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# Bucksport, Maine

## Annual Town Report

July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013





**TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH ANNUAL  
TOWN REPORT**

**TOWN OF BUCKSPORT  
MAINE**

**JULY 1, 2012 TO JUNE 30, 2013**

**FORTY-ONE YEARS OF COUNCIL-  
MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT**



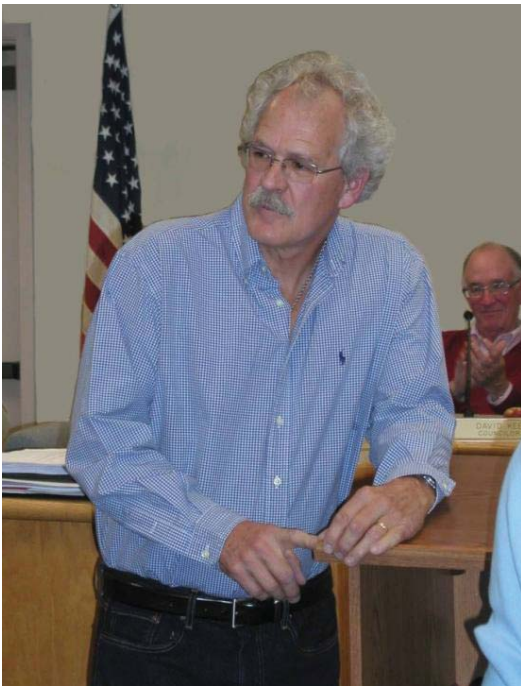
***“RICH IN HERITAGE, LOOKING TO THE FUTURE”***

## **DEDICATION**

### **PROCLAMATION**

#### **Recognition of JOHN DANIELS for Years of Service as a Member**

#### **Of the Bucksport Planning Board**



**Photo Courtesy: Don Houghton**  
*The Bucksport Enterprise*

Whereas, John Daniels is a long term resident of the Town of Bucksport; and,

Whereas, John served as a member of the Bucksport Planning Board for over twenty-four consecutive years, commencing on December 1, 1988 and ending on January 2, 2013

Whereas, John was a dedicated member of the board, rarely missing a meeting and continuously offering his knowledge and guidance to his fellow members; and,

Whereas, during his tenure on the board, John committed many hours of his personal time away from his family, attending many board meetings, lasting late into the night, and even some lasting into the wee hours of the morning, all in the interest of serving the Town of Bucksport and its citizens; and,

Whereas, John received little or no pay for his many hours of service rendered;

Be it proclaimed by the members of the Bucksport Town Council in town council assembled that sincere thanks and appreciation be extended on behalf of the members of the Bucksport Town Council and citizens of Bucksport to John Daniels and to his family for his twenty-four years of service as a member of the Bucksport Planning Board, particularly for his commitment of time, his high degree of integrity, his vision and his leadership skills.

Be it further resolved that the 2012-2013 Annual Town Report be dedicated in recognition of John's many years of service to the town and that this Proclamation be filed by the Town Clerk in the permanent records of the Town of Bucksport.

## **RECOGNITION FOR YEARS OF SERVICE**

### **MARY JANE BUSH**

Mary Jane Bush who served the citizens of Bucksport, Orland, Verona Island and Prospect since 1998 retired on March 22 of this year. Before being hired as Health Planning Director for Bucksport in July of 2000, she contributed two years of service as a Vista Volunteer assigned to staff the Bucksport Bay Healthy Communities Coalition. In addition to this service she has volunteered on many town committees including a number of housing committees, the Police Advisory Committee and the Comprehensive Planning Committee that completed its work in 2003. In her retirement she has continued her service as a volunteer and Advisory Board member of the Bucksport Bay Healthy Communities Coalition.

More than anyone in memory, Mary Jane was devoted to bringing people together, honoring each voice, encouraging all to put their hands and hearts toward becoming a truly healthy and caring community. She has touched the lives of everyone for the better and shown the way to a future of promise. Having been recognized around the state of Maine, honored by the Town of Bucksport, and given the 2013 Hans Handers Award by the Bucksport Bay Chamber of Commerce, we hope all of our citizens will join us in extending our loving thanks, and best wishes for a life of joy.



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## **MILESTONES FOR YEARS OF SERVICE**

### **20 YEARS**

Kenneth Hayward  
Duane Nadeau

### **30 YEARS**

Craig Bowden

## **ELECTED AND APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS**

### **PLANNING BOARD**

Vacant	March 31, 2017
Daniel See	March 31, 2018
Gail Hallowell	March 31, 2014
Rosemary Bamford	March 31, 2015
George Hanson	March 31, 2015
Edward Belcher	March 31, 2016
David Grant	March 31, 2016

### **TERMS EXPIRE**

### **TOWN COUNCIL**

Frank M. Dunbar	January, 2015
Michael S. Ormsby	January, 2015
Vacant	January, 2016
David W. Kee	January, 2016
Glenn S. Findlay	January, 2016
David G. Keene	January, 2014
Robert A. Howard	January, 2014

### **RSU #25 SCHOOL BOARD**

Thomas Foster	January 2015
Melinda K. Stegner	January 2015
Jennifer Tyne	January 2016
Scott Frazier	January 2014

### **TAX ASSESSOR**

Jef Fitzgerald	March, 2014
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### **BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW**

Candice Spalding	March 31, 2015
Oliver Jacques	March 31, 2016
Celeste Ames, Alternate	March 31, 2014
Cathy Hamburger	March 31, 2014

### **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Vacant	March 31, 2017
Richard Tennant	March 31, 2018
Jeremy Daigle	March 31, 2014
Emery Deabay	March 31, 2015
W. Kim Delbridge	March 31, 2016

### **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Richard Sprague	March 31, 2015
Nickey D.S. Wight	March 31, 2015
Patricia Gray	March 31, 2015
Andrew Tyne	March 31, 2016
Sean Geagan	March 31, 2016
Frederick McHale	March 31, 2014
David Winchester	March 31, 2014

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Sadie Alley Ferreira  
John Christopher  
Linda Plourde  
Kathy Downes  
Mary Barker  
Candice Spalding  
Julia Edelbute

**TERMS EXPIRE**

March 31, 2015  
March 31, 2015  
March 31, 2015  
March 31, 2016  
March 31, 2016  
March 31, 2014  
March 31, 2014

**TOWN MANAGER, TAX COLLECTOR, TREASURER,  
AND WELFARE DIRECTOR**

Michael Brennan

April 23, 2015

**TOWN CLERK AND REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

Kathy Downes

Indefinite

**POLICE CHIEF**

Sean Geagan

Indefinite

**FIRE CHIEF, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES  
AND FIRE WARDEN**

Craig Bowden

Indefinite

**RECREATION DIRECTOR**

Talbot (Tim) Emery

Indefinite

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

Jeffery Hammond

June 30, 2021

**SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASUREMENTS**

Robert M. Wiggin

March 31, 2014

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

David Milan

Indefinite

**HARBOR MASTER**

David Grant

March 31, 2014

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

Duane Nadeau

Indefinite

**HEALTH OFFICER**

Valerie Sulya

March 31, 2014



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    TC[Town Council] --> TM[Town Manager]
    TM --> TClerk[Town Clerk]
    TM --> PS[Public Safety]
    TM --> ED[Economic Development Director]
    TM --> FinanceDir[Finance Director]
    TM --> TA[Tax Assessor]
    TM --> RD[Recreation Director]
    TM --> PWD[Public Works Director]
    TM --> CEO[Code Enforcement Officer]

    PS --> FCE[Fire Chief & EMS Director]
    PS --> PC[Police Chief]

    FCE --> AFCE[Assistant Fire Chief]
    AFCE --> FFP[Firefighters/ EMT-Paramedics]
    FFP --> CEMTs["(20) Call EMTs"]
    FFP --> CFF["(20) Call Firefighters"]

    PC --> SD[Sergeant / Detective]
    SD --> FPO["(5) F/T Patrol Officers"]
    FPO --> PPO["(7) P/T Reserve Officers"]
    PPO --> FPD["(4) F/T Dispatchers (Incl. Animal Control)"]

    ED --> BHC[Buckport Bay Healthy Communities]

    FinanceDir --> PSC[Payroll - Sewer Billing Clerk]
    PSC --> APC[Accounts Payable Clerk]
    APC --> DTC[Deputy Tax Collector]
    DTC --> EBC[EMS Billing - Counter Clerk]

    TA --> SCC[Senior Citizens Director]
    SCC --> PYC[P/T Youth Coordinator]
    PYC --> MJ["(4) P/T Maintenance / Janitors"]

    RD --> M1[Mechanic I]
    M1 --> HF[Highway Foreman]
    HF --> FEOP["(3) F/T Equipment Operators"]
    FEOP --> FTD["(2) F/T Truck Drivers"]
    FTD --> ATP[Assist. Treatment Plant Operator]

    PWD --> TSO[Transfer Station Operator]
    TSO --> ASTSO[Assist. Transfer Station Operator]
    ASTSO --> P/T TSA[P/T Transfer Station Attendant]
  
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The organizational chart for the Town of Buckport, Maine, is structured as follows:

- Town Council**
  - Town Manager**
    - Town Clerk**
    - Public Safety**
      - Fire Chief & EMS Director**
        - Assistant Fire Chief**
          - (3) F/T Firefighters/ EMT-Paramedics**
            - (20) Call EMTs**
            - (20) Call Firefighters**
      - Police Chief**
        - Sergeant / Detective**
          - (5) F/T Patrol Officers**
            - (7) P/T Reserve Officers**
              - (4) F/T Dispatchers (Incl. Animal Control)**
    - Economic Development Director**
      - Buckport Bay Healthy Communities**
    - Finance Director**
      - Payroll - Sewer Billing Clerk**
        - Accounts Payable Clerk**
          - Deputy Tax Collector**
            - EMS Billing - Counter Clerk**
    - Tax Assessor**
      - Senior Citizens Director**
        - P/T Youth Coordinator**
          - (4) P/T Maintenance / Janitors**
    - Recreation Director**
      - Mechanic I**
        - Highway Foreman**
          - (3) F/T Equipment Operators**
            - (2) F/T Truck Drivers**
              - Assist. Treatment Plant Operator**
    - Public Works Director**
      - Transfer Station Operator**
        - Assist. Transfer Station Operator**
          - P/T Transfer Station Attendant**
    - Code Enforcement Officer**

## **REPORT FROM THE TOWN MANAGER**

Just as change was a common theme in 2012, it must be said that growth and improvement were common themes throughout 2013. The summer started off with work to complete improvements to the Silver Lake Boat and Kayak launches. Through a grant from the Department of Conservation, Boating Facilities Division of the Bureau of Parks and Lands, the Town Public Works Department created a new parking lot as well as made significant upgrades to the boat launch. Additional parking and a kayak launch were also added to offer new recreational opportunities to area residents. These facilities are a great addition to the town and are used frequently by residents and visitors.

The Town Council has always looked for new opportunities to offer new services or improve the existing services available in Town. This even includes the rare instance when we are mandated to make improvements by the State or Federal government. In 2010, the Town and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection settled on an agreement to make improvements to the Bucksport Wastewater Treatment Facility. In 2007, the US Department of Environmental Protection rescinded a waiver granted to the Town in 1986. The loss of this waiver and the subsequent negotiation led to the upgrades that will take place over the next two to three years.

Design for the new plant began in 2012 and continued into 2013. Throughout the year, the design firm of Olver Associates worked closely with the Town Council to finalize the design and gain State approval. As of the end of June, the State was reviewing the proposed design. Negotiations with the State are ongoing. The goals are to have the design approved before the end of 2013 and to seek grant funding to reduce the cost to sewer users.

Another major project that will have long term repercussions throughout the region is the Route 46 improvement project. Through a Municipal Partnership Agreement with the Maine Department of Transportation, major upgrades in two sections of Route 46 that are located within Bucksport will greatly improve safety along the route. Work began in the spring of 2013 and is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2013. Cost of the project, projected to total \$1,180,000 is split 50/50 between the Town and the State though the Town is managing the project. Through this partnership, the Town is able to make substantial upgrades to a bad road that was in severe need of improvement.

Bucksport took a major leap forward in bringing low cost natural gas to at least some residents during this year. The Verso Paper Mill has been a customer of the gas company since 1999. At that time, an agreement was made between the Town and Bangor Gas to extend service into the compact area. That expansion did not take place. Over the next 12 years, Bucksport and Bangor Gas negotiated the prospects of extending service. Unfortunately an agreement was never reached. Serious negotiations began again in late 2011. They continued, with little progress throughout 2012. In the spring of 2013, Bangor Gas approached the Town and asked to restart negotiations. Fortunately, an agreement was reached that was very beneficial to residents in the Town. Construction was scheduled for the summer of 2013. A service route that begins at the mill and runs down Main Street to Elm, then up Elm eventually ending at the Bucksport Middle School will connect all five RSU buildings as well as at least 70 residential and commercial properties to natural gas. The agreement also calls for additional expansion over the summer of 2014.

Growth and change took place in many ways in Bucksport this year. The Bucksport Bay Healthy Communities Coalition took a major step towards its independence this year, while losing its long-time leader. In 2012, the BBHCC became an independent non-profit, a major shift from the long standing direct connection with the Town. In 2013, that shift continued as the Town Council agreed that the Coalition was strong enough that it no longer needed the Town to provide staffing. This change will begin in July 2014.

The Town will still have the same financial relationship and will still provide the same financial and technical support for the coalition it always has. This change is a positive as it will lead the coalition to new opportunities.

The Town Council also agreed to support efforts to raise funds and participate in the Schoodic International Sculpture Symposium (SISS). This internationally recognized organization brings artists from around the world to Maine to create commissioned sculptures using Maine granite. Towns that participate and commission a sculpture are actively involved in selecting an artist that will produce a work of art that complements the local culture. To participate, the Bucksport Schoodic Sculpture Committee agreed to raise \$12,000 of the \$42,000 cost for the commission. Local residents came through with broad support for the project and the committee easily raised the needed funds. The actual sculpture will be designed and created over the summer of 2014.

By far the biggest challenge and area of growth in Bucksport was put upon us by the State of Maine. In December, when Governor LePage announced his biannual budget proposal, he offered numerous changes in state funding that, if enacted would have severe negative consequences for the Town of Bucksport and RSU 25. Throughout the spring, the Town Council struggled to prepare a budget, faced with the potential loss of nearly \$1,000,000 in revenues. Bucksport actively lobbied the state legislature, offering testimony to demonstrate the severe negative consequences such severe cuts would have on the ability of the Town to provide services. In the end, the legislature did not enact everything the Governor proposed, however, the changes did force the Town to make some tough decisions, including a small increase in the mill rate.

Despite the struggles with the budget, 2013 was a great year for Bucksport. 2014 looks even better. The new route 46 will be completed. Much of the compact area and all five school buildings will be served by natural gas, saving taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars in winter heating costs. The Town also plans to finally determine the fate of Wilson Hall. This historic structure has fallen in disrepair after decades of neglect.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Brennan



**Photo courtesy Linda Alley**

## **REPORT FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR**

The Finance Department is responsible for the custody, collection, disbursement and investment of Town funds in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, Town policies and procedures and applicable state law. Responsibilities also include the collection of all Town revenues and disbursement of all monies, while maintaining fiscal control over all expenditures to ensure budget appropriations are not exceeded. In addition, the department is required to produce monthly and annual financial reports and analyses regarding the Town's financial status as required by the Town Manager, Town Council or external auditors. Further, the Finance Department provides financial assistance to Bucksport Bay Healthy Communities Coalition and in fiscal 2013 accounted for in excess of \$500,000 of federal, state, and local grant awards. The Finance Department consists of five employees including the Finance Director and the following:

Linda Alley	Payroll/Sewer Billing Clerk
Roxann Clapper	Deputy Treasurer/Accounts Payable Clerk
Ann Holmes	Deputy Tax Collector
Jackie Hunt	Deputy Town Clerk/Motor Vehicle Agent/EMS Billing Clerk

The financial staff along with Kathy Downes, Town Clerk, processed 20,972 transactions (including vital statistics) for the year ended June 30, 2013 compared to 21,178 transactions in fiscal 2012.

### **Fiscal Year 2013 General Fund Budget Performance -**

The general fund budget for fiscal 2013 was \$11,024,873 which was \$126,611 higher than fiscal 2012. Included in the increase was increased education expense of \$314,490 leading to an increase in the mil rate from \$12.52 to \$12.94 in fiscal 2013.

Fiscal 2013 performance was better than budget resulting in an operational surplus of \$500,406. This surplus was used to fund a total of \$529,818 in outlays not included in the Fiscal 2013 budget, for an overall reduction of \$29,412 in Undesignated Fund Balance during Fiscal 2013. Details are as follows:

Beginning Undesignated Fund Balance: 7/1/12	\$ 8,314,876
Fiscal 2013 Budget Surplus:	
Revenues in excess of budget	299,749
Departmental expenses under budget	377,392
Tax overlay of \$85,884 not spent	82,265
Uses of surplus – included in FY 2013 budget to reduce taxes	-259,000
Additional uses of surplus approved during Fiscal 2013:	
Bangor Gas tax abatement expenses	-14,316
Jed Prouty Assisted Living Center storm water line	-1,000
Route #46 Highway Improvements	-420,000
Document scanning expenses	-6,000
Orland's Share of Solid Waste Surplus	-10,857
Amortization of Note Receivable – Chambers Realty LLC	-6,669
Repair paint on Town dock pilings	-4,250
Increase in accrued sick/vacation reserve	-52,359
Transfers to Waterfront, Recreation, and Animal Shelter Reserves	-14,367
Overall Reduction in Undesignated Fund Balance in Fiscal 2013	-29,412
Ending Undesignated Fund Balance: 6/30/13	\$ 8,285,464



In fiscal 2013, \$420,000 was transferred from Undesignated Fund Balance to fund the reconstruction of 5,100 feet (approximately one mile) of Route 46. The project will continue into fiscal 2014. Included in the budget for fiscal 2014 is an additional transfer of \$240,000 to complete the project. The State of Maine Department of Transportation will be providing \$590,000 towards the entire project, resulting in a total anticipated project cost of \$1,250,000.

During fiscal 2013, the School Designated Fund Balance of \$859,828 was reduced by \$300,000 for the Contribution in Aid of Construction ("CIAC") requested by Bangor Gas for the installation of natural gas lines in Bucksport. When the construction agreement was signed, \$200,000 was paid. When the installation is complete for Regional School Unit #25, \$50,000 will be paid. The final \$50,000 will be paid pending satisfactory completion of the project, which is anticipated to be sometime between April and September 2014.

Included in the federal, state, and local grant awards accounted for by the Finance Department was Community Development Block Grant Public Infrastructure Program funding of \$500,000 for the construction of a new water tower on Silver Lake Road. Other grant funds were used to defray additions to the fixed assets discussed below.

To provide an adequate level of funding in the event of a valuation loss from its largest taxpayer (Verso Paper), Bucksport adopted an Undesignated Fund Balance Policy in May of 2007. As of 6/30/13, the policy calculation requires \$7,313,278 of the Undesignated Fund Balance be held in reserve. After reviewing several investment alternatives, the Finance Committee recommended and the Town Council approved investing the funds in four certificates of deposit with one-fourth of the reserve investment maturing on March 31 and September 30 of each year, enabling review of new interest rates every six months. This investment strategy is consistent with the Town's Investment Policy requiring safeguarding the funds from loss of principal, accessibility to the funds (liquidity), and earning a reasonable market rate of return considering the safety and liquidity priorities. A similar investment strategy was implemented for capital improvement reserve funds which are also invested in four certificates of deposit with similar maturity dates.

