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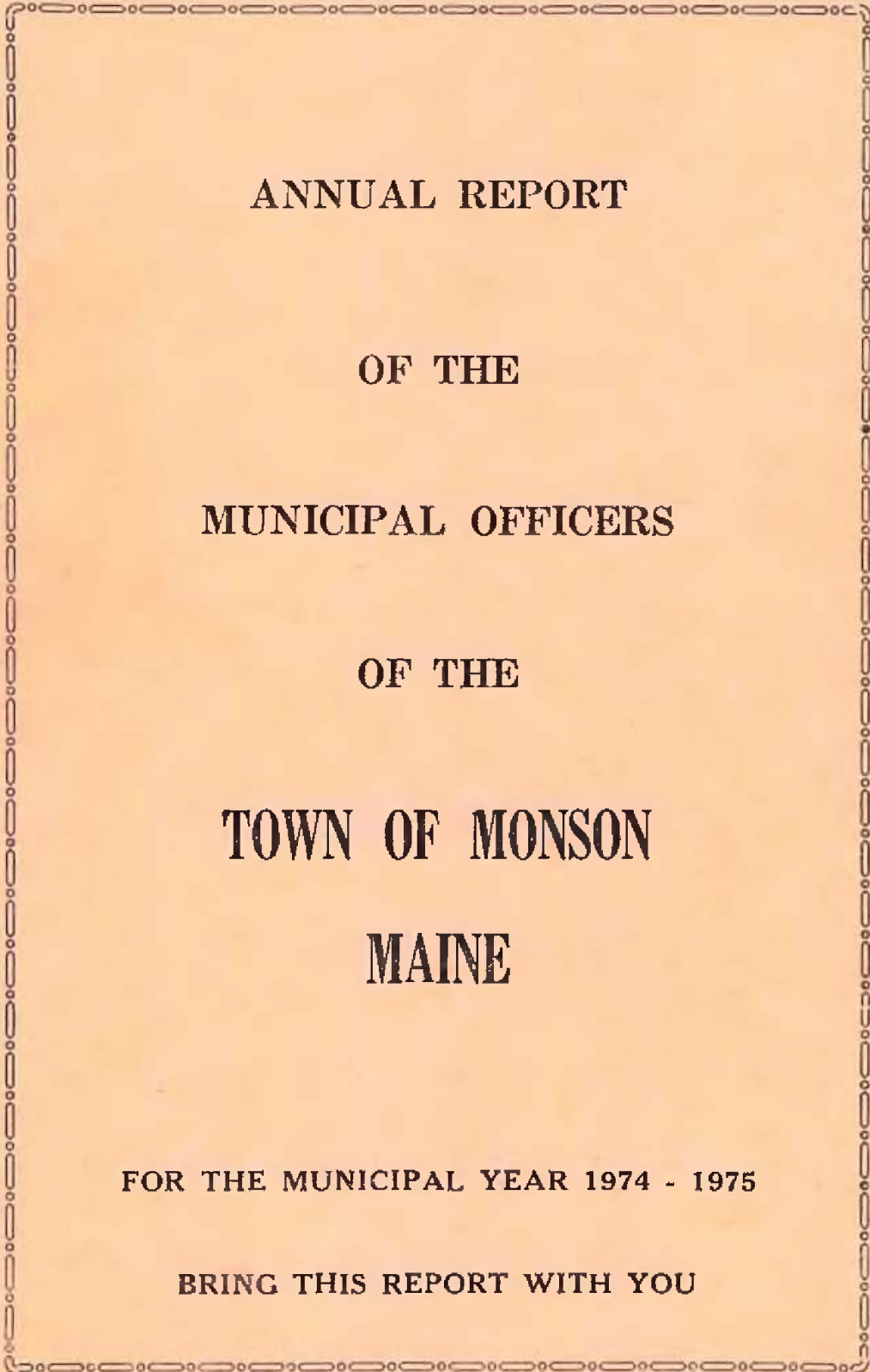
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OF THE

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MAINE

FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 1974 - 1975

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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 1974-75 is contained in the following Annual Report.

The Town ended its fiscal year January 31, 1975, with a surplus of twenty thousand, five hundred eighty-seven dollars and sixteen 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 10, 1975, to act on your town's business for 1975.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHAEL T. LACHANCE
Town Manager

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator—George Rongner

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor

Worden W. Smith (75) Frank W. Nelson (76)
Dennis Casey (77)

**Town Manager, Road Commissioner, Tax Collector
Town Treasurer**

Robert E. Lander
Michael T. LaChance (75)

Town Clerk—Stanley A. Robinson (75)

Director of S. A. D. No. 68—Laurice Goodwin (76)

Superintendent of Schools

Eben DeWitt - S. A. D. No. 68

**Civil Defense and Building Inspector, Town Forest
Fire Warden**

John Ruksznis (75)

Sexton—Weldon Conner, Guilford, Maine

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 (75) Lawrence Hoyt (79)

Tolford Durham (76) Berwin Storer (77)

Dwain Allen (78)

Monson Planning Board

George Rongner, Chairman (75)

Marcia Hoyt, Secretary (77) Robert Brown (76)

Doreas Leavitt (79) Dorothy Holmbom (75)

Bill Wentworth (78) Clarence Turner (78)

