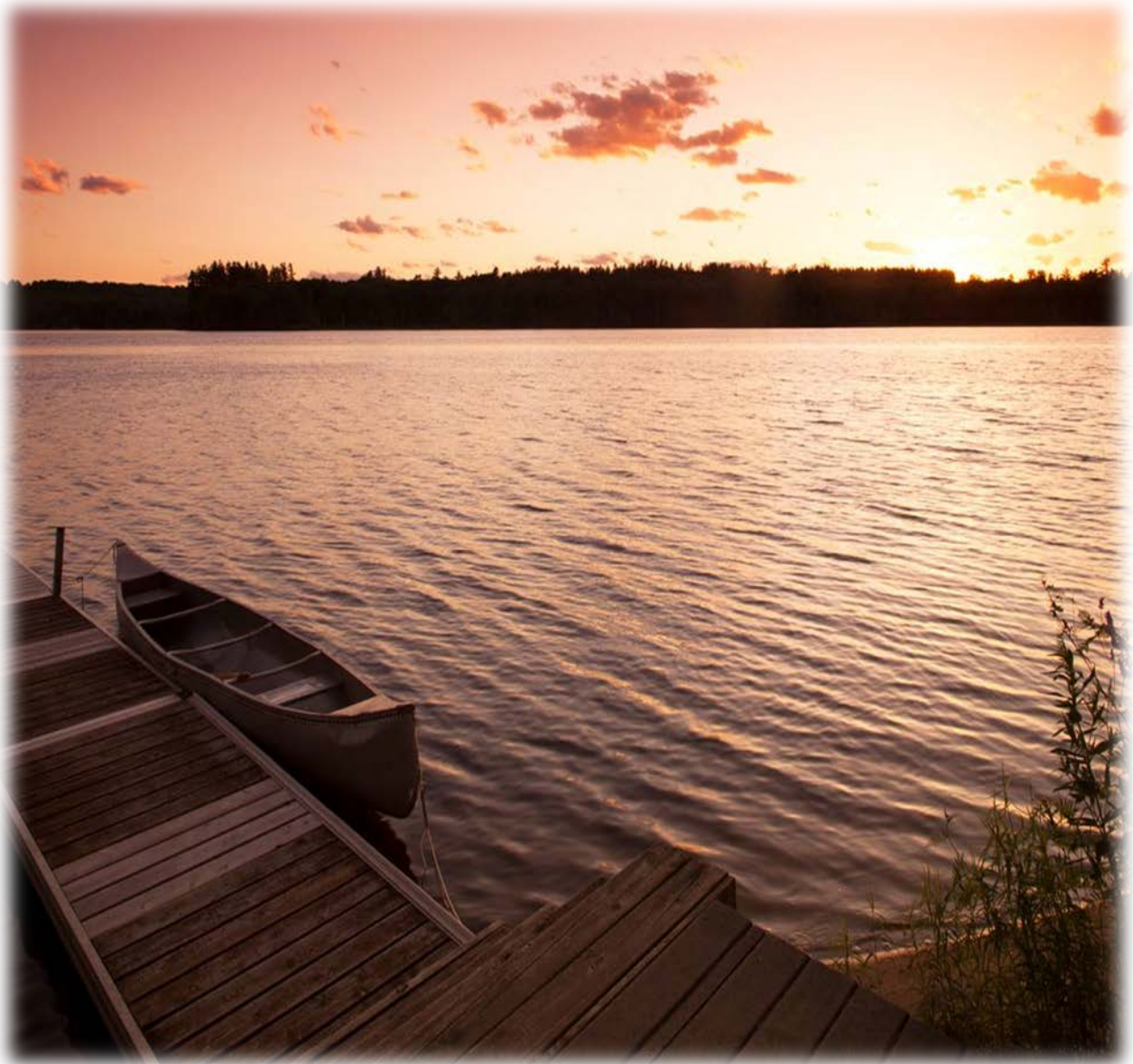


Town of Poland

2016 Annual Town Report



The 2016 Annual Town Report is dedicated to:

Cherie R. Sargent

September 15, 1971 – August 4, 2015



Cherie Sargent worked as the Finance Director for the Town of Poland from 2008 up until her passing. She married her high school sweetheart Dean Sargent on June 3, 1995. She loved spending time with her family which was most important to her. She was a soccer and softball coach for the town of Turner. She is survived by many family members including her husband Dean and children Gabrielle, Nicole, Anna and Trevor.

The 2016 Annual Town Report is dedicated to:

Lois A. Snowe-Mello

February 27, 1948 – January 24, 2016



Lois Snowe- Mello began in 1996 representing her hometown of Poland as a State Legislator in the Maine House for eight years and the Maine Senate for six years. Lois was a member of the Poland's Community and Economic Development Committee. Over a period of two decades, she served at various times on the Maine GOP State Committee, on the Androscoggin GOP Committee, and the Poland GOP Committee.

Annual Report
of the
Municipal Officers

Town of Poland

Fiscal Year Ending
June 30, 2016

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**Town of Poland
Elected and Appointed Positions
July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND
OVERSEERS OF THE POOR**

Walter Gallagher
Term expires 4/2019

Janice Kimball
Term expires 4/2018

Stephen Robinson
Term expires 4/2017

Stanley Tetenman
Term expires 4/2018

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Paul R. LePage

GOVERNOR

Dear Citizens of Poland:

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 continues to be the reduction and eventual elimination of the income tax. Raising the minimum wage is not the path out of poverty; I want Mainers to earn a career 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. It shows the nation that we are serious about wanting people and businesses to come—and stay—in Maine.

Unfortunately, voters approved a referendum question to raise the income tax to 10.15% on successful Maine households and small businesses. Enacting the second highest income tax rate in the country shows the nation we are eager to punish people for being successful. It will drive them out of our state and make it even more difficult to attract much-needed doctors, dentists, scientists, engineers and other professionals to Maine. They can live in neighboring New Hampshire, which takes no income tax from their paychecks. Even worse, there is no guarantee the extra revenue from this tax will go to fund education, as proponents promised.

As successful people leave Maine, state and municipal government will lose the significant amount they pay in property, sales and incomes taxes. This will put even more upward pressure on local property taxes. Municipalities will have to get more creative to provide local services without increasing property taxes. Reforming the tree growth program, collecting property taxes on land in conservation or preservation programs, charging a payment in lieu of taxes on state land that is taken off the property tax rolls and having non-profit organizations pay a two-percent tax on their net revenues are all ways for municipalities to increase revenues.

Such bold measures would take strong leadership and commitment from local officials and residents. 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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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 Androscoggin County and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Lewiston state office at 207 784-6969, or visit my website at 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

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Dear Friends of Poland,

Since being sworn into the Senate in 2013, I have made it my mission to address at the federal level the most important issues facing our great state. Working closely with my colleagues in the Maine Congressional Delegation, we've been able to successfully secure a number of legislative victories that support our state's economy, our rich traditions, and the hardworking people I am proud to represent.

In an increasingly polarized Congress, my goal as an Independent is to put partisanship aside, build consensus and further common-sense solutions to address the needs of the American people. To this end, I have co-founded the Former Governors Caucus, a group of former state executives who are frustrated with legislative gridlock and eager to find bipartisan solutions. And as always, I aim to bridge the partisan divide by hosting barbeque dinners in Washington with colleagues ranging from Ted Cruz to Elizabeth Warren. If you know a person's children, then you see them as a mother or father and not a rival vote, and working to further personal dialogue and build relationships can lay the foundation for successful legislation.

One of the accomplishments of which I am most proud is the legislative victory that protects our college students and their families from an expensive hike in student loan interest rates. In 2013, as students faced a significant spike in interest rates that would have taken thousands of dollars out of their pockets, I brought together colleagues from across the political spectrum to broker compromise legislation called the Bipartisan Student Loan Certainty Act. Thanks to this bill, students will save \$50 billion over the next 10 years by lowering their interest rates, which means that a student in Maine will now save between \$3,000 and \$6,000 over the life of their loan.

Being an Independent in the Senate has allowed me to make calls and vote on policies that are best for Maine, but it has also made it possible to play key roles in finding simple solutions and legislative fixes that make good commonsense to both parties. Of course, much of what we do in the Senate doesn't happen on the Senate floor, or even in committee. Instead, it involves working across all levels of government to ensure the State of Maine receives attention and support from the federal government.

Take, for example, the opioid and heroin epidemic devastating communities across our state. While Congress has passed legislative solutions aimed at expanding access to medical treatment, I've also pressed for other changes that can be accomplished more quickly and make a more immediate difference in Maine. For example, I successfully urged the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to increase the number of patients to whom a doctor can provide medication-assisted treatment, and in 2015 brought the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy to Brewer to meet directly with Mainers and hear their stories. I've also engaged law enforcement – including the Drug Enforcement Agency – to crack down on the production of opioids and work to limit their diversion. Together, Senator Collins and I helped pass the Northern Border Security Review Act to combat drug and human trafficking along our border with Canada.

While the opioid epidemic is certainly our biggest public health crisis, job loss in Maine is still our number one economic problem and that's why we need to focus on bringing good paying jobs back to Maine and protecting the ones we still have. As a member of the Armed Services Committee, I teamed up with Senator Collins and Representative Poliquin to successfully secure a provision in the defense bill that can help domestic shoe manufacturers like New Balance. The three of us also worked together with the Department of Commerce to establish an Economic Development Assessment Team, known as an EDAT, to assist Maine's forest industry in the wake of several mill closures. We have an incredible spirit of innovation and ingenuity in Maine and I believe finding ways to invest in that spirit will reignite Maine's forest products sector and our economy. Part of our economic path forward must also include expanding access to high-speed broadband, which can help connect our businesses and communities to information and economic opportunities.

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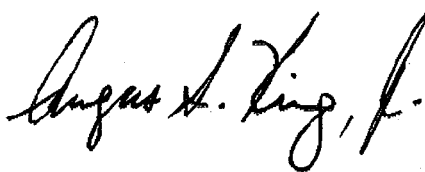
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As a member of the Senate Armed Services and Intelligence Committees, I work to keep Maine and our nation safe. Part of that important work means continuing to work for funding for the construction of Navy ships that will be used to protect American interests across the globe. We all know that "Bath Built is Best Built," which is why I've fought to authorize funding for Navy ships built at BIW. The best way to preserve peace is by deterring war through unassailable strength, and to do that we must support our shipbuilders and our brave service members and invest in our military. I strive to meet this solemn responsibility every day as a member of these committees, which is why I hardly ever miss a hearing and take great care in overseeing the agencies sworn to keep us safe. Armed Services Chairman John McCain called me "one of the most serious and hard-working members" of the Committee, and that's a humbling compliment from a true American hero.

As always, please call or write me with thoughts or concerns with matters currently before Congress, or if you need assistance navigating a federal agency. As a public servant, it is critical to me to listen and learn from you, which is why staying connected with people from all over our beautiful state remains a top priority for my work in the Senate. Please call my toll-free line at 1-800-432-1599 or one my offices: Augusta: (207)622-8292, Bangor: (207)945-8000, 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.

It is an honor and a privilege serving the people of Maine in the Senate, and I look forward to working with you in our search for a more perfect Union.

Sincerely,



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Party: Democrat

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Legislative Service: House: 128th

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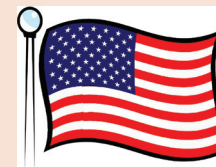
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The fiscal year 2016 had many challenges as well as sadly losing a valued employee and long time Poland Public Servant.

In August of 2015 Poland lost its Finance Director Cherie Sargent after a long battle with cancer; she continued to perform her duties until one month before her passing. In January of 2016 we also lost Lois Snowe-Mello who served the Town of Poland on numerous boards and committees over many years culminating as our State Senator. Both ladies contributed immensely to the Town; they will be sorely missed.

The Selectmen, Budget Committee and Town Financial Team once again had the challenge of holding down the tax rate in view of "fixed Cost" increases which are out of our control. The County Assessment went up 2.39% and Unemployment Insurance increased 14%. The good news was Workers Compensation Insurance decreased 29% and Health Insurance decreased 6% because of less funds going to the HRA. Poland's share of the RSU 16 budget increase was \$143,507 which resulted in an increased tax rate from 14.20 to 14.39.

We started the rehabilitation of the Town Beach on Tripp Lake; it was suffering from heavy erosion as well as access issues. The Annual Town Meeting in April authorized funding for this project along with a generous contribution from Poland Spring Bottling. Additional funding was authorized supporting road work for the coming summer which would include Herrick Valley Road, Johnson Hill Road and Carpenter Road. The "Five Corners" Maine Department of Transportation project was delayed due to a land taking issue but was rescheduled to start in September 2016.

The Town Meeting also authorized the establishment of the "Heart of Poland Conservation Easement". This easement is approximately 95 acres encompassing just behind the Poland Municipal Complex and running westerly to the Transfer Station and includes the Ferman Property and most of Hilt Hollow. We also saw as a result of the Annual Town Election two incumbent Selectmen were returned to office; Walter Gallagher and James Walker who both ran unopposed.

The Annual Town Meeting approved the funds for the demolition of the McConaghy House which was slated to be accomplished later in the summer. Funding in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) was approved for the purchase of a skid steer (small tractor) for clearing sidewalks in the winter and cutting roadside brush in the summer as well as the installation of a sprinkler system at the Ricker Memorial Library.

The Town signed a contract with *We Compost It* in the spring to provide two containers at the Transfer Station for collection of household food waste at the start of the new fiscal year. The hope is residents will use this option rather than putting their food waste in the trash thus reducing the cost of our tipping fees. We will evaluate this program after the first year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bradley A. Plante

Bradley A. Plante
Town Manager

Report of the Town Clerk for the fiscal year of July 1 2015 thru June 30, 2016

Marriages 31

Births 68

Deaths in the Town of Poland and Deaths of Poland Residents

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Age</u>
John A. Richardson, Jr.	07/07/2015	60 yrs.
Virginia J. Miller	07/22/2015	82 yrs.
Frederick H. Andrews, Jr.	08/04/2015	85 yrs.
Paula S. Surrey	08/18/2015	68 yrs.
Adam Verreault	08/26/2015	20 yrs.
Madelyn E. Pulsifer	09/14/2015	89 yrs.
Jason P. Averill	09/17/2015	40 yrs.
Colton J. Guay	10/05/2015	01 yrs.
Wayne T. Kyllonen	10/05/2015	54 yrs.
Beverly E. Webster	10/07/2015	71 yrs.
Richard R. Fournier	10/10/2015	63 yrs.
Paul F. Thurlow	10/14/2015	91 yrs.
Charles A. Noble, Sr.	10/16/2015	65 yrs.
Therese M. Mercier	11/05/2015	92 yrs.
Mary C. Jordan	11/22/2015	88 yrs.
Nicholas R. Douglass	11/25/2015	25 yrs.
Francis L. Herrick	11/28/2015	81 yrs.
Orene M. Bahre	12/01/2015	76 yrs.
Reta J. Herrick	12/08/2015	81 yrs.
Amy A. Crooker	12/16/2015	33 yrs.
Lawrence H. Thurlow, Sr.	12/20/2015	94 yrs.
Paul E. Pepin	01/02/2016	68 yrs.
Phyllis L. Welch	01/14/2016	90 yrs.
Maxine L. Sidelinger	01/19/2016	92 yrs.
Lois A. Snowe-Mello	01/24/2016	67 yrs.
William D. Willett	01/26/2016	81 yrs.
Clinton K. Dobson, Jr.	02/03/2016	73 yrs.
Scott E. Rose	02/05/2016	46 yrs.
Ricky A. Boston	02/18/2016	57 yrs.
Lester F. Johnson	02/21/2016	84 yrs.
Kenneth R. Logue	03/02/2016	56 yrs.
Grace A. Fulcher	03/09/2016	83 yrs.
Arlene E. Gray	03/09/2016	87 yrs.
Helen I. Field	03/17/2016	86 yrs.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Age</u>
Robert N. Ouellette	04/22/2016	64 yrs.
Edward B. Hinkley	04/23/2016	75 yrs.
Alvin S. Webster, Jr.	05/05/2016	92 yrs.
Claude L. Couture	05/14/2016	60 yrs.
Phyllis E. Wardwell	06/03/2016	86 yrs.
Michelle F. Swift	06/07/2016	64 yrs.
Rose Pratt	06/09/2016	85 yrs.
David R. Guay, Sr.	06/15/2016	75 yrs.

During the past year we held an RSU #16 District Budget Meeting on July 16, 2015, and a Budget Validation Election on July 28, 2015. The General Election was held on November 3, 2015.

Our office received the following petitions on January 5, 2016. It was requested that these items be placed on the business portion of the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of April 2, 2016.

Petition #1. Whereas the Town of Poland, Maine Board of Selectmen are responsible for up keep of Town owned property—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to repair the heating system in the Walker/McGonaghee house, to install a handicap access ramp, and handicap toilet for the purpose of utilizing the building as a commercial rental property, or for Town use, or see what action the Town will take. Valid signatures submitted, 103.

Petition #2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of the conference room at the Poland Fire Station off Aggregate Road for Poland resident public use on a sign-up basis at no charge, or see what action the Town will take. Valid signatures submitted, 103.

