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Town of Brownville



“Working Together in 2003 And Beyond”

2003 Annual Report

2003 ANNUAL REPORT DEDICATION

THE TOWN OF BROWNVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT



DAVID PREBLE, PATRICK THOMAS, WILLIAM BUEHLER, DENNIS GREEN, DEAN BELLATTY, WILL BICKFORD, NICHOLAS CLUKEY, DANIEL GERRISH, PETER GERRISH, RONALD GERRISH, BARRETT GRAVES, ROGER GRAVES, SCOTT GRAVES, ROSCOE GREEN, RICHARD ROYAL, JEFF SMITH, & DANIEL THOMAS

It is our pleasure to dedicate the Town of Brownville's 2003 Annual Report to the Brownville Fire Department. The firefighters that protect the Town of Brownville deserve high praise and recognition for all of their efforts through the years to protect the lives and property of our citizens. Through long nights, in often sub-zero temperatures, members of the fire department fight side by side to battle blazes with great determination.

For a token compensation, members of the Brownville Fire Department devote many hours of their very valuable time responding to calls, maintaining equipment, and continuously training to ensure that they provide the best possible service to the community. Over the years, workplace health and safety regulations have required significant changes in the ways that fire departments operate. For Brownville, this has meant merging two successful quasi-private departments into one municipally operated fire department. Large-scale change, like this, can be very difficult to navigate as two distinct departments undertake the awesome process of blending.

It is a testament to the incredible commitment of our firefighters to the community that they continue to pitch in to meet the increasing demands of operating a fire department in the 21st century. As with many organizations, we find that the Brownville Fire Department is staffed by individuals struggling to balance the unending demands of work, family, and community commitments. The compensation that our firefighters receive for risking their lives to protect our community is truly a token and serves to underscore that the motivation to continue to participate is their extreme commitment to Brownville residents. This commitment is matched by the small businesses that all but shut down to allow firefighters to respond to emergencies and the small contingent of community members who can be counted on to arrive at the scene with coffee, doughnuts, and sandwiches for our personnel.

Along with this special acknowledgement of the Brownville Fire Department it is important to recognize the on-going collaboration with the Milo Fire Department. By working hand in hand with our neighbor, we are able to provide the best possible service to community members at a reasonable cost to taxpayers. We deeply appreciate the time, effort, expertise, and manpower that the Milo Fire Department has donated over the years, and look forward to working with them in the future.

~ Brownville Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, Employees, and Citizens ~

ATTENTION BROWNVILLE RESIDENTS

THE BROWNVILLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN WILL BEGIN A TOURISM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN APRIL 2004. WE NEED INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS TO ASSIST WITH THE PROJECT. IF YOU HAVE IDEAS ABOUT HOW THE TOWN CREATE A TOURISM PROGRAM, PLEASE CONTACT SOPHIE WILSON AT THE TOWN OFFICE.

THIS PROCESS WILL ONLY BE SUCCESSFUL IF WE ARE ABLE TO INCLUDE FOLKS THAT REPRESENT VARIOUS GROUPS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY WHO ARE WILLING TO SHARE DIVERSE OPINIONS. THE SELECTMEN ARE COMMITTED TO FINDING WAYS TO IMPROVE THE LOCAL ECONOMY....BUT WE NEED HELP FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO MAKE THEORY REALITY.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP FOR SERVICE, PLEASE CONTACT THE TOWN OFFICE AT 965-2561. WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU ALL.

~ BROWNVILLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN ~

2003 TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED OFFICIALS

Board of Selectmen

Dennis Green (Chairman)[2006]
Wilbur Nichols[2006]
Gary Cook[2005]
Ronald Mihalik[2005]
Robert Hamlin[2004]

M.S.A.D #41 Directors

Stacey Slagle[2006]
Jef Hamlin[2005]
Brian Stetson (Resigned)[2004]
William Sawtell Appointed by Selectmen to Fill Vacancy
David Walker, SuperintendentAppointed by MSAD #41

Moderators..... Paul Grindle, Thomas Belvin

Budget Committee

Walter Durant and Terry Knowles[2005]
Harry Lanphear (Resigned) and Gerald MacLean.....[2004]
Linda Coburn, Henry Graves, Beverly Jamison, & Allana Washburn...[2004]
Appointed: Thomas Belvin, Larry Folsom (Chairman),
Louis Ritter, and Dennis Russell[2004]

Appointed Officials & Employees

Town Manager, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Cemetery Superintendent,
Road Commissioner, Welfare Director, Health Officer..... Sophia Wilson
Town Clerk, Officer Manager, Registrar of VotersKathy White
Deputy ClerksFelice Sickler & Sophia Wilson
Clerical Back-up & Board of Selectmen Secretary..... Linda Coburn
Recreation Director..... Dean Bellatty
Public Works Director Arthur Grant Jr.
Public Works Crew Gary Grant and Richard Gallagher
Public Works Part-Time Crew William Buehler and Mark Butterfield
Cemetery Sexton.....Dean Henderson

2003 TOWN OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES (CONTINUED)

Chief of Police Todd Lyford
Full-Time Patrol Officer Nicholas Clukey
Reserve Officers Jonathan West, Bill Goodman, Michael Harris,
Dennis Dorsey, Derek Hersey, Michael Larson,
& Sherry Violette
Fire Chief..... David Preble
Assistant Fire Chief Patrick Thomas
Public Safety Consultant..... Kevin Black
Code Enforcement Officer & Licensed Plumbing Inspector.....Daniel Gilbert
Elections Wardens Felice Sickler
Elections ClerksLillian MacLean, Elaine Landry,
Beverly Jamison, and Linda Coburn

Brownville Water and Sewer Departments

SuperintendentSophia L. Wilson
Chief Water and Sewer Operator Steven Jay
Back-Up Operator/Technical Consultant Kevin Black
Administrative Clerk..... Felice Sickler

Appointed Boards and Committees

Recreation Commission – Joseph McLaughlin, Ray Clement, Gloria Nutter, Stacey Slagle, and Rhonda Brown

Planning Board – Larry Folsom (Chair), Paula Copeland, Larry Foulkes, Louis Ritter, Dennis Russell, Robert Durant (Associate), and William Graves III (Associate)

Appeals Board – Thomas Belvin, Walter Cook, Terry Knowles, Kenneth Viner, Allana Washburn, Susan Higgins (Associate), and Jenise McSorley (Associate)

Comprehensive Plan Committee – Tom Belvin (Co-Chair), Bill Graves, Len Nevens, Terry Knowles (Co-Chair), Walter Cook, Allana Washburn, Nancy Belvin, Stephen Dean, Beverly Jamison, Margaret Williams, Ron Mihalik, Charles Weston, Dennis Green, Gerald MacLean, Lorraine Fitzpatrick, Sam Knight, Richard Blodgett, Harry Lanphear, Henry Graves, Janice Winslow, and Wade Sickler

Librarian & Trustees - Pauline Thomas (Librarian), Heidi Thomas (Treasurer), Louise Holloway, Shirley Farrar, and Caryl Wagg



FROM THE 2003 BOARD OF SELECTMEN...

While the Board of Selectmen and staff spent time in 2003 on a variety of projects, generally speaking the year could be characterized as one spent beginning to reposition the Town of Brownville for the future. After hard hits to the community from the closing or downsizing of several of our larger regional employers, we've attempted to identify the strengths and areas for growth and begin developing policies and programs that invite the partnership and collaboration necessary for future prosperity. We are operating in an environment where regionalism is being heavily promoted to local governments and school systems. This year, Town officials spent *considerable time educating members of the legislature and representatives from State government about the unique needs of the Town of Brownville and Piscataquis County.*

As we discussed at the 2003 Annual Town Meeting, the Selectmen and town employees continued to identify ways in which we can provide the current level of services less expensively or more efficiently. Along with sharing a Police Chief and recreation programs with the Town of Milo, we are also looking to more joint training opportunities with the Milo Fire Department and seeking solutions to the *escalating costs of garbage collection with all of the surrounding communities.* Staff and interested community members have been offering lots of very good ideas!

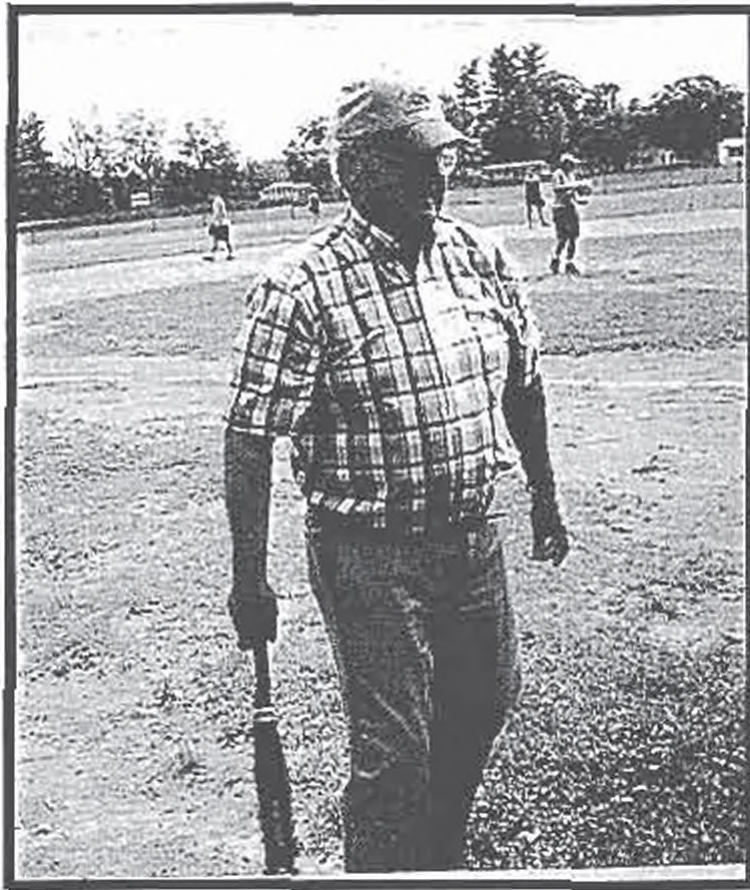
It has become very clear to us that our dedicated employees and community members are at the heart of the Town of Brownville's ability to continue to meet the needs of our citizens. Our Town is defined not by its boundary lines, but rather by the actions of individuals, businesses, and civic groups that create our sense of community. Their generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure provide more activities, strengthen neighborhoods, and fill many of the voids that Town government is simply not able to cover.

