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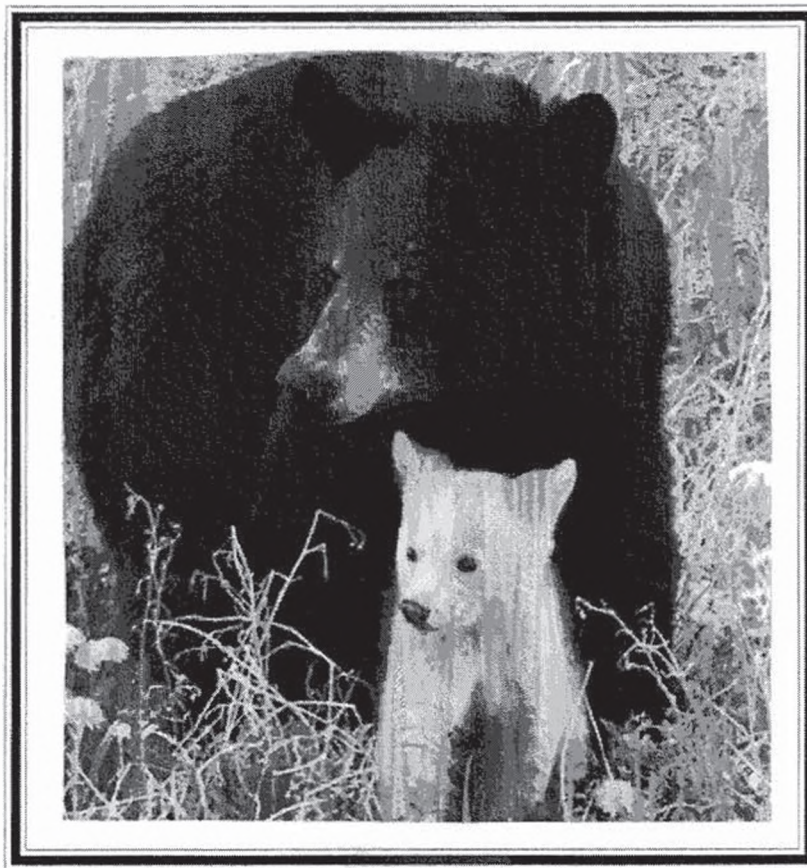
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# **Town of Brownville Annual Report**



# 2004



*The 2004 Town of Brownville Report  
is dedicated to the many fine men  
and women stationed overseas,  
ready to fight for this nation  
and sacrifice all for us.*

*So support our troops!*

*Give them thanks!!*

*Let them know that you're grateful  
for protecting your freedom,  
your safety, and all  
America stands for.*

Based on poem written by Bobbette Bryan – 2003

## 2004 TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED OFFICIALS

### Board of Selectmen

Dennis Green (Chairman) ..... [2006]  
Walter D. Durant..... [2006]  
Gary Cook ..... [2005]  
Ronald Mihalik ..... [2005]  
Stephen Dean ..... [2007]

### M.S.A.D.#41 DIRECTORS

Stacey Slagle ..... [2006]  
Jef Hamlin..... [2005]  
Louis Ritter ..... [2007]  
David Walker, Superintendent..... Appointed by MSAD #41

Moderators ..... Paul Grindle, Felice Sickler

### Budget Committee

Walter Durant (Resigned) and Terry Knowles (co-chairperson) ..... [2005]  
Beverly Jamison and Margaret Williams (co-chairperson)..... [2006]  
Linda Coburn, Louis Ritter, Gerald MacLean and Allana Washburn . [2007]  
**Appointed:** Thomas Belvin, Raymond Clement,  
Donna Jones and Michael Washburn..... [2005]

### Appointed Officials & Employees

Town Manager, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Cemetery Superintendent,  
Road Commissioner, Welfare Director, Health Officer ..... Sophia Wilson  
Town Clerk, Office Manager, Registrar of Voters ..... Kathy White  
Deputy Clerks ..... Felice Sickler & Sophia Wilson  
Clerical Back-up & Board of Selectmen Secretary..... Linda Coburn  
Recreation Director ..... Dean Bellatty  
Public Works Director ..... Arthur Grant Jr. (retired)  
Public Works Crew ..... Gary Grant & Richard Gallagher  
Public Works Part-time Crew ..... William Buehler & Mark Butterfield  
Cemetery Sexton ..... Dean Henderson  
Operations Director..... Kevin Black



## 2004 TOWN OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES (CONTINUED)

Chief of Police ..... Todd Lyford  
Full Time Patrol Officer..... Nicholas Clukey  
Reserve Officers..... Jonathan West (resigned), Bill Goodman,  
Michael Harris, Dennis Dorsey, Derek Hersey,  
Michael Larson & Matt Corbin  
Fire Chief ..... David Preble  
Assistant Fire Chief..... Patrick Thomas  
Code Enforcement Officer & Licensed Plumbing Inspector ..... Daniel Gilbert  
Elections Warden ..... Felice Sickler  
Election Clerks..... Lillian MacLean, Linda Coburn,  
Toni Mihalik & Linda Knight

### **Brownville Water and Sewer Departments**

Superintendent ..... Sophia 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(resigned), Ray Clement, Gloria Nutter,  
Jonathan Lawson, Rhonda Brown, Lynn Kearns, Stacey Slagle (resigned)  
and Melissa Weston.

**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)

**Brownville Days Committee** – Felice Sickler (Chair), Linda Coburn, Bob Hamlin,  
Arthur Grant, Toni Mihalik, Sophie Wilson and Allana Washburn

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



## FROM THE 2004 BOARD OF SELECTMEN...

While previous Annual Reports have spoken of uncertain times and efforts spent building a foundation for the Town of Brownville to thrive in the future, we conducted business amongst the chaos of astronomical state budget deficits and referendum questions that could have dramatically impacted our community. We continued to look for partnerships and collaborative opportunities that would allow the Town to maintain services and local control without increasing the financial burden on our taxpayers. As in previous years, expanding Brownville's tax-base through traditional economic development efforts and attempting to strengthen our community through the creation of a more diverse economy have been top priorities.

In 2004, voters approved an inter-local agreement between the Towns of Brownville and Milo, which created the Eastern Piscataquis Business and Industrial Park on Route 11 in Milo. As part of the agreement, the Towns now equally share ownership and liabilities of the 153-acre lot also known as the "Dorman Farm" as well as equal representation on the newly created Eastern Piscataquis Development Corporation that will oversee the day-to-day operations of the Park. We have already fielded several inquiries about potential development; Mayo Regional Hospital plans to build a new building at the site large enough for their fast expanding medical practice; and the potato barns are providing much needed revenue through short-term leases. Although the Piscataquis County Economic Bond, which would have provided \$270,000 to the project, was narrowly defeated, we continue efforts to find alternate funding opportunities. The Park will provide a much-needed opportunity for business growth and expansion into the region, bringing the prospect of livable wage jobs and increased tax revenues for our community. In the coming year, the Town and Eastern Piscataquis Development Corporation will continue to work with the Piscataquis County Economic Development Council and state agencies to aggressively market the Park to prospective businesses nationally and internationally.

In an attempt to augment our "traditional" economic development efforts, we created the Brownville Tourism Committee in 2004. This group of interested community members was charged with determining Brownville's level of readiness for, and formulating a strategic plan, to implement the Town's Tourism Program. Members of the group have been diligently working with Roger Merchant, an Educator with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, to identify and prioritize the tourism assets that are available to our community. This work has already opened up opportunities for Brownville to participate in other regional and statewide tourism projects. We should have more specifics to share after the findings for the state funded FERMATA Project are rolled out in the Spring of 2005.

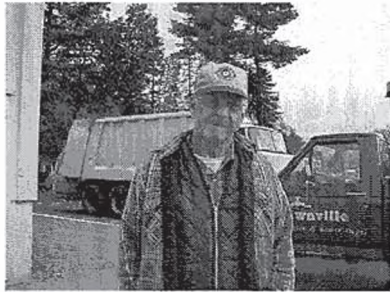
Although we did not agree with the property tax reform proposal put before voters in the 2004 referendum, we clearly heard the call of our residents and taxpayers to reduce the property tax burden. As such, we worked with staff and the Budget Committee to develop 2005 Municipal Budget recommendations that are approximately \$2,800 less than what the voters appropriated for 2004. Until the passage of Governor Baldacci's tax reform package, we were confident that the Town would be able to absorb substantial increases in the Piscataquis County Tax (18.5%) and Penquis Solid Waste (nearly 10%) Assessments. Unfortunately, the Governor and Legislature have attempted to balance the State of Maine budget in the guise of tax reform. The increase in the allowable Homestead Exemption from \$7,000 to \$13,000 of value may seem like a great savings for taxpayers, but it comes at the cost of approximately \$2.7 million dollars of taxable value being removed from the Town of Brownville without any reimbursement from the State. In short, it is an unfunded mandate that will increase the Town of Brownville's mil rate by \$1.98 per \$1,000 in value just to pay for the "tax relief" that state government provided for citizens. Not only will taxpayers not see the promised tax relief on residential property, our local businesses and non-Homestead eligible property will see significant increase to pay for this shifted tax burden.

The Town is able to provide the level and quality of available programs and services due in large part to the hundreds of hours of donated volunteer time and talents. Along with folks who sign up for specific projects or committees, we are also grateful to individuals, businesses, and civic groups who are consistently available to lend their labor and expertise to Town projects. Along with our very dedicated staff, these volunteer efforts are a crucial component that allows us to meet the needs of Brownville residents and taxpayers.

We also appreciate the citizens who took the time to give input into governing issues by participating in community meetings or giving input to Selectmen and staff. The value of local control and local government is only fully seen when citizens utilize the opportunity to give input to decisions that are being made. We strongly encourage residents and taxpayers to attend our regular meetings, which are regularly scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month. We'd like to thank the Three Rivers Community Alliance for the time and talent that they offer maintaining and supporting the Town of Brownville's official website. Thanks to all that they do, community members are able to log onto [www.trcmaine.org](http://www.trcmaine.org) to access our calendar of events, meeting minutes, newsletters, and other items of interest. Folks are always welcome to contact Selectmen or the Town Manager with concerns, suggestions, or encouragement about issues affecting Brownville. It was our pleasure to serve you in 2004 – we look forward to seeing you at the Annual Town Meeting on Monday, March 21, 2005 at the BJHS Alumni Hall beginning at 7:00 in the evening.

Sincerely,

Dennis Green (Chairman), Gary Cook, Stephen Dean, Walter "Donnie" Durant, and Ron Mihalik



### **HAPPY RETIREMENT!!**

*After more than a decade of dedicated service to the Town of Brownville, Arthur "Buster" Grant retired in August of 2004. As Public Works Director, Buster and his crew were responsible for rebuilding several roads and completing other large scale projects for the community. His unending dedication and seemingly tireless work-ethic were demonstrated daily in the attention that he paid to the work his Department completed — from plowing roads in winter to cutting trees and dealing with those unexpected issues that catch folks unaware. We appreciate his early mornings, his late nights, his willingness to set his alarm to chime every hour on the hour to see if it was snowing, but most of all we are deeply grateful for his dedication to the citizens of our community. Buster's ability to complete a year's worth of public works projects on a shoestring budget is legendary across the State of Maine. Along with his skills and expertise, we'll miss his jokes, stories, and willingness to lend a hand for just about any project. Thanks for all that you've taught us... we're better off for having had the opportunity to work with you! Happy Retirement!!*

*~ Brownville Board of Selectmen & Staff*





## 2004 OPERATIONS REPORT



Folks may notice that the "Operations Report" is a new feature to the Annual Report. In 2004, we sadly saw Arthur "Buster" Grant, our incredibly dedicated and talented Public Works Director, retire. In an effort to capture long-term savings to the Town, the Selectmen melded the supervision of the Public Works, Sanitation, Occupational Health & Safety Programs, Water, and Sewer Departments into a newly formed Director of Operations. After working as a part-time Technical Consultant for the Water, Sewer, and Public Safety Departments for two years, Kevin Black was hired as the new Director of Operations in September. Buster will be greatly missed, but we are looking forward to working with Kevin and the Crew.

