens and visitors of our community a safe and healthy environment in which to live, work and play.

In part, these goals are to:

- provide the community with a safe and efficient roadway and walkway system.
- sustain a properly operating storm water drainage system.
- minimize disruption during maintenance of the town's infrastructure.
- maintain a safe and efficient town fleet.
- ensure a safe and healthy work place for town employees

Respectfully,

Rick Sirois 
Public Works Director

Town of Van Buren
Recycling Center & Transfer Station
Van Buren, Maine 04785
(207) 868-5875 Fax (207) 868-2222
vbwastewater@live.com

During fiscal year 2015/2016 the Van Buren Recycling and Transfer Station saw more residents recycling then in the years past. Recycling keeps your cost to Congerno Landfill down.

Some of the items that can be recycled:


Newspapers
Cardboard
No.2 Plastics
Milk containers
Detergent Bottles
Television sets
Computers
Other electronic devises

Please speak to the recycling attendant if you have any questions on what can or cannot be recycled.

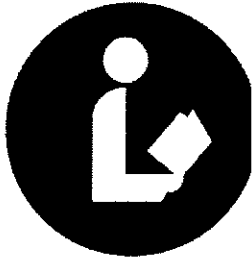
Reasons to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

- Energy and resources are wasted whenever an item goes to landfill
- Raw materials are a limited resource – we might not always be able to replace what we throw away
- Less landfill means less pollution – and a cleaner, greener Maine

Respectfully,

Rick Sirois 
Public Works Director





Abel J. Morneault Memorial Library
153 Main Street
Van Buren, Maine 04785
(207) 868-5076
www.vanburenmaine.com
Visit us on Facebook



HOURS OF OPERATION

Sunday and Monday - - - - - CLOSED
 Tuesday thru Thursday - - - - - 10 AM to 6 PM
 Friday - - - - - 10 AM to 5 PM
 Saturday - - - - - 11 AM to 2 PM

10 Reasons to Visit YOUR Library this year.

1. Almost everything is FREE! (B&W copies 10 cents each.)
2. You can check out books and read them for free.
3. You can borrow other items for free like DVDs, audio books, magazines, and e-books.
4. Your library has free high speed Internet, up to 100Mbps.
5. You can always use the library PC computers for free. (We allow you 1 hour.)
6. Wi-Fi is free and it is on 24 hours a day. And it's safe because we comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). Ask to read our Internet Safety Policy anytime.
7. We specialize in local history and the Martine A. Pelletier Special Collection Room is filled with genealogy books, historic photos, documents and other materials available for you to use to research your family history. Also, *Ancestry.com* is available and free to use at the library, on your computer or on one of ours.
8. Need government paperwork? Need tax forms or job applications? Need to check your bank statement? Most State and Federal government agencies have online forms and applications that we can help you find and download.
9. Your library is not just a place to read and study quietly. You can meet your friends here. Our Early Childhood Learning Center is designed for families with young children and it is great place to schedule a play date.
10. ...Finally, if you have questions of any kind, we have answers or we'll find them for you. So stop in and find out what your library can do for you this year.

Thanks to everyone who supports our library with gifts of books, money, or volunteer time. Your generosity helps to make our library a beautiful and vibrant place.

**Town of Van Buren
WasteWater Department
133 Jackson Street
Van Buren, Maine 04785
(207) 868-3975 Fax (207) 868-2222
vbwastewater@live.com**

In 2015, the Van Buren Wastewater Treatment Plant treated over 260,000 gallons of sewage sludge. Infiltration continues to be a problem throughout our collection system. Homeowners can do their part by removing sump pumps and roof drains from the sewer system.

The treatment plant and two pump stations received new pumps this year. This project was funded entirely from wastewater surplus and C.I.P. funding.

Successful grants and low interest loans from rural development and CGBG will help fund the Ferry Street and High Street Sewer Replacement Project. This project should get underway soon.

We've recently been experiencing an alarming number of clogged sewer lines and clogged sewer pumps because of foreign material being flushed down the toilets or poured down drains. The sewer lines and sewer pumps stations are designed to handle water, human waste and tissue paper only.


Examples of what **should not** be flushed down toilets or poured down drains are as follows:

- Baby wipes, toilet wipes, towelettes, disinfecting wipes, or cloth wipes of any kind (even if the container indicates that they are "flushable")
- Paper (other than toilet paper/tissue)
- Medications
- Feminine hygiene products of any kind
- Beauty products, Q-tips, dental floss
- Grease of any kind – especially cooking grease
- Pesticides, fertilizers, paint, varnish and paint removers
- Motor oil, anti-freeze, gasoline or any explosive material

All of the above items mentioned should be thrown out with your household trash or disposed of properly. Remember... only water, human waste and tissue paper should be flushed down toilets. Clogged sewer lines and pumps lead to sewer backups into homes, which are expensive to clean and repair. This cost is incurred by you the sewer rate payer.

The Waste Water Rate committee and Town Council both recommended a 2% rate increase this upcoming year.

Respectfully,

Rick Sirois 
Chief Operator

TOWN OF VAN BUREN

Annual Wastewater Rate Schedule

Residential:

R1:	\$287.15	Residential/Apartment (each unit)
R2:	\$543.84	with Business
R3:	\$717.88	with High Usage Business

Commercial:

C1:	\$543.84	Commercial No Public Facility
C2:	\$717.88	Commercial Public Facility/High Usage
C3:	\$1,005.02	Restaurants/Bars
C4:	\$3,589.36	Hospital/Boarding/Nursing < or=50 + *
C5:	\$4,785.82	Hospital/Boarding/Nursing > 50 + *

Industrial:

I1:	\$1,152.95	Any < or = 25 employees
I2:	\$2,392.91	Any < or = 50 employees
I3:	\$4,785.82	Any > 50 employees

* = \$88.00 per bed

Government:

G1:	\$1,392.24	Govt < or = 10 employees/customers + **
G2:	\$3,589.36	Govt < or = 25 employees/customers + **
G3:	\$4,785.82	Govt < or = 50 employees/customers + **
G4:	\$7,178.73	Govt < or = 100 employees/customers + **
G5:	\$10,180.75	Govt > 100 employees/customers + **

Civic:

V1:	\$287.15	Religious
V2:	\$717.88	Organizations

** = \$88.00 per jail/holding cell

Town Council has the final decision on setting, amending, adjusting and abating any and all fees listed or not listed, as needed. The following definitions should be used to determine which classification all customers would fall within. If the Council feels a customer does not fall within any listed classification, they may determine a rate for that particular customer. This rate schedule supersedes all previous schedules and should be reviewed and if applicable adjusted annually.

Rate Classification Definitions

R1 – Single family home, each duplex or apartment unit attached or non-attached at the same location are a combined total.

R2 – Same as R1 with a business operated out of the same location attached or non-attached.

R3 – Residential unit with a business such as a child daycare facility, beauty salon, green house or any other business considered high water usage.

C1 – A commercial entity without any public facilities available and is used by employees only; facilities such as a service office or retail.

C2 – A commercial entity with public facilities available for use on a minimal basis or a commercial entity with no public facilities available but has high usage; facilities such as service stations, car washes, funereal homes, and any other facilities meeting the above criteria.

C3 – Same as C2 but have been identified as unique commercial entities with public facilities available with major high usage; facilities such as restaurants and bars)

C4 – Hospitals, boarding homes, nursing homes have been designated as a unique commercial entity with less than or equal to 50 employees/customers or combination thereof.

C5 – Same as C4 with more than 50 employees/customers or combination thereof.

I1 – An industrial entity with less than or equal to 25 employees.

I2 – Same as I1 but with less than or equal to 50 employees.

I3 – Same as I1 but with more than 50 employees.

G1 - A federal, state or local government entity with less than or equal to 10 employees or customers housed on a regular basis within that facility.

G2- A federal, state or local government entity with less than or equal to 25 employees or customers housed on a regular basis within that facility.

G2 – Same as G1 but with less than or equal to 50 employees/customers.

G3 - Same as G1 but with less than or equal to 100 employees/customers.

G4 - Same as G1 but with more than 100 employees/customers.

V1 – Religious organizations such as churches or rectories.


V2 – Organizations include profit or non-profit clubs or civic organizations.

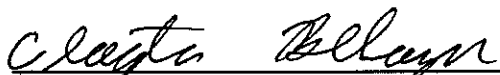
This rate schedule has been approved this 28th day of May, 2016 by the following:


Michael Bouchard, Chairman

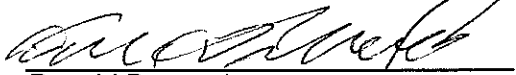

Daniel McClung, Town Manager


Paul Nadeau, Secretary


Witness


Clayton Belanger


Percy "Butch" Berube


Donald Dumond

Delinquent Wastewater Listing as of June 1, 2016

*** amounts include principal, interest & costs***

Acct #	Customer	2nd Qtr	2010 to	2011 to	2012 to	2013 to	2014 to
		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
2	Adams, Stacy						\$ 354.70
721	Ayotte, Tina Marie					\$ 651.88	\$ 648.65
49	Bouchard, Anita						\$ 354.70
55	Bouchard, Patricia						\$ 368.18
111	Byram, Sharon					\$ 376.60	\$ 354.70
195	Caron, Lance						\$ 150.84
94	Castonguay, Peter						\$ 361.44
103	Chasse, Gerald J						\$ 354.70
105	Chasse, Gerald J						\$ 354.70
106	Chasse, Gerald J						\$ 648.65
107	Chasse, Gerald J						\$ 354.70
108	Chasse, Gerald J						\$ 648.65
109	Chasse, Gerald J						\$ 354.70
110	Chasse, Gerald J						\$ 354.70
112	Chasse, Gerald J						\$ 354.70
113	Chasse, Gerald J						\$ 354.70
114	Chasse, Gerald J						\$ 354.70
763	Chasse, Gerald J						\$ 354.70
279	Clabaugh, Kathy						\$ 354.70
122	Clavette, Renald						\$ 655.39
536	Clavette, Rita						\$ 368.18
537	Clavette, Rita						\$ 368.18
538	Clavette, Rita						\$ 368.18
539	Clavette, Rita						\$ 956.09
541	Clavette, Rita						\$ 368.18
542	Clavette, Rita						\$ 1,250.05
545	Clavette, Rita						\$ 368.18
548	Clavette, Rita						\$ 368.18
124	Clingan, Daniel						\$ 366.74
271	Coats, Bridget						\$ 354.70
799	Cormier, Harold Jr						\$ 931.65
633	Coventry, Michael						\$ 361.44
164	Cyr, Jennifer						\$ 255.45
189	De Wachter, Lisa M						\$ 374.92
192	Defosse, Michelle						\$ 354.70
275	Gagnon, Anthelm						\$ 361.44
276	Gagnon, Armance B						\$ 361.44
283	Gagnon, Eric						\$ 361.44
16	Garcia, Jesus M. Jr.						\$ 648.65
300	Garcia, Michael						\$ 107.58
456	Helms, Terry						\$ 1,243.31
634	Kennedy, Heidi						\$ 334.70
368	Labreck, Lisa M						\$ 354.70
403	Lapointe, Kevin						\$ 352.46
442	Levesque, Gerald Jr.						\$ 259.97
519	Michaud, Brenda						\$ 144.60
532	Michaud, Reginald M						\$ 354.70
533	Michaud, Richard B						\$ 361.28
560	Montgomery, Robert A						\$ 354.70
562	Moore, Alexander						\$ 354.70
656	Parker, Pauline						\$ 361.29
667	Pelletier, Roland Jr (B)	\$ 140.71	\$ 403.34	\$ 386.45	\$ 320.45	\$ 302.94	\$ 388.40
48	Rockhold, Kim						\$ 1,109.80
123	RPJ Valley Apartments						\$ 361.44
729	Ruest, Marcel J						\$ 381.66
695	Schultz, Jacqueline						\$ 648.65
738	Searles, Roger E						\$ 354.70
739	Searles, Rose Marie						\$ 648.65
811	St Pierre, Kevin						\$ 374.92
530	The Bank of NewYork Mellon						\$ 361.44
741	The Willows Venture Group					\$ 1,253.15	\$ 1,205.39
446	Valley Carpentry, LLC						\$ 354.70
825	Varley, Eleanor						\$ 910.91
703	Vaughan, Wayne F						\$ 361.40
130	Willette, Pamela M						\$ 238.73
Totals		\$ 140.71	\$ 403.34	\$ 386.45	\$ 320.45	\$ 2,584.57	\$ 29,525.47

Van Buren Ambulance Department
51 Main Street, Suite 101
Van Buren, Maine 04785
 207-868-2251 / FAX: 207-868-2222



To the Citizens of Van Buren:

Van Buren Ambulance Service had 776 calls for service for the calendar year ending 12/31/2015. Through the end of May 2016, we have already responded to 378 calls for service – nearly 50 calls higher than where we were at this time last year. This data for can be found at www.memsrr.org by clicking on the map on the right hand side and searching for Van Buren. The 2015 transport totals are broken down as follows:

Location	Number of runs
Cyr Plantation	5
Grand Isle	38
Hamlin	19
Long Distance Transfers (Bangor, etc.,)	3
Long Lake	0
Van Buren	626
Other (Transfers to Borderview, etc...)	85

We are pleased to have been able to finalize a contract with the Teamsters Union which went into effect earlier this year. Since the contract has been signed, we have filled our full-time vacancies and are currently at 6 full-time employees. We are still constantly looking for part-time individuals and there are quite a few training opportunities out there. If anyone is interested in becoming an EMT and helping to serve your community, please contact me and I will provide you with the information on these opportunities.

Our EMT course offered last summer went well. Two of our current full-time employees are students from that course. Additionally, a majority of our current EMT's are in various stages of continuing their education. Four of our six full-time employees and one of our part-time employees are in various stages of completing the education process of becoming Paramedics. By this time next year we should have five paramedics on staff, four of them in a full-time capacity. I want to take this time to congratulate Crystal Michaud and Angela LaPlante on recently becoming licensed AEMT's and Amanda Skidgel on graduating from the Paramedic program at Northern Maine Community College. It is an intensive 2 ½ year course of study to complete the Paramedic program and they should be very proud of their accomplishments. Our service is very fortunate to have employees that have the drive to advance in license levels and help improve the quality of care offered by Van Buren Ambulance Service.

Earlier this year we took delivery of two new Stryker Stretchers to replace our old ones that had seen the end of their life span. It was a much needed, though expensive, replacement. We will need to be looking at the replacement of our 2009 ambulance in the very near future and also looking at being able to replace our Lifepak 12 cardiac monitors which are nearing the end of their support life from the manufacturer.

We currently have four American Heart Association CPR instructors on staff and we have been busy offering CPR, First Aid and Bloodborne Pathogen courses throughout the community. We will be looking at offering CPR training in the community at some point this summer if there is enough of an interest. In the meantime, if your group or organization is in need of any of these courses, please contact me and we will try to set up a course that will meet your needs.

I want to take this time to thank the citizens of Van Buren, Grand Isle, Hamlin and Cyr Plantation for their continued support as well as the Town Manager and other officials from all of these communities. Without your support, we would not be able to provide the services we have been. I am looking forward to working with everyone in the upcoming year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter LaPlante, EMT-P
 Ambulance Director



Proven Expertise and Integrity

March 3, 2016

Board of Selectmen
Town of Van Buren, Maine
Van Buren, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Van Buren and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Van Buren as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2015 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, is available for inspection at the Town Office.

Included herein are:

Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Budgetary Basis – Budget and Actual – General Fund	Schedule 1
Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds	Statement C
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds	Statement E
Schedule of Departmental Operations – General Fund	Schedule A
Combining Balance Sheet – Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule B
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule C

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TOWN OF VAN BUREN, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1	\$ 548,726	\$ 548,726	\$ 548,726	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property Taxes	1,384,106	1,384,106	1,412,715	28,609
Excise Taxes	346,000	346,000	344,948	(1,052)
Intergovernmental Revenues:				
State Revenue Sharing	146,275	146,275	153,224	6,949
Homestead Reimbursement	59,749	59,749	72,743	12,994
Local Road Assistance	33,460	33,460	30,840	(2,620)
Other	16,892	16,892	19,783	2,891
Interest Income	3,000	3,000	6,321	3,321
Interest on Taxes/Lien Costs	18,500	18,500	26,113	7,613
Charges for Services	273,343	273,707	254,816	(18,891)
Miscellaneous Revenues	54,802	54,802	38,107	(16,695)
Transfers from Other Funds	-	-	-	-
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>2,884,853</u>	<u>2,885,217</u>	<u>2,908,336</u>	<u>23,119</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General Government	581,272	581,272	595,037	(13,765)
Public Safety	497,127	514,922	487,470	27,452
Public Works	496,875	496,875	467,983	28,892
Education	505,044	505,044	505,044	-
County Tax	69,785	69,785	69,782	3
Recreation and Culture	37,225	47,925	42,202	5,723
Health and Welfare	14,720	14,720	19,055	(4,335)
Economic and Community Development	45,965	45,965	23,665	22,300
Library	50,100	53,400	47,216	6,184
Streets	55,000	125,853	-	125,853
Unclassified	55,414	60,566	47,027	13,539
Transfers to Other Funds	-	-	28,160	(28,160)
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>2,408,527</u>	<u>2,516,327</u>	<u>2,332,641</u>	<u>183,686</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$ 476,326</u>	<u>\$ 368,890</u>	<u>\$ 575,695</u>	<u>\$ 206,805</u>
Utilization of Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 72,400	\$ 72,400	\$ -	\$ (72,400)
Utilization of Assigned Fund Balance	-	105,005	-	(105,005)
Utilization of Restricted Fund Balance	-	2,431	-	(2,431)
	<u>\$ 72,400</u>	<u>\$ 179,836</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (179,836)</u>

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT C

TOWN OF VAN BUREN, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2015

	General Fund	Revolving Loan Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,417,302	\$ 221,788	\$ 96,730	\$ 1,735,820
Investments	355,978	-	78,176	434,154
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):				
Taxes	171,762	-	-	171,762
Liens	88,328	-	-	88,328
Other	7,952	-	-	7,952
Tax acquired property	1,246	-	-	1,246
Loans receivable	-	378,268	-	378,268
Due from other funds	34,202	-	653,536	687,738
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,076,770	\$ 600,056	\$ 828,442	\$ 3,505,268
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ 172,483	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 172,483
Other liabilities	7,035	-	-	7,035
Due to other funds	1,094,918	33,891	311	1,129,120
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,274,436	33,891	311	1,308,638
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Prepaid taxes	6,110	-	-	6,110
Deferred tax revenue	220,529	-	-	220,529
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	226,639	-	-	226,639
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	1,246	-	-	1,246
Restricted	2,584	566,165	222,314	791,063
Committed	-	-	549,552	549,552
Assigned	125,853	-	56,576	182,429
Unassigned	446,012	-	(311)	445,701
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	575,695	566,165	828,131	1,969,991
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 2,076,770	\$ 600,056	\$ 828,442	\$ 3,505,268