Plumbing Inspector—Carlton Allen

Constables

Berwin Storer Worden Smith

Robert Greenleaf Dennis Casey

Code Enforcement Officer—Lloyd Kelley

Dog Warden—Collin Bickford

Truant Officer—Dennis Casey

Representative to Legislature

Donald M. Hall; Tel. 289-3591

Amounts Raised by Town, March 18, 1974

General Government	\$14,000.00
Town Hall Expense	2,000.00
Insurance	5,000.00
Town Power	3,300.00
Snowplowing	10,229.00
General Assistance	1,200.00
Cemeteries	1,000.00
Municipal Bldg., Interest	1,105.00
Municipal Bldg., Payment	1,750.00
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	\$39,584.00

Voted to take from Revenue Sharing:

Federal Revenue Sharing	
Miscellaneous Charge	\$2,200.00
Municipal Building	500.00
Monson Fire Department	3,000.00
Fire Equipment	4,000.00
Highways (Plus Excise)	5,000.00
Surface Treatment Tar	7,000.00
State Aid Roads	3,198.00
Library	500.00
Memorial Day	200.00
Maine Publicity Bureau	25.00
County Ambulance	200.00
Counseling Center	200.00
Older American Center	200.00
Penobscot Valley Regional	101.00
Whitings Beach - Cove	1,000.00
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	27,324.00
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Total Voted and Approved	\$66,908.00

ASSESSORS' REPORT

Valuation: Town of Monson

Real Estate, Resident	\$671,530.00	
Real Estate, Non-Resident	465,810.00	
		\$1,137,340.00
Personal Estate, Resident	107,670.00	
Personal Estate, Non-Resident	21,380.00	
		129,050.00
Total Assessed Valuation		\$1,266,390.00

Assessment

Valuation x Rate		
1,266,390. x .060	\$75,983.40	
State Revenue Sharing	6,896.20	
State Inventory Tax		
402,050 x 21.75	8,744.56	
		\$91,624.16

Computation of Assessment

Appropriations	\$38,384.00	
S.A.D. No. 68 Assessment	47,291.41	
County Tax	3,200.00	
Overlay	2,748.75	
		\$91,624.16

1974 Tax Abatements

Ranta, Jorma	\$230.40
Ulman, Oscar, State Inventory Tax	3.26
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	\$233.66

Total Raised for Taxation 1974-1975

Commitment, Town of Monson	\$38,384.00	
Commitment, S.A.D. No. 68	47,291.41	
County Tax	3,200.00	
Overlay Account	2,748.75	
	<hr/>	\$91,624.16
1974 Tax Abatements	230.40	
1974 Tax Discount	964.57	
1974 Taxes Collected	70,379.23	
1974 Taxes Uncollected	4,409.20	
1974 State Revenue Sharing	6,585.35	
1974 State Inventory Tax Collected	8,585.35	
1974 State Inv. Tax Uncollected	6.52	
1974 State Inventory Tax Discount	149.43	
1974 State Inventory Tax Abatement	3.26	
	<hr/>	\$91,624.16

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Name	Personal	Real	Total
Burke, Adolph		\$103.20	\$103.20
Cook, Kenneth		15.60	15.60
Carr, Gertrude		103.20	103.20
Carr, Merton	\$30.00		30.00
*Davis, Charlotte		1.80	1.80
Erickson, Henry & Anna		85.20	85.20
Higgins, Edmond Heirs		36.00	36.00
Hunt, Lloyd & Jillaine		42.00	42.00
Korsman, Maila		142.80	142.80
Korsman, Arvo, Jr.		32.40	32.40
Kronholm, Colby & Barbara		84.00	84.00
Kugler, Edward & Aimee		353.40	353.40
Melia, Malcolm		66.80	66.80
MacDonald, Harold & Aili		62.00	62.00
Maheux, Walter		102.00	102.00
*Perkins, Roland Heirs		62.40	62.40
Philbrook, Edward & Charlene		121.20	121.20
*Perry, Nancy & Raymond		129.60	129.60
Reed, Wayne	72.00		72.00
Rumery, Gloria & Alonzo		117.60	117.60
Stanchfield, Gerald		56.40	56.40
Sawyer, Robert & Caroline		146.40	146.40
Shaw, Keith & Lucy		176.40	176.40
Tomkins, Barbara		84.00	84.00
Thomas, Douglas	90.00	82.80	172.80
Ulman, Oscar & Thelma		120.60	120.60
Vainio, Galen		312.00	312.00
Yakulevich, Robert		108.00	108.00
	192.00	2,747.80	2,939.80

1974 Uncollected Taxes, Non-Resident

Beckwith, Gerald	110.40	110.40
*Cunha, Ruth & Fisher, Janice	30.00	30.00
Flynn, Patrick H. & Robbins, George J.	463.80	463.80
Healy, Edward, Jr. & Jean	240.00	240.00
*Limbert, Priscilla & Debora	55.20	55.20
Matthews, Carroll & Lillian	79.20	79.20
Raymond, Peter & Noralee	49.20	49.20
*Rensch, Ronald & Mary	145.20	145.20
Schmiedlehner, Marion & Lindie, Alice & Alan	94.80	94.80
Shaw, Kenneth	66.00	66.00
Vainio, Carl	42.00	42.00
Whynott, John F.	93.60	93.60
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	\$1,469.40	1,469.40

1974 Uncollected State Inventory Tax

Kugler, Edward	6.52
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*Paid after books closed.