### PUBLIC WORKS

In 2004, members of the Brownville Public Works Department were very busy working on a variety of projects aimed at meeting the needs of the community. The Van Horne Avenue Rebuild Project was finally, and officially, completed with reclaiming and paving from Route 11 to the Brownville town line. We appreciate the patience of all residents and travelers who've been dealing with Van Horn Avenue's various construction phases over the last three years. In addition to the Van Horne Project, the Town also started a rebuild of a portion of Henderson Street in conjunction with the replacement of the waterline completed by the Water Department. We anticipate that this will be a multi-phase project, which will include the possible rebuild of Pine Street in 2006. In addition to our major projects, the Crew continued to respond to concerns from citizens and completed smaller projects like rehabbing the underpass sidewalk, clearing snow and ice from roadways and sidewalks, ditching, tree and brush removal, keeping the roads from defect, road sign repair and replacement, and maintenance of equipment. In 2005, we will be implementing a new equipment maintenance program as well as focusing on roadside maintenance and repair. We truly appreciate the dedication, skills, and commitment to the taxpayers that Gary Grant and Rick Gallagher bring to the Crew...we are able to meet the needs of the community because of all that they do!



### SANITATION

The Town of Brownville continues to provide weekly residential and commercial roadside collection of regular *household* garbage. In 2004, we hauled 796.10 tons of garbage to the Penobscot Energy Recovery Company (PERC) from Brownville and our contract communities of Lake View Plantation, Williamsburg, and Ebeemee. Our part-time crew on the truck does an exceptional job making sure that our load meets Town and PERC regulations. When preparing your garbage please keep the following items in mind:

- All items must be at roadside, easily reachable by crew members without walking up snow banks or embankments, no later than 7:00AM on the scheduled collection day. It helps the driver to put the bags and can on the up side of the driveway since they are more easily seen;
- Household appliances, dangerous or environmentally unsafe substances, animal parts, demolition debris, and human or animal feces will not be collected;
- Items must be broken down or cut into pieces no larger than 3 feet x 3 feet x 12 inches and weigh no more than 50 lbs;
- Garbage must be put out in sealed standard size garbage bags or bags inside of trash cans. Dark colored bags and cans are preferred in the winter as the driver can more easily see them against the snow. Trash should not be put in paper bags or boxes of any kind as they get wet and break. Please do not overload the bags...remember, bags must not weigh more than 50 lbs. If bags break when the crew picks them up the mess will be left for the homeowner to clean up;
- 55 gallon metal drums or containers used for commercial purposes will not be emptied. Many of these containers narrow at the top making it very difficult to easily empty. *Remember cans weighing more than 50 lbs will not be emptied;*



- If trashcans are left out in the elements, water must be drained from the can prior to collection. We suggest punching holes in the bottom of the can. This is important because water and ice adds a tremendous amount of weight (that we have to pay for) to the overall load. The Crew will not empty cans that have standing water or ice in them;
- Loose trash on the ground or left loose in trash cans will not be picked up or emptied. Throwing loose garbage into the packer can cause a mess on windy days;
- Demolition debris, metal, wood, building supplies, and bulky furniture should be taken to Penquis Solid Waste Transfer Station on the Lakeview Road. The facility is open from 8AM – 4PM on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays as well as extended hours in the spring; and
- Dumpsters must be kept free of snow and ice (in, on top, and on all sides) and easily accessible to tip. Cardboard boxes must be flattened before putting into the dumpster.

The more quickly we can pick up the garbage on the collection route the less tax dollars we will need to spend! We appreciate your assistance! We also appreciate all of Bill Buehler and Mark Butterfield's hard work and dedication...whether snow, rain, or extreme temperatures, they're always there making sure that the job gets done! Please be on the look out for information about the future of roadside collection. This spring the Selectmen will be making a final decision about whether the Town will purchase a new garbage truck or put the collection service out to a private hauler (paid by the Town through tax dollars).



## **WATER DEPARTMENT**

In 2004, the Town of Brownville Water Department produced 20,792,000 gallons of water for our 443 residential and 42 non-residential customers from the Brownville and Brownville Junction water systems. The water quality, which exceeds industry standards, was reported in the annual Consumer Confidence Report that can be viewed on the Town of Brownville website ([www.trcmaine.org](http://www.trcmaine.org)). We restructured our collection procedure to better limit the outstanding water balances, which allowed the user fees to remain level at \$55.50 per quarter for 1200 cubic feet of water. During the year, we issued 414 disconnection notices for non-payment of user fees that led to 17 disconnections and 64 negotiated payment arrangements.

## **SEWER DEPARTMENT**

In 2004, the Town of Brownville's wastewater treatment facilities handled 11,557,300 gallons of influent and 2,457,200 gallons of effluent. Thankfully, it was a fairly quiet year with no major interruptions in service or extremely costly repairs. We appreciate our customers' assistance in not putting cloth or feminine hygiene products into the sewer system as we find that those types of materials cause problems with pumps and cutting blades. During the year, 28 liens were placed on property as a result of non-payment of sewer fees, that figure is down 11 from 2003. It is important that customers with liens 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 with the Town unable to stop the process.

We appreciate all of the time and talents that our Chief Operator, Steve Jay, brings to the Water and Sewer Departments. As in other years, he spent a great deal of time in extremely cold temperatures thawing frozen water and sewer pipes...at times he goes above and beyond the call of duty! It would be very helpful, and save a lot of money, if folks would take special care in the winter to leave snow covering their water and sewer service lines whenever possible – this insulates the pipes and decreases the chance of freezing up.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin N. Black, Operations Director

Sophia L. Wilson, Road Commissioner & Water/Sewer Superintendent



# 2004 POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Brownville for their cooperation with the police department in 2004. It takes you, the citizens, to help us identify those who commit the crimes. The Brownville Police Department logged over 736 incidents in 2004. Although this is up from 2003, there was no significant increase in the serious crime categories. We experienced more calls for service and our amplified attention to traffic enforcement led to increases in motor vehicle related statistics. Significant to mention is an incident in road rage that ended in Brownville Jct. with an accident on the corner by the green bridge in September. Two individuals were ultimately arrested for aggravated assault and the cases continue to proceed through the courts.

Starting in late-May, department personnel began a multi-week special detail attempting to bring awareness to the public about the new seatbelt laws. Since this effort was part of a statewide seatbelt enforcement program, the Town was reimbursed for additional personnel and overtime costs. We also received a new radar system for our participation!

Nicholas Clukey continues to do a great job for the police department as our full-time Patrol Officer. Last year, he attended several classes at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy, including Instructor Development, Liquor Law Enforcement, and Crisis Intervention Training. Nick now can provide in-house, police academy training for law enforcement officers. This is a big asset to the local police departments that allows us to provide much needed training at little or no cost! In 2004, Matt Corbin, of Dover-Foxcroft, was hired as a Reserve Police Officer for the Brownville and Milo Police Departments. He is working as a Reserve for the Towns of Dover-Foxcroft and Dexter. The experience that Matt is gaining will be very helpful as he strives to become a full-time law enforcement officer.

Due to our close working relationship with the Town of Milo, both towns were able to save considerable money in the police department accounts in 2004. While saving money, we were still able to provide a good police service to both communities. As we continue to work together we will be able to maximize our resources and keep policing costs at a reasonable rate. In 2004, the Towns of Brownville and Milo applied for and received grant funds from the federal government and Maine Municipal Association that allowed us to purchase new bulletproof vests for our officers. We also received several hundred gun locks which are available at the Brownville Town Office at no charge to the public. The members of the police department encourage everyone to come in to pick up some of these locks for your firearms to help protect the children in your home.

Please be aware that we are still finding many of the homes in town are not properly numbered. Each home should be clearly marked so that the numbers can be easily seen from the road. It is extremely helpful if the numbers are reflective. Remember, emergency responders are looking at, or around, your front door for a house number. If you live away from the road please make sure your driveway is properly marked with your street number. In an emergency, just a few seconds can make a difference – the better your house is identified the quicker we will be able to respond to your need!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Todd Lyford, Police Chief

## 2004 STATISTICS

**Complaints**  
223

**Calls for Service**  
116

**Accidents**  
32

**Motor Vehicle Warnings**  
223

**Assists to Other Agencies**  
57

**Summons**  
53

**Arrests**  
32





# 2004 FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

In 2004, we made several upgrades to Fire Department trucks and equipment with approximately \$70,000 in grant funds the Town of Brownville received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). We appreciate the time and talent that Kevin Black and Todd Lyford donated to write and assist in administering the grant application. Programs like these provide small, rural communities with much needed resources to keep up with the ever-evolving field of firefighting. Next year, the Brownville Fire Department will also get more than \$15,000 worth of communications equipment as the result of a FEMA grant that the Milo Fire Department received in 2004.

The sixteen dedicated members of the Fire Department worked to reorganize meeting and training space in the station located in the Junction. Members donated quite a bit of time repairing and maintaining equipment as well as meeting minimum training standards required by the Department of Labor Standards. This dedication and willingness to donate time and talents on the part of our firefighters and local businesses are crucial components that allow our small community to support a fire department. We're always looking for more people...if you're interested please contact me for more information!

Along with our contracted fire protection responsibilities for Lake View Plantation, Williamsburg, KI, and Ebeemee, we also remained part of the county-wide mutual aid agreement with all of the other fire departments in Piscataquis County. This agreement, along with being neighborly, ensures that when we need help in Brownville, the equipment, firefighters, and resources of the entire County will be at our disposal. In 2004, we also entered into an arrangement with the Town of Milo to tone both fire departments simultaneously for reported structure fires. This increases the number of personnel that we can immediately have on scene.

## 2004 Statistics

Total Calls	22
Chimney Fire	1
Fire Alarms (School)	3
Tree on Power Lines	3
Brush Fire	1
Structure Fires	3
Box Car Fires	2
Fuel Spill	1
Car Accident	1
Mutual Aid (Structure Fires)	
Guilford	1
Milo	5
Sebec	1

Respectfully Submitted,  
David Preble, Fire Chief



## LOCAL HEROES HONORED

*Nick Clukey, Derek Hersey, and Rick Flagg were honored by the American Red Cross in November 2004 for their heroic actions taken on May 1, 2004 at a structure fire on the Stanchfield Ridge Road in Milo.*

*Two on duty police officers, Nick Clukey and Derek Hersey, and one firefighter, Rick Flagg, were the first to arrive on the scene of the fire, where the house was already a blaze. It was then that they were given the information that an elderly lady, Ellie Brown, was still in the house, asleep and unaware of the fire. Mrs. Brown's son and daughter-in-law, the other residents of the house, had left earlier that evening for a retirement party. Nick, Derek, and Rick all responded to the crisis instantly by choosing to put their lives at risk by entering the burning building with no protective gear. They ran into the house, searched until they found Mrs. Brown's room, and together were able to carry her out of the house and to the safety of an ambulance, which arrived seconds later. It is because of the extreme bravery of Nick, Derek, and Rick that Mrs. Brown survived the fire. The three men all deserve the honor of the title hero.*





## 2004 Animal Control Report



2004 was a busy and very productive year in regards to animal control. Together, Julie, Katie and I answered over 50 calls, aiding over 75 cats or kittens, 7 dogs, and various forms of small pets.. We have tried to educate the public to the fact that Animal Welfare is not an option, it is the law. Each town is mandated to appropriate a portion of animal registration fees to be used strictly for Animal Control and Animal Welfare.

We believe we have gotten a firm hold on cleaning up the well-known wild cat colonies in the Brownville and Brownville Junction vicinity. We gathered up, spayed or neutered, and adopted into responsible homes, over 45 cats from the Davis Street area, the Curve Street area, and the large population on Church Street in Brownville. Through education and an aggressive sterilization program, we anticipate a decline in the number of cats and dogs wandering our streets. Therefore, people who aren't fond of animals can take heart that the number of unowned and uncontrolled cats and dogs will gradually decrease. In order to keep these areas from repopulating, PLEASE call the town office immediately if you notice a stray hanging around your residence. One female cat can produce 3 litters a year, and her first litter can be reproducing before that years end! It is much easier to trap 1 pregnant cat than to capture a mother with babies.

We continue to agonize over irresponsible owners abandoning animals. Last year, for example, one household abandoned a full-grown dog and a box of kittens. It is hard to believe in this day and age that people can be so ignorant. On the other hand, we have many, many responsible folks who continue to help us in our endeavors to make sure every companion animal in our area has a responsible life-time home.