Petition #3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Forester to mark timber behind the Alvan Bolster Ricker Memorial Library and Community House for expanded parking and further authorize the Poland Highway Dept. to remove same (timber, brush) or see what action the Town will take. Valid signatures submitted, 103.

Petition #4. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Charter Committee to update the present Charter, or see what action the Town will take. Valid signatures submitted, 107.

Petition #5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize a zoning ordinance to limit marijuana distribution centers in Poland, Maine to one establishment and to determine the zoning district for same or to see what action the Town will take. Valid signatures submitted, 104.

These petitions were presented to the Board of Selectmen at their January 19, 2016 meeting. They placed petitions 1, 2, and 3 on the Town Meeting Warrant as articles and all of them failed. Petition 4 was not placed on the warrant as it didn't follow the petition procedure out lined in Title 20-A subsection 2102-2106 for establishing a Charter Commission. Petition 5 didn't have enough signatures as it needed 272 as outlined in the Comprehensive Land Use Code.

Our Annual Town Meeting Election was held on April 1st and April 2nd, 2016. Another RSU #16 District Budget Meeting was held on May 23, 2016 followed by a Budget Validation Election and Primary Election which was held on June 14, 2016.

It was a busy year for us with a lot of new faces coming in to the town office of people who have moved to Poland. We had a lot of town residents who passed away this year and it is always sad for us here at the town office when we learn of their passing. Many have been doing business with us for many years. We have known some as young adults seen them get married, start their families, and seen their children grow. So it is a loss for us as well as for their families.

I would like to thank my staff for their continued dedication and commitment serving the citizens of the Town of Poland. Thank you all for your continued support and good wishes.

Sincerely Yours,

Judith A. Akers

Judith A. Akers
Town Clerk of Poland

BOARD OF ASSESSORS' REPORT
JULY 1, 2015 – JUNE 30, 2016

Real Estate:

Taxable Real Estate, Land	\$ 322,214,250
Taxable Real Estate, Buildings	328,387,510
Total Taxable Real Estate:	\$ 650,601,760

Personal Property:

Taxable Machinery/Equipment	\$ 82,708,198
Taxable Furniture/Fixtures	571,110
Taxable Campers/Other	1,625,735
Total Taxable Personal Property:	\$ 84,905,043

Total Taxable Valuation:	\$ 735,506,803
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Overlay:	\$ 54,817
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Net To Be Raised By Local Taxation:	\$ 10,851,092
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County Tax:	\$ 712,690
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Tax Exemptions:

Municipal	\$ 21,620,400
State of Maine	5,893,890
Charitable	9,392,580
Churches	1,334,410
Fraternal	280,160
Other	28,030
Veterans	1,056,000
Homestead	16,520,000
Blind	4,000
Total Exemptions:	\$ 56,129,470

Other Statistics:

Tax Rate (Mils)	.01420
Ratio	100%
State Valuation (2016)	\$ 658,300,000
State Valuation (2015)	\$ 656,900,000
Tree Growth Acres	4,264.89
Tree Growth Valuation	\$ 1,281,374
Farm & Open Space Valuation	\$ 323,348
Homestead Exemptions	1,680

Abatements Granted Fiscal Year 2016:	\$ 1,485.32
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Supplemental Assessments Fiscal Year 2016:	\$ 5,997.21
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POLAND FIRE RESCUE
Annual Report
July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

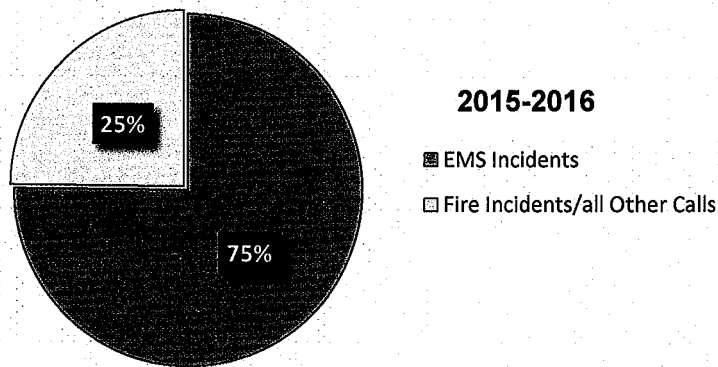
I am pleased to submit the annual report of Poland Fire Rescue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. The members have once again shown their level of professionalism to our community. Their sustained commitment to training and responding to emergencies at all hours of the day and night offers our town a tremendous level of comfort and protection. It is with great pride that I have the opportunity to serve in my 9th year as the Chief of such a fine organization.

Emergency Incidents

The department's annual statistics are listed below. The fire rescue department responded to 918 emergency calls in 2015-2016 with a total of 4,345 incident man hours. In 2010-2011 we responded to 656 calls. That is a 40% increase over the past five years.

Breakdown of Emergency Calls for 2015-2016 (total calls 918)

630 Medical Calls	26 Hazardous Conditions (No Fire)
60 Motor Vehicle Accidents	91 Service Calls
28 Fire Calls	48 False Alarm/False Calls
1 Overpressure/Rupture	7 Severe Weather/Natural Disaster Calls
27 Good Intent Calls	



Mechanic Falls Medical Calls

This is the third year that we have responded to EMS calls in Mechanic Falls between the hours of 6am to 6pm. We responded to 154 EMS calls bringing in \$41,692.41 of revenue for the town of Poland.

New Engine

In September of 2105 we took delivery of a new Peirce Enforcer engine. This engine replaced our 18 year old 1997 Pierce International that had been due for replacement in 2012.

Training A total of 1,300 hours were spent in the following trainings:

EMS

Caring for the Geriatric Patient
Maine EMS Protocol Update
12 Lead EKG Review
Vehicle Extrication
Pediatric Advanced Life Support
CPAP Review
EMT-Basic Recertification
EMT-Intermediate Recertification
EMT-Paramedic Recertification
CPR
Advanced Cardiac Life Support
Driver Training on the Ambulances
Pre-hospital Advanced Life Support
Heat Emergencies
Hypothermia
Lifepak 15 Monitors

Firefighter

Structural Firefighting
Forestry Pumps, Hoses and Nozzles
Pumping and Drafting
Vehicle Extrication
Building Search and Rescue
Hydrant Dressing and Pumping, Cisterns
Fire Officer Class
Hazardous Materials Operations Certification
Laddering a Building
Roof and Window Ventilation
Driver Training on the Apparatuses
Vehicle Stabilization
NIMS 100, 200, 300, 400 700 and 800
Vehicle Stabilization
AIR Responder orientation and use

This is unpaid time away from family that members gave to maintain and improve their fire and EMS skills.

Community Involvement

For the fifth year, Poland Fire Rescue worked with the Bruce M. Whittier Middle School on a collaborative and interactive program with a group of middle-school students that have given themselves the name the "BMWMS Fire Slayers". The students come to the station once a week to participate in hands-on learning. The parents of these students are thrilled with the positive changes they have seen in their children. Many parents report that their child has gone from being frustrated in school, and rarely talking about school, to being very excited to get to school and eager to talk about their day to their parents. We look forward to continuing with this program again next year.

We offer CPR and first aid training to the public. In the past year we certified over 100 citizens and town employees in American Heart Association CPR.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Town Manager, the Board of Selectmen, Committees and Lewiston-Auburn 911 Communications Center for their support. Finally, I want to thank the men and women of our department for all of their sacrifices, hard work and dedication to serving the community of Poland.

Sincerely,

Mark Bosse

Mark Bosse
Chief of Department
Poland Fire Rescue



ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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207-753-2500

ERIC G. SAMSON
SHERIFF

WILLIAM GAGNE
CHIEF DEPUTY

January 20, 2016

To the citizens of the Town of Poland,

We are pleased to submit the annual report of the Androscoggin County Sheriff's Department for the period of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. The following statistics reflect calls for services that deputies handled in and for the Town of Poland during this period.

These are some of the major incidents Poland Deputies have responded to:

10-55 Motor Vehicle Accident	191	Fireworks Violation	3	Police Information	121
Abandoned 911 Call	99	Forgery	2	Property Site Check	25
Abandoned Motor Vehicle	2	Fraud	21	Public Service Call	8
Administrative Paperwork	160	Harassment	53	Public Works Call	34
Alarm	190	Harassment by Phone	9	Repossession	22
Animal Complaints	175	Hazardous Conditions	47	Request to Locate / Notify	12
Animal Vicious or Biting	1	K9 Request / Response	3	Retrieve Property	18
Assault	20	Landlord / Tenant Troubles	12	Robbery	1
Assist Other Department	176	Liquor Laws	4	Sex Offense (Not Rape)	4
Bad Checks	4	Lost / Found Item	15	Sex Offense (Rape)	1
Be On Lookout (BOLO)	54	Missing Person	3	Stolen Property Recovery	2
Broken Down Vehicle	40	MV Inspection Permits	16	Suspicious Condition	51
Burglary	22	MV Laws	135	Suspicious Person / Vehicle	66
Burglary of Motor Vehicle	2	MV Theft	1	Theft	115
Children Trouble	21	Narcotic / Drug Violation	7	Threatening	24
Computer Crimes	1	Neighbor Troubles	32	Traffic Control Lights / Signs	2
Criminal Mischief	37	Noise Disturbance	21	Unattended Death	5
Criminal Trespass	30	Open Door or Window	1	Vehicle Stops	722
Disturbance / Disorderly	19	Other Criminal	13	Violation of Abuse Order	7
Domestic	46	Other Non Criminal	38	Violation of Bail Condition	4
Domestic Safety Check	3	Parking Violation	30	Warrant	40
Family Offense	4	PCF Medical / Mental	299	Weapons, Gun, Knife	6
Field Interview	4			Wellbeing Check	46

The Androscoggin County Sheriff's Department is comprised of two divisions; Public Safety Division and Corrections Division.

The Public Safety Division is headed by Captain Raymond Lafrance. The Public Safety Division is comprised by the Patrol, Criminal Investigation Division (Detectives), Communications, and Civil Process Division.

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The Correction Division is headed by Captain Jeffrey Chute. The Correction Division is responsible for the care, custody and transportation of our inmates. We average a daily population of 158 inmates with an additional daily average of 30 inmates being housed at other jails and approximately 130 people on Maine Pretrial Contracts.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "E. Samson".

Sheriff

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "W. Gagne".

Chief Deputy



Poland Parks & Recreation Department Annual Report July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

Director: Scott Segal

Coordinator: Deia Christner



Poland Seniors open Senior Center-May 18, 2016

❖ Recreation Director Summary:

Here is a list of highlights from the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year...
this past fiscal year;

- Changed our name to: Poland Parks & Recreation Department
- Camp Northstar providing 5 new scholarships for youth in our community
- Opened up a Senior Center in the basement of the Town Hall basement!
- Majority of erosion control plan completed at Tripp Lake Beach
- Dunkin Donuts- For allowing us to participate in the Community Mugs program and for us letting us have a donation box on their counter!
- Several projects completed at our ball fields
- Summer Feed program-made available for our summer recreation program again!
- Hosted 2 more American Red Cross Blood Drives
- Public Works has been instrumental in helping with various ball field and erosion control projects!
- Fire Rescue provided CPR/First aid training for summer staff again!
- Trail Kiosks built
- Recreation Storage improved
- Ribbon cutting for Heart of Poland Trails
- Hosted 9th Annual Spirit Invitational Cheerleading Competition

- Saying goodbye to Julie Mocciola after a decade of service.
- Hosted the CMFL Football Jamboree and play-offs
- Purchased a used trailer for special events (non-tax payer funds)

❖ **Volunteers!**

We had over 250 volunteers in FYE 2016 that committed their time and efforts to coach, teach, manage fundraisers, manage tables, and keep things organized and to help in so many other ways. Your involvement has allowed us to keep our programs affordable!

Special Thanks to the following volunteers!

- Julie Lawrence who has put in a lot of time and effort to make sure our football concessions and fundraisers were successful!
- Keith Messer-Thank you for overseeing many trail projects.
- Poland Community School students-Trail Projects.

❖ **Town Hall rentals:**

We rented out the town hall 6 times between July 1, 2015 thru June 30, 2016 (compared to 10 in prior fiscal year) Types of rentals; Fundraiser = 0, Party = 1, Anniversary Party = 0, Wedding Reception = 0 Family Dance = 1, baby shower = 0, graduation party = 1, Benefit Supper = 2, Private Event = 1
Other Town Hall uses; Cheer practices, tumbling, End of season gatherings for sports, PRHS Cheer practice, Special Town Meeting, Annual Election, Destination Imagination, Drama, Baby sitting course, Home Alone course, Meetings, 2 blood drives, Caucus, Ice Cream Social

❖ **Table and chair rentals...A great deal for residents!**

For a small fee you can rent tables and chairs for your functions. The lightweight tables make it easy to transport. 50% of table revenues supported Poland Seniors and Trail Committee. Balance as of 6/30, 2016 = \$1,518.40
31 rentals (Comparative to prior year = 31); Tables borrowed a few times for PCS and PRHS activities and town business.

❖ **Annual Fundraising Campaign:**

2015-2016 Summary: The Recreation Department budget is split up into two parts; part 1: tax commitment that supports the Recreation Director and the part time Recreation Coordinator and any employee benefits associated with these positions. Part 2: All other expenses that the Department accrues are covered by revenues from program fees, donations and fundraising efforts.

Baseball/Softball:

Spring Tagging = \$3,635.04 (prior year = \$ 4,177.87)
Dunkin Donuts Mug Program = \$2,780.00 (prior year \$ 3,290.00)
Dunkin Donuts Donation Jar = \$ 320.00 (prior year \$ 325.53)
Donation Buy the Fire = \$600.00 (Sponsored 2 teams) \$100 banner
Donation Hart's Classic Auto = \$600.00 (Sponsored 2 teams) \$100 banner
Donation Kennebec Equipment Rental = \$300.00 (Sponsored 1 team)
Donation Family Time, Dine & Play = \$300.00 (Sponsored 1 team)

Donation-Range Pond Campground = \$100.00 Banner Donation
Donation- Dana Cook = \$100.00 Banner Donation
Donation-In memory of Bucky Coutts = \$150.00

Soccer:

Fall Fundraiser-Prize Calendar = \$2,260.00 (Prior year-Prize Calendar = \$2,443.47)
Donation-Untamed Violette's Photography = \$50.00
Donation- Challenger Sports= \$530.00

Football:

Accessory Profit	572
Subway Profit	3,435
Prize Calendar Profit	1,764.01
Grid Iron Profit	5,585
Concession Profit	1,186.50
Banner Profit	920
Camp Profit	821.5

Banners:

Family Time-Donated Drinks
Mechanic Falls Auto
Dana's Heavy Equip
Tim Dubuc
Poland Spring Water-3 yr
Gee & Bee
Buy the Fire-Light donation/Filming

Operation:

Range Pond Campground Donation = \$ 50.00
Discount ticket Sales = Fun town = \$ 295.00; Water Country = \$ 13.13.; Canobie Lake Park = \$ 17.00; Aquaboggan = \$15.00;
Spookwalk = \$554.38
Sold pool tables = \$350.00

Cheering:

Winter Ball = \$277.99 (prior year \$571.44); Spirit Invitational Event = \$4,679.04 (prior year \$ \$1,416.23)

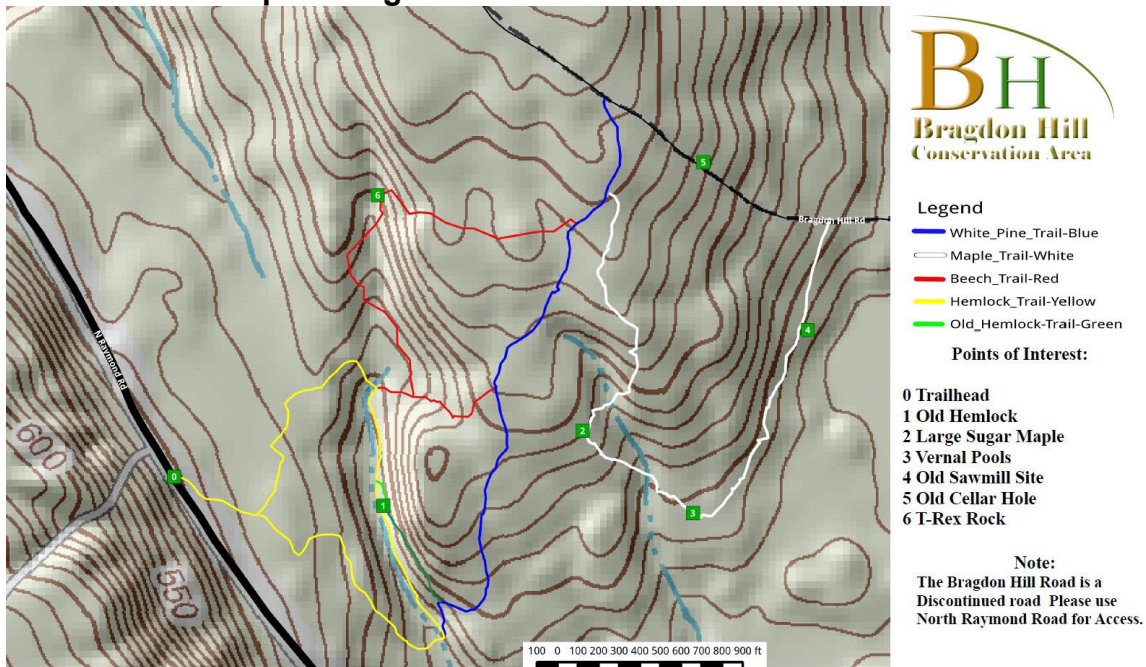
Heart of Poland
Conservation Area Kiosk



Trail Committee:

- ❖ The Trail Committee continues its efforts to construct and maintain the hiking trails in the Bragdon Hill Conservation Area, Heart of Poland Conservation Area and a newer focus on Waterhouse Brook Trail.
- ❖ The trail Committee works hand in hand with the Conservation Commission.
- ❖ The trails have been completely cleared with the help of volunteers from Johns Manville and Electrostatic Technology, color coded aluminum trail blazers were fabricated and placed.
- ❖ Completed the GPS mapping and prepared the trail map and brochure for the area.
- ❖ The Trail Committee meets at the Ricker Library on 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30, new members
- ❖ The committee encourage the residents of Poland and others to enjoy this resource, the trails cover a variety of terrain and mixed woodlands. Website: www.polandtownoffice.org/Click on Recreation/ Click on Trails
- ❖ Thank you to David Lowe for coordinating our trail maps.