1973 Uncollected Taxes

1973 Uncollected Taxes Jan. 31, 1974	\$3,429.50
1973 Taxes Trans. to Tax Liens	\$2,519.70
1973 Taxes Collected	875.80
Delinquent:	
Merton Carr	34.00
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	\$3,429.50

1973 Uncollected Supplemental Tax

Merton Carr	\$34.00	\$34.00
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1973 Tax Liens

1973 Tax Liens Uncoll. Jan. 31, 1974		\$2,519.70
1973 Tax Liens Coll. by Treasurer	\$1,168.54	

Delinquent:

Adolph Burke	\$ 116.96	
Gerald Beckwith	125.12	
Kenneth Cook	17.68	
Colby & Barbara Kronholm	95.20	
Edward & Aimee Kugler	211.48	
Edward Philbrook	134.64	
Gerald Stanchfield	63.92	
Keith & Lucy Shaw	199.92	
Peter & Noralee Raymond	55.76	
Ronald Rensch	175.44	
Marion Schmiedlehner & Alice & Alan Lindie	107.44	
Carl Vainio	47.60	
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	\$1,351.16	\$2,519.70

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on Hand, Jan. 31, 1974	
Northeast Bank of Guilford	\$22,277.29
Receipts for the Year	176,291.24
	\$198,568.53
Warrants Paid	\$173,958.05
Balance on Hand, Jan. 31, 1975	24,610.48
	\$198,568.53

General Government

Appropriation	\$14,000.00
Salaries	
Robert Lander, Town Manager	3,853.66
Michael La Chance, Town Manager	3,018.18
Robert Lander, Treasurer	125.00
Donna Lowell, Treasurer	20.83
Michael LaChance, Treasurer	104.17
S. A. Robinson, Town Clerk	150.00
S. A. Robinson, Registrar of Voters	50.00
Donna Lowell, Secretary	1,965.60
Jeanne Reed, Secretary	380.60
Assessors: Worden Smith	300.00
Frank Nelson	300.00
Dennis Casey	300.00
	\$10,568.04

General Government Expense

Town Manager, R. Lander	\$ 426.92	
Town Manager, M. La Chance	338.36	
Town Clerk	146.64	
Balance to Summary	2,520.04	
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	\$3,431.96	\$14,000.00

Incidentals

Appropriated from		
Federal Rev. Sharing	\$2,200.00	
Overdraft from Summary	585.58	
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		\$2,785.58

Expended:

Postage	\$242.85	
Ballot Clerks	180.00	
Moderator	5.00	
Town Reports	340.06	
Water Rent	44.00	
Audit	926.40	
Misc.	792.51	
M.M.A. Dues	154.60	
Planning Board-Comprehensive Plan	82.32	
1974 Taxes-Overpayment	17.84	
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		\$2,785.58

Town Hall Expense

Appropriation	\$2,000.00	
Received:	116.80	
Overdraft from Summary	403.25	
	<hr/>	
		\$2,520.05

Expended:

Fuel	\$1,159.31	
Telephone	482.48	
Office Supplies	775.55	
Misc.	102.71	
	<hr/>	\$2,520.05

Monson Fire Department

Bal. to Jan. 31, 1974	\$ 199.45	
Appropriated from Fed. Rev. Sharing	3,000.00	
Received	430.25	
Overdraft from Summary	47.24	
	<hr/>	\$3,676.94

Expended:

Telephone Alarm System	\$ 473.22	
Repairs	263.55	
Supplies & Equipment	1,424.17	
Chief's Salary	300.00	
Payroll	1,059.00	
Misc.	157.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,676.94

Monson Fire Dept.-Special Equipment

Appropriated from Fed. Rev. Sharing	4,000.00	
Received	12,018.84	
	<hr/>	\$16,018.84

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Expended:

Equipment	\$15,625.49	
Bal. to 1975	393.35	
	<hr/>	\$16,018.84

Civil Defense

Bal. to Jan. 31, 1974	\$72.60	
Overdraft from Summary	27.40	
	<hr/>	\$100.00

Expended:

John Ruksznis		100.00
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Insurance

Appropriation	\$5,000.00	
Received	76.00	
	<hr/>	\$5,076.00

Expended:

Hospital & Medical Group	\$ 615.31	
Fire Department, Trucks	551.00	
Vol. Fireman's Ins.	353.13	
Municipal Building	361.80	
Bonds, Municipal Officers	215.00	
Workmen's Comp.	602.00	
Social Security	1,015.09	
Town Trucks & Equipment	279.00	
Lia. C.P.L. of Town	463.00	
Maine State Retirement	359.95	
Money & Securities	169.00	
Bal. to 1975	91.72	
	<hr/>	\$5,076.00

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Town Power

Appropriation	\$3,300.00	
Received	30.00	
		\$3,330.00
Expended:		
Central Maine Power Co.	\$3,176.93	
Bal. to 1975	153.07	
		\$3,330.00

Municipal Building

Appropriated from Fed. Rev. Sharing		\$ 500.00
Expended:		
Supplies	\$ 75.98	
Repairs	21.90	
Cleaning	88.00	
Bal. to 1975	314.12	
		\$500.00

Municipal Building Note

Appropriation	\$1,750.00
Expended	1,750.00

Highways

Appropriated from		
Fed. Rev. Sharing	\$5,000.00	
Received	597.67	
1974-75 Excise Tax	15,370.51	
Received from CETA	900.90	
Overdraft from Summary	292.57	
		\$22,161.65

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Expended:

Clarence Pratt, Labor	\$6,284.03	
Philip Pratt, Labor	2,850.00	
Labor	1,144.30	
Repairs	948.63	
Barrows Falls Road	688.00	
Culverts	1,441.81	
Calcium Chloride & Salt	1,620.60	
Truck & Tractor Rental	5,400.00	
Bulldozing	312.00	
Misc.	1,005.62	
Gravel, Tar, Patch	466.66	
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		\$22,161.65

