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FORTY-TWO YEARS OF COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM
OF GOVERNMENT



“RICH IN HERITAGE, LOOKING TO THE FUTURE”

DEDICATION

Police Chief Douglas E. Gray



Douglas E. Gray started his law enforcement career in 1973 in Stonington and came to Bucksport in 1976. He started as a Patrolman, later promoted to sergeant, and became the Chief of Police in 1980. He was one of the, if not only, longest standing Chief of Police in the State of Maine with a 29 year career as Chief with the Bucksport Police Department.

Chief Gray is credited with hiring many young men and women and giving them their start in law enforcement. Under Chief Gray's command the Bucksport Police Department has trained many individuals that have then gone on to other places on a full-time basis. Some of those are members of the Arizona Highway Patrol, Marine Patrol, Bangor Police, Lincoln Police, Calais Police, Eastport Police, Border Patrol, Bar Harbor Police, Biddeford Police, and also departments in New Hampshire and Florida. Some of the individuals trained in Bucksport have made great strides and made advancements in rank, up to, and including, Chief. He is also credited with giving many young men and women their start in life long dispatching careers. These people are also located around the state.

He was a man that genuinely cared for and loved his employees as if they were family and he felt they truly were. It was not uncommon for him to visit members of his team at home, who had a bad day. He had many of

his employees over to his residence for coffee, and a talk, on many occasions. There was nothing that you could not talk to Chief Gray about, and he would tell you straight-up how it was and how it could be taken care of.

Chief Douglas E. Gray dedicated his life to his profession and the Town of Bucksport and will be sadly missed by all.

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ELECTED AND APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

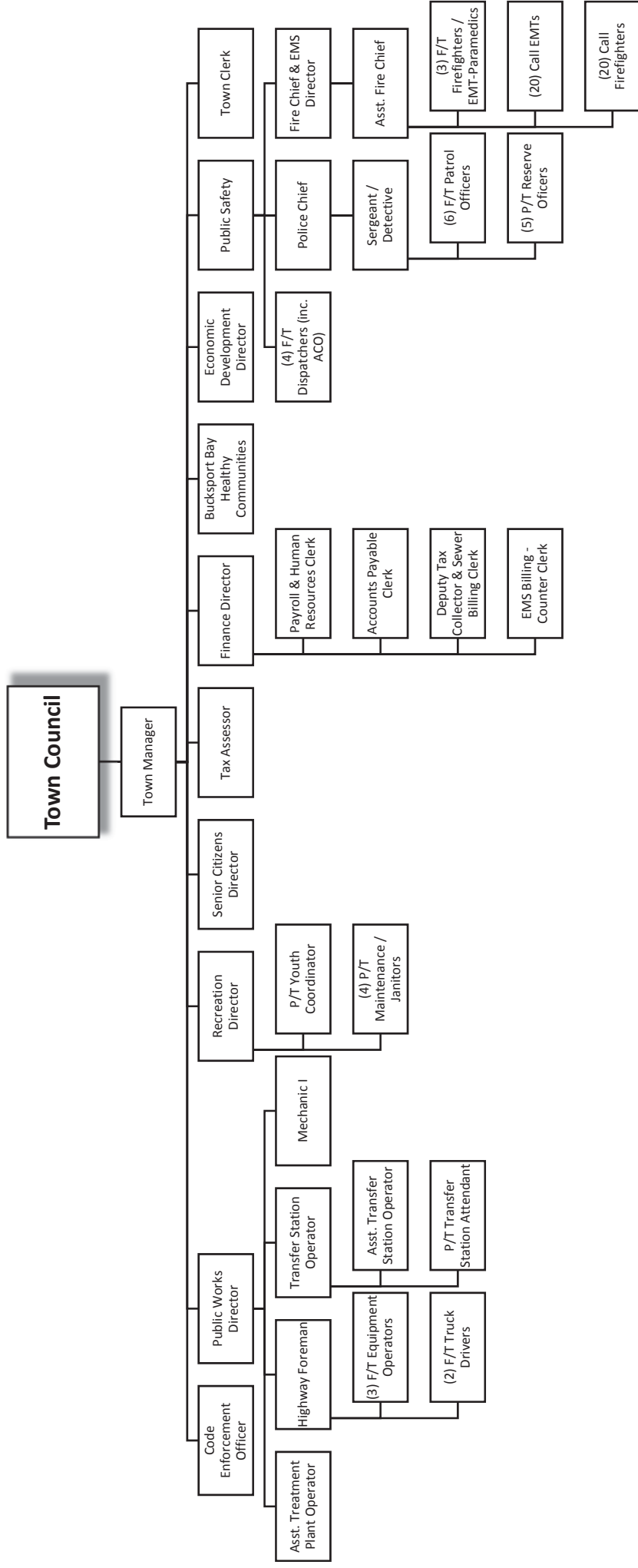
	<u>TERMS EXPIRE</u>
Town Council	
Frank Dunbar	January 2015
Michael Ormsby	January 2015
Glenn Findlay	January 2016
Paul Gauvin	January 2016
David Kee	January 2016
David Keene	January 2017
Byron Vinton, III	January 2017
RSU #25 School Board	
Peter Clair	November 2014
Thomas Foster	January 2015
Melinda Stegner	January 2015
Vacant	January 2016
Planning Board	
David Grant	March 31, 2016
Edward Belcher	March 31, 2016
Rosemary Bamford	March 31, 2015
George Hanson	March 31, 2015
Brian MacDonald	March 31, 2019
Daniel See	March 31, 2018
Steve Feite	March 31, 2017
Board of Assessment Review	
Daniel See	March 31, 2015
Candice Spalding	March 31, 2015
Oliva Jacques	March 31, 2016
Cathy Hamburger	March 31, 2014
Zoning Board of Appeals	
W. Kim Delbridge	March 31, 2016
Louis Levasseur	March 31, 2017
Richard Tennant, Jr.	March 31, 2018
Jeremy Daigle	March 31, 2019
Emery Deabay	March 31, 2015
Conservation Commission	
Julia Edelblute	March 31, 2017
Candice Spalding	March 31, 2017
Kathy Downes	March 31, 2016
Mary (Betty) Barker	March 31, 2016
Linda Plourde	March 31, 2015
Sadie Alley Ferreira	March 31, 2015
John Christopher	March 31, 2015
Parks and Recreation Committee	
Richard Sprague	March 31, 2015
Nickey Wight	March 31, 2015
Patricia Gray	March 31, 2015
David Winchester	March 31, 2017
Frederick (Rick) McHale	March 31, 2014

