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Town of Stonington

Annual Report 2014



Salome Sellers House, Then and Now

Dedication

It is with pleasure that we dedicate this 2014
Annual Report of the Town of Stonington
to the Deer Isle Stonington Historical Society

To follow is a brief narrative written by volunteers of the Society, explaining the significance of the building featured on this year's cover:

This house has been headquarters of the Deer Isle-Stonington Historical Society since it was purchased and restored in 1961.

Joseph Sellers built the house in 1830 for his bride Salome, who lived with her parents on Webb's Cove in Stonington. Salome was 30 years old when they moved in and died there at the age of 108. They had six children but only 2 boys lived to adulthood.

Joseph was a seaman and Salome became locally famous as a knitter, spinner and weaver. Many of the artifacts displayed in the house belonged to them.

Other artifacts are on display in the adjoining Marine Hall and Exhibit Barn. The Archives Building contains a vast collection of Island documents and photographs as well as the Dr. Benjamin Noyes genealogical collection.

Cover photos: *courtesy of Deer Isle Stonington Historical Society*

Thank You

The Town of Stonington would like to take this opportunity to thank the Historical Society for help with historical mapping of the Downtown area.

Their volunteers spend countless hours preserving our Island heritage through archives, displays, tours, procuring artifacts and providing information to the public.

We truly appreciate the invaluable services you provide!



2014 Town Report

Remembrance



In this issue of the Stonington Town Report we wish to remember our friend David Duncan, who passed away on October 25, 2014.

Dave served over 20 years on the Planning Board, bringing expertise and knowledge of the building trades to the table during that time. Those who served with him on the Planning Board appreciated his quick wit and attention to detail.

Dave would drop everything if someone needed guidance with something he had knowledge of or experience with, wanting nothing more in return than a simple thank you.

His help, based on years of public works and building construction experience, and the many other talents he possessed, was invaluable to the Town and made much of the work easier; for this we are sincerely appreciative.

We are also grateful to Dave and his family for their support in the form of granted easements across various parcels of their property for Stonington's water supply and cell tower infrastructure needs to make our town a better place for all.

Dave will be sorely missed by those who were fortunate enough to have met and known him.



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Report of the Town Manager 2014

It makes our staff proud when we give you this report: it contains a wonderful snap shot of your town and how it is functioning and what we have done or not done during the previous year. As residents and taxpayers you have a wonderful opportunity to participate in this process of town governance by voting, attending hearings, town meetings as well as always being welcome at our Selectmen's meetings. These meetings are open to everyone and very often give residents an opportunity to hear the discussion of the weeks' agenda items & issues and how the Board of Selectmen wants me to proceed with carrying out their decisions. I especially encourage younger people to attend as a learning experience as they are our next generation to be leaders in our town.

I felt the staff and I had a great year. Major improvements in roads are being done each year. This past year we did much needed improvements such as tree trimming, ditching and paving on the first half of Oceanville Road, our longest town road. Elwood, Matt & Shaun truly accomplished a lot on that road this year and plan to start in the Spring finishing the 2nd half. They have done well during the past couple of winters as storms are getting more severe in snow amounts, wind, and cold. A new, larger truck was purchased and outfitted to replace our 1999 International. We have been implementing a reduced salt policy on our roads per requests from the public. Yes, sometimes the roads are snow covered longer or don't melt as quickly, but on a positive note it does help on public safety and environmental standpoints for people to drive slower in winter and protect our island water resources from too much salt.

The Transfer Station is doing well, and we want to encourage recycling efforts. Significant changes in landfill/trash disposal costs are coming in 2018 to this area. The PERC plant in Orrington will not be renewing its contract for disposal. Efforts you all can do now to address your home disposal habits can have some helpful impacts for your taxes and the town on disposal costs. Composting, recycling paper, cardboard, bottles and plastics do help us cut costs at the Transfer Station.

Our waterfront is going strong; lobstering has been good and of course is one of our major economic cornerstones for the Town's economy. The Fish Pier is doing well and improvements on hoist upgrades have been done. I have been working this past year on planning, engineering and funding options for reconstruction on Hagen Dock. Time and climate change, with the severe storms, are taking their toll on that important facility. Our part time economic development director, Henry Teverow, has applied for \$300,000 in CDBG funding to save the facility before more damage can be done to the utilities under Hagen Dock and to explore expanding the area for more parking, a walkway area with benches along the dock to improve the area and expand the Public Landing Dock and downtown's attractiveness. Henry really turned a bright spot on for us this year as he found out due to economic survey data being collected by HUD we are eligible for CDBG money again for the next few years. This makes a huge difference in smaller towns that do not have access or the ability to borrow large sums of money to do major town infrastructure projects such as Hagen Dock and rebuilding our Water Company waterlines. He and I continue the oversight of the much needed cell phone tower project due to be finished this coming summer.

Report of the Town Manager 2014

Olver Associates has done a wonderful job for the Water Company by applying for funds to rebuild parts of the infrastructure, pump house, piping, and well field improvements. Water losses are down significantly, and in two years we have received or applied for \$2 million in grants to bring the town owned facility up to speed. Major project work will commence this year on Highland Avenue, Sea Breeze and Bayview problem areas. We will be investing in a significant number of water meters, replacing older inefficient ones to further alleviate water losses and improve Water Company revenues by better accountability practices. Ben Pitts has done a wonderful job learning the intricacies of running a public water utility and is a pleasure to work with while we undertake this major project of rebuilding this system.

Our town is in a strong financial position with a small debt ratio. We also maintain a good bank of saving Reserves for Capital projects to improve, maintain and replace our buildings and equipment. It does no good to defer maintenance and costs taxpayers twice as much by letting items go. Yes, I wish I had more money to work with as it takes a lot to maintain all of our buildings, but my strategy of doing smaller projects each year keeps the facilities looking good and overall gives a good impression of a well taken care of town by staff and town residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Billings Pezaris



To The Citizens of Stonington—

It's hard to believe that another year has flown by. It has been a busy one! It is always a challenge to cover all of the costs, make improvements, and stay within a tight budget. Our Town Manager does a good job. She runs a tight ship and keeps everyone on their toes. Due to her efforts, we now have WiFi on Main Street and will soon have cell phone service. We are securing grant funds to rebuild Hagen Dock, which will be a major but much-needed project.

We purchased a new plow truck this year. The Road Crew completed a major project on the Oceanville Road, starting at Route 15 and continuing down to the bridge. They trimmed trees, replaced culverts, ditched, and hot topped. This year they'll finish paving the Oceanville Road and add new guard rails. We are working with the DOT to move the Oceanville Bridge project to 2016.

With the generous donations that we received we have been able to purchase a generator for the Island Community Center. This will enable us to provide a Warning Center in the event of a major power outage. It also provides the Food Pantry with power, so they can safely preserve food.

We said goodbye to Pat Gross this year after many years serving as the Director of the Island Community Center. We certainly appreciate all of her hard work and dedication. On the flip side, we welcome Jeannie Hatch as our new director. She is full of energy and is doing a great job.

This year, we welcomed Ben Barrows to the Select Board. He is young and full of ideas. His experience in managing the local newspaper and his world travels are valuable to us. He is currently working with the area towns appealing to the state for improvement of Route 15.

We took part in the 75th Anniversary of the bridge this year. It was wonderful! Many people took part and we all were able to enjoy the production of "The Last Ferryman" at the Opera House. We wish them good luck with their new expansion and regret seeing Linda Nelson leave. We also wish good luck to 44 North Coffee, which will be opening on Main Street in Stonington this summer. It's great to see new businesses in town!

I would like to thank all of our town employees for the great job that they all do. We are very fortunate to have you all and appreciate all that you do. I would also like to thank everyone who serves on the various boards. It is much appreciated. There are always openings that need to be filled. Everyone has something to offer—don't be afraid to sign on!

We are renewing our contract with Olver Associates again this year. They have secured several grants for the Water Company. Due to the replacement of equipment such as meters they have reported less water loss and maintained a more stable water level in the stand pipe. They will be doing a major water line replacement on Highland Avenue this spring.

I want to recognize Dave Duncan for his and Evelyn's generosity and his tireless hours of being there when an extra hand was needed. He was truly one of the good guys, and will certainly be missed. I thank you for the privilege of being your Selectperson and your Chairman. It is truly an honor.

Respectfully yours,

Donna Brewer, Chairman

2014 Town Officials

Board of Selectmen	Benjamin Barrows	2017	367-2200 (w)
	Richard Larrabee, Sr.	2017	367-8791
	Donna Brewer	2016	367-5100
	Christopher Betts	2015	367-2829
	Evelyn Duncan	2015	367-5814
Town Manager	Kathleen Billings-Pezaris	StoningtonsTownManager@gmail.com	
Town Clerk	Lucretia Bradshaw	stoningtonclerk@gmail.com	
Registrar of Voters	Lucretia Bradshaw		
Deputy Town Clerk	Jeannette Bubar	stoningtonjb@roadrunner.com	
Deputy Town Clerk	Bridget Brophy	stoningtonbb@roadrunner.com	
Harbor Master	Raelene Pert	367-5891	
Pier Manager	Raelene Pert	367-5891	
Code Enforcement	Judith Jenkins (Tuesdays)	367-2351 x11	
Health Officer	Judith Jenkins	367-2351 x11	
Water Co. Operator	Benjamin Pitts	367-2351 x15	
Plumbing Inspector	Roger Stone	367-2601	
Shellfish Warden	Raelene Pert	359-6532	
Road Foreman	Elwood Cobb	367-2644	
Transfer Sta. Manager	Tom Brophy	367-5996	
Economic Development Dir.	Henry Teverow (Mon, Wed, Fri)	367-2351 x11	
Animal Control Officer	Derek Crocker, Sr.	266-5369	
Fire Department Officers			
Chief	Ryan Hayward	367-5076 (h), 610-3106 (c)	
Assistant Chief	Danny Coombs		
Captain	David Thompson		
Fire Police	Kevin Clough		
Secretary, Treasurer	Theresa Gove-Eaton		
DI-Stonington CSD Directors	Lawrence P. Greenlaw, Jr.	2017	
	Virginia Peacock	2017	
	Mark Cormier	2016	
	Andy Vaughan	2016	
	Holly Eaton	2015	
	Stephen York	2015	
Sanitary District Trustees	Jeannine Buckminster	2016	
	Vacant	2016	
	Benjamin Pitts	2016	
	Ronald M. Eaton	2015	
	Fred Whitford	2015	
	Stephen York	2015	

Town Clerk's Report 2014

Registrations		Hunting/Fishing Licenses		Shellfish Licenses						
Passenger Cars	1224	Season Hunt	67	Commercial						
Commercial	133	Junior Hunt	13	Resident:	Jr	3	Adult	45	Sr	2
Antiques	40	Archery	8	Non Res:	Jr	0	Adult	5	Sr	0
Vanity Plates	99	Expanded Archery	3	Recreational						
Specialty Plates	331	Crossbow	1	Resident:	Jr	5	Adult	54	Sr	17
Transfers	102	Muzzleloader	13	Non Res:	Jr	22	Adult	110	Sr	33
Motor Homes	7	Migratory Waterfowl	7	Vital Statistics Recorded						
Motorcycles	35	Spring/Fall Turkey	5							
Mopeds	3	Bear	3	Births			17			
Transit Plates	23	Coyote Night Hunt	4	Deaths			18			
ATV	49	Lifetime, Over Age 70	0	Marriages			15			
Snowmobile	17	Hunt/Fish Combo	19	Dog Licenses						
PWC	12	Season Fish	27							
Boats	380	Non Res Season Fish	3	Unaltered						
Documented Vessels	96	1/3/7 Day Fish	6							
		Saltwater Registry	53	Spayed/Neutered			82			

The Town Office is open Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, except for major holidays.

By State law, all dogs must be licensed by January 31st each year. Fees for spayed/neutered dogs are \$6.00 and \$11.00 for unaltered dogs. Dog licenses issued after January 31st must be charged a late fee of \$25.00 in addition to the annual license fees. Proof of current rabies vaccination is required and you must provide a spay/neuter certificate to obtain the spay/neuter rate.

Notary services are available during regular business hours.

Tax Maps and Commitment Books are available online at www.StoningtonMaine.org

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucretia Bradshaw, Town Clerk

Town Committees & Boards

2014

Airport Committee

Gerald Sytsema	2016
Erik Walter	2016
Mark Robinson	2016
Jim Jackson	2017
Donna Brewer-Selectmen's Rep	

Colwell Ramp

Dean Eaton	2016
D. Gay Atkinson	2017
Evelyn Duncan-Selectmen's Rep	

Economic Development

Bill Baker	2016
Roger Bergen	2016
Linda Nelson	2016
Stroud Watson	2016
Rebecca Daugherty	2017
Barrett Gray	2017
Julie Morringello	2017
Suzy Shepard	2017
Benjamin Barrows-Selectmen's Rep	

Harbor Committee

Marsden Brewer	2017
Justin Boyce	2017
Richard Larrabee, Jr.	2017
Ryan Larrabee	2017
Charles Turner	2017
Hilton Turner	2017
Benjamin Barrows-Selectmen's Rep	

Microloan Committee

James Bray	2016
Vern Seile	2016
Rich Howe	2016
Evelyn Duncan-Selectmen's Rep	

Appeals Board

John Coombs	2015
Sally Richardson	2015
Doug Johnson	2016
Robert Dodge	2016
Vacant	2016

Island Rec Board

Elissa Haskell	2016
Elaine Parke	2016

Planning Board

Ted Crouch	2015
Roger Bergen	2015
Bill Baker	2015
Ann Foster	2016
Rence Sewall	2016
Open Alternate	2016

Shellfish Committee

George Powell	2016
Robert Ray	2016
George Robbins	2016
Elliott Gray	2017
Alan Hutchinson	2017
Donna Brewer-Selectmen's Rep	

*If you are interested in serving
on a Board or Committee,
please contact the Town Office
at 367-2351*

Code Enforcement Officer's Report 2014

To the Citizens of the Town of Stonington:

In 2014 the Code Enforcement Officer issued a total of 58 building permits and the Planning Board issued five. Twenty-five permits were issued in the Shoreland Zone and 33 permits were issued outside the Shoreland Zone, as follows:

1	Commercial Buildings	1	Subdivision Abandonment
4	New Residences, camps	5	Driveways, parking lots
1	Foundation	5	Docks, piers, floats, ramps
8	Residential Additions	4	Cutting in Shoreland Zone
2	Mobile Homes	1	Change of Use
9	Decks, porches	8	Workshops, garages
9	Barns, Sheds	7	Flood Hazard Permits

The same number of permits issued in 2014 as the previous year. There were many interior renovations taking place during the year. Roof repairs, replacements, and paint jobs were happening all over town. There were zero "After-the-fact" permits written. There were several requests to the Board of Appeals this year. The Planning Board and the Appeals Board provide a great service for the Town.

Thank you to: Kathleen, Lucy, Jen, Bridget, Roger, Ben, Gay, Ted Crouch and Doug Johnson for their help and assistance in making my job more interesting and rewarding.

Questions and comments are welcome concerning building applications, permits and non-compliance issues. My hours are 9AM-4PM every Tuesday at the Town Office or at my home, 326-4766.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Jenkins, CEO, LHO

Plumbing Permits 2014			<i>issued</i>	<i>completed</i>	<i>fee</i>	<i>type</i>
1668	Alice McDonald	Oceanville Road	2/4/2014	12/4/2014	\$265	SS
1669	Victor Keilty	Highland Avenue	2/4/2014	2/4/2014	40	P
1670	Susan Long	Sandbeach Road	2/7/2014		180	P
1671	George St. Amand	ThurLOW's Hill	3/14/2014	3/14/2014	90	P
1672	Christina Shipps	51 Greenhead Rd.	4/16/2014	10/15/2014	285	SS
1673	Richard Howe	Fifield Point	4/16/2014		50	P
1674	Alecia Condon	Church Street	5/1/2014		60	P
1675	Alecia Condon	Church Street	5/12/2014		50	P
1676	Charles Welles	Oceanville Road	5/12/2014	6/9/2014	220	P
1677	Devil Island Co.	Devil Island	5/23/2014		280	SS
1678	Leroy Weed, Jr.	667 Oceanville Rd.	5/27/2014	10/1/2014	265	SS
1679	Jeannine Buckminster	354 Oceanville Rd.	6/6/2014	11/21/2014	150	SS
1680	Mark Billings	4 Clam City Blvd.	6/14/2014	6/20/2014	30	SS
1681	Hannah Barrows	88 Burnt Cove Rd.	6/16/2014	6/24/2014	165	SS
1682	Peter Van Buskirk	Oceanville Road	7/15/2014	8/8/2014	40	P
1683	Stephanie Lee	26 Muir Woods Rd.	7/15/2014	9/19/2014	165	SS
1684	Doug Edinger	School Street	8/5/2014	8/6/2014	40	P
1685	Richard Brown	13 Brown Road	8/27/2014		40	P
1686	Harlan Billings	174 S. Burnt Cove	8/28/2014	9/3/2014	165	SS
1687	Everett McEachern	106 Cemetery Rd.	8/28/2014	9/15/2014	165	SS
1688	Alice McDonald	Oceanville Road	9/16/2014		90	SS
1689	Leroy Weed, Jr.	Cat Cove Road	10/6/2014		80	P
1690	Christina Shipps	Sandbeach Road	10/6/2014	11/20/2014	110	P
1691	Dana Billings	Greenlaw's Tr.Pk.	10/17/2014	10/18/2014	40	P
1692	Jeff Hunter	97 Indian Point Rd.	10/17/2014		265	SS
1693	Diana Turner	Pleasant Street	12/15/2014		60	P
1694	Jess Pastore	Sunset Avenue	12/30/2014	12/30/2014	40	P
TOTAL COLLECTED					\$3,430	

PLANNING BOARD REPORT 2014

The Stonington Planning Board meets monthly on the third Thursday, 6:30 PM in the selectmen's room of the Town Hall. We currently have 5 regular members, which is two shy of our total complement of seven. We must have a quorum of three members at each meeting in order to conduct official business. Agendas for our meetings, which are open to the public, are published in the notices section of the *Island Advantages* newspaper. Anyone interested in serving on the Planning Board should contact the town hall, select board, or a Planning Board member.

