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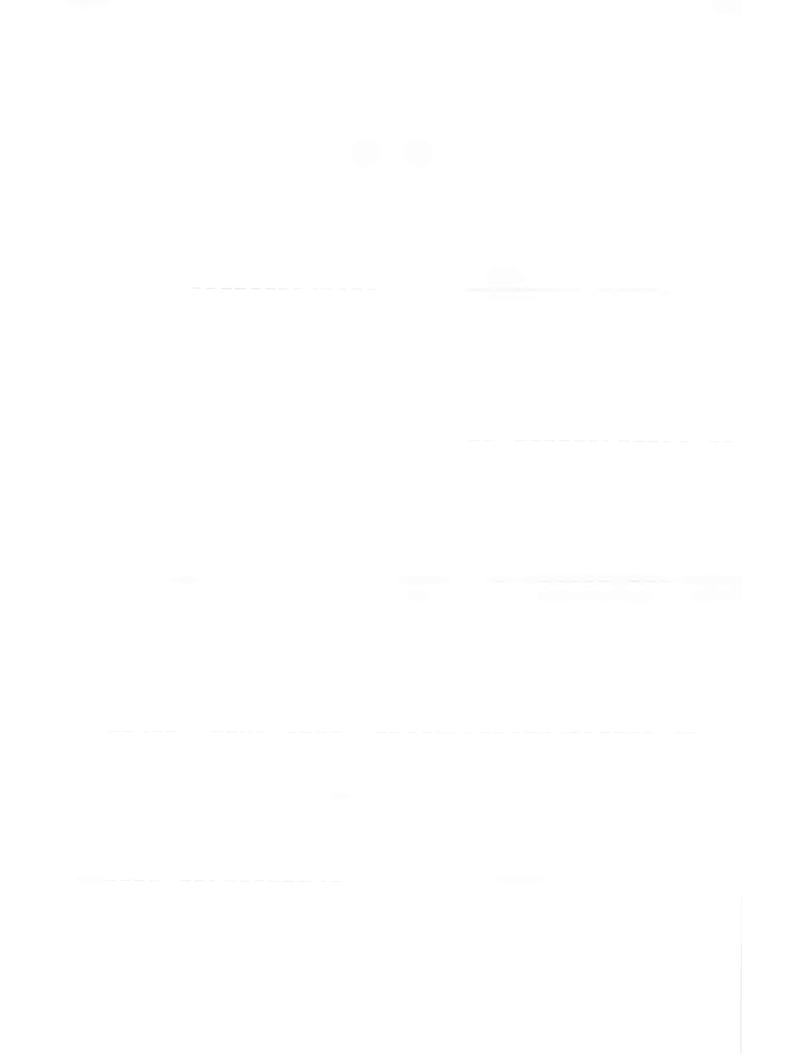
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1972 ANNUAL REPORT



Town of Monson, Maine



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF MONSON

MAINE

FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 1972 - 1973

BRING THIS REPORT WITH YOU

Hutching Brothers, Thorndike, Maine

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Monson.

A financial and general activities summary of your town government for the year 1972-73 is contained in the following Annual Report.

The Town ended its fiscal year January 31, 1973, with a surplus of fifteen thousand, two hundred eighty nine dollars and sixty-nine cents which is available to help meet present and future needs of the town.

Reports of S.A.D. 68 activities are contained in a separate report compiled and outlined by our school district.

Citizens who desire additional information about their town government should feel free to contact their town officials You are urged to attend the annual Town Meeting, March 12, 1973, to act on your town's business for 1973.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT E. LANDER

Town Manager

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator-Dennis Casey

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor Frank W. Nelson Worden W. Smith Paul B. Allen

Town Manager, Road Commissioner, Tax Collector
Town Treasurer
Robert Lander

Town Cierk-Stanley A. Robinson

Director of S. A. D. No. 68-Murray Church

Superintendent of Schools Allen Savage - S. A. D. No. 68

Civil Defense and Building Inspector John Ruksznis

Sexton-Weldon Conner, Guilford, Maine

Fire Chief-John Ruksznis

Health Officer-Dr. Isaac Nelson

Sealer of Weights and Measures Alfred J. Rioux

Surveyor of Logs, Lumber, Wood and Bark Hollis Nelson

> Town Forest Fire Warden John Ruksznis

> > Water Company

Francis G. Marshall George Young Tolford Durham

Constables

Berwin Storer Worden Smith Robert Greenleaf
James D. Canders

Amounts Raised by Town March 13, 1972

General Government	\$	8,000.00
Miscellaneous	Т	1,800.00
Town Hall		1,200.00
Fire Department		2,000.00
Insurance		3,600.00
Town Power		3,000.00
Health Nurse		170.00
Town Poor		1,200.00
Highway		4,000.00
Snow Plowing		8,242.00
Town Tar		5,000.00
Library		500.00
State Aid Roads		3,198.00
Memorial Day		150.00
Maine Publicity Bureau		25.00
Cemeteries		1,000.00
Fire Truck Note		1,500.00
Town Hall Note		1,750.00
Interest, Fire Truck and Town Hall		1,300.00
Civil Defense		100.00
	\$	47,735.00
Voted to Take from Surplus:		
Central Community Council		150.00
Municipal Building Meeting Room		500.00
Sesquicentennial Committee		1,500.00
Counseling Center		100.00
Older American Center		100.00
County Ambulance		200.00
	\$	2,550.00
Total Voted and Approved	\$	50,285.00

ASSESSORS' REPORT

Valuation: Town of Mo	mson
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Real	Estate,	Resident	\$657,380.00
Real	Estate,	Non-Resident	430,580.00

\$1,087,960.00

Personal	Estate,	Resident	\$183,760.00
Personal	Estate,	Non-Resident	21,040.00

\$204,800.00

Total Assessed Valuation

\$1,292,760.00

Assessment

Valuation x Rate	
$1,292,760 \times .078$	\$100,835.28
167 Polls x \$3.00	501.00

\$101,336.28

Computation of Assessment

Appropriations	\$47,735.00
S.A.D. No. 68 Assessment	49,199.87
County Tax	3,108.00
Overlay	1,293.41