Parks and Recreation Committee continued:

TERMS EXPIRE

Andrew Tyne	March 31, 2016
Sean Geagan	March 31, 2016
Town Manager, Tax Collector, Treasurer, and Welfare Director	
Derik Goodine	June 16, 2017
Town Clerk	
Kathy Downes	Indefinite
Registrar of Voters	
Kathy Downes	January 1, 2016
Police Chief	
Sean Geagan	Indefinite
Fire Chief, Director of Emergency Services and Fire Warden	
Craig Bowden	Indefinite
Recreation Director	
Tim Emery	Indefinite
Code Enforcement Officer and Plumbing Inspector	
Jeffrey Hammond	June 31, 2021
Tax Assessor	
James Fitzgerald	March 31, 2015
Economic Development Director	
David Milan	Indefinite
Public Works Director	
Duane Nadeau	Indefinite
Harbor Master	
David Grant	March 31, 2015
Sealer of Weights and Measurements	
Robert Wiggin	March 31, 2015
Health Officer	
Valerie Sulya	March 31, 2017

Town of Bucksport



REPORT FROM THE TOWN MANAGER
Town Manager Report FY 2013-2014

First of all, let me introduce myself to you, my new community. I come to Bucksport after serving 4 communities over the last 20 years, most recently 10 years in the South Western Maine community of Naples. I am married and have two daughters. My wife and kids and I all being natives of Penobscot County and born at EMMC. I grew up in Brewer most of my early life, and have been coming to the Bucksport area since those early years. It has always been one of my favorite areas to visit. Much of that is due to its proximity to Brewer, but proximity is only part of it: Bucksport has so many hidden treasures, and I hope to bring the community to the forefront, out of the shadows, front and center, as one of the finest communities in the State of Maine. I welcome the challenge, and my family and I are excited to be moving to and living in Bucksport.

It is my hope that in the future many new families are going to discover Bucksport and be amazed to find that Bucksport should not be identified by a mill, not just by its main street, but rather be discovered for the amazing place that it is, and be identified by the community that lays behind Main St! A community that rivals any community in Maine and that offers so much to do whether it be public infrastructure or just natural wonders. A community is not just its main street or its largest features, it is the natural wonders, it is all the places and things to do and see, and most importantly it's the people! While I was not working for the Town of Bucksport for most of the past year, the Town was busy under the manager's direction, and then the Council's direction with the assistance of Kathy Downes, Dave Milan, and Kathryn Hickson after the departure of Michael Brennan.

James Bradney was hired as the Director of Bucksport Bay Healthy Communities Coalition and the position was changed, so that it was not a Town position. The Town will continue to do the finances though for the remainder of the year. Also Traci Clair was hired as the new payroll clerk for the town office.

The Town also was involved in and completed several major infrastructure projects. The million dollar improvements to Rt. 46 were completed with the Town's share being \$590,000, and a water storage tank was built on Silver Lake Road which was partially funded with a \$500,000 CDBG grant. This was done in order to replace an archaic water tower in need of replacement and increase water pressure. The Town also purchased the Town Marina from Port Harbor Marine for \$75,000 utilizing TIF funds for payment, and also received a Small Harbor Grant to expand and repair the town dock with a total project price of \$76,005. The Town also helped the Alamo Theatre with a dilemma. Hollywood movie studios have for the most part gone digital, and small theaters and drive ins across the country have been struggling with the cost of buying digital projectors in order to allow them to get the new movie releases. The cost of digital projectors is not cheap, and many small theaters and drive ins have decided to close because they could not cover the cost of this expensive upgrade. A small town movie theater like the Alamo is an asset to a community, and its marque brings character to our downtown, not to mention a bump in quality of life and place. With that in mind, the Town Council assisted the Alamo Theater with the purchase of a digital projector by providing \$20,000 in TIF funds with the agreement that the Town could use the theater several times a year for free for town sponsored events.

The Town also purchased a new Ford Interceptor SUV Police vehicle for \$21,500 to replace a vehicle in its aging fleet and accepted a gift from Andrew and Shelby Silvernail. This gift was approximately \$20,000 worth of hydraulic jaws of life emergency extraction equipment. The gift was given in the memory of Taylor Darveau a teenager that lost her life in a tragic accident in the Town earlier last year. A new Ambulance was also purchased this past year for \$170,450, and the public safety building was converted to natural gas as part of the Bangor Gas project that the Town has been supplementing in order to bring natural gas to much of the village areas of Bucksport.

The town also conveyed an industrial park lot to Forestvale Freezer and Storage, also known as Central Maine Cold Storage to build a state of the art flash freeze facility for freezing seafood and fruit. Fast Freezing allows the freezing of these food products without freezing damage, which can and does happen when slow freezing is used. This company is a welcome addition to our business family in Bucksport. We wish to thank all businesses new and old for choosing Bucksport! The town also purchased several properties in town including properties on Main St. These properties are key properties for this end of main st. across from Napa Auto Parts, and the Council feels that these properties could become a great asset for the renewal of the Town's main street and could house both commercial and medium to higher end apartment space or even condominium development.

Also looking toward the future, the Town Council signed a contract for \$28,447 to update the Town Comprehensive Plan, and on April 10, 2014, hired Derik Goodine as the new Town Manager with his starting date to be June 19, 2014.

There were many other smaller projects and tasks that took place during the last year, and the Council Resolves are always available for review should you desire to read everything that happened. I look forward to a busy and challenging year for the 2014-2015 Budget year as I meet with my fellow residents and learn more about this great community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Derik Goodine
Bucksport Town Manager

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 in fiscal year 2014 accounted for in excess of \$880,000 of federal, state, and local grant awards. The Finance Department consists of five employees including the Finance Director and the following:

Traci Clair	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 20,412 transactions (including vital statistics) for the year ended June 30, 2014 compared to 20,972 transactions in fiscal year 2013.

Fiscal Year 2014 General Fund Budget Performance -

The general fund budget for fiscal year 2014 was \$11,545,047 which was \$520,174 higher than fiscal year 2013. Included in the increase was increased education expense of \$203,030 leading to an increase in the mil rate from \$12.94 to \$13.56 in fiscal year 2014.