In closing, we would like to assure the citizens of Brownville that we are doing the absolute most that can be done to care for and find homes for our area's stray and abandoned pets. We plead for your help and ask that you help reduce the unwanted pet population by having your pet spayed or neutered. If you would like to help us with a monetary donation to our spay/neuter fund, send it to:

P.A.W.S.  
PO Box 81  
Milo, ME 04463



Respectfully submitted by  
Valerie Robertson, Katie Robertson, and Julie Gallagher

### **An Update on the Penquis Animal Welfare Sanctuary**

By Julie Gallagher and Valerie Robertson

We believe the shelter is functioning well. We have taken in 173 stray or abandoned animals, of which 5 were claimed by their owners. The rest were spayed or neutered and many were adopted. We currently have 40 residents at the shelter that need homes, but we are confident a place will come up for them. We anticipate a much smaller population in the coming years, as we are working aggressively to control the stray population.

The operating costs for the shelter are running at about \$6300 dollars per year, which includes feeding and housing the cats and dogs medical care, which includes testing, immunizations, treating illnesses and spaying and neutering cost \$8628.05. We receive the money to cover these expenses from towns paying for the right to use the shelter, state reimbursements and through private donations. We are confident we can continue to operate and provide the best possible life for our stray and abandoned companion animal population. We thank everyone for the donations that make this possible. You have a shelter to be proud of.



## 2004 RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT



In 2004, we provided a wide array of programs for people of all ages in our community. Many folks enjoyed the basketball court at Davis Field and the newly expanded Church Street Playground. Once again, we sponsored a variety of sports activities as well as Arts & Crafts and holiday activities. We appreciate all of the work that our laborers, Danielle Graves and Alex Zwicker, contributed to keeping the grounds maintained and 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 450 participants in the programs offered in 2004. 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 2004, the Brownville Board of Selectmen and the Recreation Commission revised the Commission by-laws to clarify that it is, in fact, part of the Corporation of the Town of Brownville. This simple clarification, and minor alterations to the way in which money is receipted, gives Commission volunteers and the activities that they sponsor coverage under the Town's insurance policy and significant liability protection. We look forward to working with the Commission in the coming year...without these hardworking, dedicated volunteers we would not be able to do all that we do!

I would also like to thank all who volunteered their time and efforts to our community and programs. Along with great appreciation for volunteers, coaches, and Rec Commission members, I want to give special thanks to the Town Office and Public Works Crews for all their hard work; Uncle Buck and his crew for building the new dugouts at Davis Field; Eli Zwicker for volunteer umpiring; and Rusty Lawson and Lynn Kearns for going above and beyond on the Rec Commission. We are able to provide the quality and quantity of programs as a direct result of our dedicated volunteers and continued community support. Please stay involved!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dean Bellatty, Recreation Department Director

### 2004 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*

T-Ball  
*3-5 Years Old*

Pee Wee Baseball  
*6-8 Years Old*

\*Little League  
*9-12 Years Old*

\*Traveling Baseball Team  
*9-12 Years Old*

Arts & Crafts

Halloween Party

Visit from Santa Claus

Fun Day

\* Youth Soccer

Adult Softball

*\*Offered in Conjunction with  
The Town of Milo*

## Plumbing Inspector's Report 2004

There were 15 sub-surface and 7 internal plumbing permits issued for the town this year, for a total permit cost of \$1888.00.

The Town retained \$1416.00

The State received \$472.00

479	Randy McMahon	\$48.00	Internal
480	Larry Folsom	78.00	Internal
481	Jeff Jones	48.00	Internal
482	Mark Anthony	60.00	Internal
483	Richard Curry	120.00	Sub-sur
484	Ron Badger	100.00	Sub-sur
485	Malcolm French	100.00	Sub-sur
486	Otto Smith	100.00	Sub-sur
487	Herve Jallette	30.00	Internal
488	Dennis Haislet	100.00	Sub-sur
489	Gary Cook	120.00	Sub-sur
490	Glenn Findlay	100.00	Sub-sur
491	Adam Coover	100.00	Sub-sur
492	Cheri Brackett	100.00	Sub-sur
493	Cheri Brackett	100.00	Sub-sur
494	Cheri Brackett	100.00	Sub-sur
495	Adam Coover	48.00	Internal
496	John Behuniak	100.00	Sub-sur
497	Linda Champagne	100.00	Sub-sur
498	Paul Dechane	100.00	Sub-sur
499	Paul Dechane	100.00	Sub-sur
500	Linda Champagne	36.00	Internal

Respectfully submitted,  
Dan Gilbert, LPI #380



## Code Enforcement Officer's Report 2004

This year there were 47 Building Permits issued for various home owner projects within the town. They ranged from chicken enclosures, to new homes, to rental cottages. Total fees collected for these permits was \$470.00.

### Building permits issued:

Barbara Shedd	Rebuild After Fire	Glen Perkins	Breezeway & Garage
Carl Schutts Jr.	New roof	Randy McMahon	12x12 Shed
John Kearns	12x16 Shed w/cement floor	Otto Smith	Camp
Adam Coover	24x28 Camp	Jeff Jones	30x36 Camp w/screen porch
Frank Andrews	Demo 24x36 section of house	George Eddy	Picnic Table Shelter
Tera Guthrie	Demo garage & build shed	Rhonda Backus	Demo deck, build small one
Scott Wyman	Demo Garage, build new one	Paul Noke Sr.	Garage
Donald Dube	24x24 Camp	Arthur Grant	Demo porch rebuild screened
Katherine Thomas	Install 100' Chain Link Fence	Mark Anthony	Rebuild Existing House
James Caswell	12x16 Shed	Robin Lyford	Demo Old Log Home
Louis Ritter	5x10 Mud room on shed	Herve Jallette Jr.	1976 Mobile Home, septic
John Behuniak Jr.	Building a structure	Vivian McCormick	Post & rail fence
Sophie MacKenzie	Porch/laundry roof & shingles	Frank Andrews Jr.	24x30 Garage
Phillip Flagg	12x12 Screened Porch	Leigh Washburn	Addition for cold storage
Gary Cook	Windows, septic, porch	Robert Durant	Pool & Greenhouse
Brian Ouellette	6x12 Porch	George Eddy	24x34 Garage
Glenn Findlay	Seasonal Camp	James Kirby	36x28 Garage
Leroy Bandy	18x28 House	Cheri Brackett	3 to 4 16x32 Rental Cabins
Donald Crossman	1986 Mobile Home	Brent Bailey	Garage, Addition, plumbing
Greg DeMonthier	Windows, roof, siding, dormer	Todd Worster	2 16x24 Rental Cabins
Leigh Washburn	Demo old house for parking	Richard White	10x12 Hen house
Dept. Conservation	Re-establish RR bed for trail	Arthur Cuthbertson	1987 Mobile Home
Rocki Remington	36x36 Home	James Kirby	32x30 Barn
Linda Campbell	2 Log Cabins/Mobile Homes		

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dan Gilbert CEO

## Local Sealer of Weights & Measures 2004

Starting in March, the test weights and fuel pump test equipment were taken to Augusta for the yearly calibrations. In the middle of April, I picked up the equipment and attended a meeting with the state sealers for updates on new devices.

I was sworn in at the town office in June. In the month of August, 36 pumps and 4 scales were tested in the Town of Brownville.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tim Briggs, Local Sealer

## OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

Nomination papers have been filed with the Town Clerk for vacancies to be filled at the March 21, 2005 Municipal election:

<b>Selectperson</b>	2 Vacancies - 3 Year Term
<b>MSAD 41 Director</b>	1 Vacancy - 3 Year Term
<b>Budget Committee</b>	2 Vacancies - 2 Year Terms

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT



To the Citizens of Brownville:

### Licenses sold:

* Fish & Game	398	* Boats	211
* Dogs	193	* Snowmobiles	238
* Kennel	4	* ATVs	147

Oaths of Office administered 62

### Vital Statistics recorded:

* Marriages	14
* Births	9
* Deaths	13

1 Municipal Election, 1 Annual Town Meeting, 2 special Town Meetings, 1 Town Special Election, 1 June Primary and 1 General/Referendum election were recorded.

Respectfully submitted,  
s/ Kathy K. White  
Town Clerk

**Penalty for willfully defacing, tearing down or destroying a list of Candidates, or a specimen ballot, up to \$1000.00 fine, up to 11 months in jail or both.**

## LIST OF CANDIDATES

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Kathy K. White  
TOWN CLERK





**ASSESSOR'S REPORT**  
**VALUATION AND ASSESSMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2004**

TAXABLE REAL ESTATE VALUATION.....\$32,675,800.00  
TAXABLE PERSONAL PROPERTY VALUATION.....\$563,700.00  
***TOTAL TAXABLE VALUATION..... \$33,239,500.00***  
TOTAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION VALUATION.....\$2,918,700.00

**TOTAL VALUATION BASE.....\$36,158,200.00**  
*(AMOUNT SUBJECT TO MIL RATE OF 0.02290)*

**APPROPRIATIONS:**

MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATION .....\$693,509.00  
M.S.A.D #41 ASSESSMENT .....\$466,165.00  
PISCATAQUIS COUNTY TAX .....\$60,413.00  
OVERLAY .....\$22,435.78  
**TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS .....\$1,242,522.78**

**ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS**

MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING .....\$150,000.00  
EXCISE TAX .....\$150,000.00  
SURPLUS USED TO REDUCE TAXES .....\$80,000.00  
HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION REIMBURSEMENT .....\$66,838.23  
TREE GROWTH REIMBURSEMENT.....\$27,000.00  
MISCELLANEOUS.....\$7,500.00  
**TOTAL DEDUCTIONS .....\$481,338.23**

