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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF MONSON

MAINE

FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 1973 - 1974

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Hatchins Brothers, Thorndike, Maine

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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 1973-74 is contained in the following Annual Report.

The Town ended its fiscal year January 31, 1974, with a surplus of seventeen thousand, six hundred and sixty-three dollars and sixty-five 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 18, 1974, to act on your town's business for 1974.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT E. LANDER

Town Manager

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator—Herbert Fountain

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor

Paul B. Allen Worden W. Smith Frank W. Nelson

Town Manager, Road Commissioner, Tax Collector

Town Treasurer

Robert E. Lander

Town Clerk—Stanley A. Robinson

Director of S. A. D. No. 68—Laurice Goodwin

Superintendent of Schools

Allen Savage - S. A. D. No. 68

Civil Defense and Building Inspector, Town Forest

Fire Warden

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

Monson Utilities District

George Young, Chairman Francis G. Marshall
Tolford Durham Berwin Storer Dwain Allen

Monson Planning Board

George Rongner, Chairman Marcia Hoyt, Secretary
Robert Brown Dennis Casey Dorothy Holmbom
Bill Wentworth Clarence Turner

Plumbing Inspector

Robert Greenleaf

Constables

Berwin Storer Robert Greenleaf
Worden Smith James D. Candors

Amounts Raised by Town March 12, 1973

General Government	\$9,000.00	
Misc. Charge	2,000.00	
Town Hall Expense	1,500.00	
Insurance	4,000.00	
Town Power	3,000.00	
Town Poor	1,200.00	
Highway	4,500.00	
Snow Plowing	8,242.00	
Town Tar	5,000.00	
Library	500.00	
Cemeteries	1,000.00	
Town Hall Note	1,750.00	
Interest, Fire Truck & Municipal Bldg.	1,181.26	
Penobscot Valley Regional Planning Comm.	100.00	
		\$42,973.26

Voted to take from Revenue Sharing:

Federal Revenue Sharing		
State Aid Roads	\$ 3,198.00	
Memorial Day	150.00	
Fire Dept.	364.31	
Maine Publicity Bureau	25.00	
Older American Center	200.00	
Counseling Center	100.00	
Mapping	15,000.00	
Municipal Building	500.00	
		\$19,537.31

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(1972) State Revenue Sharing

Fire Dept.	\$2,635.69	
Fire Truck Note Payment	2,500.00	
	<hr/>	5,135.69
Total Voted and Approved		<hr/>
		\$67,646.26

ASSESSORS' REPORT

Valuation: Town of Monson

Real Estate, Resident	\$669,950.00	
Real Estate, Non-Resident	442,420.00	
		\$1,112,370.00
Personal Estate, Resident	\$208,680.00	
Personal Estate, Non-Resident	20,200.00	
		228,880.00
		\$1,341,250.00
Total Assessed Valuation		

Assessment

Valuation x Rate		
1,341,250 x .068	\$91,205.00	
State Revenue Sharing (1973)	5,204.94	
		\$96,409.94

Computation of Assessment

Appropriations	\$42,973.26	
S. A. D. No. 68 Assessment	48,593.36	
County Tax	3,276.80	
Overlay	1,566.52	
		\$96,409.94

1973 Tax Abatements

Aho, John, Error in Assessment	\$ 6.80
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Holmbom, Edwin, Error in Assessment 27.20

\$34.00

1972 Tax Abatement

Freeh, Leo, Moved \$3.00

Total Raised for Taxation 1973-1974

Commitment, Town of Monson \$42,973.26

Commitment, S.A.D. No. 68 48,593.36

County Tax 3,276.80

Overlay Account 1,566.52

\$96,409.94

1973 Tax Abatements \$ 34.00

1973 Tax Discount 1,109.93

1973 Taxes Collected 86,631.57

1973 Taxes Uncollected 3,429.50

1973 State Rev. Sharing 5,204.94

\$96,409.94

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Name	Personal	Real	Total
Bjork, Harlan & William		\$ 68.30	\$ 68.30
Burke, Adolph		116.96	116.96
Bell, Donald		95.20	95.20
Beckwith, Gerald		125.12	125.12
Cook, Kenneth		17.68	17.68
Carr, Gertrude		114.24	114.24
Carr, Merton	\$ 34.00		34.00
Erickson, Paul		178.16	178.16
Erickson, Henry & Anna		96.56	96.56
Fuller, Glenn		157.76	157.76
Hunt, Lloyd & Jillaine		47.60	47.60
Kronholm, Colby & Barbara		95.20	95.20
Kugler, Edward & Aimee		211.48	211.48
Melia, Malcolm		121.04	121.04
MacDonald, Harold & Aili		183.60	183.60
Pratt, Phillip		24.00	24.00
Philbrook, Edward & Charlene		134.64	134.64
Perkins, Roland Heirs		20.72	20.72
Suomi, Corrine		115.60	115.60
Stanchfield, Gerald		63.92	63.92
Shaw, Keith & Lucy		199.92	199.92
Smith, Hazel		33.00	33.00
Tompkins, Barbara		95.20	95.20
	\$34.00	\$2,315.90	\$2,349.90