Fiscal year 2014 performance was better than budget resulting in an operational surplus of \$74,562. This surplus was used to fund a total of \$271,500 in outlays not included in the Fiscal year 2014 budget, for an overall reduction of \$196,938 in Undesignated Fund Balance during Fiscal year 2014. Details are as follows:

Beginning Undesignated Fund Balance: 7/1/13	\$ 8,285,464
Fiscal year 2014 Budget Surplus:	
Revenues in excess of budget	228,061
Departmental expenses under budget	244,218
Tax overlay of \$85,884 not spent	39,952
Uses of surplus – included in fiscal year 2014 budget to reduce taxes	<u>- 437,669</u>
Operational Surplus	\$ 74,562
Additional uses of surplus approved during Fiscal Year 2014:	
Purchase of properties on 27-37 Main Street and Federal Street	- 203,708
Bangor Gas tax abatement expenses	- 14,673
Prior fiscal year restitution remitted to insurance through Maine Municipal Association	- 1,219
Prior fiscal year Bucksport Bay Healthy Communities Coalition town subsidies	- 1,650
Orland's Share of Solid Waste Surplus	- 11,220
Transfer to Waterfront Reserve for town dock expansion	- 10,000
Transfer to Information Technology Reserve	- 1,200
Increase in accrued sick/vacation reserve	- 17,741
Increase in unemployment reserve	- 2,314
Transfers to Waterfront, Recreation, and Animal Shelter Reserves	<u>- 7,775</u>
Outlays not included in Fiscal Year 2014 budget	\$ - 271,500
Overall Reduction in Undesignated Fund Balance in Fiscal Year 2014	<u>- 196,938</u>
Ending Undesignated Fund Balance: 6/30/14	<u>\$ 8,088,526</u>

In fiscal year 2014, \$240,000 was transferred from Undesignated Fund Balance to fund the reconstruction of 5,100 feet (approximately one mile) of Route 46. The State of Maine Department of Transportation provided \$590,000 toward the project, the total cost of which was \$1,236,459 including costs incurred in fiscal year 2013. Purchase of five properties on

27-37 Main Street and one on 18 Federal Street used \$203,708 from undesignated surplus and \$15,001 from overlay. There will be additional costs including demolition costs for these properties in fiscal year 2015.

In fiscal year 2014, \$79,344 in TIF funds was expended to purchase the Bucksport Marina from Port Harbor Marine. Donations totaling \$20,000 were made from TIF funds to the Alamo Theater, of which \$7,500 was for the purchase of a digital projector and \$12,500 for matching funds required by grant funding for additional theater improvements.

Federal, state, and local grant revenues accounted for by the Finance Department included Maine Department of Transportation of \$590,000 for Route #46, Community Development Block Grant of \$114,064 for the local housing assistance program, and Community Development Block Grant of \$49,402 for construction of the “Compass Rose” on the west end of the walkway and the brick connection of the walkway to Main Street behind the Bucksport Historical Society museum. Other grant funds were used to defray additions to fixed assets as discussed below.

During fiscal year 2014, the financial assets for the maintenance of Oak Hill Burial Place were turned over to the Town of Bucksport. These financial assets are invested in mutual funds managed by Wells Fargo. The intent is to provide return on investment sufficient to defray the cemetery’s annual maintenance expenses.

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 6/30/14, the policy calculation requires \$7,543,513 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. During fiscal year 2014, meetings with various financial institutions were held to explore alternatives for investing capital reserve funds to gain a rate of return higher than earned on certificates of deposit.

Additions to Fixed Assets

Purchased during fiscal year 2014 was a 2013 Ford Interceptor for Public Safety at \$30,872 and ice control systems for Highway trucks totaling \$50,460. The remaining 50% down payment on a new fire truck was made in the amount of \$135,755. Waterfront walkway improvements, the “Streetscapes” portion of the Community Development Block Grant’s Community Enterprise Program, totaled \$36,198. Expansion of the town dock totaled \$85,840, of which \$37,459 was paid by the State of Maine Department of Transportation’s Small Harbor Improvement Program. Improvements to Route 46 were \$860,283, of which the Maine Department of Transportation paid \$590,000. Improvements to other streets and ways totaled \$25,675. Other fixed asset purchases totaled \$33,710, including guard rails at the Transfer Station, paving and signage at the Silver Lake boat launch, conversion of the Public Safety Building burner to natural gas, and tablet computers and bullet-proof vests for Public Safety. Capitalized costs for the Bucksport Marina were \$76,713 and for properties purchased on Main Street and Federal Street \$218,709. A video camera system for sewer line inspection was \$12,142, a SCADA computer programming upgrade was \$7,220, and secondary treatment plant design costs were \$188,139. A new set of Jaws of Life with a value of \$31,700 was donated to the Bucksport Fire Department. A 2006 Ford Crown Victoria was traded-in and deleted from the fixed asset listing. 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 year 2014 was \$623,766, funded primarily by user fees. There was a 15.2% rate increase from \$3.67 per 100 feet of cubic usage to \$4.23. Fiscal year 2014 performance resulted in \$267,471 net income which was used for a SCADA computer programming upgrade of \$7,220, secondary treatment plant design costs of \$188,139 and sewer bond principal payments of \$99,693. The Sewer Fund Undesignated Fund Balance decreased \$27,581 during fiscal year 2014, primarily due to payment of secondary treatment plant design costs.

User rates will increase from \$4.23 per 100 feet of cubic usage to \$4.83, or 14.2%, in fiscal year 2015 to bring user rates up to the level needed to finance the federally mandated construction of a secondary wastewater treatment plant.

Bonded Indebtedness

At June 30, 2014, the Town had \$5.66 million in bonds outstanding versus \$6.28 million as of June 30, 2013. This decrease was the result of sewer bond principal payment of \$99,693 and school bond principal payment of \$515,462 paid by Rural School Unit ("RSU") #25 during fiscal year 2014. Outstanding as of June 30, 2014 were sewer bonds of \$1.86 million and RSU #25 bonds of \$3.8 million.

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 www.bucksportmaine.gov and clicking on "Public Records, Maps, & Documents", "Financial Statements", and "Fiscal Year 2014".