Highway Equipment

Bal. to Jan. 31, 1974	\$ 741.44	
Received, Rental, Truck & Tractor	5,400.00	
Received	332.31	
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		\$6,473.75

Expended:

Gas & Oil	\$2,243.45	
Balance to 1975	4,230.30	
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		\$6,473.75

Snow Plowing

Balance to Jan. 31, 1974	\$ 2,323.00	
Appropriation	10,229.00	
Received: Treas. State of Maine	2,323.00	
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		\$14,875.00

Expended:		
Farrin Bros. & Smith	\$12,847.00	
Balance to 1975	2,028.00	
	<hr/>	\$14,875.00

State Aid Roads

Appropriated from		
Federal Rev. Sharing	\$3,198.00	
Received: Treasurer State of Maine	304.88	
	<hr/>	\$3,502.88
Expended Treas. State of Maine	\$3,502.88	

General Assistance

Appropriated from Surplus	\$1,200.00	
Received: Treas. State of Maine	1,198.12	
Received	60.96	
Overdraft to 1975	500.33	
	<hr/>	\$2,959.41
Expended:	\$2,959.41	

Common Schools

Appropriated to S.A.D. No. 68	\$47,291.41
Expended to S.A.D. No. 68	47,291.41

Monson Public Library

Appropriation	\$500.00	
Received: Treas. State of Maine	28.00	
	<hr/>	\$528.00
Expended:	\$528.00	

Memorial Day

Appropriated from Fed.	
Rev. Sharing	\$200.00
Expended to Legion Post No. 116	200.00

Summer & Winter Recreation

Balance, Jan. 31, 1974	\$581.94	
Received, Snowsled Refunds	582.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,163.94
Expended	\$467.79	
Bal. to 1975	696.15	
	<hr/>	\$1,163.94

Recreation Project

Balance, Jan. 31, 1974	\$186.81	
Balance, Jan. 31, 1975		\$186.81

Whitings Cove Beach

Appropriation From	
Fed. Rev. Sharing	\$1,000.00
Balance to 1975	1,000.00

Maine Publicity Bureau

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

County Ambulance

Appropriated from	
Fed. Rev. Sharing	\$200.00
Expended	200.00

Counseling Center

Appropriated from		
Fed. Rev. Sharing	\$200.00	
Expended	200.00	

Older American Center

Appropriated from Federal		
Rev. Sharing	\$200.00	
Expended	200.00	

Cemeteries

Appropriation	\$1,000.00	
Received Perpetual Care	2,356.64	
Received	420.86	
	<hr/>	\$3,777.50
Expended		
Weldon Connor	\$3,500.00	
Maintenance	277.50	
	<hr/>	\$3,777.50

Penobscot Valley Regional Planning

Appropriated from		
Fed. Rev. Sharing		\$101.00
Expended	\$100.35	
Bal. to Summary	.65	
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Lake Road Cemetery

Balance, Jan. 31, 1974		\$503.28
Expended	\$360.86	
Balance to 1975	142.42	
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	\$503.28	

Interest Account

Collected		\$469.96
Balance to Summary	\$469.96	

Tax Lien Cost

Collected		\$152.35
Expended	\$106.40	
Bal. to Summary	45.95	
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	\$152.35	

Petty Cash

Jan. 31, 1974	\$100.00	
Jan. 31, 1975	100.00	

Mapping

Balance, Jan. 31, 1974	\$4,008.00	
Received	5.50	
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		\$4,013.50
Expended	\$3,005.50	
Bal. to 1975	1,008.00	
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		\$4,013.50

Municipal Bldg. Interest Account

Appropriation		\$1,105.00
Expended: Northeast Bank of Guilford	\$1,063.13	
Balance to Summary	41.87	
	<hr/>	\$1,105.00

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

Bal. Jan. 31, 1974	\$16,799.37	
Received Treas. of U.S.A.	24,936.00	
Interest Earned	780.29	
	<hr/>	\$42,515.66
Appropriated	-27,324.00	
	<hr/>	\$15,191.66
Balance to 1975		\$15,191.66

Soldier's Monument

Jan. 31, 1974, Bal.	\$290.10	
Interest Earned	15.48	
	<hr/>	\$305.58
Jan. 31, 1975	\$305.58	

Honor Roll

Balance, Jan. 31, 1974	\$435.51	
Interest Earned	23.26	
	<hr/>	\$458.77
Balance Jan. 31, 1975	\$458.77	

Monson Better Health Association

Balance, Jan. 31, 1974	6,699.11	
Interest Earned	358.66	
	<hr/>	\$7,057.77
Expended	\$ 200.00	
Balance, Jan. 31, 1975	6,857.77	
	<hr/>	\$7,057.77

Chapin Trust Fund

Balance, Jan. 31, 1974	\$3,346.05	
Interest Earned	179.12	
	<hr/>	\$3,525.17
Balance, Jan. 31, 1975	\$3,525.17	

Wentworth Trust Fund

Bal. Jan. 31, 1974	\$563.80	
Interest Earned	30.14	
	<hr/>	\$593.94
Bal. Jan. 31, 1975	593.94	

Town of Monson Savings Account No. 1108

Bal. Jan. 31, 1974	\$4,728.38	
Interest Earned	253.12	
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Bal. Jan. 31, 1975	4,981.50	

Perpetual Care

Balance, Jan. 31, 1974	\$8,100.98	
Interest Earned	429.14	
New Investments	600.00	
	<hr/>	\$9,130.12
Expended to Cemeteries	\$ 429.14	
Bal. Jan. 31, 1975	8,700.98	
	<hr/>	\$9,130.12