All permit applications are received and reviewed initially by Judy Jenkins, CEO, and when appropriate are passed on to the Planning Board for action. Generally, all permits are one and two-family dwellings, whether in or outside of the Shoreland Zone are processed by the CEO. Planning Board responsibilities as defined by the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance are extensive and include, but are not limited to commercial, industrial, governmental and roadways. The Planning Board presented the new FEMA flood plain maps to the town at a public hearing and subsequent meetings.

We would like to thank Planning Board Secretary JoAnna Haskell and the Code Enforcement Officer Judy Jenkins for their support and expertise at our monthly meetings; both do an outstanding job!

We have lost a dedicated long-time member, David Duncan, who will be greatly missed. We welcome new member Renee Sewall.

Finally, as Chairman, I would like to thank our dedicated planning board members for their many hours of volunteer service to the Board!

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Crouch, Chair

Bill Baker, Vice Chair Roger Bergen

Ann Foster Renee Sewall

Permits addressed by the Planning Board in 2014:

Subject	Approved
Change of Use	1
Portable Shed/Art Gallery	1
Opera House Mods	1
Subdivision Abandonment	1
Pier Construction	1

Report of the Harbor Master 2014

2014 was a fairly quiet year except for complaints about excessive wakes in the “no wake” zone. I didn’t get to spend as much time on the water as I’d hoped, but I plan to have strong presence on the water in 2015 enforcing the 5 mph harbor speed from Dow Ledges to the west side of Billings’ Diesel. When you come into the channel, slow down or you will receive a summons. In the past year I have done a lot of work on mooring list and have been working hard to have complete and accurate records for the moorings. As Harbor Master in 2014 I responded to or assisted with the following calls: 11 criminal mischief complaints, 7 sinking boats, 3 boats taking on water, 3 fuel spills, 1 boat fire, 1 boating accident, and 1 medical call.

We continued talking about the lack of space at the public landing in 2014, including the issue of the rock and ledge on the eastern side of the public landing that prohibits boats from using all the public landing floats at low to mid tide. During some of our lowest-drain tides the floats were almost flat on the mud! Hopefully during 2015 we can come up with some solid plans to improve this going forward. The increase in mooring fees that took effect in early 2014 really helped to rebuild the harbor reserve account which will help tremendously by providing match funds for grants—including one large grant to rebuild the deteriorating Hagen Dock / public landing.

For the coming year my projects include repairing three of the summer floats at the public landing, applying for grants to help with the cost of harbor dredging, and getting GPS coordinates for all of the moorings in town to update our “mooring map” so that it includes everything from Crockett’s Cove to Inner Harbor.

Mooring applications continue to be sent annually with the bills and all mooring holders were asked to complete these so that we can continue to have complete and accurate records of the moorings and their inspections.

Please remember that your mooring number should be on clearly marked on your mooring ball and that moorings need to be inspected at least every three years. Once the mooring inspection has taken place please give that documentation to me to add to your mooring file. If your mooring inspection is not documented and something happens, like your boat goes adrift, gets damaged or damages someone else’s property, your insurance may not cover a claim. If you would like to place a mooring, there is currently a waiting list for most coves and that list is available at the fish pier office and the Stonington Town Office.

Raelene Pert
Harbor Master

Town of Stonington
Harbor Reserve Profit & Loss
January through December 2014

	Jan - Dec 14
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
2-4160 · HARBOR RESERVE INCOME	
Boat Excise	14,275.70
Dinghy Fees	2,820.00
Misc Harbor Income	8,000.00
Mooring Fees	63,154.00
Reserve Interest & Fees	8.29
Total 2-4160 · HARBOR RESERVE INCOME	88,257.99
Total Income	88,257.99
Gross Profit	88,257.99
Expense	
2-5160 · HARBOR EXPENSES	
Hagen Dock Expenses	1,571.33
Hagen Dock Float	2,048.51
Harbor Assistant Wages	469.43
Harbor Boat Expense	944.66
Harbor Electricity	967.14
Harbor Health Insurance	2,662.44
Harbor Liability Insurance	1,298.75
Harbor Misc Expense	657.83
Harbor Misc Gas	63.52
Harbor Payroll Taxes	564.53
Harbor Postage	287.80
Harbor Printing	22.68
Harbor Professional Services	
Harbor Professional - Office	500.00
Total Harbor Professional Services	500.00
Harbor Sewer	317.82
Harbor Supplies	314.80
Harbor Telephone/Internet/Cell	891.19
Harbor Travel	120.25
Harbor Water	235.77
Harbor Workers Comp	960.40
Harbormaster Overtime Wages	1,249.20
Harbormaster Wages	5,660.88
Total 2-5160 · HARBOR EXPENSES	21,808.93
Total Expense	21,808.93
Net Ordinary Income	66,449.06
Net Income	66,449.06

Report of the Fish Pier Manager 2014

This past year has been a good one. We upgraded hoists 1, 3 & 5, installed all new energy-efficient LED lights, painted the interior of the office, completed more electrical work and started transitioning all the pier fees to October expiration dates.

For the coming year, we plan to install a new ladder on the west side of the pier for use when users have their boats beached out on that side. We also plan to replace some rotten trim boards on the office building and repaint the lines for the parking spots. Also, we hope to be able to accomplish the repair of the pavement at the south end of the pier.

The pier has always been a busy place and this past year was no exception! Along with regular tasks such as keeping diesel fuel inventory, receipting fuel purchases, keeping the pier and the water around it clean by picking up trash that others have left, there are always unexpected issues/events that come up.

The Pier Manager is responsible for mooring billing and recordkeeping, billing pier fees to users, constantly updating the fuel records, making sure the fuel system itself is operating properly and keeping the Harbor Committee updated with reports and meetings.

I will continue to keep working on safety training and staying in compliance with workplace safety, making sure that the Pier stays clean, and keeping things in good working order.

The pier currently has no available openings for parking spaces but we do have a waiting list, so if you are interested in getting a parking spot at the pier make sure you get on that list.

I would like to ask that all fishermen towing trap trailers park at the ball field, up Russ' Hill by the old school building; this will greatly relieve parking congestion at the fish pier.

Being the manager of the Stonington Fish Pier is a challenging job and definitely keeps me busy. Sometimes, during storms or emergencies I get called in- in the middle of the night or on a weekend, which I don't mind, but it might mean that I take a few hours off during the week, so if you stop in and don't find me please just check the next day.

Please stop by if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns. I can also be reached by email at harbormaster@ne.twcbc.com or by telephone at 367-5891.

Raelene Pert
Pier Manager

By The Numbers	
Mooring Permits	517
Buyer Fees	5
Parking Permits	66
Punts	73
Boats	75
Service Vehicles	35

Town of Stonington
Fish Pier Reserve Profit & Loss
January through December 2014

	Jan - Dec 14
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
2-4120 · FISH PIER RESERVE INCOME	
Diesel Fuel Sales	892,230.93
Fees & Permits	77,166.40
Fish Pier Misc Income	1,086.00
Reserve Interest & Fees	66.88
Total 2-4120 · FISH PIER RESERVE INCOME	970,550.21
Total Income	970,550.21
Gross Profit	970,550.21
Expense	
2-5120 · FISH PIER EXPENSES	
Fish Pier Assistant Wages	685.58
Fish Pier Diesel Purchases	869,726.08
Fish Pier Electricity	2,565.89
Fish Pier Equipment & Repairs	15,387.73
FISH PIER EXP to RESERVES	29,254.80
Fish Pier Health Insurance	10,649.52
Fish Pier Liability Insurance	3,346.88
Fish Pier Manager Overtime Wage	1,624.80
Fish Pier Manager Wages	19,316.00
Fish Pier Misc Exp	1,285.80
Fish Pier Payroll Taxes	1,654.42
Fish Pier Postage	245.50
Fish Pier Printing/Copies	247.07
Fish Pier Professional Services	
Fish Pier Professional - Audit	500.00
Fish Pier Professional - Office	1,200.00
Total Fish Pier Professional Services	1,700.00
Fish Pier Sales Tax to State	1,852.80
Fish Pier Sewer	357.62
Fish Pier Snow Removal	2,278.90
Fish Pier Supplies	362.67
Fish Pier Telephone/Internet	891.15
Fish Pier Trash Removal	5,600.00
Fish Pier Travel	152.20
Fish Pier Water	307.78
Fish Pier Workers Comp	2,497.23
Total 2-5120 · FISH PIER EXPENSES	971,990.42
Total Expense	971,990.42
Net Ordinary Income	-1,440.21
Net Income	-1,440.21

REPORT OF THE STONINGTON WATER COMPANY

2014

The Stonington Water Company had a very busy year in 2014, but all of that activity has been moving us in a positive direction. We have been working on many infrastructure improvements and have adapted different operating policies all which have helped us reign in some of our unmetered water loss and maintain a more constant water level in our standpipe. We had to replace our main production well pump in January and since then we have kept our standpipe at almost 90% capacity, even through the high demand summer months. This helps us maintain optimal system pressure for our customers and keeps a better reserve for fire protection needs. We have also had a good year for maintaining our water quality, and have passed all of our state required compliance testing.

We have also made good use of various grant monies we have received this year. Our system is over 100 years old in places and requires much more work than we could accomplish with our budget alone. The grant application process is tireless at times, but we have been very fortunate so far with the following efforts:

- Our Drinking Water Program (DWP) Capacity Development grant allowed us to bring in a hydro-geologist to evaluate our current system of wells to see if we can increase our water production. This study yielded some good results and gave us a new understanding of how our current well fields operate. This information will allow us to operate our wells in a more responsible manner, especially as we find water becoming a more precious resource. We tested several wells that were never put into production and found one of them to be very favorable, and will be working to continue our water testing to be able to bring this well online in the near future. We also evaluated one of our year round wells that we felt was under producing and have come up with a rehabilitation plan that we plan to implement as our budget allows. We feel that with these improvements we will be in a better position to keep our seasonal water demands met.
- Our Wellhead Protection grant allowed us to install new fencing around our two year round wells, as well as make some improvements to the fencing that surrounds our standpipe. Security is a growing concern in this day and age, and this project has allowed us to better protect our water production and treatment facilities.
- We received a Safety grant from the Maine Municipal Association which we are using to help fund the safe removal and disposal of old and unnecessary chemicals that have been in storage at our pump house facility.

We did receive the grant/loan we applied for from Rural Development (RD) which will be a huge benefit to us for several capital improvement projects. We will be replacing the water main on Highland Avenue, upgrading and remodeling our pump house and our water treatment facilities to bring us more up to date, and replacing our out of service

- fire hydrants. Portions of this project have been through the design phase and will be going out to bid shortly.
- We also received a grant through the DWP which will fund water improvements on North Sea Breeze Avenue. This project will cost around \$250,480 of which \$100,192 is forgiven as grant funding.

We also have an application out for the Community Development Block Grant program. If successful, this grant would provide \$1,000,000 in grant funds to be used to upgrade the six inch water main on Main Street between Robbins Street and to the end of the system on North Main Street. This is a very competitive process but we will keep trying for funds as they are available.

We experienced an extended power outage in November, during the snow and ice storm that struck the region. The power was out at the pump house for seven days which meant we couldn't pump or treat any water; however, our efforts at keeping the standpipe full left us with a more than adequate reserve and we made up all of our loss within 2 days once power was restored. Our RD grant project is going to include a new generator for the pump house and for our main production well, so in future our water production will not be impacted as much during an extended power outage.

It looks like 2015 is going to be even busier than last year. In addition to our major Highland Avenue project we have also budgeted money for an extensive, system wide meter replacement project. We will be conducting on-site inspections over the course of the coming year and be replacing all older style water meters. We will also be continuing our leak detection efforts in partnership with Maine Rural Water which is a federally funded program that provides trained personnel and equipment available to smaller and remote water systems like ours. The fact that our water system is so old makes our stewardship a challenge at times, but we will continue our efforts over the next year to make improvements and maintain the level of water quality and service that our customers deserve.

Please feel free to contact us at the Town Office if you have any questions. 367-2351 (x15)

Respectfully submitted:

Annaleis Hafford, P.E.
Water Company Manager

Benjamin Pitts
Water Company Operator

D. Gay Atkinson II
Water Company Operator

Transfer Station Report

2014

2014 was a good year at the Transfer Station with few serious issues to address. We did have to do some work to the compactor in the fall, we need to do some repairs to the office building, and we should start planning for replacing the Bobcat in the near future. Most residents have become accustomed to the burn area hours; open noon to 4 P.M. all days that the transfer station is open, except Thursday, the burn area is open from 8:30 A.M. to 4 P.M.

All areas of the Transfer Station seem to be functioning properly and are presentable. Thank you all for placing things in the appropriate areas, it is a huge help.

We sent out one load of ash, 2 loads of recyclables and 3 partial loads of mercury products were sent to E-Waste.

Many thanks to Dave, and the road crew: Elwood, Matt, Shaun, Jeffrey and Brian for all their help with the operations of the transfer station.

The Bottle Fund continues to be successful-we will again be awarding two scholarships to local students this year. To date, \$90,351.90 has been raised and 39 students have benefitted from these scholarships. All donations to this fund are truly appreciated and hopefully the returnables keep coming! Special thanks to John and Gilbert for all your help counting and returning all the cans and bottles.

Thomas Brophy
Manager

WASTE SUMMARY

Shipped:	Solid Waste	1,132.76 tons
	Demolition Debris	0 tons
	White Goods	10.75 tons

Recycled materials-	On Site:	Shipped:
Plastic	2.5 tons	0 tons
Glass	8.3 tons	0 tons
Tin	0.6 tons	3.4 tons
Cardboard	3.8 tons	19.39 tons
Mixed paper	2.7 tons	23.12 tons
Asphalt shingles	60.0 tons	33.87 tons

STONINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

PO Box 472
Stonington, ME 04681
(207)367-5076
(207)367-5137 fire station

January 16, 2015

TO: The Residents of the Town of Stonington

FROM: The Stonington Volunteer Fire Department

Last year 2014, was a busy year compared to the prior year. There were 25 calls last year compared to 15 calls in 2013.

The Fire Department applied for multiple grants this year. We got accepted for **\$2000.00** from Maine Municipal Association. It will be used for equipment for the department. I plan to apply for future grants in the upcoming year.

The fire department has decided not to do the Blue Hill Fair booth anymore. Instead this year in hopes of keeping tax payer money down, we sent out a letter to all residents asking for donations. With your generosity we were able to purchase 2 new Honda generators with lights to help out with scene illumination. We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all that donated. We truly appreciate your support!

Earlier last year, the Town of Stonington paid off the debt owed on the E-One Pumper Tanker. The Metalfab Pumper had to be sent away to be fixed. The shim that stabilizes the Poly tank to the frame had come loose. It has been reinforced and is back in service.

This spring we are planning on changing out the upstairs furnace at the fire station with a new, more efficient one. The furnace we have now is very old and is starting to cost more money than simply replacing it.

October is Fire Prevention and I had the pleasure of working with Head Start at the Elementary School and with Island Childcare here in Stonington. Teaching the kids about fire awareness and to not be afraid of fire fighters.

This year we gained a new member and our roster is now up to 9. The fire department is always in recruit of new volunteers. Anyone who would like to join is urged to contact any member of the fire department or the town office.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of the Stonington Fire Department, the Town Manager, Selectmen, Town Clerks, Deer Isle Fire Department and Memorial Ambulance Corps. You have made my first year as chief a smooth transition and I truly appreciate all of your help and support. Most of all, I would like to thank the entire Stonington Community for continuing to support the fire department.

Sincerely,

Ryan Hayward
Fire Chief

INCIDENT REPORT FOR 2014

Transformer Investigation: 1	Car Accidents: 4	Mutual Aid Deer Isle: 3	Tree Down: 1
Boat Fire: 1	Landing Zone Set up: 1	Power Line: 1	Smoke Investigation: 4
Structure Fire: 2	Fire Alarm: 2	Grill Fire: 1	Lift Assist with MAC: 1
			Fuel Spill: 1

Please remember to check your smoke detectors periodically and make sure your 911 house number is displayed near the front entrance of your home so that it is visible from the main road.

Stonington Micro-Loan Report

2014

Our committee met several times this year to review loan applications. We continue to have a strong, healthy, small business loan fund to help assist Stonington-based businesses. We encourage you to apply and do offer a good interest rate for the small entrepreneur. Loans are up to \$25 thousand with a dollar-to-dollar match for any loans over \$15 thousand with secured funding. We offer help with the application process and try to make it as simple as we can.

It is great to see this type of vital business stimulus to our local economy. Our Micro-Loan Program is unique, as we have one of the few lending programs in the State of Maine that continues to thrive. It is well-managed by our Micro-Loan Committee and through loan payments and interest has a revolving source of money for business start up and expansion.