Fiscal Year 2015 - Looking Ahead:

The general fund budget for fiscal year 2015 is \$12,118,598, higher than the fiscal year 2014 budget by \$573,551 or 5.0%. It includes an increase of \$494,312 in local education costs and a 1.5% wage and salary increase. Expenses are supported by property taxes of \$9,526,552 and revenues from other sources, including excise taxes and State of Maine revenue sharing, of \$2,592,046. The property tax assessment also includes \$1,197,763 in Tax Increment Financing Plan Amount, of which \$893,202 will be returned to the TIF taxpayers (Verso Paper, Ellis & Guerrette, and Leadbetter Realty Trust) and \$304,561 will be retained by the Town. The assessment also includes a .9% overlay of \$94,290. The mil rate in fiscal year 2015 is \$14.11, an increase of \$.55 over the \$13.56 mil rate for fiscal year 2014.

Verso management had a very busy year. The paper mill bought out Bucksport Energy to become the sole owner of the steam and electricity generating plant. The combined entity accounts for about 46% of the town's property tax revenues, which include BETE funds from the State. Ownership of the energy plant will allow the mill to better manage its energy costs. Recent spikes in natural gas prices for industrial users have been a major factor in recent losses. The other big move by Verso this year was the announcement of the purchase of the New Page paper mills. The acquisition would make Verso the largest coated paper manufacturer in the United States. This transaction is under review by governmental agencies before it can be finalized.

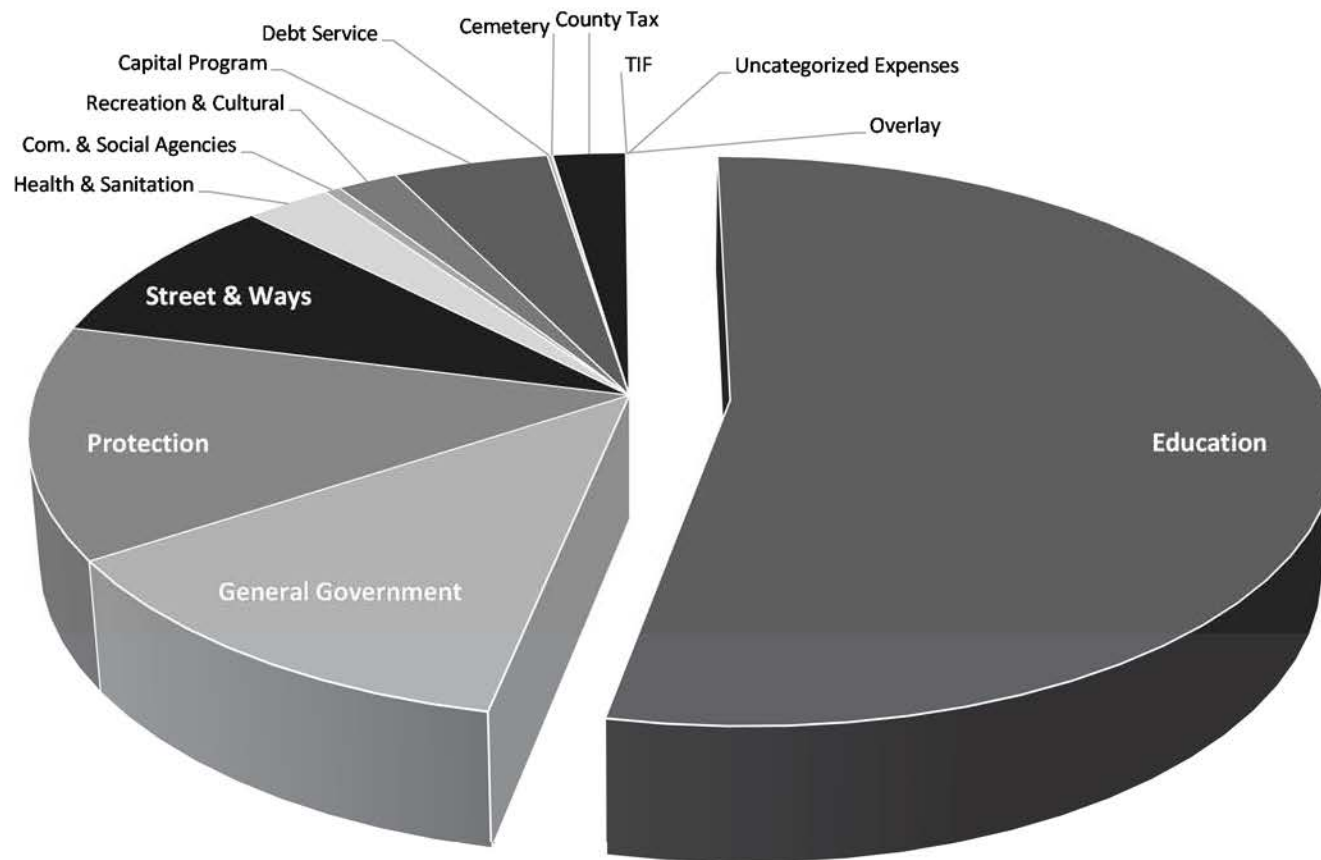
The construction of the federally mandated secondary wastewater treatment plant is anticipated to commence in April 2015 to meet the mandated completion date of 2017. Facility construction costs are currently estimated to be \$11,095,000; the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development program will provide grant funding 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 loan and grant funds. Interest on the loan is estimated to be 2.75% and the repayment term approximately 28 years. Sewer user rates were increased in fiscal year 2015 as part of a four-year process to raise the rates to support debt financing from the Rural Development program 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 year 2017. Future costs may vary which would impact user rates.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathryn S. Hickson
Finance Director

