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**TOWN OF HOLDEN**

**2005**

**TOWN REPORT**

**Inside Cover**

**TOWN ELECTION  
HOLDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2006  
VOTING BEGINS AT 7:00 A.M.  
POLLS CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.**

**TOWN MEETING  
HOLDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2006  
7:00 P.M.**

**PLEASE KEEP THIS REPORT  
THE SUPPLY IS LIMITED**

**BRING IT TO THE  
TOWN MEETING WITH YOU**

## **DEDICATION**

### **Donald Hart**

Don Hart lives on the last remaining five acres of his Grandfather's farm at Hart's Corner in Holden; where he has lived for all but five years of his life. He attended school in the one room schoolhouse at Hart's Corner, and remembers winter days when he could ride his sled most of the way home from school. He was in the fourth grade when the "new" elementary school opened at its present location. Don was about 15 years old when his Mother, Elsie Willey Hart Murphy, remarried and moved the family to Danvers Massachusetts. He graduated from Peabody High School.

In 1965, Don joined the army where he trained as a heavy equipment operator. He worked in the motor pool, while stationed in Germany, where his training prepared him for his current job, working for Darlings Auto Mall in Ellsworth. Except for a brief career as a Tractor Trailer Driver, between 1990 and 1993, Don has worked continuously in Auto Services.

Don and his wife Cathy are the proud parents of Neallie Budway, Christopher Hart, Duane Young, Daniel Young, and Nicole Young. They are also the very proud grandparents of 7 year old Emma & 2 year old Cameron Budway, while anxiously awaiting grandchild number three from Christopher in July.

Don has been a town volunteer for most of his life, beginning with the Fire Department in 1970 through 1990. He held the office of Fire Chief from 1978 to 1986. Don has served on both the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee. He and Cathy are members of the Holden Congregational Church, where Cathy teaches Sunday School.

The name Don Hart is synonymous with Little League Baseball in Holden. Don began coaching AFTER his son Chris moved up to Senior League around 1980. He coached until the end of the 2003 season, and held the office of President for many years. Don's current title of Player-Agent makes him responsible for all registrations and player documentation for the League. Since

Holden teams are now officially sanctioned, he takes a week of vacation prior to the start of the season, to prepare the necessary paperwork. His philosophy about the sport is "...it is a game for the kids to have fun", but he is quick to note that Holden Teams have been very successful in tournament play. Throughout his home, Don proudly points to pictures of teams and individuals. It is clear to the casual observer, from the smiling faces of those young athletes, that they definitely had fun playing the game!

Holden is pleased to dedicate the 2005 Town Report to Don Hart, with grateful appreciation, for his many years of service to the community.

## MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

### ELECTED COUNCIL (3-Year Terms)

Ellen Campbell, Chairman.....Term expires June, 2008  
John Bryant, Vice-Chairman.....Term expires June, 2007  
Clare Payne.....Term expires June, 2006  
Paul Amoroso.....Term expires June, 2007  
Robert Harvey.....Term expires June, 2008

### SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT 63 DIRECTORS (3-Year Terms)

Donald Varnum, Chairman.....Term expires June, 2006  
Patricia R. Sirois.....Term expires June, 2006  
Sylvia Ellis.....Term expires June, 2007  
Dion Seymour.....Term expires June, 2008

### APPOINTED

Animal Control Officer.....Gene Worcester  
Assessor.....Carl Lowe  
Civil Emergency Preparedness Officer.....Jim Ellis  
Code Enforcement Officer.....Stephen Condon  
Community Development Director.....Stephen Condon  
Fire Chief.....Jim Ellis  
General Assistance Administrator.....Deborah Given  
Deputy.....Wanda Libbey  
Health Officer.....Stephen Condon  
Notary Publics.....Deborah Given  
Wanda Libbey  
Sherry Murray  
Plumbing Inspector.....Stephen Condon  
Police Chief.....Gene Worcester  
Public Safety Director.....Jim Ellis  
Registrar Of Voters.....Wanda Libbey  
Road Commissioner.....Larry Varisco  
Sealer Of Weights And Measures.....Arthur A. Sawyer  
Superintendent Of Schools.....Louise Regan  
Tax Collector.....Deborah Given  
Deputy.....Sherry Murray  
Town Clerk.....Larry Varisco  
Deputy.....Wanda Libbey  
Assistant.....Sherry Murray  
Assistant.....Deborah Given  
Assistant.....Candace Healy  
Town Manager.....Larry Varisco  
Treasurer.....Larry Varisco  
Deputy.....Deborah Given

## BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

### PLANNING BOARD (5-Year Terms)

Jeffrey McBurnie, Chairman.....	Term expires June, 2009
Alan C. Bromley, Vice Chairman.....	Term expires June, 2010
Galen Knowles.....	Term expires June, 2009
Allan Poole.....	Term expires June, 2009
Susan McKay.....	Term expires June, 2008
Carol Cuddy.....	Term expires June, 2006
Malcolm W. Coulter Jr.....	Term expires June, 2008