Our program has two sources of loan funds; one is guided by more stringent CDBG Low to Moderate Income Guidelines and another lending source with less stringent guidelines. Please contact the Town Manager or see the Town website for an application or more information.

Micro-Loan Checking Balance 12/31/14	\$100,113.81
Loan Payments/Bank interest thru 2014	\$ 25,074.94
Loan receivables as of 2014	<u>\$ 68,821.74</u>
Total Assets	\$194,010.49

Micro-Loan Committee members: Rich Howe, Vern Seile, James Bray, and Evelyn Duncan, Selectmen's Representative.

Micro-Loan Administrator- Kathleen Billings-Pezaris, Town Manager

School Building Rental Report

As usual the rental building has had a lot of activity and has thrived this past year. We have seventeen tenants in the building from a variety of areas of business and non-profits. I am pleased to have a great working relationship with all of them. They bring needed professional services and jobs which strengthens our Downtown area with what they offer to our Town. Our building is a self sustaining enterprise fund, and we are constantly evaluating the building and have a capital projects plan that we go over each year to maintain the facility. The Town has made major improvements both inside and outside since we got the building back from the school system. This makes the building more attractive to persons looking for rental space close to Stonington's downtown area as well.

This year we hope to work on some design and planning efforts to cost out for renovating the front porch, drainage under it and the ADA ramp. We have been working on saving some money ahead for this project to accomplish this.

We hope to have more basement/rental spaces available in the near future as we continue our work this year as well plans for redoing the front porch/ramp area. If you have questions or would like to be on our waiting list for rental space please contact the Town Manager.



Stonington Municipal Airport
2014

The return of the Lupine Festival brought Penobscot Island Air services to Stonington for two full weekends of sightseeing flights. The weather cooperated for both the Lupine and Lighthouse Festivals and many residents and visitors took advantage of the opportunity of seeing the Islands from the air.

Some repairs were made to runway cracks, and the Airport committee wishes to express thanks to the Airport Manager, and the town workers for their assistance. Donations also paid for brush and small trees to be removed from both sides of the runway in accordance with FAA recommendations.

The Airport continues to be utilized by Penobscot Island Air, as well as local and visiting pilots, Lifeflight and Coast Guard helicopters .

Ongoing maintenance and mowing are provided by volunteers, and their help is appreciated. Thanks to all who help out with this.

Thanks also to Kathleen Billings-Pezaris for her work and support as Airport Manager. The Airport Committee meets from May thru October at The Town Hall. Meetings are open to the public.

Jim Jackson, Committee Chairman
Mark Robinson
Gerry Systema
Erik Walters
Donna Brewer, Selectman



Photo courtesy of Kate Hotchkiss Taylor

Deer Isle-Stonington Shellfish Conservation Committee

2014 Report

Committee Representatives:

Deer Isle

Chandler Eaton, Vice Chair 348-6294
Charles Cochrane
Meranda Smith Secretary 348-3008
Alton Smith 479-5476
David Joyce

Stonington

George Powell Chair 902-4858
Elliot Gray 367-5034
George Robbins 348-1040
Alan Hutchinson 367-5846
Robert Ray 479-7240

The Shellfish Conservation Committee meets on the Second floor of the Stonington Town Hall. at 6:00P.M the fourth Wednesday of the month. Meetings are open to the public and we very much encourage people to attend, especially if you have a shellfish harvester's license.

In 2014 the Committee has had to respond to a number of decisions made at the state level. First the State of Maine Department of Marine Resources (DMR) has limited conservation time to reseeded projects. We debated weather or not to go back to making conservation projects optional, but the committee decided to keep the required 7 hours of conservation time before someone can obtain their municipal commercial license. It is important that those who harvest a resource should also spend some time conserving that resource.

The DMR has asked us to make changes in our town ordinance in order to comply with the new chapter 7 regulations; and to that end we have been working with our Area Biologist, Hannah Annis, the exact language is still being worked out. What the DMR requires is that resident and non-resident commercial shellfish licenses be sold at the same time. As it stands now non-residents wait until ten residents have bought their commercial licenses. To comply we will use the previous years licenses sales, current holders of non-resident commercial shellfish will simply purchase a renewal license. Non-residents who have done the required 7 hours of conservation time but don't currently hold a commercial shellfish harvesters license from the town will be put into a lottery and licenses will be issued as they come up. Any change to the ordinance would still need the approval of the Selectmen and voters.

We will soon be posting times and dates for our 2015 reseeded projects, each project is worth 4 hours of conservation time, every one is welcome.

The committee would like to thank our hard working Shellfish Warden, Raelene Pert for keeping the enforcement of our ordinance professional and persistent, and our Area Biologist, Hannah Annis, for keeping us informed and giving us guidance through difficult and sometimes ambiguous regulations. I would also like to thank the Town and all the members of this committee because, as I have heard many times and from many people, they just want to ensure that there will be clams to harvest for the next generation.

Sincerely



Economic Development 2014

Annual Report

I started working for the Town this past June in the capacity of economic developer. This is an amazing opportunity to help make a positive difference in the community, and I've been trying my best to do just that. In my first few days of work, I had no idea where to begin; there was so much to do. I started with the building blocks: I updated the business directory, created a contact list of emails and phone numbers for the businesses on the island, updated the Town's website, sent out semi-regular newsletters letting residents know who I am and what I was doing, and started posting more actively on the Town's Facebook page. After I started getting a better idea of what Stonington's economic position was in various contexts, I started doing some more serious renovations—applying for grants (for the Fire Department, for the Harbor Master, and for the Town), organizing the Holiday Craft Fair, updating long-term planning documents that are essential for receiving grants, working on getting cell phone service and better internet for the town, conducting an intercept survey, and so on.

This is the stage that I'm currently in—making sure that the Town has everything in place (grant applications, supporting documents, contact information, etc) so that when money from grants come in, we can successfully accomplish our goals. It is an exciting and interesting process, and I learn new things every day. I hope that with increased cooperation between businesses and town, we can make Stonington more prosperous without losing any of the character that makes this town such a uniquely wonderful place to live. My experience thus far has been incredible and consuming—my list of ongoing projects always seems to have grown by five every time I go to check one off. I can see progress being made before me, but there is ever more to do. I'd like to send a big thank-you to Kathleen Billings-Pezaris for doing an amazing job running this place (and for hiring me!), as well as all of the wonderful folks who make Stonington what it is—a beautiful place not just for its scenery, but for the people who inhabit it.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Teverow



SEDC Annual Report, 2014

Last year in an effort to better utilize the many different talents of the volunteers on the Stonington Economic Development Committee (SEDC), we reorganized into several project-based working groups including: Communications, Historic Preservation, Lobster Working Group, Downtown Access, and Shoulder Season. These various subcommittees met regularly throughout the year, and we're pleased to report that we have made some significant progress on a number of different fronts.

The Communications Committee has been successful in securing a cell tower in town which is scheduled to be up and running this coming summer, and which should provide service to most, if not all of Stonington—as well as to many of the surrounding islands. The committee also was able to install and provide free WiFi service along the length of Main Street, which was used heavily this past summer by townspeople, fisherman, tourists and businesses. Kathleen did a great job in spearheading this effort.

The Historic Committee is wrapping up the final details for creating a map and brochure of the history of the buildings along Main Street. This will be available to the general public sometime in the spring. The brochure will have “now and then” photos of significant buildings and brief histories of them.

At the end of the summer, the Shoulder Season Committee kicked into high gear and implemented a brand new, highly successful strategy that brought in a lot of new business into town by capitalizing on weekend events and organizing “pop up markets” on various weekends. The Shoulder Season Committee has been great at getting more commerce into Stonington in the months prior to and following summer.

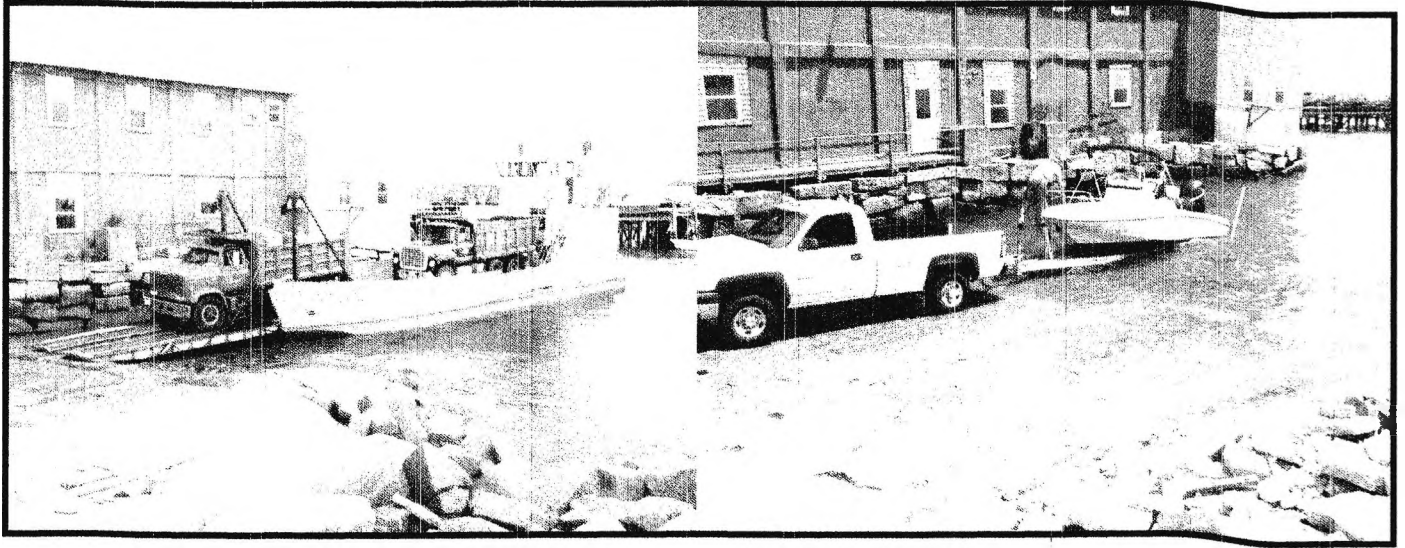
This past summer, the SEDC hired a part time Director, Henry Teverow, who has been working on a number of projects designed to bring more commerce to the town. Some of the projects conducted included an intercept survey, available at the Town Hall, designed to ascertain Stonington's biggest strengths and weaknesses in the eyes of both visitors and locals—this will be used for future planning purposes. He also increased our online presence of the town through our web page and revamped the Business Directory, and updated two significant long-term planning documents for the town.

As we look forward to 2015, we have several ambitious initiatives which we believe will catalyze significant positive change in Stonington. We are in the process of applying for grants that can be used for projects such as renovating and upgrading Hagen Dock, looking at repurposing the third floor of the Town Hall to create much needed rental space, and refurbishing the underutilized ball field for a variety of different purposes. We will also be looking at ways that we can attract new businesses to town as well as provide additional support to those that are here. Maintaining an attractive, vibrant, and sustainable Downtown continues to be one of the main priorities of the SEDC and one that will benefit the entire town as we struggle to offset the trends of a declining and aging population and a homogenous economy.

We're always on the lookout for new ideas and new talent, so please don't be shy about sharing your thoughts and suggestions!

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Bergen—Acting Chair.



Colwell Ramp Committee Annual Report 2014

The Ramp & Float were installed for Public Use before Memorial Day & were stored for winter after Columbus Day Weekend. The weather cooperated for our longest season yet!

Again we ask that everyone pick-up their own trash; berth & park for only 45 minutes to load, un-load & for quick errands to town.

Continued contributions, funded through tax payer dollars, help us manage the property & build-up our account so we have Grant Matching Funds available for future improvements!

We would like to remind everyone that there is no overnight parking & any unattended vehicles parked at the Colwell Site longer than 45 minutes will be towed, at the owner's expense, per Stonington's Parking Ordinance. The parking restriction is necessary to insure the ability for all users to maneuver on the site.

We would like to thank both Communities for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Gay Atkinson, Evelyn Duncan & Dean Eaton - Stonington &
John DeWitt, Danny McDonald & Jason Barter - Isle au Haut

Town of Stonington, Maine
Cemetery Trust Reconciliation

December 31, 2014

Fund Name	Beginning Basis	Beginning Cash Value	Income/Interest Earned	Disbursements/ Other Transfers	Ending Basis	Ending Cash Value
ANDERSON, MABEL	500.00	950.51	0.28	-	500.00	950.79
ANDERSON, MILLARD	200.00	206.33	0.06	-	200.00	206.39
BAILEY, MARJORIE ESTATE	2,000.00	2,056.72	0.61	-	2,000.00	2,057.33
BARTER & BURRILL	400.00	500.13	0.15	-	400.00	500.28
BARTER, MARY	300.00	574.26	0.17	-	300.00	574.43
BILLINGS, LLEWELYN & URSUL	500.00	2,413.89	0.72	-	500.00	2,414.61
BILLINGS, MABEL & WILLIAM	300.00	349.77	0.10	-	300.00	349.87
EBAN CANDAGE & GEORGE E/	500.00	1,374.82	0.41	-	500.00	1,375.23
CASTALLUCCI-DONATELLI	200.00	206.33	0.06	-	200.00	206.39
COLLINS, CHARLES& LUCY	100.00	465.76	0.14	-	100.00	465.89
COOMBS, JAMES & CELESTE	150.00	529.57	0.16	-	150.00	529.73
COUSINS, PERCY	400.00	483.10	0.14	-	400.00	483.25
CRIPPS, ERNEST T	300.00	586.57	0.18	-	300.00	586.75
DUNHAM, GEORGE & FLOREN	300.00	437.59	0.13	-	300.00	437.72
DUNHAM, LAURA	500.00	638.61	0.19	-	500.00	638.80
EATON, CHESTER	1,000.00	4,060.85	1.21	-	1,000.00	4,062.07
EATON, JOSEPH	100.00	97.68	0.03	-	100.00	97.71
EATON, NORA	300.00	1,023.58	0.31	-	300.00	1,023.88
FIFIELD, LILA E	245.86	706.55	0.21	-	245.86	706.76
FRINK	1,000.00	1,366.19	0.41	-	1,000.00	1,366.60
GREENE AMANDA & SULLIVAN	200.00	313.75	0.09	-	200.00	313.84
GREENE, SULLIVAN	200.00	248.11	0.07	-	200.00	248.18
GREENLAW, WILLIAM L	500.00	1,373.18	0.41	-	500.00	1,373.59
GROSS, FRANK	200.00	-	-	-	200.00	-
GROSS, LAWRENCE	300.00	651.39	0.19	-	300.00	651.58
HAMLIN-GROSS	200.00	123.38	0.04	-	200.00	123.41
JUDKINS, EDITH	9,576.66	20,722.81	6.18	-	9,576.66	20,728.99
JUDKINS, RUEL & HARRY	600.00	992.64	0.30	-	600.00	992.94
KNOWLTON & COOMBS	200.00	666.59	0.20	-	200.00	666.78
MCDONALD, STEPHEN	100.00	97.58	0.03	-	100.00	97.61
MCGUIRE, FRANK	300.00	565.45	0.17	-	300.00	565.62
MCKENZIE, SMITH, GOODRICH	200.00	899.98	0.27	-	200.00	900.25
MCMAHON, DENNIS	350.00	638.96	0.19	-	350.00	639.15
MERRILL & MERRILL	1,000.00	1,958.96	0.58	-	1,000.00	1,959.54
MILNE, ALEXANDER	500.00	722.90	0.22	-	500.00	723.12
MOREY, LENA	377.00	512.40	0.15	-	377.00	512.56
NOYES, GEORGE B	200.00	866.96	0.26	-	200.00	867.22
PARSON, CELIA	300.00	558.94	0.17	-	300.00	559.10
PRAY, JESSIE M	50.00	17.12	0.01	-	50.00	17.12
RICHARDSON, GORDON & LID/	300.00	422.54	0.13	-	300.00	422.66
ROBBINS, ABBIE	200.00	206.33	0.06	-	200.00	206.39
ROBBINS, JAMES & SARAH	300.00	357.41	0.11	-	300.00	357.51
SAUNDERS, WILLIAM & MARY	100.00	186.71	0.06	-	100.00	186.77
STURDEE, THOMAS	500.00	801.55	0.24	-	500.00	801.78
THURLOW & HUNDLEY	2,900.00	3,863.98	1.15	-	2,900.00	3,865.13
THURLOW, LOUSIE	150.00	239.05	0.07	-	150.00	239.12
TURLEY-HERRICK	200.00	232.51	0.07	-	200.00	232.58
WEBSTER, NATTIE	300.00	923.95	0.28	-	300.00	924.23
WELCH, HATTIE & GUY	100.00	351.55	0.10	-	100.00	351.65
DONALD BARLETT, Scholarship	-	-	-	-	-	-
MCDONALD, STEPHEN, Schola	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grand Totals	29,699.52	58,545.45	17.47	-	29,699.52	58,562.92

Stonington Public Library P.O. Box 441, Stonington ME 04681
367-5926 stoningtonlibrary.org stoningtonlibrary@stonington.lib.me.us
Library Director Vicki Zelnick

Donations fund more than half of the annual budget of the library. The support and generosity of the town, patrons and donors are gratefully acknowledged by the board as vital components of continuing to have a viable, attractive library available to residents and visitors alike. Volunteer hours also keep us going—between the very active trustees and a strong and growing Friends group, more than 500 volunteer hours were donated to the library over this year.