Rebecca Julia Crafts Sheridan

Balance, Jan. 31, 1974	\$782.97	
Interest Earned	41.87	
	<hr/>	\$824.84
Balance Jan. 31, 1975	\$824.84	

School Administerial Account

Balance, Jan. 31, 1974	\$1,212.99	
Interest Earned	64.90	
	<hr/>	\$1,277.89
Balance, Jan. 31, 1975	\$1,277.89	

Monson Utilities District

Jan. 31, 1974 Debt of	\$2,500.00
Jan. 31, 1975 Debt of	2,500.00
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County Tax

Appropriation	\$3,200.00
Expended:	
Treas. Piscataquis County	3,200.00

Overlay

Appropriation		\$2,748.75
Expended:		
1974 Tax Discount	\$1,114.00	
1974 Tax Abatement	233.66	
Balance to Summary	1,401.09	
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	\$2,748.75	

Summary Accounts

	Overdraft	Unexp'd
Misc. Charge	\$ 585.58	
Town Hall Expense	403.25	
Monson Fire Dept.	47.24	
Civil Defense	27.40	
Highways	292.57	
Surface Treatment, Tar	1,984.00	
General Government		2,520.04
Municipal Building, Interest		41.87
Extension Project		234.53
Interest		469.96
Overlay		1,401.09
Tax Lien Cost		45.95
Penobscot Valley Regional Planning Commission		.65
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	\$3,340.04	\$4,714.09
1974 Unexpended	4,714.09	
1974 Overdraft	3,340.04	
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Balance to Surplus	\$1,374.05	

Town of Monson Surplus

Balance, Jan. 31, 1974	\$17,663.65	
Received, Treas., State of Maine	2,749.46	
Balance of Accounts	1,374.05	
		\$21,787.16
Expended:	\$ 1,200.00	
Balance, Jan. 31, 1974	20,587.16	
		\$21,787.16

Municipal Notes, Town of Monson

Balance of Notes With Northeast Bank of Guilford

Town Hall	\$22,750.00
Monson Utilities District	1,500.00
Note, Tolford Durham, Water Co.	1,000.00
	\$25,250.00

Monson Utilities District

Beginning Bal. Jan. 1, 1974	\$1,541.70	
Total Cash Received	5,589.78	
Note, Northeast Bank of Guilford	2,500.00	
		\$9,631.48
Expended:	\$8,717.01	
Bal. Dec. 31, 1974	914.47	
		\$9,631.48

REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

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

I would like to begin my report by thanking Bob Lander for the many fine years of service he provided the town. Due solely to the work that Bob planned and presented last year, the town finds itself again in excellent condition.

Revenue Sharing comprises a little more than a third of the total budget and will continue to defray, at least temporarily, a major tax increase. The revaluation proposal being made this year should further aid the community in adjusting to this period of "inflationary spiral" that the entire nation is now enduring.

Mr. Brown of Bryant M. Brown and Associates, a familiar face to Monson, conducted two audits of the town this year. A special audit was conducted during the transition from Mr. Lander to myself and our annual audit was just completed.

Highway: Further improvement of the Willimantic Road was completed this summer and the State is continuing that project this year. Work on the Barrows Falls Road is continuing this year as well. Regular maintenance was carried out by the town forces which have been expanded through a Federal Grant. The highway crew is now providing a once a week pick up of trash on Thursdays. Ditching of the streets and ways should be completed soon after the spring thaw. The fall rains

and sediment have clogged or blocked many of the drains and ditches.

Plowing of the Town Streets and ways and State Aid Roads was again done by Farrin Bros. and Smith, Inc. of Brighton. Even though there was a rise in the contract fees, this was offset by an increased State reimbursement for snow removal.

Commerical Paving Co., South Portland, surfaced the town streets this year and as anticipated there was a substantial increase in the cost of materials. There is a further anticipated rise in costs this year as well.

Cemeteries: Mr. Weldon Conner was appointed Sexton of all cemeteries and, as in the past, the pride and skill he places in his work is evident in all of Monson's cemeteries. A reminder that lots that are not in Perpetual Care are subject to a mowing fee. This should be paid directly to Mr. Conner.

As a novice in this position I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to each of you for your patience, understanding, and assistance during these past months. A special thank you to Mrs. Donna Lowell, Clarence and Philip Pratt, without their help my initial months would have been absolute chaos.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHAEL LACHANCE
Town Manager

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

To the citizens of the Town of Monson. Fire calls answered by the Monson Fire Department.

January 1, 1974 - December 31, 1974. Nine of these calls were to out of town alarms.

- 6 - Chimney Fires
- 3 - Grass Fires
- 2 - Building Fires
- 3 - Car Fires
- 1 - Skidder Fire
- 1 - Lost Person Alarm
- 1 - Flooded Burner
- 7 - Calls to Monson Town Dump

Equipment purchased this past year included 1,000 feet of 4 inch hose with necessary fittings. We are renovating our 4 x 4 pick-up to be used as a hose truck for this hose. We expect to complete this with a paint job in the spring.

We have two new M.S.A. smoke masks; one was purchased from the Fireman's fund and the other from the Arthur Haggstrom Memorial Fund.

Drills were held twice a month during the summer through October with special attention being given to the use of our four inch hose.

We had two men on duty Sunday P. M. during the summer months. These men performed needed work on equipment and were available for quick response in the event of a fire or other emergency.

We have six Junior Firemen who assist in traffic control, radio operation and other nonhazardous duties.