### BOARD OF APPEALS (5-Year Terms)

Kevin Cuddy, Chairman.....	Term expires June, 2006
Steve Crotty.....	Term expires June, 2010
Cynthia G. Triplett.....	Term expires June, 2010
Brent West.....	Term expires June, 2009
Sally Fischel.....	Term expires June, 2009
Stephen LeBlanc (alternate).....	Term expires June, 2006
Elizabeth Umphrey(alternate).....	Term expires June, 2006

### CEMETERY BOARD (3 -Year Terms)

Bonnie Clark, Chairperson.....	Term expires June, 2008
Joyce Pinkham.....	Term expires June, 2006
Jane Black.....	Term expires June, 2006
Mary Jane Pierce.....	Term expires June, 2007
Peter Zelz.....	Term expires June, 2007

### CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (3 - Year Terms)

Sue Dawes, Chairperson.....	Term expires June, 2006
Greg Barrows.....	Term expires June,2006
Sally Fischel.....	Term expires June, 2008
Joy Knowles.....	Term expires June, 2008
Joel Swanton.....	Term expires June, 2007
Noelle Merrill.....	Term expires June, 2007
Christopher Lage.....	Term expires June, 2007

### RECREATION BOARD (3-Year Terms)

John Roach.....	Term expires June, 2007
Timothy Archambault.....	Term expires June, 2006
Jon Hubbard.....	Term expires June, 2008

**BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE FY 2005-2006**

Timothy Archambault.....Malcolm Coulter Jr.  
John Bunker.....Don Corey  
Carol Cuddy..... Susan Dawes  
Robert Harvey.....Galen Knowles  
Henry Maynard .....George McDonald, Sr.  
James Nixon.....Richard Oravetz  
Mary Jane Pierce

**BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW**

Benjamin Birch.....Walter H. Foster.....David Dorr

**DEPARTMENTS**

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Bruce E. Dowling, Highway Foreman.....Darrin Gray  
Brad Gomm.....Thomas Cormier

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

James Ellis, Director. ....Gene Worcester, Police Chief  
Lt. Paul Haslam.....Sgt. Gene Fizell  
Officer Tony Cobb.....Officer Nick Fletcher  
Officer Chris Greeley.....Officer Stefin Brown  
Officer Tom Rushmore

**FIRE DEPARTMENT/ RESCUE 2005 MEMBERS**

Chief James Ellis.....Asst. Chief Andrew Emery  
Asst. Capt. Peter Perry.....Capt. Michael Friel  
Capt. Nathan Hastings ..... Lt. Ryan Davis  
Brian Bundy.....Tessa Byard  
James Doyle.....Jayson Forgues  
Jason Gross.....Kevin Harvey  
Dale Hoskins.....Brady Lake  
Kelli Leighton.....David Morrill  
Gregg Morrill..... Ryan Oldham  
Casey Perry .....Corey Richards  
Bryan Rosenberg.....Paul Smith  
Shaunna Smith .....Tim True  
Ryan Warner



## TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT – 2005

Early in the year the Town Council established a Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee. The Committee's charge is to prepare a revision of our 1995 Comprehensive Plan. The ten members of the Committee have met monthly since last January and have made good progress. They expect to have a plan that can be presented to the voters by late summer or early fall of 2006.

For several years the Council has been struggling with the problem of a lack of space for the Fire/Rescue Department and the Police Department. Both departments operate out of the basement of the Municipal Building and as calls and complaints have increased the situation has reached a crisis stage. The Council has looked at several options including an addition to the Municipal Building, a separate Fire Station on the municipal site with renovations to the existing fire bays for Police offices, and a separate public safety building off-site. A recommendation is expected to be presented for voter consideration in the spring of 2006.

Of the six active cemeteries in Holden only one, Rowe Cemetery on Levenseller Road, has any amount of lots available. During the year we were able to acquire a small addition to the Clewleyville Cemetery. The land has been cleared and as soon as weather permits in the spring we will lay out burial lots and construct access roads. The Cemetery Board of Trustees would like to obtain land in the vicinity of Hart's Corner Cemetery on Route 1A, if you know of any land that might be available please contact the Town Office.

Thanks to the efforts of Councilor Bob Harvey there is now an effort to establish a Holden Historical Society. Their goal is to preserve Holden's physical and oral history. If you would like to be involved please contact the Town Office. One piece of Holden's history that is in danger of being lost is the Old Town Hall located on Route 1A. We are currently working on a proposal where the building would be used for school administrative offices and could also provide storage space for the Historical Society.

During the year Assessor Carl Lowe began a complete revaluation of the Town which will be completed for April 1, 2006 assessment date. Several of our ongoing programs were continued: these included the fall household hazardous waste collection day; the bi-monthly newsletter and our paving program which included paving Dole Hill Road, Church Road, Carriage Lane, Skyline Drive, Bagaduce Extension and portions of Fields Pond Road and Wiswell Road. Unfortunately there is still no decision forthcoming on the I-395/Route 9 Connector Road.