Trail map of Bragdon Hill Conversation Area:



Poland Seniors:

Budget-Starting balance = \$1,405.42; Ending Balance = \$1,271.95

Activities: Bowling, card games, Holiday Party, Pot lucks, Yard Sale, Cabbage Island trip, Trolley Museum Trip, Train Trip, Culinary Institute @ SMCC.

Senior Center opens its doors!

With the support of our Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen, the Poland Seniors were able to turn the Town Hall basement into a Senior Center. The kitchen was renovated. The space allows for meetings; large TV screen to watch movies; pool tables, ping pong table, etc...The membership is starting to grow and the hope is that we can reach out to more folks in the community to make sure there are opportunities for them to remain active and involved!

Continuing a wonderful partnership with our local schools! Thank you to PRHS and PCS staff for allowing the Recreation Department to use the fields and gyms for community access. Examples of our partnership: PRHS maintenance staff line our soccer, softball and baseball fields and we provide the paint and port-a-toilets. PCS PE teacher allows us to use volleyball equipment and we give the PE program 50% of the reg. fee profit. PCS allows us weekend, weekday evening and day time in the summer access to the gym and we work very hard to keep the space clean. PCS uses our lower field for programming. PRHS has allowed us to store football equipment on school property. PRHS Cheering & air guitar participants utilized the Town Hall; PRHS boosters held concession fundraiser during our youth cheering event; PRHS and PCS borrowed tables on a few occasions; PRHS students have taken part in community service projects to help improve our landscaping and trails. We look forward to our continued partnerships and will do whatever is asked to make sure we continue to have access to facilities for the betterment of our families!

- ❖ **Recreation Equipment Recycle Program continues to help our community.** The recycling program continues to provide equipment at no cost to families who either cannot afford new equipment or who are just trying to save money. Much of the gear that is donated is in great shape and can benefit everyone. Our basic items are baseball gloves, cleats and shin guards; however we are now receiving more bike helmets, snow board shoes, ice skates, hockey equipment and cross country skis. Thank you for all of your kind donations to help your neighbors! If anyone wishes to donate, please contact our office.

Program Participant Numbers

Disc – Program Discontinued

N/A – Program did not exist during time of keeping stats.

Stats do not include discount ticket sales

***Community Event/Activity participation is based on estimates.**

Program	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16
Art Class					21

Babe Ruth baseball	0	0	1	3	11
Baseball	73	78	74	54	61
Basketball	73	81	91	77	67
Cheering	44	53	86	79	72
Cheer Camp	40	57	47	31	24
Destination Imagination				38	34
Drama Camp	16	44	37	40	54
Father/daughter Ball	135	110	103	183	202
Football/Flag Football	96	113	99	90	102
Karate				80	93
K-2 Multi-Sport	14	15	16	20	14
Indoor Soccer	50	47	51	25	25
Intro To Tee Ball				12	17
Lost Valley Skiing	40	15	33	26	30
British Soccer	40	44	41	40	53
Soccer	140	157	175	89	102
Tee Ball	51	54	36	36	37
Tumbling	26	38	67	114	116
Softball	39	34	35	35	37
Summer Recreation	57	58	58	59	63
Teen Adventure	15	13	12	12	12
Adult Basketball	27	30	30	28	0
Adult Volleyball	22	22	22	24	24
Halloween Extravaganza	275	272	250	244	251
Sports Recycling participants				122	148
Tree Lighting	175	165	160	150	145
Table/Chair Rentals	29	28	35	31	31
Tri-Town Sr. Club	29	28	27	27	31
Totals	1,654	1,714	1,621	1,769	1,877

Programs & Services Chronological Time Line

Youth Sports:

Baseball (tee ball, babe ruth, softball) (Existed prior to Rec. Dept)

Basketball (Existed prior to Rec. Dept)

Cheering (Existed prior to Rec. Dept) Includes fall Cheering

Soccer (Existed prior to Rec. Dept)

Football (Began Fall 2005); Added Flag Football fall 2009;

Indoor Soccer (Existed prior to Rec. Dept)



Trail project Day



One of our Instructional Soccer teams



Seniors Summer BBQ



5 & 6 grade football

Youth Programs:

Karate (Began oversight 2015)

Tumbling (Began 2005)

Lost Valley Skiing (Existed prior to Rec. Dept)

K-2 Multi Sport (Evolved from a similar program prior to Rec Dept.) (Began 2005)

Added 2nd grade instructional basketball (Began 2008)

Drama Classes (Began 2010)

Destination Imagination-Took over from RSU16 2014

Art Classes-(Began 2013)

Summer Camps:

Summer Recreation (Existed prior to Rec. Dept)

Cheering Spirit Camp (Began 2007)

Soccer Camp (Existed prior to Rec. Dept)-Now called British Soccer

Basketball Camp (Began in 2015)

Other Services:

Discount tickets @ Fun Town (Existed prior to Rec. Dept), Water Country (Began 2006), Aquaboggan (Began 2011), Canobie Lake Park (Began 2011); Attitash Mtn (Began 2016), Shawnee Peak (began 2016)

Camp North Star Scholarship (Began 2005)

Sports Recycling Program (Began 2004)

Table & Chair Rental (Began 2006)

Skate Park (Opened spring 2010)

Town Hall Rental (Began 2009)

Managing ball fields

*Nadeau field renovations, new sheds @ MS field for storage, new benches @ PCS, repaired bleachers, new step @ Brown Rd Equipment building.

Trail development (Began 2006) *Partnering with Conservation Commission

*Current trail work on Bragdon Hill Conservation Area & Shaker Bog.

Rec. Director managing the town beaches (Began 2003)

* Hired a beach attendant beginning Summer 2011

On-line registration (Began 2008)

Teen Programs:

Teen Adventure (Began 2004)

Adult Programs:

Softball (Began 2009) Moved to Mechanic Falls in 2013

Volleyball (Began 2004)

Poland Senior Club (2009)

Community Events:

Tree Lighting (Existed prior to Rec. Dept) Partner with Santa Comes to Poland

Halloween Extravaganza (Existed prior to Rec. Dept)

Father/Daughter Ball (Existed prior to Rec. Dept)

Spookwalk-Took over from Fire/Rescue 2008

Scholarships:

Camp Northstar

Cheering-PRHS Senior

Tripp Lake Beach receives a face lift:

With the support of the Board of Selectmen, our Town Manager, financial support from Poland Spring Bottle Company & Tripp Lake Association; labor support by DOT and our very own Public Works, we have transformed the beach into a safer, accessible and more enjoyable place for people to enjoy. Poland Spring Bottle Company donated \$5,000 and 2 x 100% recycled plastic picnic tables. Tripp Lake Association donated \$1,000. The Town approved \$10,000 towards the project. Our CEO Nick Adams provided guidance and support with permitting and making sure we met any/all codes. Jeff Stern, staff person from Androscoggin Soil & Water Conservation District helped provide guidance to the project. DOT installed a curb between the road and main beach area.

Completed tasks, majority of which were done in-house by our Public Works crew.

Acquired proper permits to do the following tasks; Restricted and directed access to the beach by adding sidewalk, fencing, stairs and a handicap accessible ramp; repaired stone walls; installed rip rap to eroded root systems; pulled sand from the lake; installed a plunge pool; added 2 sets of stairs; Added erosion control mulch; removed dead trees; installed fence; installed and paved sidewalk above main beach area and accessible path.

We have a few more items to complete in the upcoming Fiscal Year.



Before photos of main beach area

Alvan Bolster Ricker Memorial Library

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Director: Joanne Messer

Annual Report

July 2015– June 2016

The Alvan Bolster Ricker Memorial Library offers valuable resources and services to the entire Poland community. The library's stated mission is *to encourage community members of all ages in their pursuit of life long learning by providing educational, cultural, and recreational materials in a welcoming environment.* Resources include hardbound and paperback books, eBooks, books on CDs and cassettes, a collection of large print books, music CDs and cassettes, magazines, newspapers, reference materials, state and local histories, videos, and DVDs. We offer access to the Internet as well as basic computer software on five public computers. Our collection contains more than 30,000 titles and we also borrow items owned by other libraries in the state through the Inter-Library Loan program.

Children's Programs:

- Carolyn Tanner, retired school and music teacher, led Ricker's very popular **Pre-School Story Time** every Tuesday morning during the school year. She guided an average of 12 children each week in stories, crafts, and music, bringing joy to children, parents, and caregivers all.
- Susie Stover, volunteer and equally talented retired school teacher, provided **Story Time for Day Care and Preschool Centers** in Poland. Each month she brought stories, crafts, and a new bag of books to children all over town.
- A total of 61 children registered for Ricker Library's **Summer Reading Program 2015**. The theme this year was "On Your Mark Get Set Read". Through the month of July, preschoolers and kindergarteners were led on Tuesday mornings in stories and crafts by Carolyn Tanner and Karen Perry. The first through fifth graders were led by Terri LaClaire. The sixth through eighth graders were led by Tammy Christopher. Jane Fawcett brought her therapy dog Lizzy to the library so the children could read to her. Another major component of the Reading Program is the Family Fun Events. This year the events included Author Tamara Wight, Mad Science of Maine, and Paul Minor and Daisy the Pig. Summer Reading Grand Finale was Yoga, Dance, Games, Prizes and Smoothies. The total attendance for all programs and events was 293.
- A newly established **Teens Club** met every Tuesday during the school year, 3:00-4:30 PM. A variety of crafts, life skills, games and discussions held their interests.
- **Book Discussion Groups:** We have two long established book groups. On the first Monday of each month at 2 PM is the Mystery Book group. The Let's Talk Book group chooses books from a wide range of topics; they meet the 3rd Monday of each month at 7 PM.

Continuing Community Outreach:

- **Monday Morning Quilters** create lovely items each week as do the **Scraps and Patches Quilters** on Wednesday mornings.
- The **Needle Crafters** who meet to knit, crochet, embroider, etc., gathered Wednesday afternoons of every week to share tips and techniques.
- **Lifesprings, Inc.** meet on the second Tuesday and fourth Wednesday of the month.
- **Poland Spring Woodcarvers** get together on the first Friday of the month and third Saturday of the month.
- Families and non-profit organizations of Poland can reserve Ricker Library's Community Room and/or Conference Room without charge. Donations are welcomed to help maintain this service.

The Friends of Ricker Library supported special programs at the library by sponsoring fund raising event such as the Yard Sale. The group provided funds for a community pass to Maine Wildlife Park, Adult Coloring Club, and movie nights. New members are always welcomed. It can be fun to support your library through this volunteer organization.

We offer a variety of programs and services to the public. For further information about programs or volunteer opportunities call Ricker Memorial Library at 998-4390. Our hours are Monday & Tuesday: 9 AM to 8 PM; Wednesday through Friday: 9 AM to 5 PM; and Saturday 10 AM to 2 PM.

Respectfully,

Joanne Messer, Library Director

PUBLIC WORKS ANNUAL REPORT FY 2016

Item	HOURS	Notes
After Hour Incidents	74	COM CENTER CALLS 911, ROAD CLOSED ETC.
Trees Down/Removed/pruning	154	Chainsaw crew.loader,trucks,signs,BRUSH CUTTING
Road washouts	5	SIGNIFICANT RAIN EVENT AND/OR SPRING MELT
<u>ROAD WORK</u>		
Culvert Cleaning	67	Water tanker,High Pressure Pump,Repair/STEAM
Culvert Replacement	50	Dig Safe Notify,Road Closure,crew 3
Ditching	12,215'	Flaggers,Backhoe(Excavator) 2 Dump Trucks 1 full Crew
Street Sign Install or Replace	73	Truck 12,1 Crew
Potholes or Sinkholes Repaired	358	Truck 11, 1 Crew
Road Grading	54	Flaggers,Grader 1 Crew/cobb rd ,old plains etc.12 total
Road Sweeping	62	Truck 11, 1 Crew/after shouldering/sring cleanup etc.
Clearing Carcasses	29	Truck 1 , 1 Crew,DEER,racoons ,beavers etc.
SNOW/ICE EVENT/SANDING	21	Full Crew
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE</u>		
Citizen Requests	116	PW Director
Department Head Meeting	21	PW Director
Manager Meeting	54	PW Director/ manager meetings
Safety Meetings	34	PW Director,All Crew.
Training	32	PW Director,All Crew.
<u>MAINTENANCE</u>		
Middle Range Pond Dam Monitoring	36	PW Director/OPEN GATES/CLEAN GRATES FOR WINTER
Empire Road Cemetary	15	1 Crew ,One Ton /Trailer/2 Mowers/Trimmers
Dunn Road Cemetary	12	1 Crew ,One Ton /Trailer/2 Mowers/Trimmers
Maine Street (behind PCC)	9	1 Crew ,One Ton /Trailer/2 Mowers/Trimmers
Tripp Lake Camp Road Cemetary	5	1 Crew ,One Ton /Trailer/2 Mowers/Trimmers
Mequier Hill Road Cemetary	5	1 Crew ,One Ton /Trailer/2 Mowers/Trimmers
Johnson Hill Road Cemetary	4	1 Crew ,One Ton /Trailer/2 Mowers/Trimmers
Cleve Tripp Road Cemetary	4	1 Crew ,One Ton /Trailer/2 Mowers/Trimmers
Range Hill Road Cemetary	3	1 Crew ,One Ton /Trailer/2 Mowers/Trimmers
Jordan Cemetary	3	1 Crew ,One Ton /Trailer/2 Mowers/Trimmers
Route 122 (Bishop Road)	6	1 Crew ,One Ton /Trailer/2 Mowers/Trimmers
Lower Field (behind PCS)	26	1 Crew ,One Ton /Trailer/2 Mowers/Trimmers
Nadeau Field	25	1 Crew ,One Ton /Trailer/2 Mowers/Trimmers
Brown Road Field	32	1 Crew ,One Ton /Trailer/2 Mowers/Trimmers
Public Works Facility/PLOWING/MOW	50	Full Crew
Estes Bog Damm Maint/Repair/Monitor	20	PW Director
Summit Spring rd.Cemetary	13	1 crew ,One Ton /Trailer/2 Mowers/Trimmers
<u>ASSITANCE TO OTHER DEPT.</u>		
Assist Transfer Station Dept	75	MECHANICAL SOLUTIONS/WELDING/FABRICATING/REPAIRS
Assist Recreation Dept	34	Moving-transporting equipment etc.
Assist Library Dept	43	
Assist Fire Rescue Dept	38	PLOWING,MAINTENANCE,REPAIRS,FIRE TRUCK REPAIR
Assist Town Office	83	PLOWING,MAINTENANCE,REPAIRS,CONSTRUCTION
<u>OTHER</u>		
Mutual Service requested by McFalls	16	TRADE EQUIPMENT USAGE/SERVICES
Mutual Service requested by Poland	15	TRADE EQUIPMENT USAGE/SERVICES
Man Hours Worked	11,648	
Local/State DOT Services Request	20	Road Hazzards/General Help/ SIGN REPLACEMENT
Diesel Gals.	10,973.20	
Gasoline Gals.	1,530.00	

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Introduction:

During this Fiscal year, the Planning and Community Development Department continued to educate and enforce the Town Ordinances for residents, contractors, and other related parties. Poland's lakes, ponds, rivers, streams, and aquifers make Poland an ideal place to reside year round or for a vacation home.

Staff:

The department was staffed with a full time Code Enforcement Officer/Planner, Nicholas L. Adams, and a full time (35 Hours per week) administrative assistant/Assistant Code Enforcement Officer, Alex Sirois. This year Alex has been working with the Community and Economic Development Committee and the Town's website design and is now certified as a Code Enforcement Officer in the areas of Land Use.