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TOWN OF VAN BUREN, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	General Fund	Revolving Loan Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	\$ 1,412,715	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,412,715
Excise taxes	344,948	-	-	344,948
Intergovernmental revenues	276,590	-	-	276,590
Charges for services	254,816	-	-	254,816
Miscellaneous revenues	70,541	7,988	145,927	224,456
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>2,359,610</u>	<u>7,988</u>	<u>145,927</u>	<u>2,513,525</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government	595,037	-	-	595,037
Public safety	487,470	-	-	487,470
Public works	467,983	-	-	467,983
Education	505,044	-	-	505,044
County tax	69,782	-	-	69,782
Recreation & culture	42,202	-	-	42,202
Health & welfare	19,055	-	-	19,055
Economic and community development	23,665	-	-	23,665
Library	47,216	-	-	47,216
Unclassified	47,027	7,501	125,742	180,270
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>2,304,481</u>	<u>7,501</u>	<u>125,742</u>	<u>2,437,724</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>55,129</u>	<u>487</u>	<u>20,185</u>	<u>75,801</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	-	28,160	28,160
Transfers (out)	(28,160)	-	-	(28,160)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(28,160)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,160</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	26,969	487	48,345	75,801
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	548,726	565,678	779,786	1,894,190
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 575,695</u>	<u>\$ 566,165</u>	<u>\$ 828,131</u>	<u>\$ 1,969,991</u>

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SCHEDULE A

TOWN OF VAN BUREN, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
General Government -					
General government	\$ 581,272	\$ -	\$ 581,272	\$ 594,914	\$ (13,642)
Medicare/Social Security	-	-	-	123	(123)
	<u>581,272</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>581,272</u>	<u>595,037</u>	<u>(13,765)</u>
Public Safety -					
Animal control	-	2,795	2,795	211	2,584
Police department	215,987	15,000	230,987	212,180	18,807
Fire department	82,940	-	82,940	83,125	(185)
Fire extinguisher	700	-	700	543	157
Hydrant rentals	157,500	-	157,500	153,493	4,007
Street lights	40,000	-	40,000	37,918	2,082
	<u>497,127</u>	<u>17,795</u>	<u>514,922</u>	<u>487,470</u>	<u>27,452</u>
Public Works -					
Highway department	292,655	-	292,655	289,490	3,165
Recycling center	204,220	-	204,220	178,493	25,727
	<u>496,875</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>496,875</u>	<u>467,983</u>	<u>28,892</u>
Education	505,044	-	505,044	505,044	-
County Tax	69,785	-	69,785	69,782	3

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF VAN BUREN, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Recreation and Culture -					
Recreation department	37,225	10,700	47,925	42,202	5,723
	<u>37,225</u>	<u>10,700</u>	<u>47,925</u>	<u>42,202</u>	<u>5,723</u>
Health and Welfare -					
General assistance	4,500	-	4,500	8,835	(4,335)
Shelter expense - homeless	2,370	-	2,370	2,370	-
Catholic Charities	3,500	-	3,500	3,500	-
ACAP	435	-	435	435	-
AAA on Aging	3,915	-	3,915	3,915	-
	<u>14,720</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,720</u>	<u>19,055</u>	<u>(4,335)</u>
Economic and Community Development -					
Economic development	45,965	-	45,965	23,665	22,300
	<u>45,965</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,965</u>	<u>23,665</u>	<u>22,300</u>
Library	50,100	3,300	53,400	47,216	6,184

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF VAN BUREN, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Streets -					
Resurfacing	55,000	70,853	125,853	-	125,853
	<u>55,000</u>	<u>70,853</u>	<u>125,853</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125,853</u>
Unclassified -					
Recognition night	1,500	-	1,500	1,757	(257)
Van Buren Cove lease	375	-	375	-	375
Memorial Day	500	-	500	500	-
NMDC	-	-	-	3,177	(3,177)
Boat landing	1,000	-	1,000	263	737
St. John Valley Soil & Water	651	-	651	-	651
Maine Acadian Heritage Council	200	-	200	200	-
VB Chamber of Commerce	12,500	-	12,500	12,500	-
Northern Maine Veterans Cemetery	100	-	100	100	-
Leave accrual reserve	-	5,152	5,152	2,712	2,440
World Acadian Congress	15,000	-	15,000	3,333	11,667
Toys for Tots	250	-	250	-	250
Miscellaneous	1,500	-	1,500	640	860
Special funds	800	-	800	800	-
Town cemetery	4,500	-	4,500	5,300	(800)
Overlay	16,538	-	16,538	15,745	793
	<u>55,414</u>	<u>5,152</u>	<u>60,566</u>	<u>47,027</u>	<u>13,539</u>
Transfers to Other Funds -					
Capital projects funds	-	-	-	28,160	(28,160)
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,160</u>	<u>(28,160)</u>
Totals	\$ 2,408,527	\$ 107,800	\$ 2,516,327	\$ 2,332,641	\$ 183,686

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SCHEDULE B

TOWN OF VAN BUREN, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2015

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 39,764	\$ -	\$ 56,966	\$ 96,730
Investments	-	-	78,176	78,176
Due from other funds	102,034	549,552	1,950	653,536
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 141,798</u>	<u>\$ 549,552</u>	<u>\$ 137,092</u>	<u>\$ 828,442</u>
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due to other funds	311	-	-	311
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>311</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>311</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-
Restricted	85,222	-	137,092	222,314
Committed	-	549,552	-	549,552
Assigned	56,576	-	-	56,576
Unassigned	(311)	-	-	(311)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>141,487</u>	<u>549,552</u>	<u>137,092</u>	<u>828,131</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 141,798</u>	<u>\$ 549,552</u>	<u>\$ 137,092</u>	<u>\$ 828,442</u>

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TOWN OF VAN BUREN, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses)	\$ 55	\$ -	\$ 2,688	\$ 2,743
Other income	141,234	-	1,950	143,184
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>141,289</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,638</u>	<u>145,927</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Other	125,617	-	125	125,742
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>125,617</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>125,742</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>15,672</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,513</u>	<u>20,185</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	28,160	-	28,160
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>-</u>	<u>28,160</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,160</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	15,672	28,160	4,513	48,345
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	<u>125,815</u>	<u>521,392</u>	<u>132,579</u>	<u>779,786</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 141,487</u>	<u>\$ 549,552</u>	<u>\$ 137,092</u>	<u>\$ 828,131</u>

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Delinquent Real Estate Tax Listing as of June 1, 2016

*** Amounts Include Principal, Interest & Costs ***

Acct #	Customer	2013	2014	2015
4	Adams, Stacy			\$ 1,024.84
61	Bard, Mark			\$ 368.59
100	Bouchard, Amie & Patricia Ann			\$ 856.76
101	Bouchard, Anita			\$ 547.49
214	Byram, Sharon			\$ 854.11
166	Caron, Louis Jr & Shirley			\$ 1,417.32
167	Caron, Louis Jr & Shirley			\$ 250.48
168	Caron, Louis Jr & Shirley			\$ 446.71
184	Castonguay, Peter R		\$805.62	\$ 1,072.57
190	Castonguay, Sheri & Gregg			\$ 274.33
202	Chasse, Gerald & Mary Ann			\$ 1,494.23
1297	Chasse, Gerald & Mary Ann			\$ 1,358.98
207	Chasse, Gerald & Mary Ann			\$ 1,048.70
211	Chasse, Gerald & Mary Ann			\$ 1,101.73
491	Clabaugh, Kathy			\$ 1,157.43
225	Clavette, Renald			\$ 1,681.29
913	Clavette, Rita			\$ 1,104.61
914	Clavette, Rita			\$ 844.71
915	Clavette, Rita			\$ 205.61
916	Clavette, Rita & Renald			\$ 1,412.23
917	Clavette, Rita & Renald			\$ 836.77
919	Clavette, Rita			\$ 1,003.83
931	Clavette, Rita			\$ 1,132.34
933	Clavette, Rita			\$ 383.28
934	Clavette, Rita			\$ 128.70
935	Clavette, Rita			\$ 897.76
936	Clavette, Rita			\$ 842.06
1296	Clavette, Rita & Renald			\$ 1,003.61
459	Coats, Bridget			\$ 1,046.05
1136	Cormier, Harold Jr.			\$ 117.87
1137	Cormier, Harold Jr.			\$ 984.05
283	Cyr, Gary K			\$ 1,011.57
305	Cyr, Gary K			\$ 372.46
321	Cyr, Gary K			\$ 348.58
1560	Cyr, Gary K			\$ 125.83
288	Cyr, Jean Eudes			\$ 100.83
297	Cyr, John E & Soucy, Juliette			\$ 344.70
604	Cyr, John E			\$ 100.83
489	Gagnon Anthelm & Lillian			\$ 510.89
496	Gagnon, Emery			\$ 210.61
521	Gagnon, Eric			\$ 128.88
514	Gagnon, Wayne			\$ 253.12
49	Garcia, Jesus M JR			\$ 813.29
522	Garcia, Michael & Desplaines, Michael			\$ 197.74
536	Gervais, Mildred			\$ 295.55
782	Helms, Terry			\$ 1,317.57
661	Lapierre, Randy			\$ 151.85
1132	Lapointe, Kelly			\$ 242.73