Holden is a special community which is clearly demonstrated by the commitment of its elected officials and the folks who volunteer for the various boards and committees, by the dedicated staff members who provide quality services, and by the pride exhibited by you who have chosen to make Holden your home. My sincere thanks and appreciation for your support and for allowing me to be part of a great community.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry Varisco  
Town Manager

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – 2005

### VITAL STATISTICS:

January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005:

Births.....	34
Deaths.....	18
Marriages.....	25

Certified copies of Birth, Death and Marriage Certificates are \$10.00; each additional copy purchased at the same time is \$5.00. If you are planning to marry, it is required that both the intended bride and groom come in and sign the application and marriage certificate in the City or Town Clerk's office in which one of you reside. Residents of another State coming into Maine to marry can go to any City or Town in the State of Maine to file intentions and marry anywhere within the State. If you have been married before, a certified copy of your divorce decree must be shown to the clerk at the time you are applying. If the previous marriage ended due to the death of a spouse, a certified copy of the death certificate must be shown to the clerk at the time you are applying. MAINE NO LONGER REQUIRES A THREE-DAY WAITING PERIOD AFTER FILING THE MARRIAGE INTENTIONS. THE LICENSE CAN NOW BE ISSUED THE SAME DAY THE INTENTIONS ARE FILED. A marriage license is valid for 90 days from the day the Town Clerk issues the license. The fee is \$15.00 per applicant. Maine does not require a blood test.

### INLAND FISHERIES:

January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005:

Hunting and Fishing Licenses issued.....	187
Boat Registrations issued.....	366
ATV Registrations issued.....	205
Snowmobile Registrations issued.....	159

Boat registration fees are now determined by the horsepower of the **motor or motors** to be used on the boat. If you plan on using more than one motor with a different horsepower, then you should register your boat for the **highest horsepower of the motor you would use**. The registration fee is \$10.00 for a boat with 10 hp. motor and under, \$15.00 for an 11 to 51 hp. motor, and \$21.00 for a 51 hp. To 115 hp. motor and over 115 hp. \$29.00. The registration fee for a personal watercraft is \$29.00. (A personal watercraft is defined as any motorized watercraft that is 14 feet or less in hull length as manufactured, has as its primary source of propulsion an inboard motor powering a jet pump and is capable of carrying one or more persons in a sitting, standing or kneeling position. Personal watercraft includes, but is not limited to, a jet ski, wet bike, surf jet and miniature speedboat. Personal watercraft also includes motorized watercraft whose operation is controlled by a water skier.) The expiration for boat registrations is December 31st.

Beginning in 2002, all motorized watercraft on inland waters must display a Lake and River Protection Sticker, which can be purchased from the Town Office. This sticker will cost \$10.00 for residents and \$20.00 for non-residents. The monies from these stickers will pay for inspecting boats and trailers, managing infested sites, educating boaters and lake users, training volunteers, reducing the spread of invasives from other states, supporting local projects, and creating a statewide task force.

**Resident Hunting and Fishing Licenses may be purchased through the Town Office. The following is a list of the fees (agent fee of \$2.00 included in fees):**

Fishing and Hunting Combination.....	\$40.00
Fishing and Archery Combination (new).....	40.00
Fishing, Hunting and Archery (separate).....	\$23.00
Military Combination.....	\$ 5.00
Military Depend Hunt/Fish.....	\$22.00
Military Depend Hunt.....	\$12.00
Military Depend Fish.....	\$12.00
Small Game License.....	\$16.00
Junior Hunting.....	\$ 9.00
Resident Bear Hunting Permit (required to hunt bear when it is not hunting season for deer ).....	\$29.00
Pheasant Stamps.....	\$18.00
Duck Stamps.....	\$ 7.50
Muzzleloading Stamps.....	\$14.00
Fall Turkey.....	\$22.00
Spring Turkey.....	\$22.00
Coyote Night Hunt.....	\$ 7.00

The Town of Holden collects the Sales Tax on boats, ATV's and snowmobiles to make it easier for residents. To make the process easier, when registering these for the first time make sure you have a bill of sale, the serial numbers, year, make and original ME# on boats and snowmobiles only. If purchased from a dealership, they should give you the green sales tax form that is required to be sent to the State at time of registration. Sales tax is now 5%. Remember the Department of Inland Fisheries sends your renewal registrations for ATV's, snowmobiles and boats to the Town Office.

**If you are 70 years or older, you are entitled to a complimentary hunting and fishing license;** please come by the Town Office to receive yours. If you are going to be 70 years old anytime during the season, you may get your license anytime during that year. If you are under the age of 16, you are not required to have a fishing license and you do not need an adult with you; however, you are required to have a Junior Hunting License and be accompanied by an adult in order to hunt. A Hunter Safety Course is required before you can purchase your adult hunting license. The first time you obtain your adult hunting license make sure you bring your proof of your Hunter Safety Course. An Archery Course is also now required, if you do not have a previous Archery License. It is wise to take the course as early as you can to familiarize yourself with the laws.