#### **Additions to Fixed Assets**

Purchased during fiscal 2013 was a 2012 Ford F-150 pickup truck for Public Works at \$19,072. A 50% down payment on a new fire truck was made in the amount of \$141,209. Waterfront walkway improvements, the "Streetscapes" portion of the Community Development Block Grant's Community Enterprise Program, totaled \$20,483. Expansion of the town dock totaled \$25,628, of which \$22,541 was paid by the State of Maine Department of Transportation's Small Harbor Improvement Program. Improvements to Route 46 were \$351,549. Capitalized costs for the Silver Lake boat ramp and parking area were \$111,542, inclusive of \$41,500 paid by the State of Maine Department of Conservation. Improvements to streets and ways totaled \$86,527 and parking lot improvements totaled \$17,245. Other fixed asset purchases totaled \$81,103, including paving pads at the Transfer Station, painting and installing electrical and air drops at the Public Safety Building, repairs to the Old Fire Engine House, a wetlands mitigation program for the Broadway and Park Street area, renovation of the Reggie Ginn field, tasers for the Police Department, a hydraulic stretcher for the Ambulance Department, a reversible snow plow for Public Works, and final retainage paid for the Townsite drainage system. Sewer generator repairs were \$7,266, sewer main replacement at Oak Street was \$5,380, and secondary treatment plant design costs were \$83,689. Sold at bid and deleted from the fixed asset listing were a fully-depreciated 2001 pickup truck and a fully depreciated 1988 sludge transport dump truck. Depreciation of \$1,020,618 was recorded. The listing of capitalized assets and depreciated values is used to develop the rolling 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan for asset replacements.

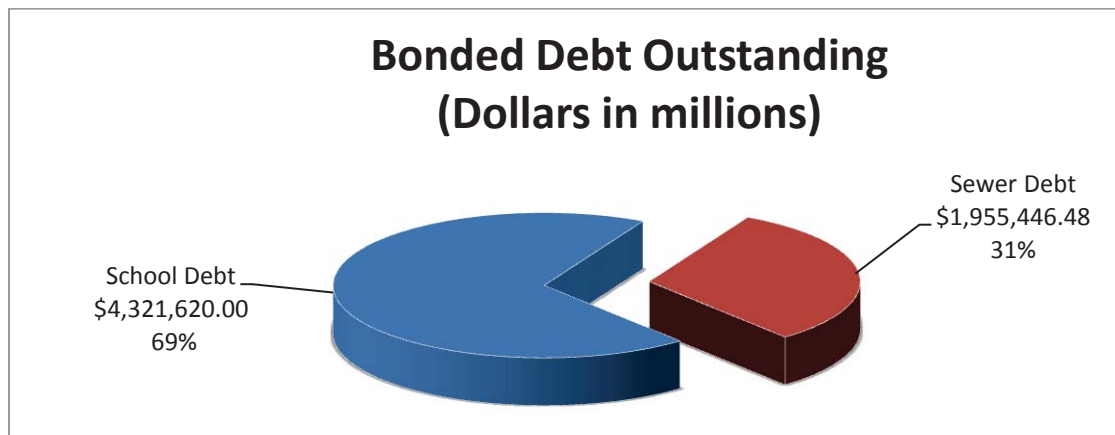
### **Fiscal Year Sewer (Proprietary) Fund Budget Performance**

The sewer fund budget for fiscal 2013 was \$504,245, funded primarily by user fees. There was a 2.0% rate increase from \$3.60 per 100 feet of cubic usage to \$3.67. Fiscal 2013 performance resulted in \$250,176 net income which was used for sewer generator repairs of \$7,266, sewer main replacement at Oak Street of \$5,380, secondary treatment plant design costs of \$83,689 and sewer bond principal payments of \$98,706. The remaining \$55,135 lapsed to Sewer Fund Undesignated Fund Balance at fiscal year end.

User rates will increase from \$3.67 per 100 feet of cubic usage to \$4.23, or 15.3%, in fiscal 2014 to bring user rates up to the level needed for financing the federally mandated construction of a secondary wastewater treatment plant.

### **Bonded Indebtedness**

At June 30, 2013, the Town had \$6.28 million in bonds outstanding versus \$6.89 million as of June 30, 2012. This decrease was the result of sewer bond principal payments of \$98,706 and \$515,461 school bond principal payments paid by Rural School Unit ("RSU") #25 during fiscal 2013.



### **Financial Statements:**

The financial transactions of the Town are reported in the condensed version of the fund financial statements located near the end of the Annual Report. The full set of audited financial statements can be viewed electronically by visiting [bucksportmaine.gov](http://bucksportmaine.gov) and clicking on "Public Records, Maps, & Documents", "Financial Statements", and "Fiscal Year 2013".

### **Fiscal Year 2014 - Looking Ahead:**

The general fund budget for fiscal 2014 is \$11,545,047, higher than the fiscal 2013 budget by \$520,174 or 4.7%. It includes an increase of \$203,030 in local education costs, a 1.5% wage and salary increase, a \$30,000 update to the Town's Comprehensive Plan, and a \$17,400 increased contribution to the Bucksport Bay Healthy Communities Coalition. Expenses are supported by property taxes of \$9,164,861 and revenues from other sources, such as excise taxes and State of Maine revenue sharing, of \$2,380,186. The property tax assessment also includes \$1,215,211 in Tax Increment Financing Plan Amount, of which \$906,525 will be returned to the TIF taxpayers (Verso Paper, Ellis & Guerrette, and Leadbetter Realty Trust) and \$308,686 retained by the Town. The assessment also includes a .9% overlay of \$76,586. The mil rate is \$13.56, an increase of \$.62 over the \$12.94 mil rate for fiscal 2013.

Verso-Bucksport Energy currently represents approximately 54% of the real estate and personal property value base in Bucksport. Though times are challenging, Verso representatives indicate they remain confident they can weather the storm by increasing efficiency, diversifying the product line, and by producing more “green” electricity in conjunction with Bucksport Energy. The new gas turbine will produce electricity to be sold to the power grid and used in the mill if needed. Verso-Bucksport Energy is working to improve the efficiency of the new turbine.

Discussions regarding possible transition of Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement (“BETR”) property to the Business Equipment Tax Exemption (“BETE”) program are anticipated to resume during the preparation of the fiscal 2015 budget. Taxes for BETE properties are paid by the State at approximately 72% of what would have been paid by the property owners. Transitioning properties from BETR to BETE means the Town would lose 28% of the tax revenue from those properties. This would involve increasing the property tax mil rate, using the Town’s cash reserves to balance the Town’s budget, reducing services provided, reducing the employee base, identifying other sources of revenue, or other cost reduction measures. Taxpayers are urged to follow this matter closely and attend Town Council meetings to remain informed during these discussions.

The engineering and design phase of the federally mandated secondary wastewater treatment plant will continue in fiscal 2014. Sewer user rates were increased in fiscal 2014 as part of a four-year process to raise the rates to support debt financing from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Rural Development program. Facility construction costs are currently estimated to be \$11,095,000; Rural Development will provide grant funding in the amount of \$4,240,000 and loan financing of \$6,300,000. Reserve funds of \$555,000 from sewer users will be used in addition to the required loan and grant. Interest on the loan is estimated to be 2.75% and the repayment term approximately 28 years. Official acceptance of the financing is expected to occur during fiscal 2014, after which an approved facility design plan must be submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”) by July 2014. After DEP approval, the construction bidding process will take place so that the two-year plant construction timeline can commence in fiscal 2015 to meet the mandated completion date of 2017. Sewer users will need to pay increased user fees to cover the new debt service costs and higher operating costs for a secondary plant. The Town will be raising rates incrementally to reach an initial average annual user rate of at least \$500 by fiscal 2017. Future costs may vary which would impact user rates.

#### **Acknowledgements:**

Over the past year, I observed that my coworkers truly enjoy what they do for the Town of Bucksport and they do it well. This became especially evident when the Town needed to respond to the challenges presented by State of Maine budget cuts for fiscal 2014.

I commend the management of the Town for prudently preparing for its financial future. I commend the staff of the municipal office for their dedication to excellence in customer service and accuracy in recording the Town’s transactions.

I enjoy working with the Finance Committee and look forward to continued discussions in fiscal 2014, particularly when the budget for fiscal 2015 is prepared and further potential budget impacts may be presented by the State. Please remember to voice your thoughts regarding such impacts to your Town Councilors. And please....VOTE in June and November so your choices are reflected in the property tax mil rate. Approximately half of your taxes represent expenses of the school system and the other half expenses of the Town. Your vote and communication with Town Councilors are essential.

I have learned much in my position during my first full year on the job. I will continue to learn and look forward to participating in the future successes of Bucksport. I celebrate the heritage of this beautiful area and fondly remember the Waldo-Hancock Bridge.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn S. Hickson  
Finance Director



**Photo courtesy Jerry Bilodeau of Dog Island Corner Crafts, Belfast, ME**

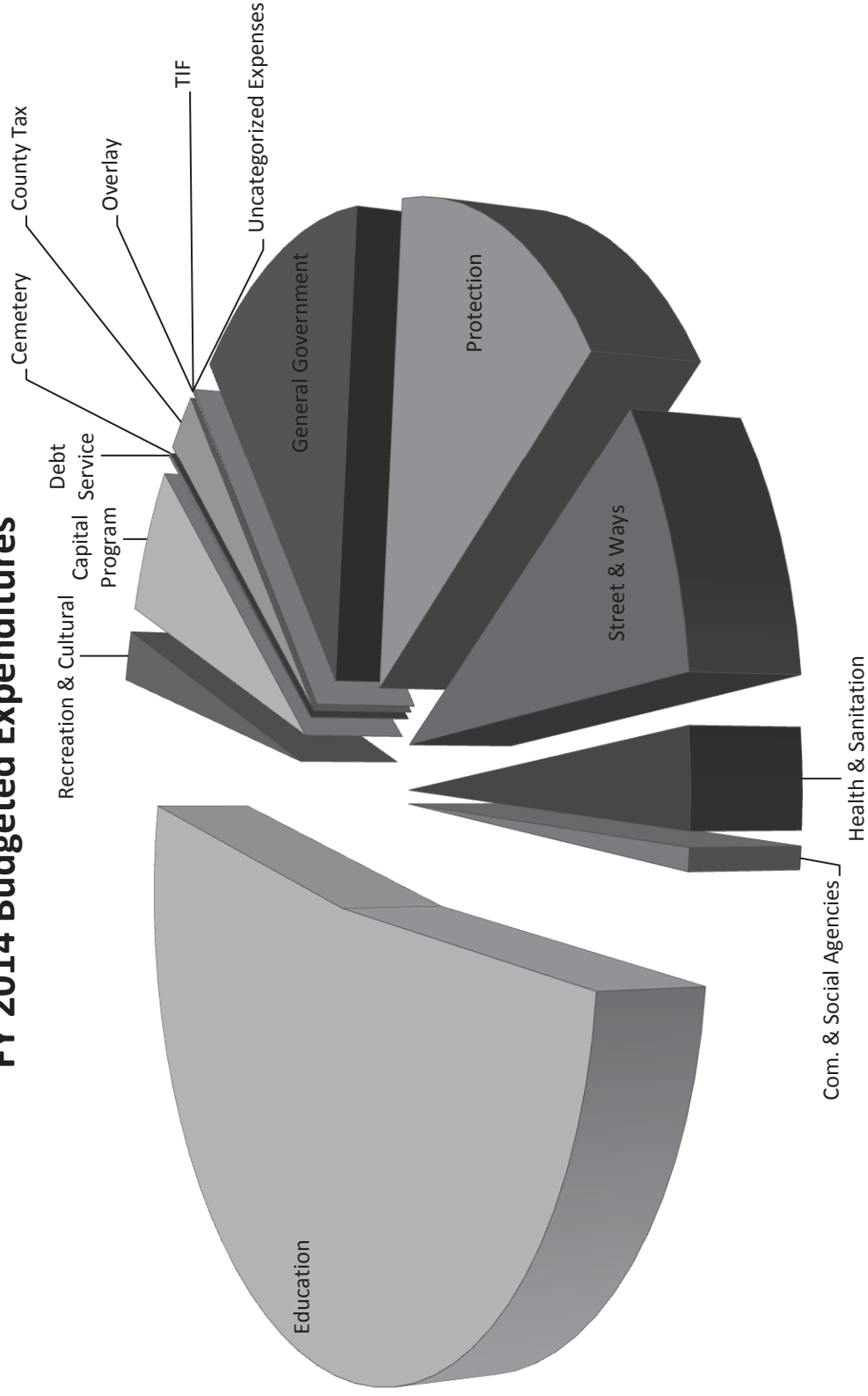


**TOWN OF BUCKSPORT**  
**OVERALL BUDGET COMPARISON FOR FISCAL YEAR 7-1-2013 TO 6-30-2014**

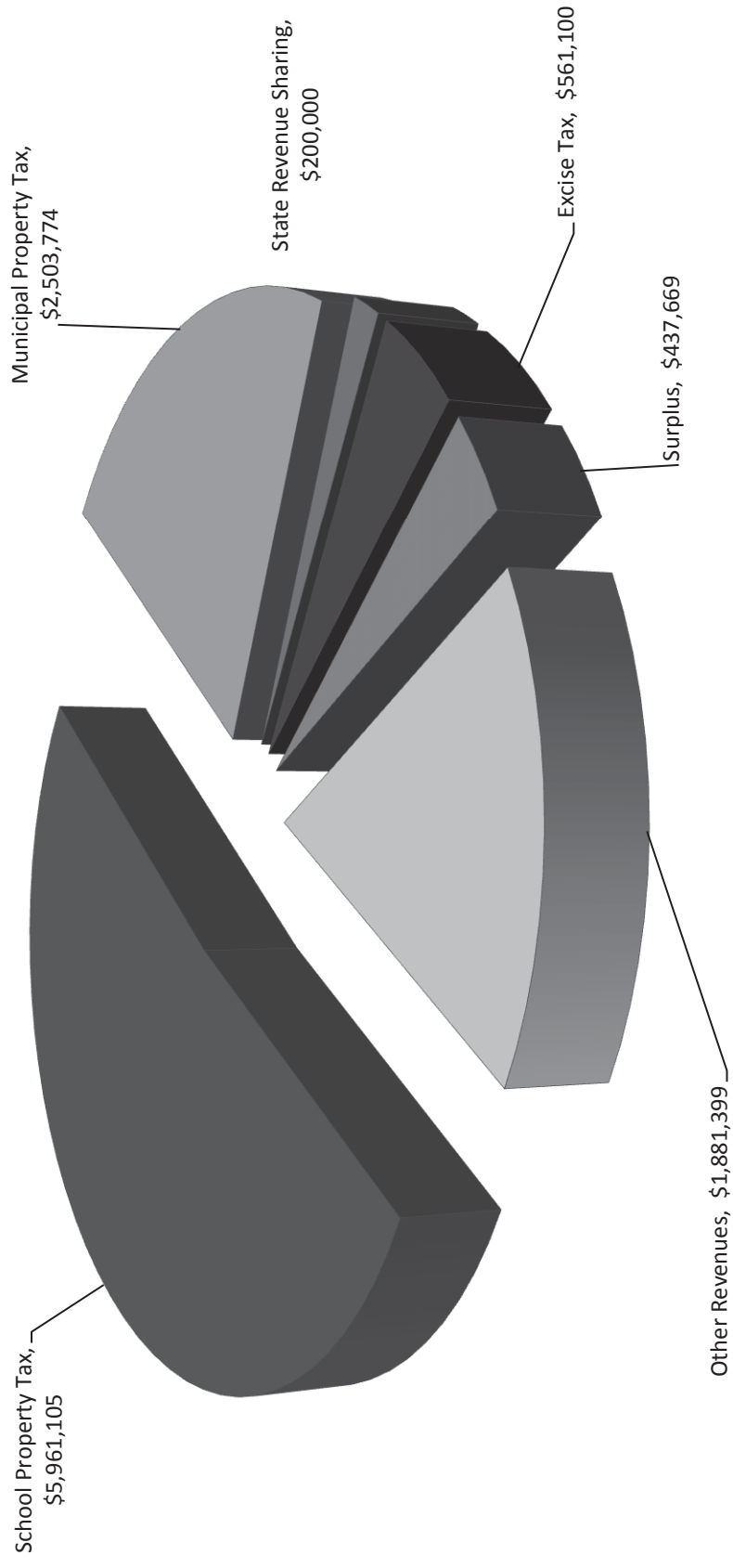
Account Number	Account Name	2010-2011 Budget	2010-2011 Actual	2011-2012 Budget	2011-2012 Actual	2012-2013 Budget	2013-2014 Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Percent Change
<b><u>EXPENDITURES:</u></b>									
50	General Government	\$ 1,303,213	\$ 1,236,977	\$ 1,372,321	\$ 1,241,013	\$ 1,340,835	\$ 1,463,009	\$ 122,174	9.11%
51	Protection	\$ 1,390,121	\$ 1,311,185	\$ 1,419,497	\$ 1,328,643	\$ 1,479,831	\$ 1,559,714	\$ 79,883	5.40%
52	Street & Ways	\$ 887,757	\$ 869,493	\$ 1,034,680	\$ 951,357	\$ 929,815	\$ 943,177	\$ 13,362	1.44%
53	Health & Sanitation	\$ 412,406	\$ 374,237	\$ 410,008	\$ 369,494	\$ 405,007	\$ 334,121	\$ (70,886)	-17.50%
54	Com. & Social Agencies	\$ 57,102	\$ 54,451	\$ 51,742	\$ 65,373	\$ 56,471	\$ 76,721	\$ 20,250	35.86%
55	Education	\$ 5,287,017	\$ 5,348,040	\$ 5,443,585	\$ 5,451,585	\$ 5,758,075	\$ 5,961,105	\$ 203,030	3.53%
56	Recreation & Cultural	\$ 223,542	\$ 189,395	\$ 225,110	\$ 197,767	\$ 225,188	\$ 226,336	\$ 1,148	0.51%
57	Capital Program	\$ 573,900	\$ 545,000	\$ 662,700	\$ 654,700	\$ 543,500	\$ 675,500	\$ 132,000	24.29%
58	Debt Service	\$ 15,412	\$ 15,412	\$ 15,412	\$ 15,412	\$ 15,412	\$ 15,412	\$ -	0.00%
59	Cemetery	\$ 4,120	\$ 4,120	\$ 4,120	\$ 4,120	\$ 4,120	\$ 3,920	\$ (200)	-4.85%
60	County Tax	\$ 247,236	\$ 247,236	\$ 259,087	\$ 259,087	\$ 266,619	\$ 272,694	\$ 6,075	2.28%
64	Overlay	\$ -	\$ 67,650	\$ -	\$ 22,949	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	n/a
65	TIF	\$ -	\$ 668,303	\$ -	\$ 677,434	\$ -	\$ 6,669	\$ 6,669	n/a
66	Uncategorized Expenses	\$ -	\$ 67,297	\$ -	\$ 28,852	\$ -	\$ 6,669	\$ 6,669	n/a
<b>Total Budget Expend.</b>									
		\$ 10,401,826	\$ 10,998,796	\$ 10,898,262	\$ 11,267,785	\$ 11,024,873	\$ 11,545,047	\$ 520,174	4.72%
<b>Total Municipal Budget</b>									
		\$ 5,114,809	\$ 5,650,756	\$ 5,454,677	\$ 5,824,199	\$ 5,266,798	\$ 5,583,942	\$ 317,144	6.02%
<b>Total School Budget</b>									
		\$ 5,287,017	\$ 5,348,040	\$ 5,443,585	\$ 5,443,585	\$ 5,758,075	\$ 5,961,105	\$ 203,030	3.53%
<b><u>REVENUES:</u></b>									
1001	Property Tax School	\$ 5,287,017	\$ 5,287,017	\$ 5,443,585	\$ 5,443,585	\$ 5,758,075	\$ 5,961,105	\$ 203,030	3.53%
1001	Property Tax Municipal	\$ 2,287,862	\$ 3,455,145	\$ 2,368,166	\$ 3,210,344	\$ -	\$ 2,503,774	\$ 198,047	8.59%
1002	Supplemental	\$ -	\$ 7,738	\$ -	\$ 3,604	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	n/a
1003	Motor Vehicle Excise	\$ 575,000	\$ 644,422	\$ 575,000	\$ 657,499	\$ 575,000	\$ 556,600	\$ (18,400)	-3.20%
1004	Boat Excise	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,683	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,795	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ -	0.00%
1005	Auto Registration Fees	\$ 16,000	\$ 17,072	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,620	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ -	0.00%
1006	Recre. Veh. Registration Fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	n/a
1007	Interest on Taxes	\$ 19,000	\$ 31,925	\$ 19,000	\$ 26,194	\$ 19,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 5,000	26.32%
1008	Interest on Investment	\$ 100,000	\$ 150,472	\$ 100,000	\$ 137,018	\$ 50,000	\$ 74,414	\$ 24,414	48.83%
1009	Tax Lien Cost	\$ 9,945	\$ 13,724	\$ 9,945	\$ 13,445	\$ 10,331	\$ 11,210	\$ 879	8.51%
1010	Town Clerk Revenues	\$ 7,500	\$ 12,145	\$ 7,500	\$ 11,832	\$ 7,500	\$ 10,000	\$ 2,500	33.33%
1011	TIF Revenues	\$ 100,895	\$ 100,895	\$ 151,997	\$ 151,997	\$ 181,385	\$ 146,865	\$ (34,520)	-19.03%
1012	Surplus	\$ 333,900	\$ -	\$ 484,055	\$ -	\$ 273,500	\$ 437,669	\$ 164,169	60.03%
1013	Miscellaneous Income	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,315	\$ 1,000	\$ 12,487	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0.00%
1014	Homestead								
1014	Reimbursement	\$ 73,082	\$ 72,814	\$ 72,814	\$ 72,895	\$ 74,952	\$ 78,116	\$ 3,164	4.22%
1016	BETE Reimbursement	\$ 455,000	\$ 455,120	\$ 496,900	\$ 505,712	\$ 581,071	\$ 621,866	\$ 40,795	7.02%
1017	Fee in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 10,800	\$ 10,810	\$ 10,800	\$ 10,810	\$ 10,800	\$ 10,800	\$ -	0.00%