Permits and Revenue:

The main source of revenue for the department is through the permitting process. Permits are required for several different Land Use Activities; the most common permits include Building, Fire, Electrical, Internal and External Plumbing permits. Below is a list of the permits issued and the revenues for Fiscal Year 2015.

<u>Permit Type</u>	<u>Total</u>		<u>Revenue Type</u>	<u>Total</u>
Building/Fire/Use Permits	240		Code Enforcement Fees	\$60,078.72
Electrical Permits	113		Electrical Permit Fees	\$7,476.10
Internal Plumbing Permits	52		Plumbing Permit Fees	\$11,347.50
External Plumbing Permits	40		Business Registration Fees	\$1,080.00

Department Changes:

The Department was awarded delegated review from the State Fire Marshal's Office for construction permits. Construction permits shall include any building or structure constructed, operated or maintained for use by the general public, which shall include, but not be limited to, all buildings or portions of buildings used for a schoolhouse, hospital, convalescent home, nursing or boarding home to be licensed by the Department of Human Services, Division of Licensing and Certification; theater or other place of public assembly, mercantile occupancy

over 3,000 square feet, hotel, motel, or business occupancy of two or more stories or any building to be state owned or operated. There are other possible uses that may require a fire construction permit, so it will be best to contact the department to see if a permit is required.

Planning Board:

This year the Planning Board worked on several amendments to the Comprehensive Land Use Code, reviewed and approved several formal shoreland zoning application for new/expanded single family homes, and heard and approved several commercial site plan and residential subdivisions including but not limited to:

- Beauty Salon for Joseph P. & Judith A. McMorrow
- Landscaping/Construction Retail establishment for Jeffery Morin
- Shaker Hill Estates subdivision amendment
- Tiger Woods Subdivision
- Commercial development for Joseph Cimino
- Preliminary Approval of a 58 lot subdivision for Brookdale Village,

The Legislature has amended the mandatory shoreland zoning regulations; therefore Town must be consistent with these regulations. This office and Planning Board has been reviewing the amendments and will be recommending amendment to the Town's ordinance at the April 2016 Town Meeting.

Next Year:

Looking ahead the Town has applied for delegated review/capacity from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection for Storm Water/Site Law permits. Given that, the Town already has received delegated review for construction permits, by receiving this delegation it should expedite review and approvals for several projects. Additionally, the State is in the process of adopting and amending the 2015 editions of the building, energy, fire, life safety, ventilation and plumbing codes/standards. Remember to check with the department to confirm which edition of a code or standard the Town is enforcing.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicholas L. Adams

Code Enforcement Officer/Planner

POLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
1229 MAINE STREET
POLAND, ME 04274

Another year has passed, 2017 is looking quite interesting. We are hoping for an interesting year ahead. This past year was a bit slower than we had hoped for. Our plans are to make many changes, of interest as the year goes on.

We look forward to expanding our membership and growing process. Membership is growing at this time bringing in folks that were born in Poland and still live here. These folks have a lot of knowledge of past and present.

Articles of interest are still coming in to help our displays at the Historical Society. We can always use more so keep digging. Articles can be dropped off at the Old School House or you can give us a call to make other arrangements.

The third and fourth grades from the community school pays us a visit each year.

The new barn is working very well. Most people are surprised to see what we have accomplished. Stop by or make an appointment to visit with us when we are open.

Our summer hours are June, July and August. Thursdays from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

As we have done in the past, we are looking for any one that would be interested in donating a few hours of their time so we can open more days per week year round.

An open house is being planned for April 22, 2017 at 2:00 PM at the Old School House and barn. We will do a slide show of East Poland that was donated by the late Mr. and Mrs. Willard Stone. After the slide show you will be invited to view the new barn along with a steamed hot dog luncheon.

Questions: Call (207) 998-4391 any time or email ehchip@aol.com

Respectfully submitted,
E. H. Chipman, President

POLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
2016 Annual Report

The major project of the Poland Conservation Commission in 2016 was the Heart of Poland Conservation Area Easement.

At the Annual Town Meeting on April 2, 2016 the voters passed Article 38 which authorized the establishment of a Conservation Easement on approximately 95 acres to be held by New England Forestry Foundation. A survey of the easement area by Davis Land Surveying, Inc. indicated the area to be 101.6 acres. The Conservation Commission worked with New England Forestry Foundation to prepare the Baseline Documentation. The final easement document is expected to be signed by the selectmen in March 2017.

Board member Jean Potachek worked closely with the town's treasurer to determine the funds available for conservation and prepare a budget for 2017.

The conservation commission would like to thank the Board of Selectmen and the Poland town office for their assistance in helping with the Heart of Poland project.

A special thank you to Keith Messer for his many months of efforts to clear and mark all of the trails and many other tasks involving the Heart of Poland project

We will continue to work on the Waterhouse Park trail system, which will be just under 2 miles. Waterhouse Park is full of Poland's history and is just behind the Poland Community School.

Fred Huntress	co-chairman
Barry Morgan	co-chairman
Don Stover	secretary
Jean Potachek	treasurer
John Laskey	member
Jack Quinn	member

TOWN FORESTER'S REPORT
2016

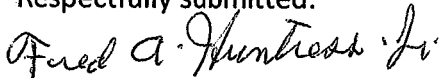
The Town Forester did not have any active forestry projects on the Town Forests in 2016.

As an active member of Poland Conservation Commission and Poland Trail Committee he worked closely with both organizations by advising and assisting in matters pertaining to the Town Forests.

The Town Forester located several white oak trees in the Heart of Poland Conservation Area on what has been designated as White Oak Trail. While these uncommon trees are only 6 – 10 inches in diameter they can grow to very large trees iff given room to develop. Poland is unique in having the only White Oak Hill in Maine. White Oaks were probably common when the town was settled but were harvested for ship timbers. When the Forest Management Plan for the Heart of Poland Conservation Area is prepared emphasis on protecting these White Oaks will be included.

Residents of Poland are encouraged to hike the trails on the Town Forests and observe the variety of tree species native to the area. Some trees have been labeled for identification and more trees will be identified in the future.

Respectfully submitted:



Fred A. Huntress, Jr.
Town Forester

RSU #16



TINA MESERVE
SUPERINTENDENT

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #16
MECHANIC FALLS * MINOT * POLAND

MELANIE CHASSE
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

January 11, 2016

Dear Citizens of Poland,

The 2015-2016 school year has proven to be one filled with growth toward our long-range Strategic Plan. We are establishing structures and practices to improve teaching and learning, as well as our systems related to operations and finances.

Early Release Wednesdays are critical to the progress we are making to improve teaching and learning. On Wednesdays, staff have over 2 hours of professional time to develop new skills and common understanding for best practices. Students leave 1-hour early and then teachers stay 60-90 additional minutes after that hour. Here are some highlights from Wednesday sessions:

- Middle school and high school staff have been working to establish proficiency-based grading practices. Assignments are being aligned to standards, and parents and students can now check assignments and grades online every day.
- K-6 teachers are learning to implement the Common Core Mathematical Practices effectively at all grade levels. The Mathematical Practices include skills that transcend the teaching of math. Practices include: problem solving, reasoning abstractly, constructing viable arguments, using models and tools, attending to precision and using structures. These will ensure that our students can think deeply about information they encounter.
- Training is being provided on our new Teacher Evaluation Professional Growth system. This system has rigorous expectations and our teachers are learning about all the components, including creation and implementation of Student Learning Goals (SLGs).

With support from our communities, we added several new positions this year, including a Guidance Counselor and Gifted and Talented teacher shared between Minot Consolidated School and Elm Street School and a Special Education teacher at PCS. Adding these positions was a priority in our Strategic Plan.

At the system level we hired a Business Manager, Stacie Field. Our business procedures were recently reviewed by outside auditors and recommendations are being implemented to improve oversight and efficiencies. We have seen significant savings in just the four months since the position was filled. Following the resignation of a member of the business office, we were able to hire a Director of Operations, John Hawley. Mr. Hawley is responsible for facilities and grounds and supervises our Transportation and Food Service Directors. He is working with local officials to finalize our safety plans, as well as leading the Facilities Review Team charged with addressing the overcrowding at BWMS. All of this work is moving forward at a steady rate thanks to knowledge and skills of staff in these positions.

We are just beginning the 2016-2017 Budget process. Our Budget Committee includes members of the RSU 16 School Board, Central Office Administration and Town Representatives. Once again, we will be counting on your feedback as we develop a budget that allows us to meet the goals of our 5-Year Strategic Plan, while being fiscally responsible to our community members. As always, our FY '16-17 budget will be developed in a transparent and collaborative manner. Our Budget Committee meetings are open to the public and videotaped. Our website (www.rsu16.org) will host all of our budget information.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Tina Meserve
Tina Meserve

Poland Community School

Richard Benoit
Principal

RSU 16

Kelly Marston
Assistant Principal

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January 2016

Dear Citizens of Poland:

Our students here at Poland Community School are experiencing an excellent year working together with parents and members of the community to meet the learning needs of our children. The community has shown great support in the budget process and involvement in our many community events. We are very fortunate to be part of such an outstanding collaborative effort.

The support that the community gives to and models for our students serves as an inspiration. Our students have been supported by the community through the Mana-Fed program, which provides backpacks of food for our families in need. Poland Spring supports our work with The Ecology School, the Brookie-Buddies program and "adopts" families in need at Christmas. Our families and staff support over 25 additional families through the Giving Tree, which also provides for families in need at Christmas. The Poland Recreation Department works closely with the school to provide opportunities for our students beyond the school day. We have PRHS high school students who mentor students at our school, and high school seniors came to meet and read with our kindergarten students to help boost college aspirations with these young learners.

All of this support has driven the students and staff to find ways for us to involve and give back to the community. Our Life Skills program organizes a food drive to support the Poland Food bank. Our students collect candy after Halloween to send to our troops serving overseas. We have over 500 guests each year for our Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day, and are currently working on adding two more community days in which we, as a school, will find new ways to invite in and give back to our community.

All of this collaborative effort makes a difference for our students. Our students have scored above state average on the State-wide assessments in math, language arts and science for the last five years! While it may be hard to draw a straight line between a food drive and state test scores, we do know that students who have their basic needs met and feel a part of a collective effort are better learners. Our values around "community" create a learning environment where all can be successful.

Our ability to provide a first-rate education here at PCS has been enhanced by the community support of our Early-Release Wednesdays. On these afternoons the staff look at student learning, our interventions for struggling and accelerated students and our common behavior expectations within the school. We are continuously looking at ways to improve student learning through self-reflection and the examination of how and what we teach. This time has been and will continue to be a big asset in our continued pursuit of an outstanding educational experience here at PCS.

The staff and I feel blessed to be part of this great community and to feel the support it continues to give to our young learners. We thank you for your support and feedback for the continual improvement of our school.

Sincerely,



Rick Benoit
Principal, Poland Community School

WHITTIER MIDDLE SCHOOL

SHAWN VINCENT - PRINCIPAL



JESSICA MADSEN - DEAN OF STUDENTS

January 14, 2016

Greetings from Whittier Middle School!

Bruce M. Whittier Middle School currently serves 249 seventh and eighth graders from Mechanic Falls, Minot and Poland. We have twenty full-time teachers, five educational technicians, one school counselor, and one administrator. We share additional staff with each of the schools in our district.

Students take full-year courses in English language arts, math, science, social studies, and physical education. They also take art, technology education, wellness, and Spanish courses for one quarter of the year. We are very excited to offer Spanish to our students this year after a seven-year absence. The program provides an introduction to conversational Spanish and other basic vocabulary through activities, songs, and games. The opportunity to begin learning Spanish in middle school puts students on track for proficiency in high school.

Students are encouraged to get involved in sports and other co-curricular activities to enrich their school experience and challenge themselves beyond academics. Eighty-six students participated in sports during the fall season, playing field hockey, soccer, or running cross-country. Others played football through the recreation program. This winter, fifty students are playing basketball for Whittier. In addition, many students are involved in Student Council, Drama Club, Yearbook Committee, Coding Club, Guitar Club, Craft Club, Civil Rights Team, and Math Club.

Academically, Whittier is hitting its stride. Over the past several years, Whittier staff has invested time and energy into developing curriculum to align with the new state standards. Results from the most recent state assessment indicate that the investment is paying off. School scores are well above the state averages in most testing areas and truly stand out in math. On the 2014-15 test, 52% of 7th graders met or exceeded the standard (compared to the state's 36%) and 54% of 8th graders met or exceeded the standard (compared to the state's 33%). The teachers' hard work, collaboration, creativity, and shared decision-making are raising student achievement.

Staff continues to work to develop common curriculum and assessments to drive learning and build student engagement. Our goal is to support all learners in achieving growth. We have built flexible time into students' schedules to give them what they need to grow. For some students, this time is dedicated to math or reading interventions, while others participate in practical application of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Additional groups are being challenged in literature, math, and art enrichments.

We are also working on building student ownership for their learning through clear communication of goals and progress. Soon, we will open an online grade book for students, parents, and staff. We hope this tool may give more control to the student in monitoring his or her progress in meeting standards.

We are extremely proud of the teaching, learning, and positive culture of our school, and we are truly grateful for the support and investment of our community.

Shawn J. Vincent
Principal



Poland Regional High School

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January 6, 2016

Dear Poland Residents;

Here is what PRHS looked like at the start of the school year:

- 51 students enrolled at Lewiston Regional Technical Center
- 20 students enrolled in college classes
- 4 students are enrolled in an AP4ALL course (online AP course offered through the state)
- Last spring 90 students took 108 AP exams. 38% of the students earned a 3 or better (3 is passing).
- Currently enrollment is 489: 9th-123, 10th-132, 11th-121, 12th-113.

We are excited about the curriculum changes we are making at PRHS to better serve your children. Four years ago, 35 students had the opportunity to study computer science at the high school. You invested in hiring a full time computer science teacher in the 2013-2014 school year. That investment has paid off. This year, 142 students will be studying some aspect of computer science, from website development, to basic computer programming, to business applications. We are grateful that the community has helped us expose our students to essential skills and knowledge that will better prepare them for life after high school.

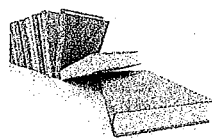
In addition to computer science, our science department is updating their curriculum to include Engineering standards. Engineering encourages students to solve real life problems by developing and testing solutions. These problems range from testing the strength of model bridges to increasing the speed at which objects move. This is part of how we are preparing students to be high quality problem solvers in the real world.

The faculty and staff at PRHS wish to thank you for supporting your students and your schools. There is much to be proud of in our three towns and we are grateful for the opportunity to work with your children

Sincerely,

Cari Medd
Principal

Tina Meserve
Superintendent
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RSU 16 ADULT EDUCATION

Mechanic Falls ~ Minot ~ Poland

Making a Difference Since 1984

December 2015

Dear Citizens,

This year we celebrated the accomplishments of twenty new Adult Education graduates at our cap and gown graduation ceremony on Friday, May 29, 2015. More than 150 friends and family members gathered in the Elm Street School gymnasium to recognize the achievements of these students and to watch as Superintendent Tina Meserve presented them with diplomas. Our inspirational message was delivered by former graduate and recent College Transition student, Araminta Mayberry.

In response to recent changes to the Workforce Investment Act at the federal level, we continue to increase partnerships and connections with businesses and employers. Our intent is to facilitate more opportunities and knowledge for our students as we continue to prepare and equip them for future pathways. College and Career Readiness is a major focus of the work we do as we move toward our 5-year Vision. To that end, we strive to ensure that all students who leave our program own defined goals and detailed next steps, possess new knowledge of themselves, their aspirations and talents, and have a confident belief in themselves as College and Career Ready individuals. All students will have the skills necessary for lifelong learning!

Widespread awareness of programs and participation in enrichment classes throughout our Tri-Town Communities is also very important to us. In addition to the High School Diploma and HiSET programming offered by core staff in academic areas, we served nearly 450 people in computer classes and a wide variety of community enrichment classes in 2015. I encourage you to take a look at the classes in our course catalogs or on our website at <http://mechanicfalls.maineadulted.org/>. We are happy to report that we are now able to take online registrations. You can also keep in touch with events and developments by finding us on FaceBook or Twitter. If we can be of assistance in any way, please email jrose@rsu16.org, call 345-3217, or stop by our Learning Center at Elm Street School in Mechanic Falls. Your ideas, support and involvement are always welcome and very much appreciated!