We saw a rise in clients (4,500 this year), and circulation of materials totaled 4,400. We recorded more than 500 users of the public computers, and uncounted numbers of people use the library's WiFi system, whether inside the building, on the steps or in their cars in the depth of winter. The system is available 24/7/365. This year saw 205 interlibrary loans—if a book is not in our collection, we can get it for you. Added to our collection this year were 245 books purchased and a further 278 donated.

With the aid of a large grant and generous donations, the library is WARM! A full energy audit was done in late 2013 and the full recommended upgrades were completed in October of this year. We saw an immediate change in the feel of the building, including a warm stairwell that had been the source of much of the cold air. Fuel oil consumption is dropping, and as that was the goal of the project (in addition to comfort), the board is well-pleased with the result. With the donation of a number of upholstered chairs, the library is a cozy place to come to.

The library will shortly institute a gaming program for youth at the library, with game materials that are linked to printed material. Former assistant librarian Joe Mills is overseeing the project (Joe has been hired as the library director at the Brooksville Free Public Library; we will miss him!). Once a month, the library also has a themed story time for young children; stop in for more information.

This winter the room housing books for middle readers will be revamped with new shelving, a bench and big pillows for lounging and reading, thanks to a dedicated donation from a wonderful library Friend. With the completion of this room, the planned upgrades to the inside of the building will be done. The board will next look ahead to continued maintenance and upgrades to such things as the now 17-year-old furnace.

We continue to fund-raise throughout the year, including our annual house tour, Raffle for Reading, sale of library tote bags, as well as look for grant opportunities to support various programs, purchase new books and fund the maintenance on the 110+ year old building. We're in need of new computers for the public, a laptop at the librarian's desk and a printer, and hope to upgrade those items this year.

The library is open Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings. We welcome everyone—stop in to ask questions or to see what's available. The library is here for you!

2015 Board of Trustees

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Carolyn Friedell, Corresponding Secretary

Larry Estey Sharon Hellstedt Richard Paget Gail Sytsema

Stonington Public Library
Statement of Income and Expense
2014

Income	
Fundraising Activities	
House Tour	3,075.00
Raffles	2,405.00
Tote Bags	160.00
Used Book Sales	1,404.65
Copies	143.00
Fines	186.00
E-rate Reimbursement	379.20
Annual Appeal	15,775.00
Grants/Designated Donations	18,820.00
Undesignated Donations	4,723.34
Newsletter	4,475.00
Town Appropriation	4,000.00
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Total Income	55,546.19
Expense	
Business Fees	65.00
Building/Equipment	
Routine Maintenance/Repairs	3,159.99
Snow Removal	120.00
Property Insurance	1,759.00
Insulation/Weatherization Project	15,781.08
Utilities	
Fuel Oil	2,160.00
Electric	634.53
Water/Sewer	794.28
Telephone	540.87
Operations	
Books/AV/Periodicals	3,206.38
Catalog (Online Public Access Catalog)	439.00
Interlibrary Loan Postage	383.15
Postage (Box Rental/Stamps)	204.61
Supplies	1,283.30
Computers	168.99
Continuing Education	70.00
Fundraising (Postage, Print, Ads, etc.)	1,499.35
Payroll	
Wages/Salary	12,518.00
Payroll Taxes	957.65
Workers' Comp Ins.	295.00
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Total Expense	46,040.18

Deer Isle Stonington Chamber of Commerce 2014 Report

The Chamber of Commerce continues to promote the interests of the Deer Isle-Stonington business community in a manner that reflects the Island's traditional ways and encourages new, sustainable opportunities that will provide for a flourishing Island economy.

After a rocky start, the Chamber decided to stay on the Island and work towards helping the business community come together as a whole. In fact, we became a much more active board with nine members and a new Administrative Assistant.

In 2014, the Chamber had 111 members, some new businesses, and 5 associate members. (An associate member is an individual who wishes to support Chamber efforts. Associate members do not own a business but actively volunteer or help in any way.) They do not necessarily live on the Island, full time.

For more information on membership, to volunteer or become an associate member, please contact Jan Taylor at 348-6976.

The Deer Isle-Stonington Chamber would like to thank the Towns of both Deer Isle and Stonington for their yearly support of the 4th of July celebration. The fireworks display and pier activities would not be possible without their financial support.

The Chamber would also like to extend a "thank you" to the Welcome Center chair, Alan Flowers and the faithful volunteers who made this a successful season. The volunteers provide valuable Island information to countless visitors and new residents each year.

Please visit our website at www.deerisle.com or pick up an Island Guides to find Island member business information.





November 26, 2014

Ms Kathleen Billings-Pezaris, Manager
PO Box 9
Stonington, ME 04681-0009

Dear Ms Billings-Pezaris:

Please find this as Downeast Transportation's funding request for FY '16.


Our request is that the town of Stonington appropriate \$800 for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. This is the same amount we have requested from the town for many years.

We continue to strive to provide the best public transportation possible, in the face of significant cost increases, without increasing our burden on the communities of Hancock County.

Please note: If Downeast Transportation finds itself with a surplus at the end of our fiscal year, we will carry that surplus over to defray operating costs in the next fiscal year. Please let us know if that is not satisfactory to you.

Please call if you have any questions.

Best regards,



Paul Murphy
General Manager



American Red Cross
Maine

www.MaineRedCross.org

August 18, 2014

Regional Headquarters

2401 Congress Street
Portland, ME 04102
Tel (207) 874-1192
Fax (207) 874-1976

Lucretia Turner-Bradshaw
Town of Stonington
PO Box 9
Stonington, ME 04681-0009

United Valley

475 Pleasant Street
Lewiston, ME 04240
Tel (207) 795-4004
Fax (207) 795-4037

Dear Lucretia Turner-Bradshaw,

The Red Cross is a local organization and we are committed to meeting the emergency needs of each and every family in Stonington. The Red Cross is there to help and last year, we served 44 people from across Hancock County.

Mid Coast

16 Community Way
Topsham, ME 04086
Tel (207) 729-6779
Fax (207) 729-2738

The Red Cross is there on the worst day of people's lives - the day their house burns down and they are left without anything to meet their basic human needs, the day their life hangs in the balance because they need a blood transfusion, the day their family thousands of miles away lose touch because of mother nature's fury or the day we must deliver a message to a service member that their loved one is critically ill. In those moments, the Red Cross provides support to people and helps to alleviate their suffering by offering what they need most - shelter, food and water, financial and emotional support, or a life-saving pint of blood.

Pine Tree

145 Exchange St., Suite 1
Bangor, ME 04401
Tel (207) 941-2903
Fax (207) 941-2906

The American Red Cross respectfully requests a municipal allocation in the amount of \$600 from the residents of Stonington for the coming year. The average cost to meet the emergency needs of a family of four affected by a disaster is more than \$1200 and helps a family meet the following basic human needs for food, clothing and prescription medication, as well as the Red Cross provides them access to temporary shelter and support.

Aroostook County

7 Hatch Drive, #250
Caribou, ME 04736
Tel (207) 493-4620
Fax (207) 493-4869

The Red Cross must be ready to respond to a family or the larger community in need whenever and wherever a disaster may strike and that constant state of readiness requires the generous municipal, corporate, foundation and individual financial support. The Red Cross is counting on the people of Stonington.

All Red Cross disaster relief is provided free of charge to individuals and families. The American Red Cross is not a government agency and does not receive state or federal funds. Though our services are congressionally mandated, the American Red Cross relies solely on voluntary contributions from individuals, companies, municipalities and charitable organizations in order to deliver on our mission to alleviate human suffering.

The biggest disaster threat to Maine families isn't floods, hurricanes or tornadoes; it's a home fire. The American Red Cross responds to a disaster every eight minutes and nearly all of these are home fires.

In the past fiscal year (2013-2014), the Red Cross responded to 257 disaster incidents in Maine, assisting 1,072 individuals from 418 families whose homes were destroyed by fires -- thanks to the help of more than 650 volunteers. We educated 5,829 community members, targeting the most vulnerable members of our communities, in key aspects of disaster preparedness, response and recovery. These efforts are only made possible by the tireless dedication of our volunteers and the generous financial support of towns like Stonington during the year.

The Red Cross responds to an average of 70,000 disasters annually across the country, but disasters don't offer us a predictable schedule, advance warning to plan our response or ensure that we have adequate human and material resources at the ready, but the Red Cross must be there 24 hours a day to answer the call and with the support of neighbors like you, we will always be ready.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Caroline King".

Caroline King
Major Gifts Associate
207-272-9561

PS: Please feel free to contact me if you would like any additional information about Red Cross services or if you would like to have a Red Cross representative speak at your town or committee meetings.



CHILD AND FAMILY OPPORTUNITIES, INC.

Providing Early Child Care and Head Start Services in Hancock and Washington Counties since 1970
18 Avery Lane P.O. Box 648, Ellsworth, ME 04605

November 12, 2014

Town of Stonington
P.O. Box 9
Stonington, ME 04681-0009

Subject: Funding Request



Dear Town Officials:

Imagine that every young child in your community who needs it has access to high quality early education services. Child and Family Opportunities, Inc., one of only two Step 4 early education providers (highest quality level in Maine's quality rating system) in both Washington and Hancock counties, offers the early investment in children that your community members want. But we can't do it alone. Providing this service requires community engagement, and we are mandated by the federal government to raise 20 percent of our Head Start operating budget every year via community support. That is why we're asking for your help.

We appreciate your community's support, and we know budgets are tight. Yet now more than ever the importance of securing a vibrant future for Maine is on the line. Our programs provide comprehensive services that include individualized curriculum, ongoing developmental assessment, nutritional assessments, health screenings, kindergarten transition activities, and parent involvement. We also provide healthy, family-style meals that account for one-half to two-thirds of a child's daily food nutrition. Funds we receive from towns assure that our classrooms have the supplies necessary to help children in your town succeed.

Our current Head Start cost per child per year is \$12,913. In your town, we provided Head Start/Early Head Start Services to 1 child and their family who resided in Stonington in the 2013-2014 school year. This means in your town we invested more than \$12,913 in high quality early education services. To help support Stonington children, we are asking your town to consider giving \$400 per child. Please include our request in your town warrant as follows:

"To see if the sum of \$400 will be raised from the residents of our town and appropriated to Child and Family Opportunities, Inc. for the purpose of operating the Head Start program in our area."

If you have further questions, please contact our local Center Coordinator, Jackie Buotte, at the Stonington Early Care and Education Center. The center is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., and the telephone number is (207) 348-6301.

Thank you in advance for considering our request, and for supporting the vision that all children and their families deserve to thrive!

Sincerely,

Douglas D. Orville
Executive Director



CHILD AND FAMILY OPPORTUNITIES, INC.

Providing Early Child Care and Head Start Services in Hancock and Washington Counties since 1970
18 Avery Lane P.O. Box 648, Ellsworth, ME 04605

MEMO:

To: Town Officials

Town of Stonington
P.O. Box 9
Stonington, ME 04681-0009

From: Rachel Nobel, Development Manager

Subject: Funding Request from Child and Family Opportunities, Inc.

Date: November 12, 2014

We have discovered an error in our recent funding request to you. Our original letter states that our request is based on the number of children and families living in your town receiving services 2013-2014 school year. This should be corrected to indicate that our request is based on the number of children and families living in your town currently receiving services. Please use the correction below on your warrant. We apologize for the inconvenience, and we thank you for your attention to this matter.

Corrected request:

Our current Head Start cost per child per year is \$12,913. We currently provide Head Start/Early Head Start Services to 1 child and their families residing in Stonington. This means in your town we invest more than \$12,913 in early education services. To help support Stonington children, we are asking your town to consider giving \$400 per child. Please include our request in your town warrant as follows:

"To see if the sum of \$400 will be raised from the residents of our town and appropriated to Child and Family Opportunities, Inc. for the purpose of operating the Head Start program in our area."



Eastern Area Agency on Aging

450 Essex Street, Bangor, ME 04401
Tel: (TDD) (207) 941-2865 or (TDD) 1-800-432-7812
Fax: (207) 941-2869 www.eaaa.org

November 21, 2014

Selectmen and Residents of Stonington
PO Box 9
Stonington, ME 04681

Eastern Area Agency on Aging is committed to improving the lives of seniors, adults with disabilities and caregivers in eastern Maine. We've been doing it for 40 years.

From delivering nutritious meals to the homebound through Meals on Wheels to increasing the safety and stability of older homes through EZ Fix minor home repair, seniors and disabled can count on us to help them when they are in need, often when they have nowhere else to turn.

But we cannot do it alone. It is critical that we receive support from municipalities in order to continue the level of services we provide. For your convenience, we have broken down the specific services that we have benefitted your residents and the estimated market cost to the resident if the services had to be purchased elsewhere. *(Please see attached page.)*

Community financial support will be a key component in our plan for services in the upcoming year. Our federal and state funding has remained flat for years yet the demand for services continues to increase as people age.

- As you prepare your budget, we ask that you think about your elderly and disabled residents and include Eastern Area Agency on Aging in the process for the amount of \$2600.00.

We also hope you'll notify us whenever elderly and disabled citizens of your community need help. Town officials prove to be an important part of our efforts as we attempt to reach out to those individuals who need us but who may be unaware of our services.

In the meantime, if you have questions, please call Catherine Forker at 1-800-432-7812. Please visit www.eaaa.org to learn more about Eastern Area Agency on Aging's work.

Sincerely,

Noëlle Merrill
Executive Director



Services provided to the *older and disabled citizens* of
Town of Stonington
 by Eastern Area Agency on Aging

Service	Units of service	Value
COMMUNITY SERVICES		
Information and Assistance - office appointments, home visits and telephone calls linking individuals with available services.	39	\$1,365
State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) - helps people understand Medicare & other health insurances.	16	\$560
Transportation - limited transportation for medical appointments and personal errands for those who qualify (where available.)	0	\$0
NUTRITION SERVICES		
Community Cafes - delicious meals and socialization for seniors.	407	\$3,256
Meals on Wheels - home delivered meals	255	\$2,040
Pantry Partners – linking seniors with farmers who grow produce for them	0	\$0
Senior Food Bank - supplemental food program for eligible seniors.	0	\$0
Furry Friends Food Bank - provides low-income seniors and disabled with supplemental pet food to help feed their pets.	291	\$1,455
EZ FIX - is a minor home repair program for seniors	7	\$245
FAMILY CAREGIVER SERVICES - provides support education - to individuals caring for loved ones- specializing in Alzheimer's/dementia	1	\$35
LEGAL SERVICES for the ELDERLY – free legal assistance to seniors.	4	\$137

Total VALUE of services provided:

\$9,093

Total NUMBER of residents who have received one or more services from Eastern Area Agency on Aging:

Total AMOUNT of funding request: **\$2600.00**

November 7, 2014

Town of Stonington
PO Box 9
Stonington, ME 04681-0009

Dear Selectman and Residents of Stonington:

Thank you very much for your ongoing support of Hancock County Homecare & Hospice. Our patients, their families and our staff appreciate your dedication to our mission of providing the highest standard of home care to the people in our communities, always treating them with dignity, compassion and respect.

2014 has been a very busy year for homecare providers in the Eastern Maine Healthcare System, EMHS. In addition to caring for your residents, we have been undergoing some organizational changes. As a member of EMHS and Eastern Maine Homecare, we will now be merged with our partners in South Portland. The combined organizations' service area covers a significant portion of Maine with offices in Bangor, Caribou, Houlton, Ellsworth and South Portland. We will soon announce a new name, but the management, staff, and clinicians in your area will remain the same as will our commitment to you.

Our commitment includes improved homecare models and a continuum of care structure that will ensure the people of Maine access to the right care, at the right time, and in the right place. According to Maine AARP and the Portland Press Herald, "Maine has the highest proportion of baby boomers and they are turning 65 at a rate of 18,250 each year until 2030 when 25% of Mainers will be 65 or older, magnifying the already serious challenges facing seniors and their communities." As homecare providers we are part of the solution and will be there to care for you and your residents.

Last year our clinicians made 15,954 homecare and hospice visits to patients in Hancock County, an increase of just over 3%. We made an additional 4,473 remote Telehealth visits to those managing one or more chronic illnesses at home. In the town of Stonington our staff of skilled nurses, rehabilitation therapists, home health aides and medical social workers made 581 visits providing care to 24 residents.

Your 2014 contribution of \$7,526.00 helped us provide care to those without sufficient health insurance. I am writing to request that same amount for 2015. As the newly appointed CEO, please know that I am available to answer your questions as is Board member Claire Connor of Brooklin. I look forward to getting to know you.

With thanks and appreciation,



Colleen Hilton
CEO

**Serving northern, eastern
and central Maine**

Patient Referral Line:
1.866.591.8843

EMHC Office Locations

Bangor Area Visiting Nurses
Hospice of Eastern Maine
885 Union Street,
Suite 220
Bangor, Maine 04401
207.973.6550
Fax 207.973.6555

Hancock County HomeCare &
Hospice
P.O. Box 655
441 Main Street Suite 2
Ellsworth, Maine 04605
207.664.5170
Fax 207.664.5175

Visiting Nurses of Aroostook
Hospice of Aroostook
VNA Caribou
EMHC Corporate
14 Access Highway
Caribou, Maine 04736
207.498.2578
Fax 207.493.3111

VNA Houlton
2 Water Street, Suite 1
Houlton, Maine 04730
207.532.9261
Fax 207.532.1341

HIP HEALTHY ISLAND PROJECT

December 2014

Dear Residents of Stonington,

Co-Presidents

Barrett Gray
Christopher Kapsha

What do numbers mean to you? In our data driven world, we thought you might like to see some of the numbers produced from the variety of programs and experiences Healthy Island Project provided this past year.