**TAXES COMMITTED TO THE TAX COLLECTOR... \$761,184.55**

# 2004 UNPAID TAXES

## As of December 31, 2004

Ade, Jean, Barbara & Robert.....	627.46	Dow, Ralph & Lynette .....	350.37
Ade Family Partnership .....	453.42	Doyle, Stephen & Jackie/Patterson, George & Nancy.....	1023.63
Ade, Richard& Barbara .....	1378.58	Drake, Lydia .....	54.96
Ade, Robert A. ....	1248.05	Drake, Lydia .....	950.35
Ade, Robert & Harry .....	641.20	Dube, Leona.....	468.96
Ade, Robert & Harry .....	725.93	Dube, Leona.....	277.09
Anderson, Joshua A.....	429.85	Dube, Roland.....	47.06
Andrews, Frank .....	185.49	Dumont, Al & Kathy.....	373.27
Andrews, Frank & Janet.....	870.20	Dumont, Eldrick J. & Kathryn L.....	769.44
Andrews, Frank Jr. ....	121.37	Eaton, Darrell C/O Joan Eaton.....	274.23
Anthony, Vaughn & Kevin .....	185.49	Eckstrom, Denise M./R.&D. Thomas.....	657.23
Averill, Ormsville T. Jr.....	982.41	Elwell, Fred J. II.....	767.15
Avrin, Jean, Heirs.....	299.99	Emery, Charles & Deborah.....	42.06
Avrin, Jean ".....	171.75	Emery, Maurice.....	728.83
Avrin, Jean ".....	229.00	Emmons, Raymond & Diana .....	437.39
Avrin, Jean ".....	845.01	Eunson , Mark & Linda.....	652.65
Avrin, Jean.....	139.69	Farley, Wendy S.....	80.15
Avrin, Jean.....	155.72	Farley, Wendy S.....	1147.29
Avrin, Jean.....	139.69	Fickett, Mary C/O L.Fickett.....	57.25
Avrin, Jean.....	144.27	Fontaine, John(heirs).....	20.61
Avrin, Jean.....	203.81	Fontaine, John (heirs).....	13.74
Avrin, Jean.....	240.45	Frost, Patricia.....	178.62
Avrin, Jean.....	796.92	Gerrish, Raymond & Nichol.....	385.66
Badger, Ronald.....	119.08	Gilman, Tamralynn .....	679.40
Bedinger, Perry & Bandana .....	641.20	Goan John & Jean .....	774.02
Bergert, Bruce R.J. ....	760.28	Gormley, Edythe E.....	336.63
Bernard, John & Laurie .....	384.72	Gormley, Edythe .....	483.19
Bisson, Phillip .....	100.76	Graves, John & Denise.....	229.00
Blake, Dennis.....	167.17	Gray, Daniel & Vickie.....	1,225.15
Blake, Russell T. ....	109.92	Gray, Wade.....	219.84
Blake, Thomas M. ....	247.32	Green, Christy.....	162.59
Bragg, Harold, C/O Barbara Call .....	52.67	Green, Guy & Gloria.....	824.40
Bragg, Harold C/O Barbara Call .....	59.54	Hafford, Ronald .....	622.55
Brown, Charles.....	396.17	Hartin, James & Loretta.....	116.79
Brown, Robert K. & Rhonda K. ....	1145.00	Hayes, Debra J. ....	682.42
Buchanan, Daniel & Craig Poole.....	966.38	Haynes Timberland Inc./R.Berg.....	141.98
Buck, Johanna .....	34.35	Haynes Timberland Inc./R.Berg.....	377.85
Buck, Johanna .....	684.71	Haynes Timberland Inc./R.Berg.....	64.12
Burlock, Lester .....	52.67	Haynes Timberland Inc./R.Berg.....	87.02
Burton, Barbara Lee.....	641.20	Haynes Timberland Inc./R.Berg.....	352.66
C&A Financial Programs.....	572.50	Haynes Timberland Inc./R.Berg.....	428.23
Cartwright, Stacy (heirs).....	819.82	Haynes Timberland Inc./R.Berg.....	196.94
Chambers, Kelley & Lorraine .....	581.66	Haynes Timberland Inc./R.Berg.....	176.33
Champagne, Linda.....	380.53	Haynes Timberland Inc./R.Berg.....	100.76
CIT Group/ Sales Financing Inc. ....	1417.51	Haynes Timberland Inc./R.Berg.....	100.76
CIT Financial .....	4.58	Haynes Timberland Inc R.Berg.....	1513.69
Clark, MelvinC/O Peter Jenson .....	659.52	Haynes Timberland Inc./R.Berg.....	242.74
Clement, Raymond & Roselee Emery .....	512.96	Haynes Timberland Inc./R.Berg.....	52.67
Clickner, Joanne.....	338.92	Haynes Timberland Inc./R.Berg.....	11.45
Coover, Lenny.....	503.80	Haynes Timberland Inc./R.Berg.....	256.48
Corcoran, Daniel .....	657.23	Haynes Timberland Inc./R.Berg.....	235.87
Crossman, Barbara C/O David Cyr .....	670.97	Haynes Timberland Inc./R.Berg.....	423.65
Davis, Richard.....	166.05	Haynes Timberland Inc./R.Berg.....	57.25
Decker, Charles S. ....	85.74	Heath, Guy William .....	354.95
Dickie, Darryl.....	1110.65	Heath, Guy William .....	627.46

Heath, Michael .....	961.80
Heath, Randy E. ....	409.93
Heath, Ruth S. ....	487.77
Hebert, Laura / Dean , Tracy .....	160.30
Hoffman, John Michael .....	7.43
International Paper Realty Co. ....	114.50
Kinne, Paul E. Jr. ....	867.91
Knapp, David M. & Judith A. ....	178.74
Knizeski, Karen .....	716.77
Knights Landing Inc. ....	1348.81
Labarbera, Michael & Terri .....	1138.13
Lamontange, James L. & Sherri .....	526.70
Lavigne, Dennis & Janice .....	2.69
Leasecom Corp .....	6.87
Leathers, David .....	350.37
Leathers, David .....	299.99
Leathers, David R. ....	634.33
Leathers, David R. ....	50.38
Lema, Anthony J. ....	755.70
Lloyd, Charles & Mary .....	1467.89
Lombard, Bruce W. ....	1.56
Magyar, James H. ....	492.35
Marino, Thomas John .....	370.98
Marson, David E. ....	144.27
Martin, Donald & Christine .....	478.61
McGuinness, James III .....	3.00
McKenzie, Chris. ....	309.15
McLaughlin, Joe & Lori .....	249.61
McLaughlin, Joseph A. ....	1030.50
McSorley, William & Jenise .....	604.56
Merritt, Michael R. ....	1241.18
Miguens, Xavier F. & Jane A. ....	389.30
Milo, Genaro D. ....	192.36
Monahan, Anne .....	739.67
Morrill, Bob .....	219.84
Moriarty, William & Charlene .....	528.99
Morton, Michael .....	913.71
Murphy, Roger & Karen .....	533.57
Nee, James C/O Michael Nee .....	109.92
Niemic, Donna .....	217.55
Ogden, David & Judy M. ....	132.82
Ogden, David & Judy .....	883.94
O'Neil, Kevin B. ....	329.76
Parkman, Brian .....	161.09
Parkman, Cheryl .....	551.89
Patton, Mark & P. Remington .....	439.68
Patton, Stephen C. & Wendy .....	496.93
Patton, Stephen C. & Wendy .....	1621.32
Pieriboni, C/O Charles Marcheterre .....	405.33
Pomelow, David .....	767.15
Pray, Robert W. & Barbara E. ....	806.08
Pribus, Charles R. ....	29.77
Pribus, Charles R. ....	4531.91
Purdue, Ronald E. ....	121.37
R&K Realty Trust C/O R. Ade .....	609.14
Richards, Linda J.E. ....	132.82
Roberts, Edward & Brenda .....	785.47
Roberts, Gloria A. ....	144.27
Rodriguez, Felix Garcia .....	87.02
Royal, Richard .....	132.82

Royal, Richard .....	893.10
Russell, George & Josephine .....	535.86
Russell, Roger L. ....	577.08
Sawlivich, Daniel L. & Tina A. ....	762.57
Sawtell, Richard .....	373.46
Shaw, Janet .....	336.63
Scientific Games .....	59.54
Shedyak, Christopher M. ....	137.40
Small, Charles & Michele .....	757.99
Small, Lisa A. ....	93.89
Smart, Jeffrey & Sandra .....	828.98
Smith, Edward .....	87.02
Smith, Gary A. & Madalena .....	881.65
Stamatopoulos, Harry .....	551.89
Stanchfield, Donald & Susan .....	528.99
Standish, Deborah .....	377.85
Stone, Bruce E. & Jennie L. ....	430.52
Stowell, Edward N. Jr. & Laurie A. ....	964.09
Stubbs, David & Sonia .....	315.29
Stubbs, Roland H. Jr. ....	604.56
Stubbs, Roland H. & Peggy .....	606.85
Suarez, Manual .....	114.50
Suarez, Manual .....	977.83
Suarez, Manual .....	64.12
Tanguay, Mark .....	222.13
Tanguay, Rodney & Joan (Heirs) .....	993.86
Tenan, Michael S. ....	13.84
Titus, Nate .....	467.16
Turgeon, Gerard .....	438.56
Twitchell, Ginger .....	719.06
Warbin, Douglas & Kathleen .....	417.87
Washburn, Michael L. ....	801.50
Washburn, Michael L. ....	1003.02
Webb, Charles W. ....	20.61
Weiss, Maureen R. ....	430.52
Weston, Frances .....	380.90
Wheeler, John .....	1309.88
Winslow, Janice E. ....	650.36
Witham, Carol J. ....	673.26
Witham, Chester .....	105.34
Witham, Chester .....	606.85
Witham, James .....	602.27
Worster, Laurie A. ....	158.01



**2003 UNPAID TAX LIENS  
As of December 31, 2004**

Ade, Jean, Carrie & Barbara.....	\$637.64
Ade, Robert A. & Carrie J. ....	1,267.83
Ade, Robert & Harry .....	652.31
Avrin, Jean (heirs).....	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
Avrin, Jean.....	810.14
Avrin, Jean.....	244.44
Avrin, Jean.....	207.19
Brown, Robert K. & Rhonda K. ....	338.58
Buck, Johanna K. ....	695.84
Buck, Johanna K. ....	34.92
Coover, Lenny.....	409.50
Crossman, Barbara.....	682.80
Dickie, Darryl .....	1,128.15
Elwell, Fred J. II.....	778.25
Gagnon, Henry.....	581.07
Gormley, Edythe .....	492.37
Gormley, Edythe E. ....	340.12
Green, Christy.....	165.06
International Paper Realty Co. ....	116.40
Kinne, Paul E. Jr. ....	881.15
Lloyd, Charles & Mary.....	1491.32
Magyar, James H. ....	133.47
McKenzie, Chris .....	313.81
Monahan, Anne.....	752.41
Morrill, Bob .....	222.32
Morton, Michael .....	928.17
Murphy, Roger & Karen.....	541.96
Nee, James C/O Michael Nee .....	112.21
O'Neil, Kevin B. ....	496.33
Ogden, David & Judy .....	133.16
Ogden, David & Judy .....	719.95
Parkman, Cheryl .....	559.88
Patton, Mark & P. Remington .....	447.67
Pomelow, David .....	780.81
Richards, Linda J.E. ....	135.26
Roberts, Gloria A. ....	146.43
Rural Housing Service.....	14.32
Sawlivich, Daniel & Tina.....	571.29
Small, Charles & Michelle .....	769.87
Stanhope, Raymond & Patricia.....	1279.47
Tanguay, Mark.....	226.28
Washburn, Michael .....	813.17
Weiss, Maureen R. ....	437.90
Wheeler, John & Aileen .....	4.49
Winslow, Janice E. ....	825.74
Witham, Carol J. ....	684.20
Witham, James.....	612.73

**2003 Unpaid Personal Property  
As of December 31, 2004**

CBIZ Property Tax

Solutions.....102.43

**2003 Supplement tax**

B & A

R.R.....150.85

**2001 UNPAID TAX LIENS  
As of December 31, 2004**

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

Outstanding Water and Sewer Balances  
December 31, 2004

Anderson, Cindy	\$ 73.45	Ormonde, Mark Sr.	\$ 97.69
Anderson, Joshua	\$ 74.95	Pakebusch, Marian	\$ 74.95
Averill, Ornsville T	\$ 142.27	Parkman, Cheryl	\$ 919.93
Badger, James	\$ 494.07	Perkins, Larry	\$ 130.95
Baker, Elaine	\$ 75.45	Perry, William	\$ 198.99
Barnett, Roger	\$ 2.00	Pray, Barbara	\$ 145.04
Biondo, Lauren	\$ 58.00	Pratt, Naomi	\$ 39.19
Blake, Debbie	\$ 150.90	Quimby, Richard	\$ 275.04
Blanchard, Lesley	\$ 267.18	Ramsey, Sandra	\$ 80.51
Blaker, Victor	\$ 14.64	Remington, Rocki	\$ 150.90
Brown, Jasen	\$ 239.92	Ringuette, Joanne	\$ 79.71
Buck, Johanna	\$ 275.84	Rollins, Anita	\$ 10.00
Burton, Michael	\$ 72.85	Rouse, Amy & Dean	\$ 150.90
Burgess, Theodore Sr.	\$ 63.25	Rouse, Amy & Dean	\$ 150.90
Clement, Raymond	\$ 442.34	Russell, Michael	\$ 111.40
Clickner, Joanne	\$ 61.90	Russell, Roger	\$ 75.45
Crossman, Barbara	\$ 106.20	Smart, Jeffrey	\$ 75.95
Cyr, David	\$ 101.98	Standish, Deborah	\$ 413.73
David, Rick	\$ 30.95	Turavani, Marie	\$ 29.20
Days, June	\$ 108.44	Twitchell, Ginger	\$ 119.67
Decker, Charles	\$ 92.90	Varney, Donald	\$ 40.95
Doughty, Angelina	\$ 129.51	Wallace, Thomas	\$ 150.90
Drake, Lydia	\$ 19.95	Washburn, Michael L.	\$ 118.90
Durant, Howard	\$ 896.93	Weiss, Maureen	\$ 764.50
Ekholm, Hollie	\$ 0.65	Weiss, Maureen	\$ 428.01
Elwell, Fred II	\$ 39.90	Wentworth, Virginia	\$ 75.45
Emmons, Raymond & Diana	\$ 153.45	Weston, John	\$ 75.45
Folscher, Frank E.	\$ 10.19	Weston, Melissa	\$ 160.90
Gerrish, Nichol	\$ 18.50	Wilcox, John	\$ 53.95
Goan, John & Jean	\$ 65.95	Wilcox, John	\$ 87.34
Grant, Gary & Roberta	\$ 75.45	Winslow, Janice	\$ 830.18
Graves, John	\$ 259.39	Winslow, Janice	\$ 505.14
Hall, Lesley	\$ 208.15	Winslow, Janice	\$ 66.75
Harville, Thomas	\$ 19.95	Winslow, Janice	\$ 603.83
Hayes, Debbie	\$ 490.29	Wing, Michael	\$ 11.78
Heal, Anthony	\$ 93.72	Witham, Carol	\$ 224.70
Kimble, Mary Jo	\$ 176.29		
Kinne, Paul Jr.	\$ 646.26		\$ 7,943.27
Lafache, Holly	\$ 44.25	Credit Balances	\$ (1,024.38)
Lema, Anthony J.	\$ 145.46	Total Outstanding	\$ 6,918.89
Lovejoy, Theresa	\$ 150.90		
Marcheterre, Charles	\$ 146.03	Outstanding Water Balances	\$ 1,166.52
McKenzie, Robert	\$ 209.25	Outstanding Sewer Balances	\$ 13,281.20
McLeod, Kenneth	\$ 39.90		
Miguens, Nick	\$ 577.28		
Mills, Laurie	\$ 75.45		
Murphy, Roger & Karen	\$ 113.08		
Neptune, Doris	\$ 5.50		
Newell, Michael	\$ 68.34		
O'Neil, Kevin	\$ 113.82		