We do not contemplate any major equipment purchases during the next year, however we feel that we should make some improvements in our radios especially our Base Station, which is over twenty years old and has given us considerable trouble in the past year.

Our usual money raising activities during the year include our Rabies Clinic, the Baked Bean Supper and our Fireman's Calendar program. These were very successful due to the cooperation of the town's people and work by the members of the Fire Dept.

On behalf of the Monson Fire Department I wish to thank you for your cooperation in our programs and fire fighting activities of the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. RUKSZNIS

Fire Chief

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Jan. 1, 1974 - Dec. 31, 1974

The Library has had a very good year. We had the largest circulation ever this year.

Sandra Erickson of the Neighborhood Youth Corp. was with us again this year and did a very good service for us by having the Library open each week day after school and every day during the summer months.

We borrowed books from the Bangor Public Library, State Bookmobile and area libraries. We can get large type print books for those who have trouble with finer print. We can get talking records for the blind. Our staff delivers books to shut-ins and others that are unable to get to our Library.

The teachers of the Elementary School bring their classes down for books on the average of once a week during the school year. It is a pleasure to meet all of the children and teachers.

We wish at this time to thank all who have given books so generously to us this year. Thanks everyone.

The Circulation for 1974:

Fiction	3333
Non-Fiction	215
Juvenile	769

Bookmobile	781
Magazines	68
Records	6
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Total	5,172

Library Association Officers:

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

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 WILLIAMS, Librarian

MONSON PLANNING BOARDMarch 1975

Report of Activities

Throughout the Planning Board's second year, members concentrated their efforts upon composition of a municipal building code and a shoreland zoning ordinance.

After many hours of careful consideration, the proposed building code was presented to townspeople at two public hearings, held on Tuesday, March 5 and on Wednesday, April 17. The code was revised as a result of incorporating suggestions offered at the hearings.

Approximately 14 hours during 9 consecutive weekly meetings held between April 2 and May 28 were put into the preparation of the shoreland zoning ordinance material and map, together with 12 news articles printed in area newspapers during April and May. A public hearing was held on Tuesday, May 21, to explain the material and receive suggestions from townspeople. Copies of the proposed material were available prior to the hearing.

At a special town meeting held on Monday, June 3, both the building code (dated May 28, 1974) and the shoreland zoning ordinance were adopted by Monson voters.

Subsequently, a building permit form was designed and printed. The Board has followed implementation of the building code through periodic reports from Code Enforcement Officer Lloyd Kelley.

Submitted by,
MARCIA HOYT
Secretary

MONSON UTILITIES DISTRICT

On March 18, 1974, at the annual Town Meeting the seat of Francis Marshall on the Board of Directors was taken by Larry Hoyt. George Young was elected Chairman at their first meeting.

This past fall a new well was drilled in the same area as the two existing wells. The new well is 300 feet deep and cost \$2,918.77. This cost includes the well, pipe, pump, and all miscellaneous parts and labor. For this project the Board borrowed from the Northeast Bank of Guilford, \$2,500.00 of which as of January 1, 1975, \$1,000.00 has been paid back.

We again take this opportunity to ask all persons who have added additional fixtures in their homes to report them to the Town Office. Without this information it is quite possible that we will have to request an increase because of added operational expenses.

Submitted by,
DWIN ALLEN
Clerk

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Jan. 1, 1974 — Dec. 31, 1974

BIRTHS

Name	Date of Birth	Place of Birth
Todd Allen Reed	Jan. 22, 1974	Greenville
Christopher Brian Turner	Feb. 23, 1974	Greenville
Sandra Ann Burke	Apr. 2, 1974	Greenville
Daina MacPherson Allen	Apr. 14, 1974	Dover-Foxcroft
Justin Conrad Patterson	Apr. 21, 1974	Dover-Foxcroft
Adam Robinson Hunt	Apr. 19, 1974	Greenville
Roy Thomas Chamberlain, Jr.	May 13, 1974	Greenville
Timothy Joe Perkins	July 25, 1974	Greenville
Glenda Jeanne Reed	July 29, 1974	Greenville
Iveta Simone Staks	Sept. 22, 1974	Bangor
Joshua Robert Lander	Nov. 8, 1974	Dover-Foxcroft
Leslie Nicole Ranta	Nov. 11, 1974	Greenville

DEATHS

Name	Date of Death	Burial
Christopher Brian Turner	Feb. 23, 1974	Monson
Guida M. Hescocck	Feb. 15, 1974	Abbot
Mamie G. Kelley	Mar 9, 1974	Corinna
Susie McIntosh Langley	Apr. 6, 1974	Fort Fairfield
Hazel B. Small	June 16, 1974	Guilford
Levi W. Howard	Aug. 20, 1974	Bangor
Murray O. Church	Aug. 27, 1974	Monson
Carolyn Halgar Larson	Sept. 22, 1974	Greenville
Edward Albert	Sept. 15, 1974	Waterville
Arthur Edward Haggstrom	Sept 24, 1974	Monson
Maud Lillian Stanchfield	Oct. 15, 1974	Monson
Charlotte J. Davis	Oct. 9, 1974	Monson
Elizabeth Crockett Holmbom	Nov. 13, 1974	Monson
Senja H. Pulkkinen	Nov. 30, 1974	Monson
Doris Caron	Dec. 23, 1974	Greenville

MARRIAGES

Name	Place of Marriage
Roger Page to Mary Crockett	Monson
Cyril Leavitt, Jr. to Berthe Busque	Greenville
Austris Staks to Elaine Baird	Milo
Benjamin Heitz to Lottie Kunkle	Dover-Foxcroft
Richard Wing to Allana Church	Bangor
Gregory Lander to Bonnie Simmons	Sangerville
Shawn Nelson to Lynne McAtee	Calais
Galen Erickson to Sandra Sargent	Monson
Ralph Foss to Florence Lord	Skowhegan
Roger Littlefield to Sharon Tompkins	Monson
Clayton Burton to Janine Bennett	Monson

Town Clerk**Special Report**

In 1974 we set a record of collecting dog taxes even though there are many not licensed.