**MOTOR VEHICLES:**

Please bring in your **old registration, proof of insurance and the mileage** when re-registering your vehicles. Also, if you are registering a motor vehicle for the first time, please have the title if 1991 or newer (unless you have a 1990 vehicle you purchased in 2005, then you would need the 1990 title), and the bill of sale. **Maine now has a 15-year title law.** If you purchased the vehicle from a dealer you will need the sales tax form and the copy of the title application if applicable. On all new vehicles, **the window sticker is now required by law** to be brought to the Town Office along with the title application, sales tax form, and your proof of insurance that must contain the date of expiration and vehicle identification number.

January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005:  
Total Motor Vehicle Registrations (246 thru Rapid Renewal).....4053

**ANIMAL WELFARE:**

January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005:  
Dog Licenses Issued.....296  
Kennel Licenses Issued.....4

Respectfully submitted,  
Wanda Libbey, Deputy Town Clerk

**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS REPORT – 2005**

I would like to thank all my ballot clerks for their willingness to serve in 2005. Also thanks to Donald Varnum, Carl Lowe and Robert Harvey who served as Wardens for the various elections...you did a great job and because of your expertise all the elections ran smoothly. I would also like to thank my Deputy Registrar Sherry Murray for all of her help.

Don't forget to come in and change you registration whenever you have a name or address change, or wish to change your party. I would greatly appreciate the help of any registered Holden voter who is interested in working at the polls during elections. If interested please call me at 843-5151.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wanda Libbey, Registrar of Voters

**PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT – 2005**

I am once again privileged to submit the 2005 annual report for the Town of Holden Department of Public Safety. The Public Safety Department is comprised of the Police Department, Fire/Rescue Department, Animal Control and Emergency Management, which are organized under one umbrella agency to provide for efficiency and ensure the seamless delivery of public safety services to the citizens of Holden. Currently the Public Safety department consists of four full-time employees and 28 part-time employees who provide services to the community 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

The Police and Fire/Rescue Departments responded to 2,055 incidents in 2005. Additionally, we received 91 animal complaints bringing the total number of incidents and complaints answered by public safety personnel to 2,146. This represents a nearly 6% increase from 2004.

Activities that are not represented in the statistical data listed include business and home checks conducted by our police officers as well as routine patrol activities and traffic enforcement. Nearly 1,000 open burning permits were issued in 2005 and numerous site inspections were conducted. Both police officers and Fire/Rescue Department members present public safety education programs throughout our community. In 2005 we worked with public safety agencies in Hancock County, as well as with State law enforcement and Department of Transportation officials, on a traffic plan for Rt.1A. This planning included the development of an operational plan to deal with traffic interruptions such as motor vehicle crashes on Rt.1A, establishing alternate routes of travel and improving communication between agencies. We also worked with SAD #63 in reviewing and updating their disaster plans. This planning culminated with several tabletop and practical drills.

The greatest public safety challenge continues to be our facility. As of this writing a plan to address facility needs has been submitted to the Town Council. It is my hope that this plan will be approved by the Town Council and subsequently by the citizens of the community so that we can provide adequate facilities for our public safety personnel to better serve the community.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge and thank the Town Council for their ongoing support of public safety, as well as, Town Manager Larry Varisco and the entire Town staff. I also wish to thank the men and women who are members of the Holden public safety team and who willingly give their time, dedication and talent to serve the citizens of Holden. Without their unyielding dedication we could not provide the public safety services that we have all come to depend on.

Respectfully submitted,  
James L. Ellis, Director of Public Safety

### **FIRE/RESCUE REPORT – 2005**

During 2005 the Fire/Rescue Department responded to 305 calls for assistance. 199 (65%) were requests for medical assistance, while 106 (35%) were fire related. Slightly more than \$1.2 million of tax-assessed property was directly threatened by fire during the year. However, about \$74,000 worth of tax-assessed property was actually destroyed by fire in 2005. Most of this fire loss occurred at a single structure fire in December. Fortunately again this year there were no fire deaths in our community. I am also pleased to report that despite responding to 41 motor vehicle crashes in 2005, most of which occurred on Rt.1A, there were no fatal motor vehicle crashes.

State and Federal training mandates for firefighters and emergency medical technicians continue to be a significant challenge for our members. These mandates and other training required to fulfill our mission take a considerable amount of time and effort. In order to meet these training demands 60 in-house training sessions were conducted in 2005. Additionally department members attended regional fire academies, fire attack schools, seminars, EMS continuing education and fire science courses at local colleges. In all our members spent over 1,500 man-hours training in 2005.