The Town is able to function as a direct result of the hundreds of hours of volunteer time donated by community members who serve on various boards and committees. The very fact that we are almost ready to bring the Comprehensive Plan to the voters for approval is a direct result of the hundreds of hours that volunteers dedicated to the project. Along with folks who have signed up for specific projects or committees, we are also grateful to individuals, businesses, and civic groups who are consistently available to offer their labor and experience to Town projects.

The voices of the citizens we serve were heard as we identified and evaluated governing issues *had a dramatic impact on the decisions made by this Board last year.* We invite community members to attend our meetings, which are regularly scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. Those who are unable to attend are encouraged to contact Selectmen or the Town Manager with concerns, suggestions, or encouragement. It was our pleasure to serve you in 2003 – we look forward to seeing you at the Annual Town Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 15, 2004 at the BJHS Alumni Hall.

Sincerely,

Dennis Green (Chairman), Gary Cook, Robert Hamlin, Ronald Mihalik, and Wilbur Nichols



After 18 years of dedicated service over the last three decades, Robert Hamlin has decided to retire from the Brownville Board of Selectmen. We will greatly miss his fountain of energy, good old fashion ingenuity, willingness to roll up his sleeves to join in the work, and never ending supply of jokes. His leadership and manpower were instrumental in creating the Riverwalk, which has become a signature landmark for the Town of Brownville. His creativity and leadership have been applied time and again to benefit residents of Brownville, our municipal government and various other civic organizations.

We so appreciate all of your generous contributions of time and talent to the Brownville Board of Selectmen and will take with us the great experiences and lessons learned from serving with you as we continue. Thanks for the many years of dedication...we will miss your presence!

~ Brownville Board of Selectmen, Employees, Volunteers, and Citizens ~



2003 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT



In 2003, members of the Brownville Public Works Department were very busy working a variety of projects aimed at meeting the needs of the community. In the spring the Sidewalk Committee, a group of very dedicated and creative community members, began working with staff to design the 2003 Sidewalk Project. All of the time, discussion, and wear on everyone's walking shoes paid off with a project design that allowed us to repair most all of the used sidewalks in town at a fraction of the price that the Town was quoted by an outside contractor. With the savings that we realized the Town purchased a used sidewalk machine to clear the walkways in the wintertime. As usual, much of the credit belongs to the Crew whose hard work and ingenuity resulted in a top-notch result!

In addition to this major project, the Crew continued to respond to concerns from citizens and completed smaller projects like ditching, tree and brush removal, keeping roads free from defect, road sign repair and replacement, as well as striping cross walks and parking areas. We also helped the Water and Sewer Departments when needed with everything from pulling pumps and replacing blades to digging services and thawing pipes.

The Crew welcomed the addition of a 2004 Volvo 4x6 Plow truck and retired one of the older, smaller trucks to back-up status. We are relieved to have a back-up since emergency breakdowns seem to happen most often when the crew is plowing during a snowstorm. In the past, we would have to scramble to cover the route while someone stayed at the garage attempting to get the truck operational again...sometimes waking folks up in the middle of the night to help create hoses or weld chains back together again! Please feel free to stop by and check out the new truck!

In 2004, in addition to general seasonal work, Van Horne Avenue will be paved from Route 11 to the Brownville Town Line. Please be prepared for more ditching activity than usual this spring and summer since we are trying to correct some drainage issues. We'll also be assisting the Water Department as they replace old galvanized water line on Henderson Street (extension) and Richards Street in the Junction.

While Highway Department projects consume a great deal of our time, we are also responsible for weekly collection and tipping of household garbage. In 2003, we hauled 802.93 tons of household garbage to Penobscot Energy Recovery Company (PERC) from Brownville and our contract communities. Just a reminder that trash cans weighing more than 55 lbs. and items that are not placed at the edge of the road (ie. on snowbanks, halfway up the driveway, or several feet from the edge of the road) will not be picked up by department personnel. Also, please have all items at roadside by 7:00 a.m. on the assigned collection day. Please do not hesitate to contact the Town Office before garbage collection with questions about what items will be picked up.

Respectfully Submitted,
Arthur T. Grant, Director of Public Works
Sophia L. Wilson, Road Commissioner





2003 POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

During 2003, the Towns of Brownville and Milo officially made the collaborative police protection a working model. At the March Town Meeting in Brownville the people voted to share a Police Chief with the Town of Milo. Along with sharing the Chief's position we are working together by using our resources to their fullest potential. With the collaborative efforts the Towns were able to see a combined savings of just under \$17,000. The police departments are going to continue to work together to continue to provide high quality service at a reasonable cost to the taxpayers.

Last year, I completed my 12th and final year of the D.A.R.E Program. With the added responsibilities of overseeing two departments and my own personal loss of enthusiasm, I decided not to continue with the D.A.R.E. program. With the new changes in the curriculum and the funding becoming harder to find, I decided that this would be a good time to stop the program. Should an officer show interest in doing the D.A.R.E. program then I would be more than happy to send them for training and work with the school system to re-establish the program.

Nicholas Clukey is rapidly approaching his second anniversary as a full-time officer providing police protection in our community. In June, he completed the 18-week Basic Law Enforcement Program at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. Nick has been very enthusiastically working to put all that he learned at the Academy to work keeping the community safe. We've added a new reserve Police Officer to the force, Michael Larson, of Milo, joined the department late in the year. He currently is employed full time at the Mountain View Development Center in Charleston. Many will know Michael from his responsibilities as Chief of the Three Rivers Ambulance Service. I want to thank all of the Reserve Police Officers for their dedication and hard work. They have been doing a great job at helping us fill shifts.

In January 2003, the Brownville Police Department bought a new 2003 Ford Crown Victoria police cruiser. This vehicle replaced a 2001 Chevy Pick-up that was being used as a cruiser. Since the Pick up was not a suitable patrol vehicle it was given to the public works department. Members of the Highway and Police Departments have been very happy with the change!

The Brownville Police Department received several hundred gun safety locks that are available to the public for free. Help protect your children by using these locks on your guns in your house. If you have any questions about this program or would like to pick up a few safety locks, please contact the Police Department.

Even with the continued effort to encourage people to properly number their residence, there are still many residences that are not numbered or improperly numbered. Please take a minute and notice numbers on other residences and compare it with yours. If you can see the house number easily then it is a properly numbered house, if not then it is not numbered properly. Remember, emergency responders are looking at or around your front door for a house number. If you live away from the road then make sure the driveway is properly marked. Reflective numbers are the best because they are visible both night and day.

2003 POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

Total Calls for Service	626
Traffic Stops.....	463
Traffic Citations.....	66
Motor Vehicle Misdemeanors.....	14
Motor Vehicle Accidents	28
ATV/Snowmobile Complaints	12
Well Being Complaints	6
Alarm Responses.....	7
Assaults.....	4
Liquor Law Violations.....	14
OUI.....	7

Respectfully Submitted,
Todd Lyford, Chief of Police



2003 FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT



This past year saw great change within the Town of Brownville Fire Department! With the help of very dedicated and generous grant writers, Todd Lyford and Kevin Black, we secured over \$70,000 in grant funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for firefighting and safety equipment for the Fire Department. Equipment has been arriving almost as quickly as it can be inventoried and everyone is looking forward to the opportunity to train with the equipment this spring. The addition of larger hose and more up to date equipment should dramatically improve the efficiency and effectiveness with which we fight fire. The addition of more modern equipment resulted in the need to retrofit both of the Town's pumper trucks. These changes will make it easier for us to store all of the new equipment in an accessible and standardized way. In addition to Brownville's award, we also joined the Town of Milo with a request from FEMA for communications equipment. Since this application was awarded funding as well, Brownville will be receiving approximately \$12,500 worth of pagers and radios for \$1,250. We are already brainstorming another request for the 2004 FEMA grant application!

In 2003, we also made some organizational changes to the Fire Department. I joined the department in June to assist folks in making some changes necessary in order to meet current workplace health and safety laws. Over the last decade, municipal fire departments have been more heavily regulated in an effort to protect the safety of the men and women who fight fire. Members of the Department have pitched in as we've cleaned up stations, reorganized equipment, tested and trained, and attempted to modernize the Brownville Fire Department. We continue to develop a command structure that reflects the training and experience required — Patrick Thomas has graciously agreed to fill the position of Assistant Chief. His fire fighting knowledge and dedication to the community are greatly needed and appreciated.

2003 FIRE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

Total Calls for Service.....	31
Structure Fires	6
Chimney Fires	3
Report of Fire	1
Report of Smoke.....	2
Car Accidents.....	3
Tree on Powerline	6
Brush/Grass Fire	2
Mutual Aid.....	3
Assist to Ambulance.....	3
Other Fire	2

Thanks to many generous contributors, we were able to make the final payment to the Cole Family Foundation for the thermal imaging camera last December. We've already used the camera several times — it works as well as we hoped it would! Thanks again to all of the community members, business owners, and civic groups that donated so generously to this fundraising effort.

We appreciate the help from members of the community who brought coffee and doughnuts to the fire scenes last year. While we understand the interest that fire scenes can draw from the community, we ask that people stay back from the work area for their own safety and the safety of the fire fighters on scene. Anyone who has an interest in joining the Brownville Fire Department should contact the Town Office for an application.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Preble, Fire Chief





2003 RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT



In 2003, we provided a wide array of programs to people of all ages in our community. Many people spent time using the newly constructed basketball court at Davis Field and playing at the Church Street Playground. Once again, we sponsored a variety of sports activities as well as Art & Crafts, holiday activities, and a trip to a Sea Dogs game. We appreciate all of the work that our laborers, Brandon McKenzie, Amanda Martin, and Mike Weston, contributed to keeping the grounds maintained and the programs running smoothly. They did a great job!

Once again, we offered many programs in conjunction with the Milo Recreation Department. These combined efforts provide great program resources and allow more kids to participate. We had approximately 405 participants in the programs offered in 2003. I would like to thank Murrel Harris for all of his efforts in working with the Town of Brownville to provide quality programs for area youth.

In addition to working with the Town of Milo, our department has also been looking for ways to partner with local groups in order to provide cultural and recreational activities for members of the community. The American Legion, BJHS Alumni Association, Mount Katahdin Senior Citizens, Recreation Commission, and various private citizens have been working with the Recreation Department to expand services to community members of all ages.

In 2003, the Brownville Board of Selectmen took the steps necessary to permanently bring the Riverwalk under the umbrella of the Recreation Department. We appreciate the generosity of landowners in granting the necessary written permission to the Town so that Riverwalk volunteers can maintain the path. We hope that the community will continue to enjoy the path while *being respectful of the private property that they are traveling across.*

I would also like to thank all who volunteered their time and efforts to our community and programs. We are able to provide the quality and quantity of programs as a direct result of our dedicated volunteers and continued community support. In 2004, we will be rebuilding dugouts and repairing the fencing at Davis Field...perhaps we'll see you there!!!