Acct #	Customer	2013	2014	2015
630	Lapointe, Kevin & Tina			\$ 170.92
696	Lapointe, Kevin & Tina			\$ 3,853.24
387	Lapointe, Kevin & Tina			\$ 311.45
586	Linnet, Scott			\$ 938.75
909	Michaud, Reginald M & Noella C			\$ 1,149.48
949	Montgomery, Gail			\$ 921.62
968	Morin, John P			\$ 308.81
1139	Pelletier, Roland JR. & Helen	\$481.13	\$423.62	\$ 482.62
1167	Pitre, Sandra			\$ 802.02
120	Rioux, Guildo & Johnna			\$ 253.11
1431	Rioux, Guildo & Johnna			\$ 2,292.47
1189	Rioux, Guildo S			\$ 560.74
1195	Rockhold, Kim; Desjardins, Daniel			\$ 2,345.71
1223	Roy, Medley C/O Tina Roy-Ayotte	\$1,559.98	\$1,738.99	\$ 1,581.74
1231	RPJ Valley Apt			\$ 1,032.78
1237	Ruest, Marcel & Nancy			\$ 1,184.39
1239	Ryder, Clark Ray & Mika			\$ 141.41
1564	Searles, Rose Marie			\$ 186.82
1262	Sirois, Gregory			\$ 1,279.64
1290	Soucy, Gerald G & Geralda E			\$ 109.91
228	SRD Rentals (Aroostook Hospitality)			\$ 5,732.25
1369	St. Pierre, Kevin M; Levasseur, Wanda L			\$ 1,533.14
1317	Stamant, Clarence			\$ 756.98
1256	The Willows Venture Group, LLC.	\$760.29	\$2,071.45	\$ 1,884.07
760	Valley Carpentry LLC			\$ 1,682.51
1389	Varley, Eleanor			\$ 716.11
1201	Vaughan, Wayne F. & Jeanita D.			\$ 644.10
	TOTALS:	\$2,801.40	\$5,039.68	\$66,282.86

Delinquent Personal Property Tax Listing as of June 1, 2016
***** Amounts Include Principal, Interest & Costs *****

Acct #	Customer	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
233	A E Cyr Inc.								\$664.89	\$ 577.27
194	Clavette, Renald (Rental)					\$634.42				
184	Cormier's Autobody				\$21.48	\$21.45	\$30.33	\$29.14	\$31.04	\$ 26.63
212	Dubois, Robert (Rentals)								\$11.00	
224	Fern's Tool Rental						\$1,026.72			
218	Lajoie Property Maintenance							\$328.49	\$323.48	\$ 256.84
95	Levesque Auto Body								\$75.07	\$ 68.47
150	Rioux C & D Management, Inc.	\$5,758.19	\$6,670.14	\$6,102.15	\$5,398.15	\$5,393.03	\$3,718.61	\$1,223.59	\$552.34	\$ 476.28
152	R M Lawn Care					\$114.00		\$437.69	\$6.13	\$ 5.14
203	RPJ Valley Apartments (Rental)							\$5.89	\$519.71	
189	Signs & Graphics									
222	SRD Rentals									\$ 133.79
186	Talk of the Town								\$104.35	
226	T-Quip Sales & Rentals (Deleted)							\$4,393.67	\$4,187.76	
201	Valley Carpentry LLC							\$414.14	\$401.58	\$ 315.36
15	Van Buren Hotel & Yacht Club							\$258.13	\$297.62	\$ 251.83
182	Wayne's Body Shop	\$137.80	\$261.94							
	TOTALS:	\$5,895.99	\$6,932.08	\$6,102.15	\$5,419.63	\$6,162.90	\$4,775.66	\$7,090.74	\$7,174.97	\$ 2,111.61

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Summary Revenue

Name	(whole dollars)				increase/ (decrease)		
	2013/14 Actual	2014/15 Actual	2015/16 Budget	2016/17 Budget	2017 vs 2014A	2017 vs 2015A	2017 vs 2016B
General Government	2,005,244	2,148,668	2,053,581	2,165,869	160,625	17,201	112,288
Police Department	875	470	875	875	-	405	-
Fire Department	38,708	39,858	41,129	42,275	3,567	2,417	1,146
Highway Department	67,060	46,700	48,180	48,100	(18,960)	1,400	(80)
Recycling Department	180,976	184,598	204,860	197,200	16,224	12,602	(7,660)
Recreation Department	1,346	5,097	4,700	4,700	3,354	(397)	-
Library	550	550	600	600	50	50	-
Economic Development	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Misc. Unclassified	4,416	5,706	2,250	3,450	(966)	(2,256)	1,200
Sub - Total	2,299,175	2,431,647	2,356,175	2,463,069	163,894	31,422	106,894
Wastewater	385,111	398,476	397,537	388,348	3,237	(10,128)	(9,189)
Ambulance	425,702	470,150	465,724	490,666	64,964	20,516	24,942
Sub - Total	810,813	868,626	863,261	879,014	68,201	10,388	15,753
Total Controllable	3,109,988	3,300,273	3,219,436	3,342,083	232,095	41,810	122,647

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Summary Expense

Name	(whole dollars)				increase/ (decrease)	
	2013/14 Actual	2014/15 Actual	2015/16 Budget	2016/17 Budget	2017 vs 2014A	2017 vs 2015A 2016B
General Government	597,660	623,072	659,038	674,970	77,310	51,898 15,932
Police Department	185,369	212,179	204,388	204,101	18,732	(8,078) (286)
Fire Department	72,313	83,127	81,963	81,651	9,338	(1,476) (312)
Highway Department	280,101	289,491	273,527	280,776	675	(8,715) 7,249
Recycling Department	179,389	178,492	202,374	188,555	9,166	10,063 (13,819)
Recreation Department	27,793	42,203	40,486	40,475	12,682	(1,728) (11)
Library	46,378	47,216	49,913	49,898	3,520	2,682 (15)
Economic Development	46,416	23,666	6,000	6,000	(40,416)	(17,666) -
Misc. Unclassified	267,207	242,414	350,450	259,041	(8,166)	16,627 (91,409)
Sub - Total	1,702,626	1,741,860	1,868,139	1,785,467	82,842	43,607 (82,671)
Wastewater	267,855	378,251	397,537	388,348	120,493	10,097 (9,190)
Ambulance	496,349	358,002	465,724	490,666	(5,683)	132,664 24,941
Sub - Total	764,204	736,253	863,262	879,013	114,810	142,760 15,752
Total Controllable	2,466,830	2,478,113	2,731,400	2,664,481	197,651	186,368 (66,920)

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General Government Revenue

Acct #	Name	2013/14		2014/15		2015/16		2016/17		2017 vs		increase/(decrease)	
		Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget	2014A	2015A	2016B	2016B	2016B	
0001	Anticipated Taxes	1,337,049	1,412,715	1,384,106	1,478,577			141,528	65,862	94,471			
0002	Supplementals	1,452	-	-	-			(1,452)	-	-			
0050	Plumbing Permits	765	1,193	500	500			(265)	(693)	-			
0055	Planning/Appeals Ads	200	250	200	200			-	(50)	-			
0075	BETE	11,145	8,797	8,000	8,000			(3,145)	(797)	-			
0100	Town Clerk Research	2,078	-	200	200			(1,878)	200	-			
0104	Fine/Permits	10	11	100	100			90	89	-			
0105	CEO Permits	917	525	750	750			(167)	225	-			
0106	CEO Misc.	626	124	50	50			(576)	(74)	-			
0110	Town Clerk Fees	5,293	5,708	5,700	5,700			407	(8)	-			
0115	Tree Growth	1,706	1,586	1,775	1,775			69	189	-			
0120	Permit - Garage Sale	262	282	300	300			38	18	-			
0125	Veterans Exemption	2,916	2,827	3,000	3,000			84	173	-			
0135	Revenue Sharing	163,505	153,224	158,628	145,350			(18,155)	(7,874)	(13,278)			
0140	MV Reg Fees	7,287	7,197	7,000	7,000			(287)	(197)	-			
0150	Lien Costs	4,595	10,285	6,500	6,500			1,905	(3,785)	-			
0175	Fax Services	176	192	250	250			74	58	-			
0180	Photocopy Services	207	185	250	250			43	65	-			
0185	Assessors Copies	6	5	-	-			(6)	(5)	-			
0190	Delinquent Tax Interest	9,007	15,828	12,000	13,000			3,993	(2,828)	1,000			
0210	Rent Income Light/Water	8,400	8,400	8,400	8,400			-	-	-			
0220	Land Sale	4,906	1,488	4,000	4,000			(906)	2,512	-			
0310	Vehicle Excise Taxes	332,914	343,091	345,000	335,000			2,086	(8,091)	(10,000)			
0315	Boat Excise Taxes	1,877	1,857	1,500	1,500			(377)	(357)	-			
0400	Unemployment Comp.	3,408	-	2,000	2,000			(1,408)	2,000	-			
0425	Surplus Sales	-	-	2,500	2,500			2,500	2,500	-			
0550	Insufficient Fees	225	70	100	100			(125)	30	-			
0610	Snowmobile Refund	794	867	900	900			106	33	-			
610016	Misc. Revenue	239	3,951	2,500	2,500			2,261	(1,451)	-			

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General Government Revenue

Acct #	Name	(whole dollars)				increase/(decrease)		
		2013/14 Actual	2014/15 Actual	2015/16 Budget	2016/17 Budget	2017 vs 2014A	2017 vs 2015A	2017 vs 2016B
1100	Payroll Reimburse.	16,572	16,572	22,572	22,572	6,000	6,000	-
1105	Interest Surplus	3,132	5,849	1,100	1,100	(2,032)	(4,749)	-
1110	Interest Checking	501	268	1,200	1,200	699	932	-
1111	Interest CIP	-	204	500	500	500	296	-
1120	Homestead Exp.	72,166	72,743	72,000	112,095	39,929	39,352	40,095
1200	Overages/Shortages	(43)	(26)	-	-	43	26	-
1300	Surplus Undesignated	-	57,400	-	-	-	(57,400)	-
1400	Carry Forward	-	15,000	-	-	-	(15,000)	-
1402	Transfer In	10,951	-	-	-	(10,951)	-	-
Totals		2,005,244	2,148,668	2,053,581	2,165,869	160,625	17,201	112,288