# TOWN OF BUCKSPORT FY 2014 Budgeted Expenditures



## TOWN OF BUCKSPORT FY 2014 Budgeted Revenue





**TOWN OF BUCKSPORT**  
**SEWER OPERATION BUDGET COMPARISON FOR FISCAL YEAR 7-1-2013 TO 6-30-2014**

Account Number	Account Name	2010-2011 Budget	2010-2011 Actual	2011-2012 Budget	2011-2012 Actual	2012-2013 Budget	2013-2014 Budget	Increase Decrease	Percent Change
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>									
01	Regular Salaries	\$ 53,422	\$ 54,133	\$ 53,922	\$ 53,762	\$ 56,786	\$ 59,637	\$ 2,851	5.02%
02	Extra & Overtime	\$ 2,095	\$ 498	\$ 2,095	\$ 602	\$ 2,225	\$ 2,272	\$ 47	2.11%
22	Operator's Expense	\$ 600	\$ 117	\$ 600	\$ 105	\$ 600	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,200	200.00%
25	Employee Benefits	\$ 18,980	\$ 18,980	\$ 19,963	\$ 19,963	\$ 18,808	\$ 21,002	\$ 2,194	11.67%
31	Office Supplies	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,796	\$ 1,950	\$ 1,489	\$ 1,950	\$ 1,950	\$ -	0.00%
32	Software Support	\$ 550	\$ 544	\$ 625	\$ 595	\$ 639	\$ 639	\$ -	0.00%
33	Postage	\$ 3,135	\$ 3,369	\$ 3,603	\$ 3,420	\$ 3,756	\$ 3,898	\$ 142	3.78%
37	Plant Supplies	\$ 10,700	\$ 3,941	\$ 10,700	\$ 3,311	\$ 10,700	\$ 10,700	\$ -	0.00%
39	Plant Chemicals	\$ 45,954	\$ 42,056	\$ 45,954	\$ 46,966	\$ 45,954	\$ 46,388	\$ 434	0.94%
41	Equipment Purchase	\$ 500	\$ 40	\$ 500	\$ 948	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0.00%
51	Parts and Repair	\$ 22,600	\$ 16,353	\$ 22,600	\$ 21,671	\$ 25,800	\$ 27,800	\$ 2,000	7.75%
61	Telephone	\$ 1,740	\$ 1,245	\$ 1,620	\$ 1,319	\$ 1,620	\$ 2,025	\$ 405	25.00%
71	Fuel Heating	\$ 6,210	\$ 4,315	\$ 4,285	\$ 2,157	\$ 4,285	\$ 3,833	\$ (452)	-10.55%
72	Fuel Vehicles	\$ 2,548	\$ 2,273	\$ 2,878	\$ 2,910	\$ 2,878	\$ 3,690	\$ 812	28.21%
81	Electricity	\$ 41,725	\$ 38,869	\$ 41,725	\$ 32,042	\$ 41,725	\$ 41,725	\$ -	0.00%
82	Water	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,822	\$ 1,800	\$ 2,054	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,142	\$ 142	7.10%
85	Insurance	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,800	\$ -	0.00%
86	Testing Cost	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,184	\$ 2,710	\$ 2,348	\$ 2,710	\$ 1,935	\$ (775)	-28.60%
87	Sludge Site Cost	\$ 10,820	\$ 8,500	\$ 10,820	\$ 9,840	\$ 10,820	\$ 13,190	\$ 2,370	21.90%
89	Interest & Debt Cost	\$ 122,931	\$ 46,103	\$ 109,284	\$ 29,442	\$ 109,280	\$ 124,686	\$ 15,406	14.10%
90	Contracted Services	\$ 77,004	\$ 77,004	\$ 79,314	\$ 79,800	\$ 81,693	\$ 158,035	\$ 76,342	93.45%
92	Audit	\$ 3,565	\$ 3,065	\$ 3,565	\$ 3,065	\$ 3,565	\$ 3,065	\$ (500)	-14.03%
93	Reserve	\$ 31,700	\$ 8,301	\$ 21,000	\$ 18,193	\$ 21,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 4,000	19.05%
94	Orland Maintenance	\$ 4,387	\$ 2,314	\$ 3,788	\$ 2,329	\$ 4,023	\$ 4,054	\$ 31	0.77%
95	Contingency	\$ 6,768	\$ 5,385	\$ 47,612	\$ 7,061	\$ 47,128	\$ 60,000	\$ 12,872	27.31%
	<b>TOTAL EXP.</b>	\$ 477,634	\$ 346,207	\$ 496,713	\$ 348,793	\$ 504,245	\$ 623,766	\$ 119,521	23.70%
<b>REVENUES:</b>									
3510	Users Fees ***	\$ 448,050	\$ 502,833	\$ 457,011	\$ 491,148	\$ 466,151	\$ 553,686	\$ 87,535	18.78%
3515	Interest on Users Fees	\$ 250	\$ 1,269	\$ 250	\$ 1,358	\$ 250	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,250	500.00%
3520	Entrance Fees	\$ 100	\$ 90	\$ 100	\$ 30	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -	0.00%
3530	Interest	\$ 4,000	\$ 7,681	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,452	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,686	\$ 2,686	134.30%
3540	Verona Subsidies	\$ 6,952	\$ 12,981	\$ 10,894	\$ 13,974	\$ 11,075	\$ 14,184	\$ 3,109	28.07%
3550	Mis. Revenues	\$ 3,100	\$ 6,779	\$ 3,100	\$ 7,706	\$ 3,100	\$ 7,706	\$ 4,606	148.58%
3560	Orland Subsidies	\$ 10,082	\$ 19,001	\$ 16,258	\$ 19,351	\$ 16,469	\$ 21,392	\$ 4,923	29.89%
3570	Orland Maintenance	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,834	\$ 3,600	\$ 4,218	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600	\$ -	0.00%
3580	Verona Maintenance	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,801	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,983	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	0.00%
3600	Tr. from Gen. Fund				\$ 15,412		\$ 15,412	\$ 15,412	n/a
	<b>TOTAL REV.</b>	\$ 477,634	\$ 556,270	\$ 496,713	\$ 558,633	\$ 504,245	\$ 623,766	\$ 119,521	23.70%

## **REPORT FROM THE TAX ASSESSOR**

Preparing for projected changes in State programs became a major obligation for town managers and tax assessors as the Governor set forth numerous proposals in his biennial budget. Some of the ideas were partially accepted such as changes to revenue sharing to schools and towns, which caused increases in those local budgets as detailed below. One change became law as the Maine “Circuit Breaker” Program was repealed and replaced by another program. Refunds for property taxes and rent based on household income will now be part of the Maine Individual Income Tax Form 1040ME. Homestead, Veteran, Widow, Blind, and other exemptions are still available through the Assessor’s Office. Call 469-7949 for more information.

### **Taxable Valuation Analysis**

	<b>4/1/2012</b>	<b>4/1/2013</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Land and Buildings</b>	<b>\$432,649,900</b>	<b>\$445,460,120</b>	<b>\$12,810,220</b>
<b>Personal Property</b>	<b>\$272,028,700</b>	<b>\$274,058,800</b>	<b>\$2,130,100</b>
<b>Total Taxable Valuation:</b>	<b>\$704,678,600</b>	<b>\$719,518,920</b>	<b>\$14,840,320</b>

About half of the \$14,840,320 difference between the 2012-13 and 2013-14 taxable valuations was added via recent construction by Central Maine Power. The new 345 KV transmission lines and large approach towers between River Road and the Penobscot cost well over 7 million dollars. Another large increase in taxable value can be found at the Verso Mill as described below. And, as usual, there were many relatively small changes in valuation caused by construction, renovation, deterioration and demolition.

After completing the Bucksport Energy turbine project during this year, the Verso-BE complex reached a value that exceeds last year’s value by about 7 million dollars. That increase is the difference between the gains in the new turbine project and other improvements and the decreases due to depreciation and further loss of B2 paper machine asset values. The resulting increase in valuation is mitigated for tax purposes by the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) payment from the Town back to Verso. The 6.72-acre, 30-year TIF District was created by the Town to encourage the “green energy” investment at Verso and spur other economic activity in Bucksport.

Even with the increased valuation, the town’s mil rate rose for the second time since 2002. The mil rate rose from 12.94 to 13.56 or a 4.8% increase due to:

- 1. The Municipal Appropriation increased by \$311,069 or 6.2%*
- 2. The RSU Appropriation increased by \$203,030 or 3.5%*
- 3. State Revenue Sharing decreased by \$150,000 or 50%*
- 4. Other revenues decreased by \$225,138 or 11.2%*
- 5. The County tax increased by \$6,075 or 2.3%*

Nationwide reports show the economic climate as improving slowly, but steadily. However, the local real estate market continues to appear sluggish with some modest increase in sale prices. Using a study of sales, the State of Maine Revenue Service (MRS) rates Bucksport’s real estate tax valuations at 105% of actual market value. The Certified Ratio used for revenue sharing and program reimbursement is 100%. The State’s study only uses “arm’s length” transactions as defined by the MRS. Many sub-market transactions such as foreclosures and short sales are not used because they do not provide a reliable indication of fair market value. The State’s main goal in conducting the studies is to administer tax relief programs and to fairly distribute revenue sharing. Until a way is determined by the state to factor in sub-market sales, areas

that experience a large number of them will appear to be over-valued, especially in a market like Bucksport where the volume of arm's length sales remains relatively low. General valuation changes based on the minimal sales data available in such a market are not ordinarily advisable.

More assessing information can now be found on the town website at [www.bucksportmaine.gov](http://www.bucksportmaine.gov) .

Respectfully submitted by,

J. E. (Jef) Fitzgerald  
Tax Assessor



**Photo courtesy Christopher Grindle**

## **REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK**

As the official record keeper for the Town of Bucksport, the duties of the Town Clerk are many and varied. The Town Clerk is responsible for maintaining and ensuring the safekeeping and preservation of town records and vital records. The Clerk is also the keeper of the minutes of all Town Council, boards, and commissions meetings, and is responsible for filing results with the Secretary of State's office. She administers and records the Oath of Office for all appointed and elected officials and issues designated local licenses and permits. Additionally, if you are in need of the services of a Notary Public or Dedimus Justice, please feel free to contact me at 469-7368.

The Clerk also serves as an Agent for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game to issue numerous game and recreational licenses and permits. As you already know, you can purchase all State of Maine game and recreational licenses online (electronically) through IFW MOSES System. However, I continue to urge any and all Snowmobile Licenses be purchased at our Town Office, as the Town donates all funds from snowmobile registrations to the Bucksport Snowmobile Club. If you purchase them online through the MOSES system, the Town does not receive the credit.

This year's Municipal Election was held on November 6, 2012 in conjunction with the State General and Referendum Election; and the Municipal Referendum Election along with the Regional School Unit #25 Budget Validation Referendum Election was held on June 11, 2013. Both Elections were administered without any problems and I extend a very special thank you to the Town Office staff for their assistance with issuing all those absentee ballots and to the Election Officials whose hard work and dedication to the election process contributed to another very successful election year.

In addition to overseeing elections and maintaining all town records, the Office of Town Clerk processed and/or issued various game and business licenses, vital statistics, numerous inquiries for information, along with genealogy research. I also wish to publicly thank Geraldine Spooner and Emeric Spooner at Buck Memorial Library and Patricia Adams Bucksport genealogist, for all their continued expertise with their genealogy research contribution.

All dogs six months or older are required to be licensed by January 31<sup>st</sup> annually and we encourage you to license your pets before February 1<sup>st</sup> to avoid a late charge. Dog licenses are available each year on October 15<sup>th</sup> at our town office or online.

The following is a statistical report of various transactions processed this past year through the Clerk's Office:

### **Licenses Issued:**

Dog Licenses	492	Kennel Licenses	4
Snowmobiles	177	ATV's	224
Boats	349	Lake/River Stickers	353
Fishing Licenses	295	Hunting Licenses	228
Combination Hunting/Fishing Licenses	253	Jr. Hunting Licenses	39
Archery Hunting Licenses	31		

### **Certified Vital Records:**

Death Records	212	Marriage Records	70
Birth Records	177		



**Vital Records Recorded:**

Burial Permits	64	Death Records	44
Birth Records	44	Marriage Records	48
Marriage Intentions	53		

**Miscellaneous Records Recorded:**

Business Licenses	31	Miscellaneous Licenses	13
New Business Recordings	7	Oaths Recorded	93

The financial status of the Clerk's Office at the end of the fiscal year is reflected by the audit statements included in the annual report.

As we move forward into another fiscal year, I encourage all citizens to visit the Town of Bucksport Website at [www.bucksportmaine.gov](http://www.bucksportmaine.gov), as we are continuously working to keep all Town of Bucksport information current and up to date. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at 469-7368 or stop by the town office at any time.

I wish to thank the Town Council, Town Manager, Michael Brennan, Town Department Heads, Deputy Clerk, Jacquelynn Hunt, Town Office Staff, Christopher Grindle for all his technology assistance, and to all town employees for their cooperation and assistance, and last but not least to the citizens of Bucksport for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Downes  
Town Clerk & Registrar of Voters

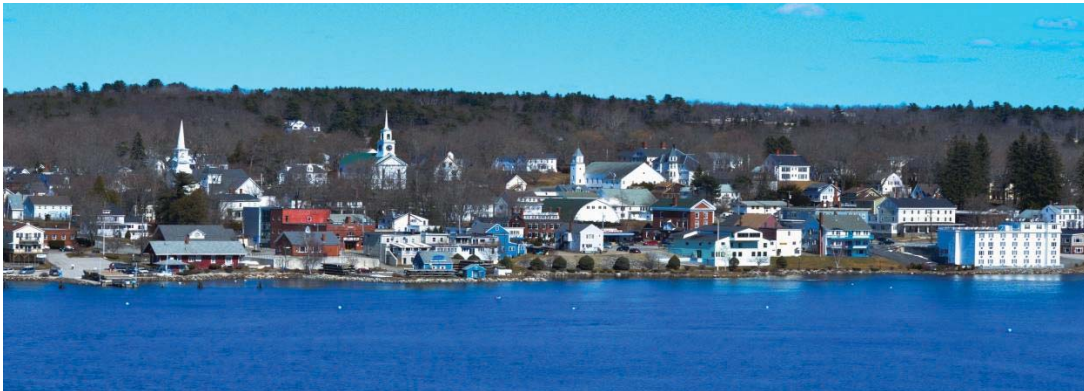


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## REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

If last year was exciting because of all of the successful grants we were selected for, this year was the grounding rod as all of the work associated with those grants required a tremendous amount of work. As each of them get completed, it has been enjoyable to simply stand back and observe the results of those labors. Whether it was semi-invisible infrastructure enhancements like a new water storage tank that will serve the community for the next century, or more visible projects like a new parking area and boat launch facility at Silver Lake. Whether it was pedestrian enhancements along the waterfront that will support quality visits by visitors and locals alike or major rebuilding of road sections along RTE 46 that will secretly provide for a safer trip for anyone that uses this arterial connector. It has been an extremely busy year but the destination will be well worth the journey.

Bangor Gas began the expansion of natural gas service to residential and commercial users this year. For the first time in the history of the Town of Bucksport, citizens will be able to take advantage of this alternative fuel that has *been used by others throughout the country for hundreds of years. The completion in the fall of 2013 will enable users to change over their existing heating systems before cold weather sets in. I am often asked when Bangor Gas is going to expand into other neighborhoods. I encourage everyone interested in this service to reach out to Bangor Gas at (207) 941-9595 or at [www.bangorgas.com](http://www.bangorgas.com) and let them know you are interested. Their future expansion plans will be dictated by how much interest there is on a particular street or neighborhood.*

*The first phase of the Buckstown Heritage Park is nearing completion with the addition of Central Maine Cold Storage's new construction of a 15,000 sq ft seafood flash freezing facility. The new business will create approx. 15 new jobs and over a million dollars of new value into Bucksport. With the last lot under contract for a new machine shop; planning for the phase two, 20 acres expansion, will be underway this coming year. The initial \$100,000 public investment that allowed for the park to open its doors for business in 2000 has created 3.2 million dollars in new value and almost \$45,000 annually in tax revenues, as well as approx. 60 new jobs.*

*The 2 ½ years spent creating an innovative partnership that will result in the training of Bucksport's future papermakers, blossomed into the final creation this year. A lot of hard work and determination by many folks from Verso Paper Company, Eastern Maine Community College (EMCC), RSU 25 and the Town of Bucksport, will pay off as the new Associate Degree Program in Paper Production Technology starts this fall. Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) funds will be used to pay the tuition for any RSU 25 student or graduate participating in the program while students at RSU 25 will be able to earn dual credits from EMCC & RSU 25 as they complete their high school education. If anyone is interested in this opportunity, please contact the Economic Development Office.*

*Henry Ford once said, "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." The success we have achieved in Bucksport is the result of a lot of hard work by a very dedicated committee. The Bucksport Economic Development Committee (BEDC) serves at the pleasure of the Bucksport Town Council. Their wisdom and commitment to the citizens of Bucksport never fail to amaze me. I sincerely appreciate all of their guidance, support and humor that collectively and effectively identify Bucksport as a community that is **Rich in Heritage, Looking to the Future**. This year's members are:*

★ **David Kee, Chair**  
★ **Glenn Findlay**  
★ **Frank Dunbar**  
★ **Belle Ryder**

★ **Joel Wardwell**  
★ **Jim Boothbay**  
★ **Linda Plourde**  
★ **Andy Lacher**

★ **Butch Osborne**  
★ **John Wardwell**  
★ **Jeremy Daigle**  
★ **Gene Berry**  
★ **Byron Vinton III**

I would like to thank the Bucksport Town Council, Town Manager, all of the high quality town employees, and the citizens of Bucksport for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Milan  
Economic Development Director



**Pouring the foundation for the new Central Maine Cold Storage building  
within the Buckstown Heritage Park.**

## **REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF CODE ENFORCEMENT**

### **ISSUED PERMITS**

<u>BUILDING/LAND USE:</u>	<u>126 TOTAL</u>		
DWELLINGS:	07	ADDITIONS:	11
MOBILE HOMES:	07	COMMERCIAL USES:	11
OUTBUILDINGS:	30	BUSINESS SIGNS:	12
DECKS/PORCHES:	20	HOME-BASED BUSINESSES:	09
RENOVATIONS:	12	OUTDOOR WOOD BOILERS:	00
SWIMMING POOLS:	01	MISCELLANEOUS:	06

Permits issued for activities in Shoreland Zoning Districts 16

Permits issued for activities in Flood Hazard Areas: 01

Building Permit Fees budgeted \$9,000.00

Collected \$5,810.00

### **Plumbing Permits 58 Total**

Septic Systems:	16	Internal Plumbing	42
Seasonal Conversions	0		

Plumbing Permit Fees budgeted: \$2,500.00

Collected: \$5,152.50

### **Board of Appeals Activity:**

Administrative Appeals	1 (granted)
Variance Appeals	1 (dismissed)

### **Shoreline Survey Conducted**

During the summer of 2012, a shoreline survey was conducted on Long Pond. The survey was conducted by canoe, and photos were taken of each developed shorefront lot. The purpose of the survey is to document shorefront conditions in order to track further development along the shorelines of the town's great ponds. This survey began in 2010.