Respectfully Submitted,
Dean Bellatty, Recreation Department Director

2003 RECREATION PROGRAMS

* Pee Wee Basketball
Grades 4, 5, and 6

*Wee Pee Wee Basketball
Grades 2 and 3

*Traveling Basketball Team
Grades 5, 6, and 7

Pee Wee Baseball
6-8 Years Old

*Little League Baseball
9-12 Years Old

*Traveling Baseball Team
9-12 Years Old

*Introduction to Softball

*Introduction to Baseball

Adult Volleyball

Arts & Crafts

Fun Day

Halloween Party

Sea Dogs Baseball Trip

Visit from Santa Claus

* Youth Soccer

**Offered in Conjunction with
The Town of Milo*



2003 CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Unlicensed junkyards were one of the major issues that we dealt with in 2003. Although the Town does not have a specific local ordinance that addresses junkyards, we are charged with enforcing the current State Laws. We'll continue addressing this concern in the coming year. Residents with questions about what constitutes a junkyard or automobile graveyard should stop into the Town Office and review the Junkyard Information Packet available.

There were 31 building permits issued this year for various projects throughout Brownville. A lot of folks called asking for information about what you needed to get or do before you did any projects. It was great that those who called took the time to do so — I think that it gave you a better understanding of how things work and that I'm here to help whenever I can.

The common questions asked of me in 2003 were:

“What are the codes for us to go by when building?” Up until now there have been none, but in the future the State is going to force all Towns to accept a code or one will be given to them — much like what was done with Shore Land Zoning a few years ago. That's the latest from Augusta...so let your local legislators know what you think about it. It seems to me, that the State is once again taking away home rule and throwing something at you that you probably won't be very happy with.

“What can I do if I buy this piece of land?” Right now there are no setbacks except in the shore land and floodplain zones. I recommend that all of you give yourselves 75 to 100 feet of distance from the roads and make your lots at least 1 acre in size to allow for setback requirements in the septic code for wells from septic tanks and septic fields of 100 feet, septic tank to structure of 8 feet and septic system to structure of 12 feet with full foundation. Now where is the garage going? That 1 acre lot just got used up!!!!

“Can I put mobile homes on my lot?” If you're on Town water and sewer...maybe. It depends on how the sewer lines run and its capacity or flow at your property. The biggest reason that you would be told no is that the lot would be too small to handle two dwellings, two septic systems, and a common well — in town or out in the country.

It has been a pleasure working with you for another year — I look forward to the coming year's projects! If you have any questions for me concerning codes in Brownville, I can be contacted at my home 938-3866. You can also make an appointment to meet with me at the Town Office the second Wednesday of the month from November to March and the second and last Wednesday of the month from April to October.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dan Gilbert, Code Enforcement Officer





ASSESSOR'S REPORT

VALUATION AND ASSESSMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2003

TAXABLE REAL ESTATE VALUATION..... \$32,058,400.00
TAXABLE PERSONAL PROPERTY VALUATION..... \$247,670.00
TOTAL TAXABLE VALUATION..... \$32,306,070.00
TOTAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION VALUATION..... \$3,144,250.00

TOTAL VALUATION BASE..... \$35,450,320.00
(AMOUNT SUBJECT TO MIL RATE OF 0.02328)

APPROPRIATIONS:

MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATION..... \$618,240.00
M.S.A.D #41 ASSESSMENT..... \$478,377.00
PISCATAQUIS COUNTY TAX\$55,013.00
OVERLAY.....\$22,153.47
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS..... \$1,173,783.47

ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS

MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING.....\$110,000.00
EXCISE TAX..... \$135,000.00
SURPLUS USED TO REDUCE TAXES\$75,000.00
HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION REIMBURSEMENT.....\$73,198.14
TREE GROWTH REIMBURSEMENT\$17,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS.....\$11,500.00
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS..... \$421,698.33

TAXES COMMITTED TO THE TAX COLLECTOR... \$752,085.33

2003 TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

UNPAID 2003 TAXES

As of December 31, 2003

Ade Family Partnership.....	\$465.83
Ade Family Partnership.....	170.18
Ade, Harry & Robert.....	652.31
Ade, Jean, Carrie & Barbara.....	637.64
Ade, Richard & Barbara.....	1,402.39
Ade, Richard.....	348.27
Ade, Robert A.....	1,267.83
Ade, Robert & Harry.....	737.74
Ade, Robert & Harry.....	2,644.14
Ames, Lillian & Herbert.....	123.38
Ames, Lillian & Herbert.....	1,139.56
Anderson, Cindy L.....	229.14
Anderson, Joshua A.....	639.27
Anthony, Mark.....	169.71
Asselin, Patricia.....	180.65
Averill, Omsville T. Jr.....	998.48
Avrin, Jean.....	231.64
Avrin, Jean.....	303.80
Avrin, Jean.....	173.44
Avrin, Jean.....	857.87
Avrin, Jean.....	141.78
Avrin, Jean.....	157.14
Avrin, Jean.....	142.01
Avrin, Jean.....	147.60
Bangor & Aroostook R.R.....	157.14
Baron, Robert.....	810.14
Baron, Robert.....	244.44
Baron, Robert.....	207.19
Beard, Linda.....	500.99
Bedinger, Perry & Bandana.....	651.84
Bernard, John D. & Laurie L.....	391.34
Blake, Thomas M.....	250.49
Bisognani, Cyndi S.....	289.95
Bragdon, Reginald & David.....	85.22
Brands, Ebbel.....	735.88
Brown, Robert K. & Rhonda.....	1,163.07
Buck, Johanna K.....	695.84
Buck, Johanna K.....	34.92
Burton, Barbara Lee.....	651.61
Caron, Debra L.....	744.79
Cartwright, Stacy (heirs).....	831.79
Catalan, Ruth.....	344.08
CBIZ Property Tax Solutions.....	102.43
Chambers, Kelly & Lorraine.....	427.89
Clark, Melvin H.....	53.78
Clement, Raymond & Roselee Emery.....	405.07
Clickner, Joanne.....	343.85
Coover, Lenny.....	409.50
Corcoran, Daniel.....	666.04
Crossman, Barbara.....	682.80
Davis, Richard.....	557.56
Decker, Charles (Karen Stubbs).....	\$254.78

Dickie, Darryl.....	1,128.15
Dow, Ralph & Lynette.....	355.02
Drake, Lydia.....	967.05
Drake, Lydia.....	56.57
Dube, Donald A.....	646.02
Dube, Leona.....	496.56
Dube, Leona.....	280.76
Dube, Roland.....	8.47
Duchamie, Paul & Donna.....	197.65
Dumont, Al & Kathy.....	378.30
Dumont, Eldrick & Kathryn.....	781.28
Eaton, Darrell.....	412.83
Elwell, Fred J. II.....	778.25
Emery, Charles & Debra.....	233.73
Emery, Kevin.....	129.67
Emery, Maurice.....	68.91
Emery, Maurice.....	597.07
Emmons, Raymond & Dianna M.....	444.42
Farley, Wendy.....	651.79
Farrar, Lance.....	42.60
Farrar, Leon Jr.....	353.39
Fearon, Joseph & Leiter, Bruce.....	1.42
Gagnon, Henry.....	581.07
Garcia, Robert & Audrey.....	90.79
Gerrish, Raymond & Nichol.....	588.75
Gilman, Tamralyn.....	759.39
Glatfeller, Grover A.....	315.68
Gormley, Edythe.....	492.37
Gormley, Edythe.....	340.12
Grant, Jason M.....	873.47
Grant, Roberta & Gary.....	405.07
Grant, Russell.....	614.36
Gray, Charles & Barbara.....	229.29
Gray, Daniel & Vickie.....	1,244.55
Gray, Wade.....	222.56
Green, Christy.....	165.06
Green, Guy & Gloria.....	837.85
Guthrie, Dennis & Carol.....	427.69
Hafford, Ronald.....	735.87
Hamilton, Bernard & Eva.....	148.29
Hamlin, Jef & Corina.....	456.75
Hartin, Loretta & James.....	118.03
Hayes, James & Debra.....	691.88
Haynes, Herbert C. Jr & Malcolm French.....	111.74
Heath, Guy William.....	360.84
Heath, Guy William.....	637.41
Heath, Michael.....	973.97
Heath, Raymond & Ruth.....	1,274.35
Hicks, Terri L.....	282.17
Hilton, Harry.....	32.82
Hilton, Harry.....	514.95
Hoffman, John Michael.....	486.09