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General Government Expense

Acct #	Name	(whole dollars)				increase/ (decrease)		
		2013/14 Actual	2014/15 Actual	2015/16 Budget	2016/17 Budget	2017 vs 2014A	2015A	2017 vs 2016B
0001	Town Council	1,900	1,900	4,000	4,000	2,100	2,100	-
0002	Town Manager	54,960	60,562	60,000	64,000	9,040	3,438	4,000
0005	Bookkeeper	32,747	33,188	35,000	36,500	3,753	3,312	1,500
0007	FT Staff Pay	26,248	21,856	26,847	29,335	3,087	7,479	2,488
0008	PT Staff Pay	26,914	17,805	10,158	10,308	(16,606)	(7,497)	150
0011	Town Clerk	3,821	3,931	4,000	4,000	179	69	-
0013	Assessor	28,733	33,725	40,112	40,714	11,981	6,989	602
0014	Dep Tax Training	1,236	-	-	-	(1,236)	-	-
0015	Mapping	282	-	-	-	(282)	-	-
0023	Janitor	5,021	7,504	6,000	6,000	979	(1,504)	-
0025	Safety/Risk Pay	500	740	750	750	250	10	-
0051	Town Council Exp	215	260	200	200	(15)	(60)	-
0052	Town Manager Exp	2,859	6,029	4,500	4,500	1,641	(1,529)	-
0054	Staff Expense	1,707	2,019	1,500	1,500	(207)	(519)	-
0055	Clerk Expense	578	703	750	750	172	47	-
0057	Election Expense	1,972	2,025	2,000	2,000	28	(25)	-
0058	Voter Reg Expense	69	-	100	100	31	100	-
0084	Janitor Expense	1,104	1,165	1,000	1,000	(104)	(165)	-
0085	Misc Expense	282	108	200	200	(82)	92	-
0101	Building Expense	1,562	2,492	2,500	2,500	938	8	-
0102	Physicals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
0121	Dues/Fees	14,935	7,704	5,400	5,400	(9,535)	(2,304)	-
0122	HW/SW Maint.	9,536	10,081	10,000	10,000	464	(81)	-
0124	Security Contract	1,032	678	750	750	(282)	72	-
0240	CEO Pay	13,115	13,112	7,295	7,404	(5,711)	(5,708)	109
0241	CEO Planning Board	-	120	-	-	-	(120)	-
0251	Office Supplies	9,697	6,395	6,000	6,000	(3,697)	(395)	-
0252	Printing/Pub Ads	3,442	1,377	3,500	3,500	58	2,123	-
J254	Postage	5,350	5,295	5,500	5,500	150	205	-

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Acct #	Name	(whole dollars)				increase/ (decrease)		
		2013/14 Actual	2014/15 Actual	2015/16 Budget	2016/17 Budget	2017 vs 2014A	2015A	2017 vs 2016B
0258	Office Equipment	546	530	500	500	(46)	(30)	-
0610	Snowmobile Expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1023	Lien Costs	1,825	6,048	2,500	2,500	675	(3,548)	-
1201	Legal Services	7,078	5,352	4,000	3,500	(3,578)	(1,852)	(500)
1204	Audit	7,298	6,900	7,500	7,500	202	600	-
1205	Dispatch #9 Tower	12,906	5,986	7,373	7,620	(5,286)	1,634	247
1277	GG MMBB Pmt	51,728	51,718	54,000	49,689	(2,039)	(2,029)	(4,311)
1302	Telephone	7,307	8,044	7,200	7,200	(107)	(844)	-
1304	Cell Phone	1,032	1,756	1,680	2,792	1,760	1,036	1,112
1306	Electricity	13,419	11,004	13,000	13,000	(419)	1,996	-
1308	Heat	46,943	50,494	43,000	43,000	(3,943)	(7,494)	-
1310	Heating Sys Maint.	1,628	2,060	2,000	2,000	372	(60)	-
1320	Water	2,728	2,757	2,700	3,340	612	583	640
1325	Grounds	5,449	6,445	-	-	(5,449)	(6,445)	-
1330	Property Pub Officials	40,584	46,294	50,364	51,454	10,870	5,160	1,090
1340	Medical Insurance	50,474	61,844	72,664	75,571	25,097	13,727	2,907
1350	Unemployment Comp.	6,970	8,572	11,181	11,517	4,547	2,945	335
1360	Workers Comp.	26,075	27,517	34,756	35,957	9,882	8,440	1,200
1370	Medicare/SS	8,503	9,792	8,053	8,440	(63)	(1,352)	387
1380	M.S.R.S	-	18,738	47,725	51,700	51,700	32,962	3,975
1381	MPERS Life Premium	599	447	780	780	181	333	-
1390	Insurance Ded.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1395	Capital Equipment	54,746	50,000	50,000	50,000	(4,746)	-	-
1400	Dept. Reimbursements	5	-	-	-	(5)	-	-
Totals		597,660	623,072	659,038	674,970	77,310	51,898	15,932

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Police Department Revenue

Acct #	Name	(whole dollars)				increase/ (decrease)		
		2013/14 Actual	2014/15 Actual	2015/16 Budget	2016/17 Budget	2017 vs 2014A	2017 vs 2015A	2017 vs 2016B
0840	Police Accident Report	225	120	225	225	-	105	-
0845	Police Witness	650	350	650	650	-	-	300
Totals		875	470	875	875	-	105	300

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Police Department Expense

Acct #	Name	2013/14		2014/15		2015/16		2016/17		increase/ (decrease)		
		Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	2014A	2015A	2016B	2017 vs 2014A	2017 vs 2015A
0004	Chief Pay	49,592	54,000	50,053	54,810	54,810	54,810	5,218	4,757	810		
0007	FT Staff Pay	82,399	91,468	86,585	92,840	91,468	92,840	10,441	6,255	1,372		
0008	PT Staff Pay	18,559	20,841	25,411	20,841	20,841	20,841	2,282	(4,570)	-		
0026	Overtime	673	9,000	4,539	9,000	9,000	9,000	8,327	4,461	-		
0028	Standby Pay	2,600	4,800	3,486	4,800	4,800	4,800	2,200	1,314	-		
0054	Staff Expense	10,344	3,000	5,171	2,500	3,000	2,500	(7,844)	(2,671)	(500)		
0061	Equipment	481	600	1,047	600	600	600	119	(447)	-		
0062	Vehicle Purch/Maint	10,443	12,000	20,961	10,000	12,000	10,000	(443)	(10,961)	(2,000)		
0063	Duty Gear	4,127	2,500	8,281	2,500	2,500	2,500	(1,627)	(5,781)	-		
0069	Prisoner Expense	1,406	1,200	1,604	1,200	1,200	1,200	(206)	(404)	-		
0079	Books/Periodicals	303	300	245	300	300	300	(3)	55	-		
0102	Physicals	-	225	-	225	225	225	225	225	-		
0103	Physical Incentive	-	500	250	500	500	500	500	250	-		
0121	Dues/Fees/Licenses	270	250	270	250	250	250	(20)	(20)	-		
1370	Medicare	4,171	3,704	4,276	3,735	3,704	3,735	(436)	(541)	32		
Totals		185,369	204,388	212,179	204,101	204,388	204,101	18,732	(8,078)	(286)		

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Fire Department Revenue

<u>Acct #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<i>(whole dollars)</i>				<i>increase/ (decrease)</i>			
		<u>2013/14</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2014/15</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2015/16</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2016/17</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2017 vs</u> <u>2014A</u>	<u>2017 vs</u> <u>2015A</u>	<u>2017 vs</u> <u>2016B</u>	
0155	Fire Protection - Cyr Pln	12,741	13,123	13,517	13,922	1,181	799	405	
0400	Fire Protection - County	8,098	8,300	8,655	8,828	730	528	173	
1000	Fire Protection - Misc.	-	30	-	-	-	(30)	-	
1010	Fire Protection - Hamlin	17,869	18,405	18,957	19,525	1,656	1,120	568	
Totals		38,708	39,858	41,129	42,275	3,567	2,417	1,146	

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Fire Department Expense

Acct #	Name	(whole dollars)				increase/ (decrease)		
		2013/14 Actual	2014/15 Actual	2015/16 Budget	2016/17 Budget	2017 vs 2014A	2017 vs 2015A	2017 vs 2016B
0004	Chief Pay	19,084	14,840	14,840	15,137	(3,947)	297	297
0016	Officer Incentive	4,079	14,493	11,990	12,230	8,151	(2,263)	240
0022	Volunteer Pay	23,611	30,767	28,500	28,500	4,889	(2,267)	-
0054	Staff Training	281	800	1,000	1,000	719	200	-
0061	Equipment Purch	7,637	5,893	7,200	6,500	(1,137)	607	(700)
0062	Vehicle Purch/Maint	6,439	6,605	6,500	6,000	(439)	(605)	(500)
0063	Duty Gear	3,448	3,031	3,500	3,500	52	469	-
0064	Rescue	951	838	1,000	1,200	249	362	200
0101	Building Expense	2,357	1,385	1,500	1,500	(857)	115	-
0102	Physicals	647	230	1,000	1,000	353	770	-
0121	Dues/Fees/Licenses	531	109	700	810	279	701	110
1370	Medicare	3,248	4,136	4,233	4,274	1,026	138	41
Totals		72,313	83,127	81,963	81,651	9,338	(1,476)	(312)

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Highway Department Revenue

Acct #	Name	(whole dollars)				increase/ (decrease)		
		2013/14 Actual	2014/15 Actual	2015/16 Budget	2016/17 Budget	2017 vs 2014A	2017 vs 2015A	2017 vs 2016B
0165	State ME Plowing	33,592	15,860	16,180	16,100	(17,492)	240	(80)
0325	Local Road Assistance	33,468	30,840	32,000	32,000	(1,468)	1,160	-
Totals		67,060	46,700	48,180	48,100	(18,960)	1,400	(80)