Our total return was 90 dogs paid for the year which is the most in my 21 years as Town Clerk.

The reason may be to some extent of having a constable, and he doing his job.

Also, note that in 1975 no dog will be licensed without Spayed Certificate and Rabies shot number as this is a State Law.

Submitted by,

STANLEY A. ROBINSON

Town Clerk

AUDITOR'S REPORT

February 10, 1975

Board of Selectmen
Monson,
Maine

We have examined the balance sheet of Monson, Maine as of January 31, 1975, and the balance sheet and changes in appropriated surplus for the year then ended. Our examination was made 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 aforementioned financial statements present fairly the financial position of Monson, Maine at January 31, 1975, and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryant M. Brown

EXHIBIT A

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

January 31

1975

1974

GENERAL FUND:

Cash on hand and in banks:

General \$24,610.48 \$22,277.29

Petty 100.00 100.00

\$24,710.48 \$22,377.29

Taxes Receivable 4,269.13 3,429.50

Tax Liens 1,351.16 1,203.96

Total Current Assets \$30,330.77 \$27,010.75

DEBT FUND:

Amount necessary to retire debt

from future revenue \$23,750.00 \$27,000.00

TRUST AND SPECIAL FUNDS:

Trust Funds:

Securities \$26,000.00 \$26,000.00

Time Deposits 13,950.51 13,083.90

\$39,950.51 \$39,083.90

Special Funds:

Time Deposits 28,767.59 29,875.36

\$68,718.10 \$68,959.26

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND SURPLUS

January 31

GENERAL FUND:

Reserves:	\$ 9,743.61	
Dept. Bal. Carried	\$9,743.61	\$9,347.10
Exhibit D		\$ 9,347.10
Surplus:		
Unappropriated	20,587.16	17,663.65
Exhibit C	20,587.16	17,663.65
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Current Liabilities	\$30,330.77	\$27,010.75
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DEBT FUND:

Notes Payable	\$23,750.00	\$27,000.00
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TRUST AND SPECIAL FUNDS:

Trust Funds:		
Principal	37,778.98	37,178.98
Unexpen'd Income	2,171.53	1,904.92
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	\$39,950.51	\$39,083.90
Special funds:		
Special Reserve	\$28,308.82	\$29,439.85
Honor Roll	458.77	435.51
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	28,767.59	29,875.36
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	\$68,718.10	\$68,959.26
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EXHIBIT C

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN
UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS

Year Ended January 31, 1975

Balance January 31, 1974		\$17,663.65
Additions:		
From State of Maine	\$2,749.46	
Net of Departmental Operations		
Lapsed to Surplus	1,374.05	
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Deductions:		
General Assistance		(1,200.00)
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Balance January 31, 1975		\$20,587.16
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EXHIBIT D

STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS

For Year Ended January 31, 1975

TOWN OF MONSON

	Appropriations	Other Credits	Total Available	Expenditures & Debits to Surplus	Lapsed	Carried to Bal. Sheet
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:						
Town charges	\$14,000.00		14,000.00	11,479.96	2,520.04	
Miscellaneous charges	2,200.00		2,200.00	2,785.58	(585.58)	
Town Hall expenses	2,000.00	116.80	2,116.80	2,520.05	(403.25)	
Municipal building	500.00		500.00	185.88		314.12
	<u>18,700.00</u>	<u>116.80</u>	<u>18,816.80</u>	<u>16,971.47</u>	<u>1,531.21</u>	<u>314.12</u>
PROTECTION:						
Fire department	3,000.00	629.70	3,629.70	3,676.94	(47.24)	
Civil defense		72.60	72.60	100.00	(27.40)	
Fire equipment	4,000.00	12,018.84	16,018.84	15,625.49		393.35
Insurance	5,000.00	76.00	5,076.00	4,984.28		91.72
	<u>12,000.00</u>	<u>12,797.14</u>	<u>24,797.14</u>	<u>24,386.71</u>	<u>(74.64)</u>	<u>485.07</u>

	Appro- priations	Other Credits
HEALTH AND SANITATION:		
Town power	3,300.00	30.00
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:		
Highways - general	5,000.00	16,869.08
Highway equipment		6,473.75
Snow plowing	10,229.00	4,646.00
Surface treatment tar	7,000.00	
State aid roads	3,198.00	304.88
	<u>25,427.00</u>	<u>28,293.71</u>
WELFARE:		
General assistance	1,200.00	1,259.08
EDUCATION:		
Common schools		<u>47,291.41</u>