\$101,336.28

1972 Tax Abatements

Elmer Berg, Paid in Elliottsville

\$ 3.00

Joe Brown, Paid in Greenville		3.00
Wilson Finley, Error in Assessm	ent	31.20
Roland Perkins, Deceased		3.00
Sally Aalto Olson, Error in Ass	essment	28.08
	\$	68.28
1971 Tax Aba	tement	
Benjamin Bernard		3.00
Total Raised for Taxati	on 1972 - 1973	
Commitment, Town of Monson	\$47,735.00	
Commitment, S.A.D. No. 68	49,199.87	
County Tax	3,108.00	
Overlay Account	1,293.41	
	\$101,3	36.28
1972 Tax Abatements	\$ 68.28	
1972 Tax Discount	1,141.96	
1972 Taxes Collected	94,573.96	
1972 Taxes Uncollected	5,552.08	

\$101,336.28

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Name	Poll	Pers.	Real	Total
Anderson, Craig	\$3.00		\$	3.00
Burke, Adolph			\$134.16	134.16
Bell, Donald			12.20	12.20
Beckwith, Gerald	3.00		143.52	146.52
Conley, Charles, Heirs			106.08	106.08
Cook, Kenneth	3.00		20.28	23.28
Carr, Gertrude			124.80	124.80
Carr, Merton		\$39.00		39.00
Erickson, Paul			204.36	204.36
Erickson, Henry & An	na		73.76	73.76
Erickson, Lawrence	3.00	7.80		10.80
Freeh, Leo & Marlene	3.00		201.24	204.24
Fuller, Glenn	3.00		180.96	183.96
Greenleaf, Robert			179.40	179.40
Gary, Michael	3.00			3.00
Jones, Thaxter			321.36	321.36
Korsman, Maila			179.64	179.64
Kugler, Edward & Ai	mee		303.16	303.16
Melia, Malcolm	3.00		138.84	141.84
Nasberg, Albion Heir	S		99.84	99.84
Pratt, Phillip	3.00		39.00	42.00
Philbrook, Edward &				
Charlene	3.00	3.12	154.44	160.56
Reed, Wayne	3.00	78.00		81.00
Sandberg, John	3.00	56.16	159.12	218.28
Suomi, Corrine			132.60	132.60
Stanchfield, Gerald	3.00		73.32	76.32
Stone, Wilbur	3.00		171.60	174.60
Shaw, Keith & Lucy			229.32	229.32
Tompkins, Barbara			109.20	109.20

Name	Poll	Pers.	Real	Total
Tompkins, Robert Ulman, Oscar	3.00		176.00	$3.00 \\ 176.00$
Vainio, Galen	3.00			3.00
	\$48.00	184.08	3,668.20	3,900.28

1972 Uncollected Taxes, Non-Resident

	Pers.	Real	Total
Inabinet, Lindsay		\$52.80	\$ 52.80
Huff, Manley		3.12	3.12
Healy, Edward & Joan		312.00	312.00
Palmer, Richard		15.60	15.60
Pierce, Richard & Anne	\$546.00	382.20	928.20
Raymond, Peter & Nora Lee		63.96	63.96
Schmiedlehner, Marion, Lind	ie,		
Alan Lindie, Alice		123.24	123.24
Vainio, Carl		49.92	49.92
Matthews, Carroll & Lillian		102.96	102.96

1971 Uncollected Taxes

\$546.00 1,105.80 1,651.80

1971 Uncoll. Taxes Jan. 31, 1972		\$4,639.37
1971 Taxes Trans. to Tax Liens	\$2,208.39	
1971 Taxes Collected	2,424.90	
1971 Taxes Delinquent: Edward Philbrook	6.08	
-	\$4,639.37	

1970 Uncollected Taxes

1970 Uncoll. Taxes, Jan. 31, 1972

68.17

1970 Taxes Collected 1970 Taxes Abated	$$65.17 \\ 3.00$	
	\$68.17	
1969 Uncollected	Taxes	
1969 Uncoll. Taxes Jan. 31, 1972 1969 Taxes Collected	\$25.61	\$25.61
1971 Tax Lie	ns	
1971 Tax Liens Uncoll. Jan. 31, 1 1971 Tax Liens Coll. by Treasurer		\$2,208.39
Delinquent:		
Adolph Burke	132.44	
Gerald Beckwith	141.68	
Henry & Anna Erickson	109.34	
Leo & Marlene Freeh	198.66	
Robert Greenleaf	177.10	
Thaxter Jones	317.24	
Maila Korsman	83.26	
Arvo Korsman	8.88	
Gerald Stanchfield	65.38	
Manley H. Huff	3.08	
	\$1,237.06	
1970 Tax Lie	ens	
1970 Uncollected Jan. 31, 1972		\$1,662.42
1970 Tax Collected	\$1,579.38	,
1970 Tax Delinquent:		
Maila Korsman	83.04	
	\$1,662.42	

1969 Tax Liens

1969 Tax Liens	Uncoll. Jan. 31,	1972	\$849.69
1969 Tax Liens	Coll. by Treas.	\$849.69	

1968 Tax Liens

1968 Tax Liens Uncoll, Jan. 31, 1972	\$70.80
1968 Tax Liens Collected by Treasurer \$70.80	

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance	on	Hand.	Jan.	31.	1972
TACTICATION	OLL	TT01104	C) COLLA	0 4 4	101-

Guilford Trust Company	\$ 23,770.45
Receipts for the Year	150,498.65

\$174,269.10

Warrants F	aid				\$155,111.93
Balance on	Hand,	Jan.	31,	1973	19,157.17

\$174,269.10

General Government

Balance, Jan. 31, 1972	\$ 868.98
Appropriation	8,000.00
Received, Water Co.	600.00

\$9,468.98

Salaries

Robert Lander, Town Manager	\$6,658.83
Robert Lander, Treasurer	250.00
S. A. Robinson, Town Clerk	150.00
S. A. Robinson, Registrar of Voters	25.00

Assessors:

Frank Nelson	300.00
Paul Allen	300.00
Worden Smith	300.00
	\$7,983.83

General Government Expenses

Town Manager Town Clerk Assessors Selectmen	\$706.97 412.02 99.52 197.60		
Balance, Jan. 31, 1973	69.04		
	\$1,485.15	\$9,468.98	
Incidentals	3		
Appropriations	\$1,800.00		
Overdraft from Summary	200.75		
		\$2,000.75	
Expended:			
Postage	286.39		
Ballot Clerks	112.00		
Moderator	5.00		
Town Report	350.00		
Town Office Supplies	130.68		
Water Rent	44.00		
Audit	455.70		
Misc.	552.98		
Sesquicentennial	12.00		
Honor Roll	52.00		
		\$2,000.75	
Town Hall Expense			
Appropriation	\$1,200.00		
Overdraft from Summary	636.45		
		\$1,836.45	

Expended:

Fuel	\$718.29
Telephone	433.42
Office Supplies	535.46
Repairs	21.64
Misc.	127.64

\$1,836.45

Monson Fire Department

Appropriation	\$2,000.00
Received	966.35
Overdraft from Summary	1,160.52

\$4,126.87

Expended:

Telephone Alarm System	\$ 434.72
	,
Repairs	345.08
Supplies & Equipment	1,503.07
Chief's Salary	200.00
Payroll	1,604.00
Misc.	40.00

\$4,126.87

Civil Defense

Appropriat	ion			\$100.00
Balance to	Jan.	31,	1973	122.60

\$222.60

Expended:

John Ruksznis \$100.00

Balance to Jan. 31, 1973	122.60	
		\$222.60
Insurance	:	
Appropriation	\$3,600.00	
Overdraft from Summary	677.95	
		\$4,277.95
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Expended:	0740 07	
Highway Group	\$749.67	
Fire Department	928.25	
New Municipal Building	550.50	
Bonds, Municipal Officers	150.00	
Workmen's Comp.	520.00	
Social Security	624.53	
Town Truck	349.00	
Lia C.P.L. of Town	406.00	
		\$4,277.95
Town Powe	er	
Appropriation		\$3,000.00
Expended:		
Central Maine Power Co.	\$2,946.00	
Balance to Summary	φ2,540.00 54.00	
Datance to Summary		
		\$3,000.00
Public Nur	se	
Appropriation	\$170.00	
Expended	170.00	
Expellued	110.00	

Municipal Building Note

Appropriation Expended	\$1,750.00 1,750.00	
Fire Truck I	Note	
Appropriation Expended	\$1,500.00 1,500.00	
Highways	6	
Balance Jan. 31, 1972	\$ 4,020.28	
Appropriation	4,000.00	
Received	674.58	
1972-1973 Excise Tax	11,004.21	
Treas. State of Maine	3,307.00	
		\$23,006.07
Expended:		
Clarence Pratt, Labor	\$5,919.75	
Labor	192.32	
Norton Hill	5,497.00	
Supplies	82.32	
Barrows Falls Road	228.00	
Culverts	969.00	
Calcium Chloride & Salt	1,208.89	
Truck & Tractor Rental	4,200.00	
Bulldozer and Backhoe	651.60	
Misc.	1,537.06	
Gravel	744.50	
Patch	181.77	
Balance to 1973	1,593.86	

\$23,006.07

Highway Equipment

Bal. to Jan. 31, 1972 Received, Rental, Truck & Tract Received	\$4,821.39 for 4,200.00 35.15	
		\$9,056.54
Expended:		
Gas & Oil	\$1,625.45	
Repairs	721.85	
New Tires	183.09	
Supplies	650.22	
Tools	304.37	
Chains	220.00	
Signs	12.40	
Balance to 1973	5,339.16	
		\$9,056.54
Snow Plowin	ng	
Balance to Jan. 31, 1972	\$2,283.00	
Appropriation	\$8,242.00	
Received, Treas., State of Maine	2,283.00	
		\$12,808.00
		φ12,000.00
Expended:		
Farrin Bros. & Smith	\$10,524.00	
Balance to 1973	2,284.00	
		\$12,808.00
Surface Treatme	ent Tar	
		## 000 00
Appropriation		\$5,000.00

Expended: Commercial Paving Co. Balance to Highway	\$4,612.00 388.00	
		\$5,000.00
State Aid I	Roads	
Appropriation		\$3,198.00
Expended:		
Treas., State of Maine	\$1,066.00	
Balance to Highways	2,132.00	
		\$3,198.00
Town P	oor	
Appropriation	\$1,200.00	
Received	511.99	
		\$1,711.99
Town of Monson Poor:		
Case No. 1	\$ 58.00	
Case No. 2	52.00	
Case No. 3	228.20	
Case No. 4	10.50	
C. W. & H. M. Hayes	151.00	
Express Food	165.77	
Balance to Summary	1,046.52	
		\$1,711.99

Common Schools

Appropria	ted to	S.A.D.	No.	68	\$49,199.87
Expended	to S.A	.D. No	. 68		49,199.87

Monson Public Library

Appropriation Received, Treas., State of Maine	\$500.00 35.00	
Expended	\$535.00	\$535.00
Memorial Day		
Appropriation Expended to Legion Post No. 116	\$150.00 150.00	
Recreation Direc	tor	
Balance Jan. 31, 1972 Received, Snowsled Refunds	\$395.54 504.00	
		\$899.54
Expended:		
Supplies Director, David Anderson Balance to 1973	\$ 43.05 560.00 296.49	
		\$899.54
Recreation Proje	ect	
Balance, Jan. 31, 1972		\$266.15
Expended:		
Supplies Balance to 1973	\$ 79.34 186.81	
		\$266.15

Maine Publicity Bureau

Appropriation Expended

\$25.00 25.00

County Ambulance

Appropriation Balance to 1973

\$200.00

O. E. O.

Appropriation Expended:

 $$150.00 \\ 150.00$

\$200.00

Counseling Center

Appropriation Expended

\$100.00 100.00

Older American Center

Appropriation Expended

\$100.00 100.00

Cemeteries

Appropriation Received Perpetual Care

\$1,000.00 2,226.77

\$3,226.77

Expended:

Weldon Connor

\$2,926.77

Balance to 1973	300.00	
		\$3,226.77
Lake Road Cer	netery	
Balance Jan. 31, 1972		108.33
Received	30.00	
		\$138.33
Balance to 1973	\$138.33	
Interest Acc	ount	
Collected		\$893.05
Expended: Fire Equipment Interest	\$ 60.00	
Municipal Bldg. Interest	30.62	
Balance to Summary	802.43	
		\$893.05
Tax Lien C	ost	
Collected		\$146.40
Expended	\$109.22	
Balance to Summary	37.18	
		\$146.40
Petty Cas	sh	
Jan. 31, 1972	\$100.00	
Jan. 31, 1973	100.00	

Monson Sesquicentennial Celebration

Appropriation Received - Elizabeth Davis, Treas.	\$1,500.00 413.80	
_		\$1,913.80
Expended:		
Coins	\$1,200.00	
Supplies	713.80	
		\$1,913.80
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Fire Equipment Interes	t Account	
Appropriation	\$110.00	

\$170.00

60.00

Expended:

Overdraft from Summary

Northeast Bank of Guilford \$170.00

Municipal Building Interest Account

Appropriation	n	\$1,190.00
Overdraft fro	om Summary	30.62

\$1,220.62

Expended:

Northeast Bank of Guilford \$1,220.62

TOWN OF MONSON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

U. S. Federal Revenue Sharing

Received, Treas. of United States \$19,598.00 Northeast Bank of Guilford \$19,598.00

State Revenue Sharing

Received, Treas. of State of Maine \$5,135.69

Northeast Bank of Guilford \$5,135.69

Soldiers' Monument

 Jan. 31, 1972 Balance
 \$262.65

 Interest Earned
 13.27

\$275.92

Jan. 31, 1973 Balance \$275.92

Honor Roll

Balance to Jan. 31, 1972 \$394.22 Interest Earned 19.95

\$414.17

Jan. 31, 1973, Balance

\$414.17

Monson Better Health Association

Balance, Jan. 31, 1972 \$6,244.57 Interest Earned 316.10

\$6,560.67

Balance, Jan. 31, 1973

\$6,560.67

Chapin Trust Fund

Balance, Jan. 31, 1972

\$3,028.64

Interest Earned	153.30	
		\$3,181.94
Balance, Jan. 31, 1973	\$3,181.94	
Wentworth Tr	ust Fund	
Bal. Jan. 31, 1972	\$510.36	
Interest Earned	25.82	
		\$536.18
Balance, Jan. 31, 1973	\$536.18	
Town of Monson Saving	Account No. 1	108
Balance, Jan. 31, 1972	\$4,279.81	
Interest Earned	216.62	
		\$4,496.43
Balance, Jan. 31, 1973	\$4,496.43	
Perpetual	Care	
Balance, Jan. 31, 1972	\$5,900.98	
Interest Earned	297.83	
New Investments	1,200.00	
		\$7,398.81
Expended to Cemeteries	\$ 297.83	
Bal., Jan. 31, 1973	7,100.98	
		\$7,398.81
Rebecca Julia Cr	afts Sheridan	

Balance, Jan. 31, 1972 \$708.75

Interest Earned	35.85	
-		\$744.60
Balance, Jan. 31, 1973	\$744.60	
School and Ministeria	al Account	
Balance, Jan. 31, 1972 Interest Earned	\$1,097.97 55.54	
		\$1,153.51
Balance, Jan. 31, 1973	\$1,153.51	
Monson Spring W	ater Co.	
Jan. 31, 1972 Debt of Jan. 31, 1973 Debt of	\$5,000.00 \$4,000.00	
County Tax	ĸ	
Appropriation	\$3,108.00	
Expended: Treas. Piscataquis County	3,108.00	
Overlay		
Appropriation		\$1,293.41
Expended: 1972 Tax Discount 1972 Tax Abatement 1971 Taxes Balance to Summary	\$1,163.89 68.28 3.00 58.24	
		\$1,293.41

Summary of Accounts

Overdraft U	nexpended	
\$ 200.75 636.45 41.31 1,160.52 677.95	\$ 54.00 1,046.52 815.17 43.63 290.51 58.24	
\$2,716.98	\$2,308.07	
\$2,716.98		
2,308.07		
\$408.91		
Town of Monson Surplus		
\$18,275.20		
11.90 2,308.07		
	\$20,595.17	
\$2,550.00 2,716.98 38.50 \$ 5.305.48		
	\$ 200.75 636.45 41.31 1,160.52 677.95 \$2,716.98 \$2,716.98 2,308.07 \$408.91 a Surplus \$18,275.20 e: 11.90 2,308.07 \$2,550.00 2,716.98	

Balance, Jan. 31, 1973

15,289.69

\$20,595.17

Municipal Notes, Town of Monson

Balance of Notes with Northeast Bank of Guilford:

Town Hall	\$26,250.00
Fire Truck	2,500.00
Note, Tolford Durham Water Co.	\$4,000.00

\$32,750.00

REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

To the Board of Selectmen, Citizens and Taxpayers of the Town of Monson:

It is my pleasure for the sixth time to present to the people of Monson, their one hundred and fifty-first report of financial statements of the town.

The past year has been a very successful one in many ways. The most successful event being the Sesquicentennial Celebration. The committee did a wonderful job with all events of the year. Again I would like to thank the committee for their co-operation and interest in making this such a great success.

The town still has two employees working under the E.E.A. program making a greater convenience to the people.

Highways: A special grant from the state with Town State Aid Funds have made it possible to rebuild another section of the Barrows Falls Road. There is now about seven tenths of a mile that has been rebuilt and tarred. This section is now accepted State Aid Highway. The Selectmen have applied for another grant to rebuild more of this road.

A section of Norton Hill was rebuilt making a great improvement in this section of town way. It is planned, with T.R.I. funds plus Highway funds, to continue the rest of the hill this year. Plans are being made to rebuild about 1000' to 1200' of Willimantic road from the hill below Anselm Swanson's house to the flat across from Brian Turner's. This being a very dangerous section of highway, especially in the winter months. Improvements were also made on the sand shed. Hopefully we will make more this year.