### **New State Building and Energy Code to be Enforced in Bucksport**

The Town began enforcing the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC) on July 1, 2012, as required by State law. The code is a collection of national codes and standards for building construction, energy efficiency, ventilation and radon control in residential and commercial buildings. Property owners are expected to hire independent inspectors to perform the required compliance inspections for new residential and commercial building projects. Evidence of compliance must be submitted to the Town before a certificate of occupancy can be issued. Information about the MUBEC is available to the public through the Code Enforcement Office

### **New Street Names**

Big Log Cabin Road	(private road off Silver Lake Road)
Fallen Way	(private road accessed from Holden)
Gristmill Road	(private road off Jacob Buck Pond Road)
Merritt Drive	(private road accessed from Holden)

A reminder to property owners who access their property off a private road: The Town of Bucksport will install the first street sign required for your private road, and replace it one time only if it is lost or damaged beyond repair. After that, property owners are obligated for all costs to replace the sign. It is extremely important to maintain these street signs so that the roads can be easily located by public safety officials in the event of an emergency. It is also important to display the street number for each building so that it is visible from the road. If the building is not visible, the street number must be displayed in a location that is visible. Please contact the Addressing Officer with any questions.

Respectfully submitted

Jeffrey C. Hammond

Code Enforcement Officer, Local Plumbing Inspector & Addressing Officer



**PUBLIC & PRIVATE STREET NAMES IN THE TOWN OF BUCKSPORT**

**PUBLIC STREETS ARE IDENTIFIED IN BOLD**

Names identified with an asterisk are streets in neighboring towns. Short sections of these streets provide access to properties located in Bucksport.

- |                             |                               |                              |                                |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Acorn Alley              | 49. <b>Dresser Road</b>       | 97. Little Brook Lane        | 144. Royal Ridge Ln            |
| 2. Allison Lane             | 50. <b>Duck Cove Road</b>     | 98. Loon Landing             | 145. <b>Russell Hill Rd</b>    |
| 3. Ames Way                 | 51. Duddy Hollow              | 99. <b>Main Street</b>       | 146. S & L Way                 |
| 4. Appalachian Trail        | 52. Eagle Lane                | 100. Marion Lane             | 147. <b>School Street</b>      |
| 5. Archer Way               | 53. Edison Drive              | 101. Marsh Road              | 148. <b>Scott's Lane</b>       |
| 6. Arrow Drive              | 54. Edgewater Lane            | 102. <b>Mast Hill Rd</b>     | 149. <b>Second Street</b>      |
| 7. Aspen Lane               | 55. <b>Elm Street</b>         | 103. McDonald Alley          | 150. <b>Seekins Street</b>     |
| 8. Atherton Way             | 56. Evangel Way               | Lane                         | 151. Seminary Road             |
| 9. Atwood Lane              | 57. <b>Evergreen Drive</b>    | 104. <b>McDonald St</b>      | 152. Shore Drive               |
| 10. Back Forty Way          | 58. Fallen Way                | 105. McGill Road             | 153. <b>Silver Lake Rd</b>     |
| 11. <b>Bagley Avenue</b>    | 59. Faratcherelli Lane        | 106. <b>McKinnon Rd</b>      | 154. <b>Silver Street</b>      |
| 12. <b>Bald Mountain Rd</b> | 60. <b>Federal Street</b>     | 107. <b>Mechanic St</b>      | 155. Small Drive               |
| 13. <b>Barbour Drive</b>    | 61. <b>First Street</b>       | 108. Mercer Lane             | 156. Smith Drive               |
| 14. Bartley Lane            | 62. Flanders Way              | 109. Merritt Drive           | 157. <b>South Road*</b>        |
| 15. <b>Bayview Avenue</b>   | 63. <b>Forest Hill</b>        | 110. <b>Middle Street</b>    | 158. <b>Spofford Ave</b>       |
| 16. Beech Lane              | 64. <b>Forsythe Avenue</b>    | 111. Miles Lane              | 159. <b>Spring Street</b>      |
| 17. Berry Road              | 65. Foss Farm Drive           | 112. <b>Mill Street</b>      | 160. <b>Spruce Street</b>      |
| 18. <b>Betts Road*</b>      | 66. <b>Franklin Street</b>    | 113. <b>Millvale Road</b>    | 161. <b>State Route 46</b>     |
| 19. Big Log Cabin Rd        | 67. Gifford Lane              | 114. <b>Moosehorn Dr</b>     | 162. <b>Stone House Rd</b>     |
| 20. Bluff Road              | 68. Grant Lane                | 115. Morrison Road           | 163. Strickland Ridge Rd       |
| 21. Booth Drive             | 69. Green Road                | 116. Moulton Pond Rd         | 164. <b>Summer St</b>          |
| 22. Braun Place             | 70. Gristmill Road            | 117. Mountain Side Ln        | 165. <b>Third Street</b>       |
| 23. <b>Bridge Street</b>    | 71. <b>Gross Point Road*</b>  | 118. <b>Mt. Olive Hts</b>    | 166. <b>Thomas Street</b>      |
| 24. <b>Broadway</b>         | 72. Hancock Pond Road         | 119. Mt. View Lane           | 167. Thurston Pond Rd          |
| 25. Brookview Drive         | 73. Harriman Cove Road        | 120. Mylen Drive             | 168. Tingley Drive             |
| 26. <b>Buck Street</b>      | 74. Henderson Road            | 121. Nason Hollow            | 169. <b>Town Farm Rd</b>       |
| 27. Buckley Lane            | 75. <b>Heritage Park Road</b> | 122. <b>Nicholson Ave</b>    | 170. Transfer Station Rd       |
| 28. <b>Bucksmills Road</b>  | 76. Hero's Brook Lane         | 123. Noel Way                | 171. Tuffs Road                |
| 29. Bullfrog Way            | 77. Hillside Drive            | 124. <b>Oak Street</b>       | 172. <b>Turkey Path</b>        |
| 30. Bunker Hill             | 78. <b>Hinks Street</b>       | 125. Old Winter Rd           | 173. Twin Oaks Ln              |
| 31. Catspaw Lane            | 79. Hog Heaven Lane           | 126. Orcutt Mtn Rd           | 174. <b>Upper Long Pond Rd</b> |
| 32. <b>Cedar Street</b>     | 80. Hollow Lane               | 127. <b>Park Street</b>      |                                |
| 33. <b>Central Street</b>   | 81. Holmes Drive              | 128. Pasture Pine Rd         | 175. <b>US Route 1</b>         |
| 34. Charles Lane            | 82. Horseback Way             | 129. Patriots Drive          | 176. Violette Way              |
| 35. <b>Church Road</b>      | 83. Hunk Sawyer Road          | 130. Peaceful Valley         | 177. Ward Drive                |
| 36. Colby Crossing          | 84. Hurd Hill                 | 131. Pelletier Lane          | 178. Waterside Road            |
| 37. Cole Road               | 85. Island View Road          | 132. <b>Perry's Landing</b>  | 179. Wenbelle Drive            |
| 38. Coleman Lane            | 86. <b>Jacob Buck Pond Rd</b> | 133. <b>Pine Street</b>      | 180. Whitetail Ridge           |
| 39. Connors Road            | 87. Joan Street               | 134. <b>Pond Street</b>      | 181. Wickett Farm Rd           |
| 40. Corey Path              | 88. <b>Kenney Drive</b>       | 135. <b>Poverty Ridge Rd</b> | 182. Wights Lane               |
| 41. Cotton Hill Road        | 89. Kimball Drive             | 136. <b>Power Line Rd</b>    | 183. Wilderness Way            |
| 42. County Lane             | 90. Kindred Spirit Way        | 137. <b>Race Course Rd</b>   | 184. <b>Williams Pond Rd</b>   |
| 43. <b>Cross Road</b>       | 91. Lakeside Drive            | 138. Red Rock Road           | 185. <b>Willins Orchard Rd</b> |
| 44. CW Lane                 | 92. Lakeview Heights          | 139. Ridge Road              |                                |
| 45. Dalton Lane             | 93. <b>Leach Street</b>       | 140. <b>River Road</b>       | 186. <b>Willis Road</b>        |
| 46. Deer Run                | 94. Ledgewood Drive           | 141. Robin Hood Circle       | 187. <b>Woodland Heights</b>   |
| 47. Donovan Road            | 95. Lee Street                | 142. Rosen's Lane            |                                |
| 48. <b>Drakes Lane</b>      | 96. Lew Gray Drive            | 143. Ross Lane               |                                |

Please be sure that your street number is clearly displayed so that it is visible from the street. This will aid in the location of your home in the event of an emergency. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.



## **REPORT FROM THE BUCKSPORT PLANNING BOARD**

This past fiscal year has not been an active one with the Board only approving three applications and assisting with the development and revision of several ordinances. In addition, Jeffrey Hammond, CEO, attended the MMA workshop for planning boards and he also attended training on the state's building and energy code. Two board members participated in a Land Development and Personal Property Rights: Striking a Balance in Hancock County: 26<sup>th</sup> Workshop, Farmland Registration and Tree Growth Tax Programs: The Future of Agriculture in Maine. As part of the report, the Board wishes to briefly outline its composition, responsibilities and actions to the public.

The Planning Board is composed of seven members appointed by the Town Council. During this fiscal year, long-term member John Daniels retired. The position was advertised in The Bucksport Enterprise and on the town's web page. The Town Council appointed Daniel See. The Planning Board is responsible for reviewing applications for commercial development, subdivision and other projects as they relate to site review, shoreland zoning and land use ordinances. The Board works closely with the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO), the Ordinance Committee and the Town Council in reviewing ordinances, as conditions require. The Board also conducts hearings with respect to new and proposed amendments regarding zoning subdivisions and site plan ordinances.

In February, the Planning Board reviewed proposed changes to Appendix K, Land Use Ordinance that addressed issues that had been noted by the board. The changes also corrected errors and added clarity to certain provisions. This also included consumer fireworks sales restrictions. The suggested changes were forwarded to the Ordinance Committee.

Approved applications are listed below as presented to the Bucksport Planning Board. It should be noted that the Planning Board often requires that changes and special conditions be added to the project. Members of the public can review a complete applications, support documentation and minutes at the CEO's office.

### **APPROVED LAND USE APPLICATIONS 2012-2013**

August 7, 2012 - Application from Town Council for approval of consistency of CDBG 2012 Community Enterprise Grant proposal for the Streetscape & Façade Projects with the Town's Comprehensive Plan and Local Zoning Ordinances. The eight projects involved changes in streetscapes and façade for Buck Library, McLeod's Restaurant building, Historical Society building, Verona Garage, Sheehan's Florist building, The Enterprise building, Hayward House, and Chamber of Commerce.

December 4, 2012 - Application from Brandon Lindsay of Northeast Cable Construction Inc. to construct a new building on Lot #2 Wardwell Commercial Development, Book 1346 Page 614 on Heritage Park Road, Tax Map 02, Lot 04. The applicant proposes to develop the vacant lot #2 next to Osborne Plumbing and Heating with an off-site service business. Project will include 2400 sq ft building and related site improvements. The business offers cable installation line work services.

January 2, 2013 - Application from Bruce Ashborn of Automotive Elegance, Inc. to occupy Heritage Park Road 90, Suite #2, tax map 3 lot 53. The applicant proposes to occupy the existing structure to operate an on-site service business offering automotive upholstery repair and related services.

June 4, 2013 - Land use application submitted and then withdrawn.

In an effort to assist applicant and expedite the application process the Board uses a single application form. Support documentation will still be required. All requests for applications and pertinent information should be directed to Jeffrey Hammond, CEO, at 469-7368, ext. 231 or at [jhammond@bucksportmainr.gov](mailto:jhammond@bucksportmainr.gov).

The public is invited to attend all Planning Board meetings. A "Limited Public Forum" is included in the agenda to give the public and opportunity to address the Board on matters related to land use or planning in the Town of Bucksport. Regular meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Bucksport Town Office. Additional meetings are scheduled as necessary.

As part of the report the Board has attached a condensed version of the Bucksport Zoning Maps. These maps work in concert with the Land Use Ordinances revised and adopted in 2010 and the Mineral Extraction Ordinances adopted in 2012. These maps and ordinances guide the development and use of all land and structures in the Town as they apply specific areas identified as districts. Copies of the Land Use Ordinances, Mineral Extraction Ordinances and full scale Zoning Maps are available for review at the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary A. Bamford  
Secretary

## **REPORT FROM THE FIRE CHIEF/ DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Bucksport Fire & Rescue personnel responded to 1,101 requests for service this past fiscal year, with 987 of those requiring an incident report. The Ambulance Service again set an all-time record for a one-month period by responding to 93 calls in the month of July 2012 and had a total of 878 responses throughout the fiscal year. The Fire Department had 223 requests for service and performed 71 inspections.

We want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the passing of three of our retired call-firefighters: David Winchester, Sr. who had over 16 years of service along with Kevin Megno, Sr. and Ernie Davenport, both of whom had over ten years of service. These guys all had their own style and each brought something different to the scene and to the department. They will all be missed and we want to acknowledge their contributions to the community.

We also would like to acknowledge the retirement of Call Fire Fighter/EMT-I Dorance Gray, who had served in public safety for more than 35 years. Dorance was one of the first EMT Intermediates in this area and has treated thousands of patients and responded to hundreds of fire calls during his career with both the Bucksport & Orland Fire Departments. His son Donnie and his daughter-in-law Kari continue to serve in public safety. We wish him and his family all of the best in retirement and want to thank him for his time and commitment to the betterment of this entire region through his good deeds.

We would also like to announce the hiring of several new fire fighters and EMT's on the call departments. Amanda Welch and Michaela Winchester have been hired as EMT's and Nicole Sealy has returned to the service as well. Trevor Bowden and Dave Davis were hired as call fire fighters and Kevin Stevens has joined the fire fighting side of the business after serving the last couple of years as an EMT. We welcome them aboard and wish them a successful and rewarding career.

Our staff has been working on Fire Prevention and Education classes for citizens of all ages. We combined with the Orland Fire Department to instruct over 400 students at the schools and held numerous Station Tours. We worked with the High school and performed a "Mock Fire" Drill where students encountered "blocked exits" and had to find a second way out. After, we held a Q&A session where fire safety and other issues were discussed. We also started a Fire Extinguisher Program for all town employees and hope to start that program within the RSU system as well. Our crews also participated in Alumni Day at the schools and worked with several of the apartment complexes in reviewing their fire safety plans.

We participated in Verso's Disaster Drill & assisted them with updating their emergency action plans for the area's water dams; assisted the Police Department with the Active Shooter program; had the Department of Labor's "Safety Works" consultant review our policies, records and equipment for safety compliance; held our annual Halloween Party for over 200 kids and their parents; and helped pass a safety ordinance regarding the use and sale of Fireworks within our community.

Our staff presented and participated in an Emergency Medical Technician course held here that graduated nearly 20 students and hosted a Maine Forest Service fire fighting class that saw over 20 students become State certified. Additionally, we substantially completed the painting of our entire facility, inside and out, with just a few finishing touches to be completed. We also installed new air and electrical "drop-lines" in our apparatus bays to keep the trucks charged and ready for response.

We continue to be fairly successful in the "Grant Business" and received over a dozen grants, gifts, donations or deals that combined for over \$51,000.00 worth of equipment, gear and safety materials. The Maine Forest Service, the Maine Municipal Association, Sam's Club, the Hancock County Firefighter's Association and others awarded grants for items ranging from batteries to stretchers. We would like to thank "We Store" for their donation of 2 storage areas for our antiques while we worked on the floor at the

old station and “Bobby Wardwell Contracting” for their donation of the concrete and crew to pour the new floor.