In addition to training and responding to emergencies, Fire/Rescue Department members were active in the community throughout the year conducting monthly blood pressure screenings and fire prevention programs. Fire/Rescue Department members presented programs in the schools, at businesses and for neighbor associations. 2005 saw a sharp increase in the number

of requests for chimney and wood stove inspections. Several department personnel have been trained in proper chimney and wood stove installations and are available to inspect chimneys and wood burning appliances to determine proper installation and code compliance.

As we look toward 2006 we hope to improve the level of emergency medical services we are able to provide. We will continue working with our neighboring mutual aid fire departments to ensure the fastest and most efficient response to fires within our community. Because of the risk of wild fire within the rural/urban interface it is our desire to address training, equipment and planning issues related to protecting our community from wildland fires. Finally, we hope to complete the implementation of National Incident Management System.

As always I would like to thank the citizens of our community, the Town council and Town staff for their continued support of the Fire/Rescue Department. I would also like to extend a special thank-you to the members of the Fire/Rescue Department for their support, dedication and professionalism during the past year. The quality of fire protection and delivery of emergency medical services in Holden is directly related to community support and the commitment of our members.

**During 2005 the Fire/Rescue department responded to the following calls for assistance:**

**Emergency Medical Services**

Motor Vehicle Accidents	41
Trauma – Falls/ Wounds etc.	28
Cardiac Emergency	23
General Weakness / Illness	17
Diabetic Emergency	11
Lift Assist	9
Respiratory Emergency	8
Abdominal Pain	6
Overdose	6
Allergic Reaction	4
Lifeline / Welfare Check	4
Seizure	3
Assault	2
Cardiac Arrest	2
Behavioral Emergency	2
Unattended Death	1
Stroke (CVA)	1
Other Medical Emergencies	10
Blood Pressure Clinics	21

**TOTAL EMS                    199**

**Fire**

Smoke/Fire Investigation	12
Flooded Basement	11
Fire Alarm Activation	9
Service Call	9
Fuel Spill	5
Assist to PD	5
Flooded Roadway	5
Chimney Fire	4
Illegal Burning Complaint	3

Tree Down in Roadway	2
Vehicle Fire	2
Unattended Permit Burn	2
Grass / Brush / Woods Fire	2
Arching Electrical Line/Equipment	2
Hazardous Materials Incident	2
Structure Fire	1
Extinguisher System Activation	1
Dryer Fire	1
Furnace Malfunction	1
Utility Pole Fire	1
Missing Person	1
L.P. Gas Leak	1
Utility Line Down	1
Mutual Aid to Eddington	12 (Received 11)
Mutual Aid to Brewer	5 (Received 6)
Mutual Aid to Orrington	3 (Received 3)
Mutual Aid to Bangor	2 (Received 1)
Mutual Aid to Dedham	1 (Received 4)
<b>TOTAL FIRE</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRE &amp; EMS</b>	<b>305</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
James L. Ellis, Fire Chief

#### **ANIMAL CONTROL – 2005**

During the year 2005 the Animal Control Officer received 91 calls for animal related problems. Listed below is a breakdown of some of the types of complaints reported to the Animal Control Officer during 2005.

- Barking Dogs	6
- Roaming Dogs	29
- Lost Animals	31
- Found Animals	17

The Town of Holden uses Carson’s Animal Shelter located at 79 Hoxie Hill Road in Orrington. The phone number is 471-0198. If you find your animal is missing you may want to call this number to see if your animal has been dropped off there. We do not have a contract with Bangor Humane Society so they will not take our animals. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 843-5151.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gene Worcester, Animal Control Officer

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT – 2005**

The year 2005 has been another busy year. The Police Department had a total of 1750 calls for service. These are actual calls where a police officer had to take some sort of action. These do not include speeding tickets or other civil matters that the police deal with on a regular basis. Here is a sample of the types of complaints our officers handled during 2005:

- Accidents w/Property Damage	97
- Accidents w/Injuries	29
- Alarms	118
- Assaults	13
- Attempts to Locate/Suspicious	27
- Agency Assist	106
- Animal Problems	91
- ATV/Motorcycle Problems	23
- Burglaries	18
- Criminal Mischief	7
- Erratic Vehicle Operators	138
- Family Fight/Domestics	14
- Emergency hang-ups/Misdials	100
- Harassment	10
- Suicide Threat	1
- Theft	47
- Threatening	6
- Person Wanted Out	5

The Holden Police Department participated in a nationwide Seat Belt Enforcement program this spring. This program paid for our officer's overtime to stop vehicles to educate and enforce the safety belt law. This was a cash incentive program to possibly give the Department \$1,000 to purchase traffic safety equipment. Our statistics showed the 13 percent of the people stopped were not wearing their seat belts. This appears to be better than the national average. Our officers did such a great job the Highway Safety Committee awarded the Holden Police two times the amount of money, which allowed us to purchase a laser radar at no cost to the Town.