Treasurer

Megan Dewey-Wood

585 fireworks shells lit up the night sky at **WinterFest**

248.5 pounds lost during **Move It to Lose It**

400+ information points shared at our **Community Breakfasts**

20 child and adult bicycle helmets given away during the **Active Island** Bike Rodeo

23 fun filled afternoons for the **Salt Air Seniors**

85 people learned new skills at the **Island Workshop Day**

115 prom dresses/wedding gowns given away by **Queen's Closet**

147 miles walked during the **Active Island** summer fun walks

and...

immeasurable laughs at the Friday night **WinterFest** performance

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Director

Anne Douglass

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Dana Douglass
Sandy Eaton
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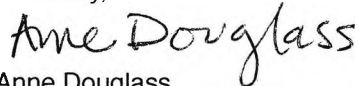
These numbers reflect the breadth and scope of HIP's mission and programs. Behind many of the numbers is someone's story of making healthy choices. Donations from the towns of Deer Isle and Stonington and other generous folks have made them happen.

HIP allocates the funds from the town of Stonington to three of our programs - **WinterFest**, **Community Breakfasts**, and **Salt Air Seniors** (renamed from W/W.) By the time you read this, **WinterFest 2015** (our 10th annual) will be over, but we hope you might join us at a **Community Breakfast** or other **HIP** sponsored events through the year.

The requested funding of \$2500 for 2015, our 24th year, would continue to support these community programs, highly valued and anticipated by their participants. HIP's mission "to improve the broad health of the community" is truly supported by the Town's generosity and we greatly appreciate the community's recognition of the value of our programs. We all need to be active, to keep learning, and to laugh more!

Thank you so much for your support.

Sincerely,



Anne Douglass
Healthy Island Project Director



14 McKenzie Avenue • Ellsworth, Maine 04605 • www.hospiceofhancock.org
207-667-2531 • Fax 207-667-9406 • e-mail: info@hospiceofhancock.org

~ Volunteer Service Since 1980 ~

November 21, 2014

Third Party Request, Selectmen and Residents of Stonington
Stonington
P.O. Box 9
Stonington, ME 04681

Dear Third Party Request, Selectmen and Residents of Stonington,

Thanksgiving greetings to you and the residents of Stonington! At this time of year we like to let our neighbors know how thankful we are for the support that allows us to remain committed to our mission:

- ~ End-of-life Patient Care services and caregiver support provided free of charge,
- ~ Bereavement support for those grieving, also provided free of charge, and
- ~ Educational programs to our community.

In addition, our services are enhanced by these special offerings:

- ~ the Evensong singers,
- ~ our Equipment Sharing program,
- ~ the *Veterans and Caregivers Outreach Program*.
- ~ Our 150 well-trained and compassionate direct-service volunteers.

With the support of the communities throughout Hancock County, we were able to provide the following services during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014:

- ~ Patient Care and Caregiver Support to 169 patients and families, including 5 residents of Stonington.
- ~ Nearly 1000 gestures of Bereavement support to residents of Hancock County, including to 3 residents of Stonington.

We appreciate the support we have received from the Town of Stonington in the past and hope that you will continue your support for these important services with a contribution of \$800 during the coming year.

We are happy to serve your residents. Please let us know if there are needs for which you think we can be of service. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jody Wolford-Tucker".

Jody Wolford-Tucker
Executive Director



ISLAND COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.



Island Community Center's Report to Taxpayers for 2014

Over the course of the last year, the Island Community Center experienced steady growth in usage with new and expanded programming as well as many special events. As the Island Community Center concludes its twelfth year, we have developed or hosted programming to include significant use of our facility seven days a week and have partnered with some 25 local organizations to offer services that directly benefit our island community. As a result of a major storm that struck the island in early November, we worked with the Town of Stonington to become a warming center for the entire island in cases of emergency and power outages. Thanks to the leadership of Stonington's town manager, Kathleen Billings Pezaris, a generator was installed at the center that will ensure island residents have a warm place to come to when the power goes out. A significant portion of the expenses for this effort came from private and non-profit donations. The generator will ensure that the Island Pantry's food reserves are protected in an outage. We launched a campaign to renovate our underutilized west room that received a good response from the public. This project will enable us to move Camp Kooky to better quarters and to expand enrollment to include more children. With the help of our new executive director, Jeannie Hatch, we are increasing the number of children's programs we offer. A parent/children play group has been established that meets twice a week in the evening. We are in conversation with other organizations to bring more children's programs to the center. At the same time, our Community Café which provides low cost lunches to seniors has grown. With the help of Eastern Area Agency on Aging, we offer expert counseling on Medicare and health insurance issues.

Despite revenue growth in a number of categories, coupled with decreased expenditures in some areas, increased usage which raised heating and other utilities costs meant that our operating costs remained essentially the same as last year. We continued to rely on volunteers to help with the Community Café, our thrift store, and other programs. Attendance at some of our special events, like the Stonington Six and our Flash in the Pan concert, were down due to inclement weather. It's hard to compete with hurricanes and downpours! The number of people participating in our other events, however, was on the rise and we have added such popular new programs as pickle ball in the gym and the parent/children playgroup. We have worked hard to make our venue more suitable for a wide variety of programs by eliminating the clutter and streamlining the space. It is now safer for the entire community to come and enjoy the venue.

In 2014 we successfully sought grants and private donations to support our program. With the help of a generous foundation, we are establishing an endowment that will provide some stability to our shoestring budget and ensure that we can meet community needs even in the lean years.

Although we fund over 76% of our operations and programs through usage fees, contributions, grants, thrift store sales and special events, the support we receive from the Towns of Deer Isle and Stonington is critical to keeping our doors open and responding to community and town requests for specific programs. **This year we are again asking for \$10,800 from each town.** We recognize the need to use these monies appropriately and well and pledge to do so, just as we are committed to meeting the needs of this community and to reaching out to wider segments of our island population. We are deeply grateful for your generosity in the past and for your serious consideration of this year's request.

Sincerely,

Anne Sigmund, President; Twyla Weed, Vice-president; Richard Paget, Treasurer; Michele Sadler-Gove, Secretary; Muffin Bartlett; Robbie Gray; Becky Hutchins; Bobbi Billings; Loring Kydd; Sherry Rochefort; Leslie McDonald-Rice; Theresa Gove-Eaton; Renee Sewall; and Executive Director – Jeannie Hatch

Island Recreation Board

January 20, 2015

Town of Stonington
P.O. Box 9
Stonington, ME 04681

Dear Selectmen,

The Island Recreation Board is requesting that you continue to appropriate \$1,500.00 to help fund Island Rec Board activities.

We thank you for your continued support of recreational activities for our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Morey, Co-Chairman, Deer Isle
Jennifer Larrabee, Co-Chairman, Stonington
Elissa Haskell, Treasurer, Stonington
Elaine Parke, Secretary, Stonington
Becca Emerson, Deer Isle
Liz Steele, Deer Isle
Pam Wendell, Deer Isle



Washington Hancock Community Agency
P.O Box 299 248 Bucksport Road, Ellsworth Maine 04605-0299
TEL: 207 664-2424 FAX: 207 664-2430
Website: www.whcacap.org

Town of Stonington
PO Box 9
Stonington, ME. 04681
RE: **Annual Request for Local Match Funds**

Dear Members of the Select Board:

The Washington Hancock Community Agency is requesting your support to enable us to apply for and leverage funding to provide and expand services to your community. The services WHCA provides have a direct impact on your budget by reducing reliance on your general assistance program.

During the last fiscal year WHCA provided more than **\$61,431** in services to your community. We are requesting **\$3,072** that represents 5% of the funds expended to help people in your community. The residents of Stonington requested and received the following services:

Services Provided	No. Households	Amount Expended
The Heating and Warmth Fund	2	\$ 795
LI HEAP (fuel assistance)	57	\$48,396
Rides provided by our transportation division	122	\$8760
ECIP-Emergency Crisis Intervention	2	\$ 800
Furnace Repair/Replacement	1	\$2,680
Total Households served 62	Total Amount expended \$61,431	
not including the rides provided by transportation		

In addition to the above, WHCA provided the following services to Hancock and Washington County residents:

Services Provided	No. Individuals	Dollar Value
Free Tax Preparations	249	\$44,820
At Home Downeast/Aging in Place	5	\$ 1,000
Warm Winter Wear	601	\$ 9,015
School Supplies	175	\$ 4,025
Christmas if for Kids	502	\$15,060
Total Individuals Served	1532	\$73,920

Thank you for your consideration. I would be happy to meet with you or your budget committee to answer any questions or address any concerns. I can be reached at 610-5934.

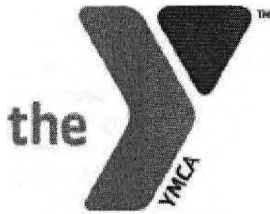
Sincerely,

Fran Havey
SEED Coordinator

People helping people



November 28, 2014



Board of Selectmen
Town of Stonington
P.O. Box 9
Stonington, ME 04681-0009

Dear Selectmen:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Peter Farragher
Chief Executive Officer

On behalf of the Board and staff of the Down East Family YMCA, I would like to thank the Town of **Stonington** for their continued support of the YMCA. The accomplishments of the YMCA could not be attained without the support of the town.

This letter is our request to continue the funding for the YMCA. The past years the town generously supported the YMCA and its goal to serve the citizens of **Stonington**. This year the YMCA would like the Town to continue the support at the same level of last year of **\$750**. The YMCA has continued to offer more to the citizens of **Stonington** while keeping costs reasonable. The following list is examples of the value that is offered by the YMCA.

- Citizens of Stonington receive a discount towards their membership. As of today there are members utilizing this benefit. A savings of \$900
- Families, who cannot afford fees associated with the YMCA, can request financial assistance. Last year the YMCA provided \$165 in scholarship funding to citizens of Stonington.
- Towns, who are able to recruit enough children to form a sports team, may participate in the YMCA leagues free of charge. If a town does not have the ability to form a team, individual children can play in the Y league at a discounted rate. The Y scholarship program can also be utilized by families who cannot afford the nominal program fee. In 2013-14 the Town of Stonington had an average of 2 teams participating in the Y leagues - a savings of \$1200.
- Lastly, all citizens have the ability to utilize the YMCA FREE of Charge on Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm. What a great way for families to have fun together throughout the year.

Selectmen, the above opportunities are provided because of the town's support of the YMCA and I hope you will consider funding the YMCA at the same level as last year - **\$750**. Please let me know the date and time of the town's budget and/or town meeting, and I would gladly attend to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Peter D. Farragher
Chief Executive Officer

Thank You!

Serving Downeast Maine Since 1961

JAMES RUSSELL WIGGINS DOWN EAST FAMILY YMCA
P.O. BOX 25, ELLSWORTH, ME 04605 - (207) 667-3086 - WWW.DEFYMCA.ORG

SUSAN M. COLLINS
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1904

Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

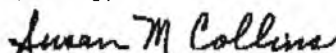
In the new Congress, I will serve as Chairman of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee. This position will allow me to continue working to ensure investments are made in critical transportation infrastructure, which is essential for our safety and economic growth. To date, Maine has received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

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

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

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the great State of Maine and the people of Stonington. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Bangor Constituent Services Center at (207) 945-0417, or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

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Dear Friends,

It has been a privilege to serve the State of Maine since being sworn into the U.S. Senate in January of 2013. First off, I want to make sure you know how to reach my offices, as I welcome your thoughts, questions, or concerns. You can call our toll-free, in-state line at **1-800-432-1599**. In addition, our local numbers are as follows: Augusta (207) 622-8292, Presque Isle (207) 764-5124, Scarborough (207) 883-1588, and Washington D.C. (202) 224-5344. You can also provide your input on our website at www.king.senate.gov.

Maine is a large state; I know that traveling to our offices can present logistical and financial challenges, which is why our team implemented an outreach program, **Your Government Your Neighborhood**. My staff has been traveling to communities throughout the state for two years now, hosting office hours for local residents. Since we began, we have made over 400 trips and plan to increase that throughout 2015.

If we haven't yet been to your town office, community library, or school, or hosted an information table at a local non-profit, please let us know!

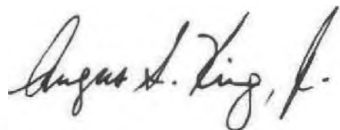
My work in Washington this year has been broad reaching, and I am committed to continue this work in a transparent and nonpartisan manner.

My projects have included:

- Overseeing national security and defense issues from ISIS to cybersecurity
- Continuing efforts to simplify student loans and make higher education more affordable
- Easing the regulatory burdens facing Maine businesses, farms, and schools
- Co-sponsoring budget initiatives for a smarter economic direction
- Supporting vital infrastructure and highway investments
- Tackling climate change mitigation and its long-term impacts
- Ensuring financial transparency in politics through campaign finance reform
- Promoting the growth of rural internet access
- Co-sponsoring legislation to help working families get paid leave to care for loved ones

I am tremendously grateful for the opportunity to serve you and will keep you informed of my activities in Maine and Washington.

Best Regards,



ANGUS S. KING, JR.
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Town of Stonington Maine
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Dear Friends,

Since being sworn in, I have been working to help solve our most important issues such as creating more jobs, lowering the cost to heat our homes and balancing the national budget.

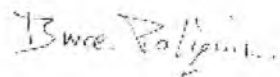
In Congress, I will work to give job creators the confidence they need to start new businesses and create more jobs. It is important for Congress to continue to pass jobs bills, like the Keystone XL Pipeline Act, to get our hard-working Mainers back to work so they can put more food on the kitchen table. As your representative, I will always support legislation that will balance our national budget, reduce the high cost of energy and help create more jobs.

Secondly, I have been working, with Republicans and Democrats, to help lower the cost of energy for our small businesses and hard-working families in Maine. One of my first votes, as a member of Congress, was in support of the Keystone XL Pipeline Act and the Natural Gas Pipeline Permitting Reform Act. These bills will help increase the production and create a reliable flow of natural gas to Maine, especially the Second District.

For my first House floor speech, I asked my Republican and Democrat colleagues to join me in support of the Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment. This Constitutional amendment will require Washington to, finally, live within their means, just like our hard-working families in Stonington. Balancing the national budget will help end wasteful spending and help secure financial security for our kids and grandkids.

I'm honored and grateful to serve you and represent the hard-working people of Maine's Second Congressional District. If you need any help, please visit my website (Poliquin.house.gov) or call any of my offices: Lewiston (207) 784-0768, Bangor (207) 942-0583, Presque Isle (207) 764-1968 and Washington, D.C. (202) 225-6306.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bruce Poliquin". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Bruce Poliquin



Annual Report to the Town of Stonington
A Message from Senator Brian D. Langley

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I am honored to represent you in the Maine Senate for a third term. I appreciate the trust you have placed in me, and I will work tirelessly for the betterment of you and your neighbors, as well as for the entire state of Maine.

There is a great deal to accomplish during the 127th Legislature. The most important item on our to-do list is clear: our state needs more jobs at all levels of the pay scale, so we must work to expand economic opportunity for all Mainers. Growing our economy and increasing the number of jobs available to Mainers will be a challenge, but I am confident that our ongoing commitment to addressing our outrageous energy costs and the needs of our aging population will continue to move our state in the right direction.

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

Another essential component of a robust economy is a skilled workforce. I have spent the last four years working on the Bridge Year Program which enables high school students to earn college credits while attending the technical center. Students graduate high school having completed 30 college credits at an affordable cost. Hancock County is in its first year with the Bridge Year. The focus now is on scaling it to all regions in the state in the next few years. I am pleased to be returning to the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee once again, and as its chair this session, to help advance this initiative.

Please feel free to contact me if you ever need my assistance in navigating the state bureaucracy. I would be happy to help in any way that I can. I may be reached in Augusta at 287-1505 or by e-mail at langley4legislature@myfairpoint.net.

Sincerely,

Brian D. Langley
State Senator



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Dear Stonington Residents,

It is an honor to begin a third term serving as your State Representative. I intend to work hard to retain your trust and build upon the work I've done over the past four years.

We are going to take on a number of big issues in Augusta this year, from the state budget, to strengthening our schools, supporting senior citizens, property tax relief, jobs, wages, entrepreneurship, veterans, agriculture, the social safety net, access to affordable health care, energy costs, student debt, the environment and many more.

I'm also happy to report that I have been reappointed as the House chair of the Legislature's Marine Resources Committee. As someone who represents Maine's island communities, I want to make sure Maine manages its resources in a way that better balances harvesting and sustainability and also puts more emphasis on maximizing the economic gains for harvesters. A lot of people depend on marine life to make a living, and it's important to be a voice for them in Augusta. The committee clerk maintains a list of interested parties that get email notification of the committee schedule. Please let me know if you would like to be added to that list.

Whether we are dealing with the above issues or any other topic, I stand ready to work with all of my colleagues, regardless of party affiliation, to make sure we're doing the best work we can for the people of our district and all the people of Maine.

Please contact me if I can be of any help or if you want to discuss or testify on any legislation. My email is wkumiega36@gmail.com. My cellphone is 207-479-5459 for voice or text message. I also send out e-newsletters from time to time. Let me know if you would like to receive them.