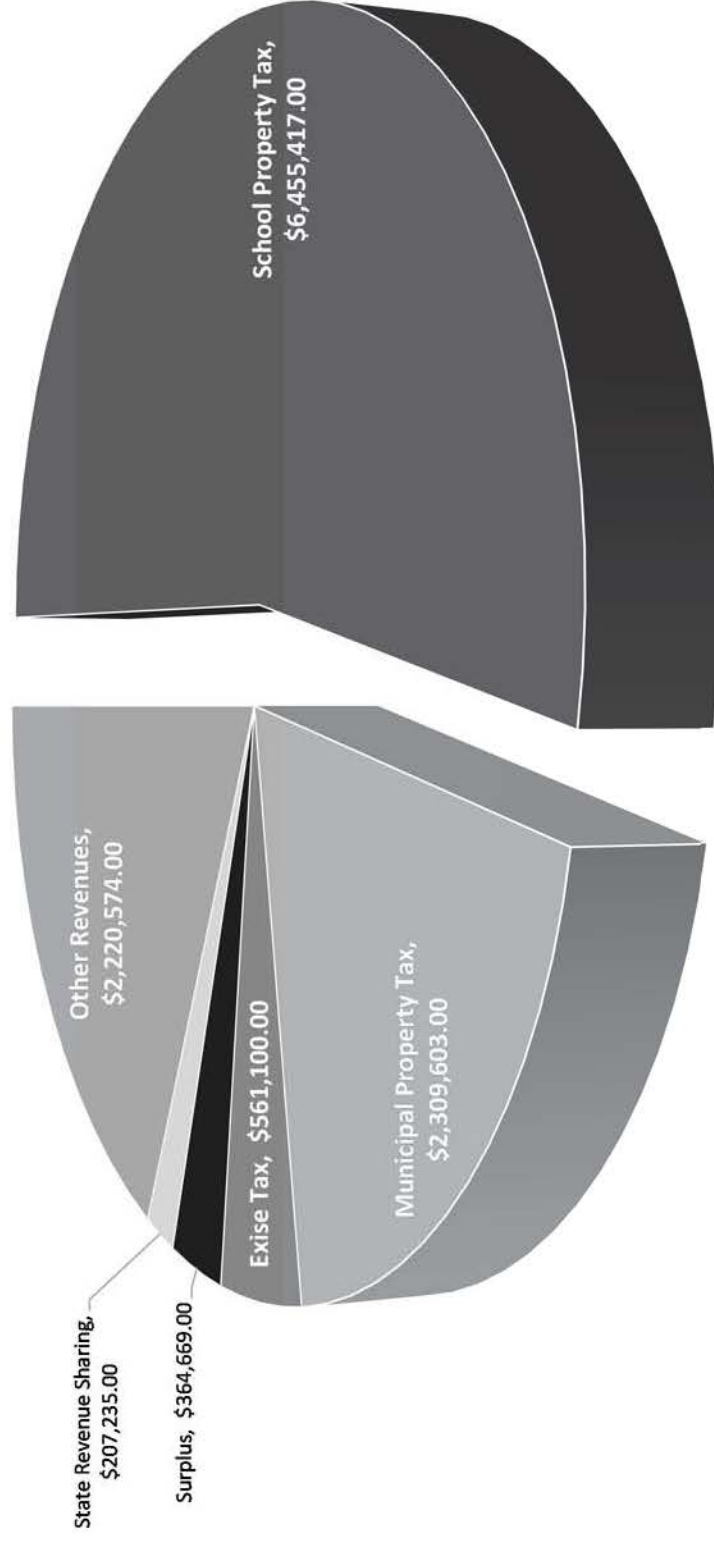
TOWN OF BUCKSPORT
OVERALL BUDGET COMPARISON FOR FISCAL YEAR 7-1-2014 TO 6-30-2015

Account Number	Account Name	2010-2011 Budget	2010-2011 Actual	2011-2012 Budget	2011-2012 Actual	2012-2013 Budget	2012-2013 Actual	2013-2014 Budget	2014-2015 Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Percent Change
EXPENDITURES:											
50	General Government	\$ 1,303,213	\$ 1,236,977	\$ 1,372,321	\$ 1,241,013	\$ 1,340,835	\$ 1,217,812	\$ 1,463,009	\$ 1,508,252	\$ 45,243	3.09%
51	Protection	\$ 1,390,121	\$ 1,311,185	\$ 1,419,497	\$ 1,328,643	\$ 1,479,831	\$ 1,414,244	\$ 1,559,714	\$ 1,613,331	\$ 53,617	3.44%
52	Street & Ways	\$ 887,757	\$ 869,493	\$ 1,034,680	\$ 951,357	\$ 929,815	\$ 809,791	\$ 943,177	\$ 1,048,010	\$ 104,833	11.11%
53	Health & Sanitation	\$ 412,406	\$ 374,237	\$ 410,008	\$ 369,494	\$ 405,007	\$ 358,020	\$ 334,121	\$ 320,356	\$ (13,765)	-4.12%
54	Com. & Social Agencies	\$ 57,102	\$ 54,451	\$ 51,742	\$ 65,373	\$ 56,471	\$ 56,350	\$ 76,721	\$ 59,621	\$ (17,100)	-22.29%
55	Education	\$ 5,287,017	\$ 5,348,040	\$ 5,443,585	\$ 5,451,585	\$ 5,758,075	\$ 6,072,575	\$ 5,961,105	\$ 6,455,417	\$ 494,312	8.29%
56	Recreation & Cultural	\$ 223,542	\$ 189,395	\$ 225,110	\$ 197,767	\$ 225,188	\$ 203,538	\$ 226,336	\$ 226,809	\$ 473	0.21%
57	Capital Program	\$ 573,900	\$ 545,000	\$ 662,700	\$ 654,700	\$ 543,500	\$ 529,000	\$ 675,500	\$ 582,000	\$ (93,500)	-13.84%
58	Debt Service	\$ 15,412	\$ 15,412	\$ 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	\$ 4,120	\$ 3,920	\$ 3,920	\$ -	0.00%
60	County Tax	\$ 247,236	\$ 247,236	\$ 259,087	\$ 259,087	\$ 266,619	\$ 266,619	\$ 272,694	\$ 272,132	\$ (562)	-0.21%
64	Overlay	\$ -	\$ 67,650	\$ -	\$ 22,949	\$ -	\$ 3,619	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	n/a
65	TIF	\$ -	\$ 668,303	\$ -	\$ 677,434	\$ -	\$ 963,500	\$ 6,669	\$ 6,669	\$ -	0.00%
66	Uncategorized Expenses	\$ -	\$ 67,297	\$ -	\$ 28,852	\$ -	\$ 518,961	\$ 6,669	\$ 6,669	\$ -	0.00%
Total Budget Expend.											
		\$ 10,401,826	\$ 10,998,796	\$ 10,898,262	\$ 11,267,785	\$ 11,024,873	\$ 12,433,560	\$ 11,545,047	\$ 12,118,598	\$ 573,551	4.97%
Total Municipal Budget											
		\$ 5,114,809	\$ 5,650,756	\$ 5,454,677	\$ 5,824,199	\$ 5,266,798	\$ 6,360,984	\$ 5,583,942	\$ 5,663,181	\$ 79,239	1.42%
Total School Budget											
		\$ 5,287,017	\$ 5,348,040	\$ 5,443,585	\$ 5,443,585	\$ 5,758,075	\$ 6,072,575	\$ 5,961,105	\$ 6,455,417	\$ 494,312	8.29%
REVENUES:											