1973 Supplemental Taxes

Carr, Merton	\$34.00	\$34.00
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1973 Uncollected Taxes, Non-Resident

Arsenault, Edmond	\$ 233.92	\$ 233.92
Healy, Edward, & Joan	272.00	272.00
Matthews, Carroll & Lillian	89.76	89.76
Palmer, Richard	13.60	13.60
Raymond, Peter & Nora Lee	55.76	55.76
Rensch, Ronald & Mary Ann	175.44	175.44
Schniedlehner, Marion, Lindie, Alan & Lindie, Alice	107.44	107.44
Valnio, Carl	47.60	47.60
Whynott, John F.	84.08	84.08
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	\$1,079.60	\$1,079.60

1972 Uncollected Taxes

1972 Uncoll. Taxes Jan. 31, 1973		\$5,552.08
1972 Taxes Trans. to Tax Liens	\$3,763.19	
1972 Taxes Collected	1,785.89	
1972 Taxes Abated	3.00	
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	\$5,552.08	

1971 Uncollected Taxes

1971 Uncoll. Taxes, January 31, 1973		\$6.08
1971 Taxes Collected	\$6.08	

1972 Tax Liens

1972 Tax Liens Uncoll. Jan. 31, 1973		\$3,763.19
1972 Tax Liens Coll. by Treasurer	\$2,559.23	

Delinquent:

Adolph Burke	\$ 134.16
Donald Bell	12.20
Kenneth Cook	20.28

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Gertrude Carr	124.80	
Paul Erickson	201.36	
Henry & Anna Erickson	73.76	
Phillip Pratt	29.00	
Gerald Stanchfield	73.32	
Keith & Lucy Shaw	229.32	
Richard Palmer	15.60	
Schmiedlehner, Marion, Lindie, Alan & Lindie, Alice	123.24	
Matthews, Carroll & Lillian	102.96	
Raymond, Peter & Nora Lee	63.96	
	\$1,203.96	\$3,763.19

1970 Tax Liens

1970 Uncollected Jan. 31, 1973		\$83.04
1970 Tax Collected	\$83.04	

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on Hand, Jan. 31, 1973		
Northeast Bank of Guilford	\$	19,157.17
Receipts for the Year		184,412.66
		\$203,569.83
Warrants Paid	\$	181,292.54
Balance on Hand, Jan. 31, 1974		22,277.29
		203,569.83

General Government

Balance, Jan. 31, 1973	\$	69.04
Appropriation		9,000.00
Received, Water Co.		600.00
		\$9,669.04

Salaries

Robert Lander, Town Manager	\$	7,191.74
Robert Lander, Treasurer		250.00
S. A. Robinson, Town Clerk		150.00
S. A. Robinson, Registrar of Voters		50.00
Assessors: Frank Nelson		300.00
Paul Allen		300.00
Worden Smith		300.00
		\$8,541.74

General Government Expenses

Town Manager	\$	764.71
Town Clerk		207.65

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Selectmen	152.66	
Balance to Summary	2.28	
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	\$1,127.30	\$9,669.04

Incidentals

Appropriations	\$2,000.00	
Received	5.00	
Overdraft from Summary	222.61	
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		\$2,227.61

Expended:

Postage	\$ 252.99	
Ballot Clerks	114.00	
Moderator	5.00	
Town Reports	339.20	
Town Office Supplies	84.40	
Water Rent	44.00	
Audit	460.00	
Misc.	801.22	
M. M. A. Dues	126.80	
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		\$2,227.61

Town Hall Expense

Appropriation	\$1,500.00	
Received:	20.00	
Overdraft from Summary	70.27	
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		\$1,590.27

Expended:

Fuel	\$ 783.15	
Telephone	372.83	
Office Supplies	365.57	

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Repairs	32.55	
Misc.	36.17	
	<hr/>	\$1,590.25

Monson Fire Department

Appropriated from State		
Rev. Sharing	\$2,635.69	
Appropriated from Federal		
Rev. Sharing	364.31	
Received	1,438.86	
	<hr/>	\$4,438.86

Expended:

Telephone Alarm System	\$ 475.27	
Repairs	409.99	
Supplies & Equipment	1,574.15	
Chief's Salary	300.00	
Payroll	1,435.00	
Misc.	45.00	
Bal. to Jan. 31, 1974	199.45	
	<hr/>	\$4,438.86

Civil Defense

Bal. to Jan. 31, 1973	\$122.60	
Received	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$172.60

Expended:

John Ruksznis	\$100.00	
Bal. to Jan. 31, 1974	72.60	
	<hr/>	\$172.60

Insurance

Appropriation	\$4,000.00	
Received	34.03	
Overdraft from Summary	486.79	
		\$4,520.82

Expended:

Highway Group	\$ 658.56	
Fire Department	429.25	
New Municipal Building	174.80	
Bonds, Municipal Officers	258.00	
Workmen's Comp.	619.00	
Social Security	762.18	
Town Truck	962.00	
Lia. C. P. L. of Town	434.00	
Maine State Retirement	223.03	
		\$4,520.82