International Paper Realty.....	116.40	Pribus, Charles.....	4,297.02
Kenney, Steven & Cathy.....	527.99	Purdue, Ronald.....	123.62
Kiefaber, Deborah.....	291.47	Quinlon, D.C/O Douglas Schmidt.....	356.65
Kinne, Paul E. Jr.....	881.15	Richards, Linda J.E.....	135.26
Kirby, S. C/O Nellie Vick.....	4.99	Riley, Robert Craig & Heather.....	926.54
Knapp, David M. & Sharon A.....	85.37	Roberts, Michael Forest.....	744.73
Knights Landing Inc.....	1,370.26	Roberts, Gloria A.....	146.43
Krizeski, Karen.....	327.50	Rodriguez, Felix Garcia.....	88.46
Knox, Mary C.....	737.28	Rowe, Roger & Lisa.....	636.24
Koelsch, William & Margaret.....	714.70	Royal, Richard.....	135.02
Kowalski, John Jr.....	204.40	Rural Housing Service.....	307.44
Labarbara, Michael.....	1,121.40	Russell, George & Josephine.....	380.86
LaJoie, Dana P.....	107.42	Russell, Roger L.....	586.42
Lalime, Dennis & Susan.....	787.10	Sawlivich, Daniel & Tina.....	203.47
Lancaster, Joe.....	174.83	Sawtell, Richard.....	404.37
Landry, Henrietta.....	523.10	Shedyak, Christopher M.....	142.01
Landry, Phillip & Elaine.....	521.47	Small, Charles & Michelle.....	769.87
Leathers, David.....	303.80	Small, Lisa.....	96.15
Leathers, David.....	355.72	Smith, Richard.....	521.47
Leathers, David.....	643.23	Stamatopoulos, Harry.....	560.58
Lema, Anthony J.....	768.94	Stanchfield, Donald & Susan.....	537.07
LePage, Craig.....	5.02	Standish, Deborah.....	385.05
Lloyd, Charles & Mary.....	1,491.32	Stanhope, Raymond.....	1,279.47
Lyford, Stephen E. & Valerie P.....	666.04	Stone, Bruce E. & Jennie.....	598.53
Magyar, James.....	499.82	Stowell, Edward N. Jr. & Laurie.....	977.99
Marson, David E.....	148.06	Stubbs, K.C/O Charles Decker.....	254.78
Martin, Donald & Christine.....	485.39	Stubbs, David & Sonia.....	460.48
McKenzie, Chris.....	313.81	Stubbs, Roland.....	612.50
McKenzie, Otto & Dale.....	544.52	Suarez, Manuel.....	116.40
McKenzie, Otto & Dale.....	563.38	Suarez, Manuel.....	994.75
McKenzie, Otto & Dale.....	902.33	Suarez, Manuel.....	65.42
McSorley, William & Jenise.....	613.43	Tanguay, Mark.....	226.28
Merritt, Michael R.....	1,099.05	Tanguay, Rodney & Joan.....	1,009.19
Miguens, Xavier F. & Jane A.....	558.49	Thibodeau, Theresa M.....	302.64
Mills, Laurie & Earl.....	476.11	Thompson, Myrtle B.....	701.66
Monahan, Anne.....	752.41	Tierney, Karen L.....	1.50
Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway.....	150.85	Titus, Nate.....	477.24
Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway.....	216.04	Turgeon, Gerard.....	436.73
Morrill, Bob.....	222.32	Twitchell, Ginger.....	567.10
Morrison, Nicki.....	298.92	Viner, Kenneth & Judith.....	297.15
Morton, Michael.....	928.17	Voisine, Stephen A.....	534.04
Murphy, Roger & Karen.....	541.96	Warbin, Douglas & Kathleen B.....	631.12
Nee, James C/O Michael Nee.....	112.21	Walters, Mary T.....	813.17
Niemic, Donna.....	221.16	Webb, Charles W.....	20.95
O'Neil, Kevin B.....	496.33	Weiss, Maureen R.....	437.90
Oak Hill Realty Trust.....	191.36	Weskin, Scott.....	163.19
Oden, David & Judy.....	898.61	Weston, Frances.....	556.16
Oden, David & Judy.....	133.16	Wheeler, John & Aileen.....	834.29
Onellette, Henry A. & Brenda.....	1.07	Winslow, Janice E.....	825.74
Pakebush, Marion & Paul Day.....	494.70	Witham, Carol (Durant).....	684.20
Parkman, Cheryl.....	559.88	Witham, Chester & Margaret.....	615.06
Patton, Mark & Patricia Remington.....	447.67	Witham, Chester.....	107.09
Patton, Stephen C. & Wendy.....	504.94	Witham, James.....	612.73
Patton, Stephen C. & Wendy.....	1,647.99	Witham, Jerald.....	23.28
Perkins, Chad & Dorothea.....	955.64	Witham, Jerald.....	532.65
Perry, William & Elizabeth.....	401.74	Wyman, Scott J.....	81.71
Philbrook, Raymond & Olive.....	212.55	Wyman, Scott Joseph.....	439.29
Pieriboni, Jane M.C/O C. Marcheterre.....	52.63	York, Dwight A.....	241.38
Pomelow, David.....	780.81	Zellner, Jerry J.....	313.35
Pray, Robert & Barbara.....	818.06		

2003 TAX COLLECTORS REPORT

2002 UNPAID TAX LIENS

As of December 31, 2003

Ade, Jean, Carrie & Barbara.....	\$637.64
Ade, Robert A. & Carrie J.....	1,267.83
Ade, Robert & Harry.....	652.31
Ade, Robert & Harry.....	2,644.14
Avrin, Jean.....	111.51
Avrin, Jean.....	39.34
Avrin, Jean.....	68.44
Avrin, Jean.....	450.47
Avrin, Jean.....	141.78
Avrin, Jean.....	157.14
Avrin, Jean.....	142.01
Avrin, Jean.....	147.60
Baron, Robert.....	79.85
Baron, Robert.....	54.71
Baron, Robert.....	403.44
Brands, Ebbel.....	735.88
Clement, Raymond & Roselce Emery.....	405.07
Conner, Lenny.....	572.46
Crossman, Barbara.....	682.80
Davis, Richard.....	99.26
Dickie, Darryl.....	1,128.15
Elwell, Fred J. II.....	778.25
Emery C/O S. Buswell.....	117.10
Gormley, Edythe.....	492.37
Gormley, Edythe F.....	340.12
Gray, Daniel & Vickie.....	1,244.55
Gray, Wade.....	222.56
Hafford, Ronald.....	69.46
Haynes, H. & M French.....	111.74
International Paper Realty Co.....	116.40
Jones, D. C/O Kevin Emery.....	129.67
Koelsch, William & Margaret.....	661.25
Lancaster, Joe.....	171.81

Lema, Anthony J.....	768.94
Magyar, James H.....	129.38
McKenzie, Chris.....	313.81
McKenzie, Otto.....	544.52
McKenzie, Otto.....	563.38
McKenzie, Otto.....	920.03
Merritt, Michael R.....	1,099.05
Monahan, Anne.....	712.72
Morrill, Bob.....	222.32
Morton, Michael.....	928.17
Murphy, Roger & Karen.....	541.96
Ogden, David & Judy.....	133.16
Patton, Mark & P. Remington.....	444.12
Philbrook, Raymond & Olive.....	197.21
Pomelow, David.....	772.39
Purdue, Ronald E.....	123.62
Quinlon, C/O Doug Schmidt.....	300.21
Roberts, Gloria A.....	146.43
Russell, Roger L.....	586.42
Shedyak, Christopher M.....	145.73
Stamatopoulos, Harry.....	560.58
Stubbs, David & Sonia.....	460.48
Stymiest, Rex(Divesees).....	837.13
Tanguay, Mark.....	226.28
Turgeon, Gerard.....	333.46
Voisine, Stephen A.....	534.04
Washburn, Michael.....	813.17
Watters, Mary T.....	623.90
Weiss, Maureen R.....	600.86
Weskin, Scott.....	163.19
Winslow, Janice E.....	825.74
Witham, Carol J.....	535.45
Zwicker, F. C/O James & Cheryl Parkman.....	559.88

2001 UNPAID TAX LIENS

As of December 31, 2003

Avrin, Jean C/O G.J.Blanc.....	\$105.84
Avrin, Jean C/O G.J.Blanc.....	36.94
Avrin, Jean C/O G.J.Blanc.....	63.94
Avrin, Jean C/O G.J.Blanc.....	424.87
Avrin, Jean C/O G.J.Blanc.....	131.54
Avrin, Jean C/O G.J.Blanc.....	145.80

Avrin, Jean C/O G.J.Blanc.....	131.76
Avrin, Jean C/O G.J.Blanc.....	136.94
Baron, Robert & Avrin, France.....	75.82
Baron, Robert & Avrin, France.....	51.62
Baron, Robert & Avrin, France.....	377.78

TREASURER'S REPORT
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
JANUARY 1, 2003 – DECEMBER 31, 2003

Cash Balance on January 1, 2003.....\$558,827.00

Town Receipts

Taxes.....	\$701,580.00
Tax Liens.....	\$60,592.00
Excise Taxes.....	\$175,232.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement.....	\$31,550.00
Homestead Reimbursement	\$58,964.00
Municipal Revenue Sharing.....	\$129,055.00
Interest on Taxes	\$13,814.00
Interest on Investments	\$4,843.00
Town Owned Property	\$42,963.00
Departmental Receipts	\$88,937.00
Local Road Assistance	\$27,040.00
Cable TV Franchise.....	\$4,317.00
Veterans Reimbursement.....	\$2,049.00
Snowmobile Refund.....	\$226.00
Perpetual Care Income	\$5,420.00
FEMA Grant.....	\$25,388.00
Highway Truck Loan Proceeds.....	\$90,020.00
Transfer from Lundin Trust.....	\$908.00
Transfer from Medical Center Account	\$22,561.00
Total Receipts	\$1,485,459.00

Town Disbursements

Departmental Expenses.....	\$811,996.00
Transfer to Reserves.....	\$68,120.00
Transfer to Drinkwater Trust.....	\$196.00
MSAD #41 Assessment	\$478,377.00
Penquis Solid Waste.....	\$27,566.00
Piscataquis County Tax.....	\$55,013.00
Total Town Disbursements	\$1,441,268.00

Cash Balance on December 31, 2003.....\$603,018.00

2003 WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENTS REPORT

During the last year, the Water Department spent a great deal of time thawing frozen pipes for customers as a result of the extremely cold weather conditions throughout the winter months. The Water Department was fortunate to qualify for more than \$6,000 in reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to help defray some of the unexpected personnel and equipment costs that we incurred trying to keep water flowing to our customers. We appreciate the very long hours that our Chief Operator, Steve Jay, spent out in the extreme temperatures attempting to thaw water and sewer lines...he truly went above and beyond what anyone could expect.

The Department has also taken a new approach to collections for outstanding bills. As of December 1, 2003, we implemented new disconnection procedures for all unpaid water bills. After some research we discovered that other departments and districts, throughout the state, actually start their collection procedures the next day that a bill becomes delinquent. For Brownville, that would mean starting disconnection on November 1st of an October to December billing cycle. Instead we opted to begin the disconnection procedure when the bill becomes 30 days past due, instead of the former practice of waiting for 90 days. This new process improves our collections and makes it more difficult for customers to accrue two or three quarters of unpaid water fees before being disconnected from the system. With 267 disconnection notices issued for the year (up 136 from 2002), and 73 payment arrangements negotiated (up 30 from 2002), our collection rate at the end of 2003 was definitely one to be proud of!

In the Sewer Department, 39 liens were placed on property as a result of non-payment, that figure is down 4 from 2002. It is important to customers with liens to understand that this is an automatic foreclosure process – meaning that any outstanding balance remaining at the end of foreclosure day results in the property being foreclosed upon and the Town can do nothing to stop the process.

Once again, we want to extend our deepest thanks and appreciation to Kevin Black and the Milo Water District. Kevin's work as our Water and Sewer Department Technical Consultant has been very beneficial and resulted in a dramatic cost savings (which allows us to operate longer without raising rates!) When we find ourselves in need of extra labor and/or equipment, the Milo Water District has worked very hard to meet our needs. Along with dedicated Town employees, these collaborative relationships allow us to provide quality services at consistent user fees.