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**JANUARY 1, 2004 – DECEMBER 31, 2004**

**Cash Balance on January 1, 2004 ..... \$603,018.00**

**Town Receipts**

Taxes .....	\$721,246.00
Tax Liens.....	55,510.00
Excise Taxes.....	175,774.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement.....	36,375.00
Homestead Reimbursement .....	66,886.00
Municipal Revenue Sharing .....	142,568.00
Interest on Taxes .....	10,467.00
Interest on Investments .....	6,626.00
Town Owned Property .....	6,400.00
Departmental Receipts.....	114,227.00
Local Road Assistance.....	20,346.00
Cable TV Franchise .....	4,530.00
Veterans Reimbursement .....	1,773.00
Snowmobile Refund .....	2,926.00
Perpetual Care Income.....	7,535.00
FEMA Grant .....	38,071.00
Fire Department Auxiliary.....	3,459.00
Recreation Commission.....	1,067.00
Paving Bond Proceeds .....	<u>33,898.00</u>
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$1,449,684.00</b>

**Town Disbursements**

Departmental Expenses .....	\$762,656.00
Transfer to Reserves .....	50,241.00
MSAD #41 Assessment.....	466,165.00
Penquis Solid Waste.....	33,993.00
Piscataquis County Tax.....	<u>60,413.00</u>
<b>Total Town Disbursements.....</b>	<b>\$1,373,468.00</b>

**Cash Balance on December 31, 2004 ..... \$679,234.00**

**TOWN OF BROWNVILLE**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL REVENUES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

**Exhibit A-1**

	<i>Estimated</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Over (Under) Budget</i>
Taxes			
Property	761,187	759,281	(1,906)
Supplemental Taxes		4,220	4,220
Excise	150,000	175,774	25,774
Interest on Taxes		10,844	10,844
	911,187	950,119	38,932
Intergovernmental Revenues			
Tree Growth	27,000	27,000	
URIL Highway Funds	20,346	20,346	
Veterans Reimbursement		1,773	1,773
Homestead Exemption	66,838	66,886	48
	114,184	116,005	1,821
Local Sources			
Loan Proceeds	33,898	33,898	
Interest Income	4,000	6,626	2,626
Cable TV	3,500	4,530	1,030
	41,398	45,054	3,656
Transfers From Other Funds			
Highway Equip. Reserve			
Fire Dept. Equipment Reserve			
Police Reserve			
Administration Reserve	2,155	2,798	643
Lundin Trust			
Municipal Revenue Sharing	150,000	150,000	
	152,155	152,798	643
Total Revenues	1,218,924	1,263,976	45,052
Beginning Fund Balance Used to Reduce Tax Rate	118,000		
Total Revenue and Use of Fund Balance	1,336,924		



## TOWN OF BROWNVILLE

## GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

Exhibit A-2

Page 1 of 3

	<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		79,625	16,950	95,667	908	
Insurance		18,845		17,791	1,054	
Retirement Plan		5,875		5,572		303
Employee Benefits		95,100		92,563	2,537	
		199,445	16,950	211,593	4,499	303
Assessing		25,415		22,351	3,064	
Protection						
Police	5,772	74,560	7,517	73,539	8,538	5,772
Police Safety Vests			4,958	4,958		
Fire Department		16,920	24,524	27,865	13,579	
Fire Dept. Pump Trucks	8,450			1,758		6,692
Fire Department Training	3,303			240		3,063
Fire Truck Payment		6,902		6,678	224	
Public Safety		2,300		1,814	486	
Animal Control	1,105	500	598	2,308	(105)	
Hydrant Rental		60,940		60,940		
Street Lights		18,500		18,668	(168)	
Ambulance		3,000		3,000		
	18,630	183,622	37,597	201,768	22,554	15,527

**TOWN OF BROWNVILLE**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

**Exhibit A-2**  
**Page 2 of 3**

	<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>
Health and Social Services						
Social Services		800		800		
General Assistance		1,500	177	1,036	641	
		2,300	177	1,836	641	
Public Works						
Public Works Department		111,500	16,997	120,257	8,240	
Paving	27,000	33,898		54,000	6,898	
URIL Highway Funds		20,346		10,612		9,734
Sanitation		51,925	41,654	91,123	2,456	
	27,000	217,669	58,651	275,992	17,594	9,734
Cultural and Recreation						
Recreation	1,670	19,960	3,012	22,772		1,870
Snowmobile Clubs			2,926	2,926		
Brownville Free Library		4,200		4,200		
	1,670	24,160	5,938	29,898		1,870
Cemetery						
Cemetery Maintenance		2,326	7,535	9,861		
Debt Service						
Truck Note		20,500		20,419	81	
Loader Note		8,673		8,168	505	
		29,173		28,587	586	

**TOWN OF BROWNVILLE**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

**Exhibit A-2**  
**Page 3 of 3**

	<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>
Unclassified						
Town Owned Property	113,971		6,400	26,291		94,080
Memorial Day		500		491	9	
Christmas Decorations		100		100		
Cemetery Project	2,132					2,132
Road Signs	3,347					3,347
CDBG Planning Grant	2,500					2,500
Emergency Surplus		10,000			10,000	
Eastern Piscataquis Industrial Park		25,000				25,000
	121,950	35,600	6,400	26,882	10,009	127,059
Assessments						
M.S.A.D. #41		466,165		466,165		
Penquis Solid Waste		33,995		33,993	2	
County Tax		60,413		60,413		
Overlay		22,436		8,345	14,091	
		583,009		568,916	14,093	
Transfers to Other Funds						
Fire Department Equipment		5,000		18,579	(13,579)	
Administration		6,355		6,355		
Sanitation Truck Reserve				2,456	(2,456)	
Police		7,000		7,000		
Highway Equipment Reserve		15,850		15,850		
		34,205		50,240	(16,035)	
<b>Total</b>	<b>169,250</b>	<b>1,336,924</b>	<b>133,248</b>	<b>1,427,924</b>	<b>57,005</b>	<b>154,493</b>



**TOWN OF BROWNVILLE**

**Exhibit A-3**

**GENERAL FUND**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN UNRESERVED - UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

Unreserved - Undesignated Fund Balance - January 1		400,322
Additions		
Budget Summary		
Revenue Surplus (Exhibit A-1)	45,052	
Unexpended Balances of Appropriations (Exhibit A-2)	<u>57,005</u>	
		<u>102,057</u>
		502,379
Deductions		
Beginning Fund Balance Used to Reduce Tax Rate		<u>118,000</u>
Unreserved - Undesignated Fund Balance - December 31		<u><u>384,379</u></u>

**TOWN OF BROWNVILLE**  
**RESERVE FUNDS**  
**SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

**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	2,791	6,355	50	2,798	6,398
Police Department	7,100	7,000	476		14,576
Fire Department	45,145	18,579	927		64,651
Highway Equipment	598	15,850	302		16,750
Paving	16,699		332		17,031
Salt/Sand Storage Shed	19,285		390		19,675
Sanitation	78,502	2,456	1,512		82,470
	<b>170,120</b>	<b>50,240</b>	<b>3,989</b>	<b>2,798</b>	<b>221,551</b>

# BROWNVILLE DAYS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Brownville Days Committee was created by the Brownville Board of Selectmen in November of 2004 after being approached by interested citizens who wished to plan an annual parade and other events. The Board appointed, Linda Coburn, Arthur Grant, Bob Hamlin, Toni Mihalik, Felice Sickler, Allana Washburn, and Sophia Wilson as the seven committee members.

The first meeting of the Committee took place on November 10, 2004, where the Committee approved bylaws and elected Felice Sickler as Chairperson, Allana Washburn as Vice-Chairperson, and Toni Mihalik as Secretary.

Over the course of the next few meetings, the Committee diligently put together a Public Buffet and Auction that took place on Saturday, January 22, 2005 and raised over \$1,300. Many community members and local businesses joined the efforts of the Committee to make the fundraiser a great success. Plans for other minor fundraisers such as a food sale are still in the works for the upcoming year.

The main event will take place August 19, 20, & 21, with plans of a parade on Saturday, a children's parade and carnival on Friday evening, vendors, a quilt show, softball games and much, much more! The Committee is always looking for more ideas from the public. They generally meet twice a month.

Though fundraising is a major part of the Committee's agenda, a contribution from the voters at the Annual Town Meeting would be greatly appreciated! We plan to work hard and make this an annual event that our community can continue to enjoy. If you would like to have more information, please contact the Town Office or speak with one of the above listed Committee Members.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Felice M. Sickler*  
Committee Chairperson





## Town of Brownville 2005 Budget Committee

The 2005 Budget Committee met several times in January to review the proposed budget submitted by the Town Manager. This budget included all town departments. Eleven very active participants engaged in serious discussions.

The committee hoped to keep the tax rate the same as last year. The committee requested various department heads to present the options they had considered when requesting funds and the priorities of any special projects, which required funding.

After three meetings, an approximate reduction of \$23,000 was cut from the proposed budget. This only happened because of the Town Manager's and department head's willingness to take suggestions and rework their budget several times.

As of the time we are writing this, the Selectmen are making their recommendations on the budget. The budget committee will then reconvene and take one more look.

Keep in mind that there are several portions of the budget called assessments that the Town has little control over. These include the MSAD #41 budget, which we don't know what portion the state will fund, County tax that recently raised taxes by 18%, and Penquis Solid Waste.

We want to thank everyone who participated, both committee members and town staff.