1001	Property Tax School	\$ 5,287,017	\$ 5,287,017	\$ 5,443,585	\$ 5,443,585	\$ 5,758,075	\$ 5,785,075	\$ 5,961,105	\$ 6,455,417	\$ 494,312	8.29%
1001	Property Tax Municipal	\$ 2,287,862	\$ 3,455,145	\$ 2,368,166	\$ 3,210,344	\$ 2,305,727	\$ 3,322,770	\$ 2,503,774	\$ 2,309,603	\$ (194,171)	-7.76%
1002	Supplemental	\$ -	\$ 7,738	\$ -	\$ 3,604	\$ -	\$ 2,753	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	n/a
1003	Motor Vehicle Excise	\$ 575,000	\$ 644,422	\$ 575,000	\$ 657,499	\$ 575,000	\$ 690,468	\$ 556,600	\$ 556,600	\$ -	0.00%
1004	Boat Excise	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,683	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,795	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,171	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ -	0.00%
1005	Auto Registration Fees	\$ 16,000	\$ 17,072	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,620	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,704	\$ 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	\$ 25,325	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	\$ -	0.00%
1008	Interest on Investment	\$ 100,000	\$ 150,472	\$ 100,000	\$ 137,018	\$ 50,000	\$ 61,436	\$ 74,414	\$ 88,135	\$ 13,721	18.44%
1009	Tax Lien Cost	\$ 9,945	\$ 13,724	\$ 9,945	\$ 13,445	\$ 10,331	\$ 13,124	\$ 11,210	\$ 12,988	\$ 1,778	15.86%
1010	Town Clerk Revenues	\$ 7,500	\$ 12,145	\$ 7,500	\$ 11,832	\$ 7,500	\$ 12,180	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	0.00%
1011	TIF Revenues	\$ 100,895	\$ 100,895	\$ 151,997	\$ 151,997	\$ 181,385	\$ 181,385	\$ 146,865	\$ 306,713	\$ 159,848	108.84%
1012	Surplus	\$ 333,900	\$ -	\$ 484,055	\$ -	\$ 273,500	\$ -	\$ 437,669	\$ 364,669	\$ (73,000)	-16.68%
1013	Miscellaneous Income	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,315	\$ 1,000	\$ 12,487	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,498	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0.00%
1014	Homestead Reimbursement	\$ 73,082	\$ 72,814	\$ 72,814	\$ 72,895	\$ 74,952	\$ 74,952	\$ 78,116	\$ 79,412	\$ 1,296	1.66%
1016	BETE Reimbursement	\$ 455,000	\$ 455,120	\$ 496,900	\$ 505,712	\$ 581,071	\$ 581,143	\$ 621,866	\$ 682,120	\$ 60,254	9.69%
1017	Fee in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 10,800	\$ 10,810	\$ 10,800	\$ 10,810	\$ 10,800	\$ 11,173	\$ 10,800	\$ 10,800	\$ -	0.00%
1018	Copy Fees	\$ -	\$ 355	\$ -	\$ 275	\$ -	\$ 258	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	n/a
1019	School Surplus						\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 10,000	500.00%