2003 OUTSTANDING WATER AND SEWER BALANCES

As of December 31, 2003

Anderson, Cindy	\$165.15	Leathers, David	\$75.45
Andrews, Frank Jr.	\$19.95	Leathers, David	\$75.45
Averill, Ornesville T.	\$141.90	Leathers, David	\$75.45
Badger, Dawn	\$98.35	Lema, Anthony J.	\$145.24
Badger, James	\$537.41	Marcheterre, Charles	\$8.18
Beard, Linda	\$148.89	Martin, Donald	\$106.40
Bergert, Bruce	\$806.29	Maxfield, William	\$57.51
Bisognani, Cindy	\$75.45	McLeod, Kenneth	\$275.18
Blake, Debbie	\$172.20	Merrill, Marcia	\$73.44
Brown, Jasen	\$150.90	Merrill, Michelle	\$128.47
Buck, Johanna	\$230.30	Miguens, Nick	\$337.64
Burgess, Theodore Sr.	\$95.90	Murphy, Roger & Karen	\$186.26
Burton, Michael	\$125.15	Ouellette, Henry	\$150.90
Campbell, Lisa	\$230.36	Pakebusch, Marian	\$766.93
Clark, Melvin (heirs of)	\$19.95	Parkman, Cheryl	\$718.67
Clement, Raymond	\$647.18	Perkins, Chad	\$301.55
Crossman, Barbara	\$106.20	Perkins, Larry	\$150.90
Cyr, David	\$101.98	Perry, William	\$90.80
Davis, Rick	\$144.93	Philbrook, Olive	\$573.65
Dean, William	\$150.90	Pratt, Heidi	\$33.55
Decker, Charles	\$74.80	Purdue, Ronald	\$341.40
Desjardins, Dorothy	\$38.88	Quimby, Richard	\$23.24
Douglas, George	\$131.95	Richards, Heidi	\$18.29
Durant, Howard	\$900.43	Ringuette, Joanne	\$101.24
Elwell, Fred II	\$39.90	Roussel, Gerald	\$361.05
Emmons, Raymond & Diana	\$243.90	Royal, Stella	\$31.75
Ewer, Dawn	\$283.54	Shaw, Paula	\$40.95
Farrar, Leon	\$60.95	Smart, Jeffrey	\$74.70
Farrar, Stanley P.	\$294.07	Standish, Deborah	\$516.34
Frost, Debra	\$754.73	Stubbs, David	\$639.28
Gagnon, Deborah	\$70.69	Twitchell, Ginger	\$75.45
Germano, Salvador	\$19.95	Voisine, Steve	\$309.93
Gerrish, Nichol	\$43.00	Wallace, Thomas	\$150.90
Glatfelter, Grover	\$36.99	Washburn, Jerry	\$316.89
Grant, Scott	\$230.94	Washburn, Linda	\$395.89
Grant, Stanley	\$75.45	Watson, Gregory	\$268.07
Graves, William	\$19.95	Webb, Whitney	\$114.20
Gray, Charles	\$120.54	Weiss, Maureen	\$520.81
Guthrie, Dennis	\$60.48	Weiss, Maureen	\$372.06
Hall, Lesley	\$196.90	Wentworth, Virginia	\$61.17
Hastings, Guy	\$36.98	Weston, Ann Monahan	\$98.27
Hayes, Debra	\$499.38	Weston, Frances	\$125.65
Hilton, Harry Jr.	\$130.20	Weston, Melissa	\$173.39
Jenkins, James Jr.	\$130.04	Wilcox, John	\$75.45
Joslyn, Floyd	\$69.85	Williams, Stephen	\$331.13
Kemp, Sherry	\$6.50	Winslow, Janice	\$976.73
Kimble, Mary Jo	\$149.90	Winslow, Janice	\$686.49
Kinne, Paul Jr	\$614.06	Winslow, Janice	\$134.75
Kluge, Kenneth	\$19.95	Winslow, Janice	\$313.39
Koelsch, William Sr.	\$97.50	Witham, Carol	\$260.52
Lapointe, Anson	\$334.00	Total Outstanding 12/31/2003	\$22,196.74

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

2003 Report

Nomination papers have been filed with the Town Clerk for vacancies to be filled at the March 15, 2004 Municipal election:

Selectperson	1 Vacancy - 3 Year Term
MSAD #41 Director	1 Vacancy – 3 Year Term
Budget Committee	4 Vacancies – 3 Year Terms
Budget Committee	2 Vacancies – 2 Year Terms

To the Citizens of Brownville:

Licenses Sold in 2003:

<i>Boats.....</i>	<i>253</i>
<i>Snowmobile</i>	<i>190</i>
<i>ATVs.....</i>	<i>215</i>
<i>Fish & Game</i>	<i>667</i>
<i>Dogs</i>	<i>236</i>
<i>Kennel.....</i>	<i>4</i>

Oaths Administered.....61

Vital Statistics Recorded:

<i>Marriages.....</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Births.....</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>Deaths</i>	<i>32</i>

1 Annual Town Meeting, 2 Special Town Meetings, 1 Municipal Election, and 1 Referendum Election were recorded.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy K. White, Town Clerk*

STATE OF MAINE
TOWN OF BROWNVILLE PISCATAQUIS COUNTY
OFFICIAL BALLOT
TOWN OFFICERS TO BE VOTED ON AT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 15, 2004

Penalty for willfully defacing, tearing down or destroying a lists of Candidates or a specimen ballot is up to \$1,000 fine, up to 11 months in jail, or both.

MAKE A [X] OR A [/] IN THE SQUARE AT THE LEFT OF THE NOMINEE FOR WHOM YOU WISH TO VOTE. FOLLOW DIRECTIONS AS TO THE NUMBER OF NOMINEES TO BE ELECTED TO EACH OFFICE. YOU MAY VOTE FOR A PERSON WHOSE NAME DOES NOT APPEAR ON THE BALLOT BY WRITING IT IN THE PROPER BLANK SPACE AND MARKING A CROSS [X] OR A [/] IN THE PROPER SQUARE AT THE LEFT. DO NOT ERASE NAMES.

LIST OF CANDIDATES

For SELECTPERSON who shall serve as ASSESSOR and OVERSEER OF THE POOR for a term of three years. VOTE FOR ONE.

☐ WALTER D. DURANT ☐ _____

For MSAD #41 DIRECTOR for a term of three years. VOTE FOR ONE.

☐ _____

For BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER for a term of three years. VOTE FOR FOUR.

☐ LINDA M. COBURN ☐ ALLANA WASHBURN

☐ _____ ☐ _____

☐ _____ ☐ _____

For BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER for a term of two years. VOTE FOR TWO.

☐ _____ ☐ _____

Kathy K. White
Town Clerk

2004 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

The budget recommendations for operations, debt expense, and capital reserve savings for the Town of Brownville that you will find listed in the 2004 Annual Town Meeting Warrant were arrived at after careful and public deliberation by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee. You will notice that Selectmen and Budget Committee are providing nearly unanimous recommendations with the exception of appropriations for social service groups and the level of funding for capital reserves. This difference totals \$16,495 or approximately one-half mil (\$0.50 per \$1,000 of valuation) in the tax rate.

As with previous years, we are placed in the position of having to make assumptions about revenue that the Town will receive, the school assessment, and the community's final valuation. As projected, the tax rate breaks down as follows: approximately 30% for municipal services; 62% to M.S.A.D #41; and 8% to Piscataquis County. Since each of these components can greatly impact the final mil rate when taxes are committed in the summer, we tried to make conservative assumptions based upon the information currently available as well as historical trends. The following represents the recommendations made to the voters:

	<u>Budget Committee</u>	<u>Board of Selectmen</u>
Municipal Appropriation		
Operations	\$591,391.00	\$590,591.00
Debt Obligation	\$36,075.00	\$36,075.00
Capital Reserves	\$34,850.00	\$20,500.00
Overlay	<u>\$15,000.00</u>	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
	\$677,316.00	\$662,166.00
Assessments		
MSAD #41	\$478,378.00	\$478,378.00
County Tax	\$60,412.15	\$60,412.15
Penquis Solid Waste	<u>\$33,995.00</u>	<u>\$33,995.00</u>
	\$572,785.15	\$572,785.15
Projected Deductions		
Revenue Sharing	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
Homestead Exemption	\$71,000.00	\$71,000.00
Other Revenue		
Excise Tax	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
Tree Growth	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00
Interest Income	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Cable TV	<u>\$3,500.00</u>	<u>\$3,500.00</u>
	\$405,500.00	\$405,500.00
Surplus to Reduce Tax Rate	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00
Net Assessment	\$764,601.15	\$749,451.15
Projected Value	\$32,300,000.00	\$32,300,000.00
Projected Mil Rate	0.02367	0.02320

**TOWN OF BROWNVILLE
2004 TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

State of Maine
Piscataquis, s.s.

TO: Todd Lyford, a Constable in the Town of Brownville, in said County and State:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State, you are hereby required to notify and warn inhabitants of the Town of Brownville, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Brownville Junction Alumni Building in said Town, Monday, March 15, 2004 at 11:45 in the morning to elect Town Officers, and again at 7:00 that evening to act on Article 3 to the end of the Warrant. Polls are to be opened 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Article 1. To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, as directed by statute, on the election of Town Officers for the ensuing year(s).

- One Selectperson who shall serve as Assessor and Overseer of the Poor (3 year term)
- One Director of M.S.A.D #41 (3 year term)
- Two Budget Committee Members (2 year terms)
- Four Budget Committee Members (3 year terms)

Article 3. To choose three tellers to receive, sort, and count votes.

Article 4. To see if the voters will allow nonresidents to speak.

Article 5. To see if the Town will set a date when taxes shall be due and payable and to fix a rate of interest to be charged after that date.

Selectmen recommend that all real estate and personal property taxes shall be due and payable on or before September 15, 2004. All taxes remaining unpaid after September 16, 2004 shall bear interest at the rate of 0.5625% per month or any part thereof not to exceed six and three-quarters [6.75%] percent per year.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes for fiscal year 2004 at 4.0% per year less than the rate of interest charged on taxes unpaid after September 16, 2004.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to accept prepayment of taxes not yet due or assessed and to pay no interest thereon.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$2,155.09 from the General Fund to Administrative Reserve Account.

Selectmen recommend passage of this article.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to re-appropriate the following 2002 account balances:

<i>Animal Control</i>	<i>\$1,105</i>	<i>Town Owned Property.....</i>	<i>\$113,971</i>
<i>Cemetery Project</i>	<i>\$2,132</i>	<i>Road Signs</i>	<i>\$3,347</i>
<i>CDBG Planning Grant</i>	<i>\$2,500</i>	<i>Van Horne Ave Paving</i>	<i>\$27,000</i>
<i>Fire Truck Repair</i>	<i>\$8,450</i>	<i>Police Special Income</i>	<i>\$5,772</i>
<i>Fire Department Training</i>	<i>\$3,303</i>	<i>Recreation Department Income</i>	<i>\$1,670</i>

Selectmen recommend passage of this article.