Town Power

Appropriation	\$3,000.00	
Overdraft from Summary	75.49	
		\$3,075.49

Expended:

Central Maine Power Co.	\$3,075.49	
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Municipal Building

Appropriated from Federal Rev. Sharing	\$500.00	
	5.00	
		\$505.00

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Expended	\$369.14
Bal. to Summary	135.86
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	\$505.00

Municipal Building Note

Appropriation	\$1,750.00
Expended	1,750.00
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Fire Truck Note

Appropriated from State	
Rev. Sharing	\$2,500.00
Expended	2,500.00
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Highways

Bal. to Jan. 31, 1973	\$1,593.86
Appropriation	4,500.00
Received	5,203.59
1973-74 Excise Tax	14,301.83
Treas. State of Maine	1,636.66
Overdraft from Summary	1,096.01
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\$28,331.95

Expended:

Clarence Pratt, Labor	\$6,521.50
Repairs	1,140.46
Norton Hill	6,403.34
Supplies	615.70
Barrows Falls Road	60.00
Culverts	1,332.27
Calcium Chloride & Salt	1,077.60
Truck & Tractor Rental	5,000.00

Bulldozing	305.00	
Misc.	773.99	
Gravel, Tar, Patch	5,102.09	
		\$28,331.95

Highway Equipment

Bal. to Jan. 31, 1973	\$5,339.16	
Received, Rental, Truck & Tractor	5,000.00	
Received	10,000.00	
		\$20,339.16

Expended:

Gas & Oil	\$2,065.64	
Repairs	34.31	
New Tires	288.12	
Misc.	7.24	
New Front End Loader	17,202.41	
Balance to 1974	741.44	
		\$20,339.16

Snow Plowing

Balance to Jan. 31, 1973	\$ 2,284.00	
Appropriation	8,242.00	
Received: Treas. State of Maine	2,321.00	
		\$12,847.00

Expended:

Farrin Bros. & Smith	\$10,524.00	
Balance to 1974	2,323.00	
		\$12,847.00

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State Aid Roads

Appropriated from Federal Rev. Sharing \$3,198.00
Expended: Treas. State of Maine \$3,198.00

General Assistance

Appropriation	\$1,200.00	
Received	242.91	
	<hr/>	\$1,442.91
Expended	\$740.34	
Balance to Summary	702.57	
	<hr/>	\$1,442.91

Common Schools

Appropriated to S.A.D. No. 68 \$48,593.36
Expended to S.A.D. No. 68 48,593.36

Monson Public Library

Appropriation	\$500.00
Expended	500.00

Memorial Day

Appropriated from
 Federal Rev. Sharing \$150.00
Expended to Legion Post No. 116 150.00

Recreation Director

Balance Jan. 31, 1973	\$ 296.49	
Received, Snowsled Refunds	618.00	
	<hr/>	\$914.49

Expended	\$332.55	
Bal. to 1974	581.94	
	<hr/>	\$914.49

Recreation Project

Balance, Jan. 31, 1973		\$ 186.81
Balance, Jan. 31, 1974	\$ 186.81	

Maine Publicity Bureau

Appropriated from Fed. Rev. Sharing	\$25.00
Expended	25.00

County Ambulance

Balance, Jan. 31, 1973	\$200.00
Expended	200.00

Counseling Center

Appropriated from	
Federal Rev. Sharing	\$100.00
Expended	100.00

Older American Center

Appropriated from	
Federal Rev. Sharing	\$200.00
Expended	200.00

Cemeteries

Bal. Jan. 31, 1973	\$ 609.02
Appropriation	1,000.00

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Received Perpetual Care	1,909.25	
Received	147.75	
	<hr/>	\$3,666.02

Expended:

Weldon Connor	3,309.02	
Spraying	357.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,666.02

Penobscot Valley Regional Planning

Appropriation	\$100.00	
Overdraft from Interest	.35	
	<hr/>	\$100.35
Expended	\$100.35	

Lake Road Cemetery

Balance, Jan. 31, 1973	\$138.33	
Perpetual Care	364.95	
	<hr/>	\$503.28
Balance to 1974	\$503.28	

Interest Account

Collected		\$736.39
Expended	\$ 10.97	
Balance to Summary	725.42	
	<hr/>	\$736.39

Tax Lien Cost

Collected		\$176.15
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Overdraft from Summary		10.80
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Expended	\$186.95	\$186.95

Petty Cash

Jan. 31, 1973	\$100.00
Jan. 31, 1974	100.00

Mapping

Appropriated from Federal Rev. Sharing	\$15,000.00
Expended	\$9,000.00
Bal. to 1974	4,008.00
Golden Passbook No. 00131	2,000.00
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	\$15,008.00

**Fire Equipment Interest & Municipal Bldg.
Interest Account**

Appropriation	\$1,181.26
Overdraft from Interest	10.62
	<hr/>
	\$1,191.88

Expended: Northeast Bank of Guilford \$1,191.88

**Town of Monson Savings Account
U. S. Federal Revenue Sharing**

Balance, Jan. 31, 1973	\$24,733.69
Appropriated	-24,673.00
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Received, Treas. of U.S.A.	\$ 60.69
	24,738.68
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	\$24,799.37