**TOWN OF BUCKSPORT
FY 2015 Budgeted Expenditures**



TOWN OF BUCKSPORT **FY 2015 Budgeted Revenues**



TOWN OF BUCKSPORT

SEWER OPERATION BUDGET COMPARISON FOR FISCAL YEAR 7-1-2014 TO 6-30-2015

Account Number	Account Name	2009-2010 Budget	2009-2010 Actual	2010-2011 Budget	2010-2011 Actual	2011-2012 Budget	2011-2012 Actual	2012-2013 Budget	2013-2014 Budget	2014-2015 Budget	Increase Decrease	Percent Change
EXPENDITURES:												
01	Regular Salaries	\$ 51,932	\$ 52,554	\$ 53,422	\$ 54,133	\$ 53,922	\$ 53,762	\$ 56,786	\$ 59,637	\$ 60,984	\$ 1,347	2.26%
02	Extra & Overtime	\$ 2,034	\$ 1,716	\$ 2,095	\$ 498	\$ 2,095	\$ 602	\$ 2,225	\$ 2,272	\$ 2,317	\$ 45	1.98%
22	Operator's Expense	\$ 600	\$ 190	\$ 600	\$ 117	\$ 600	\$ 105	\$ 600	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,400	\$ (400)	-22.22%
25	Employee Benefits	\$ 18,359	\$ 18,395	\$ 18,980	\$ 18,963	\$ 19,963	\$ 19,963	\$ 18,808	\$ 21,002	\$ 22,204	\$ 1,202	5.72%
31	Office Supplies	\$ 1,600	\$ 2,886	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,796	\$ 1,950	\$ 1,489	\$ 1,950	\$ 1,950	\$ 1,950	\$ -	0.00%
32	Software Support	\$ 525	\$ 504	\$ 550	\$ 544	\$ 625	\$ 595	\$ 639	\$ 639	\$ 700	\$ 61	9.55%
33	Postage	\$ 2,864	\$ 2,097	\$ 3,135	\$ 3,369	\$ 3,603	\$ 3,420	\$ 3,756	\$ 3,898	\$ 4,632	\$ 734	18.83%
37	Plant Supplies	\$ 10,700	\$ 3,786	\$ 10,700	\$ 3,941	\$ 10,700	\$ 3,311	\$ 10,700	\$ 10,700	\$ 10,700	\$ -	0.00%
39	Plant Chemicals	\$ 56,997	\$ 39,402	\$ 45,954	\$ 42,056	\$ 45,954	\$ 46,966	\$ 45,954	\$ 46,388	\$ 56,751	\$ 10,363	22.34%
41	Equipment Purchase	\$ 500	\$ 339	\$ 500	\$ 40	\$ 500	\$ 948	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 1,000	\$ 500	100.00%
51	Parts and Repair	\$ 22,600	\$ 24,758	\$ 22,600	\$ 16,353	\$ 22,600	\$ 21,671	\$ 25,800	\$ 27,800	\$ 27,800	\$ -	0.00%
61	Telephone	\$ 3,060	\$ 1,330	\$ 1,740	\$ 1,245	\$ 1,620	\$ 1,319	\$ 1,620	\$ 2,025	\$ 3,550	\$ 1,525	75.31%
71	Fuel Heating	\$ 6,210	\$ 1,328	\$ 6,210	\$ 4,315	\$ 4,285	\$ 2,157	\$ 4,285	\$ 3,833	\$ 4,426	\$ 593	15.47%
72	Fuel Vehicles	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,555	\$ 2,548	\$ 2,273	\$ 2,878	\$ 2,910	\$ 2,878	\$ 3,690	\$ 2,765	\$ (925)	-25.07%
81	Electricity	\$ 41,100	\$ 36,714	\$ 41,725	\$ 38,869	\$ 41,725	\$ 32,042	\$ 41,725	\$ 41,725	\$ 41,725	\$ -	0.00%
82	Water	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,609	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,822	\$ 1,800	\$ 2,054	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,142	\$ 2,142	\$ -	0.00%
85	Insurance	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,800	\$ 4,000	\$ 200	5.26%
86	Testing Cost	\$ 2,350	\$ 2,437	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,184	\$ 2,710	\$ 2,348	\$ 2,710	\$ 1,935	\$ 2,050	\$ 115	5.94%
87	Sludge Site Cost	\$ 11,150	\$ 9,744	\$ 10,820	\$ 8,500	\$ 10,820	\$ 9,840	\$ 10,820	\$ 13,190	\$ 13,150	\$ (40)	-0.30%
89	Interest & Debt Cost	\$ 122,931	\$ 95,976	\$ 122,931	\$ 46,103	\$ 109,284	\$ 29,442	\$ 109,280	\$ 124,686	\$ 124,681	\$ (5)	0.00%
90	Contracted Services	\$ 72,100	\$ 69,996	\$ 77,004	\$ 77,004	\$ 79,314	\$ 79,800	\$ 81,693	\$ 158,035	\$ 177,100	\$ 19,065	12.06%
92	Audit	\$ 3,565	\$ 4,065	\$ 3,565	\$ 3,065	\$ 3,565	\$ 3,065	\$ 3,565	\$ 3,065	\$ 3,065	\$ -	0.00%
93	Reserve	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,390	\$ 31,700	\$ 8,301	\$ 21,000	\$ 18,193	\$ 21,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -	0.00%
94	Orland Maintenance	\$ 4,397	\$ 2,454	\$ 4,387	\$ 2,314	\$ 3,788	\$ 2,329	\$ 4,023	\$ 4,054	\$ 2,290	\$ (1,764)	-43.51%
95	Contingency	\$ 10,624	\$ 6,031	\$ 6,768	\$ 5,385	\$ 47,612	\$ 7,061	\$ 47,128	\$ 60,000	\$ 69,645	\$ 9,645	16.08%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 459,298	\$ 384,654	\$ 477,634	\$ 346,207	\$ 496,713	\$ 348,793	\$ 504,245	\$ 623,766	\$ 666,027	\$ 42,261	6.78%
REVENUES:												
3510	Users Fees ***	\$ 435,000	\$ 473,858	\$ 448,050	\$ 502,833	\$ 457,011	\$ 491,148	\$ 466,151	\$ 553,686	\$ 595,300	\$ 41,614	7.52%
3515	Interest on Users Fees	\$ -	\$ 1,024	\$ 250	\$ 1,269	\$ 250	\$ 1,358	\$ 250	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	0.00%
3520	Entrance Fees	\$ 100	\$ 30	\$ 100	\$ 90	\$ 100	\$ 30	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -	0.00%
3530	Interest	\$ 3,000	\$ 11,653	\$ 4,000	\$ 7,681	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,452	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,686	\$ 3,774	\$ (912)	-19.46%
3540	Verona Subsidies	\$ 6,543	\$ 12,905	\$ 6,952	\$ 12,981	\$ 10,894	\$ 13,974	\$ 11,075	\$ 14,184	\$ 15,476	\$ 1,292	9.11%
3550	Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 100	\$ 8,938	\$ 3,100	\$ 6,779	\$ 3,100	\$ 7,706	\$ 3,100	\$ 7,706	\$ 7,927	\$ 221	2.87%
3560	Orland Subsidies	\$ 9,455	\$ 17,764	\$ 10,082	\$ 19,001	\$ 16,258	\$ 19,351	\$ 16,469	\$ 21,392	\$ 23,438	\$ 2,046	9.56%
3570	Orland Maintenance	\$ 3,600	\$ 4,487	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,834	\$ 3,600	\$ 4,218	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600	\$ 1,600	\$ (2,000)	-55.56%
3580	Verona Maintenance	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,856	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,801	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,983	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	0.00%
3600	Transfer from General Fund						\$ 15,412	\$ -	\$ 15,412	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL REVENUES		\$ 459,298	\$ 532,515	\$ 477,634	\$ 556,270	\$ 496,713	\$ 558,633	\$ 504,245	\$ 623,766	\$ 666,027	\$ 42,261	6.78%
*** Proposed User Rate to increase from \$4.23 per 100 cubic foot = \$76.14 to \$4.83 per cubic foot = \$86.94 per quarter, an increase of \$10.80 per quarter or 14.2%.												

REPORT FROM THE TAX ASSESSOR

Bucksport's tax rate rise of 55 cents per thousand dollars of valuation was the third year of increase in a row. Again, the largest contributor to the upturn was from changes in the RSU 25 Budget in response to reductions in State supported programs. The table below shows all of the factors that contributed to the new mil rate.

2013-14 mil rate*:	13.56	<i>Created an overlay of \$76,586</i>
2014-15 RSU budget:	+0.65	\$494,312 appropriation increase
2014-15 Municipal budget:	+0.11	\$79,801 appropriation increase
2014-15 Taxable Val. changes	+0.13	Drop in net value (see below)
2014-15 BETE Revenues	-0.05	\$3.8 MM value /\$60,000 revenue increase
2014-15 Other Revenues:	-0.26	\$204,625 revenue increase
<u>2014-15 Other factors:</u>	<u>-0.03</u>	<u>Revenue sharing, overlay, etc.</u>
2014-15 mil rate*:	14.11	<i>Creates an overlay of \$96,269</i>
<i>Overall Change</i>	<i>+0.55</i>	

As usual, Verso is the biggest player in changes to the town's overall property valuation. For 2014-15, the mill showed a year-over-year drop in value of about four million dollars. The loss in value is attributed to depreciation of newer equipment (\$10 million), retirement and transfers of equipment (\$1 million) and the removal of the remaining value of the B2 paper machine that was shut down two years ago (\$1 million). The \$12 million loss was mitigated by new equipment and construction (\$6 million) and trending for inflation (\$2 million) leaving the net of minus \$4 million. The Verso Energy plant (formerly Bucksport Energy) also showed a loss in value for depreciation of \$3.8 million bringing the total for the Verso complex to a loss of 7.8 million in value for the year.