Respectfully,

Jenny H. Rose,
Director

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Town of Poland, Maine
April 3&4, 2015
Annual Election & Town Meeting Warrant

The meeting was called to order by Judith A. Akers, Town Clerk at 8:00AM who read the following: To: Lynda M. Carey, a resident of the Town of Poland in the County of Androscoggin in the State of Maine. Greetings: In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Poland qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet upstairs at the Town Hall in the said Town of Poland on Friday the 3rd day of April, A.D. 2015 at eight o'clock in the forenoon to act on articles 1 and 2 of this warrant and to meet at the Poland Regional High School, 1457 Maine Street on Saturday the 4th day of April, 2015 at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act on articles 3 through 33 of this warrant to wit: Pursuant to the within notice, I have notified and warned the voters of the Town of Poland, Maine to meet at the time and place for the purposes therein named, by posting this day an attested copy of the within warrant, at the Post Offices in Poland / Poland Spring, East Poland, and West Poland; also at the Town Office, and at the A. B. Ricker Memorial Library and Community House, the same being conspicuous and public places in said Town. S/Lynda M. Carey, Resident of Poland. March 13, 2015.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said election and town meeting. A motion was made by Stanley Tetenman, seconded by Lynda Carey to nominate Edward Rabasco, Jr., as moderator of this meeting. A motion was then made by Stanley Tetenman, seconded by Stephen Robinson to have nominations cease. All were in favor to cease nominations. The ballots were passed out and cast. Edward Rabasco, Jr., received 11 votes. By the town's vote Edward Rabasco, Jr., was elected as moderator of this meeting. He was sworn in at 8:02AM. He then appointed Nicole M. Pratt as his deputy to oversee the election. She was sworn in at 8:04AM.

Article 2. To elect by secret ballot two (2) Selectmen/Assessors/Overseers of the Poor for a term of three (3) years, two (2) Library Trustees, one (1) for a term of three (3) years and one (1) for a term of one (1) year, three (3) Budget Committee Members, two (2) for a term of three (3) years and one (1) for a term of two (2) years, and three (3) RSU #16 School Directors, two (2) for a term of three (3) years and one (1) for a term of two (2) years. ***Note: Municipal Official's terms begin April, 2015; RSU Directors' terms begin July, 2015.*** A motion was made by Nicole M. Pratt, seconded by Lynda M. Carey to vote by secret ballot on Article 2. All were in favor. By a show of hands the motion carried. The moderator declared the polls open at 8:05AM. The deputy moderator declared the polls closed at 7:00PM. The ballots were tabulated and counted. She read the following results.

For Selectmen/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor 2 for 3 yrs.

Votes

Eldridge, William D.	80	
Kimball, Janice A.	115	elected
Tetenman, Stanley L.	84	elected

Write-ins

Conway, Devin	1	
Maher, Zachery	1	
Torrey, Erland	1	

For Library Trustee 1 for 1 yr.

Write-ins

Ellis, Susan	1	
Spurr, Bradford	2	elected
Varney, Jennifer	1	

For Library Trustee 1 for 3 yrs.

Jones, Valerie Forcum	140	elected
Write-ins		
Walker, Jim	1	

For Budget Committee Member 1 for 2 yrs.

Lamoreau, Leonard A.	135	elected
Write-ins		
Beauparlant, Norman	1	
Cimino, Joseph	1	

For Budget Committee Member 2 for 3yrs.

Ferland, Lionel C., Jr.	153	elected
Write-ins		
Eldridge, William	1	
Maher, Zachery	1	
Peterson, Glenn	1	
Stover, Donald	1	
Torrey, Erland M.	21	elected

For Regional School Unit 16 Director 2 for 3 yrs.

Sawyer, Scott K.	129	elected
Write-ins		
Conway, Devon	1	
Laskey, Linda	1	
Tetenman, Stanley	1	

For Regional School Unit 16 Director 1 for 2 yrs.

Harvey, Melanie A.H.	124	elected
Write-ins		
Beauparlant, Norman	1	
Conway, Devon	1	
English, Tammy	1	

There were 11 absentee ballots, and 161 regular ballots for a total of 172 ballots cast for this election. After the results were given for the election a motion was made by Martha Corey, seconded by Sheila Cash to recess the meeting until 9AM tomorrow morning. All were in favor to do so. By a show of hands the motion carried. The meeting was called to order by Edward Rabasco, Jr. at 9:35AM as we had to wait until 100 voters were present before we could start the meeting. We began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Doris H. Knights did the invocation for the meeting. We then went on to the presentations of awards. Janice Kimball and Joseph Cimino presented Northeast Bank with the 2014

Business Recognition Award. The W. Ballard Nash, Sr. Community Service Award was presented by Janice Kimball and was awarded to Susan Ellis. Susan was unable to be at the meeting. The Boston Post Cane was presented by Janice Kimball and Stephen Robinson and was awarded to Frank Bartasius. Frank was unable to be at the meeting. The Poland 2015 Spirit of America Award was presented by Janice Kimball to Girl Scout Troop 1141. The girls came up on the stage to receive their plaque. Janice Kimball then read the list of names of the town employees and their years of service. The awards will be presented to them at an upcoming Board of Selectmen's meeting. The moderator then stated the winners of the election. He went on and explained the process and protocol of the meeting. He asked at this time to have a vote to allow visitors to speak at the meeting. A motion was made by Norman Beauparlant, seconded by E. Paul Dupuis to allow visitors to speak at the meeting. We needed a 2/3rds vote of registered voters. All were in favor. By a show of hands the motion carried.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Maine Moderator's Manual as prepared by the Maine Municipal Association as the parliamentary procedure at Town Meeting for the ensuing year, or see what action the Town will take. A motion was made by E. Paul Dupuis, seconded by Wendy Sanborn to move the question as read. No discussion. By a show of hands the motion carried.

Article 4. Shall an ordinance entitled "2015 Amendments to the Poland Comprehensive Land Use Code-Section 508.7, Multi Family Dwellings" be enacted?*(A copy of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for inspection in the Clerk's office, as well as on the Town's web site at polandtownoffice.org., and will also be available at Town Meeting)***Planning Board recommends approval. A motion was made by E. Paul Dupuis, seconded by Donna Searles to accept the article as read.** William Foster, Chairman of the Planning Board spoke about this article along with Bradley Plante, the Town Manager. No further discussion. By a show of hands the motion

Article 5. Shall an ordinance entitled "2015 Amendments to the Poland Comprehensive Land Use Code Section 508.18.j, Portable Signs" be enacted? *(A copy of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for inspection in the Clerk's office, as well as on the Town's web site at polandtownoffice.org., and will also be available at Town Meeting)***Planning Board recommends approval. A motion was made by Norman Beauparlant, seconded by E. Paul Dupuis to move the question as read. No discussion. By a show of hands the motion carried.**

Article 6. Shall an Ordinance entitled "2015 Amendments to the Poland Comprehensive Land Use Code-Section 508.30.D, Downtown District Design Landscaping Standards" be enacted? *(A copy of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for inspection in the Clerk's office, as well as on the Town's web site at polandtownoffice.org., and will also be available at Town Meeting)***Planning Board recommends approval. A motion was made by E. Paul Dupuis, seconded by Norman Beauparlant to accept the article as read. No discussion. By a show of hands the motion carried.**

Article 7. Shall an ordinance entitled "2015 Amendments to the Poland Comprehensive Land Use Code-Section 506.2.H.2 Filling of more than 5,000 yards in the R-2 zoning District, Section 508.30 Downtown Design Standards, and Chapter 14 Definitions" be enacted? *(A copy of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for inspection in the Clerk's office, as well as on the Town's web site at polandtownoffice.org., and will also be available at Town Meeting)***Planning Board recommends approval. A motion was made by E. Paul Dupuis, seconded by Donna Searles to accept the article as read. No discussion. By a show of hands the motion carried.**

Article 8. Shall an ordinance entitled "2015 Amendments to the Poland Comprehensive Land Use Code-Section 805.2 Street Construction Plans" be enacted?*(A copy of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for inspection in the Clerk's office, as well as on the Town's web site at polandtownoffice.org., and will also be available at Town Meeting)***Planning Board recommends approval. A motion was made by Norman Beauparlant, seconded by E. Paul Dupuis to accept the article as read. No discussion. By a show of hands the motion carried.**

Article 9. Shall an ordinance entitled "2015 Amendments to the Poland Comprehensive Land Use Code-Section 507.2., and 508.27.B.1.d, (front setbacks for accessory structures located on a non-conforming lot in a Shoreland zoning district)" be enacted? *(A copy of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for inspection in the Clerk's office, as well as on the Town's web site at polandtownoffice.org., and will also be available at Town Meeting)***Planning Board recommends approval. A motion was made by E. Paul Dupuis, seconded by Donna Searles to move the article as read. No discussion.**

By a show of hands the motion carried.

Article 10. Shall an ordinance entitled “2015 Amendments to the Poland Comprehensive Land Use Code-Section 508.28.F, Auto Washing Facilities in the Aquifer Protection District, connected to a recycling/reclaiming system” be enacted? *(A copy of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for inspection in the Clerk’s office, as well as on the Town’s web site at polandtownoffice.org., and will also be available at Town Meeting)***Planning Board recommends approval.** A motion was made by Norman Beuparlant, seconded by E. Paul Dupuis, to move the article as read. No discussion. By a show of hands the motion carried.

Article 11. Shall an ordinance entitled “2015 Amendments to the Poland Comprehensive Land Use Code-Section 508.28.F, Auto Washing Facilities in the Aquifer Protection District, connected to a public sanitary sewage system” be enacted? *(A copy of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for inspection in the Clerk’s office, as well as on the Town’s web site at polandtownoffice.org., and will also be available at Town Meeting)***Planning Board recommends approval.** A motion was made by E. Paul Dupuis, seconded by Donna Searles to move the article as read. No discussion. By a show of hands the motion carried.

Article 12. Shall an ordinance entitled “2015 Amendments to the Poland Comprehensive Land Use Code- Sections, 509.2, 509.10 Backlots, and Chapter 8 Street Construction Standards” be enacted? *(A copy of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for inspection in the Clerk’s office, as well as on the Town’s web site at polandtownoffice.org., and will also be available at Town Meeting)* **Planning Board recommends approval.** A motion was made by Donna Searles, seconded by E. Paul Dupuis to move the article as read. No discussion. By a show of hands the motion carried.

Article 13. Shall an ordinance entitled “2015 Amendments to the Poland Comprehensive Land Use Code--Section 508.18 Signs” be enacted? *(A copy of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for inspection in the Clerk’s office, as well as on the Town’s web site at polandtownoffice.org., and will also be available at Town Meeting)***Planning Board recommends approval.** A motion was made by Donna Searles, seconded by E. Paul Dupuis to accept the article as read. No discussion. By a show of hands the motion carried.

The Town Manager explained the budget message from the Board of Selectmen which was the yellow sheet that was in the hand out for the meeting.

Article 14.

- 1) To see if the Town will vote to make all taxes assessed for the Town's 2016 fiscal year, July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, due in two (2) installments, with the first half (1/2) of the total amount assessed due and payable on **October 1, 2015**, and the remaining half (1/2) due on **April 1, 2016**; and to charge **interest** at the **rate** of seven percent (7.00%) per year computed on a daily basis on any portion of the installment due that remains outstanding as of November 1, 2015 or May 1, 2016, and
- 2) To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S.A. section 506-A, to set the **interest rate** to be paid by the Town on **abated taxes** at three percent (3.00%), and
- 3) To see if the Town will permit the Tax Collector or their designee to waive **accidental tax interest payment shortages** in an amount not to exceed \$5.00.

Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval. A motion was made by Lionel C. Ferland, Jr., seconded by E. Paul Dupuis to accept the article as read. No discussion. By a show of hands the motion carried.

Article 15. Shall the Town vote to apply/appropriate \$150,000 from the undesignated fund balance against the Municipal Budget for fiscal year 2015. **Board of Selectmen recommend approval.** A motion was made by Norman Beuparlant, seconded by E. Paul Dupuis to move the article as read. No discussion. By a show of hands the motion carried.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following **non-property tax resources** to reduce the total

amount authorized to be raised by taxation,

	<u>FY 2015-16</u>
State Municipal Revenue Sharing:	\$ 203,494
Motor Vehicle Excise:	\$ 1,000,000
MDOT Block Grant:	\$ 70,000
Investment Interest:	\$ 9,000
Ambulance Service Fees:	\$ 200,000
All Other Anticipated Revenues:	\$ 817,283
TOTAL	<u>\$ 2,299,777</u>

and further to see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen and Treasurer to accept any additional revenues or funds that may be used to reduce the amount required to be raised by taxation. **Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.** A motion was made by E. Paul Dupuis, seconded by Donna Searles to move the article as read. No discussion. By a show of hands the motion carried.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of funds from the Jane Ricker Trust, totaling \$46,024, and the AB Ricker Fund, totaling \$13,348, for the purpose of supplementing the Ricker Memorial Library operating budget for Fiscal Year 2016 in accordance with the Town's Investment Policy Exhibit 1. **Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.** A motion was made by E. Paul Dupuis, seconded by Donna Searles to move the article as read. No discussion. By a show of hands the motion carried.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$573,781 for Town Administration in the program areas indicated in the following accounts:

Administration	\$ 417,238
Contracted Services	\$ 95,300
Buildings & Grounds	\$ 49,658
CATV Administration	\$ 11,585
TOTAL	<u>\$ 573,781</u>

Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval. A motion was made by Lionel C. Ferland, Jr., seconded by E. Paul Dupuis to move the article as read. No discussion. By a show of hands the motion carried.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$284,429 for Community Services in the program areas indicated in the following accounts.

Code Enforcement	\$ 94,910
Recreation	\$ 73,362
Health Officer	\$ 2,145
Beach Maintenance	\$ 3,210
Conservation/Lake Protection	\$ 14,300
General Assistance	\$ 20,000
Social Service Agencies	\$ 4,000
Ricker Library	\$ 72,502
TOTAL	<u>\$ 284,429</u>

Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval. A motion was made by E. Paul Dupuis, seconded by Donna Searles to move the article as read. No discussion. By a show of hands the motion carried.

Article 20. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend \$56,000 from existing balances of the Town's Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Districts (I and II) Account and the Downtown Village TIF District Account, consistent with 30-AM.R.S.A. §5251-5261, for the purpose of 2015-2016 funding of the Poland Community and Economic Development Committee (CEDC). **Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.** A motion was made by Norman Beauparlant, seconded by E. Paul Dupuis to move the article as read. No discussion. By a show of hands

the motion carried.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$792,883** for **Public Works** and **Solid Waste** Departments in the program areas indicated in the following accounts.

Public Works Department	\$582,881
Solid Waste Department	<u>\$210,002</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$792,883</u>

Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval. A motion was made by Donna Searles, seconded by Norman Beauparlant to move the article as read. No discussion. By a show of hands the motion carried.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$949,328** for **Public Safety** in the program areas indicated in the following accounts.

Fire Rescue Department	\$ 643,406
Sheriff / Police Services	\$ 227,994
Dispatching	\$ 35,647
Animal Control Officer	\$ 9,600
Streetlights	\$ 12,000
Hydrants	\$ 15,231
Emergency Mgmt Agency	<u>\$ 5,450</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 949,328</u>

Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval. A motion was made by Donna Searles, seconded by E. Paul Dupuis to move the article as read. No discussion. By a show of hands the motion carried.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$835,084** for **Financial Services** in the program areas indicated in the following accounts.

Non-TIF Debt	\$ 274,540
Insurances and Benefits	<u>\$ 560,544</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 835,084</u>

Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval. A motion was made by Norman Beauparlant, seconded by E. Paul Dupuis to move the article as read. No discussion. By a show of hands the motion carried.

Article 24. To see if the Town will appropriate from **Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District I** an estimated total amount of **\$713,175**, depending on actual mil rate, as follows:

Estimated Annual Revenue:	\$ 713,175
2003E (28.23%)	\$ 39,978
2006B(39%)	\$ 37,599
2006C (100%)	\$ 129,964
2000FR (100%)	\$ 158,476
Annual Hydrant Fee (Est.)	\$ 24,980
Administrative Support (60%)	\$ 17,986
Legal, Assessing and Accounting	\$ 2,500
Bank Fees	\$ 250
CEA Payment – PSB (40%)	<u>\$ 188,640</u>
TOTAL:	<u>\$ 600,373</u>
 Estimated Balance to TIF I	 \$ 112,802

Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval. A motion was made by Donna Searles, seconded by E. Paul Dupuis to move the article as read. No discussion. By a show of hands the motion carried.

Article 25. To see if the Town will appropriate from **Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District II** an estimated total amount of **\$397,865**, depending on actual mil rate, as follows:

Estimated Annual Revenue:	\$ 397,865
2006B (27.5%)	\$ 26,512
2010FR (96%)	\$ 278,593
CEDC Budget (81%)	\$ 45,360
Administrative Support (32%)	\$ 9,592
Legal, Assessing and Accounting	\$ 2,500
Bank Fees	\$ 100
CEA Payment – PSB (40%)	\$ 157,033
TOTAL:	<u>\$ 519,690</u>

Estimated Balance toTIF II	\$ -121,825
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Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval. A motion was made by Donna Searles, seconded by E. Paul Dupuis to move the article as read. Norman Beauparlant asked about the negative balance impact moving forward. Bradley Plante said it would balance out next year and would be a positive number. Stephen Robinson said that the TIF account has a positive balance. No further discussion. By a show of hands the motion carried.