Margaret A. Williams  
Co-chairperson

Terrance R. Knowles  
Co-chairperson

## *In Memory Of*

### *Greta Connors*

*June 22, 1912 - December 8, 2004*

*Brownville's first woman selectman, she was very patriotic, having lost her husband in World War II. A pillar of our fine high school of yesteryear, Greta taught at other schools before arriving at BJHS and taught in other towns after the school closed in 1968. A master teacher, Greta never lacked enthusiasm. When I hear poor usage, I just say to myself, "That individual didn't have Greta Murray Connors for an English teacher. I was fortunate." A strong Methodist and a strong supporter of the Brownville Historical Society, Greta was always there to lend a helping hand, especially by her hospitality and her cuisine.*

*-- By William Sawtell*

### *Jacqueline Bragdon*

*04-29-1935 - 02-18-2005*

### *John Marsh*

*01-11-1937 - 09-23-2004*

### *Robert Elsemore*

*09-14-1953 - 01-02-2005*

### *Margaret Law*

*09-18-1921 - 07-28-2004*

### *Elizabeth Chase*

*09-28-1910 - 12-09-2004*

### *Vaughn Weymouth*

*06-25-1914 - 07-18-2004*

### *Larry Perkins*

*09-18-1964 - 12-01-2004*

### *Ruth Chase*

*09-08-1921 - 04-21-2004*

### *Levi Page*

*05-20-1920 - 11-25-2004*

### *Edith McGrath*

*09-05-1919 - 04-02-2004*

### *Annie Chase*

*04-30-1918 - 10-30-2004*

### *Josephine Russell*

*11-15-1920 - 03-01-2004*

### *James Sickler*

*02-23-1927 - 09-22-2004*

### *Dawn Ewer*

*02-04-1966 - 02-29-2004*

*Although not a Brownville resident when he died, we also mourn the loss of  
Malcolm Buchanan, long-time Principal of the  
Brownville Junction High School  
as well as mentor and friend to many.*



## Brownville Free Public Library Report 2004

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

Books Catalogued	137
Books Circulated	911
Children's Books	139
Paperbacks Circulated	68
Magazines Circulated	134
Computer Used	67
New Customers	32

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Pauline Thomas*  
Pauline Thomas Librarian

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### Treasurer's Report

#### Receipts:

Town of Brownville	\$4200.00
M. Mosher CD	<u>22.68</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$4222.68</b>

#### Disbursements:

Rent	\$ 600.00
Insurance	500.00
Wages	1820.00
Supplies	158.31
Miscellaneous	<u>82.75</u>
	<b>\$3161.06</b>

#### Books

Adult	\$ 404.61
Children	62.34
Magazines	<u>138.88</u>
	<b>\$ 605.83</b>

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Heidi Thomas*  
Heidi Thomas, Treasurer





## Piscataquis County Economic Development Council

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Greetings:

I am pleased to present you with this report on activities for the Piscataquis County Economic Development Council (PCEDC) in 2004. Some of our activities have included:

- The PCEDC led the effort to enact a county-wide economic development plan. The plan will help organize the economic development efforts of the PCEDC, municipalities, and workforce development providers.
- The PCEDC revamped its website by adding more relevant information for existing County businesses and businesses outside the County seeking to expand or invest. Check out our website at: [www.pcedc.org](http://www.pcedc.org)
- The PCEDC worked with the Eastern Maine Development Corp. to complete a successful "Pine Tree Zone" application that covers over 2,200 acres within five Piscataquis County municipalities. The Pine Tree Zone program is a recent tax incentive program by the State of Maine created to spur economic development in targeted areas of the state where unemployment is relatively high and wages are relatively low. In October, 2004, Dover-Foxcroft based Pleasant River Lumber Company became the first recipient in Piscataquis County to receive Pine Tree Zone benefits.
- The PCEDC organized the projects to be placed on the November 2004 County economic development bond referendum. The referendum would have allowed the County Commissioners to issue up to \$952,000 in bonds for economic development projects throughout the County. Although the referendum lost by only 136 votes countywide, almost 5,000 residents voted for this positive, regional economic development model.
- The PCEDC assisted local businesses including:
  - Helping Lamco USA LLC in Guilford successfully apply for a \$10,000 Maine Technology Institute Seed Grant. Lamco used these funds to develop a new filtration cart for airport refueling runoff.
  - Assisting Pleasant River Lumber access the Pine Tree Zone. Additionally, the PCEDC wrote Dover-Foxcroft's \$400,000 CDBG grant to support expansion of water lines to the plan site.
  - Mobilized a response to Pride Manufacturing's interest in leaving its Guilford plant and consolidating elsewhere.
  - Encouraged the expansion of Maine House Furniture into the new Greenville Business Incubator building.
- The PCEDC worked with the Moosehead Lake Region Chamber to organize a business attraction ad campaign for the County's three commercial parks. The ads have appeared in Mainebiz, the State's premier publication for business news and information.
- The PCEDC's Cultural Heritage & Eco-tourism (CHET) Committee joined with the Appalachian Mountain Club to raise funds for a recreational and cultural tourism map of Piscataquis County.

The PCEDC is especially proud to work with communities like yours. The County's municipal managers and Boards of Selectmen have a strong willingness to work together for the common good. This is especially crucial in terms of economic development projects such as the jointly shared Eastern Piscataquis Industrial Park (Milo and Brownville) or by six communities joining forces to apply for a Pine Tree Zone district in Piscataquis County.

Together, there is nothing we can't do.

Mark Scarano  
Executive Director



**STATE OF MAINE**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**CLERK'S OFFICE**  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0002

**Millicent M. MacFarland**  
*Clerk of the House*

TO: Municipal Officers - **Brownville**  
Editor, Annual Report

FROM: *M. M. M.*  
Millicent M. MacFarland  
Clerk of the House

Many municipal annual reports include the category of "Representative to Legislature" at the conclusion of the listing of Municipal Officers.

In the belief you may want to aid citizens to more readily contact their House member, we are hopeful that you will include the following information in the Municipal Officers section:

Representative to the Legislature  
(Term exp. 12/6/06)

**District: 27**

State Representative: Earl E. Richardson  
Home Address: P. O. Box 526  
Greenville, Maine 04441

Residence: (207) 695-2900  
Business: (207) 695-3337  
Fax: (207) 695-3571  
E-Mail: erichardson@gwi.net

Capitol Address: House of Representatives  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0002  
Telephone: 287-1440 (Voice)  
207-287-4469 (TTY)

Year-Round Toll Free House of Representatives Message Center 1-800-423-2900  
Maine Legislative Internet Web Site - <http://janus.state.me.us/legis>



**Senator Paul T. Davis, Sr.**  
**Republican Leader**  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0003  
(207) 287-1505

36 Townhouse Road  
Sangerville, ME 04479  
Home (207) 876-4047

**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 the people in Brownville during my tenure in the Senate. I will continue to represent you with the best of my ability throughout the remainder of my term.

The 122nd Maine State Legislature is currently in its 1st regular session with hundreds of bills to be considered and a number of very important issues to be resolved. Ballot initiatives in the last two election cycles have shown elected officials that the citizens of this state want tax reform.

It is my hope that we will be able to provide Maine's citizens with the immediate and long-term tax relief that they have demanded and deserve.

I remain convinced that the legislature cannot address tax reform in a comprehensive way, without the establishment of meaningful spending limits. Increases in government spending result in fewer opportunities for Maine people. I am in hopes that we can muster enough support to make the difficult choices to 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. These issues 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](mailto:sendavis@midmaine.com).

Sincerely,

Senator Paul T. Davis



Mayo  
Regional  
Hospital

## 2004 Annual Report from HAD 4

### Board of Directors

#### **Abbot**

Heather Weymouth

#### **Atkinson**

Irene White

#### **Bradford**

Gregory Bowler,  
*President*

#### **Cambridge**

Cynthia Hoak

#### **Dexter**

Patricia Tobin  
Albert Tempesta  
Cathy Goerlitz

#### **Dover-Foxcroft**

Robert Pomeroy,  
*Treasurer*  
Judith Raymond,  
*Secretary*  
Norman Higgins

#### **Guilford**

Dolores Curtis,  
*Vice President*  
Alvin McDonald

#### **Monson**

Sue DeLoia

#### **Parkman**

Candice Cyr

#### **Sangerville**

Ellen Haley

#### **Sebec**

Ruth Nason

#### **Willimantic**

Jeff Morin

The year 2004 was an eventful one for Mayo Regional Hospital, which successfully sought designation as a critical access hospital. That status will be transparent to patients, yet will solidify financial stability by making the hospital eligible for higher, cost-based Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement.

The decision to seek critical access status resulted from a nine-month strategic planning process completed by Mayo early in 2004. The Critical Access Hospital program was created by Congress in 1997 to support small hospitals located in rural areas. Through the program, Medicare and MaineCare reimburse for healthcare services based on allowable costs.

The critical access program limits hospitals to not more than 25 inpatient acute care beds, and hospitals in the program also must meet an average patient length-of-stay standard of no more than 4 days. Mayo has met those standards without changing the way it cares for patients and while continuing to offer all its existing services.

Two new doctors joined Mayo's active medical staff during the year. Orthopaedic surgeon Warren "Skip" MacDonald Jr., M.D. joined Penquis Orthopaedics, and pediatrician Gretchen Huot, M.D. was added to the staff at Milo Family Practice.

The recruitment of Dr. MacDonald concluded an 18-month search that was national in scope. He is now practicing orthopaedics with longtime Mayo surgeon Dr. Richard Swett. Dr. Huot, who recently completed her residency at the University of Virginia, is a National Health Service Corps physician and has a four-year commitment to practice in a medically underserved area.

The addition of Dr. Huot to the staff at Milo Family Practice, along with the growth in patient volume, has spurred Mayo to work with the Town of Milo to consider a new medical office building in that community. Tentative plans call for the building to be located in the proposed Eastern Piscataquis Business Park.

Mayo experienced an off year financially in 2003, with its first operating loss in a decade, but the hospital bounced back with a strong financial showing last year. Mayo saw net operating revenues increase significantly, and ended the year with an operating margin of \$3.3 million, nicely compensating for the prior year's loss.

Although inpatient admissions were essentially unchanged, Mayo's outpatient services showed strong growth and accounted for 72% of total revenue. Surgical procedures increased by over 12% to a total of 2,276, with most of that volume in outpatient activity. Solid gains were also seen in physician office visits, radiology exams and births.

Mayo received two major bequests during the year, both in excess of \$100,000, from the estates of Anne Urban of Monson, and Kenneth and Margaret Badger of Sangerville.

Two members of Mayo's senior management team accepted leadership posts in state-wide healthcare organizations. Ralph Gabarro, the hospital's Chief Executive Officer, was installed as chairman of the Maine Hospital Association Board of Directors. Kim Thebault, Mayo's Director of Patient Care Services, was elected president of OMNE: Nursing Leaders of Maine.

Mayo finished the year with 286 full-time equivalent workers and contributed over \$14.6 million in salaries and benefits to the local economy. The hospital is now the third-largest employer in the Penquis region.



## 2005 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 2005 Annual Town Meeting Warrant were arrived at after careful and public deliberation by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee. You will notice that the Selectmen and Budget Committee are unanimous in their recommendations to this year's Town Meeting voters. The municipal budget recommended for 2005 is approximately \$1,500 less than last year's appropriation.

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. In addition, we are still awaiting final determination as to how the State Legislature's passage of LD #1, also referred to as the tax reform bill, will affect the Town. Since the Town will only be reimbursed 50% of the loss in revenue caused by the increase in the homestead exemption from \$7,000 to \$13,000 for eligible residents, we anticipate an increase in the mil rate of approximately \$2 per \$1,000 of taxable value. The table below illustrates the impact that the State's "tax relief package" will have on local taxes. But for the change in the Homestead Program, we would have been able to, if the school assessment remained the same, hold the mill rate at 0.02290.

	Without Increased Homestead Exemption	With Increased Homestead Exemption
<b>Municipal Appropriation</b>		
Operations	\$598,453.00	\$598,453.00
Debt Obligation	\$26,920.00	\$26,920.00
Capital Reserves	\$30,350.00	\$30,350.00
Overlay	<u>\$12,000.00</u>	<u>\$12,000.00</u>
	<b>\$667,723.00</b>	<b>\$667,723.00</b>
<b>Special Projects</b>	<b>\$13,135.00</b>	<b>\$13,135.00</b>
<b>Assessments</b>		
MSAD #41	\$466,165.00	\$466,165.00
County Tax	\$71,335.00	\$71,335.00
Penquis Solid Waste	<u>\$35,116.00</u>	<u>\$35,116.00</u>
	<b>\$572,616.00</b>	<b>\$572,616.00</b>
<b>Projected Deductions</b>		
Revenue Sharing	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
Homestead Exemption	\$66,954.98	\$67,383.68
Other Revenue		
Excise Tax	\$160,000.00	\$160,000.00
Tree Growth	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
Interest Income	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Cable TV	<u>\$3,500.00</u>	<u>\$3,500.00</u>
	<b>\$419,454.98</b>	<b>\$419,883.68</b>
<b>Surplus to Reduce Tax Rate</b>	<b>\$65,000.00</b>	<b>\$65,000.00</b>
<b>Net Assessment</b>	<b>\$769,019.02</b>	<b>\$768,590.32</b>
<b>Projected Value</b>	<b>\$33,575,000.00</b>	<b>\$30,871,000.00</b>
<b>Projected Mil Rate</b>	<b>0.02290</b>	<b>0.02490</b>

**TOWN OF BROWNVILLE**  
**2005 TOWN MEETING WARRANT**  
**\*\* REVISED & RE-POSTED \*\***

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 21, 2005 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).

- Two Selectpersons 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)

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, 2005. All taxes remaining unpaid after September 16, 2005 shall bear interest at the rate of 0.6458% per month or any part thereof not to exceed seven and three-quarters [7.75%] 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 2005 at 4.0% per year less than the rate of interest charged on taxes unpaid after September 16, 2005.