Tarring of town streets was again done by Commercial Paving Co. of South Portland. Streets that were damaged by heavy rains last summer, will be done by the Company again this year.

Snowplowing was agan done by Farrin Bros. and Smith, Inc. of Brighton, Maine. They have been plowing town streets and roadways for twenty-six years.

Cemeteries: Weldon Connor was again appointed sexton of all cemeteries in Monson. He has made many improvements again this year. More are planned again this summer.

Lots that are not in Perpetual Care are subject to a mowing fee, which should be paid to Mr. Connors.

Water Co.: Operations of the Water Company have gone quite smoothly this past year. Some minor repairs have been made to help improve service.

Mrs. Charlotte White of Guilford has introduced a bill into the One Hundred and Sixth Legislature to form the Monson Utilities District. This will combine the water and sewer together into one district. There are copies of the Legislative Documents on file at the Town Office.

I would like to thank the citizens of Monson in the way they responded in the cleaning up for the Sesquicentennial, and would like to see this done each year and make it an annual event.

Again I would like to thank the Townspeople for their concern and participation in helping me with the town affairs. It's a pleasure working with Monson's citizens in making Monson a town to be proud of.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT E. LANDER
Town Manager

SUMMARY OF THE EVENTS OF MONSON'S SESQUICENTENNIAL YEAR 1972

A committee to properly celebrate Monson's 150th Anniversary informally met during December, 1971, with Town Manager Robert Lander, Fire Chief John Ruksznis, Mrs. Althea French, Mrs. Joyce Brown, and Mrs. Millicent Robinson filling in for her sister, Mrs. Eloise Stevens. This committee, after much discussion and perusal of photographs, designed a Sesquicentennial Medal featuring Monson's Narrow Gauge Railroad, the Moosehorns, Slate, the kicksled which was invented in Monson, Monson Academy, and the first church of Monson which also was the first church edifice north of Bangor. Medals were minted in silver to sell at \$10.00, bronze in lucite to sell at \$6.00, and bronze at \$2.50. Only 200 silver medals were minted, and all were numbered.

In January, 1972, a formal committee was organized with Kendrick Benton as Chairman; George Rongner as Co-Chairman and in charge of publicity; Robert Lander, Liason Coordinator; John Ruksznis, Parade director; Althea French, Joyce Brown, Floats; Joyce Kelley, Costumes; Dorcas Leavitt and Gerry Weymouth, Art; Vikki Leavitt, Music; Elois Stevens represented the D.A.R. and Aimee Kugler the United Church Circle. Elizabeth Davis was selected as Treasurer. A History Committee was formed at a later date to update the History of the Town of Monson, this consisting of Jeanne Reed, Althea French, Elizabeth Davis and Joyce Brown.

During its town meeting on March 13, 1972, the citizens of Monson raised \$1,500. for the committee.

On March 25-26, Snowmobile races were held on Lake Hebron with trophies given as prizes.

On April 15th, the annual Fireman's Supper at the Monson Community Church was attended by approximately 350 people.

On April 22. a Birthday Ball was held in the Monson gym, with prizes awarded for the most authentic and best judged reproductive costumes. A birthday cake, made by Phyllis Ruksznis, was presented by Bertha Blood and Lillian Knight, descendants of Monson's first town meeting moderator, to Town Manager, Robert Lander. Austin Robinson served as Master of Ceremonies and music for the dance was furnished by the Foxcroft Academy Dance Band.

On April 28th, the 100th Anniversary of Arbor Day was acknowledged with a presentation of a flowering crab apple tree from the Tisbury Manor Chapter of the D.A.R. to the Monson Elementary School.

On May 20, 1972, a May Festival was put on at the Monson Gym by the Eelementary School, complete with a fashion show. A dance followed with music by "Three Jacks and a Queen".

From May 22-27, Monson held a Spruce-up week, during which time many old cars were towed away, rubbish collected, roadsides and homes spruced up, etc.

In June a poster contest at the Elementary School was sponsored by the Sesquicentennial Committee, the theme of which was "Keeping Monson Clean".

On June 23rd a "get acquainted" party was held at the home of George and Linda Ronger, sponsored by the Sesquicentennial Committee, the Selectmen, and the Town Manager for the town's guests from the parent Town of Monson, Massachusetts.

The morning of June 24, saw the official opening of

the Monson Historical Society, sponsored by the D.A.R., with ribbon-cutting ceremonies.

Monson held its parade under threatening skies, with John Ruksznis, Parade Director, dressed in coats and tails, leading the way, and starting precisely at the scheduled hour of 1:00 P.M. Next in line was "Uncle Sam" in the person of Clifford Douglass. Behind Uncle Sam was the Color Guard, consisting of Oscar Ulman, Jr., Hilbert Butterfield, Ernest Copeland and Edward Kronholm.

The following floats participated: The Hilltoppers 4-H Club, Tisbury Manor Chapter - D.A.R., Bishop's Great Outdoors, Appalachian Trail, Kick Sled, Replica of the Monson Railroad Engine, Robinson's Insurance and Real Estate, J & J General Store, A red and black car made by Elwin French, South-East Monson-Vinton District School, Wildwood campground, Indian Point Monson Elementary S.A.D. 68, Maila Korsman Float, Monson Community Sunday School, Portland-Monson Slate Co., Moosehead Mfg. Co., Towne-Holmbom Auxiliary Unit 116, Bartlett's Gulf Station, Kahvila Coffee Shop, Kelley's Orchards, Women's Club - Birthday Cake, Blanchard Float, Clowns, Buggy Drivers, Rebekah's -Open Bible, United Circle, Finnish Farmers Club, Fire Engines, Antique Cars and three marching units led each section being the Pink Panthers drill team from Millinocket, Maine, Greenville High School Band and Foxcroft Academy Band.

Following the parade, the afternoon program at the Monson Gym got underway promptly at 3:30, as scheduled.