Article 26. To see if the Town will appropriate from the **Downtown Village Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District** in an estimated amount of **\$86,757** as follows:

Estimated Annual Revenue	\$ 86,757
CEA Payment – JTK Holdings (50%)	\$ 14,111
2010B (100%)	\$ 40,142
2010F (4%)	\$ 11,608
CEDC Budget (19%)	\$ 10,640
Administrative Support (8%Town Staff)	\$ 2,398
Hydrant Rental	\$ 2,350
Legal, Assessing and Accounting	\$ 2,000
Bank Fees	\$ 150
TOTAL	<u>\$ 83,399</u>

Estimated Balance to DTV TIF	\$ 3,358
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Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval. A motion was made by Donna Searles, seconded by Norman Beauparlant to move the article as read. No discussion. By a show of hands the motion carried.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$883,710** for the FY16 **Capital Improvement Program** for the Capital Reserve accounts indicated below:

<u>Capital Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Town Roads Reserve	\$ 262,000
Public Works Reserve	\$ 213,580
Solid Waste Reserve	\$ 4,000
Municipal Facilities Reserve	\$ 46,000
Fire Rescue Reserve	\$ 292,830
Law Enforcement Reserve	\$ 30,000
Recreation Facilities Reserve	\$ 6,800
Contingency Reserve	\$ 1,000

Code Enforcement Reserve	\$ 2,500
Revaluation Reserve	\$ 25,000
TOTAL	<u>\$ 883,710</u>

Board of Selectmen recommends approval. Budget Committee recommends \$833,710. A motion was made by Norman Beauparlant, seconded by E. Paul Dupuis to raise and appropriate \$883,710 on this article. Wendy Sanborn asked for a clarification on the Budget Committee's recommendation. Lionel C. Ferland, Jr., said it was a friendly disagreement between the Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen. He explained the difference on the recommendations. Mark Ferguson asked if this was money spent or was it going in to an account. Bradley Plante explained that having a CIP account is a smart thing to do. He said this could affect the equipment replacement moving forward and that the Budget Committee was split on this recommendation. Randy LaClaire wanted to know if this was for one item or more. Bradley Plante explained that the Board of Selectmen and Manager would have to decide on where to make a cut if we went with the Budget Committee's recommendation. Tim Curran said we need to think of the economy and we don't always need shiny and new. Norman Beauparlant asked what was in the reserve account now? The Board of Selectmen usually look at the account and strategically put an amount in. He urged the voters to vote the Board of Selectmen recommendation. Cherie Sargent the Finance Director said in total there is \$1,672,000.00 in the account. Aarne Pennanen said it wasn't unrealistic that a truck can go for 15 years. Tim Curran said that trimming \$50,000.00 wouldn't hurt. Walter Gallagher said this would just be putting it off and we would have to bring it back later. Not being realistic. Bradley Plante said this is not just for the replacement of vehicles. Stanley Tetenman and Stephen Robinson both mentioned the replacement schedule and that they scrutinize all expenses. Julia Huttel asked if these were separate articles at one time and maybe moving forward they would consider having them be separate articles. A motion to amend this article was then made by David Wight, seconded by Tim Curran to vote the Budget Committee's recommendation in the amount of \$833,710.00. The moderator asked for the counters. By a hand vote Yes 44 No 56. The amendment was defeated. A motion to amend was then made by Michael Cribbin, seconded by Zachery Maher to vote \$858,710 on this article. The moderator asked for the counters. By a hand vote Yes 39 No 58. The amendment was defeated. We then went back to the original motion on the floor. By a show of hands the motion carried.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$716,690** for 2015-2016 County Taxes. **Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.** A motion was made by Norman Beauparlant, seconded by E. Paul Dupuis to move the article as read. No discussion. By a show of hands the motion carried.

Article 29. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$60,000** for **Overlay** for the purposes of granting tax abatements and addressing unforeseeable emergencies through the building of undesignated fund balance. **Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.** A motion was made by Donna Searles, seconded by E. Paul Dupuis to move the article as read. No discussion. By a show of hands the motion carried.

Article 30. To see if the Town will authorize the establishment of a Town of Poland Recreation Department Enterprise Fund. Further, the Town will authorize the use and expenditure, in current and future years, for Recreation Department operations and activities of all funds now held or later acquired by the Recreation Department for its services, by donation, fees collected or otherwise, with any excess funds annually to be deposited into a reserve account to be established and expended for use by said Department in consultation with the Selectmen. A motion was made by Donna Searles, seconded by E. Paul Dupuis to move the article as read. Wendy Sanborn wanted to know what the Board of Selectmen's recommendation was on this article. Stephen Robinson said they were in favor of it. Norman Beauparlant asked if there was an advantage to do this? Bradley Plante said the auditor recommended that they do it. He said we run it this way anyway. Norman Beauparlant asked if there would be a recreation article and an enterprise fund article next year. Bradley Plante said the salaries will be under the general fund. No further discussion. By a show of hands the motion carried.

Article 31. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer from the Town's Undesignated Fund Balance an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the purpose of reducing the total amount authorized to be raised by taxation for the fiscal year 2016? **Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.** A motion was made by E. Paul Dupuis, seconded by Lionel C. Ferland, Jr. to move the article as read. Randy LaClaire asked what the amount was in the undesignated fund balance. Janice Kimball said 2.74 million as of 2014. No further discussion. By a show of hands the motion carried.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Conservation Reserve Fund for the purchase of conservation land, endowments for easement monitoring and stewardship of town owned forest and open space lands, and to fund said Reserve Fund with penalties assessed and collected by the Town for the withdrawal of land from taxation under the Tree Growth Tax Law and Farm and Open Space Law, with net profits from sales of timber from town owned lands, and with donations. A motion was made by E. Paul Dupuis, seconded by Donna Searles to move the article as read. Fred Huntress a member of the Conservation Commission explained about the purchase of the Furman property. He said by having this money go into a reserve account it would be there for future purchases if needed. Donald Stover and Claire Walker said they were in favor of having open space and farm and forest land for future generations to enjoy. Norman Beauparlant asked where the tree growth penalties go now. Janice Kimball said in the general fund. Stephen Robinson said this would be the penalty fee only. Jim Porter said he would agree with this article except for the part about the timber harvest sales. This money should go to the town. Janice Kimball agreed. Joseph Cimino said the money should go to the town. Donald Stover said this would be a program for the future we need to act to maintain the open space. Dennis Ferland said he also supported this article. Claire Walker asked how many are taking their property out of tree growth and how often do we cut off the timber on town owned property? Stephen Robinson said we haven't had any tree growth penalties for quite some time and with in the last five years we've cut town owned property off only once and the money for the timber sales was \$14,000. A motion was made by Rosemarie Dulberg, seconded by E. Paul Dupuis to end the debate on this article. All were in favor to end the debate. The moderator called for a vote on the article. By a show of hand the motion carried.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to exceed the LD 1 property tax levy limit.**Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.** A motion was made by E. Paul Dupuis, seconded by Donna Searles to move the article as read. Aarne Pennanen asked why we needed this article as we are below the property tax levy limit. Bradley Plante said this is in case something goes terribly wrong with the anticipated revenues that we are expecting to receive. Lionel C. Ferland, Jr. said he thought we had to vote on this as a secret ballot. He was told no. Aarne Pennanen said he just didn't understand why we needed to vote on this article. Bradley Plante again reiterated that it was just to cover us in case we didn't get the revenue they expected to receive. He wasn't talking about expenditures. Stephen Robinson said that we needed this article for authorization as it is mandated by the state. We don't intend to exceed the limit. Norman Beauparlant said he didn't think we needed to vote on this article if we are not over the limit. Stephen Robinson said he felt it was prudent that we have it here and vote on it. Mark Ferguson wanted to thank all of the people who volunteer on committees and commissions and also who work for the Town. No further discussion. By a show of hands the motion carried.

A motion was made by E. Paul Dupuis, seconded by Donna Searles to adjourn the meeting. By a show of hands the motion carried. The time was 11:37AM. There were 115 registered voters and 22 visitors that attended this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. Akers

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Outstanding Real Estate Taxes as of June 30, 2016

ACCT		YEAR	BALANCE
55	DEMERS, JAMES GERALD DEMERS, KELLY ANN (JT)	2016	2,077.20
89	GALGANO, LORRAINE S.	2016	934.82
94	THURLOW, EFFIE M. THURLOW, DARLENE S.	2016	285.09
128	22 BISHOP LLC	2016	18.72
153	LAFRANCE, RAYMOND J. LAFRANCE, DEBRA A. (JT)	2015	225.57
153	LAFRANCE, RAYMOND J. LAFRANCE, DEBRA A. (JT)	2016	1,671.37
205	JONES, GEORGE	2016	383.71
241	STEVENS, WAYNE R. STEVENS, SHARON L.	2015	827.52
241	FERLAND, SCOTT	2016	1,758.99
255	LATLIPPE, ROBERT S.	2016	253.70
270	KUNZMANN, MICHAEL	2016	190.03
274	MONGEAU, STEVE	2016	181.79
274	MONGEAU, STEVE	2016	132.09
275	GAUDET, PETER GAUDET, CAROL	2016	320.95
279	POTVIN, NICHOLAS	2016	170.28
284	BIXBY, DON	2014	107.91
284	BIXBY, DON	2015	78.37
284	BIXBY, DON	2016	30.70
285	FULCHER, GRACE	2016	107.24
289	GAUTHIER, BONNIE	2016	490.92
315	LIVVERNOIS, DENNIS LIVVERNOIS, PATRICIA	2016	263.87
316	WILLETTE, PATRICIA A.	2016	189.74
323	FOSTER, HEATHER	2016	53.84
332	GREGORY, RICKY GREGORY, LISA	2016	249.19
338	DUMAS, MICHAEL	2016	13.24
339	LATLIPPE, JACQUELINE	2015	493.94
339	LATLIPPE, JACQUELINE	2016	296.10
349	CROP DUSTING, LLC	2016	94.17
387	STOWE, TAMMY	2015	160.66
387	STOWE, TAMMY	2016	218.14
406	LAWSON, STEPHEN A. LAWSON, EMILIA D. (JT)	2016	274.14
407	GAGNE, JAMES P. GAGNE, AMY	2016	3,226.55
413	CHAREST, JULIE WHITTIER, AARON	2016	890.37
429	WALTON, ROBERT P.	2015	1,303.05
429	WALTON, ROBERT P. (HEIRS)	2016	1,373.31
453	SCHWABE, WILLIAM (HEIRS) c/o ELIZABETH SCHWABE JANUS	2016	6,936.09
458	CARSLEY, JAMES T. CARSLEY, CARLINE M. (JT)	2016	995.44
510	BERMAN, DAVID E. PORTER, VICTORIA L. (JT)	2016	793.51
519	MCQUADE, TANYA D.	2015	464.38
519	MCQUADE, TANYA D.	2016	409.13
563	PERRON, ANNE M.	2016	1,696.65
591	853 MAINE STREET LLC	2015	705.73
591	853 MAINE STREET LLC	2016	11,697.00
609	AUTUMN, INC.	2016	3,462.99
615	MERRILL, BRIAN R.	2016	3,322.42

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ACCT		YEAR	BALANCE
623	POLAND SPRING GARDENS, INC.	2016	3,393.12
644	NEEDHAM, PAMELA	2015	2,569.17
644	NEEDHAM, PAMELA	2016	2,449.67
648	ROWE, HELEN (HEIRS)	2016	942.48
649	POLAND, TAMMY BERNARD, MARYMAY (JT)	2015	836.86
649	POLAND, TAMMY BERNARD, MARYMAY (JT)	2016	874.75
665	MARSHALL, RONNIE	2015	63.40
665	MARSHALL, RONNIE	2016	905.13
717	GARY, DEBORAH	2015	176.47
717	GARY, DEBORAH	2016	249.66
722	PATTI, CATHERINE	2015	173.45
722	PATTI, CATHERINE	2016	404.44
725	GALLANT, JANICE GALLANT, LEONARD, JR.	2015	294.77
725	GALLANT, JANICE GALLANT, LEONARD, JR.	2016	242.85
730	WEBB, WALTER R. WEBB, KAY D.	2015	986.56
730	WEBB, WALTER R. WEBB, KAY D.	2016	921.04
759	CHAREST, JULIE	2016	3,153.14
768	POLAND COUNTRY VILLAGE MOBILE HOME PARK, INC.	2016	2,120.08
770	HART, LINDA	2016	54.70
773	SIMARD, LORRI SIMARD, VAUGHN	2015	160.36
773	SIMARD, LORRI SIMARD, VAUGHN	2016	132.23
789	CYR, JERRY CYR, SALLY	2015	88.07
789	CYR, JERRY CYR, SALLY	2016	40.21
796	WATERMAN, STEPHEN	2015	189.13
796	WATERMAN, STEPHEN	2016	67.90
799	HART, LINDA D.	2016	251.79
848	HENDRICKS, CINDY L.	2015	268.19
848	HENDRICKS, CINDY L.	2016	790.97
862	PARADIS, JOSHUA L. PARADIS, CARRIE A. (JT)	2016	987.30
882	MARTIN, CYNTHIA	2014	2,020.79
882	MARTIN, CYNTHIA	2015	3,062.62
882	MARTIN, CYNTHIA	2016	2,956.19
885	FERLAND, PETER L.	2015	1,232.75
885	MAPLELEAF ENTERPRISES INC.	2016	1,527.24
888	FERLAND, PETER L.	2016	1,416.29
891	FERLAND, SCOTT	2016	285.30
892	FERLAND, SCOTT	2016	405.15
912	MAHER, WILLIAM C. MAHER, LINDA H. (JT)	2016	1,381.77
920	BELLMORE, RICHARD A.	2016	1,988.44
923	BELLEFLEUR, MARIANNE E.	2015	990.30
923	BELLEFLEUR, MARIANNE E.	2016	924.60
927	HILL, MICHAEL	2015	1,034.05
927	HILL, MICHAEL	2016	962.36
941	BLANCHETTE, PAUL M.	2016	787.57
978	BOLDUC, PETER J. BOLDUC, KATHIE L. (JT)	2016	1,537.51

Outstanding Real Estate Taxes as of June 30, 2016

ACCT		YEAR	BALANCE
993	THURLOW, JUDITH A. THURLOW, KIM B. (JT)	2015	852.24
993	THURLOW, JUDITH A. THURLOW, KIM B. (JT)	2016	1,228.05
997	BELLISLE, DIANE	2016	872.28
1032	SANBORN, WENDY S.	2016	320.39
1043	BANKER, VALERIE J.	2014	62.29
1043	BANKER, VALERIE J.	2015	958.02
1043	BANKER, VALERIE J.	2016	893.06
1096	TRIANGLE LLC	2015	96.43
1096	TRIANGLE LLC	2016	882.56
1098	TRIANGLE LLC	2015	113.13
1098	TRIANGLE LLC	2016	1,178.92
1102	OLSON, BARBARA E. (HEIRS)	2016	740.13
1107	PROCTOR, JAMES A., JR.	2015	1,481.93
1107	PROCTOR, JAMES A., JR.	2016	1,406.68
1138	853 MAINE STREET LLC	2015	92.44
1138	853 MAINE STREET LLC	2016	811.99
1158	KINNEY, MICHAEL A.	2016	14.88
1181	BISBEE, RODNEY C. BISBEE, KELLEY	2015	2,042.63
1181	BISBEE, RODNEY C. BISBEE, KELLEY	2016	1,956.36
1223	BOWIE, DONALD BOWIE, SUSAN	2015	61.38
1312	WILSON, JEFFREY	2016	1,046.86
1341	ROBERTS, DONALD A. ROBERTS, ANGELA G. (JT)	2016	1,597.11
1346	GORA, JASON	2016	418.14
1358	BOURASSA, STEPHEN W.	2016	2,404.80
1369	MOCCIOLA, ROBERTA	2015	611.58
1369	MOCCIOLA, ROBERTA	2016	1,212.00
1407	PRIVE, DAVID PRIVE, JULIE (JT)	2016	2,667.84
1441	DRINKWATER, LAURIE E. DRINKWATER, MARK JT	2015	3,864.49
1441	DRINKWATER, LAURIE E. DRINKWATER, MARK JT	2015	3,742.30
1442	JACQUES, DAVID G.	2016	4,792.81
1452	HELMS, LAWRENCE E., JR.	2015	1,721.37
1452	HELMS, LAWRENCE E., JR.	2016	1,646.52
1465	GORELIK, OLEG GLIKBERG, SLAVA (JT)	2015	56.76
1465	GORELIK, OLEG GLIKBERG, SLAVA (JT)	2016	170.00
1482	HILL, DOROTHY M.	2015	676.27
1482	HILL, DOROTHY M.	2016	611.62
1485	AMES, RICKY A. AMES, CECILE N.	2016	1,583.34
1486	MELLO, BRIAN	2016	696.68
1551	EDWARDS, JENNY	2014	264.10
1551	EDWARDS, JENNY	2015	437.28
1551	EDWARDS, JENNY	2016	382.44
1557	JORDAN, LARRY B. JORDAN, JAN C. (JT)	2015	1,675.47
1557	JORDAN, LARRY B. JORDAN, JAN C. (JT)	2016	1,594.84
1565	BISBEE, RODNEY BISBEE, VICKI (JT)	2015	1,564.21
1565	BISBEE, RODNEY BISBEE, VICKI (JT)	2016	1,487.33