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Voted to Highway Equip. Account		-10,000.00
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		\$14,799.37
Bal. to Jan.. 31, 1974	\$14,799.37	

Soldiers' Monument

Jan. 31, 1973, Bal.	\$ 275.92	
Interest Earned	14.18	
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		\$290.10
Jan. 31, 1974	\$290.10	

Honor Roll

Balance to Jan. 31, 1973	\$414.17	
Interest Earned	21.34	
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		\$435.51
Balance Jan. 31, 1974	\$435.51	

Monson Better Health Association

Balance, Jan. 31, 1973	\$6,560.67	
Interest Earned	338.44	
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		\$6,899.11
Expended	\$ 200.00	
Balance, Jan. 31, 1974	6,699.11	
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		\$6,899.11

Chapin Trust Fund

Balance, Jan. 31, 1973	\$3,181.94	
Interest Earned	164.11	
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		\$3,346.05
Balance, Jan. 31, 1974	\$3,346.05	

Wentworth Trust Fund

Bal. Jan. 31, 1973	\$536.18	
Interest Earned	27.62	
		\$563.80
Bal. Jan. 31, 1974	\$563.80	

Town of Monson Savings Account No. 1108

Bal. Jan. 31, 1973	\$4,496.43	
Interest Earned	231.95	
		\$4,728.38
Bal. Jan. 31, 1974	\$4,728.38	

Perpetual Care

Balance, Jan. 31, 1973	\$7,100.98	
Interest Earned	350.76	
New Investments	1,000.00	
		\$8,451.74
Expended to Cemeteries	\$ 350.76	
Bal., Jan. 31, 1974	8,100.98	
		\$8,451.74

Rebecca Julia Crafts Sheridan

Balance, Jan. 31, 1973	\$744.60	
Interest Earned	38.37	
		\$782.97
Balance, Jan. 31, 1974	\$782.97	

School Administerial Account

Balance, Jan. 31, 1973	\$1,153.51	
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Interest Earned	59.48	
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Balance, Jan. 31, 1974	\$1,212.99	\$1,212.99

Monson Utilities District

Jan. 31, 1973 Debt of	\$4,000.00
Jan. 31, 1974 Debt of	2,500.00
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County Tax

Appropriation	\$3,276.80
Expended:	
Treas. Piscataquis County	3,276.80

Overlay

Appropriation		\$1,566.52
Expended:		
1973 Tax Discount	\$1,109.93	
1973 Tax Abatement	34.00	
1972 Taxes	3.00	
Error in Collection	69.40	
Balance to Summary	350.19	
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	\$1,566.52	

Summary Accounts

		Overdraft Unexpended
Misc. Charge	\$ 222.61	
Town Hall Expense	70.27	
Insurance	486.79	
Town Power	75.49	
Highways	1,096.01	
Tax Lien Cost	10.80	
Supplemental Taxes		\$ 148.52

Gen. Government		2.28
Municipal Building		135.86
General Assistance		702.57
Interest		725.42
Overlay		350.19

	\$1,961.97	\$2,064.84
1973 Unexpended	\$2,064.84	
1973 Overdraft	1,961.97	
	\$102.87	
Balance to Surplus		

Town of Monson Surplus

Balance, Jan. 31, 1973	\$15,289.69	
Received, Treas., State of Maine	2,271.09	
Balance of Accounts	102.87	
		\$17,663.65
Balance, Jan. 31, 1974	\$17,663.65	

Municipal Notes, Town of Monson

Balance of Notes with Northeast Bank of Guilford:		
Town Hall	\$24,500.00	
Note, Tolford Durham, Water Co.	2,500.00	
	\$27,000.00	

Monson Utilities District

Beginning Bal. Jan. 1, 1973	\$ 93.61	
Total Cash Received	5,458.74	
		\$5,552.35
Expended:	\$4,011.46	
Bal. Dec. 31, 1973	1,540.89	
		\$5,552.35

REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

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

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to present for the seventh consecutive year this Annual Report. Even with the cost of everything escalating at a rapid pace, the town is financially in excellent condition.

Even though expenditures have increased, the property tax rate will remain stabilized due to Revenue Sharing Funds. Federal Revenue Sharing Funds represent about one-third of the total budget.

The audit for 1973-74 has been completed by Bryant M. Brown & Associates. Bryant is well known by most of Monson's citizens as he once attended Monson's Public Schools.

Highway: The town has received a grant of eight thousand dollars for continuing the Barrows Falls Road. The Norton Hill section of the Willimantic Road has been completed. This was a much needed improvement. The regular maintenance was carried out by town forces.

The plowing of Town streets and ways and State Aid Roads was again done by Farrin Bros. and Smith, Inc. of Brighton, Maine. Mr. Farrin feels that Monson's Townspeople and Town Officials should start thinking about future snowplowing and removal problems due to the fact that he is reaching retirement age and feels that the company's future may bring unforeseen changes in regards to the plowing of Monson's streets and ways.

Highways in general are in good condition considering the heavy rains we received in the late fall and early winter.