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Highway Department Expense

Acct #	Name	2013/14		2014/15		2015/16		2016/17		increase/ (decrease)		
		Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget	2014A	2015A	2017 vs 2015A	2016B	2017 vs 2016B
0005	Director Pay	39,697	33,416	24,300	24,665			(15,033)	(8,752)	364		
0007	FT Staff Pay	120,771	122,328	128,408	130,334			9,563	8,006	1,926		
0010	Seasonal Staff	649	178	3,250	5,000			4,351	4,822	1,750		
0026	Overtime	11,532	9,687	11,500	11,500			(32)	1,813	-		
0028	Standby Pay	4,000	3,800	4,000	4,000			-	200	-		
0054	Staff Expense	317	221	1,000	1,000			683	779	-		
0061	Equipment	1,702	5,996	2,300	2,500			798	(3,496)	200		
0062	Vehicle Purch/Maint	71,260	76,773	60,000	60,000			(11,260)	(16,773)	-		
0063	Duty Gear	1,974	2,510	1,600	1,600			(374)	(910)	-		
0066	Tools	265	2,086	1,000	1,000			736	(1,086)	-		
0067	Cold Patch/Hot Mix	6,185	6,561	7,000	5,000			(1,185)	(1,561)	(2,000)		
0070	Signs/Paint	195	2,828	1,500	1,500			1,305	(1,328)	-		
0072	Salt/Chloride	18,533	19,084	22,000	27,500			8,967	8,416	5,500		
0073	Culverts	-	-	-	-			-	-	-		
0101	Building Expenses	213	1,463	1,500	1,500			1,287	37	-		
0102	Physicals	438	-	300	300			(138)	300	-		
0134	Manhole Cleaning	-	640	1,500	1,000			1,000	360	(500)		
1309	Propane	14	49	50	-			(14)	(49)	(50)		
1370	Medicare	2,357	1,871	2,319	2,378			21	507	59		
Totals		280,101	289,491	273,527	280,776			675	(8,715)	7,249		

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Recycling Revenue

Acct #	Name	(whole dollars)				increase/ (decrease)		
		2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017 vs 2014A	2017 vs 2015A	2017 vs 2016B
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>			
0290	S.W. Private Hauler	112,149	98,650	117,000	110,000	(2,149)	11,350	(7,000)
0305	Recycling Sales	12,154	10,695	16,000	13,000	846	2,305	(3,000)
0320	Landfill User Fees	54,813	73,437	70,000	72,000	17,187	(1,437)	2,000
0410	Recycling County	1,860	1,816	1,860	2,200	340	384	340
Totals		180,976	184,598	204,860	197,200	16,224	12,602	(7,660)

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Recycling Dept. Expense

Acct #	Name	(whole dollars)				increase/ (decrease)		
		2013/14 Actual	2014/15 Actual	2015/16 Budget	2016/17 Budget	2017 vs 2014A	2017 vs 2015A	2017 vs 2016B
0005	Director Pay	29,988	30,203	30,734	31,195	1,207	992	461
0006	Dept. Head Pay	-	-	5,400	5,481	5,481	5,481	81
0008	PT Staff Pay	14,148	14,224	14,895	14,895	747	671	-
0054	Staff Expense	-	-	500	500	500	500	-
0061	Equipment Purch	3,700	2,532	2,500	2,500	(1,200)	(32)	-
0062	Vehicle Purch/Maint	402	1,006	500	500	98	(506)	-
0063	Duty Gear	122	244	300	400	278	156	100
0120	SW Hauler	41,639	40,536	48,000	42,000	361	1,464	(6,000)
0121	Dues/Fees	63,543	63,700	72,000	65,000	1,457	1,300	(7,000)
1275	Univ. Waste	331	375	300	500	169	125	200
1276	Recycling MIMBB	23,999	24,157	25,582	23,912	(87)	(245)	(1,670)
1370	Medicare	1,517	1,515	1,663	1,671	154	156	8
Totals		179,389	178,492	202,374	188,555	9,166	10,063	(13,819)

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Recreation Revenue

Acct #	Name	(whole dollars)				increase/ (decrease)		
		2013/14 Actual	2014/15 Actual	2015/16 Budget	2016/17 Budget	2017 vs 2014A	2017 vs 2015A	2017 vs 2016B
0615	Concessions	31	3,746	3,500	3,500	3,469	(246)	-
0620	Skating Fees	1,191	1,166	1,200	1,200	9	34	-
0621	Rec Fees - Hamlin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
0622	Rec Fees - Cyr Plant.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1000	Misc. Revenue	124	185	-	-	(124)	(185)	-
Totals		1,346	5,097	4,700	4,700	3,354	(397)	-

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Recreation Dept. Expense

Acct #	Name	(whole dollars)				increase/(decrease)		
		2013/14 Actual	2014/15 Actual	2015/16 Budget	2016/17 Budget	2017 vs 2014A	2017 vs 2015A	2017 vs 2016B
0005	Director Pay	16,385	24,081	27,000	28,000	11,615	3,919	1,000
0010	Seasonal Staff	7,401	8,178	4,500	4,500	(2,901)	(3,678)	-
0062	Vehicle Purch/Maint	1,551	1,417	-	-	(1,551)	(1,417)	-
0075	Rec/Sports Programs	1,059	3,434	5,000	4,000	2,941	566	(1,000)
0076	Concession Expense	-	3,295	2,500	2,500	2,500	(795)	-
0085	Miscellaneous	48	244	250	225	177	(19)	(25)
0101	Building Expense	274	500	500	500	226	-	-
0104	Rink Repair/Maint.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
0251	Office Supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1370	Medicare	1,075	1,054	736	750	(325)	(304)	15
Totals		27,793	42,203	40,486	40,475	12,682	(1,728)	(11)

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Library Revenue

Acct #	Name	(whole dollars)				increase/ (decrease)		
		2013/14 Actual	2014/15 Actual	2015/16 Budget	2016/17 Budget	2017 vs 2014A	2017 vs 2015A	2017 vs 2016B
0710	Library - Hamlin	350	350	350	350	-	-	-
0711	Library - Cyr Plant.	200	200	250	250	50	50	-
1000	Misc. Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals		550	550	600	600	50	50	-

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Library Expense

Acct #	Name	(whole dollars)				increase/(decrease)		
		2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017 vs 2014A	2017 vs 2015A	2017 vs 2016B
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>			
0005	Director Pay	30,634	30,884	31,863	32,341	1,707	1,457	478
0008	PT Staff Pay	10,230	8,790	10,300	10,300	70	1,510	-
0054	Staff Expense	-	466	500	500	500	34	-
0079	Books/Periodicals	3,073	4,091	4,500	4,000	927	(91)	(500)
0084	Janitor	78	51	-	-	(78)	(51)	-
0101	Building Expense	1,154	1,845	1,500	1,500	346	(345)	-
1370	Medicare	1,209	1,089	1,250	1,257	48	168	7
Totals		46,378	47,216	49,913	49,898	3,520	2,682	(15)

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Economic Development Expense

Acct #	Name	(whole dollars)				increase/ (decrease)		
		2013/14 Actual	2014/15 Actual	2015/16 Budget	2016/17 Budget	2017 vs 2014A	2017 vs 2015A	2017 vs 2016B
0005	Director Pay	43,109	18,707	-	-	(43,109)	(18,707)	-
0008	PT Staff Pay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
0054	Staff Expense	912	2,219	4,500	4,500	3,588	2,281	-
0136	Grant Assistance	-	600	-	-	-	(600)	-
0140	Internet	329	139	-	-	(329)	(139)	-
0142	Downtown Beaut.	467	742	500	500	33	(242)	-
0254	Postage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1204	Audit	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	-	-
1311	101 Produce Dr.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1370	Medicare	599	259	-	-	(599)	(259)	-
Totals		46,416	23,666	6,000	6,000	(40,416)	(17,666)	-

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Misc Unclassified Revenue

Acct #	Name	(whole dollars)				increase/ (decrease)		
		2013/14 Actual	2014/15 Actual	2015/16 Budget	2016/17 Budget	2017 vs 2014A	2017 vs 2015A	2017 vs 2016B
0010	GA Reimbursement	4,416	5,706	2,250	3,450	(966)	(2,256)	1,200
0400	Unemploy/Work Comp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
0460	Town Cemetary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals		4,416	5,706	2,250	3,450	(966)	(2,256)	1,200

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Miscellaneous & Unclassified Expense

Acct #	Name	(whole dollars)				increase/(decrease)		
		2013/14 Actual	2014/15 Actual	2015/16 Budget	2016/17 Budget	2017 vs 2014A	2017 vs 2015A	2017 vs 2016B
0060	Town Car	312	-	-	-	(312)	-	
0065	Town Cemetary	4,636	5,300	-	-	(4,636)	(5,300)	
0143	Recognition Night	2,178	1,757	1,500	1,500	(678)	(257)	
0148	Special Funds	800	800	800	800	-	-	
1207	Hydrant Payments	152,498	153,493	154,785	171,960	19,462	18,467	
1208	Street Lights	39,184	37,918	42,698	43,979	4,795	6,061	
1226	Road Resurface	-	-	111,588	-	-	-	
1228	GA	8,283	8,835	6,000	6,000	(2,283)	(2,835)	
1234	Homeless Shelter	2,370	2,370	2,370	3,257	887	887	
1236	Fire Extinguisher Svc.	330	543	700	700	370	157	
1238	Van Buren Cove Lease	-	-	375	375	375	375	
1252	Memorial Day	500	500	500	500	-	-	
1254	NMDC	-	3,177	3,169	3,156	3,156	(21)	
1257	St. John Valley Soil	651	-	651	-	(651)	(651)	
1258	Boat Landing	12,690	263	1,000	1,000	(11,690)	737	
1260	Acadian Heritage	200	200	200	200	-	-	
1261	VB Chamber Comm.	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	-	-	
1263	Red Cross	750	-	-	-	(750)	-	
1264	Vet Cemetary	100	100	100	100	-	-	
1266	ACAP	434	435	435	435	1	-	
1267	Catholic Charities	6,700	3,500	3,500	3,500	(3,200)	-	
1269	N. Aroostook Alternatives	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1270	Aroostook Aging	3,915	3,915	3,915	3,915	-	-	
1271	Toys for Tots	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1280	Misc.	1,338	640	1,500	3,000	1,662	2,360	
1396	Leave Accrual Reserve	4,372	2,712	2,164	2,164	(2,208)	(548)	
1510	World Acadian Congress	12,136	3,333	-	-	(12,136)	(3,333)	
1370	Medicare	330	123	-	-	(330)	(123)	
Totals		267,207	242,414	350,450	259,041	(8,166)	16,627	(91,409)