Outstanding Real Estate Taxes as of June 30, 2016

ACCT		YEAR	BALANCE
1569	BISBEE, RODNEY	2015	852.43
1569	BISBEE, RODNEY	2016	789.55
1582	BARTLETT, SHARON F.	2016	952.99
1590	EMERY, STEVEN B.	2016	1,223.36
1597	JORDAN, BRIAN	2015	1,710.75
1597	JORDAN, BRIAN	2016	1,630.77
1598	COFFIN, CANDI L.	2015	1,178.00
1598	COFFIN, CANDI L.	2016	1,078.81
1628	POMERLEAU, BRIAN M.	2015	741.41
1628	POMERLEAU, BRIAN M.	2016	1,796.76
1645	EDWARDS, JENNY	2015	355.43
1645	EDWARDS, JENNY	2016	422.05
1649	EDWARDS, MAURICE C. EDWARDS, AVIS E. (JT)	2016	449.40
1650	EDWARDS, HERBERT A., SR. EDWARDS, JENNIFER AVIS	2015	958.13
1650	EDWARDS, HERBERT A., SR. EDWARDS, JENNIFER AVIS	2016	892.94
1652	MERRILL, RICHARD B. MERRILL, OLIVE M. (JT)	2016	521.52
1663	HANSCOM, JESSICA	2016	170.85
1686	COFFIN, BRIAN SCOTT	2015	1,629.39
1686	COFFIN, BRIAN SCOTT	2016	1,551.23
1719	ALBERT, ERNESTINE	2016	7,795.76
1721	MAC'S CAMPING AREA, LLC	2016	5,258.00
1744	DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY	2016	1,337.26
1778	CHAREST, JULIE	2016	940.35
1811	FILES, SUSIE	2015	35.28
1811	FILES, SUSIE	2016	43.90
1814	VEILLEUX, TAMMY	2016	151.45
1818	RUSSELL, CARRIE LANGLOIS, RYAN	2015	155.99
1818	RUSSELL, CARRIE LANGLOIS, RYAN	2016	106.68
1847	FARR FAMILY TRUST FARR, DAVID V. (TRUSTEE)	2015	1,215.12
1847	FARR FAMILY TRUST FARR, DAVID V. (TRUSTEE)	2016	1,861.22
1859	FELKER, RAYMOND FELKER, MARYLOU (JT)	2016	1,188.88
1862	FELKER, RALPH FELKER, RAYMOND	2016	565.11
1877	DUFF, DAVID (HEIRS)	2016	899.55
1882	GAGNE, JOSEPH R. GAGNE, PATTI ANN (JT)	2016	313.35
1886	BAGLEY MANAGEMENT, INC.	2016	62.31
1902	MAHEUX, ROBBIE	2016	189.75
1925	GAFFNEY, RICHARD B.	2016	1,634.17
1928	PELZAR, MICHAEL J.	2016	6,522.44
1930	BRYANT, ROBERT W. BRYANT, CHERYL L. (JT)	2015	960.20
1930	BRYANT, ROBERT W. BRYANT, CHERYL L. (JT)	2016	895.19
1932	BENNETT, MARGARET M.	2016	722.42
1953	PILAT, SLAWOMIR	2016	2,701.01
1960	DERRY, A. REBECCA	2016	2,820.02
1962	SMITH, ROGER	2016	1,840.49
1967	MEADOW BROOK PROPERTIES, LLC	2016	12.69

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ACCT		YEAR	BALANCE
1969	SMITH, ROGER C.	2016	960.80
2004	ST. GERMAIN, JUSTIN J.	2016	200.54
2013	WINTER BROOK LLC	2015	357.18
2013	WINTER BROOK LLC	2016	5,510.77
2014	NICHOLLS, GILBERT NICHOLLS, JOYCE (JT)	2016	240.26
2015	MOODY, KIMBERLY A. BUTTNER, STEVEN	2016	630.69
2017	MOODY, KIMBERLY A. BUTTNER, STEVEN	2016	23.03
2022	TOEBE, MICHAEL C. BEAN, JANICE M.	2016	556.11
2029	MARTIN, JILL B.	2016	444.74
2030	MAROIS, DANIEL R. MAROIS, DENISE B. (JT)	2016	1,323.53
2037	PAPWORTH, DANA A	2015	898.31
2037	PAPWORTH, DANA A	2016	828.04
2041	MORIN, GEORGE	2016	15.22
2127	BAILER, SANDRA A. TRUSTEE OF LAKE THOMPSON REALTY	2016	3,201.27
2161	MARCOTTE, RONALD V. MARCOTTE, DANIEL P.	2015	6,066.46
2161	MARCOTTE, RONALD V. MARCOTTE, DANIEL P.	2016	5,901.12
2162	MARCOTTE, RONALD V. MARCOTTE, DANILE P.	2016	329.47
2184	JORDAN, JOANNE	2016	10,186.40
2190	MCALLISTER, MICHAEL	2016	1,376.61
2204	HARKINS, SALLY J.	2016	2,772.29
2220	LAFLAMME, JANET ET AL	2016	12.10
2246	PITCHER, NANCY B.	2016	1,427.62
2259	MOORE, LOREEN Y.	2013	361.31
2259	MOORE, LOREEN Y.	2014	873.44
2259	MOORE, LOREEN Y.	2015	710.36
2259	MOORE, LOREEN Y.	2016	728.63
2260	KIMBALL, PATRICIA L.	2015	545.34
2260	KIMBALL, PATRICIA L.	2016	484.53
2261	MERRILL, MICHAEL R. MERRILL, AMY L.	2016	586.43
2264	KEENE, HOWARD (LIFE ESTATE)	2016	1,069.57
2266	MAYNARD, VALERIE CLARK, ANITA W.	2016	1,175.47
2275	CHAPLIN, RICHARD M.	2016	1,976.74
2281	STROUT, CLARENCE P. JR. STROUT, JACQUELINE (JT)	2016	718.33
2282	KLUCHNIK, JOHN	2015	1,262.32
2282	KLUCHNIK, JOHN	2016	1,191.27
2287	GREENLEAF, BRENDA	2016	47.66
2309	LITTLE YELLOW HOUSE, LLC	2015	1,108.67
2309	LITTLE YELLOW HOUSE, LLC	2016	1,040.74
2312	DEAN, ANNE VERONICA DEAN, THOMAS (JT)	2015	2,612.89
2312	DEAN, ANNE VERONICA DEAN, THOMAS (JT)	2016	2,515.41
2316	DEAN, THOMAS J.	2015	3,252.78
2316	DEAN, THOMAS J.	2016	3,142.50
2317	DEAN, ANNE VERONICA DEAN, THOMAS J. (JT)	2015	1,750.62
2317	DEAN, ANNE VERONICA DEAN, THOMAS J. (JT)	2016	1,670.09
2329	WERT, WILLIAM I. WERT, ANN L. (JT)	2016	10.13

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ACCT		YEAR	BALANCE
2339	LITTLE YELLOW HOUSE, LLC	2015	109.80
2339	LITTLE YELLOW HOUSE, LLC	2016	61.51
2342	DEAN, ANNE VERONICA DEAN, THOMAS (JT)	2015	109.80
2342	DEAN, ANNE VERONICA DEAN, THOMAS (JT)	2016	61.51
2343	DEAN, THOMAS J.	2015	117.01
2343	DEAN, THOMAS J.	2016	68.34
2344	DEAN, ANNE VERONICA DEAN, THOMAS J. (JT)	2015	112.84
2344	DEAN, ANNE VERONICA DEAN, THOMAS J. (JT)	2016	64.49
2405	HARRIS, ROBERT E., JR. & BRIAN W. HARRIS, DONNA L.	2016	1,586.02
2408	LUSSIER, ROBERT D. LUSSIER, LETITIA Y.	2016	3,326.94
2410	ROSENTHAL, MARLA DODIE	2015	670.35
2410	ROSENTHAL, MARLA DODIE	2016	1,394.75
2420	MOAT, JOSHUA ERIC	2016	1,298.26
2433	MOAT, JOSHUA ERIC	2016	234.39
2454	STANLEY, GERTRUDE C.	2016	3,206.26
2460	DESMOND, WILLIAM G. DESMOND, SOPHIE E. (JT)	2015	2,866.37
2460	DESMOND, WILLIAM G. DESMOND, SOPHIE E. (JT)	2016	2,763.91
2462	MCCARTHY, HEATHER O.	2016	1,211.85
2463	CRANE, JOYCE E.	2016	2,904.75
2471	KNEELAND, MARJORIE C.	2016	447.04
2512	DESPRES, LINDA L.	2016	1,855.90
2543	BAMFORD, MARY ELLEN GILBERT, ERNESTINE M. & PEASE, SHERMAN	2016	1,191.88
2560	LACASSE, JAMES E.	2016	1,852.78
2563	KNIGHT, KENNETH R.	2016	1,547.26
2625	EMERY, HAROLD F.	2014	1,041.73
2625	EMERY, HAROLD F.	2015	937.99
2625	EMERY, HAROLD F.	2016	873.20
2630	BODY DYNAMICS, INC.	2016	1,468.02
2674	FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOC.	2016	82.39
2780	RENZI, TIMOTHY ANDREW ET AL	2015	3,421.47
2780	RENZI, TIMOTHY ANDREW ET AL	2016	3,345.29
2781	RENZI, TIMOTHY ANDREW ET AL	2015	760.40
2781	RENZI, TIMOTHY ANDREW ET AL	2016	698.97
2784	FIORINO, MARK	2016	27.83
2851	THE THOMPSON (MAINE) NOMINEE TRUST	2016	3,497.46
2912	HARRIS, ROBERT JR & BRIAN	2016	1,613.78
2928	LEE, JAMES, II	2016	750.78
2961	BAKER, SCOTT W. BAKER, MELISSA H.	2016	5,507.79
2967	WALKER, RICK A.	2016	582.80
2999	JUST RITE, INC.	2016	559.08
3001	CIMINO PROPERTIES, LLC	2016	1,045.43
3069	HART, GUY (HEIRS)	2016	497.74
3088	HOLLINGSWORTH, LIZA D	2013	311.15
3088	HOLLINGSWORTH, LIZA D	2014	618.95
3088	HOLLINGSWORTH, LIZA D	2015	553.62

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ACCT		YEAR	BALANCE
3088	HOLLINGSWORTH, LIZA D	2016	496.60
3091	FRASER, JOEL & KATHLEEN FRASER, JODY A.	2016	209.76
3119	MARQUIS, DANIEL MARQUIS, SUSAN	2016	1,293.65
3137	DUFF, ELEANOR	2015	250.35
3137	DUFF, ELEANOR	2016	471.34
3237	ANDREWS, SHERON A.	2016	314.48
3239	MAJORS, LUCINDA D.	2016	1,398.44
3243	ASTON, SHEENA	2016	353.89
3244	JACKSON, GREGORY JACKSON, LISA	2015	513.49
3244	JACKSON, GREGORY JACKSON, LISA	2016	457.27
3254	GARY, DEBORAH	2015	700.69
3254	GARY, DEBORAH	2016	1,145.82
3255	COURBRON, MARY ANNE	2015	303.75
3255	COURBRON, MARY ANNE	2016	1,064.60
3289	VENEZIANO, DANIELE VENEZIANO, ZAHAVA	2016	39.70
3364	PAGE, TIMOTHY	2016	672.11
3377	BERGERON, RAYMOND DOYON, WENDY LYNN	2016	262.80
3381	H.E.L.P. SOLUTIONS, LLC	2016	2,714.24
3386	ROBERTS, DONALD A. ROBERTS, ANGELA G.	2016	1,305.71
3391	PARKER, PAUL L., JR. PARKER, JOYCE A. (JT)	2016	853.17
3405	BANGOR SAVINGS BANK	2016	483.04
3414	COBB, TIMOTHY S.	2016	103.68
3417	WASHBURN, GREG C.	2015	1,080.27
3417	WASHBURN, GREG C.	2016	1,012.91
3418	DMG PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC	2016	962.00
3493	BOLDUC, PAUL S. BOLDUC, PATRICIA	2016	225.38
3543	COURBRON, MARY ANNE	2015	1,037.25
3567	FERLAND, SCOTT	2016	1,228.33
3569	GAGNE, RALPH K.	2016	337.87
3575	AUTUMN INC.	2016	2,572.78
3597	ETHERIDGE, JOHN ETHERIDGE, BETH	2015	394.71
3597	ETHERIDGE, JOHN ETHERIDGE, BETH	2016	198.83
3605	LETOURNEAU, JIMMY	2016	495.04
3624	ORDWAY, JUDITH P. ORDWAY, GARY F.	2016	1,068.26
3627	HOWARD, GARY HOWARD, ROBERTA	2016	553.26
3730	THURLOW, LUKE	2015	2,062.01
3730	THURLOW, LUKE	2016	1,976.52
3739	CLOUTIER, JUDY	2015	415.86
3739	CLOUTIER, JUDY	2016	388.55
3785	COURBRON, MARY ANNE L.	2015	587.51
3785	COURBRON, MARY ANNE L.	2016	529.83
3822	AUTUMN, INC.	2016	98.15
3824	AUTUMN, INC.	2016	197.41
3825	AUTUMN, INC.	2016	198.54
3826	AUTUMN, INC.	2016	197.41
3827	AUTUMN, INC.	2016	190.73
3830	AUTUMN, INC.	2016	194.99
3831	AUTUMN, INC.	2016	679.35

Outstanding Real Estate Taxes as of June 30, 2016

ACCT		YEAR	BALANCE
3832	AUTUMN, INC.	2016	647.12
3844	WILSON, ERIC & KRISTINA	2016	175.68

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TOWN OF POLAND, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final	Amounts	Positive (Negative)
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1	\$ 3,004,319	\$ 3,004,319	\$ 3,004,319	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
General tax revenue	11,456,197	11,456,197	11,730,777	274,580
Intergovernmental revenue	770,807	770,807	779,431	8,624
Charges for services	338,935	338,935	354,893	15,958
Investment income	9,000	9,000	12,688	3,688
Other revenue	102,350	102,350	126,259	23,909
Transfers from other funds	-	-	-	-
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>15,681,608</u>	<u>15,681,608</u>	<u>16,008,367</u>	<u>326,759</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	1,085,675	1,085,675	1,033,619	52,056
Public safety	997,978	997,978	998,869	(891)
Public works	582,881	582,881	506,424	76,457
Recreation and culture	211,927	211,927	197,032	14,895
Health and sanitation	210,002	210,002	187,271	22,731
Education	6,525,104	6,525,104	6,525,104	-
County tax	716,690	716,690	716,690	-
Overlay	54,817	54,817	18,501	36,316
Debt service:				
Interest	274,540	274,540	275,517	(977)
Transfers to other funds	<u>2,751,940</u>	<u>2,751,940</u>	<u>2,751,940</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>13,411,554</u>	<u>13,411,554</u>	<u>13,210,967</u>	<u>200,587</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$ 2,270,054</u>	<u>\$ 2,270,054</u>	<u>\$ 2,797,400</u>	<u>\$ 527,346</u>
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	<u>\$ 734,265</u>	<u>\$ 734,265</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (734,265)</u>
	<u>\$ 734,265</u>	<u>\$ 734,265</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (734,265)</u>

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TOWN OF POLAND, MAINE
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2016

STATEMENT C

	General Fund	Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,072,733	\$ 1,241,175	\$ 6,313,908
Investments	-	1,544,061	1,544,061
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	285,897	-	285,897
Liens	71,038	-	71,038
Other	113,176	-	113,176
Due from other governments	14,202	-	14,202
Tax acquired property	21,798	-	21,798
Inventory	18,195	-	18,195
Due from other funds	314,642	2,747,273	3,061,915
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 5,911,681</u>	<u>\$ 5,532,509</u>	<u>\$ 11,444,190</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES			
LIABILITIES:			
Accounts payable	\$ 83,427	\$ 7,414	\$ 90,841
Accrued expenses	18,800	-	18,800
Due to other governments	2,715	-	2,715
Due to other funds	2,747,273	314,642	3,061,915
Escrow accounts	45,545	-	45,545
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>2,897,760</u>	<u>322,056</u>	<u>3,219,816</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:			
Prepaid taxes	7	-	7
Deferred tax revenues	216,514	-	216,514
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>216,521</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>216,521</u>
FUND BALANCES:			
Nonspendable	39,993	-	39,993
Restricted	-	3,019,683	3,019,683
Committed	45,545	-	45,545
Assigned	125,339	2,190,789	2,316,128
Unassigned	<u>2,586,523</u>	<u>(19)</u>	<u>2,586,504</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>2,797,400</u>	<u>5,210,453</u>	<u>8,007,853</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 5,911,681</u>	<u>\$ 5,532,509</u>	<u>\$ 11,444,190</u>