Paving of town ways was again done by Commercial

Paving Co. of South Portland. There is a great possibility that paving will be much more expensive this coming year due to the shortage of those needed products from the oil industry.

The Town voted at the Special Town Meeting in June to purchase a new 1973 John Deere 544-A Front End Loader which was delivered in late September. It replaced the 1965 John Deere Tractor which served the town well. The new loader will help make both winter and summer maintenance much faster and easier.

Cemeteries: Mr. Weldon Connor was again appointed Sexton of all cemeteries in Monson. Once again, it has been a great pleasure to work with Mr. Connor as he takes a great deal of pride in his work.

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

The Monson Planning Board Officers were elected at the Special Town Meeting in June. They've put a great deal of time and work in preparing a Comprehensive Plan which will be presented at the Annual Town Meeting. They have also put together a plan on building codes and future needs of the town.

The Town is most fortunate to have as Secretary Mrs. Jeanne Reed in the Town Office. This makes it possible for me to attend meetings to keep up with the pace of changing laws on Revenue Sharing, Solid Waste and all other changes that are coming in Municipal Government.

In closing, I wish to thank the Townspeople, Selectmen and the other Town Committees for their cooperation and participation in the Town affairs during the past year. It is indeed a great pleasure working with all Monson Citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT E. LANDER
Town Manager

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

To the citizens of the Town of Monson:

Fires Jan. 1, 1973 to Dec. 31, 1973—

4 Out of town fires.

3 Chimney fires.

3 Vehicle fires.

3 Dump fires.

10 Building fires.

We have had more fires this past year than is usual for this town, several of these were of major proportion and undetermined origin, however only two of these were proven to have been set.

Drills were held twice a month from May through October, and we have had two men on duty at the Fire Station Sunday p. m. during the summer months. We did not run a state sponsored school this year, but do plan on one or two for the coming year, possibly on hose laying and Scott Air Pak use.

We plan on purchasing 1000 ft. of 4 inch hose this year, this will be loaded on our Dodge Pickup and would be used to extend our hydrant lines giving us a water supply beyond the hydrant lines in the Tenney Hill, Water St. and upper and lower Main St. areas. This four inch hose would be much cheaper than iron pipe and would be much easier to care for as it would not need draining in cold weather also no chance of freeze ups or damage by frost.

We have seven scouts on the department as Junior Firemen. They are used only on the in town fires, on radio

control, traffic control at fires, running errands and care of hose and equipment.

Our extra activities this year include participation in the Regional Blood Bank program, our Firemans Calendar, and our annual baked bean supper. These programs were successful due to the cooperation of the townspeople and work by the members of the department.

Due to the fact that many people are burning wood now, I would suggest during the next summer special attention be given to condition of chimneys and repairs should be made before next fall. There are some chimneys in the area that are definitely not fit for burning wood. Any assistance that we can give in this area is more than welcome.

On behalf of the Monson Fire Department, I wish to thank you for your cooperation in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. RUKSZNIS

Fire Chief

Monson

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Jan. 1, 1973 - December 31, 1973

The Monson Public Library had a very good year. Our readers read 4153 books. These included Adult fiction non-fiction, juvenile and bookmobile.

We purchased 103 adult fiction, 10 juveniles, 3 non-fiction and 13 paperback books. We had given to us 87 paperbacks and 88 hard cover books. We wish at this time to thank publicly all the donors of these books.

Those borrowed from the Bookmobile were 358; State Library 57, Bangor Public Library 23.

We again had this year the very able assistance of Sandy Sargent of the Youth Corp. This enables us to have the library open 2 hours extra every weekday after school besides from our regular hours.

The teachers of Monson Elementary School visited the library frequently with their classes this year. We enjoy these visits and hope they continue them in the future.

We have added a new magazine rack to the library. This was very kindly donated by Mr. Terris Moore. We have had many magazines given to us by Mrs. Erick Viik. We thank her sincerely.

Library Association Officers

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

Trustees

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

MARY W. WILLIAMS, Librarian

MONSON PLANNING BOARD

March 1974

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

The Planning Board members have been meeting since early July 1973 at least twice monthly, sometimes weekly. Through discussions among ourselves and with local members of the Penobscot Valley Regional Planning Commission and through reading numerous informational booklets and copies of recent statutes on a variety of municipal concerns, we feel we've learned something of the direction in which a planning board's efforts should be aimed.

We elected from among our members a chairman and secretary and formulated our by-laws.

An October 1973 news headline read "Monson Board Takes Initial Steps toward Town Comprehensive Plan" wherein we suggest the definition of "Comprehensive Plan" to meet our local needs: "Briefly, the Comprehensive Plan is an outline of present and future-planned community services and facilities".

In preparing our Comprehensive Plan, various town officials were invited to several of our meetings to tell about their areas of responsibility in town.

Most of our members were able to attend classes on writing comprehensive plans sponsored by the Penobscot Valley Regional Planning Commission in December and January. The supporting data supplied us was used, in part, to arrive at our current recommendations in the Comprehensive Plan.

Also relied upon were the results of the Citizens Opinion survey taken this past January in which 67 residents participated.