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 re-appropriate the following 2004 account balances:

<i>Town Owned Property</i> .....	<i>\$94,080</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>Fire Truck Repair</i> .....	<i>\$6,692</i>	<i>Police Special Income</i> .....	<i>\$5,772</i>
<i>Fire Department Training</i> .....	<i>\$3,063</i>	<i>Recreation Department Income</i> .....	<i>\$1,870</i>
<i>Employee Retirement</i> .....	<i>\$303</i>		

Selectmen recommend passage of this article.

Article 9. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
	<i>\$90,258</i>	<i>\$90,265</i>	<i>\$79,625</i>

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend for 2005 ..... \$85,933.00

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

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
	\$0	\$0	\$25,415

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend for 2005..... \$21,110.00**

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

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
	\$74,500	\$74,750	\$74,560

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend for 2005..... \$70,495.00**

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

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
	\$11,600	\$11,600	\$16,920

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend for 2005..... \$12,990.00**

Article 13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for PUBLIC SAFETY:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
<i>Hydrant Rental</i>	\$60,940	\$60,940	\$60,940
<i>Public Safety</i>	\$5,400	\$0	\$2,300
<i>Ambulance Service</i>	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
<i>Animal Control</i>	<u>\$800</u>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>
	\$70,290	\$64,440	\$66,740

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend for 2005:..... \$69,645.00**

<i>Hydrant Rental</i> .....	\$60,940	<i>Public Safety</i> .....	\$2,705
<i>Ambulance</i> .....	\$5,000	<i>Animal Control</i> .....	\$1,000

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

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$18,500

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend for 2005:..... \$18,900.00**

Article 15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
	\$108,000	\$113,790	\$111,500

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend for 2005:..... \$122,530.00**

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

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
	\$53,750	\$44,410	\$51,925

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend for 2005:..... \$48,410.00**

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

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
	\$18,900	\$14,555	\$16,960

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend for 2005..... \$18,395.00**

**Article 18.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for MAINTENANCE OF CEMETERIES:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
	\$7,615	\$4,710	\$2,326

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend for 2005:..... \$4,090.00**

**Article 19.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
<i>Employee's Health Trust</i>	\$66,500	\$57,855	\$62,945
<i>Unemployment Insurance</i>	5,100	2,595	3,050
<i>Worker's Compensation</i>	9,860	11,200	9,890
<i>FICA and Medicare</i>	18,500	17,450	19,215
<i>Contingency</i>	0	0	0
<i>Retirement Program</i>	<u>5,230</u>	<u>3,320</u>	<u>5,875</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$105,190</b>	<b>\$92,420</b>	<b>\$100,975</b>

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend for 2005..... \$98,900.00**

<i>Employee Health Trust.....</i>	<i>\$59,810</i>	<i>Unemployment Insurance..</i>	<i>\$2,610</i>
<i>Worker's Compensation ....</i>	<i>\$10,880</i>	<i>FICA and Medicare .....</i>	<i>\$20,100</i>
<i>Retirement Program .....</i>	<i>\$5,500</i>		

**Article 20.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
<i>Brownville Library</i>	\$3,700	\$4,200	\$4,200
<i>General Assistance</i>	2,000	1,500	1,500
<i>Memorial Day</i>	500	500	500
<i>Holiday Decorations</i>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
	\$6,300	\$6,300	\$6,300

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend for 2005..... \$5,800.00**

<i>Library.....</i>	<i>\$4,200</i>	<i>General Assistance .....</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
<i>Memorial Day.....</i>	<i>\$500</i>	<i>Holiday Decorations.....</i>	<i>\$100</i>

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

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
	\$18,415	\$18,265	\$18,845

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend for 2005:..... \$21,255.00**

**Article 22.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for CAPITAL DEBT PAYMENT ON THE "2004 PAVING" NOTE:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend for 2005..... \$6,420.00**



- Article 23.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate funds received from 2005-2006 URBAN RURAL INITIATIVE PROGRAM to reserve for Capital Highway Improvements.  
**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.**
- Article 24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,500 for the 2005 HIGHWAY TRUCK DEBT PAYMENT.  
**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.**
- Article 25.** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow up to \$50,000 for the purchase of a BACKHOE to be used by the Public Works, Water, and Sewer Departments.  
**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.**

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

*Certificate of Indebtedness is contained on page 8 of this warrant.*

**Costs:** At an estimated maximum interest rate of 6.37%, for a maximum repayment term of seven (7) years, the estimated cost of this borrowing will be as follows:

Principle (not to exceed)	\$ 50,000
Interest (not to exceed)	<u>\$ 13,524</u>
Total Debt Service	\$ 63,524

**Validity:** The validity of the bonds and of the voter's ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

- Article 26.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for FIRE DEPARTMENT RESERVE:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
	\$7,000	\$5,000	\$5,000

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend for 2005:..... \$5,000.00**

- Article 27.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for POLICE CRUISER RESERVE:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend for 2005:..... \$7,000.00**

- Article 28.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE:

<i>Appropriations:</i>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
	\$0	\$0	\$15,850

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend for 2005:..... \$15,850.00**

Article 29. 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>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$4,200

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend for 2005:..... \$2,500.00**

Article 30. 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 and other municipal services deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Brownville.

**Selectmen recommend passage of this article.**

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate funds from Surplus to reduce the 2005 tax commitment.

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend for 2005..... \$65,000.00**

Article 32. 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 2005 General Commitment. *(The following are estimates.)*

<i>Excise Tax .....</i>	<i>\$160,000</i>	<i>Municipal Revenue Sharing.....</i>	<i>\$150,000</i>
<i>Homestead Exemption.....</i>	<i>\$67,850</i>	<i>Tree Growth Reimbursement.....</i>	<i>\$35,000</i>
<i>Miscellaneous Revenue.....</i>	<i>\$7,500</i>		

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.**

Article 33. To see how the Town will vote to appropriate Snowmobile refunds for 2005.

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

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to authorize Selectmen to approve the use of earnings, grant funds, donations, and the like within each respective department.

**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.**

Article 35. 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 36. 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 37. 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 38. 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., § 2953.

Article 39. 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 2005.

**Selectmen recommend for 2005:..... \$10,000.00**

- Article 40.** 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 2005 annual budget during the period of January 1, 2006 to the 2006 Annual Town Meeting.
- Article 41.** 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 42.** To see if the Town will vote to approve the 2005 Water Department Budget.  
**Selectmen recommend:** ..... **\$200,153.00**
- Article 43.** To see if the Town will vote to approve the 2005 Sewer Department Budget.  
**Selectmen recommend:** ..... **\$114,179.00**
- Article 44.** To see if the voters of the Town of Brownville will appropriate and authorize a majority of the municipal officers for the Town to borrow on behalf of the Town, a principal amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$255,000) through the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Brownville, which may be callable bonds or notes (the "Bonds"), the proceeds to be used to repay and refund the Town's General Obligation nd issued September 6, 1988 in the original amount of \$413,000 for the purpose of design and construction of the Town's wastewater treatment and collection system (the "Project"); and to authorize the municipal officers to do any and all things and execute any and all documents to enable the Town to issue the Bonds and repay the 1988 General Obligation Bond.  
**Selectmen recommend passage of this article.**

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

*Certificate of Indebtedness is contained on page 8 of this warrant.*

**Costs:** At an estimated maximum interest rate of 2.25%, for a maximum repayment term of twelve (12) years, the estimated cost of this borrowing will be as follows:

Principle (not to exceed)	\$ 255,000
Interest (not to exceed)	\$ 37,372
Program Fees	\$ 14,633
Total Debt Service	\$ 307,005

**Validity:** The validity of the bonds and of the voter's ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue in not affected by reason of the variance.

- Article 45.** To see if the Town will appropriate \$5,000 from Undesignated/Unrestricted Funds (Surplus) to be used as a match for a Comprehensive Plan Implementation Grant.  
**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.**
- Article 46.** To see if voters will appropriate \$30,500 from Undesignated/Unrestricted Funds (Surplus) to be used to pay the Town of Brownville's share of the 2005 Eastern Piscataquis Business and Industrial Park Mortgage payment.  
**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.**



- Article 47.** To see what sum the voters will authorize the Selectmen to expend from the \$25,000 set aside by voters at the 2004 Annual Town Meeting (Article 47) for the Town of Brownville's share of the 2005 Piscataquis Development Corporation's budget. *This money was appropriated to leverage federal, state, and private funds to be used for economic development purposes related to the Eastern Piscataquis Business and Industrial Park. Subsequently, the Towns of Brownville and Milo purchased property on which the Park will be developed that will demonstrate significant local match for potential federal, state, and private sector funders.*  
**Selectmen recommend for 2005..... \$10,000.00**
- Article 48.** To see if the voters will raise and appropriate one-half the total project cost, estimated at \$6,265, for the Town FINANCIAL SOFTWARE UPGRADE proposed to be purchased in 2006.  
**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend..... \$3,135.00**
- Article 49.** To see if the voters will appropriate \$4,000 from Administrative Capital Reserve to be used for the purchase of new COMPUTERS for the Administration Department.  
**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.**
- Article 50.** To see if the voters will raise and appropriate \$8,000 to be used for the DITCH, DRAIN, & BRUSH PROJECT.  
**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.**
- Article 51.** To see if the voters will appropriate \$5,000 from the Undesignated/Unrestricted Fund (Surplus) to be used for the purchase of TOOLS and RELATED SMALL EQUIPMENT for the Public Works Department.  
**Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.**
- Article 52.** Shall the ordinance amending BROWNVILLE DOG CONTROL ORDINANCE, adopted and previously amended at the March 20, 1972, March 17, 1986, and June 30, 1997 Town Meetings, be enacted? *The complete ordinance with proposed amendments is attached to this warrant and is also available at the Town Office for review during regular business hours.*
- Article 53.** To see if the voters will authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and accept, if advisable, up to \$10,000 from Lake View Plantation to be used to purchase materials and supplies to be used to rehabilitate and upgrade the public boat launch and parking lot at Knight's Landing that is owned by the Town of Brownville. This contribution is contingent upon the Town of Brownville securing all permits and insurance for the project; Lake View Plantation residents and taxpayers having free access to the facility for a period of at least 10 years; Lake View Plantation Assessors having input into development, maintenance, and accessibility discussions related to the landing for a period of 10 years; and the Town of Brownville granting Lake View Plantation first refusal to purchase the landing if the Town decides to sell in the future. *Full text of the Lake View Assessors' proposal available at the Brownville Town Office for review during regular business hours.*
- Article 54.** To see if the voters will establish a STREETLIGHT COMMITTEE, comprised of interested community members, staff, and Selectmen selected by the Board of Selectmen, to work with and make recommendations to the Brownville Board of Selectmen regarding the necessary number and location of publicly funded streetlights within the municipal limits.



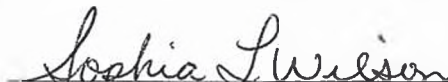
- Article 55.** To see if the voters will establish a FIRE STATION AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE, comprised of interested community members, staff, and Selectmen selected by the Board of Selectmen, to work with and make recommendations to the Brownville Board of Selectmen regarding a comprehensive analysis of the necessary number and location of Fire Department buildings and equipment.
- Article 56.** To see what sum the voters will raise and appropriate for the ANNUAL BROWNVILLE DAYS CELEBRATION?  
**The Brownville Days Committee Recommends ..... \$2,000.00**
- Article 57.** Shall the voters request that the Town of Brownville's elected representatives on the Maine School Administrative District #41 Board of Directors make formal updates of issues that may impact the taxpayers of Brownville at least quarterly, either written or in person, to the Brownville Board of Selectmen and shall the voters request that the municipal officers maintain these written reports or a record of the verbal reports as part of the formal Town record open for the public to review?
- Article 58.** To see if the voters will appropriate up to \$2,000 from the Undesignated/Unrestricted Funds for the KNIGHTS LANDING/LAKE AVENUE RIGHT OF WAY PROJECT.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT & CERTIFICATE OF INDEBTEDNESS**

I, Sophia Leotsakos Wilson, duly appointed Treasurer of the Town of Brownville, hereby certify that as of February 24, 2005 the Town of Brownville, Piscataquis County, Maine has no outstanding indebtedness, except as listed below:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<i>General Long-Term Debt</i>			
2003 Highway Truck Note	4.85%	07/16/2007	\$ 57,360
2004 Paving Note	5.95%	08/11/2009	\$ 27,870
2004 Industrial Park Note	3.24%	10/15/2009	\$ 135,000
2005 Town Office Loan	3.99%	02/24/2015	\$ <u>39,900</u>
<b>Total General Long-Term Debt</b>			<b>\$ 260,130</b>
<i>Proprietary Funds</i>			
1988 Village Water Bond	5.00 – 7.85%	11/01/2018	\$ 19,485
1988 Sewer Bond	5.00%	09/06/2016	\$ 260,480
1999 Water Bond	4.50%	02/09/2027	\$ 964,450
2000 Water SRF Bond	0.00%	04/01/2025	\$ 21,000
2000 Water RUS Bond	4.50%	05/31/2029	\$ <u>62,095</u>
<b>Total General Obligation Debt</b>			<b>\$1,327,510</b>
<b>Total Bonds/Borrowings Outstanding and Unpaid</b>			<b>\$ 1,587,640</b>
<b>Total Bonds/Borrowings Authorized and Unissued</b>			<b>\$ 0</b>
<b>Total Bonds/Borrowings to be Issued if Articles Approve</b>			
Article 25			<b>\$ 48,775</b>
Article 44			<b>\$ <u>255,000</u></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 1,891,415</b>

I, the duly appointed Treasurer for the Town of Brownville, do further certify that the above proposed bonds and/or borrowing issuances are within the legal borrowing capacity of the Town of Brownville.