In closing, I would like to thank our crews and their families, the auxiliary and our mutual aid partners, for the excellent job they do in providing emergency response to our region. Thanks also go to all Town Employees and to the citizens that assist and support us in providing a safer community.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Craig Bowden



**Photo courtesy Christopher Grindle**

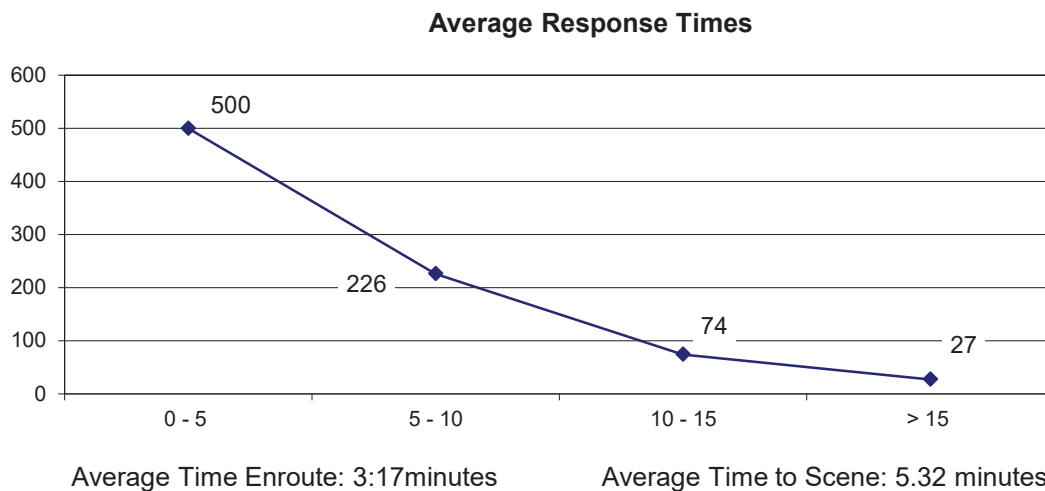
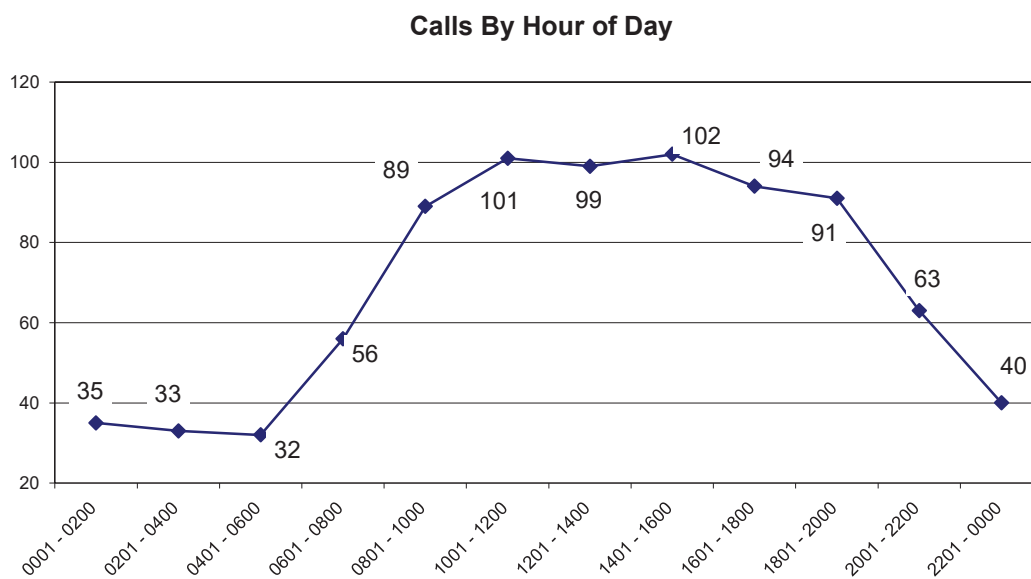
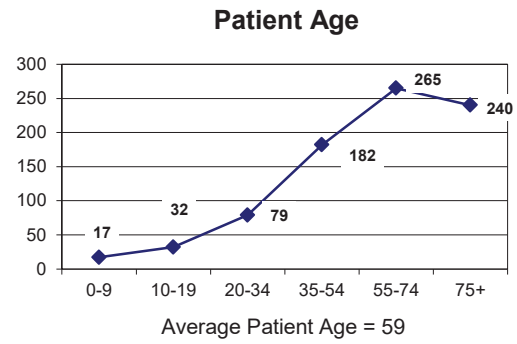
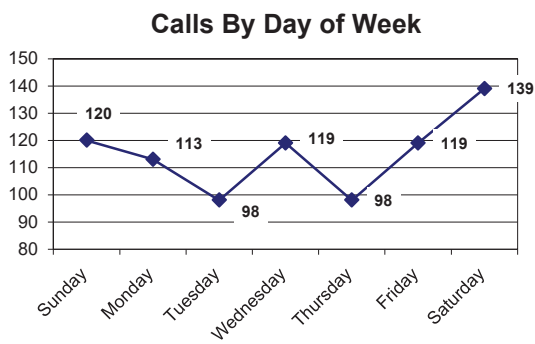
## BUCKSPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

<u>Type of Call</u>	<u>2011- 2012</u>	<u>2012- 2013</u>	<u>Fire and Ambulance Staff</u>		
Structure Fires	14	18	Chief Craig Bowden	FF/EMT-B	FT
Chimney Fires	3	7	Asst. Chief Michael Denning	FF/EMT-I	FT
Vehicle Fires	5	3	Asst. EMS Dir. Chris Connor	FF/EMT-P	FT
Excessive Heat/Explosion	0	0	Capt. Pam Payson	FF/EMT-P	FT
Grass/Woods Fires	9	4	John Gavelek	FF/EMT-P	FT
Trash or Illegal Burning	3	2	Gene Bass	FF/EMT-B	Res.
Motor Vehicle Accidents	15	19	Steve Bishop	Firefighter	
Search and Rescue	4	7	Jared Bowden	FF/EMT-P	Res.
Fuel/Chemical Spill	8	8	Lt. Jamie Bowden	FF/EMT-B	Res.
Power Lines	4	3	Mark Bowden	Firefighter	
Electrical Hazards	2	3	Lt. Richard Bowden	Firefighter	
Service	21	14	Shane Bowden	FF/EMT-B	Res.
Permit Checks	8	12	Capt. Steve Bowden	Firefighter	
Good Intent	8	15	Trevor Bowden	Firefighter	
False Alarm	29	20	Larry Chambers	Firefighter	
<b>Total Fire Calls</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>135</b>	David Davis	Firefighter	
			Jeff Davis	FF/EMT-B	
			Capt. Dave Denis	Firefighter	
			Lisa Drake	FF/EMT-B	
<u><b>Aid to Other Towns</b></u>			Jay Durost	Firefighter	
Verona	11	15	Jim Fleming	FF/EMT-P	Res.
Orrington	6	4	Greg Forsythe	FF/EMT-B	
Orland	5	6	Kari Gray	EMT-I	
Other	1	1	Capt. Terry Grindle	Firefighter	
			Erik Lauritsen	Firefighter	
<u><b>Aid From Other Towns</b></u>			Ryan McGuire	Firefighter	
Orland	13	8	Alex Miller	FF/EMT-B	
Orrington	3	2	Ray Monreal	Firefighter	
Other	1	3	Sam Payson	Firefighter	
			Russ Saunders	Firefighter	
			Mike Sealy	EMT-I	
<u><b>Inspections</b></u>			Nicole Sealy	EMT-I	
Businesses	50	48	Kevin Stevens, Jr.	FF/EMT-B	
Dwellings	18	16	Mike Swazey	Firefighter	
Chimney/Solid Fuel	13	17	Waren Weaver	Firefighter	
Installations			Amanda Welch	EMT-B	
<b>Total</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>81</b>	Michaela Winchester	EMT-B	



# BUCKSPORT AMBULANCE SERVICE STATISTICS

<u>Provider Impression</u>	<u>2011- 2012</u>	<u>2012- 2013</u>	<u>Response Disposition</u>	<u>2011- 2012</u>	<u>2012- 2013</u>
Abdominal Pain/Problems	46	56	Cancelled	21	9
Allergic Reaction	11	7	Dead at Scene	9	16
Altered Level of Consciousness	10	13	Patient Refused are	69	91
Back Pain (Non-Traumatic)	17	27	Standby Only	13	23
Behavioral/Psychiatric Disorder	32	46	Treated and Released	65	52
Cardiac Arrest	7	9	Treated, Transferred Care	5	6
Chest Pain/Discomfort	55	66	Treated, Transported by EMS	628	655
CHF (Congestive Heart Failure)	9	8	<b>Total</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>852</b>
Dehydration	23	15			
Diabetic Symptoms	16	20			
Electrocution	0	0	<u>Response By Unit</u>	<u>2011- 2012</u>	<u>2012- 2013</u>
Epistaxis (Non-Traumatic)	7	7	Ambulance 1	675	709
Fever	16	18	Ambulance 2	130	141
General Malaise	18	21	Rescue 1	5	2
Headache	8	5	<b>Total</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>852</b>
Heat Exhaustion/Stroke	1	0			
Hypothermia	1	1			
Inhalation Injury (Toxic Gas)	0	0			
No Apparent Illness/Injury	49	86	<u>Town</u>	<u># of Runs</u>	
Obvious Death	8	10	Bucksport	633	
Other Abdominal/GI Problem	0	0	Orland	166	
Other Cardiovascular Problem	12	27	Verona	39	
Other CNS Problem	0	0	Other	14	
Other GU Problems	1	2	<b>Total</b>	<b>852</b>	
Other Illness/Injury	59	79			
Pain	63	17			
Patient Assist Only	25	19	<u>Destination</u>	<u># of Runs</u>	
Poisoning/Drug Ingestion	26	15	EMMC	379	
Pregnancy/OB Delivery	2	2	St. Joseph	125	
Respiratory Distress	55	87	BHMH	59	
Seizure	14	12	MCMH	79	
Stroke/CVA	13	21	WCGH	9	
Substance/Drug Abuse	8	12	Other	6	
Syncope/Fainting	11	19	No Transport	195	
Traumatic Injury	139	102	<b>Total</b>	<b>852</b>	
Unconscious	15	2			
Weakness	33	21			
<b>Total</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>852</b>			



## **REPORT FROM THE BUCKSPORT POLICE CHIEF**

Police Chief- Sean P. Geagan  
Detective/Sergeant- David E. Winchester

### Patrol

Robert Findlay

Ryan Knight

Matthew Cyr

Daniel Harlan

Steven Bishop

### Reserve Officer

Daniel Saunders

Chris Woodman

Ryan Welch

Eric Marcel

Richard Sullivan

Ernest Fitch

### Animal Control Officer

Daniel Joy

The Police Department had an average year this year. Our numbers continue to vary each year. The types of calls we are responding to have changed. We had two armed robberies this year. This is not something that we see every year. The types of crimes that are occurring are a true sign of the times. Our full-time and part time staffing has stayed the same this past year. With only five full-time patrol officers we depend on our part-time patrol staff a lot to fill vacant shifts and they continue to do a good job. We continue to employ a part-time bicycle officer every summer. This past summer this was Officer Ernie Fitch. I continue to receive positive comments on this position each year. We have also continued with our part-time school resource officer position, Officer Ryan Welch continues to fill this position. These two positions have proven to be valuable positions and we will be looking to combine these and make this a full time position in the coming year.

The Police Department continues to maintain the goals that were set for the department four years ago. It is our goal to continue to do the job we are doing, get better at what we do and to strive to improve upon what we do everyday. The foundation of our department continues to be strong and believes in core values. The personnel that we have continue to work hard for the citizens in the community. Our #1 goal is to continue to make the Town of Bucksport a safe place to live, work and raise a family.

I would like to take the time to thank the personnel that work for the Police Department. Law Enforcement is a very demanding and stressful career with a lot of responsibility. The Town of Bucksport has dedicated caring individuals representing them in the field of Law Enforcement. We depend on these individuals to take action immediately and to make split second decisions on a daily basis in order to keep the community safe. All of our part-time personnel hold full-time jobs in other places and have families and continue to commit to the Police Department and the town when they are in a time of need. Once again gentlemen, I thank you for all you do!!

We continue to be proactive both on and off the job year in and year out. We have several staff members that work outside of law enforcement with the community in as many ways as possible and as time permits. This includes: working with the Special Olympics, Coaching all sports, Elder Abuse Prevention, Police in Education programs at all schools, child identification kits, and our gun lock program along with many more. This is a very important part of community policing and we will continue to participate in all of these programs and more for many years to come.

I would like to thank the Town Manager and the Town Council for their continued support. As always I encourage all citizens of the town to call us in your time of need or to stop by the public safety building to see us at anytime, for any reason. We need to work together to achieve the ultimate goal of public safety for the Town of Bucksport.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean P. Geagan  
Chief of Police



Photo courtesy Christopher Grindle

## BUCKSPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Incidents by type

	Incident		Incident
Robbery	1	Obscene phone calls	1
Assault	13	Accidental or unattended death	5
Burglary	43	Civil matters	51
Theft	78	Criminal trespass/unwanted guest	74
Auto Theft	6	Suicide (actual or attempted)	16
Arson	0	ATL-BOLO (attempt to locate)	110
Forgery & Counterfeiting	4	Littering	9
Fraud (Bad checks etc.)	21	Land use violation	0
Vandalism	69	Juvenile runaway	6
Sex Offenses (other)	4	Motor vehicle misdemeanors	21
Drugs	15	Motor vehicle infractions	65
Driving Under the Influence	22	Motor vehicle permits	20
Liquor Laws	6	Motor vehicle defects	195
Drunkenness	1	Motor vehicle law violations	179
Disorderly Conduct	19	Parking tickets issued	31
Suspicious Person	58	Warnings (criminal)	518
Suspicious Vehicle	39	Warnings (traffic)	1388
Suspicious Conditions	141	Miscellaneous	13
Hazardous Conditions	124	Probation violation	1
Family quarrels	73	Street light out report	24
Open doors or windows	36	Checking for weight violations	4
Warrant (arrest & information)	24	Administrative special detail	15
Harassment	59	Tobacco product violation	4
Threats	14	Abandoned 911 call	174
Disabled motor vehicles	60	Concealed fire arms permit	111
Information	355	Parking violation complaint	22
Well being check	96	Passing a stopped school bus	4
Patrol Checks	54	Violation of Bail	7
Summons (Radar)	40	Violation of protection order	8
Accidents (all types)	228	OUI complaints received	14
Lost and Found	188	OUI charges	22
Assist (fire and ambulance)	192	Accident non reportable deer	18
Assist (Law Enforcement Agency)	234	Mentally disturbed person	25
Assist (motorist)	12	Neighbor Quarrels	14
Assist (other)	266	Harassment by telephone	57
Escort	18	Abandoned MV	3
Building check	44	Arrests	80
Disturbance	116		
Alarm response business (all types)	34	<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>7265</b>
Alarm response home (all types)	16		
Alarm response bank (all types)	13	<b>Actual types of Contact:</b>	
Alarm response school (all types)	0	Arrest	80
Missing person search	9	Summons	360
Animal complaint (dog)	237	Traffic Warnings	1388
Animal complaint (other)	71	Criminal Warnings	518
Animal complaint (Cat)	75	M/V Defects	349
Domestic Assault	13	M/V Accidents	228



## **REPORT FROM BUCKSPORT PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Dispatch Supervisor**

Chief Sean P. Geagan

#### **Full-time Dispatchers**

Daniel Joy  
Barbara Cote  
Robert Meacham  
Elizabeth McCann

#### **Part-time Dispatchers**

Jamie Bowden  
Jim Morrill  
Daniel Saunders  
Russell Saunders

The dispatch center had another very busy year. Our Full Time personnel stayed the same from last year. Our Part time staff changed a little, we had a few of our staff resign and we hired one person to our staff. We would like to welcome Jim Morrill back to the staff. Jim has been with us before and is back with us again, welcome back. We would like to continue to maintain the staff level of 8 to 10 personnel in this department. We have continued to stay at this level for several years. The number of calls and incidents that the Communications Center handles has increased over the last year. One of the most noticeable is the area of in person issues this department is dealing with; we have more citizens coming into the station.

I would like to thank the dedicated staff both full-time and part-time that we have in the dispatch center. These employees hold the biggest responsibilities one could ever hold in a career. They hold the lives of the citizens in their hands every day they report for duty. They continue to do an outstanding job day in and day out for the citizens of this community. The communications center continues to be open 24 hours a day 7 days a week and continues to be the lifeline for all of the citizens of this town.

During the past year Bucksport Public Safety Communications handled 61,414 instances of communications, this number has increased since last year. These were in the form of telephone calls, radio transmissions and dealings with people in person. Below is the number of calls taken by the dispatchers by department.

Police	Telephone	# 15533	Fire	Telephone	# 3636
	Radio	# 12407		Radio	# 8573
	In Person	# 15912		In Person	# 1922
Other Depts.	Telephone	# 622			
	Radio	# 422			
	In Person	# 11			

Included in these numbers are contacts from the following towns and departments:

Highway	# 110	Verona	# 626
Orland	# 2820	Waste Water	# 2

The communications center issued 912 fire permits for the fire department this past year and continues to deal with various service requests from other departments around the state.

I would like to thank the Town Manager and Town Council for their continued support to the Dispatch Center and its employees. It is greatly appreciated by the staff and the citizens of the town.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean P. Geagan  
Chief of Police



**Photo courtesy Linda Alley**

## **REPORT FROM THE BUCKSPORT ANIMAL SHELTER**

The Bucksport Animal Shelter continues to run smoothly, and there are three reasons why this is made possible each year.

The Town of Bucksport is very fortunate to have a very dedicated Animal Control Officer. Dan Joy has held this position for twenty-five (25) years-plus. This is considered to be a part time position but as we all know he puts in countless hours to make sure the animals that are housed at the shelter are well taken care of.

The Town also has a number of volunteers that assist ACO Joy on a daily basis at the shelter. They put in a countless number of hours each year that consist of feeding and cleaning the animals along with cleaning the shelter each day. I would like to take the time to thank each and every one of these volunteers, without you none of this would be possible.

We also continue to receive donations each month. We have several people that continue to donate funds to the animal shelter each month. I would like to take the time to thank each and every one of you for your generosity.

Sean P. Geagan  
Chief of Police



**Photos Courtesy Christopher Grindle**



**From Left:** Grace Clement, Barbara Thomas, Ned Clement, Alexis Burgin  
**Not Pictured:** Matt Cote, Kelley Ellsworth, Megan Buhl, Kylie Wing, Mike and Ellen Paige, Leslie Rabs

## **REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Flexibility and adaptability remain the hallmarks of Public Works Department personnel's ability to respond to the wide variety of demands during each year's changing seasons.

The Summer 2012 construction season found the department reconstructing several roads. Fourteen hundred feet of Bucksmills Road was completely rebuilt with new ditches, a new base gravel and a new hot mix asphalt surface pavement. Five hundred feet of Pond Street pavement was reclaimed. A new concrete headwall was installed on two Tannery Brook drain pipes. The sidewalk was reconstructed and repaved. The project was finished by covering the reclaimed surface with new asphalt pavement. A subsurface drainage problem on two hundred and thirty feet of Masthill Road was corrected when the road base gravel was replaced with new material and under-drain pipes installed. A new travel-way pavement surface finished the project. The final phase of the swimming pool parking lot extension project was completed when thirty additional spaces were carved out of a wooded corner of the swimming pool property.

Because of the continuous encroachment of roadside brush and trees, the department was required to attack the over-growth with an aggressive road-side cutting program. Five miles of roadside trees and brush were cut and chipped along the road right of ways for Jacob Buck Pond Road, Bucksmills Road and Town Farm Road. The ditches on these roads were cleaned of roots and winter sand residue.

Under a State Department of Conservation grant, department personnel built a new Silver Lake boat launch facility. The launch project included a fifteen space vehicle/trailer parking lot, forty two feet of concrete launch ramp, sixty feet of launch floats, two handicap vehicle/trailer parking spaces and a rustic canoe/kayak launch site. This project also required the installation of a two hundred feet long six feet high wire basket gabion wall and 2800 cubic feet of rubble fill and 400 feet of new metal guardrail.

The town's waterfront walkway requires maintenance on occasion. A failure in the Tannery Brook foot bridge's deck required department personnel to improvise a solution to the deck board tie-down system.

Following the award to the town of a Maine Department of Transportation Small Harbor Improvement (SHIP) grant for the lengthening of the existing town dock, department personnel constructed three new twenty feet long by ten feet wide wooden floats.

Bucksport received a second grant which would enable the expansion of the waterfront walkway. The expansion grant called for the creation of a thirty feet diameter brick paved seating area with an embedded compass rose medallion. The department installed three surface water capture basins with sixty feet of storm drain piping. In preparation for the placement of the brick pavers, one hundred cubic yards of contaminated soil was removed from the project site and disposed of at an Old Town, Maine landfill. The removed soil was replaced with a mix of screened gravel and crushed stone dust. A four feet tall two feet diameter concrete lamp base was installed in the center of the fill area. The entire west end of the existing walkway was reshaped with new top soil and then covered with grass seed and mulch hay.

Interspersed with the construction work, the department dealt with a winter storm season which saw its' first storm of November 7, 2011 and lasting until April 4, 2012. Between those dates, twenty eight storm events requiring treatment with 990 tons of salt and 8867 cubic yards winter sand mix. The 2011-2012 winter season had twenty eight storm events and saw the use of 886 tons of salt and 5516 cubic yards of sand.



Capital improvement expenditures for the fiscal year resulted in the purchase of a new one half ton pick-up truck and a new eleven feet long quick switch snow plow for one of our downtown dump trucks. This plow replaced a 1995 model snowplow.

Respectfully Submitted,

Duane R. Nadeau  
Public Works Director



**Photo courtesy Linda Alley**



**REPORT FROM THE BUCKSPORT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**  
**SUPERINTENDENT**

Over the last fiscal year the Bucksport Wastewater Treatment Facility processed 96,287,000 gallons of wastewater. This flow is a 7% decrease over the 2011-2012 fiscal years. The Town of Orland contributed 4,968,059 gallons of wastewater, a decrease of 11%. The Town of Verona contributed 4,087,390 gallons of wastewater, an increase of 8% from the last fiscal year.