Our public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan was held on Tuesday, February 12.

Besides working up the Comprehensive Plan, we have begun preparation of a municipal building code, local sub-division regulations, and shoreland zoning ordinances, all of which we anticipate presenting to the voters at a special town meeting in the spring.

Your support and opinions will be greatly appreciated throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

MARCIA HOYT

Secretary

MONSON UTILITIES DISTRICT

The bill introduced by Mrs. Charlotte White of Guilford, into the One Hundred Sixth Legislature was approved and signed into law by the governor of the State of Maine in May of 1973.

Voters of the Town of Monson approved it at the Special Town Meeting on June 18, 1973.

The five directors who were elected are as follows: George Young, Francis Marshall, Dwain Allen, Berwin Storer and Tolford Durham. George Young was elected Chairman at their first meeting.

The directors are beginning to work on plans for more improvements on the water system. The Sewerage is at a stand still at the present time due to the funds being frozen by the Federal Government. However, there are plans to see what can be done to bring this project back to life.

All regular maintenance has been carried out by Town of Monson employees. This past year there has been only minor repairs.

People who have added additional fixtures in their home should report them to the Board of Directors as this is the only means of revenue for the district. Failure to report any additional fixtures such as new automatic washers, dishwashers, etc. could mean a rate increase due to the increasing costs of operation.

Submitted by,

ROBERT E. LANDER

Monson Utilities District, Treas.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

January — December 1973

DEATHS

Date of Death	Name	Burial
3 18 73	Roy F. Cheney	Dexter
4 2 73	Mary E. Lynch	Millinocket
4 19 73	Maude Y. Bray	Monson
4 9 73	Doris V. Stewart	Guilford
4 11 73	Myrtle Titcomb	Sangerville
5 28 73	Lisette Johnson	Dover-Foxcroft
6 2 73	Faye J. Davis	Guilford
6 19 73	George M. Silver	Farmington
6 19 73	Alfred E. Prue	Orono
6 28 73	Mary A. Leighton	Willimantic
7 18 73	Arthur E. Nelson	Monson
7 22 73	Doris Z. Stewart	Milo
10 9 73	Mabel A. Page	Abbot
11 14 73	Henry F. Boutilier	Abbot

Submitted by,

STANLEY A. ROBINSON

Town Clerk

AUDITOR'S REPORT

BRYANT M. BROWN ASSOCIATES· Public Accountants
145 Maine Street, Brunswick, Maine 04011

February 6, 1974

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, 1974. 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, 1974, 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 direct confirmation. Cancelled checks were examined for the entire period. Individual cash receipts were scheduled as were warrants. The totals of these items were traced to the cash account. Tax liens were examined. New equipment requisitions were physically seen and ownership confirmed.

TRUST FUNDS:

Trust funds were scheduled and proved. Savings account passbooks were examined and all balances verified by direct confirmation. Securities were counted in depository bank and ownership verified.

NOTES PAYABLE:

Notes were scheduled and open balances confirmed by direct confirmation. Interest is current.

GENERAL FUND:

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

GENERAL

The books and records were well kept and all supporting material was readily available. Cooperation was excellent and the prior years recommendation was complied with. The Manager, Office personnel and all other officials were courteous and cooperative.

EXHIBIT A

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

January 31

	1974	1973
Cash on Hand and In Banks:		
General	\$22,277.29	\$19,157.17
Petty	100.00	100.00
	<u>\$22,377.29</u>	<u>\$19,257.17</u>
Accounts Receivable	0	193.57
Taxes Receivable	3,429.50	5,580.09
Tax Liens	1,203.96	1,320.10
	<u>\$27,010.74</u>	<u>\$26,350.93</u>
Amount necessary to retire debt from future revenue		
	<u>\$27,000.00</u>	<u>\$32,750.00</u>
TRUST FUNDS:		
Securities	26,000.00	26,000.00
Time Deposits	13,083.90	11,898.81
	<u>39,083.90</u>	<u>37,898.81</u>
SPECIAL FUNDS:		
Time Deposits	29,875.36	30,892.98
	<u>\$68,959.26</u>	<u>\$68,701.79</u>

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND SURPLUS

GENERAL FUND:

Reserves:

Departmental balances

carried	\$9,347.10	\$10,839.31
Exhibit D	9,347.10	10,839.31
Perpetual Care Escrow	0	200.00

SURPLUS:

Unappropriated	17,663.65	15,311.62
	<u>27,010.75</u>	<u>26,350.93</u>

DEBT FUND:

Notes Payable	27,000.00	32,750.00
	<u>27,000.00</u>	<u>32,750.00</u>

TRUST AND SPECIAL FUNDS:

Trust Funds:

Principal	37,178.98	36,178.98
Unexpended Inc.	1,904.92	1,719.83
	<u>39,083.90</u>	<u>37,898.81</u>

Special Funds:

Special Reserve	29,439.85	30,383.63
Honor Roll	435.51	419.35
	<u>29,875.36</u>	<u>30,802.98</u>
	<u>\$68,959.26</u>	<u>\$68,701.79</u>