I hope this gives you an idea of what our police officers are doing in the community.

I would like to thank the Town Manager for his guidance through the year and also the Town Council for their support.

If there is a non-emergency situation requiring a police officer, please call 945-4636. If there is an emergency, please call 911. Please do not call the Town of Holden if there is an emergency because they are not able to send out an officer as quickly nor as efficiently as the regional 911 dispatch center. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable 2006.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gene Worcester, Police Chief

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT – 2005**

In October 2005, Commissioner Cole of the Maine Department of Transportation met with the Town Council stating that the application submitted to the Federal Highway Administration for the proposed connector for I-395 to Route 9 had been found lacking critical information regarding the environmental assessment of the project. The F.H.A. will be reviewing all the routes presented, and sometime this spring, advise M.D.O.T. of those that will require additional study. M.D.O.T. continues to favor the 3EIK-2 route, but will be required to study the "no build" option, upgrades to existing routes and most likely several



other routes, some of which residents may have felt no longer are being considered.

In other news, the Planning Board has begun subdivision review on the first parcel of three lots in the Mann Hill-Eastern Avenue area that exceeds 1700 acres in size. This parcel, on the northerly side of Mann Hill Road, is being proposed as a nine lot subdivision.

The Board continues to work with developers of the proposed Brookfield Estates Subdivision to be located between Eaton Ridge and the Brewer/Holden Town line. This proposed mixed subdivision of Single Family Dwellings and Duplexes will consist of 50 dwelling units.

Residents may have noticed that the construction has commenced on a 345 kv power line adjacent to the existing line that follows the Holden-Brewer Town line. Tree cutting was completed in February 2006 and the towers are expected to be erected this summer and fall.

Holden continues to seek interested businesses for the DeBeck Business Park that will compliment the existing corporate headquarters for Lost Lamb and financial offices of Williams & Associates.

I would like to thank the Town Council for their support, the Planning Board for their analysis and planning efforts and my coworkers and Town Manager for the daily environment that allows me to serve the residents of Holden.

Stephen Condon  
Town Planner  
Code Enforcement Officer  
Economic Development Director

### **BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT – 2005**

In 2005, 24 new homes were built and 8 mobile homes installed, for a total of 32 new dwellings. Seven commercial projects contributed to an estimated construction amount of \$5,471,484 for the year. Total building permit fees collected was \$47,210 for the year.

The issuance of a permit indicates that the new structure, addition, renovation, foundation, plumbing and heating system, fireplace, prefabricated structure, temporary building or mobile home, has been approved for construction, demolition or placement and that the project will be inspected for compliance with the Building Code and Zoning Ordinance.

Special permits from the Planning Board may be required whenever the project is within the Shoreland, Commercial, Community Service, and Institutional Zones. Please do not hesitate to contact the Town Office for additional information.

Watch your newsletter and periodic informational notices about doing simple building permits on the Internet.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen Condon, Building Inspector

### **PLUMBING INSPECTOR REPORT – 2005**

Permits issued from January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005:  
Internal Permits issued.....37  
Internal Fees collected ..... \$2,086

External Permits issued.....	44
External Fees collected.....	\$3,845
Total Permits issued.....	81
Total Fees collected.....	\$5,931

Permits are required for the following:

The installation or replacement of all water distribution and drainage pipes, hot water storage tanks, and hot water heaters.

The installation of all new faucets, valves and plumbing fixtures.

The installation or construction of treatment tanks, holding tanks, alternative toilets; including primitive disposal systems, disposal area and separate laundry disposal systems.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen Condon, Plumbing Inspector

**PLANNING BOARD REPORT – 2005**

The Holden Planning Board dealt with relatively few projects this year, however several of those that came to the Board required considerable investments of the Board’s (and the Town Planner’s) time. Furthermore, this year’s board began working proactively to address potential impacts of several large-scale development projects that are currently in their formative stages. We continue to work to ensure that development in Holden adheres to town standards and serves the community’s best interests.

I would like to thank the board (Alan Bromley, Malcolm Coulter, Jr., Carol Cuddy, Galen Knowles, Susan McKay, and Allan Poole) for their continued commitment to the community, which often extends beyond their service to the Board. Special thanks and congratulations are extended to former Board Member Bob Harvey, our third member to be elected to the Town Council in the last two years. We will sorely miss his thorough project reviews and attention to detail.

The Board sincerely appreciates the support that is provided by our municipal officials and staff. Steve Condon continues to provide concise, coherent project analyses and valuable guidance to the Planning Board. Town Manager Larry Varisco and Public Safety Director Jim Ellis are valuable resources for the Board, with extensive knowledge of what is necessary to make a community dynamic and safe. We are appreciative of the efforts of the entire town staff. To all the citizens of Holden, we welcome your comments and encourage you to voice your concerns, as this information is vital to Holden’s continued positive growth.