June 24: From 7:30 to 9:00 P. M., dancing was held at the Monson Gym to the music by Musicians of Yesteryear. From 9:00 P. M. to 1:00 A. M. the Dance at

the Monson Gym, with music furnished by Melody Lane, with approximately 800 people attending.

Sunday, June 25, Sunday breakfast, at 9:00 A. M. at the Monson Community Church, prepared by Mrs. Thurley Knowles and a group of volunteers. Monson's Town Officials and Sesquicentennial Committee hosted the contingent from Monson, Mass.

July 20, 21, 22: Monson Art Show, sponsored by the Sesquicentennial Committee, held at the Elementary School, in charge of Dorcas Leavitt assisted by Gerry Weymouth and Kendrick Benton.

July 22: Monson Academy Alumni Association celebrated its 25th Anniversary.

July 30: Old Home Sunday at the Monson Community Church, presided by the Rev. Douglas P. Brayton.

Aug. 19, 1972: Monson's first band concert in 20 years, held in the town's bandstand, with music by the Greenville High School Band under the direction of Miss Marlene Hall. This was followed from 8:00 P. M. to midnight, by a rock dance at the town gym, featuring the music of the C. Barnaby Rock Group of Bingham.

October 14, 1972: Harvest Supper and Dance. Supper served at 5, 6, 7, at the Church Dining room. Dancing at the Town Gym from 9:00 P. M. to 1:00 A. M., with music by "Three Jacks and a Queen".

This ended our 150th Celebration. The large turnouts of all the citizens, friends and former residents of Monson for each event throughout 1972 showed us, the Sesquicentennial Committee, that it was truly a joyous and successful 150th Celebration.

Submitted by,
GEORGE RONGNER

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Jan. 1, 1972 - December 31, 1973

We deeply regret the resignation of our Librarian Miss Vivienne Bray. She has done a noble job over the years. I am sure the public will miss her at the library. Mrs. Dana Williams has taken her place.

During the summer months Miss Kyla Sandberg, a Neighborhood Youth Corp. employee came into the library as a trainee. In the Fall Miss Sandra Sargent of the Neighborhood Youth Corp. came in as a trainee. Both have been very efficient and faithful workers.

Mr. Lombardo, Mr. & Mrs. Hamalainen have brought classes from our Elementary School every other week since the beginning of school. The children take out books and seem to be very interested in reading.

This library borrows from the Maine State Library, Bangor Public Library and the Bookmobile. We borrow large type books for people who have visual problems. The State Library has recorded books, by good authors, these are available to folks who have visual problems. We also deliver books to Senior Citizens or invalids who are unable to come to our library.

We have a nice library of Paperback books. Many of these have been given by local citizens. We are very grateful to them.

I wish to express my pleasure in being Librarian and appreciate the courtesy and friendliness of our reading patrons.

The Library has purchased 65 Adult books, 32 Children's books and have subscribed to several magazines. We have had donated 94 hard cover and 257 paperback books. We thank the donors very sincerely.

The cirulation for 1972:

Fiction	2371
Non-Fiction	302
Juvenile	1549
Bookmobile	583
Magazines	141

Total Circulation 4946

Record Albums 21

Library Association Officers

President Mrs. John Durham
V. President Mrs. Howard Thompson
Secretary Mrs. Viola Michele
Treasurer Mr. Wayne Huff
Auditor Mr. James Durham
Librarian Mrs. Dana Williams
Asst. Librarian Mrs. George Wentworth

Trustees

Mrs. John Durham Mrs. Donald MacPherson
Miss Vivienne Bray Mr. George Rongner
Mrs. Howard Thompson Mr. James Durham
Mrs. George Wentworth Mr. Wayne Huff

MARY W. WILLIAMS, Librarian

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire calls answered by the Monson Fire Department Dec. 71 - Dec. 72:

- 2 Out of town fires (Blanchard, Greenville)
- 1 House fire
- 1 Grass fire
- 1 Tractor fire
- 1 Flooded oil burner
- 1 Forest fire
- 1 Lost persons alarm
- 5 Calls to dump fires
- 1 False alarm

Equipment purchased this past year includes Firemans coats and boots, three ½ nozzles, 1 water thief, 1 emergency water shut off and extra tanks for our resuscitator.

Drills were held twice a month during the summer and two firemen were on duty Sunday afternoons from two to five.

Fireman's pay was raised to \$2.50 per hour while fighting fire, \$2.00 for each drill and \$2.00 per hour for Sunday duty.

Members of the department put up bunting on stores and other business establishments in town, hosted the county fire departments and assisted in organizing the parade Sesquicentennial day.

Three members of the department participated with the teachers and pupils of the elementary school in a program and during Fire Prevention Week.

A resusciatator school was run by a state instructor for the department with 10 members participating.

The Department wishes to thank the towns people and others for your cooperation and donations to our programs of the past year and remind you to remember your fire number 997-3646 and do not hesitate to call us for any emergency that you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. RUKSZNIS

Fire Chief, Monson

AUDITOR'S REPORT

February 16, 1973

Board of Selectmen Monson, Maine

Pursuant to your request, we have examined the financial statements of the various funds of the Town of Monson, Maine for the year ended January 31, 1973. Our examination was conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying comparative balance sheet and related statements of operations and unappropriated surplus present fairly the financial position of the Town of Monson, Maine at January 31, 1973, and the results of the operations of the General Fund for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted principles of governmental accounting applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryant M. Brown

COMMENTS

SCOPE OF AUDIT

ASSETS:

Cash and cash items were verified by physical count and/or by direct confirmation. Cash columns were footed and traced to general ledger accounts, Cancelled checks were examined for the entire twelve month period. Taxes receivable were scheduled and reconciled with previous balances and current collections.

Tax Liens were analyzed and supporting documents examined.

TRUST FUNDS:

Trust funds were scheduled and proved. Savings bank passbooks were examined and balances confirmed by the depository bank. Securities were examined at the bank. All interest was not posted on the passbooks as the bank entered it January 31, it has however been reflected in our report.