EXHIBIT B

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND
DISBURSEMENTS

Year Ended January 31, 1974

Cash Balance February 1, 1973 \$19,157.17

CASH RECEIPTS:

Tax Collection Current yr. \$88,332.11

- prior year 1,969.07

Interest on delinquents 411.40

\$90,712.58

Excise tax collections:

Motor vehicles 1973 9,775.38

- 1974 5,930.81

15,706.19

REVENUE SHARING:

State 5,435.52

Federal 24,104.00

29,539.52

TRUST FUNDS:

Principal 800.00

Income 2,274.20

3,074.20

WELFARE REIMBURSEMENTS:

State 738.97

Municipalities	343.41	
	<hr/>	1,082.38
TRANSFER OF FUNDS		22,643.00
DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS		10,421.87
OTHER:		
Accounts receivable	38.22	
Lien cost	167.70	
Lien Interest	728.20	
Mapping	10,173.00	
Supplemental	125.80	
	<hr/>	11,232.92
TOTAL RECEIPTS		184,412.66
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TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE		\$203,569.83
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:		
Departmental Accounts		86,665.03
Note payments		2,500.00
Trust fund investments		1,000.00
Welfare:		
State	603.42	
Municipalities	517.84	
	<hr/>	1,121.26
School Administrative District		36,445.02
New highway equipment		17,202.41
Deposit revenue sharing		24,104.00
Mapping		9,100.00
Miscellaneous		3,154.82
	<hr/>	181,292.54
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		181,292.54
CASH BALANCE, January 31, 1974		\$22,277.29

EXHIBIT C

STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN
UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS

Year Ended January 31, 1974

BALANCE - February 1, 1973		\$15,311.62
INCREASE:		
State of Maine	\$2,271.09	
Net Departmental Balances	102.87	
	<hr/>	2,373.96
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		\$17,685.58
DECREASE:		
Prior Year Adjustment		21.93
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BALANCE - January 31, 1974		\$17,663.65
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ANNUAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS

	Appro- priations	Other Credits	Total Available	Expendi- tures and Debits	Lapsed (Overd'ft) Unexp.	Carried (Overd'ft) Unexp.
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Town Charges	9,000.00	669.04	9,669.04	9,666.76	2.28	
Miscellaneous	2,000.00	5.00	2,005.00	2,227.61	(222.61)	
Town Hall expense	1,500.00	20.00	1,520.00	1,590.27	(70.27)	
Town Hall meeting room	500.00	5.00	505.00	369.14	135.86	
	<u>13,000.00</u>	<u>699.04</u>	<u>13,699.04</u>	<u>13,853.78</u>	<u>(154.74)</u>	
PROTECTION:						
Fire department	0	4,438.86	4,438.86	4,239.41		199.45
Civil defense	0	172.60	172.60	100.00		72.60
Insurance	4,000.00	34.02	4,034.02	4,520.82	(486.79)	
	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>4,645.48</u>	<u>8,645.48</u>	<u>8,860.23</u>	<u>(486.79)</u>	<u>272.05</u>

	Appropriations	Other Credits
HEALTH AND SANITATION:		
Town power	3,000.00	
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:		
Highways, general	4,500.00	22,735.94
Highway equipment		20,339.16
Snow plowing	8,242.00	6,888.94
Surface treatment tar	5,000.00	
State aid roads	3,198.00	
	<u>20,940.00</u>	<u>49,964.04</u>
WELFARE:		
General assistance	1,200.00	242.91
Other town poor		100.50
State poor		583.62
	<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>927.03</u>

Total Available	Expenditures and Debits	Lapsed (Overd'ft) Unexp.	Carried (Overd'ft) Unexp.
3,000.00	3,075.49	(75.49)	
27,235.94	28,331.95	(1,096.01)	
20,339.16	19,597.72		741.44
15,130.94	12,807.94		2,323.00
5,000.00	5,000.00		
3,198.00	3,198.00		
70,904.04	68,935.61	(1,096.01)	3,064.44
1,442.91	740.34	702.57	
100.50	100.50		
583.62	583.62		
2,127.03	1,424.46	702.57	

TOWN OF MONSON

	Appro- priations	Other Credits
EDUCATION:		
Common schools		48,593.36
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MAPPING:		
Survey to towns		13,108.00
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RECREATION:		
Monson Free Pub. Library	500.00	
Recreation director		914.49
Recreation projects		186.81
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	500.00	1,101.30
	<hr/>	<hr/>
CEMETERIES:		
General care	1,000.00	2,666.02
Lake Road Cemetery		503.28
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	1,000.00	3,169.30
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Total Available	Expenditures and Debits	Lapsed (Overd'ft) Unexp.	Carried (Overd'ft) Unexp.
48,593.36	48,593.36		
13,108.00	9,100.00		4,008.00
500.00	500.00		
914.49	332.55		581.94
186.81			186.81
1,601.30	832.55		768.75
3,666.02	3,666.02		
503.28			503.28
4,169.30	3,666.02		503.28