Precipitation totals are recorded daily at the Bucksport Wastewater Treatment Facility. From July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 34.84 inches of rainfall and 75.52 inches of snowfall were recorded as compared to 43.08 inches of rainfall and 43.45 inches of snowfall for last fiscal year. Rainfall and snow melt can contribute significantly to the flow received by the treatment facility as there is still a good amount of inflow and infiltration to the sewer system. Infiltration is groundwater that enters through cracks in the sewer lines and inflow is groundwater or storm water that enters through roof drains and sump pumps. These additional flows pose some challenges to the operation of the treatment facility.

326.00 cubic yards of sludge was processed during the fiscal year. This is a decrease of 127 cubic yards or a 39% decrease overall. Lower than normal rainfall and lower water processed is a major reason for the decrease. Our sludge is now being trucked through Casella Waste Systems, Inc. and taken to Juniper Ridge Landfill in Old Town once a year instead of land spreading and is more cost effective at this time.

The Swirl Concentrator (CSO) Facility on Main Street operated once in November 2012, once in December 2012, once in March 2013, for a total of 3 times. Total flows through the Vortex totaled 410,000 gallons of effluent treated wastewater being discharged to the Penobscot River, a 127% decrease over the last fiscal year. For the most part this is still a learning process with sample locations and pump speeds playing major roles in the performance of this facility and we are gaining history and knowledge every year to better operate this facility.

We started the fiscal year with some needed maintenance to 4 critical Generators; all 4 needed some major upgrading to their operating performance as they are almost 25 years of age. We extended the Driveway at the treatment facility, so we can receive pellet deliveries to our silo. A new laptop computer and printer/scanner was purchased to replace the old. Station #4 on Pond Street needed a new pump. Approximately 100' sewer main was replaced on Oak St. A new stainless steel ring was installed on clarifier #1. Orland replaced both pumps and upgraded their PLC system so we can monitor through our SCADA system at the treatment plant.

The DEP has approved the Facilities plan for secondary treatment that was prepared by Olver Associates. Our next step is to secure funding for the project.

We have 3 major chemicals that we use during the year, a polymer for settling sludge is the only chemical used year-round and also the most expensive. We used 1162 gallons, 3.18 gallons per day compared to 1727 gallons, 4.73 gallons per day in 11-12 a 49% decrease. Sodium Hypochlorite is used during the summer months (May 15<sup>th</sup> thru September 30<sup>th</sup>) we used 2241 gallons in 12-13 compared to 2104 gallons in 11-12 resulting in a 6% increase, and Sodium Bisulfite used to dechlorinate before effluent discharge to the river is also just summer months, we used 304 gallons in 12-13 compared to 407 in 11-12 a 34% decrease. These chemicals are more controlled from the changes that we made to our chemical system at the end of 08-09 fiscal years.

In closing, please help keep the environment healthy by not disposing harmful substances into the sewer. Remember that the water we have is all we will ever have and cleaning pollutants from it becomes more costly every day! Protect this resource for future generations.

Respectfully submitted,

David Michaud  
Superintendent Maine Water Bucksport Division



**Photo courtesy of Linda Alley**

## **REPORT FROM THE BUCKSPORT SOLID WASTE FACILITY**

The Bucksport Transfer Station serves the citizens of Bucksport and Orland. The facility provides the opportunity to dispose of household trash, demolition and wood debris, metals, motor oil, and bulky appliances and furniture, electronics and mercury containing items. As of January 1, 2014, the facility is open Thursday through Monday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and is closed Tuesday and Wednesday. A fee is assessed for the disposal of demolition debris, bulky items, wood, and household trash containing recyclable items. Mercury containing products are assessed a disposal fee. A copy of the fee schedule is available on the Town of Bucksport website, the Town Office or at the Transfer station office. Any citizen who meets one of the following conditions; has paid excise tax in Bucksport or Orland; is a valid resident of Bucksport or Orland, may obtain a disposal permit at the transfer station during normal hours. There is no fee for the permit. A special permit may be obtained through the Town Office during normal business hours when the above conditions are not met.

The Bucksport Transfer Station collected 1038 tons of solid waste during the period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013. This weight included 158 bales of cardboard, 97 bales of newspaper, 86 bales of mixed paper and 42 bales of plastic containers. Additionally 50 tons of metal, 20 tons of metal cans, 4.6 ton of singles, and 3.6 tons of appliances were recycled. 231 tons of construction demolition materials and 32 tons of clean wood was disposed at a contract landfill. 165 automotive batteries were returned for reprocessing. 900 gallons of household generated motor oil was turned over to the Bucksport Public Works Department for use in their waste oil heating furnaces. The Town redirected 14 tons of re-usable items. The universal waste collection program handled 460 televisions, 155 computer monitors, and 735 other electronic items. Total recycling of all items earned the Town \$45,464 in new revenues.

The citizens' commitment to a viable and active recycling program is critical in an era of limited economic growth and decreasing budgets. Recycling helps to offset increases in disposal fees. If you have questions in regards to issues with the Town of Bucksport Transfer station, please contact us at 469-7496. You can also refer to the Town's website at [www.bucksportmaine.gov](http://www.bucksportmaine.gov).

I would like to thank all the citizens of Bucksport and Orland and the Town Council for their cooperation and recycling efforts.

Respectfully submitted

Daniel Robinson  
Transfer Station Operator



Photo courtesy Town of Bucksport website – [www.bucksportmaine.gov](http://www.bucksportmaine.gov)

## TRANSFER STATION FEES

(N/C = No Charge)

** Wood: 1/2 ton pickup load	\$15.00
** Metal:	N/C
** Shingles: 1/2 ton pickup load	\$35.00
** Demo debris: 1/2 ton pickup load	\$25.00
** Refrigeration, per item:	\$12.00 – \$15.00
** Rugs (room size) 12x12	\$ 3.00
** Mattresses & Springs;	
Regular and larger:	\$ 5.00
Twin size:	\$ 3.00
** Couch:	\$10.00
** Stuffed Chair:	\$ 5.00
** Wooden furniture:	\$ 5.00
** TV's 27" & less (residential)	\$ N/C
** TV's over 27" (residential)	\$ N/C
** Computer Monitors (residential)	\$ N/C
** Commercial TV's & Monitors	\$ 6.00
** Propane Tanks	\$10.00
20 lbs	\$20.00
>20 lbs	N/C
♦ If it can be given away:	
♦ If furniture is taken apart and separated (stuffing, cloth, metal, wood):	N/C
♦ An armful of clean wood	
or demo debris:	N/C

### The Town's cost for disposal is:

Metal	\$7.00 per ton
Wood	\$83.00 per ton
Demo	\$90.00 per ton
Shingles	\$60.00 per ton
Refrigeration	\$12.00 per unit

***For those who do not choose to Substantially Recycle, the cost for bagged garbage disposal is \$.50 per bag up to 30 gal., \$1.00 per bag greater than 30 gal, and when actual weight is known, \$40.00 per ton.***

**SUBSTANTIAL RECYCLING MEANS:**  
Removing the following items from your household garbage **EACH VISIT**:

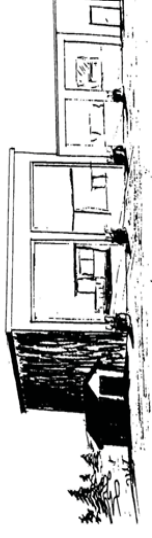
Newspaper	Cardboard	Mixed paper
Magazines	Plastics	Tin cans

All recycled items must be free from contaminants such as grease, oil, dirt, food, etc.

UNIVERSAL WASTE IS RECYCLED AT THE TRANSFER STATION. UNIVERSAL WASTE INCLUDES FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS, BALLAST'S, MERCURY THERMOMETERS AND RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES



Transfer Station Personnel  
Daniel Robinson, Operator  
Misty Young, Asst. Operator



## BUCKSPORT TRANSFER STATION & RECYCLING CENTER

Transfer Station Road  
(Outer Central Street)  
Bucksport, ME 04416

### HOURS OF OPERATION

Thursday – Monday: 9am - 5pm  
CLOSED TUES. & WED.

● **Tel: 469-7496**

This facility services the towns of Bucksport and Orland by Permit only

All temporary permits may be obtained at the Bucksport Town Office on Main Street  
Tel: 469-7368

[www.bucksportmaine.gov](http://www.bucksportmaine.gov)





# RECYCLABLE MATERIALS



## NEWSPAPER, MAGAZINES, TELEPHONE DIRECTORY AND CATALOGS:

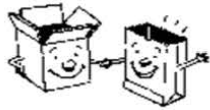
Loosely deposit in yellow container. You may combine all the above items in the same container. Do not bundle or leave in a paper bag. Items should not be contaminated.



## MIXED PAPER:

### **Please, No Trash**

Includes a wide variety of light cardboard boxes such as cereal or cracker boxes, shoe boxes, foreign cardboard, pizza boxes, boxes that toys are sold in, junk mail, office paper, egg cartons. Please remove the waxed paper liner from any container, flatten and dispose of in the designated green #2 baler located on the recycling wall.



## CARDBOARD & BROWN PAPER BAGS:

Only corrugated cardboard and brown grocery bags. Flatten and dispose of in the designated green #1 baler left of the trash hopper.

## CLOTHING:

Must be clean and not contaminated with dirt or other substances. Deposit usable clothes in the designated box container.

## LEAVES, GRASS CLIPPINGS & GARDEN RESIDUE:



Dispose of in compost pile located behind the transfer station. Please remove all plastic bags and containers. Please stop and see attendant before going down back.



## PLASTICS:

Includes all plastics that have the recycle symbol on the bottom and are labeled 1 through 7. Rinse clean. There is no need to remove labels. Remove all caps and rings. Do Not Include plastic bags, motor oil containers, plastic wrap, styrofoam, or plastic utensils. Dispose of the plastics in the yellow container marked for plastics on recycling wall..

## TIN CANS:



Please rinse clean. There is no need to remove labels. Include covers and rings from other containers. Included aluminum

## **NOTICE TO ALL USERS**

Substantial Recycling means that you separate the required materials EACH time you visit the facility.

items such as foil pie plates, pans or TV dinner containers. No motor cans. Dispose of the cleaned items in garbage can located along the recycling wall.



## METAL ITEMS:

There is no charge for metal items, except for:

Propane Tanks	20 lbs \$10.00
	>20 lbs \$20.00
Refrigerators	\$12.00
Air Conditioners, water coolers, etc.	\$15.00

## ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

Automobile gas tanks unless cut in half, unrinsed containers that contain a hazardous waste, and whole 50 gallon drums.



## MOTOR OIL:

Regular used motor oil ONLY. See Attendant for disposal. Limited to 5 gallons per visit from containers no larger than 2 gallons.

## MOTOR VEHICLE BATTERIES

There is no charge to dispose of m/v batteries. Batteries are to be placed in designated container.



## DEMO DEBRIS:

1/2 ton pick-up load \$25.00 and limited to two loads per household. Includes all painted and stained wood.

## CLEAN WOOD:

Includes brush, trees no larger than 6" diameter, lumber no longer than 8' in length. Limited to two loads per household. NO painted or stained wood.



## ASPHALT SHINGLES:

Shingles must be free of wood and paper. Limited to two pickup loads per household. No asbestos shingles will be accepted.





No Cost

## WE NOW RECYCLE ELECTRONIC DEVICES

No Cost

No Cost



Televisions



Complete Computer



Mouse



Towers



Scanners



Keyboard



Computer Speakers



Printers

In the past, no one thought of recycling computers and other electronics. But these days engineers have taken notice that electronics usually contain a wealth of valuable materials. Plus, recycling almost always means lower net carbon emissions that would normally be emitted while manufacturing a new product. Finally, electronics are made with a sizable amount of lead, cadmium, brominated fire retardants and plastics that can leach toxic breakdown products — that's stuff no one wants in their water supply! Recycling electronics is good for the environment and our local communities.



**If you have any questions about whether your electronic device can be recycled at the Bucksport Transfer Station, feel free to contact us at 469- 7496.**

Nationally, approximately 2.8 billion pounds (1.4 million tons) of electronic equipment were recycled in 2006, including 65 million units of computer equipment (CPUs, monitors, and printers). The electronics recycling process yielded 1.3 billion pounds of recyclable materials, more than half of which were metals. Consumer electronics alone are now considered to be approaching more than 3 million tons generated annually.

*(Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc. [www.isri.org](http://www.isri.org))*



Fax Machines



VCR Cameras & Play-

DVD Recorders & Players



Gaming Systems



Digital Clocks



All Receivers,  
Radios WITHOUT  
speakers

## **REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

The 2012-2013 School year was a year of continued progress toward our efforts to meet the goals established by the RSU 25 Strategic Plan. It has been four years since we wrote and published the goals developed through the future search process and I am pleased to report we continue to make significant progress on the goals outlined in the plan.

All of our schools continue to show improvement in their academic progress measures and our continued efforts in this area will pay dividends as we move forward. The educational landscape is continuing to be shaped at both the State and Federal levels with significant changes with Maine's adoption of the Common Core Learning Standards for both English Language Arts and Mathematics, and soon to be followed by Science and Social Studies. A significant change in Maine Law now requires student graduation be proficiency based and based on meeting the defined learning standards. I am pleased to report; RSU 25 is positioned to meet this expectation and has already started on the work necessary to meet this change in the law. Consistent with both the new law and the RSU 25 strategic plan we continue to refine and align our curriculum to meet the new expectations as well as shifting our practices to a proficiency based system.

The transition to natural gas remains a goal that will improve our energy efficiency and reduces the cost of heating our buildings. This project is scheduled to have all the school buildings operating on natural gas in the fall of 2013. Work has been completed to prepare all the buildings to switch from #2 oil to natural gas as soon as the pipeline connection is complete. Our major project for the upcoming year will be the revitalization of the high school façade. Work will begin on this project in the summer of 2014 and is scheduled to be complete for the fall of 2015. This project will replace the current glass block facade with a masonry exterior and replace all of the windows. The project will also include the installation of a ventilation system to assure fresh air balance is maintained in the classrooms. Through the coming year, the school board and its sub-committees will continue to review and revise our capital improvement plan to address both the facility needs as well as a financial plan to address the repairs.

We continue to benefit from the collaborations that have been established over the past few years, and we are working to expand the opportunities the school district has to work with our municipal partners, local businesses, and non-profits. These partnerships support the needs of all involved and have a direct benefit to the entire community.

As we move forward into the next fiscal year I am confident that our efforts have improved and will continue to improve the educational opportunities available to the students and families of the school district. I look forward to working closely with the Town Council, Town Manager, community members, and the RSU School Board to make the school system the best we can for the students and citizens of Bucksport.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Boothby  
Superintendent of Schools

<b>2013-2014 Enrollment</b>		
Jewett School	PK-1	146
Miles Lane	1-4	308
Bucksport Middle School	5-8	320
Bucksport High School	9-12	319

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## **REPORT FROM BUCKSPORT PARKS AND RECREATION**

Bucksport Parks & Recreation had another successful year due to the many individuals who volunteered their time to the area youth. Volunteers play a major role in the success of the numerous recreation programs. The majority of the youth sport programs have their president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Some of the presidents are: Dan McAllian-Little League, Melanie Findlay-Football, Richard Sprague, Rich Rotella and Scott & Tish Frazier-Youth Soccer, Mary Hamm & Travis Hutchinson- Youth Wrestling- Laurie Dorr and Jessaca Kennedy-Softball and also Stephan Donnell played a major role in the youth basketball program. I would like to extend special thanks to all the volunteers.

The capital improvements consisted of improving the soccer field by over-seeding, aerating, fertilizing and top dressing it. A new Z-mower was also purchased. Upon Council approval a fence will be placed to surround Ian's Playground.

Challenging Choices, the after school and summer programs, continues to serve many youth. Parental concern over cost and the slack economy is still an issue. Challenging Choices offered activities such as Art Camp, scrap booking, Sewing, jewelry making, field trips, Rape Aggression Defense, Archery, Fencing, Red Cross Babysitting, Lego Robotics, Leadership, Rock Climbing, Forensics, Kayaking/Canoeing, Wilderness Survival/Overnight Camping, Guitar, Music Drama Camp, Cheering/Tumbling, Spanish/Sign Language and also several exercise activities such as volleyball, ping pong, badminton, Wii, and Dodge ball. Chuck Foster from 107.3 is the disc jockey for monthly dances for grades 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> being held at the Jewett Community Center. Attendance averages 60-155 per dance.

Bucksport Parks & Recreation continues to sponsor the Bucksport Youth Diversion program in collaboration with Bucksport Police Department, Hancock County District Attorney, and Maine Juvenile Community Corrections Department. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with Hancock County Sheriff's Department and Maine State Police. The Diversion program will now offer services to youth summonsed in Penobscot, Orland, Verona Island, and Castine. Originally youth all had to be summonsed in Bucksport. This program is part of the new and innovative "Diversion to Assets" program with Spurwink and the Maine Department of Corrections. Funding comes via a grant from Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

The Diversion program provides a second chance for youth under the age of 21 who are summonsed for a first time alcohol, marijuana, tobacco or some misdemeanor offenses. From July 1, 2012 until June 30, 2013, 21 youth were referred to the program. Of these 21 youth, 20 were eligible as they did not have any prior offenses. Of the 21 youth referred, 17 successfully completed the program and three were terminated due to not following guidelines. According to Department of Corrections, our recidivism (re-offending) rate is only 3%.

Some of the many programs offered by the Recreation Department are: Wrestling for grades K-5th, Football for grades 1st-6th, Basketball for grades Kindergarten -8<sup>th</sup>, Soccer for grades K-6th, Baseball for ages 5-16, Volleyball for ages 12 through adult, Softball ages 9-18, Swim lessons for ages 3 and older, Ice skating, Dance classes for ages 3 and up, Yoga, Cheerleading for ages 4 -12, Field Trips, Dances, and Tour du Lac Road Race.

The maintenance personnel had a very busy year taking care of the numerous recreational facilities. The Recreation Department is responsible for the waterfront, four cemeteries, roadside mowing, ten ball fields and surrounding areas, school grounds, flowers along Main Street, the swimming pool, ice rink, Ian's playground, tennis and basketball courts, trail system, concession buildings, and emptying approximately thirty barrels of trash each week at the transfer station.

We would like to give many thanks to Mike Brennan and the Town Council for their continued support in maintaining the many recreational facilities of our community. I also would like to thank Ron Gross, Clayton Burgess, Sr., Suze Fitzgerald, Chuck McGinty, Jeff Snowman, Christopher Grindle, Kim Alley, Mary Jane Bush, Duane Nadeau, Town employees, RSU 25, all of the pool lifeguards, and the various community volunteers for their hard work and involvement in the many recreational activities available in Bucksport.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Emery  
Recreation Director

Barb Ames  
Youth Program Coordinator



**Photo courtesy Linda Alley**



## **REPORT FROM BUCKSPORT BAY HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COALITION**

In November, 2012 Mary Jane Bush informed the town and coalition that she would be retiring from the position of Health Planning Director on March 22, 2013. Coalition members and town officials formed a transition committee to manage this leadership change. Town leaders and coalition members explored options to continue the position. It was decided that the Health Planning Director position would continue full time under the town of Bucksport until June 30, 2014, at which time the position will be transferred under the direction of the coalition's non-profit corporation. The town of Bucksport will continue to serve as the fiscal agent for the coalition. Coalition volunteers are very grateful to the town for their support of the coalition's mission and programs. Coalition members, town officials, community leaders, and citizens expressed their deep appreciation for Mary Jane's service to the coalition and communities. James Bradney, MSW was hired as the new Health Planning Director in August, 2013.