NOTES PAYABLE:

An analysis of notes payable was prepared, and outstanding balances were proved by direct confirmation. All interest payments were current.

GENERAL FUND:

A detailed analysis was made and a test check made of documents supporting expenditures.

GENERAL

The books and records were maintained in an accurate and orderly manner. The Manager and office personnel were very cooperative and anxious to make

any changes that would prove beneficial. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Town officials for their most courteous and helpful treatment during the period of our engagement.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It has been the practice in some instances to hold the books open after the close of the fiscal year to accomodate late taxpayers. We hereby recommend that the practice cease and all accounts will reflect the year end balances of the cut off date of January 31, each year.

EXHIBIT A

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

January 31, 1973 January 31, 1972

GENERAL FUND

Cash on Hand and in Bank:

General \$ Petty	319,157.17 100.00	\$23	3,770.45 100.00	
Accounts Receivab Taxes Receivable Tax Liens	,	19,257.17 193.57 5,580.09 1,320.10		3,870.45 24.96 4,733.15 2,582.91
Total Current Asse	ts \$2	26,350.93	\$3	1,211.47
Amount necessary from future reve		ebt 32,750.00	\$3 	7,000.00

TRUST FUNDS:

Securities

\$26,000.00

\$26,000.00

Time deposits 11,898.81

10,411.38

\$37,898.81

\$36,411,38

SPECIAL FUNDS:

Time deposits

30,802.98

5,772.00

TOTAL

\$127,802.72

\$42,183.38

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND SURPLUS

January 31, 1973 January 31, 1972

GENERAL FUND

RESERVES:

Departmental Balance carried

forward (Ex. D)

\$10,839.31

\$12,936.27

PERPETUAL CARE ESCROW 200.00

SURPLUS:

Unappropriated

15,311.62

18,275.20

Total

\$26,350.93

\$31,211.47

DEBT FUND:

Notes Payable

32,750.00

37,000.00

TRUST AND SPECIAL FUNDS:

Trust Funds:

Principal

\$36,178.98

\$34,948.00

Unexpended inc.	1,719.83	1,463.38
	37,898.81	736,411.38
Special Funds:		
Special reserve Honor Roll	\$30,383.63 419.35	\$5,377.78 394.22
	30,802.98	5,772.00
TOTAL	\$127,802.72	\$42,183.38
		Commission for the commission of the commission

EXHIBIT B

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Year Ended January 31, 1973

Cash Balance, February 1, 1972 \$23,770.45

CASH RECEIPTS:

Tax Collections

Current year	\$96,325.75	
Prior year	895.46	
Int. on delingents	498.06	
Tax liens	1,472.58	
		\$99,191.85

Excise tax collections:

Motor	vehicle	1972	\$7,600.42	
- 197	73		3,403.79	
				11,004.21

Revenue Sharing:			
State	5,135.69		
Federal	19,598.00		
		24,733.69	
TODICS FINDS NOW	21 250 00		
TRUST FUNDS - new			
Income	2,256.77	0.404.55	
		3,606.77	
WELFARE REIMBURS	SEMENTS:		
State	\$2,116.43		
Municipalities	336.32		
T. I.		2,452.75	
DEPARTMENTAL AC	COUNTS	8,346.80)
OTHER:			
Accounts receivable	\$ 28.90		
Lien cost	142.02		
Lien interest	893.15		
Supplemental	98.51		
Supplemental	20.01	1 169 59	,
		1,162.58	•
TOTAL RECEIPTS	-		\$150,498.65
TOTAL CASH AVAIL		\$174,269.10	
CASH DISBURSEMEN	TS:		
Departmental accounts		\$70,294.89)
Note payments		3,250.00	
Trust Fund investment	5	1,200.00	
Welfare - State Poor	_	2,248.87	
- Municipalities		828.03	
School Administration	District	49,199.87	
Deposit Revenue Shari		24,733.69	
Miscellaneous		3,356.58	
	_		-
TOTAL DISBURSEME	NTS		155,111.93

CASH BALANCE - January 31, 1973

\$19,157.17

EXHIBIT C

STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS

Year Ended January 31, 1973

Balance - February 1, 1972

\$18,275.20

INCREASE:

State of Maine \$2,856.99 Departmental Balances 2,344.90

\$5,201.89

DECREASE:

Trans. to sav. acct.	\$2,856.99
Sesquicentennial funds	1,500.00
O. E. O.	150.00
Senior Citizens	100.00
Municipal Building	500.00
County ambulance	200.00
Counseling center	100.00
Tax abatements	41.50
Departmental balances	2,716.98

8,165.47

NET DECREASE

2,963.58

BALANCE - January 31, 1973

\$15,311.62

EXHIBIT D

STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS

Balance	Forward	69.04			69.04		1.22,60		\$ 122.60
Expendi- tures B	ŧ	\$9,399.94 \$	2,000.75 1,200.00	541.31	\$13,142.00 \$	\$4,126.86	100.00	4,277.95	\$8,504.81 \$
Total	Available	\$9,468.98	2,000.75	541.31	\$13,211.04 \$13,142.00	\$4,126.86	222.60	4,277.95	\$8,627.41
Other	Credits	\$1,468.98	200.75	41.31	\$1,711.04	\$2,126,86	122.60	677.95	\$2,927.41
Appro-	priations	\$8,000.00	1,800.00	500.00	\$11,500.00	\$2,000,00	100.00	3,600.00	\$5,700.00
		GENERAL GOVERNMENT: Town charges	Miscellaneous Town Hall Expense	Town Hall Meeting Room		PROTECTION: Fire department	Civil defense	Insurance	

di- Balance oits Forward	000	00.	.21 \$1,593.86	.28 5,339.16	.00 2,284.00	.00	00.	00.	.49 \$9,217.02		66.	
Expendi- tures and Debits	\$3,000.00	\$3,170.00	\$21,412.21	3,918.28	10,524.00	5,000.00	3,198,00	1,175.00	\$45,227.49		\$1,711.99	
Total Available	\$3,000.00	\$3,170.00	\$23,006.07	9,257.44	12,808.00	5,000.00	3,198.00	1,175.00	\$54,444.51		\$1,711.99	
Other Credits			\$19,006.07	9,257.44	4,566.00			1,175.00	\$34,004.51		\$511.99	
Appro- priations	\$3,000.00	\$3,170.00	\$4,000.00		8,242.00	5,000.00	3,198.00		\$20,440.00		\$1,200.00	
	HEALTH AND SANITATION: Town power Public health nurse		HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES: Highways - general	Highway equipment	Snow plowing	Surface treatment - tar	State aid roads	Town road improvement		WELFARE:	Town poor	