Article 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
	\$91,560	\$90,258	\$90,265

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend for 2004..... \$79,625.00

Article 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for ASSESSING DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATIONS:

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend for 2004..... \$25,415.00

Article 12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
	\$69,800	\$74,500	\$74,750

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend for 2004..... \$74,560.00

Article 13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
	\$17,175	\$11,600	\$11,600

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend for 2004..... \$16,920.00

Article 14. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for PUBLIC SAFETY:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
<i>Hydrant Rental</i>	\$60,940	\$60,940	\$60,940
<i>Public Safety</i>	\$5,400	\$5,400	\$0
<i>Ambulance Service</i>	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
<i>Animal Control</i>	<u>\$950</u>	<u>\$800</u>	<u>\$500</u>
	\$70,290	\$70,290	\$64,440

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend for 2004:..... \$66,740.00

<i>Hydrant Rental.....</i>	<i>\$60,940</i>	<i>Public Safety</i>	<i>\$2,300</i>
<i>Ambulance.....</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>	<i>Animal Control.....</i>	<i>\$500</i>

Article 15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for STREET LIGHTS:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
	\$19,800	\$20,000	\$20,000

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend for 2004:..... \$18,500.00

Article 16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
	\$105,730	\$108,000	\$113,790

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend for 2004:..... \$111,500.00

Article 17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for SANITATION DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
	\$60,700	\$53,750	\$44,410

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend for 2004:..... \$51,925.00

Article 18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for RECREATION DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
	\$19,010	\$18,900	\$14,555

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend for 2004:..... \$16,960.00

Article 19. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for MAINTENANCE OF CEMETERIES:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
	\$4,895	\$7,615	\$4,710

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend for 2004:..... \$2,326.00

Article 20. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
<i>Employee's Health Trust</i>	\$62,000	\$66,500	\$57,855
<i>Unemployment Insurance</i>	5,250	5,100	2,595
<i>Worker's Compensation</i>	7,080	9,860	11,200
<i>FICA and Medicare</i>	18,500	18,500	17,450
<i>Contingency</i>	0	0	0
<i>Retirement Program</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,230</u>	<u>3,320</u>
Total	\$92,830	\$105,190	\$92,420

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend for 2004:..... \$100,975.00

<i>Employee Health Trust.....</i>	<i>\$62,945</i>	<i>Unemployment Insurance....</i>	<i>\$3,050</i>
<i>Worker's Compensation.....</i>	<i>\$9,890</i>	<i>FICA and Medicare.....</i>	<i>\$19,215</i>
<i>Retirement Program.....</i>	<i>\$5,875</i>		

Article 21. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
<i>Brownville Library</i>	\$3,700	\$3,700	\$4,200
<i>General Assistance</i>	3,500	2,000	1,500
<i>Memorial Day</i>	500	500	500
<i>Holiday Decorations</i>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
	\$7,800	\$6,300	\$6,300

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend for 2004:..... \$6,300.00

<i>Library.....</i>	<i>\$4,200</i>	<i>General Assistance</i>	<i>\$1,500</i>
<i>Memorial Day.....</i>	<i>\$500</i>	<i>Holiday Decorations</i>	<i>\$100</i>

Article 22. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for INSURANCES:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
	\$16,225	\$18,415	\$18,265

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend for 2004:..... \$18,845

Article 23. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for SOCIAL SERVICES:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
	\$935	\$0	\$0

Selectmen recommend for 2004:..... \$0.00

Budget Committee recommends for 2004:..... \$800.00

<i>Eastern Agency on Aging.....</i>	<i>\$200</i>	<i>Penquis Cap.....</i>	<i>\$200</i>
<i>Pine Tree Hospice.....</i>	<i>\$200</i>	<i>Womancare.....</i>	<i>\$200</i>

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sufficient funds to make the 2004 FIRE TRUCK DEBT PAYMENT:

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend for 2004:..... \$6,902.00

Article 25. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for CAPITAL DEBT PAYMENT ON THE 1998 CAT LOADER:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
	\$0	\$6,523	\$8,873

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend for 2004:..... \$8,673.00

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate funds received from 2004-2005 URBAN RURAL INITIATIVE PROGRAM to reserve for Capital Highway Improvement.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,500 for the 2004 HIGHWAY TRUCK DEBT PAYMENT.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.

Article 28. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for FIRE DEPARTMENT RESERVE:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$5,000

Selectmen recommend for 2004:..... \$5,000.00

Budget Committee recommend for 2004: \$7,000.00

Article 29. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for POLICE CRUISER RESERVE:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend for 2004:..... \$7,000.00

Article 30. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
	\$0	\$0	\$0

Selectmen recommend for 2004:..... \$5,000.00

Budget Committee recommend for 2004: \$15,850.00

Article 31. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for ADMINISTRATIVE CAPITAL RESERVE:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000

Selectmen recommend for 2004:..... \$3,500.00

Budget Committee recommend for 2004: \$5,000.00

Article 32. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into mutual aid agreements and contracts to provide for sanitation, plowing, fire, police services deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Brownville.

Selectmen recommend passage of this article.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate funds from Surplus to reduce the 2004 tax commitment.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$80,000

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate money from the following projected revenue sources in order to reduce the 2004 General Commitment. *(The following are estimates.)*

<i>Excise Tax</i>	<i>\$150,000</i>	<i>Municipal Revenue Sharing</i>	<i>\$150,000</i>
<i>Homestead Exemption</i>	<i>\$71,000</i>	<i>Tree Growth Reimbursement.....</i>	<i>\$27,000</i>
<i>Miscellaneous Revenue</i>	<i>\$7,500</i>		

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.

Article 35. To see how the Town will vote to appropriate Snowmobile refunds for 2004.

Propose: 50% to the Brownville Snowmobile Club and 50% to the Ebeeme Snowmobile Club for trail construction and maintenance.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to authorize Selectmen to approve the use of earnings within each respective department.

Selectmen recommend passage of this article.

Article 37. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, 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, after advertising for and receiving sealed bids thereon, and to execute Quitclaim Deeds on such property or act on anything thereon.

Article 38. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for ***non-payment of sewer rates*** thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, after advertising for and receiving sealed bids thereon, and to execute Quitclaim Deeds on such property or act on anything thereon.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to refund out of the OVERLAY ACCOUNT any overpayment of property taxes due to abatements approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to Title 23 M.S.R.A., Section 2953.

Article 41. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow or appropriate from the Undesignated/Unrestricted Fund (Surplus) as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated emergencies that occur during fiscal year 2004.

Selectmen recommend for 2004:..... \$10,000.00

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend an amount that does not exceed 25% (3/12) of the budgeted amount in each category of the 2004 annual budget during the period of January 1, 2005 to the 2005 Annual Town Meeting.

Article 43. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell any town owned property, if the fair market value does not exceed \$15,000. Any such property sale to be through the bid process and in the best interest of the Town.

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to approve the 2004 Water Department Budget.
Selectmen recommend:..... \$200,153.00

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to approve the 2004 Sewer Department Budget.
Selectmen recommend:..... \$114,179.00

Article 46. To see if the Town will appropriate \$3,000 from Undesignated/Unrestricted Funds (Surplus) for the repair and construction of fencing at the Davis Field Ball Field.
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.

Article 47. To see if the voters will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate \$25,000 from Undesignated/Unrestricted Funds (Surplus) with said funds to be used to leverage \$1.1 million in federal, state, and private funding for economic development purposes related to the Eastern Piscataquis Industrial Park. These appropriated funds will not be committed to the project unless subsequent approval from the Town's legislative body is granted to the full project.

Article 48. To see if the voters will declare the Town's intent to participate in the Pine Tree Development Zone program, and to make such assurances necessary to insure that the Rail Junction Lot of 198 acres can receive the benefits defined by the Pine Tree Development Zone Legislation; and further to authorize the Piscataquis Properties Corporation, through Brownville's voting member, to direct the marketing and administrative activities associated with participation in the Pine Tree Development Zone program.
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.

Notice is hereby given that the office of the Registrar of Voters in the Brownville Town Office will be open for the purpose of correcting the list of voters on Monday, March 15, 2004 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Given under our hands this Twelfth Day of February in the year 2004 AD.

Dennis Green, Chairman

Gary Cook

Ronald Mihalik

Wilbur Nichols

Robert Hamlin

Selectpersons, Town of Brownville

CONSTABLE'S RETURN

I certify that I have notified the voters of the Town of Brownville of the time and place of this Annual Town Meeting by posting an attested copy of the within Warrant at the Brownville Town Office & Brownville Junction Post Office, conspicuous places within the Town of Brownville.

Todd Lyford, Constable - Town of Brownville

Date

In Article 48 of this year's Town Meeting Warrant, voters are asked to consider appropriating \$25,000 from the Undesignated/Unrestricted Fund (Surplus) to be held in trust to be used to raise \$1.1 million in state, federal, and private funding for an Eastern Piscataquis Industrial Park. The following information is provided to give voters a better understanding about the Pine Tree Enterprise Zone Program that is referred to in the article:

Pine Tree Development Zones

Incentives for New Private Investment

Pine Tree Zones are regional defined areas that provide direct financial incentives to new private investments. In Eastern Maine, there will be Pine Tree Zone (PTZ) designated areas in all major municipalities.

Only qualified firms are eligible for the PTZ incentives. Qualified firms must be:

- Engaged in:
 - Financial Services
 - Manufacturing
 - Targeted Technology
 - Advanced Technologies for Forestry and Agriculture
 - Aquaculture and Marine Technology
 - Biotechnology
 - Composites Materials Technology
 - Environmental Technology
 - Information Technology
 - Precision Manufacturing Technology
- A firm must demonstrate that establishment or expansion of operations within PTZ would not occur if not for the availability of PTZ benefits
- The firm must Add "qualified employees" above "base level" of Maine employment.
 - "Qualified Employees"
 - New full time
 - Retirement program
 - Group health insurance
 - Wages greater than in the labor market area where employed
 - Residents of Maine

PTZ incentives include the following:

- Beginning in July 2005, 100% sales tax exemption for building materials and for all tangible personal property.
- 100% state income tax credit for first five years followed by 50% credit for 6th through 10th years.
- 80% of employees' state income tax withholdings for 10 years.
- Additional incentives are under consideration within the Maine Legislature including a lower energy (electricity) rate.

***** Created by Eastern Maine Development Corporation 01/2004 *****



SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURERS

2003 ANNUAL REPORT - Town of Brownville

In the month of April, the test equipment was taken to Augusta for its yearly certification.

In August, I worked for two full days with the State Inspector, testing diesel pumps and getting refreshed on new testing procedures.