In 2005, the Board approved the following:

- A Site Plan for Nancy’s Scrapbooking
- An Amendment to the Matt-O-Pines Subdivision Plan
- An Amendment to the Granville Lumber Site Plan
- An Amendment to Holden Family Campground Site Plan
- An Amendment to Holbrook Middle School Site Plan
- An Amendment to Bangor Hydroelectric Co. Powerline Site Plan
- An Amendment to Fox Run Furniture Site Plan
- A Request for Conditional Zoning for BARRD Builders on Main Road
- An Amendment to Dorsey Furniture Site Plan
- A Request to extend the approval of the Roundwood Subdivision
- Five Shoreland Zoning Permits for building upgrades and rebuilds

Several ordinance amendments and two rezoning requests for consideration at Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff McBurnie, Chair

### **HIGHWAY REPORT- 2005**

Another year has flown by and the crew has preformed exceptionally well. This past year has been a routine year, what I mean by that is we have had no large on going construction projects that would interrupt our normal maintaince routine. We spent the summer months with ditching and culvert work and some brush cutting. We concentrate on areas that have given us a problem over the preceding winter so as to hopefully cure the problem at least for a while.

As I write this (mid January) we have experienced a somewhat docile winter, not a lot of major storms as of this date although I'm sure that will change. We have received an above average number of ice storms, which tax the sand/salt budget, but hopefully they will subside as we move into the middle part of the winter. The equipment seems to be in relatively good shape and the crew has preformed 110% in some very bad conditions. Spring will find us sweeping roads and patching along with the normal maintaince work. I foresee no major projects that will hinder traffic as of right now. In the fall we will perform our normal paving, which may slow down traffic in certain areas, but should only last a week or so.

As always I would like to thank the highway crew for their outstanding dedication to the highway department and keeping the roads safe for our citizens. I would also like to thank the office staff and the council members who put up with all our requests and concern's throughout the year. A special thanks to the citizens of Holden for their patience over the long winter months as we strive to keep our roads safe as possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce E. Dowling, Highway Foreman

### **HOLBROOK RECREATION COMMITTEE – 2005**

The Holbrook Regional Recreation Committee wants to thank everyone who spent time and contributed money helping our programs grow, prosper, and enrich the lives of those who participate. We especially want to thank the parents. You are an integral part of our program. Numerous hours are donated coaching teams, instructing the youth, maintaining facilities and volunteering with the concessions. Your participation allows us to carry out an excellent recreation program for the children. Thank you for caring.

Each year we seem to have a special moment. Someone jumps in at a crucial moment. A special event is undertaken. Or we are bestowed with some other act of kindness. Over the past few years we have used the Eddington School field for more playing time. Last year a special group of volunteers and contributors built a storage building and concession stand. This came at a special time as we were in need of storage room. We also are able to raise funding for special projects through the use of the concession stand. We owe a special thank you to these volunteers and contributors.

As always, another important source of help is the Towns' financial commitment to the program. This year, the Towns' funding allowed children to

play Little League, Farm League and T-ball, girls to play softball, kids to improve soccer skills, and players to learn basketball in peewee and dribbling devils programs. To all citizens of Clifton, Dedham, Eddington, and Holden, thank you for your support.

We are always striving to provide more opportunities for those participating in our programs. If you have any ideas or would like to volunteer or contribute to the program, please talk with any of our committee members. We will gladly appreciate your support and assistance. Thank you for your support!

Respectfully submitted,  
Kenneth Jarvis, Jr.

### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT – 2005**

*A true conservationist is a person who knows that the world is not given by our parents but borrowed from our children.” - (sentiment attributed to John James Audubon)*

The mission of the Holden Conservation Commission is to promote wise stewardship and conservation of the town’s natural resources and rural character through collaboration, education, and policy recommendations.

Conservation and development can work hand in hand with each other. Natural areas and outdoor recreational opportunities are beneficial for residents, visitors, and businesses by keeping Holden’s rural character and natural attractions intact for us to enjoy as well as for future generations.

To accomplish this mission, the Commission is creating a plan for conservation and outdoor recreation. Through a concentrated public outreach and education program, landowners will learn how they can become better stewards of their property. Through local partnerships with other organizations such as the Snowmobile Club and the Holden Land Trust, recreational opportunities will be pursued.

Over the past year, the Commission has 1) developed and submitted recommendations on outdoor recreation and natural resource protection to the Comprehensive Planning Committee, 2) collaborated with the Holbrook School to provide opportunities for the students to become involved in town government as well in conservation identification efforts, 3) had members involved in the Brewer Lake and Sedgeunkedunk Watershed Association to keep abreast of issues regarding dam management, 4) received a grant from U.S. Forest Service, Project Canopy, to remove hazardous dead trees and limbs along the Holden Community Learning Nature Trails, 5) used grant funds received from the Recreational Trail Program, Maine Department of Conservation, to begin construction of a graveled, handicapped-accessible trail to become a part of the Holden Community Learning Nature Trails, and 6) begun plans for enhancements to the small town park located on Lower Dedham Road.