Respectfully,

Walter Kumiega
State Representative

District 134 Cranberry Isles, Deer Isle, Frenchboro, Isle au Haut, North Haven, Southwest Harbor, Stonington, Swans Island, Tremont and Vinalhaven, plus the unorganized territory of Marshall Island Township

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Unpaid Real Estate Taxes as of 12/31/2014

Tax Year: 2013		
191	Dunham, Glen	308.20
377	Frangoulis, George Frangoulis, Kristin	2,195.22
389	Furrow, Cindy	1,184.71
426	Gray, Everett G Gray, Wendy	343.61
431	Greene, Tracy S. Greene, Samantha Jocelyn Ackland	474.88
1293	Grindal, Clare	222.09
1294	Grindal, Clare	222.09
1295	Grindal, Clare	220.59
1296	Grindal, Clare	229.60
1297	Grindal, Clare	208.59
1299	Grindal, Clare	219.09
1300	Grindal, Clare	228.10
461	Grindal, Clare & Nelson	4,539.60
1292	Grindal, Darcy J.	200.19
545	Hodgkins, John	1,269.30
561	Hunt, Aimee A.	2,444.91
629	Jones, David Jr	780.01
289	Jones, Molly K & David Jr	664.35
646	Jost, Gretchen Jost, Henry	428.77
688	Larrabee, Alex Jr.	320.80 *
812	Donald Nevells Estate/Bobbi-Jo Roberts	66.72
1318	Nevells, Tony	353.53
1302	Nolan, Heidi, Danielle Et al	1,644.28
895	Earl Potter Estate	300.15
899	Powers, Scott T.	6,734.89
917	Ray, Lorena	522.32
931	Rhodeen, Penn; Rhodeen Kathleen	2,095.83
1282	Rice, Bradford Kingsley	1,905.10
972	Rose, Margie	767.82
12	Scott, Priscilla Grace Allen, Judith	3,373.35
1113	Taylor, David & Tanya L	662.18 *
1180	Walters, Robert J & Jane N	385.39
Total for 32		35,516.26
* = paid after close of books		

Tax bills are issued in July; interest starts September 1.

If your mailing address changes, please notify the Town Office as soon as possible.

By state law, all tax changes must be in place by April 1 of the current year.

The tax assessing agent has office hours at the Town Office one day per month

Unpaid Real Estate Taxes as of 12/31/2014

Tax Year: 2014					
1286	Bartlett, Larry A.	341.26	401	Jost, Gretchen; Jost, Henry; Glover,	1159.68
433	Betts, Matthew B., Betts, Roxann M.	1060.02	645	Jost, Gretchen; Jost, Henry; Glover,	1300.11
107	Bovee, Kenneth & Theresa	178.18	647	Jost, Gretchen; Jost, Henry; Glover,	288.41
108	Bowker, Lindsay N.	6858.42 *	669	Klemenz, Laurie Ann; Klemenz, Pe	481.74
1258	Hope Young Estate P/R Holly Cram	401.66	688	Larrabee, Alex Jr.	803.32
1298	Crane Wing, Iana	1102.30	13	Larrimer, Sarah & Neil; Segal, Dor	2207.09
980	Dean, Virginia Shaw	2500.56 *	487	MacDonald, Jennifer; Hagerthy, Jr.	1004.15
191	Dunham, Glen	247.64	787	Mitchell, Randall	913.55
294	Eaton, Ellen	425.82	794	Morey, Dyna P.	499.81
466	Eaton, Theresa Gove	762.55	812	Donald Nevells Estate/Bobbi-Jo Ro	116.27
377	Frangoulis, George Frangoulis, Kristin	2,150.24	1318	Nevells, Tony	392.60
504	Freeway Investments Inc.	593.27	1302	Nolan, Heidi, Danielle Et al	1,596.07
389	Furrow, Cindy	1,140.05	295	Nolan, Joanne	886.37
1119	G.K. Hospitality LLC.	5,360.50	885	Phillips, Charlotte R.	45.30 *
404	Gokey, Charles J.; Tammy Diane	705.17	887	Pitts, Benjamin Alexander	1,339.37 *
426	Gray, Everett G Gray, Wendy	614.57	888	Place, Margaret Janice	5,931.28 *
431	Greene, Tracy S. Greene, Samantha Jocelyn	407.70	895	Earl Potter Estate	231.03
457	Grigaitis, Eleonora	1837.16	899	Powers, Scott T.	6,716.48
1293	Grindal, Clare	166.10	901	Pringle, William G.	7,716.15
1294	Grindal, Clare	166.10	904	Ralston, William	4,259.71
1295	Grindal, Clare	164.59	917	Ray, Lorena	442.43
1296	Grindal, Clare	173.65	931	Rhodean, Penn; Rhodeen Kathleen	3,466.96
1297	Grindal, Clare	152.51	1282	Rice, Bradford Kingsley	4,398.63
1299	Grindal, Clare	163.08	955	Robinson, Craig	717.25
1300	Grindal, Clare	172.14	972	Rose, Margie	912.04
461	Grindal, Clare & Nelson	4,495.27	986	Sandler, Susan	8.90 *
1292	Grindal, Darcy J.	163.08	12	Scott, Priscilla Grace Allen, Judith	3,300.86
485	Hagerthy, Allan	231.03 *	1010	Shepard, Elliott Jr.	457.53 *
488	Hagerthy, Tammy Lynn	610.53	1019	Shepard, William A.	243.09
500	Hanish, Karen	3,389.95	1021	Shepard, Wylma c/o Sherry Shepar	1,284.08 *
545	Hodgkins, John	1,208.00	1078	Stonington Timber Co.; Moncavag	1,987.04 *
561	Hunt, Aimee A.	2,390.33	1113	Taylor, David & Tanya L	708.19
567	Hutchinson, Alan	1,415.14	1034	Thompson, Kathryn Anne	190.21
572	Hutchinson, Howard & Michelle	1,377.12 *	1126	Thompson, Reginald L.	496.79
594	J.S. Allen & Sons Inc.	2,385.59	1169	Vissicchio, Robert	243.11
622	Johnson, Elizabeth Suenaga	232.54	1180	Walters, Robert J & Jane N	570.78
130	Jones, David J., Jones, Elisabeth	350.32	1185	Warner, Geoffrey	1098.37
629	Jones, David Jr	700.64		Total for 77	99,120.18
289	Jones, Molly K & David Jr	600.98			
642	Joslin, Philip; Cynthia & Russell Joslin	554.17			
				*= paid after close of books	
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MAINE REVENUE SERVICES - 2014 MUNICIPAL TAX RATE CALCULATION STANDARD FORM

Municipality: Stonington

BE SURE TO COMPLETE THIS FORM BEFORE FILLING IN THE TAX ASSESSMENT WARRANT

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|--|------|---|--|--|
| 1. Total taxable valuation of real estate | 1 | 211,884,586 | | |
| | | <small>(should agree with MVR Page 1, line 6)</small> | | |
| 2. Total taxable valuation of personal property | 2 | 1,047,700 | | |
| | | <small>(should agree with MVR Page 1, line 10)</small> | | |
| 3. Total taxable valuation of real estate and personal property (Line 1 plus line 2) | 3 | 212,932,286 | | |
| | | <small>(should agree with MVR Page 1, line 11)</small> | | |
| 4. (a) Total exempt value for all homestead exemptions granted | 4(a) | 2,501,000 | | |
| | | <small>(should agree with MVR Page 1, line 14f)</small> | | |
| (b) Homestead exemption reimbursement value | 4(b) | 1,250,500 | | |
| | | <small>(line 4(a) multiplied by 0.5)</small> | | |
| 5. (a) Total exempt value of all BETE qualified property | 5(a) | 80,600 | | |
| | | <small>(should agree with MVR Page 2, line 15c)</small> | | |
| (b) The statutory standard reimbursement for 2014 is 50%
<i>Municipalities with significant personal property & equipment
may qualify for more than 50% reimbursement. Please contact MRS for the Enhanced Tax Rate Calculator form.</i> | 5(b) | 40,300 | | |
| | | <small>(line 5(a) multiplied by 0.5)</small> | | |
| 6. Total Valuation Base (Line 3 plus line 4(b) plus line 5(b)) | 6 | 214,223,086 | | |

ASSESSMENTS

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|---|----|---|--|--|
| 7. County Tax | 7 | \$116,020.84 | | |
| 8. Municipal Appropriation | 8 | \$1,517,600.00 | | |
| 9. TIF Financing Plan Amount | 9 | \$0.00 | | |
| | | <small>(should agree with MVR Page 2, line 16c)</small> | | |
| 10. Local Education Appropriation (Local Share/Contribution)... | 10 | \$1,943,149.62 | | |
| <small>(Adjusted to Municipal Fiscal Year)</small> | | | | |
| 11. Total Assessments (Add lines 7 through 10)..... | 11 | \$3,576,770.46 | | |

ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS

- | | | | | |
|--|----|----------------|--|--|
| 12. State Municipal Revenue Sharing..... | 12 | \$23,702.69 | | |
| 13. Other Revenues: (All other revenues that have been formally
appropriated to be used to reduce the commitment such as excise tax revenue, tree growth reimbursement, trust fund or bank
interest income, appropriated surplus revenue, etc... (Do Not Include any Homestead or BETE Reimbursement)) | 13 | \$350,000.00 | | |
| 14. Total Deductions (Line 12 plus line 13)..... | 14 | \$373,702.69 | | |
| 15. Net to be raised by local property tax rate (Line 11 minus line 14)..... | 15 | \$3,203,067.77 | | |

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|-----|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------|
| 16. | \$3,203,067.77 | x | 1.05 | = | \$3,363,221.16 | Maximum Allowable Tax |
| | <small>(Amount from line 15)</small> | | | | | |
| 17. | \$3,203,067.77 | ÷ | 214,223,086 | = | 0.014952 | Minimum Tax Rate |
| | <small>(Amount from line 15)</small> | | <small>(Amount from line 6)</small> | | | |
| 18. | \$3,363,221.16 | ÷ | 214,223,086 | = | 0.015700 | Maximum Tax Rate |
| | <small>(Amount from line 16)</small> | | | | | |
| 19. | 212,932,286 | x | 0.015100 | = | \$3,215,277.52 | Tax for Commitment |
| | <small>(Amount from line 3)</small> | | <small>(Selected Rate)</small> | | <small>(Enter on MVR Page 1, line 13)</small> | |
| 20. | \$3,203,067.77 | x | 0.05 | = | \$160,153.39 | Maximum Overlay |
| | <small>(Amount from line 15)</small> | | | | | |
| 21. | 1,250,500 | x | 0.015100 | = | \$18,882.55 | Homestead Reimbursement |
| | <small>(Amount from line 4b)</small> | | <small>(Selected Rate)</small> | | <small>(Enter on line 8, Assessment Warrant)</small> | |
| 22. | 40,300 | x | 0.015100 | = | \$608.53 | BETE Reimbursement |
| | <small>(Amount from line 5b)</small> | | <small>(Selected Rate)</small> | | <small>(Enter on line 9, Assessment Warrant)</small> | |
| 23. | \$3,234,768.60 | - | \$3,203,067.77 | = | \$31,700.83 | Overlay |
| | <small>(Line 19 plus lines 21 and 22)</small> | | <small>(Amount from line 15)</small> | | <small>(Enter on line 5, Assessment Warrant)</small> | |

(If Line 23 exceeds Line 20 select a lower tax rate.)

Results from this completed form should be used to prepare the Municipal Tax Assessment Warrant,
Certificate of Assessment to Municipal Treasurer and Municipal Valuation Return.



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February 10, 2015

Board of Selectmen
Town of Stonington, Maine
Stonington, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Stonington, Maine and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Stonington, Maine as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2014 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town Office.

Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds	Statement C
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RHR Smith & Company

Certified Public Accountants

STATEMENT C

TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2014

	General Fund	Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,152,245	\$ 728,427	\$ 1,880,672
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	118,553	-	118,553
Liens	39,645	-	39,645
Loans	-	68,822	68,822
Other	6,339	-	6,339
Inventory	-	13,415	13,415
Due from other funds	136,484	142,044	278,528
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,453,266</u>	<u>\$ 952,708</u>	<u>\$ 2,405,974</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 49,935	\$ 3,997	\$ 53,932
Payroll related liabilities	3,563	-	3,563
Due to other funds	142,044	136,484	278,528
Due to other governments	1,351	-	1,351
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>196,893</u>	<u>140,481</u>	<u>337,374</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Prepaid taxes	285	-	285
Deferred revenue	127,000	-	127,000
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>127,285</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>127,285</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	-	13,415	13,415
Restricted	-	272,132	272,132
Committed	-	547,438	547,438
Assigned	-	-	-
Unassigned	1,129,088	(20,758)	1,108,330
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>1,129,088</u>	<u>812,227</u>	<u>1,941,315</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 1,453,266</u>	<u>\$ 952,708</u>	<u>\$ 2,405,974</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	General Fund	Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property Taxes	\$ 3,233,278	\$ -	\$ 3,233,278
Excise taxes	238,344	-	238,344
Intergovernmental	60,574	50,025	110,599
Charges for services	78,360	189,882	268,242
Interest/Costs on liens	23,015	-	23,015
Investment income, net	2,644	1,488	4,132
Other income	90,670	942,548	1,033,218
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>3,726,885</u>	<u>1,183,943</u>	<u>4,910,828</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	324,785	-	324,785
Public safety	200,115	-	200,115
Health and sanitation	213,864	-	213,864
Public works	518,997	-	518,997
Special assessments	2,059,171	-	2,059,171
Social services	14,305	-	14,305
Culture and recreation	18,129	-	18,129
Unclassified	92,259	1,057,255	1,149,514
Debt service	72,916	4,593	77,509
Capital outlay	-	86,542	86,542
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>3,514,541</u>	<u>1,148,390</u>	<u>4,662,931</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>212,344</u>	<u>35,553</u>	<u>247,897</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Operating transfers in	889	145,997	146,886
Operating transfers (out)	(142,833)	(4,053)	(146,886)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(141,944)</u>	<u>141,944</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	70,400	177,497	247,897
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	<u>1,058,688</u>	<u>634,730</u>	<u>1,693,418</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 1,129,088</u>	<u>\$ 812,227</u>	<u>\$ 1,941,315</u>

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TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1	\$ 1,058,688	\$ 1,058,688	\$ 1,058,688	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Property taxes	3,215,278	3,215,278	3,233,278	18,000
Excise taxes	200,000	200,000	238,344	38,344
Intergovernmental	62,844	62,844	60,574	(2,270)
Charges for services	71,700	71,700	78,360	6,660
Interest / costs on liens	6,000	6,000	23,015	17,015
Investment income - net	1,500	1,500	2,644	1,144
Other revenues	7,200	7,200	90,670	83,470
Operating transfers in	4,600	5,489	889	(4,600)
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>4,627,810</u>	<u>4,628,699</u>	<u>4,786,462</u>	<u>157,763</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	308,777	330,777	324,785	5,992
Public safety	210,588	206,855	200,115	6,740
Health and sanitation	239,950	239,950	213,864	26,086
Public works	512,990	512,990	518,997	(6,007)
Special assessments	2,059,171	2,059,171	2,059,171	-
Social services	16,305	16,305	14,305	2,000
Culture and recreation	19,720	20,609	18,129	2,480
Unclassified	105,071	105,071	92,259	12,812
Debt service	71,800	71,800	72,916	(1,116)
Transfers to other funds	139,100	142,833	142,833	-
Total Charges to Appropriation	<u>3,683,472</u>	<u>3,706,361</u>	<u>3,657,374</u>	<u>48,987</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 944,338</u>	<u>\$ 922,338</u>	<u>\$ 1,129,088</u>	<u>\$ 206,750</u>
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	\$ 114,350	\$ 136,350	\$ -	\$ (136,350)
Utilization of assigned fund balance	-	-	-	-
	<u>\$ 114,350</u>	<u>\$ 136,350</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (136,350)</u>

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SCHEDULE 2

TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final		Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ 3,215,278	\$ 3,215,278	\$ 3,233,278	\$ 18,000
Excise taxes:				
Auto excise	200,000	200,000	238,344	38,344
Intergovernmental revenues:				
State revenue sharing	23,703	23,703	21,251	(2,452)
Homestead exemption	18,883	18,883	17,719	(1,164)
Local road assistance	11,400	11,400	18,852	7,452
BETE reimbursement	608	608	-	(608)
Tree growth	1,000	1,000	2,105	1,105
General assistance	3,000	3,000	-	(3,000)
Other intergovernmental	4,250	4,250	647	(3,603)
Interest/Investment income-net	1,500	1,500	2,644	1,144
Interest/Costs on liens	6,000	6,000	23,015	17,015
Charges for services:				
Municipal agent fees	8,500	8,500	9,534	1,034
Snow removal contract	12,000	12,000	11,395	(605)
Building permits	5,000	5,000	8,150	3,150
Tipping fees	25,000	25,000	23,330	(1,670)
Demo debris income	13,000	13,000	14,421	1,421
Recycling	-	-	-	-
Trash fees	4,000	4,000	4,807	807
Other fees	1,700	1,700	3,966	2,266
In lieu of taxes	2,500	2,500	2,757	257
Other income:				
CATV fee	3,000	3,000	3,667	667
Sale of town owned property (net)	-	-	65,149	65,149
Miscellaneous	4,200	4,200	21,854	17,654
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>3,564,522</u>	<u>3,564,522</u>	<u>3,726,885</u>	<u>162,363</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Operating transfers in	<u>4,600</u>	<u>5,489</u>	<u>889</u>	<u>(4,600)</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	<u>4,600</u>	<u>5,489</u>	<u>889</u>	<u>(4,600)</u>
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	<u>\$ 3,569,122</u>	<u>\$ 3,570,011</u>	<u>\$ 3,727,774</u>	<u>\$ 157,763</u>