  
 Sophia Leotsakos Wilson, Treasurer

2/24/2005  
 Date

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 21, 2005 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Given under our hands this Tenth Day of March in the year 2005 AD.

Dennis W. Green  
Dennis Green, Chairman

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Gary Cook

Ronald Mihalik  
Ronald Mihalik

Stephen Dean  
Stephen Dean

Walter D. Durant  
Walter D. Durant

**Selectpersons, Town of Brownville**

*ATTACHED DOCUMENTATION: An Ordinance to Amend the Brownville Dog Control Ordinance  
(4 pages)*

**CLERK'S ATTESTATION**

A true copy of the 2005 Annual Town Meeting of March 21, 2005,

Attest: Kathy K. White  
Kathy K. White, Clerk  
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 at least seven days prior to said meeting.

Todd Lyford  
Todd Lyford, Constable - Town of Brownville

3/21/05  
Date

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND  
Brownville Dog Control Ordinance  
(# 2005 – 001 - AC)**

- ~~1. Dogs to be licensed in accordance with the statutes of the State of Maine.~~
- ~~2. Dogs not to be permitted to run at large.~~
- ~~3. Barking Dog(s) Ordinance.~~
- ~~4. Duties of Police Officers or Animal Control Officer having control of impounding.~~
- ~~5. Conditions of Release.~~
- ~~6. Penalties.~~
- ~~7. Vaccination.~~
- ~~8. Repeal of conflicting ordinances.~~
- ~~9. Separability of provisions.~~
- ~~10. Effective date.~~

This ordinance is adopted in the exercise of municipal home rule powers under the Constitution of the State of Maine and 30-A M.S.R.A. § 3001. The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate dogs in the Town of Brownville, to end problems caused by dangerous dogs, dogs running at large, barking dogs, and to minimize property damage by dogs, for the protection of the health, safety, comfort, convenience, and general welfare of the residents of the town, without unreasonably restricting owners and their dogs in their normal activities, while holding owners responsible, where it is appropriate to do so, for the innappropriate conduct of their dog.

**1. Dogs to be licensed in accordance with the Statutes of the State of Maine**

No dog shall be kept within the limits of the Town of Brownville, County of Piscataquis, State of Maine, unless such dog shall have been licensed by it's owner in accordance with the relevant statutes of the State of Maine. "Owner" shall be intended to mean any person or person, firm, association or corporation owning, keeping or harboring a dog.

**7. 2. Vaccination**

It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog older than six months, less one day, to keep, maintain, ~~or permit to run at large,~~ such dog, unless it has been vaccinated by Veterinary surgeon with anti-rabies vaccine, within one year preceding the date on which dog is kept, maintained or permitted to run at large. ~~Any person found violating this provision shall be fined not less than \$10.00 or more than \$50.00 plus costs of prosecution.~~

**2. 3. Dogs not to be permitted to run at large.**

It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog, licensed or unlicensed to permit such dog to run at large.

"At large" shall be intended to mean, off the premises of the owner, and not under the control of any person by means of a chain, rope or cord of sufficient strength to control the action of such dog (or such other personal presence and attention as will reasonably control the conduct of the dog).



Special restrictions govern dogs on public and municipal property. No owner of a dog shall cause or permit a dog to run at large within the Town. A dog, while in or on the way or place other than a public way or other municipal property, shall be deemed to be under restraint within the meaning of this ordinance if it is otherwise controlled by leash, cord, or chain, or is "at heel" or otherwise under the voice or other command control of a person and obedient to that person's command. An owner of a dog shall ensure that dog, when on any public way, and all municipal property, including but not limited to the town parks and public ways, sidewalks and recreational fields, is on a leash or tether at all times and is accompanied by an owner who is physically or by effective voice or other command able to control and restrain the dog from attack who tends the leash or tether at all times while the dog is on municipal property. An owner accompanying a dog on municipal property, other than an owner with visual acuity accompanying a seeing eye dog, so-called, on municipal property, shall collect any feces or vomitus deposited by the dog and dispose of the same in a sanitary lawful manner.

Nothing in this ordinance shall be held to require the leashing or restraint of any dog other than dangerous dog on the owner's premises outside of the public way or right-of-way.

#### **4. Duties of Police Officers or Animal Control Officer.**

Any Police Officer or ACO with the Town of Brownville, shall seize, impound or restrain any dog kept in violation of Section 1, and any dog running at large, and deliver such dog to the person who is duly authorized to have control of impounding. If impounded, the dog must be taken to an animal shelter which has received written approval from the municipal officers. If the owner of such dog is known or can be located with reasonable diligence, then the person who has control of impounding shall personally notify the owner within three days of the receipt of such dog. If the owner of such dog is not known and cannot be located with reasonable diligence, then the person who has control of impounding shall post, within 48 hours of the time such person has taken such dog into his possession, written notice in 3 public places in the municipality, giving a description of the dog, stating where it is impounded and the conditions of its release. If the owner within seven days after receiving notice, or within seven days after notice has been posted, does not claim such dog, then the person having control of impounding shall dispose of the dog by sale or otherwise, in a proper and humane manner.

The person having control of impounding shall keep a record of every dog disposed of by sale or otherwise. Such record shall include a description which identifies the dog with reasonable certainty, the manner of disposing of the dog, and if the dog was transferred to another person, the name and address of the transferee. In addition, the transferee must sign a statement giving his/her name and address and the date of delivery or receipt of the dog.

#### **5. Conditions of release.**

Section 2, provides that the person giving notice shall with such notice give the conditions for the release of the impounded dog. ~~Before such dog may be transferred shall show proof of vaccination within the previous year, such dog must be licensed in accordance with the statutes of the State of Maine, and the transferee shall pay to the municipal Treasurer the sum of \$10.00, and the sum of \$8.00 per day for each day, or any part thereof the dog has been impounded.~~ Upon release of an impounded dog, after providing proof of current vaccination and valid licensing, the owner shall reimburse the Town of Brownville all costs associated with the dog's capture, impounding, and notice to the public.



### **3. 6. Barking Dog Ordinance**

No owner or person having custody of any dog kept within the legal limits of the Town of Brownville shall allow such dog, whether inside or outside a structure, to unnecessarily annoy or disturb any person at another residential dwelling, place of business, or place of habitation by continued or repeated barking or other loud or unusual noises.

Upon written complaint, signed and sworn to, any Police Officer or Animal Control Officer of the Town of Brownville or duly qualified State or County law enforcement official may investigate and give written notice to the owner or keeper of such dog that such annoyance or disturbance must cease. The warning shall be made a part of the complaint. The written warning shall remain in full force and effect for 180 days following the date of issuance. Thereafter, upon continuance of such annoyance or disturbance by loud, frequent, or habitual barking, howling, or yelping, such owner shall be disturbing the peace of another person.

~~Thereafter, upon continuance of such annoyance or disturbance, such owner shall be guilty of a civil violation and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of \$25.00 for the first offense. Each additional conviction after the first conviction shall be punished by a fine of \$50.00. All fines so assessed shall be recovered for the use of the Town of Brownville through District Court.~~

### **7. Dangerous Dogs**

An owner who has been given notice (which need not be in writing) by the Town's Animal Control Officer, any law enforcement officer, or any state official that the owner's dog has bitten or is reasonably believed to have bitten any person, or has or is reasonably believed to have in any way injured any person so as to cause abrasion of the skin to that person, shall not without further written authorization by an officer or official, sell, give, or otherwise convey the ownership or possession of that dog, or remove or suffer or permit the dog to be removed from the boundaries of the town, except to or under the care of a licensed veterinarian, animal control officer, or law enforcement officer. An owner receiving such notice shall immediately place the dog under confinement for a period of at least 10 days and shall obey all rabies detection and control directions of an animal control officer, licensed veterinarian, or law enforcement officer – including all applicable regulations of the State of Maine Departments of Agriculture and Health and Human Services.

In addition, an owner of a dog that has been determined by a court to be a dangerous dog shall ensure that the dog is restricted at all times to the premises or the owner, except when being transported by a secure motor vehicle to a veterinarian or to some other premises of that owner. The owner of such a dog will ensure that the dog, when it is out of doors on the owner's premises, is either restrained within a secure enclosure or fastened with a secure latch to a reinforced chain with a length such that the dog cannot come within 3 feet a mailbox; entrance or exit to a building; edge of driveway; stoop or stairs leading to an entrance or exit; edge of lawn, property, or public sidewalk; or home fuel pipe, utility meter, or point on the ground generally above or below any other wiring or piping. The owner shall ensure that the restraint is maintained and secure at all times the dog is out of doors on the owner's premises and not in a secure fenced-in enclosure.

## **6. 8. Penalties**

~~Instead of seizing and impounding the dog, the Town of Brownville may prosecute the owner of any dog running at large, and any person upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than \$10.00 or more than \$50.00, plus the cost of prosecution.~~

Any law enforcement officer, on complaint of any person or on his or her own initiative, may initiate prosecution for a violation of this ordinance by filing a complaint with the Maine District Court and serving a summons and copy of the complaint upon the owner. For an initial violation of this ordinance by an owner, the owner shall be ordered to pay a penalty of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00). In determining the amount to be forfeited, the court shall consider any evidence of mitigation, extenuation, or aggravation it considers pertinent to the offense, including but not limited to the extent of cooperation exhibited by the owner. The penalty shall be increased by a minimum of \$50.00 above the penalty for the immediately proceeding violation. All penalties awarded and sums recovered shall accrue benefit to the Town of Brownville. An owner found to have violated this ordinance shall pay all fees and surcharges assessed or required by a court or court order or rule and shall pay all court costs incurred by the Town of Brownville.

## **8. 9. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances**

This amended ordinance replaces the Town of Brownville Dog Control Ordinance enacted at Town Meetings March 20, 1972 and March 17 1986 and amended June 30, 1997.

## **9. Separability of provisions 10. Severability**

It is the intention of the municipality that each separate provision of this ordinance shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein, and it is further the intention of the municipality that if any provision of this ordinance be declared invalid, all other provisions thereof shall remain valid and enforceable.

## **10. 11. Effective Date.**

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty days from its approval by the legislative body of the Town of Brownville.

**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).....	943-2281
	<i>or 1-800-432-7372</i>
Recreation Department (Messages Only) .....	965-8639
Code Enforcement / Plumbing Inspector.....	938-3866
Fire Chief (Non-Emergency).....	943-2227
Animal Control .....	943-2281
Fire Warden – Roger Graves (Burning Permits).....	965-3733
<b>MAINE LAW REQUIRES BURNING PERMITS FOR ALL OUTDOOR FIRES</b>	

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<b>BROWNVILLE POLICE &amp; FIRE (EMERGENCY ONLY).....</b>	<b>9-1-1</b>
<b>AMBULANCE (EMERGENCY ONLY).....</b>	<b>9-1-1</b>
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