Coalition volunteers continued their important work on implementing strategies and recommendations from the Bucksport Bay Health Improvement Plan. Progress was made in the following areas:

### **Personal Violence Campaign**

The tragedies at Sandy Hook Elementary School and most recently at the Washington Navy Yard underscore the importance of the coalition's mission to prevent and reduce personal violence in all of its forms. To this end, coalition members and organizational partners have worked to raise awareness of the impact of bullying, domestic violence, sexual assault and elder abuse in our communities, while at the same time ensuring there is an effective intervention and support system in place to assist those citizens requiring help. The following organizations have signed on as partners in a community wide campaign to prevent and reduce personal violence: Town of Bucksport, Town of Orland, Town of Prospect, Town of Verona Island, RSU 25, RSU 25 PTO, Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, Bucksport Senior Center Board, Bucksport Police Department, Next Step Domestic Violence Program, St. Vincent's Church, Franklin Street United Methodist Church, Elm Street Congregational Church, Dove Song Church of God, Bucksport True Value, Bucksport Regional Health Center, BookStacks, Bucksport Family Medicine, Dr. George Skala, MacLeod's Restaurant, Bucksport Golf Club, Bangor Savings Bank (Bucksport Branch), and Bucksport Enterprise. The coalition engaged community residents to sign on to a pledge to prevent and reduce bullying at the 2012 Bay Festival. Coalition members collaborated with staff from the Bucksport Enterprise to develop a four-page centerfold to be published in the newspaper and distributed to 2,100 households. This newspaper insert announced the kick-off of a community campaign to prevent and reduce personal violence that was held on March 6, 2013. Joy Hollowell, news anchor from WABI, moderated the event. The **Make a Difference Team** began the program with three moving performances on the impact of bullying, domestic violence and elder abuse. A panel of speakers including Leslie Linder and a victim of domestic violence from Next Step Domestic Violence Program; Norm Pachowski, a trainer on bullying prevention and a victim of bullying who shared her experience; Julie Mallet, staff attorney, from Legal Services for the Elderly, and a video portion of a show aired by Jennifer Rooks on elder abuse. Approximately 75 individuals attended the kick-off. Bonnie Kline and staff from the Next Step Program developed toolkits that they distributed to 30 area businesses that included information on workplace policies, an assortment of special information for victims of domestic violence, and a copy of the Power and Control Wheel. RSU 25 established an annual training on bullying prevention that is required by all staff to complete. The on-line training course was developed by Target Solutions. A special training on hazing was developed for school coaching staff. In the last fiscal year the bullying prevention posters and other material were posted in every classroom and school. RSU 25 School Board and Bucksport Town Council approved funding to increase the school resource officer work hours from .4 FTE to .6 FTE.

### **Cardiovascular Health**

Heidi Bailey coordinated the **2013 Get Fit – Let’s Go** with the **Move and Improve Program**. 131 community members participated with 7 different **Move and Improve** teams. The **Wellness Guide Program** trained 32 volunteers who have provided important health and wellness information to 114 community residents over the last year. The **Growing Stronger Program** continued to expand its membership in the last year with an average of 25 – 30 people attending weekly. The **Matter of Balance Program** trained 16 individuals in ways to reduce their risk of falling and to avoid serious injuries.

### **Childhood Literacy**

Early Childhood Network volunteers sponsored the **2013 Children’s Fair**, which attracted over 100 children and adults who learned about a variety of community resources to support the learning needs of young children. Coalition volunteers rose \$1,685 toward the **First Book Program** to distribute hundreds of new free books to young children at Miles Lane School, Bucksport Early Care and Education Center (Head Start) and H.O.M.E. Co-op Daycare.

### **Transportation**

The **monthly bus to Bangor**, which is operated by the Washington Hancock Community Agency (WHCA) continued strong utilization with an average of 11 riders per month. The bus itself accommodates 12 riders and 2 wheelchair bound passengers. The **Wednesday Shuttle Bus**, which is operated by Downeast Transportation Services reported 672 riders who boarded and exited the shuttle bus. The Healthy Communities office staff managed 248 requests for transportation, fuel assistance and other needs that were met by the **Community Action Resource Exchange (C.A.R.E.)**.

### **Housing and Service Needs of Older Adults**

The coalition implemented a new program, **Healthy Living**, in the fall of 2012 to encourage older adults to plan and prepare for their personal health and safety as they age in the residences and communities of their choice. 48 individuals registered and participated in this program.

Coalition volunteers continued their work in developing a model program that would support and sustain older and disabled adults to be able to live in their own home for as long as possible. The coalition engaged 15 collaborative community partners to develop a community team that would form a network of service providers to coordinate care allowing older adults to remain independent for as long as possible. A grant was submitted to the Maine Health Access Foundation to support development of this care team.

None of these accomplishments and programs would be possible without our very dedicated Healthy Communities volunteers and partner organizations. Much gratitude is extended to the Bucksport Town Council, Michael Brennan, Jim Boothby, RSU 25 staff, Tim Emery, Bonnie Kline, Kathy Downes, Town Office Staff, Kathryn Hickson, Chief Sean Geagan, Chief Craig Bowden, CARE, Barb Ames, Christopher



Grindle, Jennifer Jacobi, Judy Lozier and Bucksport High School's Make a Difference Team for assisting our coalition in making progress toward our goals.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Bailey  
Dawn Elaine Danforth  
Betty Gray  
David Kee  
Arline Reed

Jim Boothby  
Tim Emery  
Jean Grindle  
Arline Lamarche  
Linda Smith

Mary Jane Bush  
Tom Gaffney  
Christopher Grindle  
Carol Potter  
Valerie Sulya

Mary Cuskelly  
Sean Geagan  
Lesa Gross  
Ron Pyle  
Byron Vinton



**Photo courtesy Mary Jane Bush**

**SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING 2012-2013 TAX LIENS**

As of 6/30/2013

7-FORTY HOLDINGS, LLC	133.28
ADAMS, JEREMY J	9.47
AGL INC	5,573.26
AGL INC	315.74
ALLAN, CLIFFORD M	319.83
ALLISON, MICHAEL A	848.86
ANTHONY, KEITH	307.31
APPLEBY, CHRISTY	564.18
ATWOOD, STEVEN	1,842.66
BEMIS, ERIC C	408.12
BENNETT, RUTH M	1,255.18
BERNIER, DANIEL A	452.08
BIRES, MICHELE L	1,643.38
BLANCHARD, BARBARA E	10.01
BOUCHARD, KELLY J	1,079.20
BRIDGES, ANTHONY W	584.07
BROWN, TIMOTHY A	803.57
BURKE, ROY & HOLLY	271.74
CAHOON, ANN D, DEVISEES	394.67
CALVI-GAUDET, DEBRA	241.98
CARUSOE, DAVID R	718.71
CARY, TROY S	826.87
CASSADY, JAMES	1,164.60
CENTANNI, PAMELA	302.80
CHADBOURNE, KEVIN M	2,563.41
CHASE, HAROLD H JR	244.57
CIRILLO, JANE E	485.25
CIRILLO, JANE E	1,231.89
COHEE, ALTHEA	384.32
COLEMAN, DANIEL R II	263.98
COLEMAN, NATHANIEL L	1,194.36
COTE, PAMELA S	236.80
COUGH, RYAN J	4.35
COUSINS, GLEN	147.52
CRAIG, CAROLYN M, (heirs of)	371.38
CYR, MATTHEW W	1,279.77
DALE HENDERSON LOGGING INC	1,177.54
DRESSER, K. BENJAMIN	390.79
DRESSER, KENNETH B II	122.93

EASTMAN, SHELDON F	1,561.86
EASTMAN, SHELDON F	1,420.81
EMERY, MATTHEW I	1,330.23
FERNALD, LAURA A	529.75
FINDLAY, RYAN SCOTT	502.15
FREEMAN, THOMAS	89.29
GARZARELLI, GARY J	1,138.72
GEORGE, SHERRY	97.69
GIFFORD, TODD E	5,080.24
GRANT, JAMES, PARTY IN POSSESSION	161.75
GRANT, MARK W	561.18
GROSS, TONY W	103.52
GROVE, BRIAN	149.38
HALLOWELL, GAIL E	544.12
HANNAFORD, KELLEY J (WOODARD)	546.07
HANSON, RICHARD	1,630.00
HARLOW, DANA F	907.09
HARRIMAN, ROBERTA A	747.93
HASENBANK, DAVID	428.08
HAYES, JESSICA	1,062.37
HENDERSON, DALE H	838.51
HENDERSON, HERBERT	200.57
HENDERSON, HERBERT	221.27
HEROUX, GEORGE J	675.47
HOKE, GEORGE DEAN	709.11
HOKE, KATHRYN A	2,441.78
HOME, INC	777.69
HOVEY, MELODY (HEIRS)	1,162.01
HOWARD, DARRELL (DEVISEES)	756.99
HOWARD, DARRELL (DEVISEES)	293.74
IRVING, EDNA B	139.75
IRVING, EDNA B	85.40
JACKSON, SARA GASLIN	1,528.21
JEROME, TIMOTHY	395.96
JEROME, TIMOTHY	1,287.53
JEROME, TIMOTHY	328.68
JEROME, TIMOTHY	342.91
JEWETT, DONALD R	211.56
JOHNSON, JULIE B	1,350.94
JONES, TIMOTHY D	1,168.48
LAGASSE, LEONARD	296.85
LANPHER, MICHAEL G	767.34
LBL PROPERTIES, LLC	2.39

LEEMAN, BRIAN C	2,126.04
LEIGHTON, NADINE	1,409.17
LINSCOTT, DENISE M	344.20
LOCKE, RACHAEL	653.47
LOWELL, ANTHONY JAMES SR	350.67
MANNING, BRIAN	878.63
MANOOKIAN, DAWN	1,020.97
MARTIN, VINCENT	506.41
MASTERS GROUP 2010, LLC	15.53
MCCLELLAN, THOMAS L	1,660.20
MCDUNNAH, MICHAEL G; KATHLEEN P TC	383.02
MCELVAIN, PAUL S	1,577.39
MCLELLAN, KEVIN L	1,052.02
MERRITT, ERIC	3,652.96
MERRITT, ERIC	869.57
MILLER, ROGER	1,850.80
MITCHELL, GAIL (WOODBIDGE)	329.97
MORGAN, JOHN E & LEONA TRUSTEES	3,306.17
NASON, DENNIS E	1,328.94
NEWMAN, ROBERT (HEIRS OF)	1,348.35
NORWOOD, RALPH E	969.31
NORWOOD, RALPH E	830.75
NOTHSTEIN, GUSTAVE	1,471.28
OAK LEAF REALTY, INC	910.98
OAK LEAF REALTY, INC	367.50
OBRIEN, OLA P	405.27
OBRIEN, PHILIP SR(HEIRS)	280.80
ODONNELL, GORDON PETER SR	89.42
OHAN, MARYFAITH	420.55
PACHECO, MARIA	1,576.09
PAIGE, ETOSHA	323.50
PITMAN, CHRISTOPHER	151.40
PYE, DANIEL T	1,068.84
RAINEY, JAMES	2,263.21
RANZONI, JOSEPH D	1,035.20
RICHARDSON, MERRILL P JR (HEIRS)	760.87
ROSS, EDWARD	465.84
RUSSELL, JESSICA GORDON	6,115.44
RYDER, RICHARD	2,600.94
SCOTT, STEPHEN L	249.81
SHEEHAN, MICHAEL	2,239.91
SHEEHAN, MICHAEL	537.01
SHOREY, WILLIAM K JR	563.24

SKILLIN, DONALD	1,265.53
SKILLIN, DONALD JR.	142.34
SMALL, RICHARD C	389.49
SMITH, CURT W	1,266.83
SMITH, RICHARD	2,142.86
SMITH-WILLIAMS, BONITA	1,179.98
SNOW, JOYCE (LIFE ESTATE)	138.46
ST PETER, STEPHEN J.	1,459.63
STEGNER, CHARLES R	355.85
STONECREST INCOME AND OPPORTUNITY FUND INC, LLC	876.88
STOVALL, MARK L	1,770.19
SUTHERLAND, VERNE L;DWAYNE C TC	94.46
SUTHERLAND, WESLEY J	145.13
SUTHERLAND, WESLEY J	355.85
TAYLOR, WAYNE J	429.61
THIBODEAU, GLORIA J	773.16
TOCCI, ROBERT (SR)	1,187.89
TOZIER, MARION E	1,292.71
UPTA ME ASSETS LLC	117.75
UPTA ME ASSETS LLC	50.47
USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT	15.65
VALERIO, DARLENE A	789.32
VEILLEUX, COLLEEN	1,225.42
WARD, VICKI L	768.64
WATSON, GARY A	1,138.72
WESCOTT, DESTINY DAWN	293.74
WEST, LESLIE L (RUSSELL)	2,088.52
WESTON, DWAYNE A	1,120.60
WESTON, DWAYNE A	1,146.48
WHITE, SARAH	150.10
WILLETTE, PHILIP N (HEIRS OF)	1,030.02
WINCHESTER, DORIS	904.54
WINCHESTER, WADE & MELISSA	1,088.25
WINTERS, PAUL (HEIRS)	67.29
WITHAM, CANDICE	1,176.25
WITHAM, CANDICE	1,559.27
WITHAM,CANDICE L	383.02
WOOD, CYNTHIA L (TRUSTEE)	614.65
WOOD, CYNTHIA L (TRUSTEE)	481.37
WOOD, EDMUND	1,101.19
WOODARD, KELLEY J	291.15
WOODBIDGE, ROGER	1,070.14
WOODBIDGE, ROGER	622.41

WOODBURY, MATTHEW	563.53
WRIGHT, WAYNE W	399.85
YORK, TINA	1,420.81
ZACHARY, JOHN J	524.07

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>152,577.51</b>
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**SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING 2011-2012 TAX LIENS**

As of 6/30/2013

AGL INC	5,015.19
AGL INC	305.49
ALLISON, MICHAEL A	821.31
BENNETT, RUTH M	1,214.44
BROWN, TIMOTHY A	410.68
CAHOON, ANN D, DEVISEES	381.86
CENTANNI, PAMELA	292.97
CHADBOURNE, KEVIN M	27.99
CHASE, HAROLD H JR	236.63
CIRILLO, JANE E	469.50
CIRILLO, JANE E	1,191.90
COHEE, ALTHEA	245.33
COLEMAN, NATHANIEL L	359.95
COTE, PAMELA S	36.45
COUSINS, GLEN	142.73
CRAIG, CAROLYN M, (heirs of)	359.32
DALE HENDERSON LOGGING INC	71.11
DRESSER, K. BENJAMIN	189.05
DRESSER, KENNETH B II	58.84
EASTMAN, SHELDON F	1,511.16
EASTMAN, SHELDON F	1,374.70
EMERY, MATTHEW I	1,287.06
FREEMAN, THOMAS	86.39
GROSS, TONY W	100.16
HARLOW, DANA F	877.65
HARRIMAN, ROBERTA A	723.66
HENDERSON, DALE H	811.30
HENDERSON, HERBERT	194.06
HENDERSON, HERBERT	214.09
HOKE, GEORGE DEAN	686.10
HOKE, KATHRYN A	2,362.52
HOWARD, DARRELL (DEVISEES)	732.42
IRVING, EDNA B	135.22
IRVING, EDNA B	82.63
JEROME, TIMOTHY	383.11
JEROME, TIMOTHY	1,245.74
JEROME, TIMOTHY	318.01
JEROME, TIMOTHY	331.78
JONES, TIMOTHY D	473.06
LEEMAN, BRIAN C	2,057.04

LOWELL, ANTHONY JAMES SR	157.89
MANNING, BRIAN	850.11
MASTERS GROUP 2010, LLC	771.23
MCCLELLAN, THOMAS L	1,606.32
MCDUNNAH, MICHAEL G; KATHLEEN P TC	370.59
MCLELLAN, KEVIN L	1,017.88
MERRITT, ERIC	59.36
MERRITT, ERIC	74.63
NASON, DENNIS E	642.90
OAK LEAF REALTY, INC	881.41
OAK LEAF REALTY, INC	355.57
OBRIEN, PHILIP SR(HEIRS)	271.68
OHAN, MARYFAITH	406.90
PACHECO, MARIA	50.86
PAIGE, ETOSHA	313.00
PITMAN, CH ISTOPHER	146.48
RAINEY, JAMES	2,189.75
RAINEY, JULIE B	1,307.09
RANZONI, JOSEPH D	1,001.60
RICHARDSON, MERRILL P JR (HEIRS)	736.18
ROSS, EDWARD	479.52
RYDER, RICHARD	1,258.03
SHEEHAN, MICHAEL	519.58
SKILLIN, DONALD JR.	137.72
SNOW, JOYCE (LIFE ESTATE)	133.96
ST PETER, STEPHEN J.	694.60
STOVALL, MARK L	1,135.01
TAYLOR, WAYNE J	415.66
UPTA ME ASSETS LLC	113.93
UPTA ME ASSETS LLC	48.83
VEILLEUX, COLLEEN	215.37
WATSON, GARY A	1,101.76
WESTON, DWAYNE A	553.27
WESTON, DWAYNE A	1,109.27
WHITE, SARAH	145.23
WILLETTE, PHILIP N (HEIRS OF)	996.59
WINCHESTER, WADE & MELISSA	346.89
WINTERS, PAUL (HEIRS)	65.10
WOODARD, KELLEY J	528.34
WOODARD, KELLEY J	281.70
WOODBIDGE, GAIL	319.26
WOODBIDGE, ROGER	1,035.40
WOODBIDGE, ROGER	602.21
WRIGHT, WAYNE W	193.43
ZACHARY, JOHN J	507.06

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>53,967.75</b>
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**SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES**

As of 6/30/2013

**2011 - 2012**

WILSON'S EXPRESS TIRE AND LUBE	313.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>313.00</b>

**2012 - 2013**

KISAMITAKIS, DINO	32.35
WILSON'S EXPRESS TIRE AND LUBE	323.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>355.85</b>

**SCHEDULE OF TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY**

As of 6/30/2013

BENNETT, RUTH M	693.50
COUSINS, GLEN	142.73
FREEMAN, THOMAS	172.78
RAINEY, JULIE B	386.19
RICHARDSON, MERRILL P JR (HEIRS)	736.18
TAYLOR, WAYNE J	316.80
UPTA ME ASSETS LLC	113.93
UPTA ME ASSETS LLC	48.83
WATSON, GARY A	1,101.76
WESTON, DWAYNE A	554.63
WILLETTE, PHILIP N (HEIRS OF)	996.59
WINTERS, PAUL (HEIRS)	65.10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,329.02</b>

### **MUNICIPAL AUDIT NOTE**

Because of the length of the municipal audit, only a portion of the audit has been printed in this report. The Table of Contents, Management's Discussion and Analysis and Notes to the Financial Statements have been left out. Citizens wishing to obtain a complete copy of the audit may do so by contacting the Bucksport Town Office during normal business hours. The full set of audited financial statements can be viewed electronically by visiting [bucksportmaine.gov](http://bucksportmaine.gov) and clicking on "Public Records, Maps, & Documents", "Financial Statements", and "Fiscal Year 2013".





August 27, 2013

Town Council  
Town of Bucksport  
Bucksport, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Bucksport and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Bucksport as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2013 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, is available for inspection at the Town Office.