In August, 3 scales and 25 pumps were tested and found to be within the State tolerances.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Briggs, Local Sealer of Weights and Measurers
39 Crawford Road, Dexter, Maine 04930
Telephone: 924-7562



LICENSED PLUMBING INSPECTOR

2003 ANNUAL REPORT - Town of Brownville

There were 8 sub-surface permits issued for a total of \$860.00

There were 4 internal permits issued for a total of \$248.00

Total Permits Issued 12

Total amount received for Brownville in plumbing fees..... \$1,108.00

Fees retained by the Town of Brownville \$830.50

Fees paid to the State of Maine \$277.50

Respectfully Submitted,
Dan Gilbert
LPI #0380



2003 BROWNVILLE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

To the Town Manager, Selectmen, and Citizens of Brownville:

Books Catalogued	146
Books Circulated	1,294
Children's Books	172
Paperbacks Circulated	143
Magazines Circulated	142
Computer Used	72
New Customers	45

Respectfully Submitted,
Pauline Thomas, Librarian

2003 BROWNVILLE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT ACCOUNTS CLOSED DECEMBER 31, 2003

Receipts

Town of Brownville	\$3,700.00
State of Maine	148.00
M. Mosher CD	28.55
Other	<u>35.00</u>
Total	\$3,911.55

Disbursements

Rent	\$600.00
Insurance	350.00
Wages	1,780.00
Supplies	57.30
Miscellaneous	<u>67.00</u>
Total Operations	\$2,854.30

Books

Adult	\$857.58
Children	161.77
Magazines	<u>147.88</u>
Total Books	\$1,167.23

Respectfully Submitted,
Heidi Thomas, Treasurer

HAD 4 2003 REPORT

The completion of a 28-month, \$8 million facilities expansion with the opening of a new Ambulatory Services Unit wing was the high point of 2003 at Mayo Regional Hospital.

The ASU opened in May with expanded space for the hospital's growing Surgical Services, and the project was concluded in September, when the Imaging Center for Women occupied its new suite.

The construction milestones reached in 2003 finalized Phase II of Mayo's facilities plan, which began with groundbreaking in May, 2001. Phase I work completed in 2002 included construction of a two-story Resource Center and a new Emergency Department addition, as well as extensive renovations of existing hospital space.

Mayo's growth was not confined to building construction, for the hospital also extended its community outreach efforts with two major initiatives during the past year.

On April 1, the Hospital Administrative District 4 Board of Directors approved a plan to merge eight Penquis area physician practices directly into the operations of Mayo Regional Hospital. As a result of that action, Mayo Regional Administrative Services Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the hospital formed in 1995 to manage physician offices, no longer exists. In its place, a new hospital department, Mayo Practice Associates, has assumed responsibility for doctor's offices in Corinna, Dexter, Dover-Foxcroft, Guilford and Milo.

During 2003 Mayo also expanded the scope of its hospital ambulance service, as Mayo Emergency Medical Service grew into Penobscot County in two directions: in the east, to Corinth, and in the south, to Dexter. Mayo forged agreements with those two towns to respond to all ambulance calls, taking over for *municipal services that had been experiencing challenges in staffing*. Mayo EMS began serving Corinth on Feb. 1, and took over operations of the Dexter Ambulance on July 1.

Three new doctors joined Mayo's active medical staff during the year: general surgeon Richard Evans, M.D. started a private practice in Dover-Foxcroft, obstetrician-gynecologist Deborah Surette, M.D. joined Mayo Women's Health, and family practice physician Elisa Thompson Ruksznis, M.D. joined Dover-Foxcroft Family Medicine.

The arrival of Dr. Ruksznis was a homecoming, for Mayo's newest physician is a native of Guilford.

Mayo experienced an off year financially, as the hospital had its first operating loss since 1993. Due to a number of environmental factors -- the departure of two key surgeons, the waning regional economy and *the state's continuing budget crisis* -- Mayo had a net loss of \$781,483 for the year. Important steps were taken during the year to address the deficit and strengthen the hospital's financial performance in 2004.

Mayo collaborated on two major projects during the year in order to strengthen healthcare delivery. The hospital, using a mix of financial and in-kind support, joined with Eastern Maine Community College to expand nursing education opportunities in Dover-Foxcroft. Mayo also helped bring the "Miles for Smiles" oral health program to Piscataquis County, in partnership with the Penobscot Community Health Center and Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield.



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February 2004

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as your State Representative in the 121st Legislature. I have enjoyed serving the people of District 111 over the past year and I look forward to the challenges that lie ahead. I hope to hear from you as I truly value your input on the various issues we face at the Capitol.

The Second Regular Session began the first week of January. More than 400 bills will be addressed by the Legislature during the next few months, including carryover bills and what are considered emergency pieces of legislation. I will keep you up-to-date as to the status of those bills important to our area.

My colleagues and I will be concentrating on much-needed tax reform, the enormous Medicaid budget shortfall and gambling issues that are stirring controversy throughout the state. I believe tax reform must include spending cuts and restructuring the funding for the two major taxpayer-supported agencies, the Department of Human Services and the Department of Education.

As the issues we consider directly impact our lives, it is important for each of us to speak up and participate. Our system of government only works when we all become involved and make our voices heard. It is always helpful when constituents share their ideas for change and concerns about state government. I strongly encourage you to contact me with your thoughts.

I can be reached at home in Greenville, 695-2900, or at the State House in Augusta, 287-1440. If you prefer writing, my address is PO Box 526, Greenville, Maine 04441; and my e-mail address is erichardson@ghi.net.

Sincerely,

Earl E. Richardson
State Representative

District 111 Abbot, Beaver Cove, Bowerbank, Brownville, Greenville, Guilford, Monson, Sebec, Shirley, Wellington, Willimantic and Kingsbury Plantation, plus unorganized territories including Barnard, Lily Bay, Harfords Point, Williamsburg, Blanchard and Elliottsville Townships

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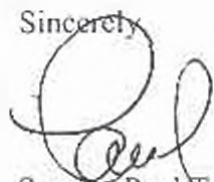
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE TOWN OF BROWNVILLE
Message from Senator Paul T. Davis

I want to thank you again for honoring me with the opportunity to serve as your Senator. It has been a pleasure for me to hear from so many people in Brownville during my tenure in the Senate.

By the time this letter is seen, the 121st Maine State Legislature will be in its 2nd session. There are hundreds of bills ready to consider and a number of very important issues to be resolved. There has been a great deal of publicity concerning tax reform and tax relief. I remain convinced that the legislature needs to address tax reform in a comprehensive way, including the establishment of spending limits. An increase in government spending has resulted in fewer opportunities for Maine people. I am in hopes that we can muster enough support for making the difficult choices that will slow the growth of state government and allow Maine's economy to improve. The state must continue to provide necessary services without adding to the burden of citizens by raising taxes or fees. This will continue to be among my top priorities.

Please continue to keep me informed of your views and suggestions. Please do not hesitate to call me at my home (876-4047) or at my office in Augusta (207-287-1505). You can also send me email at sendavis@midmaine.com.

Sincerely,



Senator Paul T. Davis

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SUBCOMMITTEE ON TAX, FINANCE, AND EXPORTS

January 15, 2004

Dear Brownville Residents:

Each year, Congress considers hundreds of issues that can impact the people of Maine's Second District. Just this past year, we voted on legislation to reform the Medicare system, change the federal tax structure, extend unemployment benefits to laid off workers and improve Veterans' health care and benefits.

Hearing from people like you is a responsibility I take very seriously. Each weekend, I travel back to Maine to hear your concerns and visit with residents throughout our district, which is the largest Congressional District east of the Mississippi River. As Congress considers a host of new issues this year, I hope you'll take a moment to voice your opinions to me.

In addition, my staff and I are always pleased to assist you with answers to questions or problems you might encounter with a federal agency. While I cannot order a federal agency to decide a matter in your favor, we can usually help to get you a prompt response. I am also pleased to inform you that in addition to our three district offices in Lewiston, Bangor and Presque Isle, my staff regularly conducts outreach into all eleven counties across the district, particularly more rural communities.

You can reach me via email by visiting my website at www.house.gov/michaud or can call one of my offices:

Lewiston	782-3704
Bangor	942-6935
Presque Isle	764-1036
Washington	(202) 225-6306

Once again, thank you for the trust and confidence you have placed in me. I look forward to hearing from you during my second year in Congress.

Sincerely,



Michael H. Michaud
Member of Congress

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**TOWN OF BROWNVILLE
GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2003**

Exhibit A

Assets

Cash	603,018
Investments	2,155
Receivables	
Taxes	126,821
Tax Liens	36,309
Other	14,402
Due from Trust Funds	24,925
Due from Reserves	34,578
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Total Assets	<u>842,208</u>

Liabilities and Fund Equity

Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	226
Due to Other Governments	14,525
Due Municipal Revenue Sharing Fund	71,518
Due Reserve Funds	4,257
Due CDBG Program Income Fund	5,682
Due FEMA Grant	4,496
Due Fire Department Grant	568
Prepaid Taxes	
Deferred Revenue	40,085
Deferred Property Tax Revenue	131,279
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Total Liabilities	<u>272,636</u>
Fund Equity	
Fund Balances	
Reserved for Encumbrances	169,250
Unreserved	
Undesignated	400,322
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Total Fund Equity	<u>569,572</u>
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Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u>842,208</u>

TOWN OF BROWNVILLE
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL REVENUES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

Exhibit A-1

	<i>Estimated</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Over (Under) Budget</i>
Taxes			
Property	752,085	807,013	54,928
Supplemental Taxes		4,894	4,894
Excise	135,000	175,232	40,232
Interest on Taxes		13,814	13,814
	<u>887,085</u>	<u>1,000,953</u>	<u>113,868</u>
Intergovernmental Revenues			
Tree Growth	17,000	17,000	
URIL Highway Funds	27,000	27,040	40
Veterans Reimbursement		2,049	2,049
Homestead Exemption	73,198	73,366	168
	<u>117,198</u>	<u>119,455</u>	<u>2,257</u>
Local Sources			
Loan Proceeds	90,020	90,020	
Interest Income	8,000	4,843	(3,157)
Change in FMV		(8)	(8)
Cable TV	3,500	4,317	817
	<u>101,520</u>	<u>99,172</u>	<u>(2,348)</u>
Transfers From Other Funds			
Highway Equip. Reserve	15,000	15,000	
Fire Dept. Equipment Reserve	8,450	8,450	
Police Reserve	20,000	20,000	
Administration Reserve	780	780	
Lundin Trust	22,131	22,131	
Municipal Revenue Sharing	110,000	110,000	
	<u>176,361</u>	<u>176,361</u>	
Total Revenues	<u>1,282,164</u>	<u>1,395,941</u>	<u>113,777</u>
Beginning Fund Balance Used to Reduce Tax Rate	<u>120,000</u>		
Total Revenue and Use of Fund Balance	<u>1,402,164</u>		