The Town of Van Buren

2016 - 2017 Annual Budget Proposal

Wastewater Revenue

Acct #	Name	(whole dollars)				increase/ (decrease)		
		2013/14 Actual	2014/15 Actual	2015/16 Budget	2016/17 Budget	2017 vs 2014A	2017 vs 2015A	2017 vs 2016B
0100	WW Revenues	375,206	382,873	391,587	382,398	7,192	(475)	(9,189)
0220	Land Sale	2,477	1,609	-	-	(2,477)	(1,609)	-
0400	Unemploy/Work Comp	554	-	-	-	(554)	-	-
0550	Insufficient Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1000	WW Interest	1,937	3,450	1,500	1,500	(437)	(1,950)	-
1100	WW Lien Costs	4,492	7,206	3,000	3,000	(1,492)	(4,206)	-
1101	WW Misc. Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1105	Interest Surplus	-	-	250	250	250	250	-
1110	Checking Interest	445	50	600	600	155	550	-
1111	Interest CIP	-	3,179	600	600	600	(2,579)	-
1400	Sewer Line Misc.	-	109	-	-	-	(109)	-
Totals		385,111	398,476	397,537	388,348	3,237	(10,128)	(9,189)

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Wastewater Expense

Acct #	Name	(Whole dollars)				increase/ (decrease)		
		2013/14 Actual	2014/15 Actual	2015/16 Budget	2016/17 Budget	2017 vs 2014A	2017 vs 2015A	2017 vs 2016B
0005	Director Pay	43,809	47,561	24,300	24,665	(19,145)	(22,897)	364
0007	FT Staff Pay	27,069	27,370	27,182	28,000	931	630	818
0009	Payroll Reimburse.to GG	11,600	11,600	14,600	14,600	3,000	3,000	-
0026	Overtime	3,317	3,453	1,200	1,200	(2,117)	(2,253)	-
0054	Staff Train/Travel	465	620	700	700	235	80	-
0061	Equipment Exp	2,646	3,017	3,500	5,000	2,354	1,983	1,500
0062	Vehicle Purch/Maint	5,250	4,928	5,500	2,000	(3,250)	(2,928)	(3,500)
0063	Duty Gear	188	325	600	800	612	475	200
0102	Physicals/Testing	-	-	150	150	150	150	-
0105	Lab Supplies/Test	3,822	3,277	5,500	5,500	1,678	2,223	-
0106	Polymer/Lime/Hypo	8,428	13,055	10,600	10,600	2,172	(2,455)	-
0121	Dues/Fees/Licenses	1,603	2,024	2,250	2,250	647	226	-
0122	HW/SW Maint	131	13	300	300	169	287	-
0251	Office Supplies	-	301	200	200	200	(101)	-
0252	Print Pub Notice Ads	-	349	400	400	400	51	-
0254	Postage	1,784	2,423	2,500	2,500	716	77	-
1010	Sewer Line Maint.	4,921	7,443	10,000	10,000	5,079	2,557	-
1020	Sludge Field Maint.	1,630	1,549	2,500	2,500	870	951	-
1023	Lien Costs	2,187	3,439	2,000	3,000	813	(439)	1,000
1201	Legal Svcs	-	-	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
1204	Audit	1,200	-	1,200	1,200	-	1,200	-
1278	VW MMBB PMT (49.4%)	50,502	50,491	52,000	49,974	(528)	(517)	(2,026)
1302	Telephone	882	780	900	900	18	120	-
1304	Cell Phone	925	830	852	852	(73)	22	-
1306	Electricity	55,980	46,611	50,000	50,000	(5,980)	3,389	-
1308	Heat	17,609	15,044	16,500	16,500	(1,109)	1,456	-
1310	Heating Sys Maint.	436	107	3,000	2,000	1,564	1,893	(1,000)
1312	Generator/Diesel/Prop.	914	505	1,500	1,500	586	995	-
1320	Water	600	722	600	1,132	532	410	532

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Wastewater Expense

Acct #	Name	(whole dollars)				increase/ (decrease)		
		2013/14 Actual	2014/15 Actual	2015/16 Budget	2016/17 Budget	2017 vs 2014A	2017 vs 2015A	2017 vs 2016B
1330	Prop Pub Officials Ins.	4,840	4,247	4,374	4,593	(247)	346	219
1340	Medical Ins.	6,898	7,000	7,412	7,708	810	708	296
1350	Unemployment Comp.	848	1,043	1,360	1,401	553	358	41
1360	Workers Comp.	3,171	3,430	4,227	4,373	1,202	943	146
1370	Medicare/SS	1,031	1,078	764	781	(250)	(297)	17
1380	Maine State Retirement	-	3,098	4,581	4,963	4,963	1,865	382
1390	Insurance Deductions	2,658	-	1,000	1,000	(1,658)	1,000	-
1395	Capital Equipment Res.	-	104,200	127,285	103,061	103,061	(1,139)	(24,224)
4105	USDA Loan Repayment Abatements	-	-	-	16,045	16,045	16,045	16,045
		510	6,318	5,000	5,000	4,490	(1,318)	-
Totals		267,855	378,251	397,537	388,348	120,493	10,097	(9,190)

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2016 - 2017 Annual Budget Proposal

Ambulance Revenue

Acct #	Name	(whole dollars)				increase/ (decrease)		
		2013/14 Actual	2014/15 Actual	2015/16 Budget	2016/17 Budget	2017 vs 2014A	2017 vs 2015A	2017 vs 2016B
0150	Grand Isle	14,237	14,522	14,812	14,812	575	290	-
0151	Cyr Plantation	3,217	3,281	3,347	2,360	(857)	(921)	(987)
0152	Hamlin	7,062	7,203	7,348	7,348	286	145	-
0153	County Contract	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
0200	Run Billings	471,349	519,697	436,138	512,001	40,652	(7,696)	75,863
0225	Amb Edu Rev	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
0400	Unemp Work Comp	644	-	-	-	(644)	-	-
0401	County Contract	3,151	3,215	3,279	3,345	194	130	66
1105	Interest Sur	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1109	Misc. Revenue	-	33	-	-	-	(33)	-
1110	CK Interest	357	41	500	500	143	459	-
1111	Interest CIP	233	1,716	300	300	67	(1,416)	-
1112	Contractual Adj.	(74,571)	(53,409)	-	(50,000)	24,571	3,409	(50,000)
1113	Write Offs	23	(26,149)	-	-	(23)	26,149	-
Totals		425,702	470,150	465,724	490,666	64,964	20,516	24,942

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Ambulance Expense

Acct #	Name	(whole dollars)				increase/ (decrease)		
		2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017 vs 2014A	2017 vs 2015A	2017 vs 2016B
		Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget			
0005	Director Pay	57,772	58,310	58,961	59,846	2,074	1,536	884
0007	FT Staff Pay	88,647	70,838	118,955	115,183	26,536	44,345	(3,772)
0008	PT Staff Pay	44,881	56,294	27,868	31,475	(13,406)	(24,819)	3,607
0009	Payroll Reimburse to GG	4,972	4,972	7,972	7,972	3,000	3,000	-
0012	Billing Clerk/Agent	21,349	13,243	16,800	16,800	(4,549)	3,557	-
0026	Overtime	20,237	20,273	35,686	43,000	22,763	22,727	7,314
0028	Standby Pay	10,928	9,258	19,392	30,000	19,072	20,742	10,608
0029	Meal Reimburse.	21	211	200	200	179	(11)	-
0054	Staff Train/Travel	2,147	3,219	3,000	6,000	3,853	2,781	3,000
0061	Equipment Exp	2,442	3,841	3,500	3,500	1,058	(341)	-
0062	Vehicle Purch/Maint	19,692	20,687	25,000	25,000	5,308	4,313	-
0063	Duty Gear	14,343	17,284	20,000	20,000	5,657	2,716	-
0077	Patient Transfer	12,438	4,920	2,000	2,000	(10,438)	(2,920)	-
0078	Rent Expense	9,217	8,400	7,800	7,800	(1,417)	(600)	-
0082	Laundry	4,772	417	750	500	(4,272)	83	(250)
0085	Misc. Expense	-	80	1,500	1,000	1,000	920	(500)
0101	Building Expense	1,749	2,051	1,500	1,500	(249)	(551)	-
0102	Physicals/Testing	160	55	200	200	40	145	-
0121	Dues/Fees/Licenses	1,032	937	1,000	1,000	(32)	63	-
0122	HW/SW Maint	176	750	350	200	24	(550)	(150)
0131	Medicare Overpay Reimb.	258	392	300	-	(258)	(392)	(300)
0146	Union Negotiations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
0252	Print Pub Notice Ads	226	60	200	200	(26)	140	-
0254	Postage	45	-	50	-	(45)	-	(50)
1201	Legal Svcs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1204	Audit	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	-	-	-
1205	Dispatch #9 Tower	12,306	5,086	7,373	7,620	(4,686)	2,534	247
1302	Telephone	889	917	2,000	2,000	1,111	1,083	-
1304	Cell Phone	543	846	852	852	309	6	-