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STATEMENT E

TOWN OF POLAND, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	General Fund	Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
General tax revenue	\$ 11,730,777	\$ -	\$ 11,730,777
Intergovernmental revenue	779,431	-	779,431
Charges for services	354,893	135,951	490,844
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses)	12,688	(44,367)	(31,679)
Other revenue	126,259	12,006	138,265
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>13,004,048</u>	<u>103,590</u>	<u>13,107,638</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	1,033,619	1	1,033,620
Public safety	998,869	-	998,869
Public works	506,424	-	506,424
Recreation and culture	197,032	289,618	486,650
Health and sanitation	187,271	-	187,271
TIF	-	1,826,754	1,826,754
Education	6,525,104	-	6,525,104
County tax	716,690	-	716,690
Overlay	18,501	-	18,501
Debt service:			
Interest	275,517	-	275,517
Capital outlay	-	398,950	398,950
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>10,459,027</u>	<u>2,515,323</u>	<u>12,974,350</u>
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>2,545,021</u>	<u>(2,411,733)</u>	<u>133,288</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	2,806,118	2,806,118
Transfers (out)	(2,751,940)	(54,178)	(2,806,118)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(2,751,940)</u>	<u>2,751,940</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(206,919)	340,207	133,288
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	<u>3,004,319</u>	<u>4,870,246</u>	<u>7,874,565</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 2,797,400</u>	<u>\$ 5,210,453</u>	<u>\$ 8,007,853</u>

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SCHEDULE B

TOWN OF POLAND, MAINE

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – BUDGETARY BASIS
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND REVENUES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
General tax revenues:				
Property taxes	\$ 10,444,197	\$ 10,444,197	\$ 10,562,294	\$ 118,097
Vehicle excise taxes	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,155,034	155,034
Boat excise taxes	12,000	12,000	13,449	1,449
Intergovernmental revenues:				
State revenue sharing	203,494	203,494	219,769	16,275
BETE Reimbursement	343,280	343,280	338,519	(4,761)
Homestead exemption	118,433	118,433	118,433	-
Local road assistance	70,000	70,000	72,868	2,868
Tree growth	17,000	17,000	15,561	(1,439)
General assistance	10,000	10,000	1,102	(8,898)
Veteran's exemption	3,600	3,600	6,845	3,245
Other intergovernmental	5,000	5,000	6,334	1,334
Charges for services:				
Ambulance fees	200,000	200,000	234,380	34,380
Code enforcement fees	45,000	45,000	43,378	(1,622)
Motor vehicle fees	21,000	21,000	21,551	551
Solid waste revenues/fees	35,000	35,000	19,193	(15,807)
Plumbing permits	12,000	12,000	10,397	(1,603)
Inland fisheries agent fees	2,500	2,500	2,674	174
Animal control fees	3,000	3,000	3,168	168
Electrical permit fees	9,000	9,000	7,182	(1,818)
Customer service fees	1,450	1,450	5,833	4,383
Other	9,985	9,985	7,137	(2,848)
Investment income	9,000	9,000	12,688	3,688
Other revenue:				
Garage bay rental	9,600	9,600	10,400	800
Interest/fees on liens	38,500	38,500	48,012	9,512
Cable franchise fees	47,000	47,000	50,643	3,643
Town hall rental	1,500	1,500	800	(700)
Other miscellaneous income	5,750	5,750	16,404	10,654
Use of fund balance	734,265	734,265	-	(734,265)
Total revenues	\$ 13,411,554	\$ 13,411,554	\$ 13,004,048	\$ (407,506)

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SCHEDULE C

TOWN OF POLAND, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2016

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,015,599	\$ -	\$ 225,576	\$ 1,241,175
Investments	-	-	1,544,061	1,544,061
Due from other funds	389,126	2,121,183	236,964	2,747,273
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,404,725</u>	<u>\$ 2,121,183</u>	<u>\$ 2,006,601</u>	<u>\$ 5,532,509</u>
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ 5,702	\$ 290	\$ 1,422	\$ 7,414
Due to other funds	314,623	-	19	314,642
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>320,325</u>	<u>290</u>	<u>1,441</u>	<u>322,056</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Restricted	1,014,504	-	2,005,179	3,019,683
Assigned	69,896	2,120,893	-	2,190,789
Unassigned	-	-	(19)	(19)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>1,084,400</u>	<u>2,120,893</u>	<u>2,005,160</u>	<u>5,210,453</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 1,404,725</u>	<u>\$ 2,121,183</u>	<u>\$ 2,006,601</u>	<u>\$ 5,532,509</u>

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SCHEDULE D

TOWN OF POLAND, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Charges for services	134,304	1,647	-	135,951
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses)	2,218	-	(46,585)	(44,367)
Other income	9,767	500	1,739	12,006
Total revenues	<u>146,289</u>	<u>2,147</u>	<u>(44,846)</u>	<u>103,590</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Cemetery	-	-	2,721	2,721
Library	-	-	146,241	146,241
Education	-	-	-	-
General government	-	1	-	1
Public Safety	-	-	-	-
Debt service/TIF	1,826,754	-	-	1,826,754
Recreation	140,656	-	-	140,656
Capital outlay	-	398,950	-	398,950
Total expenditures	<u>1,967,410</u>	<u>398,951</u>	<u>148,962</u>	<u>2,515,323</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(1,821,121)</u>	<u>(396,804)</u>	<u>(193,808)</u>	<u>(2,411,733)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	1,795,728	883,710	126,680	2,806,118
Transfers (out)	-	-	(54,178)	(54,178)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>1,795,728</u>	<u>883,710</u>	<u>72,502</u>	<u>2,751,940</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(25,393)	486,906	(121,306)	340,207
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	<u>1,109,793</u>	<u>1,633,987</u>	<u>2,126,466</u>	<u>4,870,246</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 1,084,400</u>	<u>\$ 2,120,893</u>	<u>\$ 2,005,160</u>	<u>\$ 5,210,453</u>

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Town of Poland Hours of Operation

www.polandtownoffice.org

MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Monday 9 AM to 7 PM
Tuesday - Friday 9 AM to 4 PM
998-4601; Fax 998-2002
CLOSED HOLIDAYS

ASSESSING OFFICE

Monday – Friday 9 AM-4 PM
998-4651; Fax 998-2002
CLOSED HOLIDAYS

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

Monday – Friday 9 AM-4 PM
998-4604; 998-2002(Fax)
CLOSED HOLIDAYS

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Monday 9 AM-7 PM
Tuesday – Friday 9 AM-4 PM
Hours Can Change Depending on Time of Year
998-4650; 998-2002 (Fax)
CLOSED HOLIDAYS

PUBLIC WORKS

Monday - Thursday 6:00 AM - 4:00 PM
998-2570; 998-2002 (Fax)
CLOSED HOLIDAYS

TRANSFER STATION

Spring/Summer Hours: May 1st - September 30th
Friday-Monday 7 AM-5 PM Closed Tuesday-Thursday
Fall/Winter Hours: October 1st - April 30th
Thursday-Monday 8 AM-4 PM Closed Tuesday & Wednesday
998-4688
CLOSED HOLIDAYS

RICKER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Monday & Tuesday 9 AM - 8 PM
Wednesday – Friday 9 AM – 4 PM
Saturdays 10 AM – 2 PM; Closed Sundays & Holidays
998-4390; 998-2120 FAX
www.rickerlibrary.com

Town of Poland

Boards & Committees Meeting Schedules

Board of Selectmen

1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month
Municipal Conference Room – 7 PM
Televised – Cable Channel 7

Planning Board

2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month
Municipal Conference Room – 7 PM
Televised – Cable Channel 7

Community & Economic Development Committee

1st Thursday of the month
Municipal Conference Room – 7 PM

Comprehensive Planning Committee

2nd Thursday of the month
Municipal Conference Room – 7 PM
Meets quarterly or as needed.

Regional School Unit #16 Directors

2nd Monday of the month
6:30 PM Poland Regional High School
All Grades – Televised Cable Channel 11

Budget Committee

Meets as needed.

Library Trustees

4th Monday of each month
Ricker Memorial Library – 6:30 PM

Board of Appeals

Meets as Needed.
Municipal Conference Room
Televised – Cable Channel 7

Scholarship Committee

Meets as needed

Historical Society

3rd Wednesday of Month Mar. – Dec.
Old School House – 7 PM

Conservation Commission

2nd Thursday of each month
Library Meeting Room – 7 PM

***If you are interested in serving on any of these town Boards or Committees, please stop by
or call the Town Office for more information (207)998-4601.***

A Citizen's Guide to Town Meeting

What Happens at Town Meeting?

Some say Town Meeting is the "purest form of democracy," because citizens, not their representatives, participate directly in the making of their laws and the raising and spending of their taxes.

Town Meeting serves many of the same functions as the Legislature in Augusta and the Congress in Washington, passing laws and adopting a budget. But Town Meeting is more than just "legislature"; it is also the "electorate", electing the selectmen and other town officials. In fact, under state law, the only thing required of the *annual* town meeting is the election of the municipal officers.

Elections may occur two ways. The traditional way is to nominate from the floor of the meeting and to vote by a show of hands or by writing names on a paper ballot. However, since 1890, the more recent way is to require candidates to declare their candidacy prior to the Town Meeting by taking out nomination papers; voting is then done by secret ballot in the privacy of a voting booth.

Why Participate at Town Meeting?

Perhaps the most colorful answer appeared in the "Biddeford Journal Tribune," March of 1994: "If you ask why town meetings are poorly attended, people will tell you they go if there's something exciting on the warrant. They've been watching too much television. When it comes to doing your civic duty (which is the key to accountability in self-government) there's no room for channel surfing. On town meeting day, town meeting is the only show in town.

Or you'll hear that Town Meeting is held at the wrong time, there are too many issues, or that the selectmen will do what they want no matter what the people say. *Well, the way to get things changed is to attend town meeting and voice your own opinion. It's no wonder the selectmen and other officials take control of municipal affairs. Somebody has to...*

There are different forms of Town Meeting Government.

- ◆ Town Meeting-Selectmen
- ◆ Town Meeting-Selectmen-Manager
- ◆ Town Meeting-Council-Manager
- ◆ Representative Town Meeting

The *Town of Poland* is governed under a Charter with a Town Meeting-Selectmen-Manager form of government. As Municipalities grow in size, and as state and federal regulations increase in number and complexity, many municipalities have hired a manager to administer the town's government. Under this form, the Board of Selectmen continue to serve as the town's executive body; the difference is that now they have an administrator to oversee the daily operations of the municipality so they can attend more to issues of policy.

All registered voters of the Town shall be members of the Town Meeting and shall be eligible to vote on matters that come before it. A quorum to elect a Moderator and to proceed with an election process shall be a minimum of ten (10) registered voters. The business portion of a Town Meeting shall be a minimum of one hundred (100) registered voters and the quorum must stand for the remainder of the business meeting.

How do I vote on the Articles?

- **CHECK IN** – First you must check in with the Registrar of Voters or clerk to verify that you are a registered voter of the town. Usually the registrar is set up near the room entrance prior to the start of town meeting. In the Town of Poland a colored slip of paper is issued to each eligible voter to raise in hand, upon voting either for or against an article.
- **TO APPROVE AN ARTICLE** – It is customary for the moderator to read the article aloud and ask if someone will make a motion on the article; usually the response is "I move the article as read"; the moderator then will ask for a second. And usually someone will respond in seconding the motion. This formality then sets the stage for a discussion of the article. After discussion, the moderator then reads the motion and asks for a vote.

- **TO AMEND AN ARTICLE** – An individual may propose a change to an article. This would be done with a motion to amend the article to read the change. The motion must be seconded. The opportunity for discussion is allowed. If the amendment passes, then the motion as amended is voted on.

How Do I Prepare for Town Meeting?

Pick up a copy of the town warrant prior to the town meeting. This will list all the issues (articles) that will be voted on. Read it. If you have questions you can make notes to take to the meeting or contact the Town Manager or the selectmen. Many answers to questions can also be found in the Annual Town Report, which is usually available at the same time the warrant is, if not before.

Won't I seem like an idiot if I ask questions? NO.

Most articles in the warrant are less than brief and are written to comply with legal requirements. Voting for something you don't understand is worse than not voting at all. Some common questions asked are:

- How much did we spend last year on this? How does it compare with last year and can you explain the difference?
- Does the town have enough information to vote on this article?
- Is this ordinance really necessary? What's the real problem?
- Could someone from the committee please explain his or her recommendation?

Do I have to know Parliamentary Procedure to Participate? NO.

That's why you elect a moderator at the opening of the meeting. The moderator is familiar with parliamentary procedure and is there to keep the meeting moving forward properly until all of the "Articles" or items of business have been acted upon. Voters may only speak when recognized by the moderator. All of your questions should be directed to the moderator. Visitors may only speak if the voters agree, by voting to permit them to speak on issues.

If an item is not on the "warrant", (this is the name given to the list of articles), than it cannot be acted upon at town meeting.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

AMENDMENT – This is technically a secondary motion and must be acted on before the main motion is voted upon. It must be seconded and allow for discussion before it is voted upon.

ANNUAL MEETING – This is the meeting at which municipal officers and other officials are elected. No law requires that the annual municipal budget be voted on at this meeting, although most towns do. A "special" town meeting is any other meeting called by the selectmen.

AUDIT – An examination of the financial statements of a municipality by a public accountant to see if they fairly reflect the financial conditions of the municipality. State law requires that audits be conducted annually.

"CAPPED" MONEY ARTICLE VS. OPEN ENDED MONEY ARTICLES – This is an article in the warrant, which states an amount to be raised ("To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.") Capped articles can only be reduced by an amendment. They cannot be increased like open-ended articles ("To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate.")

EXCISE TAX – There is motor vehicle excise tax and a watercraft excise tax. They are for the privilege of operating the equipment on public ways.

HOME RULE – It is the constitutionally guaranteed right of towns and cities to adopt and amend their charters, choose their form of government, and adopt laws that are not already covered by state law or which state law does not prohibit municipalities from adopting. Home rule is intended to ensure local control.

MANDATE – Federal or state laws, which require local governments to undertake specific actions or provide specific services. For instance, the requirement that municipalities build salt-sand storage sheds is a mandate that must be paid for with local funds as well as state funds. In 1990, Maine passed a law to require state funding of future mandates.

ORDINANCE – A law or a regulation enacted by a municipal government, usually targeting a specific subject, as in a dog control ordinance or a parking ordinance, or a zoning ordinance. Most ordinances (less than 10 pages) must be posted in a public place at least seven days before Town Meeting. No ordinance may be amended on the floor of town meeting; they may only be voted up or down.

OVERDRAFT – To be avoided! It's when the audit indicates that the amount spent on an item turns out to be greater than that approved by Town Meeting. It is indicated by parentheses () around the amount.

REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES – Revenue is just a fancy word for incoming monies; most of the money spent by town meeting comes from property taxes; other monies come from excise taxes on vehicles, and from the state in the form of revenue sharing and road assistance. Expenditures is just a fancy word for outgoing monies or on what the money is spent; most of the money is spent on solid waste disposal, roads, and schools.

SURPLUS – Also known as “undesigned” or “unappropriated fund balance”. It often results from not spending monies that were approved; it also results from getting more revenues than you expected. There is always a tendency to “withdraw from surplus” instead of raising taxes. But surplus is not a savings account; some say it is an “operating cushion” to be used only in times of emergency. The rule of thumb is to make sure surplus contains at least eight percent of the total operating budget for the town, or an amount equal to one month's operating expenses. The optimum is ten percent. If some is used in one year, it should be built up again the next year. Only the Town Meeting can authorize the spending of surplus.

SECRET BALLOT – The Clerk prepares these for use at the polling place in secret (Australian) ballot elections, which can be for referendum questions (issues) as well as for candidates. Open Town Meeting towns become secret ballot towns by a town meeting vote to adopt secret ballot voting at least 90 days before the annual meeting.

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE (TAN) - Often referred to as “hired money” it is money borrowed from a bank to run the town while waiting for taxes to be collected. Towns that collect taxes only once a year are the great users of this, towns that have two tax collections a year and therefore an earlier flow of cash into the town coffers, usually do not have to rely on hired money. No Town Meeting vote is required in order to authorize the selectmen to take out a TAN.

TAX RATE – The tax rate determines how much you pay in property taxes. It is stated in “so many dollars per thousand dollars of valuation.” To determine a town's tax rate, divide the total valuation of the properties in the town by the amount needed to pay for the cost of running the town, and supporting the county government and the schools, after you have subtracted non-property tax revenues (excise tax, revenue sharing, road assistance, etc.) from the total cost. For example, a town with \$200,000,000.00 valuation, expecting to spend 3, 000,000.00 on town, county and schools, with 500,000.00 in non-property tax revenue, needs to raise \$2,500,000 in taxes, which when divided by \$200,000,000.00 leaves us with a tax rate of .0125 or \$12.50 per thousand dollars of valuation. Therefore the tax on a 50,000.00 home would be \$625.00(12.50x50).

TO RAISE – A vote to raise a sum of money is a vote to get the money through municipal taxation of real and personal property. Typically, the motion is “to raise and appropriate” the money for some stated purpose identified in the article.

TO SEE WHAT SUM – An article that asks, “to see what sum” is said to be an open-ended article and signals the need for someone to make a motion to set an amount for the discussion. Often the selectmen and the budget committee recommend on the warrant the amount that they think is in the best interest of the town.

WARRANT – The written notice, signed by at least a majority of the selectmen, which calls a town meeting and lists all the articles or items of business, which will be voted on at the meeting. It must be posted in at least one public and conspicuous place in the town at least seven days before the town meeting.