Total Available	Expenditures & Debits	Lapsed to Surplus	Carried to Bal. Sheet
3,330.00	3,176.93		153.07
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21,869.08	22,161.65	(292.57)	
6,473.75	2,243.45		4,230.30
14,875.00	12,847.00		2,028.00
7,000.00	8,984.00	(1,984.00)	
3,502.88	3,502.88		
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53,720.71	49,738.98	(2,276.57)	6,258.30
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2,459.08	2,959.41		(500.33)
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47,291.41	47,291.41		
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	Appropriations	Other Credits
RECREATION:		
Monson Free Pub. Library	500.00	28.00
Recreation, summer, winter		1,163.94
Recreation project		186.81
Whitings Beach, Cove	1,000.00	
	<hr/> 1,500.00 <hr/>	<hr/> 1,378.75 <hr/>
MAPPING:		
Town mapping		4,013.50 <hr/>
INDEBTEDNESS:		
Municipal building note	1,750.00	
Municipal building int.	1,105.00	
Interest		469.96
Tax lien cost		152.35
	<hr/> 2,855.00 <hr/>	<hr/> 622.31 <hr/>

Total Available	Expenditures & Debits	Lapsed to Surplus	Carried to Bal. Sheet
528.00	528.00		
1,163.94	467.79		696.15
186.81			186.81
1,000.00			1,000.00
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2,878.75	995.79		1,882.96
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4,013.50	3,005.50		1,008.00
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1,750.00	1,750.00		
1,105.00	1,063.13	41.87	
469.96		469.96	
152.35	106.40	45.95	
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3,477.31	2,919.53	557.78	
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TOWN OF MONSON

	Appropriations	Other Credits	Total Available	Expenditures & Debits	Lapsed to Surplus	Carried to Bal. Sheet
CEMETERIES:						
General care	1,000.00	2,777.50	3,777.50	3,777.50		142.42
Lake Road Cemetery		503.28	503.28	360.86		
	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>3,280.78</u>	<u>4,280.78</u>	<u>4,138.36</u>		<u>142.42</u>
UNCLASSIFIED:						
Extension project		500.00	500.00	265.47	234.53	
Memorial Day	200.00		200.00	200.00		
Monson Better Health Assn.		200.00	200.00	200.00		
Maine Publicity Bureau	25.00		25.00	25.00		
County Ambulance	200.00		200.00	200.00		
Counseling Center	200.00		200.00	200.00		
Older American Center	200.00		200.00	200.00		
Penobscot Val. Reg. Plan.	101.00		101.00	100.35	.65	
Overlay		2,748.75	2,748.75	1,347.66	1,401.09	
	<u>926.00</u>	<u>3,448.75</u>	<u>4,374.75</u>	<u>2,738.48</u>	<u>1,636.27</u>	
	<u>\$66,908.00</u>	<u>102,532.23</u>	<u>169,440.23</u>	<u>158,322.57</u>	<u>1,374.05</u>	<u>9,743.61</u>

ANNUAL TOWN WARRANT

MARCH 10, 1975

To Michael LaChance 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 10th day of March, A. D. 1975 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 \$1,200.00

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 two (2) members 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 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, 1975.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to charge interest, and if so, what percent on taxes remaining unpaid September 1, 1975, with said interest to begin on the above date.

Art. 13. To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Snow Plowing.

Recommended	\$11,088.00
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Art. 14. To see what sum, if any, the Town will

vote to raise and appropriate for General Government.

Recommended \$14,000.00

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

Recommended \$2,500.00

Art. 16. 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. 17. 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. \$984.38

Art. 18. 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. 19. To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance,

Recommended \$1,200.00

Art. 20. 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. 21. 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. 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. Marion Sandy & Loreli Dawes
- B. Virginia Church
- C. Arvid Anderson

Art. 23. 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 | \$9,000.00 |
| C. State Aid Roads | |
| Recommended | \$1,800.00 |

Art. 24. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Miscellaneous Charge.

Recommended	\$2,400.00
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Art. 25. 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	\$2,000.00

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum from Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for the purpose of revaluation.

Recommended	\$15,000.00
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Art. 27. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the surplus account for the maintenance of the Municipal Building.

Recommended	\$200.00
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Art. 28. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the surplus account a sum of money for Civil Defense.

Recommended	\$200.00
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Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the surplus account a sum of money for the operation of the Monson Free Public Library.

Recommended	\$500.00
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Art. 30. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the surplus account for the following accounts:

A. Memorial Day
Recommended \$200.00

B. Maine Publicity Bureau
Recommended \$25.00

Art. 31. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the surplus account for the County Ambulance.

Recommended \$200.00

Art. 32. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the surplus account for the Counseling Center.

Recommended \$500.00

Art. 33. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the surplus account for the Town's contribution to the Older American Center.

Recommended \$200.00

Art. 34. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the surplus account for SEN-CIT.

Recommended \$240.00

Art. 35. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the surplus account to provide operational expenses for the Town Dump.

Recommended \$500.00

Art. 36. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum from the surplus account for the Town's contribution to the Penobscot Valley Regional Planning Commission.

Recommended	\$109.00
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Art. 37. 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
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Art. 38. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Planning Board's recommended fee for all building permits under the building code to be fixed at \$5.00.

Art. 39. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Central Maine Power Co's Street Lighting Contract as posted at the Town Office.

Art. 40. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Federally Assisted Housing Resolution under provisions of Section 4601-A of Title 30 of Maine Revised Statutes.

Art. 41. To see if the Town will vote to accept the National Flood Insurance Program as posted in the Town Office.

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 10, 1975, for the purpose of correcting the list of voters. Must be registered voter of town to vote.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of February, A. D. 1975

WORDEN W. SMITH
FRANK W. NELSON
DENNIS CASEY

Selectmen of the Town of Monson

A true copy, attest: Michael LaChance
Resident of the Town of Monson

Monson, February 19, 1975

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 Moosehead Mfg. Co., and the Town Hall, the same being conspicuous public places in said town.

MICHAEL LACHANCE
Resident of Monson