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Ambulance Expense

Acct #	Name	(whole dollars)				increase/ (decrease)		
		2013/14 Actual	2014/15 Actual	2015/16 Budget	2016/17 Budget	2017 vs 2014A	2017 vs 2015A	2017 vs 2016B
1306	Electricity	959	1,255	1,200	1,200	241	(55)	-
1308	Heat	3,495	4,207	3,260	3,260	(235)	(947)	-
1310	Heating Sys Maint.	-	61	200	200	200	139	-
1320	Water	371	339	350	392	21	53	42
1330	Prop Pub Officials Ins. 14.8%	9,087	7,885	8,122	7,832	(1,255)	(53)	(290)
1340	Medical Ins.	29,422	17,364	37,060	38,542	9,120	21,178	1,482
1350	Unemployment Comp.	1,601	1,969	2,569	2,646	1,045	677	77
1360	Workers Comp.	5,990	6,478	7,985	8,260	2,270	1,782	276
1370	Medicare/SS	6,188	6,598	5,510	6,004	(184)	(594)	494
1380	Maine State Retirement	-	5,663	17,060	18,481	18,481	12,818	1,421
1390	Insurance Deductions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1395	Capital Equipment Res.	106,794	1,642	18,000	18,800	(87,994)	17,158	800
Totals		496,349	358,002	465,724	490,666	(5,683)	132,664	24,941

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF VAN BUREN, MAINE
June 14- 15, 2016**

COUNTY OF AROOSTOOK, SS. VAN BUREN, MAINE

TO: Michael Bresett II, a constable of the Town of Van Buren, in the County of Aroostook, State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Voters of the Town of Van Buren in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs, to meet at the Community Center on Champlain Street in said Town on Tuesday, the 14th day of June, A.D., 2016 at 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon then and there to act on Articles 1-34.

And to notify and warn said Voters to assemble at the M.S.A.D. #24 High School Auditorium in said Town on Wednesday, the 15th day of June, A.D. 2016 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles, to-wit:

TOWN MEETING SCHEDULE

~~~**TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2016, 8:00 A.M.**~~~

The polls for balloting on Elective Town Offices will be open at the Community Center on Champlain Street at 8:00 A.M. and will close at 8:00 P.M.

~~~**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2016, 7:00 P.M.**~~~

All other business under this Warrant will be conducted upon the opening of the Business Meeting, to be held at the M.S.A.D. #24 High School Auditorium, beginning at 7:00 P.M.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 14, 2016 - 8:00 AM

ARTICLE 1

To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2

To elect by secret ballot the following Town Officers for the ensuing year:

- One position for Town Clerk for a term of one year
 - Two positions for Town Council for a term of three years
 - One position for Van Buren Water District Trustee for a term of three years
 - One position for Van Buren Light & Power District Trustee for a term of three years
 - Two directors of M.S.A.D. #24 for a term of three years
 - Four positions for Budget Committee, One for a term of three years, One for a term of two years, and Two for a term of one year
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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 15, 2016 - 7:00 PM

ARTICLE 3

Elect a moderator if one has not already been elected.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Council to appoint all other necessary officers not elected by ballot for the ensuing year.

Council Recommends: YES

Budget Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 5

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **General Government**.

2015/2016 Appropriations
\$ 659,038

Council Recommends
\$ 674,970

Budget Recommends
\$ 674,970

ARTICLE 6

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Police Department**.

2015/2016 Appropriations
\$ 204,388

Council Recommends
\$204,101

Budget Recommends
\$ 204,101

ARTICLE 7

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Fire Department**.

2015/2016 Appropriations
\$ 81,963

Council Recommends
\$ 81,651

Budget Recommends
\$ 81,651

ARTICLE 8

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Highway Department**.

2015/2016 Appropriations
\$ 273,527

Council Recommends
\$280,776

Budget Recommends
\$ 280,776

ARTICLE 9

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Recycling Center**.

2015/2016 Appropriations
\$202,374

Council Recommends
\$ 188,555

Budget Recommends
\$188,555

ARTICLE 10

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Recreation Department**.

2015/2016 Appropriations
\$ 40,486

Council Recommends
\$ 40,475

Budget Recommends
\$ 40,475

ARTICLE 11

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Abel J. Morneault Memorial Library**.

2015/2016 Appropriations
\$ 49,913

Council Recommends
\$ 49,898

Budget Recommends
\$ 49,898

ARTICLE 12

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Economic Development**.

2015/2016 Appropriations
\$ 6,000

Council Recommends
\$ 6,000

Budget Recommends
\$ 6,000

ARTICLE 13

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the **Miscellaneous & Unclassified Accounts**.

2015/2016 Appropriations
\$ 350,450

Council Recommends
\$ 259,041

Budget Recommends
\$ 259,041

ARTICLE 14

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **MSAD #24**.

2015/2016 Appropriations
\$ 525,076

Council Recommends
\$568,712

Budget Recommends
\$568,712

ARTICLE 15

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **County Taxes**.

2015/2016 Appropriations
\$ 70,637

Council Recommends
\$75,090

Budget Recommends
\$ 75,090

ARTICLE 16

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for **Wastewater Department**.

2015/2016 Appropriations
\$ 397,537

Council Recommends
\$ 388,348

Budget Recommends
\$ 388,348

ARTICLE 17

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for **Ambulance Department**.

2015/2016 Appropriations
\$ 465,724

Council Recommends
\$ 490,666

Budget Recommends
\$ 490,666

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Voters of the Town of Van Buren will authorize the Council to use Overlay for Abatements.

Council Recommends: YES

Budget Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 19

Shall the Town vote to accept any and all funds as provided by the Maine State Legislature and to use the revenues to reduce the 2015/2016 Tax Commitment:

Council Recommends: YES

Budget Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will accept prepayment of taxes prior to the date of commitment to Tax Collector.

Council Recommends: YES

Budget Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to allow the Town to pay three (3%) percent on any overpayment of taxes. Payable from the date of such overpayment through the date on which a refund shall be issued. (Three percent is the minimum amount of interest permitted by Statute.)

Council Recommends: YES

Budget Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Council to bring writs of entry of recovery of such parcels of land as have been acquired by the Town by reason of non-payment of taxes/liens for which the time of redemption has expired.

Council Recommends: YES

Budget Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will fix a date when taxes for the year 2016/2017 shall be due and payable and to see what action the Town will vote to take with respect to interest on unpaid taxes.

RECOMMENDATION is that taxes shall be due and payable upon presentation of tax bills. Interest at the rate of 7% per annum shall accrue on all taxes not paid within 60 days after the date of the first billing and also with respect to all taxes not paid within 60 days after January 1st.

Council Recommends: YES

Budget Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Council, on behalf of the Town, to sell or lease or otherwise dispose of real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes/liens thereon, such sale or lease to be on such terms as they may deem advisable. This includes the authorization to the Town Council to issue Quit-Claim Deeds in connection with the sale of any such property.

Council Recommends: YES

Budget Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Council to dispose of Town-owned personal property under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable and to apply the proceeds from any such sales towards the Anticipated Revenues or repayment of current loans for equipment as the Council may deem appropriate.

Council Recommends: YES

Budget Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 26

Shall the Town vote to accept grant funds from such Community Development Block Grant Applications, Rural Development Applications, Federal Emergency Management Agency Applications, and Department of Environmental Protection Applications as may be submitted and approved by the different departments, and to accept grant funds from such other and further agencies or entities for which the submittal of grant applications has been approved by the municipal officers of this Town. If so approved, the municipal officers shall be authorized to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such program(s). Type of grants, but not limited to, are: Public Infrastructure, Housing Assistance, Planning, Emergency Needs, Business Assistance, Development, Economic Development, Rural Development, FEMA and DEP.

Council Recommends: YES

Budget Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 27

To see if the Voters of the Town of Van Buren will authorize the Town Council to use Surplus Funds to match Federal Emergency Management Funds (FEMA) and State of Maine Funds for damages caused by future natural disasters if needed.

Council Recommends: YES

Budget Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 28

To see if the Town will authorize the Highway Department up to \$25,000 to purchase surplus equipment from the General Government Capitol Improvement Fund.

Council Recommends: YES

Budget Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 29

To see if the Town will authorize the Fire Department up to \$8,000 to be used for matching funds for a \$160,000 FEMA Grant from the General Government Capital Improvement Fund.

Council Recommends: YES

Budget Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 30

To see if the Town will authorize the Town Council to use General Government Capital Improvement Funds in the amount up to \$100,000 for paving projects.

Council Recommends: YES

Budget Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 33

To see if the Town will vote to exceed the Property Tax Levy Limit. (Written Ballot Required)


Council Recommends: NO

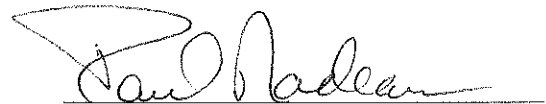
Budget Recommends: NO

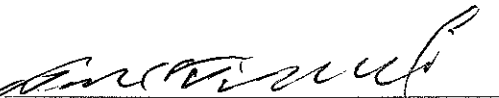
ARTICLE 34


Adjournment


Approved and signed on this the 23rd day of May, 2016.


Michael Bouchard, Chair


Paul Nadeau


Don Dumond


Clayton Belanger, Secretary


Percy Berube