	Appropriations	Other Credits
INDEBTEDNESS:		
Fire equipment note	2,500.00	
Fire equipment interest	1,181.26	10.62
Municipal building note	1,750.00	
Interest		736.39
Tax lien cost		176.15
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	5,431.26	923.16
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UNCLASSIFIED:		
Memorial Day	150.00	
Maine Publicity Bureau	25.00	
Monson Better Health Assoc.		200.00
County ambulance		200.00
Counseling Center	100.00	
Older American Center	200.00	
Penobscot Valley Regional		
Planning	100.00	.35
Extension project		750.00

Total Available	Expenditures and Debits	Lapsed (Overd'ft) Unexp.	Carried (Overd'ft) Unexp.
2,500.00	2,500.00		
1,191.88	1,191.88		
1,750.00	1,750.00		
736.39	10.97	725.42	
176.15	186.95	(10.80)	
<u>6,354.42</u>	<u>5,639.80</u>	<u>714.62</u>	

150.00	150.00
25.00	25.00
200.00	200.00
200.00	200.00
100.00	100.00
200.00	200.00

100.00	100.35
750.00	250.00

500.00

TOWN OF MONSON

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	Appro- priations	Other Credits	Total Available	Expendi- tures and Debits	Lapsed (Overd'ft) Unexp.	Carried (Overd'ft) Unexp.
Supplemental taxes		148.52	148.52		148.52	
State Revenue Sharing		230.58	230.58			230.58
Overlay		350.19	350.19		350.19	
	575.00	1,879.64	2,454.64	1,225.35	498.71	730.58
	49,646.26	125,010.35	174,656.61	165,206.64	102.87	9,347.10

ANNUAL TOWN WARRANT

MARCH 18, 1974

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 18th day of March, A.D. 1974 at seven o'clock D.S.T. 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
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Art. 4. To choose a Town Treasurer for the ensuing year and fix his compensation.

Art. 5. 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. 6. To choose a member of the Monson Planning Board for a term of five years.

Art. 7. To choose a member of the Monson Utilities District for a term of five years.

Art. 8. To choose all other necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to purchase security bonds for necessary town officers rather than accept local bondsmen.

Art. 10. 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. 11. To see if the Town will vote to fix a time when taxes shall be due and payable.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount and, if so, what percent on taxes paid prior to June 15, 1974.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to charge interest, and if so, what percent on taxes remaining unpaid September 1, 1974 with said interest to begin on the above date.

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

Recommended \$10,229.00

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

Recommended \$14,000.00

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

Recommended \$2,000.00

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:

Recommended Town Power \$3,300.00

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.	\$1,105.00

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 a Summer and Winter Recreational Program.

Recommended Snow Sled Refunds

Art. 21. 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. William and Mary Jones
- B. Henry Warriner
- C. Tim and Mary Jones
- D. John H. Johnstone

Art. 22. 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	\$5,000.00
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Art. 23. 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. 24. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of the State law relative to construction of State Aid Roads, and vote to appropriate from the Revenue Sharing Trust Funds money for roads, highways and bridges as follows:

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|--|------------------------------|
| A. Highway, general, including Sanding | |
| Recommended | \$5,000.00 plus Excise Taxes |
| B. Surface Treatment, Tar | |
| Recommended | \$7,000.00 |
| C. State Aid Roads | |
| Recommended | 3,198.00 |

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for the Town's contribution to the Penobscot Valley Regional

Planning Commission.

Recommended	\$101.00
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Art. 26. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund and transfer to the following accounts:

A. Memorial Day	
Recommended	\$200.00

B. Maine Publicity Bureau	
Recommended	\$25.00

Art. 27. 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	
Recommended	\$3,000.00

B. Fire Equipment	
Recommended	\$4,000.00

Art. 28. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Miscellaneous Charge.

Recommended	\$2,200.00
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Art. 29. 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
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Art. 30. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for the

Counseling Center.

Recommended \$200.00

Art. 31. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for the County Ambulance.

Recommended \$200.00

Art. 32. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for improvement of the Whitings Cove swimming beach.

Recommended \$1,000.00

Art. 33. 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

Art. 34. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 542 of the Public Laws of Maine 1973 relative to altering formula from 5% - 6.5% for retirement under State Retirement System and, if so, to set effective date.

Art. 35. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Comprehensive Plan and the Building Code for the Town of Monson as prepared by the Town Planning Board.

Art. 36. To see what action the Town will take toward the pound keepers boarding fees for dogs roaming at large, except when used for hunting, in compliance with Chapter 45, Section 1 of the Maine Revised Statutes 3454-3457.

Art. 37. To see what action the Town will take to provide space at the Municipal Building for a Banking Agency. The Banking Agency is to provide all needed equipment and to assume all liabilities due to loss by fire, theft or any other emergencies.

NOTICE

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

The registrar gives notice that he will be open regular office hours, Monday, March 18, 1974, for the purpose of correcting the list of voters. Must be registered voter of town to vote.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of February, A. D. 1974.

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

Monson, February 19, 1974

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the voters of the Town of Monson qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein named, by posting this day an attested copy of the within warrant, at the Monson Post Office, the same being a conspicuous, public place in said own.

ROBERT E. LANDER
Resident of Monson