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TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Appropriations	Budget Adjustments	Total Available	Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Administration	\$ 83,375	\$ 22,000	\$ 105,375	\$ 101,745	\$ 3,630
Wages, salaries and taxes	151,152	-	151,152	149,686	1,466
Employee healthcare	53,500	-	53,500	53,430	70
Town hall maintenance	18,800	-	18,800	18,302	498
Planning board	1,700	-	1,700	1,544	156
Appeals board	250	-	250	78	172
Total	308,777	22,000	330,777	324,785	5,992
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Animal control	9,250	-	9,250	1,992	7,258
Hydrant rental	59,000	-	59,000	59,000	-
Code enforcement	12,600	-	12,600	13,456	(856)
Health officer	250	-	250	250	-
Fire department	49,000	(3,733)	45,267	45,267	-
911-Road signs	600	-	600	600	-
Sheriff services	69,888	-	69,888	69,552	336
Street lights	10,000	-	10,000	9,998	2
Total	210,588	(3,733)	206,855	200,115	6,740
HEALTH AND SANITATION					
Transfer station	239,950	-	239,950	213,864	26,086
Total	239,950	-	239,950	213,864	26,086

TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Appropriations	Budget Adjustments	Total Available	Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
PUBLIC WORKS					
Town roads	259,690	-	259,690	274,998	(15,308)
Winter roads	193,100	-	193,100	188,530	4,570
Equipment	46,500	-	46,500	42,555	3,945
Town garage	11,700	-	11,700	10,914	786
Colwell ramp	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	-
Total	512,990	-	512,990	518,997	(6,007)
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS					
School	1,943,150	-	1,943,150	1,943,150	-
County tax	116,021	-	116,021	116,021	-
Total	2,059,171	-	2,059,171	2,059,171	-
SOCIAL SERVICES					
General assistance	2,500	-	2,500	500	2,000
Hancock County Homecare	7,526	-	7,526	7,526	-
Eastern Area Agency on Aging	1,300	-	1,300	1,300	-
WHCA	3,729	-	3,729	3,729	-
YMCA	750	-	750	750	-
American Red Cross	500	-	500	500	-
Total	16,305	-	16,305	14,305	2,000
CULTURE AND RECREATION					
Stonington Library	4,000	-	4,000	4,000	-
Island Recreation Board	1,500	-	1,500	1,500	-
Athletic field	2,000	889	2,889	2,889	-
Town parks	12,220	-	12,220	9,740	2,480
Total	19,720	889	20,609	18,129	2,480

TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Budget Adjustments</u>	<u>Total Available</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance Positive (Negative)</u>
DEBT SERVICE					
Backhoe	16,400	-	16,400	16,370	30
Fire truck	20,656	-	20,656	18,908	1,748
Moose island causeway	34,744	-	34,744	37,638	(2,894)
Total	<u>71,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>71,800</u>	<u>72,916</u>	<u>(1,116)</u>
UNCLASSIFIED					
Downeast Transportation	800	-	800	800	-
Economic Development	15,000	-	15,000	15,775	(775)
Hancock County RCC	4,000	-	4,000	3,996	4
Fourth of July	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	-
Child & Family opportunities	1,200	-	1,200	1,200	-
Healthy Island	2,500	-	2,500	2,500	-
Hancock County Planning	1,120	-	1,120	1,185	(65)
Chamber of Commerce	600	-	600	600	-
Memorial Day	450	-	450	450	-
Hospice of Hancock County	600	-	600	600	-
Island community center	10,800	-	10,800	10,800	-
Tax discounts	21,500	-	21,500	22,740	(1,240)
Sand beach	7,300	-	7,300	5,985	1,315
Cemeteries	4,500	-	4,500	3,239	1,261
Overlay/Abatements	31,701	-	31,701	19,389	12,312
Total	<u>105,071</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>105,071</u>	<u>92,259</u>	<u>12,812</u>
Transfer to other funds	139,100	3,733	142,833	142,833	-
Total	<u>139,100</u>	<u>3,733</u>	<u>142,833</u>	<u>142,833</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 3,683,472</u>	<u>\$ 22,889</u>	<u>\$ 3,706,361</u>	<u>\$ 3,657,374</u>	<u>\$ 48,987</u>

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TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Airport	Athletic Field	Seawall Reserve	Conservation Commission	Fire Dept Capital	Fish Pier	Gym Building	Harbor
REVENUES								
Charges for services	\$ 769	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 77,166	\$ 3,000	\$ 65,974
Investment income	26	10	141	15	267	67	72	8
Other income	808	-	-	-	249	893,317	-	22,276
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>1,603</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>516</u>	<u>970,550</u>	<u>3,072</u>	<u>88,258</u>
EXPENDITURES								
Capital outlay	-	-	8,934	-	-	29,255	5,000	-
Debt service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	1,493	-	-	50	-	942,430	2,807	21,809
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>1,493</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,934</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>971,685</u>	<u>7,807</u>	<u>21,809</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>110</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>(8,793)</u>	<u>(35)</u>	<u>516</u>	<u>(1,135)</u>	<u>(4,735)</u>	<u>66,449</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Proceeds from debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operating transfers in	-	-	80,980	100	13,733	-	2,000	184
Operating transfers (out)	-	(889)	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>-</u>	<u>(889)</u>	<u>80,980</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>13,733</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>184</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	110	(879)	72,187	65	14,249	(1,135)	(2,735)	66,633
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	<u>7,658</u>	<u>1,355</u>	<u>10,275</u>	<u>4,285</u>	<u>84,841</u>	<u>114,251</u>	<u>18,490</u>	<u>17,956</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 7,768</u>	<u>\$ 476</u>	<u>\$ 82,462</u>	<u>\$ 4,350</u>	<u>\$ 99,090</u>	<u>\$ 113,116</u>	<u>\$ 15,755</u>	<u>\$ 84,589</u>

TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Moose Island Causeway	Playground Reserve	Rainy Day Reserve	Road Equipment	Public Safety Reserve	School Building	Shellfish
REVENUES							
Charges for services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42,973	\$ -
Investment income	10	8	51	189	-	39	51
Other income	-	774	-	-	-	-	24,040
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>10</u>	<u>782</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>189</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,012</u>	<u>24,091</u>
EXPENDITURES							
Capital outlay	-	-	-	43,353	-	-	-
Debt service	-	-	-	-	-	4,593	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	40,873	22,678
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,353</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,466</u>	<u>22,678</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>10</u>	<u>782</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>(43,164)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,454)</u>	<u>1,413</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Proceeds from debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operating transfers in	-	-	-	30,000	-	1,000	10,000
Operating transfers (out)	(2,980)	-	-	-	(184)	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(2,980)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>(184)</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(2,970)	782	51	(13,164)	(184)	(1,454)	11,413
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	<u>2,970</u>	<u>(399)</u>	<u>15,393</u>	<u>25,789</u>	<u>184</u>	<u>26,352</u>	<u>9,751</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 383</u>	<u>\$ 15,444</u>	<u>\$ 12,625</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 24,898</u>	<u>\$ 21,164</u>

TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Swimming Pool	Town Hall	Harbor Float	Transfer Station	Unemploy Fund	Totals
REVENUES						
Charges for services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 189,882
Investment income	6	65	48	86	20	1,179
Other income	-	-	-	-	-	941,464
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>6</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>1,132,525</u>
EXPENDITURES						
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-	86,542
Debt service	-	-	-	-	-	4,593
Other	-	-	-	-	5,142	1,037,282
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,142</u>	<u>1,128,417</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>6</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>(5,122)</u>	<u>4,108</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Proceeds from debt	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operating transfers in	-	2,000	1,000	2,000	3,000	145,997
Operating transfers (out)	-	-	-	-	-	(4,053)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>141,944</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	6	2,065	1,048	2,086	(2,122)	146,052
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	<u>1,809</u>	<u>17,843</u>	<u>12,640</u>	<u>22,214</u>	<u>4,143</u>	<u>397,800</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 1,815</u>	<u>\$ 19,908</u>	<u>\$ 13,688</u>	<u>\$ 24,300</u>	<u>\$ 2,021</u>	<u>\$ 543,852</u>

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TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES – NONMAJOR PERMANENT FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Cemetery Fund	Totals
REVENUES		
Investment income	\$ 197	\$ 197
Other income	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>197</u>	<u>197</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Cemetery expenses	-	-
Other	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>197</u>	<u>197</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		
Operating transfers in	-	-
Operating transfers (out)	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	197	197
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	<u>59,259</u>	<u>59,259</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u><u>\$ 59,456</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 59,456</u></u>

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Town of Stonington
Proposed Annual Budget
January through December 2015

		2014 Actual	2014 Budget	2015 Proposed	Final
5000 · ADMINISTRATION					
	5001 · Admn Advertisements	1,034.39	1,000.00	2,000.00	
	5002 · Admn Assessing	28,275.00	28,275.00	28,600.00	
	5003 · Admn Audit	5,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	
	5004 · Admn Bank Fees	0.00	100.00	100.00	
	5005 · Admn Bond Counsel TAN	1,973.58	3,000.00	3,000.00	
	5006 · Admn Copier	1,929.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	
	5007 · Admn Dues & Books	2,850.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
	5008 · Admn Election Costs	2,994.76	3,000.00	3,500.00	
	5009 · Admn Equipment/Computers	10,860.47	8,000.00	10,000.00	
	5010 · Admn Liability Insurance	6,490.63	6,500.00	6,700.00	
	5011 · Admn Legal Services	26,873.50	27,000.00	13,000.00	
	5012 · Admn Misc. Expense	1,374.04	2,000.00	2,000.00	
	5013 · Admn Postage	2,383.81	3,000.00	3,000.00	
	5014 · Admn Printing	2,224.75	2,500.00	2,500.00	
	5015 · Admn Recording Fees	(56.00)	1,500.00	1,500.00	
	5016 · Admn Supplies	2,248.29	2,500.00	2,500.00	
	5017 · Admn Telephone	1,583.84	1,500.00	1,980.00	
	5018 · Admn Training	476.00	600.00	600.00	
	5019 · Admn Travel	2,003.10	2,500.00	2,500.00	
	5020 · Admn Workmen's Comp	1,226.19	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Total 5000 · ADMINISTRATION		101,745.35	105,375.00	95,880.00	
Administration Budget 2015					95,880.00
5050 · HEALTH INSURANCE					
	5051 · Health Insurance Staff	53,430.13	53,500.00	54,932.00	
Total 5050 · HEALTH INSURANCE		53,430.13	53,500.00	54,932.00	
Health Insurance Budget 2015					54,932.00
5060 · ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES					
	5061 · Admn Payroll Taxes	10,653.06	10,500.00	10,750.00	
	5062 · Admn Selectmen	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	
	5063 · Admn Town Clerks	73,344.90	74,964.00	81,016.00	
	5064 · Admn Town Manager	50,688.00	50,688.00	53,222.00	
Total 5060 · ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES		149,685.96	151,152.00	159,988.00	
Administrative Salaries 2015					159,988.00
5070 · TOWN HALL EXPENSES					
	5071 · Town Hall Cleaning	2,191.28	2,000.00	2,500.00	
	5072 · Town Hall Electric	2,222.58	2,200.00	2,200.00	
	5073 · Town Hall Equipment	705.77	750.00	750.00	
	5075 · Town Hall Heat	7,178.53	7,500.00	7,000.00	
	5076 · Town Hall Insurance	1,298.13	1,400.00	1,400.00	
	5077 · Town Hall Maintenance & Repairs	3,005.30	3,000.00	8,000.00	
	5078 · Town Hall Misc	325.91	350.00	350.00	
	5079 · Town Hall Supplies	241.78	300.00	300.00	
	5080 · Town Hall Water & Sewer	1,133.04	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Total 5070 · TOWN HALL EXPENSES		18,302.32	18,800.00	23,800.00	
Town Hall Budget 2015					23,800.00

Town of Stonington
Proposed Annual Budget
January through December 2015

		2014 Actual	2014 Budget	2015 Proposed	Final
5100 · ANIMAL CONTROL					
	5101 · Animal Control Kennel	152.00	500.00	500.00	
	5102 · Animal Control Miscellaneous	289.40	600.00	600.00	
	5103 · Animal Control Payroll Taxes	81.77	400.00	250.00	
	5104 · Animal Control Travel	362.40	2,000.00	1,000.00	
	5105 · Animal Control Wages	1,068.90	5,500.00	2,500.00	
	5106 · Animal Control Workers Comp	37.16	250.00	150.00	
Total 5100 · ANIMAL CONTROL		1,991.63	9,250.00	5,000.00	
Animal Control Budget 2015					5,000.00
5110 · CODE ENFORCEMENT					
	5111 · Code Enforcement Misc	594.36	300.00	300.00	
	5112 · Code Enforcement Payroll Taxes	882.12	875.00	875.00	
	5113 · Code Enforcement Travel	224.33	300.00	300.00	
	5114 · Code Enforcement Wages	11,280.93	10,750.00	13,700.00	
	5115 · Code Enforcement Workers Comp	474.66	375.00	425.00	
Total 5110 · CODE ENFORCEMENT		13,456.40	12,600.00	15,600.00	
Code Enforcement Budget 2015					15,600.00
5120 · PLANNING BOARD					
	5121 · Planning Board Advertising	986.50	1,000.00	1,200.00	
	5122 · Planning Board Misc	21.00	100.00	100.00	
	5123 · Planning Board Training	36.00	100.00	100.00	
	5124 · Planning Board Wages	500.00	500.00	500.00	
Total 5120 · PLANNING BOARD		1,543.50	1,700.00	1,900.00	
Planning Board Budget 2015					1,900.00
5130 · TRANSFER STATION					
	5131 · Transfer Station Ash Removal	1,696.90	2,000.00	2,000.00	
	5132 · Transfer Station Demo Debris	0.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	
	5133 · Transfer Station Equip Maint	2,660.36	10,500.00	10,500.00	
	5134 · Transfer Station Insurance	519.25	650.00	650.00	
	5135 · Transfer Station Misc	1,235.92	1,500.00	1,500.00	
	5136 · Transfer Station Monitor Wells	212.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
	5137 · Transfer Station Mowing	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
	5138 · Transfer Station Payroll Taxes	4,630.19	5,500.00	5,500.00	
	5139 · Transfer Station Recycling	6,886.60	7,000.00	7,000.00	
	5140 · Transfer Station Telephone	514.27	600.00	600.00	
	5141 · Transfer Station Tipping Fees	86,473.77	90,000.00	90,000.00	
	5142 · Transfer Station Transportation	37,802.64	35,000.00	35,000.00	
	5143 · Transfer Station Utilities	1,700.89	1,700.00	1,900.00	
	5144 · Transfer Station Wages	60,525.32	66,000.00	66,000.00	
	5145 · Transfer Station Workers Comp	7,005.44	6,500.00	6,500.00	
	Rebate on Tipping Fees				
Total 5130 · TRANSFER STATION		213,863.55	239,950.00	240,150.00	
Transfer Station Budget 2015					240,150.00

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5500 · THIRD PARTY REQUESTS				
5501 · 4th of July	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
5502 · Chamber of Commerce	600.00	600.00	600.00	
5503 · Child & Family Opportunities	1,200.00	1,200.00	400.00	
5504 · DownEast Health Services	0.00	0.00	-	
5505 · DownEast Transportation	800.00	800.00	800.00	
5506 · Eastern Area Agency on Aging	1,300.00	1,300.00	2,600.00	
5507 · Hancock County Homecare	7,526.00	7,526.00	7,526.00	
5508 · Healthy Island Project	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	
5509 · Hospice of Hancock County	600.00	600.00	600.00	
5510 · Island Community Center	10,800.00	10,800.00	10,800.00	
5511 · Island Rec Board	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
5512 · Stonington Public Library	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	
5514 · Memorial Day	450.00	450.00	450.00	
5516 · American Red Cross	500.00	500.00	600.00	
5518 · WHCA	3,729.00	3,729.00	3,729.00	
5519 · DownEast Family YMCA	750.00	750.00	800.00	
Total Third Party Requests	39,255.00	39,255.00	39,905.00	
Third Party Request Budget 2015				39,905.00
5601 · Fire Dept Electric	890.66	1,100.00	1,100.00	
5602 · Fire Dept Equipment	5,234.14	5,000.00	5,000.00	
5603 · Fire Dept Fuel	409.04	600.00	600.00	
5604 · Fire Dept Heat	4,267.07	3,900.00	3,900.00	
5605 · Fire Dept Insurance	5,566.50	5,600.00	5,600.00	
5606 · Fire Dept Misc. Expenses	1,667.99	1,400.00	1,400.00	
5607 · Fire Dept Parts & Repair	11,221.77	14,000.00	14,000.00	
5608 · Fire Dept Payroll Taxes	872.10	1,100.00	1,100.00	
5609 · Fire Dept Telephone	1,071.65	1,150.00	1,150.00	
5610 · Fire Dept Wages	11,400.00	12,850.00	12,850.00	
5611 · Fire Dept Water and Sewer	933.04	1,300.00	1,300.00	
5612 · Fire Dept Workers Comp	1,733.15	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Total 5600 · FIRE DEPARTMENT	45,267.11	49,000.00	49,000.00	
Fire Department Budget 2015				49,000.00
5620 · PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT				
5621 · Public Works Diesel & Gas	19,191.62	20,000.00	20,000.00	
5622 · Public Works Insurance	3,868.41	4,000.00	4,000.00	
5623 · Public Works Repairs	15,311.10	18,000.00	18,000.00	
5624 · Public Work Supplies & Equip	3,016.93	3,000.00	3,000.00	
5625 · Public Works Misc	1,167.10	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Total 5620 · PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT	42,555.16	46,500.00	46,500.00	
Public Works Budget 2015				46,500.00
5630 · TOWN GARAGE				
5631 · Town Garage Electricity	2,075.14	2,100.00	2,200.00	
5632 · Town Garage Equipment	3,066.31	3,000.00	3,000.00	
5633 · Town Garage Heat	161.12	600.00	600.00	
5634 · Town Garage Maintenance	3,472.25	3,500.00	3,500.00	
5635 · Town Garage Misc	989.31	1,000.00	1,000.00	
5636 · Town Garage Telephone	1,149.63	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Total 5630 · TOWN GARAGE	10,913.76	11,700.00	11,800.00	
Town Garage Budget 2015				11,800.00