Included herein are:

Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Budget to Actual  
- General Fund  
Schedule 1

Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds  
Statement C

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and  
Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds                      Statement E

Combining Balance Sheet – Non Major Governmental Funds  
Schedule D

Combining Schedule of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in  
Fund Balances – Non Major Governmental Funds                      Schedule E

*RHR Smith & Company*

Certified Public Accountants

## SCHEDULE 1

## TOWN OF BUCKSPORT, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – BUDGETARY BASIS  
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final	Amounts	Positive (Negative)
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1	\$ 9,652,299	\$ 9,652,299	\$ 9,652,299	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Property taxes	9,118,541	9,118,541	9,110,598	(7,943)
Excise taxes	579,500	579,500	695,638	116,138
Intergovernmental	1,236,315	1,944,181	1,913,004	(31,177)
Charges for services	523,833	523,833	688,818	164,985
Interest on taxes	19,000	19,000	25,325	6,325
Interest income	50,000	50,000	61,436	11,436
Miscellaneous revenues	205,616	205,616	210,214	4,598
Transfers from other funds	4,500	4,500	4,500	-
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>21,389,604</u>	<u>22,097,470</u>	<u>22,361,832</u>	<u>264,362</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	1,340,835	1,340,835	1,149,005	191,830
Protection	1,479,831	1,479,831	1,414,246	65,585
Public works	929,815	929,815	809,791	120,024
Health and sanitation	405,007	405,007	358,020	46,987
Community and social agencies	56,471	56,471	56,350	121
Education	5,758,075	6,617,904	5,758,075	859,829
Recreation	225,188	225,188	203,538	21,650
Cemeteries	4,120	4,120	4,120	-
County tax	266,619	266,619	266,619	-
Tax Increment Financing Agreement	968,855	1,217,615	923,575	294,040
Unclassified	85,884	112,119	29,854	82,265
Debt service:				
Principal	-	515,499	515,499	-
Interest	-	192,367	192,367	-
Transfers to other funds	558,912	1,391,564	1,391,564	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>12,079,612</u>	<u>14,754,954</u>	<u>13,072,623</u>	<u>1,682,331</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$ 9,309,992</u>	<u>\$ 7,342,516</u>	<u>\$ 9,289,209</u>	<u>\$ 1,946,693</u>
Utilization of restricted fund balance	\$ -	\$ 465,436	\$ -	\$ (465,436)
Utilization of assigned fund balance	-	1,171,989	-	(1,171,989)
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	342,307	672,358	-	(672,358)
	<u>\$ 342,307</u>	<u>\$ 2,309,783</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (2,309,783)</u>

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TOWN OF BUCKSPORT, MAINE  
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2013

STATEMENT C

	General Fund	All Nonmajor Funds	Totals Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,408,450	\$ 103,855	\$ 2,512,305
Investments	9,167,790	79,511	9,247,301
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	920	-	920
Liens	206,545	-	206,545
Other	266,171	45,681	311,852
Due from other funds	976	2,343,101	2,344,077
Inventory	16,747	-	16,747
Tax acquired property	5,329	-	5,329
Prepaid and other assets	6,424	-	6,424
Note receivable	186,662	-	186,662
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 12,266,014</u>	<u>\$ 2,572,148</u>	<u>\$ 14,838,162</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 117,554	\$ -	\$ 117,554
Accrued payroll and related items	41,825	-	41,825
Due to other governments	6,057	-	6,057
Due to other funds	2,633,469	976	2,634,445
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>2,798,905</u>	<u>976</u>	<u>2,799,881</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Prepaid taxes	7,074	-	7,074
Deferred tax revenues	170,826	-	170,826
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>177,900</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>177,900</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	28,500	63,223	91,723
Restricted	313,514	201,289	514,803
Committed	624,331	1,806,187	2,430,518
Assigned	556,185	500,473	1,056,658
Unassigned	7,766,679	-	7,766,679
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>9,289,209</u>	<u>2,571,172</u>	<u>11,860,381</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 12,266,014</u>	<u>\$ 2,572,148</u>	<u>\$ 14,838,162</u>

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## STATEMENT E

## TOWN OF BUCKSPORT, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

	General Fund	All Nonmajor Funds	Totals Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property	\$9,110,598	\$ -	\$ 9,110,598
Excise	695,638	-	695,638
Intergovernmental	1,913,004	647,714	2,560,718
Charges for services	688,818	-	688,818
Miscellaneous revenues	296,975	41,145	338,120
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>12,705,033</u>	<u>688,859</u>	<u>13,393,892</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	1,149,005	77,115	1,226,120
Protection	1,414,246	14,977	1,429,223
Public works	809,791	298,242	1,108,033
Health and sanitation	358,020	500,444	858,464
Community and social agencies	56,350	97,787	154,137
Education	5,758,075	-	5,758,075
Environment & housing	-	-	-
Recreation	203,538	21,135	224,673
Cemeteries	4,120	1,412	5,532
Tax Increment Financing Agreement	923,575	-	923,575
County tax	266,619	-	266,619
Unclassified	25,604	-	25,604
Debt Service:			-
Principal	515,499	-	515,499
Interest	192,367	-	192,367
Capital outlay	4,250	791,905	796,155
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>11,681,059</u>	<u>1,803,017</u>	<u>13,484,076</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>1,023,974</u>	<u>(1,114,158)</u>	<u>(90,184)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Operating transfers in	4,500	1,384,896	1,389,396
Operating transfers (out)	(1,391,564)	(12,087)	(1,403,651)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(1,387,064)</u>	<u>1,372,809</u>	<u>(14,255)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(363,090)	258,651	(104,439)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	<u>9,652,299</u>	<u>2,312,521</u>	<u>11,964,820</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$9,289,209</u>	<u>\$2,571,172</u>	<u>\$ 11,860,381</u>

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## SCHEDULE D

## TOWN OF BUCKSPORT, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2013

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Project Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 103,855	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 103,855
Investments	53,847	-	25,664	79,511
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	45,681	-	-	45,681
Due from other funds	345,350	1,900,066	97,685	2,343,101
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 548,733</b>	<b>\$ 1,900,066</b>	<b>\$ 123,349</b>	<b>\$ 2,572,148</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due to other funds	976	-	-	976
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>976</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>976</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>				
Nonspendable - principal	-	-	63,223	63,223
Restricted	201,289	-	-	201,289
Committed	-	1,806,187	-	1,806,187
Assigned	346,468	93,879	60,126	500,473
Unassigned	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>547,757</b>	<b>1,900,066</b>	<b>123,349</b>	<b>2,571,172</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 548,733</b>	<b>\$ 1,900,066</b>	<b>\$ 123,349</b>	<b>\$ 2,572,148</b>

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## SCHEDULE E

## TOWN OF BUCKSPORT, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCE – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Project Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	\$ 647,714	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 647,714
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses)	3,068	14,874	3,216	21,158
Donations	5,819	-	-	5,819
Other	6,623	7,545	-	14,168
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>663,224</u>	<u>22,419</u>	<u>3,216</u>	<u>688,859</u>
EXPENDITURES				
General Government	62,883	14,232	-	77,115
Protection	13,109	1,868	-	14,977
Public Works	-	298,242	-	298,242
Health and Sanitation	499,944	500	-	500,444
Human Services	97,787	-	-	97,787
Environment & Housing	-	-	-	-
Culture & Recreation	4,647	16,488	-	21,135
Cemeteries	-	-	1,412	1,412
Capital Outlay	66,041	725,864	-	791,905
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>744,411</u>	<u>1,057,194</u>	<u>1,412</u>	<u>1,803,017</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(81,187)</u>	<u>(1,034,775)</u>	<u>1,804</u>	<u>(1,114,158)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Operating Transfers In	61,104	1,323,792	-	1,384,896
Operating Transfers (Out)	-	(7,587)	(4,500)	(12,087)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>61,104</u>	<u>1,316,205</u>	<u>(4,500)</u>	<u>1,372,809</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(20,083)	281,430	(2,696)	258,651
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	<u>567,840</u>	<u>1,618,636</u>	<u>126,045</u>	<u>2,312,521</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 547,757</u>	<u>\$ 1,900,066</u>	<u>\$ 123,349</u>	<u>\$ 2,571,172</u>

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Annual Report to the Town of Bucksport  
**A Message from Senator Edward M. Youngblood**

**Dear Friends and Neighbors:**

It is an honor to represent you in the Maine Senate once again after an eight-year absence from the State House. I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me to work for the betterment of this community and our region.

Lawmakers had a great deal of work on their plates when the session began in January. The most pressing issue before us was how to address a shortfall of more than \$100 million within the Department of Health and Human Services and its MaineCare program. There also was a \$35 million revenue shortfall in the budget that ended June 30, 2013, and a projected \$880 million gap in the next two-year budget. As legislators, we had to make some very difficult choices when deciding what solutions to implement that would have the least amount of impact on our constituency.

During the 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature, I am serving as Republican Senate Lead on the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology. Having previously served as a member of the Energy and Utilities Committee during the 121<sup>st</sup> Legislature, I have enjoyed working with other lawmakers on issues pertaining to regulated public utilities (electric, gas, water and telephone); electric industry restructuring; telecommunications; cable television; water, sewer and utility district charters; energy efficiency and conservation; alternate energy sources; energy policy; and energy production and transmission.

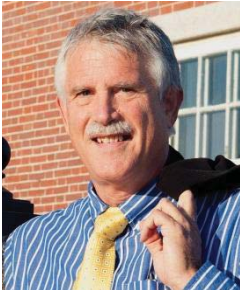
I am also pleased to have been appointed to the Government Oversight Committee, a 12-member joint standing committee that oversees program evaluation and government accountability matters. This committee has been highly effective in ensuring that public funds provided to governments at all levels within the state are expended for the purposes for which they were allocated, appropriated or contracted.

Maine continues to be hampered by high energy costs and an aging population. As lawmakers, we need to work together to find a way to lower energy costs in order to help preserve the jobs we have in Maine and encourage new job growth. Maine has the oldest population in the nation. We must adopt policies that will help grow our economy so our youth can find opportunities here at home to work and live. Until we address these issues, Maine will continue to lag behind other states.

Again, thank you for entrusting me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me if you ever need my assistance in navigating the state bureaucracy. I would be happy to help in any way that I can. I may be reached in Brewer at 478-1715, in Augusta at 287-1505, or by e-mail at [edmyoungblood@gmail.com](mailto:edmyoungblood@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

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October 2013

Dear Friends & Neighbors:

Thank you for the honor of being your State Representative. After an extended hiatus from serving at the State House, I am once again enjoying the legislative process of doing the people's business.

As you may know, the Legislature's First Regular Session adjourned in the early morning of July 10, 2013. Approximately 1,500 pieces of legislation were considered during that period and about 250 of those have been carried over for further deliberation during the Second Regular Session, which is scheduled to convene in January 2014. In the midst of the holdovers are two measures I continue to work on, including one to encourage companies adjacent to electric power generators to obtain power directly and another to promote development of the lower Penobscot River basin by improving rail transportation.

Among the major issues finalized during the First Regular Session were the biennial budget for fiscal years 2014/2015 and the repayment of debt owed to Maine's hospitals. I am pleased to report that Maine's hospitals have been repaid the nearly \$500 million owed to them by the State. Furthermore, the Legislature sustained the income tax cuts that were implemented in the 125<sup>th</sup> Legislature – the largest in State history that allows Mainers to keep more of their hard-earned money.

In addition, I am proud to have sponsored and pushed for the passage of a bill that establishes the second Saturday of every September as "Maine Seniors Day." The measure not only commemorates this date, but it also encourages seniors across the nation to retire here, vacation here, or simply buy Maine products.

With all of that said, however, there is still much to be done to jumpstart our economy, thereby creating jobs, and ensure that our young people have a prosperous future ahead of them.

Again, I want to express my gratitude for the sincere privilege of making certain your voice is heard in Augusta. Should you ever have any questions or concerns related to State

Government, or if you are interested in receiving my regular electronic newsletter, feel free to contact me. It will be pleasure to hear from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard H. Campbell  
State Representative

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November 8, 2013

Town of Bucksport Maine  
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Dear Friends,

I was sworn into office as your U. S. Senator in January of 2013 and immediately begin exploring how I might use technology and staff to provide you with easier and expanded access to federal services. In addition, I wanted to save you time and the cost of traveling long distances to get to our offices. It seemed right and fair I should also reduce my costs to save some taxpayer dollars since towns, citizens and businesses are being forced to do the same.

Providing greater access to me and federal government services through my staff is a priority I am committed to. In June of 2013 I initiated **Your Government Your Neighborhood** a plan which reduces costs, complements the locations offered by other delegation members and expands services. Every other week I send my staff to towns throughout the state and each month all 16 Maine counties are served by them. On a regular basis my staff hold constituent hours locally providing citizens with assistance. As of this month 70 communities have had service.

I am honored to be serving on four committees: Armed Services, Intelligence, Budget and Rules. These appointments provide the opportunity to take important and substantial action on behalf of Maine. My position on the Armed Services Committee allows me to honor our obligations to servicemen, women and veterans, as well as ensure the strength, efficiency, and sustainability of our military. Our intelligence Committee plays a pivotal role in identifying and understanding security threats around the world. My goal is to do everything I can to protect both American lives and the freedoms we enjoy. As a new member of the Budget Committee, I am working to ensure that necessary spending is tempered with fiscal responsibility. One of the most serious issues we must address is the inability of Congress to get things done. My position on the Rules Committee allows me to push for procedural reforms to help move us forward.

Your individual perspectives are critical in helping me represent the diverse interests of Maine. Do not hesitate to share any thoughts, questions, or concerns that you may have. You can visit my website at <http://www.king.senate.gov> and provide your input there, or call my Washington office at (202) 224-5344 or our toll free in state line at 1-800-432-1599. Our local numbers are Augusta (207) 622-8292, Presque Isle (207) 764-5124 and Scarborough, (207) 883-1588.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve you and update you on my activities. I am determined to be a strong voice for the people of Maine.

Sincerely,



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SUBCOMMITTEE ON TAX AND FINANCE

November 25, 2013

Dear Bucksport Citizens:

This past year has seen some of the most bitterly partisan political fighting in Washington in recent memory. Despite this, I'm happy to report that there is still some meaningful cooperation across the aisle.

Passing a budget and appropriations bills are the basic responsibilities of Congress, but they have been abandoned by current and past leaders. In order to address it, I worked with a bipartisan group of my colleagues this year to pass a bill called "No Budget, No Pay" that ensures members of Congress don't get paid unless they pass a budget. As a result, for the first time in years, both the House and Senate passed budgets. Regardless of what happens with the fiscal and funding fights that have plagued Washington lately, we can all agree that things need to change. Passing this bill represented a small, but important step forward.

The gridlock in Washington has not slowed my efforts to fight for Maine's industries on the national and international level. For example, the House passed a measure I sponsored to ensure that our men and women in the military are outfitted from head to toe in American-made uniforms. This has been a long time coming, and I hope the Senate can pass it when its version of the defense bill is taken up. New Balance, which can make footwear to comply with federal procurement rules, employs hundreds of Mainers in Norway, Norridgewock and Skowhegan.

I will also continue to visit and speak with Maine's small businesses and manufacturers to hear firsthand about their success and challenges. This is an important part of my ongoing "Make it in Maine" agenda which consists of initiatives to boost domestic manufacturing. The feedback I've received has been invaluable in helping to identify legislative action needed to support job growth in our industries.

One critical issue I hear about again and again is the need to have our national trade policies truly level the international playing field. The Obama Administration continues to advance the negotiations of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), an agreement with 11 other countries, including Canada, Mexico, Vietnam, Malaysia, Chile, Peru, Australia, New Zealand, Vietnam, Brunei, and Japan. TPP represents the most economically significant trade agreement the U.S. has negotiated to date, and it will have a large impact on all states and all sectors of the U.S.

economy. That's why it is so critical to get it right—not only for Maine, but for our nation's overall competitiveness. I'm working with my colleagues and the administration to ensure that this agreement does not contribute to a race to the bottom in labor and environment standards, does not tolerate state-owned enterprises or currency manipulation, and does not allow countries to block our access to their market. These issues must be addressed. We can't afford to ship any more jobs overseas.

As we begin 2014, it will be my great honor to continue serving our nation's veterans as the Ranking Member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee. Over the course of the last year, I worked with Representative Jeff Miller (R-Florida), the committee's chairman, to pass a number of bills important to veterans. Some of the bills we passed would reduce the VA's disability claims backlog, help get veterans their compensation faster, and improve training and educational opportunities. One critical measure we advanced through the committee would ensure that all VA programs receive funding a year in advance so no veterans will have to worry about services being disrupted by a dysfunctional Washington.

While I am proud of the accomplishments that are helping to improve services for our brave men and women in uniform, I know there is still so much to do. I will continue to fight for new advances in areas such as veteran employment, veterans' health care, and the ongoing concerns with the VA claims backlog.

I believe Washington is at a crossroads. There are many members of Congress on both sides of the aisle that truly want to get things done for the people they represent. But in order to get there the process, agenda of leaders, and level of coordination must be changed dramatically. There are too many big issues facing our nation for the status quo to continue. Congress needs to work together to get things done and make Washington work again. I continue to be committed to making that happen, and continue to regularly meet with Democrats, Republicans, and Independents to forge a way forward.

As we move forward into a new year, my highest priority remains ensuring that Mainers receive timely and quality constituent services. Whether you have a specific concern with a federal agency or need help connecting to resources, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at any of my offices. I also encourage you to visit my website ([www.house.gov/michaud](http://www.house.gov/michaud)), where you can email me as well as connect with me on Facebook and Twitter.

Thank you again for the opportunity to represent you in Congress.

With warmest regards,

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December 2, 2013

Dear Friends:

It is a privilege to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust the people of our State have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some of my work from the past year.

I know that Mainers are deeply concerned about the partisan divisiveness in Washington that has prevented us from addressing some of our nation's most serious challenges. This failure to govern reached a peak on Oct. 1, 2013, with the federal government shutdown that denied the American people vital services, pushed our country to the brink of defaulting on its financial obligations, and damaged our economy.

As the shutdown ended its first week with no end in sight, I drafted a proposal I believed both sides could live with and presented it to my Senate colleagues. Within days, I was leading a bipartisan coalition of 14 Senators that worked night and day to craft a plan to reopen government, avert default, and restart negotiations on a long-term plan to deal with our nation's unsustainable debt of more than \$17 trillion. Known as the "Common Sense Caucus," we will continue to work to develop solutions and bridge the partisan divide.

Moving America's economy forward by encouraging the creation of more jobs remains my top priority. I have developed a Seven Point Plan for Jobs in Maine, which includes legislation to spur small business investment; ensure robust workforce education and training; reduce regulatory red tape that stifles job creation; support Maine's agriculture communities and manufacturing; and invest in the infrastructure needed to expand our economy.

Maine's economic future took a significant step forward in the summer of 2013 with the deployment of the first deepwater, offshore wind power project. I am a strong advocate for this emerging industry that has the potential to create thousands of good jobs here in Maine and make our state the global leader in this new technology.

At the beginning of 2013, I also became a leader of the Senate Select Committee on Aging, a position I sought because Maine has the highest median age in the nation. As the Senate Co-Chair of the Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease, I am all too aware of the tremendous personal and economic toll this devastating disease takes on more than five million Americans and their families. A bipartisan resolution I introduced declares that the goal of preventing and effectively treating Alzheimer's by 2025 is an urgent national priority. The Committee also has focused on the scams and frauds targeting our seniors and established a toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) to make it easier for senior citizens to report suspected fraud and receive assistance.



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Late in 2013, I was proud to help lead the Senate passage of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would ensure that no American faces discrimination in the workplace.

Earlier this year, across-the-board federal spending cuts known as sequestration took effect, and I have worked hard to prevent the damaging consequences on essential priorities that range from our national security to medical research. These indiscriminate cuts stand in stark contrast to the thoughtful and thoroughly debated spending priorities set at town meeting throughout Maine. Common sense is one of the Maine values I endeavor to bring to Washington. To this end, I authored bipartisan legislation to allow federal agencies to set priorities in administering the required cuts, with appropriate oversight, and wrote a new law to ensure that sequestration would not disrupt air travel, which plays such an important role in fueling Maine's tourism economy.

Another Maine value is our unsurpassed work ethic. As 2013 ended, I continued my perfect record of never missing a roll-call vote, a tally that now stands at more than 5,300 consecutive votes, making me the longest-serving Senator to have never missed a vote.

If I can ever be of assistance to you, please contact my Bangor Constituent Service Center at (207) 945-0417 or visit my website at [www.collins.senate.gov](http://www.collins.senate.gov). May 2014 be a good year for you, your community, and our great State of Maine.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan".

Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator

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Middle School .....	469-6647
Adult Education .....	469-2129

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### **Office Hours at Your Municipal Office Are:**

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