I would like to thank commission members, Greg Barrows, Sally Fischel, Joy Knowles, Christopher Lage, Noelle Merrill, and Joel Swanton for their commitment to our mission. I would also like to thank the Council and Planning Board for their support, Larry Varisco for his endless assistance and patience, and Steve Condon for his knowledge and guidance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Dawes, Chair

### **BOARD OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES REPORT – 2005**

Another year has come and gone. The BCT has worked hard to make sure the cemeteries are kept in great shape.

Again praise goes out to Best Care Lawn & Landscaping for their excellent work on the mowing. The board without question accepted them back for another year of service in 2006. Thank you, Mr. Bradshaw and Company.

Rebuilding of the driveway at Hart's Corner was put on hold until this spring. The Highway Department was very busy this past year, but Mr. Dowling promises that the work will be done this spring.

While driving out Eastern Avenue you may have noticed that Clewleyville Cemetery has been extended. At this time it is unsure when lots will be available. First it will be necessary for some surveying to be done to lay out a lot plan.

--Projects for this coming year include--

- New signs for the cemeteries
- Repair of damaged stones
- Continue updating of the maps

The BCT revised the rules and regulations this past year. Copies are available at the town office. Anyone wishing to obtain a lot may contact the town office. Remember it is never too early to prepare for the future.

	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>	<u>Interment Charge</u>
Single lot	\$200	\$300	\$500 Mon thru Thur \$750 Fri, Sat, Sun & Holidays
Single Cremation	\$50	\$85	\$100

The Board is still searching for additional land for a new Cemetery. Anyone with an interest in selling or donating to the BCT please call the town office. In most instances, donations would be tax deductible.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonita S.Clark

## 2005 MUNICIPAL VALUATION

### Assessed Real Estate Valuation:

Land	\$ 38,580,750.00
Buildings	98,721,620.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$137,302,370.00</b>

### Personal Property Valuations:

Production Machinery & Equip.	\$ 2,430,350.00
Furniture & Fixtures	76,000.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,506,350.00</b>

**Total Taxable Valuation: \$139,808,720.00**

### Computation of Tax Commitment:

Municipal Appropriations	\$ 1,866,221.00
Education Appropriations	2,028,229.49
County Tax	206,365.50
Overlay	14,562.24
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 4,115,378.23</b>

### Deductions:

State Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$ 190,000.00
Other Revenue	1,132,000.00
Homestead Reimbursement	93,307.00
<b>Total Deductions</b>	<b>1,415,307.00</b>

Net Commitment 2,700,071.23

Tax Rate Per \$1,000 Valuation 19.98

Respectfully submitted,  
Carl A. Lowe, Tax Assessor

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**EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS**

Ambulance or Rescue.....**911**  
Fire Department (to report a fire).....**911**  
Police Services.....**911**  
State Police (Orono Barracks).....866-2121  
Non-emergency police.....945-4636

**OTHER IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

Holden School.....843-7828  
Holbrook School.....843-7769

Superintendent of Schools.....	843-7851
Town Office.....	843-5151
Holden Website.....	www.holdenmaine.com
Email address.....	holdento@holdenmaine.com
Town Fax.....	843-5153
Town Garage.....	843-7231
County Commissioners.....	942-4486
Animal Control.....	843-5151
or call the Regional Dispatch .....	945-4636
Holden Post Office.....	843-6474
Penobscot Registry of Deeds.....	942-8797
Waste Management Trash & Recycling.....	989-5278
Game Warden.....	941-4440

### 2006 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

JULY 1<sup>st</sup> thru DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>

These are legal holidays and the Town Office is closed.

Independence Day.....	Tuesday, July 4
Labor Day.....	Monday, September 4
Columbus Day.....	Monday, October 10
Veteran's Day.....	Friday, November 10
Thanksgiving Day.....	Thursday, November 23
Thanksgiving Friday.....	Friday, November 24
Christmas.....	Monday, December 25

**COUNCIL MEETINGS:** The Council meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 P.M. in the conference room at the Municipal Building.

**PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS:** The Planning Board meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. in the conference room at the Municipal Building.

**Roadside Trash Collection:** Every **Tuesday**. Please have your trash out by 7:00 A.M. All trash containers must have a **STICKER**.

**Roadside Recycling Pickup:** Our recycling pickup is contracted with Waste Management, concerns or questions may be directed to them at 989-5278.

**Roadside Recycling pickup for the North Side of Holden is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Roadside Recycling pickup for the South Side of Holden is the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month.** There is a recycling drop-off site located at 198 Dirigo Drive, Brewer where residents can bring their recyclables. The recycling drop-off site hours of operation are Monday thru Friday 7 A.M. to 4 P.M. and the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month 8 A.M. to Noon.

**Municipal Office Hours:**



Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.....8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M  
Wednesdays we are open from..... 7:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.