TOWN OF BROWNVILLE
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

Exhibit A-2
Page 1 of 2

	<i>Balance Encumbered Prior Year</i>	<i>Appropriation</i>	<i>Receipts and Other Credits</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Balances (Over) Under Lapsed</i>	<i>Encumbered</i>
General Government						
Administration		90,265	17,901	101,481	6,685	
Computer		780		780		
Insurance		18,265		15,258	3,007	
Retirement Plan	2,008	3,320		5,347	(19)	
Employee Benefits		89,100		86,722	2,378	
	2,008	201,730	17,901	209,588	12,051	
Protection						
Police	5,129	74,750	856	66,666	8,297	5,772
Police Cruiser	1,519	20,000		21,519		
Fire Department		11,600	19,150	22,294	8,456	
Fire Dept. Pump Trucks		8,450				8,450
Fire Department Training	3,303					3,303
Fire Truck Payment		6,902		6,902		
Hydrant Rental		60,940		60,940		
Street Lights		20,000		18,463	1,537	
Ambulance		3,000		3,000		
	9,951	205,642	20,006	199,784	18,290	17,525
Health and Social Services						
General Assistance		1,500	2,746	3,790	456	
		1,500	2,746	3,790	456	
Public Works						
Public Works Department		112,132	5,171	113,193	4,110	
Highway Truck		106,678		106,678		
Paving		27,000				27,000
Sanitation		44,410	28,282	70,186	2,506	
		290,220	33,453	290,057	6,616	27,000
Cultural and Recreation						
Recreation	4,004	14,555	353	17,242		1,670
Snowmobile Clubs			226	226		
Brownville Free Library		4,200		4,200		
	4,004	18,755	579	21,668		1,670
Cemetery						
Cemetery Maintenance		4,710	5,420	10,130		

TOWN OF BROWNVILLE
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

Exhibit A-2
Page 2 of 2

	<i>Balance Encumbered Prior Year</i>	<i>Appropriation</i>	<i>Receipts and Other Credits</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Balances (Over) Under Lapsed</i>	<i>Encumbered</i>
Debt Service						
Truck Note		17,800		17,800		
Loader Note		8,873		8,675	198	
		26,673		26,475	198	
Unclassified						
Animal Control	1,399	500	574	1,368		1,105
Town Owned Property	84,791		42,963	13,783		113,971
Memorial Day		500		500		
Christmas Decorations		100		100		
Cemetery Project	2,132					2,132
Comprehensive Plan			12,682	12,000	682	
Van Horne Project		5,500		4,569	931	
Sidewalk Project		24,631		20,734	3,897	
Road Signs	3,347					3,347
CDBG Planning Grant	2,500					2,500
Emergency Surplus		10,000		2,500	7,500	
Knights Landing ROW	1,462				1,462	
	95,631	41,231	56,219	55,554	14,472	123,055
Assessments						
M.S.A.D. #41		478,377		478,377		
Penquis Solid Waste		28,360		27,566	794	
County Tax		55,013		55,013		
Overlay		22,153		9,224	12,929	
		583,903		570,180	13,723	
Transfers to Other Funds						
Paving Reserve		14,000		14,040	(40)	
Fire Department Equipment		5,000		12,130	(7,130)	
Fire Department Small Equipment		800		800		
Administration		1,000		1,000		
Sanitation Truck Reserve				2,506	(2,506)	
Police		7,000		7,000		
FEMA Grant			1,225	2,551	(1,326)	
		27,800	1,225	40,027	(11,002)	
Total	111,594	1,402,164	137,549	1,427,253	\$4,804	169,250

GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN UNRESERVED - UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

Unreserved - Undesignated Fund Balance - January 1		351,741
Additions		
Budget Summary		
Revenue Surplus (Exhibit A-1)	113,777	
Unexpended Balances of Appropriations (Exhibit A-2)	<u>54,804</u>	
		<u>168,581</u>
		520,322
Deductions		
Beginning Fund Balance Used to Reduce Tax Rate		<u>120,000</u>
Unreserved - Undesignated Fund Balance - December 31		<u><u>400,322</u></u>

**TOWN OF BROWNVILLE
ALL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2003**

Exhibit B-1

<i>Assets</i>	<i>Municipal Revenue Sharing</i>	<i>FEMA Grant</i>	<i>Reserve Funds</i>	<i>Community Development Program Income</i>	<i>Fire Department Grant</i>	<i>Totals</i>
Cash and Equivalents			22,076			22,076
Investments			182,865			182,865
Due from Other Funds	71,518	8,996	4,257	5,682	568	91,021
Total Assets	71,518	8,996	209,198	5,682	568	295,962
<i>Liabilities and Fund Balances</i>						
Liabilities						
Due to Other Funds			39,078			39,078
Fund Balances						
Unreserved						
Designated for Subsequent Years' Expenditures		8,996	170,120	5,682	568	185,366
Undesignated	71,518					71,518
Total Fund Balances	71,518	8,996	170,120	5,682	568	256,884
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	71,518	8,996	209,198	5,682	568	295,962

TOWN OF BROWNVILLE
ALL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

Exhibit B-2

	<i>Municipal Revenue Sharing</i>	<i>FEMA Grant</i>	<i>Reserve Funds</i>	<i>Community Development Program Income</i>	<i>Fire Department Grant</i>	<i>Totals</i>
Revenues						
Intergovernmental Revenues	129,054	25,388				154,442
Interest			1,762			1,762
Total Revenues	129,054	25,388	1,762			156,204
Expenditures						
Equipment		23,443			6,075	29,518
Total Expenditures		23,443			6,075	29,518
Excess of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	129,054	1,945	1,762		(6,075)	126,686
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Transfers from Other Funds		7,051	37,476			44,527
Transfers to Other Funds	(110,000)		(48,730)			(158,730)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(110,000)	7,051	(11,254)			(114,203)
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures	19,054	8,996	(9,492)		(6,075)	12,483
Fund Balance - January 1	52,464		179,612	5,682	6,643	244,401
Fund Balance - December 31	71,518	8,996	170,120	5,682	568	256,884

**TOWN OF BROWNVILLE
RESERVE FUNDS
SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003**

Exhibit B-3

<i>Reserve</i>	<i>Balance January 1</i>	<i>Transfers In</i>	<i>Revenues</i>	<i>Expenditures/ Transfers Out</i>	<i>Balance December 31</i>
Administration	2,568	1,000	3	780	2,791
Police Department	20,015	7,000	85	20,000	7,100
Fire Department	41,291	12,130	174	8,450	45,145
Fire Department Small Equipment	3,700	800		4,500	
Highway Equipment	15,086		512	15,000	598
Paving	2,657	14,040	2		16,699
Salt/Sand Storage Shed	18,642		643		19,285
Sanitation	75,653	2,506	343		78,502
	179,612	37,476	1,762	48,730	170,120

TOWN OF BROWNVILLE
TAX ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

Exhibit D-1

PROPERTY TAXES

	2,003	2002	Prior Years
Balance - January 1	(1,000)	135,304	24,217
Supplemental Taxes	4,418	475	
Taxes Committed	<u>752,086</u>		
	<u>755,504</u>	<u>135,779</u>	<u>24,217</u>
Collections	(640,117)	(71,525)	(24,989)
Abatements/Adjustments	(3,044)	82	1,107
To Tax Liens		<u>(50,194)</u>	
	<u>(643,161)</u>	<u>(121,637)</u>	<u>(23,882)</u>
Balance - December 31	<u><u>112,343</u></u>	<u><u>14,142</u></u>	<u><u>335</u></u>

TAX LIENS

	2002	2001	Prior Years
Balance - January 1		46,270	4,330
New Liens Placed	<u>50,194</u>		
	<u>50,194</u>	<u>46,270</u>	<u>4,330</u>
Abatements/Adjustments	(409)	(1,107)	
Collections	<u>(18,593)</u>	<u>(42,990)</u>	<u>(1,386)</u>
	<u>(19,002)</u>	<u>(44,097)</u>	<u>(1,386)</u>
Balance - December 31	<u><u>31,192</u></u>	<u><u>2,173</u></u>	<u><u>2,944</u></u>

TOWN OF BROWNVILLE
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

Exhibit D-2

Cash Balance - January 1		558,827
Town Receipts		
Taxes	701,580	
Tax Liens	60,592	
Excise Taxes	175,232	
Tree Growth Reimbursement	31,550	
Homestead Reimbursement	58,964	
Municipal Revenue Sharing	129,055	
Interest on Taxes	13,814	
Interest on Investments	4,843	
Town Owned Property	42,963	
Departmental Receipts	88,937	
Local Road Assistance	27,040	
Cable TV Franchise	4,317	
Veterans Reimbursement	2,049	
Snowmobile Refund	226	
Perpetual Care Income	5,420	
FEMA Grant	25,388	
Highway Truck Loan Proceeds	90,020	
Transfer from Lundin Trust	908	
Transfer From Medical Center	22,561	
		<u>1,485,459</u>
		2,044,286
Town Disbursements		
Departmental Expenses	811,996	
Transfer to Reserves	68,120	
Transfer to Drinkwater Trust	196	
School	478,377	
Penquis Solid Waste	27,566	
County Tax	55,013	
		<u>1,441,268</u>
Cash Balance - December 31		<u><u>603,018</u></u>
Balance in Banks - December 31		619,145
Plus: Deposit in Transit		20,452
Less: Outstanding Checks and Transfers		<u>(37,129)</u>
Reconciled Cash Balance - December 31		602,468
Plus: Petty Cash		<u>550</u>
Total Cash		<u><u>603,018</u></u>

NOTE: The above exhibit does not include the receipt and disbursement of cash collected and remitted to State Agencies or the Town Water and Sewer Departments. Those transactions are netted under departmental expenses.

**TOWN OF BROWNVILLE
REFERENCE NUMBERS**

Brownville Town Office	965-2561
Fax	965-8768
Town Manager (<i>After regular business hours</i>)	965-8639
Water/Sewer Department	965-8374
Public Works Garage	965-8637
Police Department (Non-Emergency)	965-8026
Recreation Department (Messages Only).....	965-8639
Code Enforcement / Plumbing Inspector	938-3866
Fire Chief (Non-Emergency)	943-2227
Animal Control	965-8026
Fire Warden – Roger Graves (Burning Permits)	965-3733
MAINE LAW REQUIRES BURNING PERMITS FOR ALL OUTDOOR FIRES	

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

BROWNVILLE POLICE & FIRE (EMERGENCY ONLY)	9-1-1
AMBULANCE (EMERGENCY ONLY).....	9-1-1
MAINE STATE POLICE.....	1-800-432-7381