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Balance Forward		296.49 186.81	483.30	609,02 138.33	747.35	
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Expenditures and Debits	\$49,199.87	\$ 535.00 603.05 79.34	\$1,217.39	\$2,617.75	\$2,667.75	\$1,750.00 1,500.00
Total Available	\$49,199.87 \$49,199.87	\$ 535.00 899.54 266.15	\$1,700.69	\$3,226,77 188,33	\$3,415.10	\$1,750.00 1,500.00
Other Credits	\$49,199.87	\$ 35.00 899.54 266.15	\$1,200.69	\$2,226.77 188.33	\$2,415.10	
Appro- priations		\$500.00	\$500,00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,750.00 1,500.00
	EDUCATION: Common schools	RECREATION: Monson free public library Recreation director Recreation projects		CEMETERIES: General care Lake Road Cemetery		INDEBTEDNESS: Municipal building note Fire equipment note

\$50,285.00

ANNUAL TOWN WARRANT

MARCH 12, 1973

To Robert Lander or any other Resident in the Town of Monson, in the County of Piscataquis, and the State of Maine

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Monson, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Monson Gym, in said town, on Monday, the 12th day of March, A. D. 1973 at seven o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles to wit:

- Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year and fix his compensation.
- Art. 3. To choose one Selectman who will also serve as Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for three years and to fix the Board of Selectmen's compensation for the ensuing year.

Recommended

\$900.00

- Art. 4. To choose a Director of S. A. D. No. 68 for a term of three years.
- Art. 5. To choose a Town Treasurer for the ensuing year and fix his compensation.

- Art. 6. To choose a Fire Chief and to authorize him to form his department with complete authority over the same in behalf of the Town of Monson.
- Art. 7. To choose all other necessary officers for the ensuing year.
- Art. 8. To see if the Town will vote to purchase security bonds for necessary town officers rather than accept local bondsmen.
- Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on its behalf to sell and dispose of any Real Estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute and deliver quit-claim deeds for such property.
- Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to fix a time when taxes shall be due and payable.
- Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount and, if so, what percent on taxes paid prior to June 15, 1973.
- Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to charge interest, and if so, what percent on taxes remaining unpaid September 1, 1973 with said interest to begin on the above date.
- Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of the State law relative to construction of State Aid Roads, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for roads, highways and bridges as follows:
 - A. Highway, general, including Sanding

 Recommended \$4,500.00 plus Excise Taxes

B. Surface Treatment, Tar Recommended	\$5,000.00
C. State Aid Roads Recommended from Rev. Sharing	\$3,198.00
D. Snow Plowing Recommended	\$8,242.00

Art. 14. To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Government.

Recommended

\$9,000.00

Art. 15. To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Miscellaneous Charge.

Recommended

\$2,000.00

Art. 16. To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Hall Expense.

Recommended

\$1,500.00

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the protection of persons and property as follows:

A. Town Power

Recommended

\$3,000.00

Art. 18. To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to retire the Municipal notes of the town with Northeast Bank of Guilford:

A. New Municipal Building
Payment \$1,750.00

B. Interest - Municipal Bldg. & Fire
Truck

\$1,181,26

Art. 19. To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance of cemeteries as follows.

Recommended

\$1,000.00

Art. 20. To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Monson Free Public Library.

Recommended

\$500.00

Art. 21. To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for a Summer and Winter Recreational Program.

Recommended

Snow Sled Refunds

- Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$200.00 each for perpetual care of the cemetery lots as follows:
 - A. Katie Knight
 - B. Ralph Wentworth
 - C. Anna Douglass
 - D. Mrs. Millard Emanuelson
 - E. Manda Brown
 - F. Forrest and Charles Stevens
- Art. 23. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the insurance protection of town properties and liabilities of the town.

Recommended

\$4,000.00

Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize

the Selectmen to apply interest collected from taxes and tax liens to accounts that may overdraft.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to join the Penobscot Valley Regional Planning Commission.

Recommended

\$100.00

Art. 26. To see if the inhabitants of Monson will vote to establish a Planning Board for the Town of Monson.

Art. 27. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund and transfer to the Highway Account for the construction of State Aid Highways.

Recommended

\$3,198.00

Art. 28. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund and transfer to the Memorial Day Account.

Recommended

\$150.00

Art. 29. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund and transfer to the following accounts:

A. Fire Department

Recmmended

\$3,000.00

B. Fire Truck

Payment

\$2,500.00

Art. 30. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund and

transfer to the Maine Publicity Bureau

Recommended

\$25,00

Art. 31. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for the Town's contribution to the Older American Center.

Recommended

\$200.00

Art. 32. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for the Counceling Center.

Recommended

\$100.00

Art. 33. To see if the inhabitants of Monson will vote to have a complete set of property maps for tax assessment purposes contracted using funds from the Revenue Sharing Trust Funds and not to exceed \$15,000.00.

Art. 34. To see what sum the town will vote to appropriate from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for the maintenance of the Municipal Building.

Recommended

\$500.00

NOTICE

A veteran who will be 62 years old before April 10 must have on file with the assessors, by April 1, an application for property tax exemption.

Any man who is 70 years old before April 1 is poll tax exempt.

The registrar gives notice that he will be open regular office hours Monday March 12, 1973, for the purpose of correcting the list of voters. Must be registered voter of town to vote.

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of February, A. D. 1973.

FRANK W. NELSON

PAUL B. ALLEN

WORDEN W. SMITH

Selectmen of the Town of Monson

A true copy, attest: Robert Lander

Resident of the Town of Monson