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5640 · ROAD MAINTENANCE				
5641 · Road Maint Cold Patch	3,970.34	3,000.00	5,000.00	
5642 · Road Maint Culverts	2,956.42	3,000.00	3,000.00	
5643 · Road Maint Gravel	5,963.00	6,000.00	8,000.00	
5644 · Road Maint Guardrails	1,200.00	1,200.00	3,000.00	
5645 · Road Maint Misc	2,223.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
5646 · Road Maint Mowing	2,133.39	2,200.00	2,200.00	
5647 · Road Maint Payroll Taxes	4,250.00	4,250.00	5,000.00	
5648 · Road Maint Cellular	460.65	540.00	600.00	
5649 · Road Maint Sidewalks	23,430.95	15,000.00	3,500.00	
5650 · Road Maint Signs	743.16	1,500.00	4,500.00	
5651 · Road Maint Tarring & Ground Prep	157,526.62	150,000.00	150,000.00	
5652 · Road Maint Wages	60,962.97	65,000.00	66,000.00	
5653 · Road Maint Workers Comp	9,177.35	6,000.00	8,000.00	
Total 5640 · ROAD MAINTENANCE	274,997.85	259,690.00	260,800.00	
Road Maintenance Budget 2015				260,800.00
5660 · WINTER ROADS				
5661 · Winter Roads Misc	3,913.86	3,000.00	3,000.00	
5662 · Winter Roads Parts & Equipment	23,120.37	23,000.00	23,000.00	
5663 · Winter Roads Payroll Taxes	5,859.83	6,100.00	5,600.00	
5664 · Winter Roads Salt & Sand	72,616.84	75,000.00	75,000.00	
5665 · Winter Roads Subcontract	2,591.31	2,000.00	2,500.00	
5666 · Winter Roads Wages	71,191.72	75,000.00	78,000.00	
5667 · Winter Roads Workers Comp	9,236.53	9,000.00	7,200.00	
Total 5660 · WINTER ROADS	188,530.46	193,100.00	194,300.00	
Winter Roads Budget 2015				194,300.00
5670 · TRANSFER TO RESERVES				
5671 · Seawall	78,000.00	78,000.00	3,000.00	
5672 · Conservation	100.00	100.00	100.00	
5673 · Fire Dept Equip	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	
5674 · Gym Building	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
5676 · Road Equipment	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	
5677 · School Building	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
5678 · Town Hall	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
5679 · Transfer Station Equipment	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
5680 · Unemployment	3,000.00	3,000.00	5,000.00	
5681 · Harbor Float Reserve	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
5683 · Shellfish Conservation	10,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00	
Total 5670 · TRANSFER TO RESERVES	139,100.00	139,100.00	61,100.00	
5690 · DEBT SERVICE				
5691 · Debt Service Loader lease/purch	16,370.16	16,400.00	16,400.00	
5694 · Debt Service Fire Truck	18,908.04	20,656.00	-	
5697 · Debt Service Moose Island	37,638.38	34,744.00	34,744.00	
5697 · Debt Service Peterbilt Truck	0.00	0.00	23,700.00	
570 · MUNICIPAL FACILITIES				
5701 · Athletic Field	2,000.00	2,000.00	10,000.00	
5702 · Cemeteries	3,238.57	4,500.00	4,500.00	
5703 · Colwell Ramp	2,000.00	2,000.00	5,000.00	
Total 5700 · MUNICIPAL FACILITIES	7,238.57	8,500.00	19,500.00	

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5900 · PARKS					
5901 · Parks Mini Village		95.03	400.00	400.00	
5902 · Parks Public Bathrooms		5,746.45	6,000.00	6,000.00	
5903 · Parks Stinson Park		189.75	320.00	320.00	
5905 · Parks Trash		3,482.65	4,500.00	4,500.00	
5906 · Playground		226.15	1,000.00	1,000.00	
1-5900 · PARKS - Other					
Total 5900 · PARKS		9,740.03	12,220.00	12,220.00	
6001 · HANCOCK COUNTY PLANNING COM		1,185.00	1,120.00	1,220.00	
6006 · GENERAL ASSISTANCE		500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	
6007 · HEALTH OFFICER		250.00	250.00	250.00	
6008 · APPEALS BOARD		78.00	250.00	250.00	
6011 · ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		15,774.94	15,000.00	18,500.00	
6013 · 911 ROAD SIGNS		600.00	600.00	600.00	
6014 · FIRE HYDRANTS		59,000.00	59,000.00	59,000.00	
6015 · SHERIFF SERVICES		69,552.00	69,888.00	69,888.00	
6016 · STREETLIGHTS		9,998.03	10,000.00	10,000.00	
6017 · COUNTY TAX		116,020.84			
6018 · EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT		1,943,149.62	1,943,149.62		
6019 · ABATEMENTS FROM OVERLAY		19,388.78			
6020 · TAX DISCOUNTS		22,740.42	21,500.00	23,000.00	
6021 · HANCOCK COUNTY RCC		3,996.36	4,000.00	4,100.00	
6030 · SAND BEACH					
6031 · Insurance		0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
6032 · Rent		5,985.58	5,800.00	6,000.00	
		2014 Actual Total	2014 Budget Total	2015 Proposed Total	
Budget figures		3,652,752.93	3,557,749.62	1,564,027.00	

**TOWN OF STONINGTON
ANNUAL ELECTIONS
TOWN MEETING ELECTION WARRANT**

Hancock, ss

State of Maine

To: Benjamin Pitts, resident of the Town of Stonington, in said County.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stonington, qualified by law to vote in said Town affairs, to assemble in the Stonington Town Hall, 32 Main Street, on Monday the **2nd day of March 2015, A.D. from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM Noon** to act upon the following articles to wit:

ARTICLES

1. To choose a moderator to preside at said Town Meeting.
2. To choose the following Town Officers:

Two Selectmen for 2-Three year terms.

Two Sanitary District Trustees for 2-Three year (In District) terms.
One Sanitary District Trustee for 1-Three year (At Large) term.

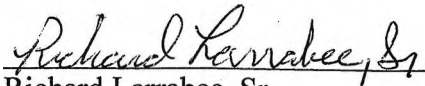
Given under our hands this 9th day of February, 2015 at Stonington, Maine



Christopher Betts



Evelyn Duncan



Richard Larrabee, Sr.



Benjamin Barrows

Donna Brewer

**TOWN OF STONINGTON
ANNUAL
TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

Hancock, ss

State of Maine

To: Benjamin Pitts, resident of the Town of Stonington, in said County.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stonington, qualified by law to vote in said Town affairs, to assemble at the Stonington Town Hall 2nd Floor Meeting Room on Main Street in said Town on Monday the **2nd Day of March**, A.D., 2015 at three o'clock in the afternoon (**3:00 PM**) to act upon the following articles to wit:

ARTICLES

1. To choose a moderator to preside at said Town Meeting.
2. To see if the town, in accordance with Title 36 M.R.S.A., Section 506, will vote to authorize the Tax Collector and the Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed and to pay no interest thereon.
3. To see if the Town will vote to fix a date when taxes shall be due and payable, and to see if the Town will vote to fix the rate of interest to charge on taxes unpaid after such date.

The Selectmen recommend the due date be September 1, 2015 and the rate of interest be 7.0% per annum.

4. To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount of 1% on taxes paid in full within thirty days from commitment of the tax list to the Tax Collector, with an appropriation of **\$23,000** added to the annual tax commitment.

(In 2014, the discounts given to taxpayers totaled \$22,740.42 the town's auditor has requested that an estimate for the discount be included in the commitment process.)

5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to issue a Tax Anticipation Note which will be repaid at the end of the tax year and to pay interest on the note as necessary from investment returns.
6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and convey by quit-claim deed, at the Selectmen's discretion as to terms, but at a price not less than the total of unpaid taxes, interest, and costs, any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, unless the Selectmen, at their discretion, decide that the acquired property is beneficial for the Town to keep. It is understood that the Selectmen will advertise such real estate except when the real estate is to be sold to the original owner.

7. To see if the Town will grant the authority to the Selectmen to appropriate from overlay to cover any tax abatements.
8. Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer, on behalf of the Town, to accept gifts, donations, real estate, and certain funds, including trust funds that may be given or left to the Town?
9. To see if the Town will accept a donation of land and riparian rights of such parcel of a portion of land Map 8A Lot 69A from the Penobscot East Resource Center to expand the Town's parcel known as Hagen Dock/Public Landing.
10. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to act as the Trustees for the Stonington Water Company and vote the stock held by the Town to keep the Stonington Water Company operating and transact other business at any meeting of the stockholders of the Stonington Water Company.
11. Shall the ordinance entitled "Commercial Fish Pier Ordinance" be amended by changes shown on the attached list entitled "Amendments to Commercial Fish Pier Ordinance?"
12. Shall the ordinance entitled "Stonington Dog Ordinance" be repealed and replaced by the attached new ordinance entitled "Stonington Animal Control Ordinance?"
13. Shall the Town of Stonington vote to approve a Community Development Block Grant application for the following program and dollar amount:

Program: CDBG Public Infrastructure grant for upgrades, rebuilding and construction of the Stonington Water Company.

Amount: \$ 1,000,000.00

and to submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development and if said program is approved, to authorize the municipal officers to accept said grant funds, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such a program. Furthermore, the Town of Stonington is cognizant of the requirement that should the intended National Objective of the CDBG program not be met all CDBG funds must be repaid to the State of Maine CDBG program.

14. Shall the Town of Stonington vote to approve a Community Development Block Grant application for the following program and dollar amount:

Program: CDBG Public Facilities grant for engineering, design, rebuilding and expansion for the Town owned facility known as Hagen Dock/Public Landing Map 8A Lot 63
Amount: \$ 300,000.00

and to submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development and if said program is approved, to authorize the municipal officers to accept said grant funds, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such a program. Furthermore, the Town of Stonington is cognizant of the requirement that should the intended National Objective of the CDBG program not be met all CDBG funds must be repaid to the State of Maine CDBG program.

15. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to apply for State and Federal Funds.

16. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to accept and transfer to the proper accounts such sums of money as may be received from State and /or Federal Grants and from other private and public sources.

17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the administration account.

The Selectmen recommend \$95,880

18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for wages, salaries and the Town's portion of Social Security and Medicare Payroll Taxes for Town Officers and employees.

The Selectmen recommend \$159,988

19. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the operation and maintenance of the Town Hall.

The Selectmen recommend \$23,800

20. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town Hall reserve.

The Selectmen recommend \$2,000

21. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for employees' health insurance.

The Selectmen recommend \$54,932

22. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Unemployment Reserve.

The Selectmen recommend \$5,000

23. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for wages and expenses for animal control.

The Selectmen recommend \$5,000

24. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for code enforcement wages and expenses.

The Selectmen recommend \$15,600

25. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Planning Board.

The Selectmen recommend \$1,900

26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$69,888 for law enforcement.

(This for 3 days a week for \$69,888)

27. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for 911 sign expenses.

The Selectmen recommend \$600

28. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Hancock County Regional Communication Center (911) charges.

The Selectmen recommend \$4,100

29. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Health Officer.

The Selectmen recommend \$250

30. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Appeals Board.

The Selectmen recommend \$250

31. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Stonington Conservation Commission.

The Selectmen recommend \$100

32. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for dues to the Hancock County Planning Commission.

The Selectmen recommend \$1,220

33. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Stonington Shellfish Conservation Committee.

The Selectmen recommend \$5,000

34. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for economic development in Stonington.

The Selectmen recommend \$18,500

35. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance.

The Selectmen recommend \$2,500

36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$49,000** for the Stonington Fire Department.

The Selectmen recommend

37. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department Equipment Reserve.

The Selectmen recommend \$10,000

38. To see if the Town will vote to accept ownership of all the Stonington Volunteer Fire Department's equipment now owned by, or to be purchased by the Department during the ensuing year, and then allow the Stonington Volunteer Fire Department to use said equipment.

The Selectmen recommend

39. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for fire hydrants.

The Selectmen recommend \$59,000

40. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for disposal of solid waste and the operation of the Stonington Transfer Station.

The Selectmen recommend \$240,150

(The Town receives tipping fee reimbursements from MRC of about \$25,000 in revenues to offset Transfer Station costs.)

41. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for a reserve fund for the repair and replacement of equipment at the transfer station.

The Selectmen recommend \$2,000

42. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the debt service for the Moose Island Causeway

The Selectmen recommend \$34,744

43. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the operation and maintenance of road equipment.

The Selectmen recommend \$46,500

44. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the operation and maintenance of the town garage.

The Selectmen recommend \$11,800

45. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for town roads.

The Selectmen recommend \$260,800

46. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for snow removal.

The Selectmen recommend \$194,300

47. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for streetlights.

The Selectmen recommend \$10,000

48. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the road equipment reserve.

The Selectmen recommend \$30,000

49. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for debt service for the backhoe.

The Selectmen recommend \$16,400

50. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for debt service for the Peterbilt truck.

The Selectmen Recommend \$23,700

51. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Seawall Reserve.

The Selectmen recommend \$3,000

52. To see what sum the Town will appropriate from the Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus) and transfer those funds to the Seawall Reserve.

The Selectmen recommend \$125,000

(The seawall at Hagen Dock needs extensive work, including engineering planning & design, matching funds for potential grants, construction costs.)

53. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow up to \$500,000 for reconstruction and expansion for the Hagen Dock/Public Landing town property Map 8A Lot 63

The Selectmen recommend.

54. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Dedicated Capital Reserve Float fund.

The Selectmen recommend \$1,000

55. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Parks.

The Selectmen recommend \$12,220

56. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for building reserves, for the purpose of undertaking major repairs or improvements.

The Selectmen recommend:

Former elementary school building reserve	\$1,000
Gym building reserve	\$2,000

57. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for operation and improvements to the Colwell Ramp property.

The Selectmen recommend \$5,000

58. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$6,000** for the Sand Beach lease rental property.

59. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,500** for the Sand Beach insurance fee.

60. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the upkeep of the athletic field, with any unexpended amount going to the athletic field reserve.

The Selectmen recommend \$10,000

61. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the upkeep and maintenance of cemeteries.

The Selectmen recommend \$4,500

62. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Island Recreation Board.

Requested \$1,500

63. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Stonington Library.

Requested \$4,000

64. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Chamber of Commerce.

Requested \$600

65. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fourth of July fireworks.

Requested \$3,000

66. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Memorial Day observances.

Requested \$450

67. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Downeast Transportation.

Requested \$800

68. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Eastern Area Agency for Aging.

Requested \$2,600

69. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Healthy Island Project.

Requested \$2,500

70. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Hancock County Homecare and Hospice

Requested \$7,526

71. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Island Community Center.

Requested \$10,800

72. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Red Cross.

Requested \$600

73. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Child and Family Opportunities (Head Start)

Requested \$400

74. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Washington Hancock Community Agency.

Requested \$3,729

75. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Downeast YMCA.

Requested \$800

76. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Hospice of Hancock County

Requested \$600

77. To see if the Town will vote to accept funds from the State of Maine for the following:

General Assistance	3,000
Homestead Exemption	17,500
DOT Block Grant	11,400
Snow Contract	11,500
State Revenue Sharing	30,000
Tree Growth	1,500
Veteran's Reimbursement	300
Misc. Income	4,000

(Note: These figures are estimates only. Actual amounts received may be more or less.)

78. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply income received towards reducing property taxes.


Estimated income includes:

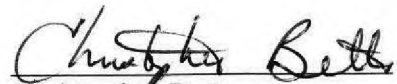
Surplus	150,000
Building Permits	5,000
Cable TV	3,000
Demolition and recycling fees	13,000
In Lieu of Taxes	2,500
Misc. Rev	4,200
Auto Excise	200,000
Town Fees	8,500
Operating interest	1,500
Copies	500
Property tax interest	6,000
Transfer Station tipping fees	25,000
Water Company	3,400
Liquor licenses	700
Isle au Haut Trash	4,000
Fish Pier	1,200
Harbor	1,000

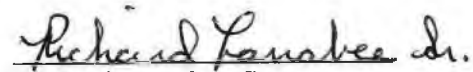
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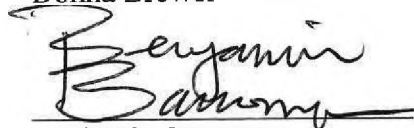
79. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$1,177,114.00 established for Stonington by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit.

Given under our hands this 10th day of February, 2015 at Stonington, Maine


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