There were, of course, many other additions and subtractions for improvements and deterioration to individual properties beyond Verso. As has been the custom since the last revaluation in 2008 there were no general adjustments made to real estate values for inflation or depreciation. The last ratio study from the Maine Revenue Service in June of 2013 has the developed parcels for Bucksport at 104%. The actual ratio has gotten a bit higher since then as housing prices have not risen as hoped. However, the developed parcel ratio is still within the allowed 10% window.

TAXABLE VALUATION ANALYSIS:

	<u>4/1/2013</u>	<u>4/1/2014</u>	<u>Change</u>
Land and Buildings	\$445,460,120	\$448,483,489	\$3,023,369
Personal Property	\$274,058,800	\$264,269,500	(\$9,789,300)
Total Taxable Valuation:	\$719,518,920	\$712,752,989	(\$6,756,931)

There were some other major losses in taxable value this year, including the Bangor Gas revaluation and the marina & Feldman property purchases as well as many smaller losses due to damage, deterioration and removal. These losses were mostly overcome by some significant additions including the Bangor Gas expansion, completion of a major electric transmission line project, a new cold storage business in Heritage Park, four new homes, home improvements, additions, outbuildings and new personal property including a new clay coating vendor at the mill. Though both taxable Real Estate and taxable personal property totals are down, a significant increase in the BETE reimbursement for nontaxable personal property served to even out revenues for non-Verso properties.

Respectfully submitted by,

J. E. (Jef) Fitzgerald
Tax Assessor

REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk's office has had an exceptionally busy year. The trend is definitely changing especially with requests for vital records and Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Licenses even though online services are offered. The Clerk's office also assisted with extra duties in the absence of the Town Manager.

The Town Clerk is responsible for maintaining and ensuring the safekeeping and preservation of town and vital records. The Clerk is also the keeper of the minutes of all Town Council meetings, commissions meetings, 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 IFW MOSES system, the Town does not receive the credit.

This past year the State of Maine Election Division received a grant to purchase all cities and towns in the State new electronic voting machines. This allowed consistency with all cities and towns with the election process, as well as adhering with State laws and regulations. The Municipal Election was held on November 5, 2013 in conjunction with the State General and Referendum Election; and the State Primary Election, along with the Municipal Election and Regional School Unit #25 Budget Validation Referendum Election was held on June 10, 2014. 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 the 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 and Emeric Spooner at Buck Memorial Library for all their continued expertise with their genealogy research contribution.

All dogs six months or older are required to be licensed by January 31st annually and we encourage you to license your pets before February 1st to avoid a late charge. Dog licenses are available each year on October 15th 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	541	Kennel Licenses	6
Snowmobiles	155	ATV's	256
Boats	375	Lake/River Stickers	379
Fishing Licenses	272	Hunting Licenses	254
Combination Hunting/Fishing Licenses	284	Jr. Hunting Licenses	35
Archery Hunting Licenses	38		

Certified Vital Records:

Death Records	266	Marriage Records	94
Birth Records	193		

Vital Records Recorded:

Burial Permits	36	Death Records	58
Birth Records	144	Marriage Records	40
Marriage Intentions	54		

Miscellaneous Records Recorded:

Business Licenses	41	Miscellaneous Licenses	8
New Business Recordings	12	Oaths Recorded	67

The financial status of the Clerk's Office at the end of the 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, 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 Manager, Town Council, Mayor Keene for his six (6) months guidance in the absence of the Town Manager, Town Department Heads, Deputy Clerk Jacquelynn Hunt, Town Office Staff, Christopher Grindle for all his technology and Town Clerk assistance, all town employees for their cooperation and assistance, and to the citizens of Bucksport for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Downes
Town Clerk
Registrar of Voters

REPORT FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

The past year has seen a lot of changes in Bucksport. Whether you are a town employee or a town tax payer, the year in review has kept everyone engaged in transforming the community for the future. Whether it is the local economy, the regional economy, the state economy or the national economy; business owners and consumers have each struggled to experience their own definition of prosperity. Through it all, we have focused on being prepared for the return of more prosperous times. Bangor Gas worked throughout the winter to install new natural gas lines throughout Bucksport as this fuel option is provided to homeowners and businesses for the first time. The reconstruction of RTE 46 was completed that will provide a solution to the safety concerns for the heavy truck traffic that utilizes this area to move goods not only to Bucksport but throughout the northeast. And the extensive permitting required to create the opportunity to attract investment to Park Street has been completed.

As with any great plan, success is achieved through a series of successful pieces. Two important pieces towards creating a successful downtown were identified this year. With an opportunity to purchase five buildings along Main Street from the estate of Jay Feldman, we have the opportunity to transform the entrance to downtown into something that will set the tone for all future development downtown. Once the buildings are removed we will begin looking for a partner to create new housing opportunities for middle income and higher income tenants, mixed with quality retail space. Next the Town saw an opportunity when Port Harbor Marine approached the Town Council to see if the town might be interested in purchasing the downtown marina. As a key singular asset necessary to attract visitors to Bucksport by water, the new public marina will serve as a true destination attractor for downtown Bucksport. The next question is whether in the future we can create a water taxi between our waterfront and Fort Knox in order to attract tens of thousands of visitors to downtown each year?

From the Challenged list let me talk a little about retail sales in downtown Bucksport. I am certainly having a difficult time attracting retail stores to downtown. Most folks will agree that it is much easier to create a list of why that is occurring than it is to create a plan to overcome it. With a location at the center of the golden triangle, Bucksport residents can travel 18 miles in three directions and have tremendous shopping opportunities in Bangor, Ellsworth and Belfast. And extensive discussions with business owners who have stores in those communities (some in all three of those communities) have resulted in the same responses, "A Bucksport location would simply draw my existing customers from my existing stores". A 7 yearlong attempt to encourage Hannaford to build a new facility in Bucksport became an exercise in frustration. But to Hannaford's credit, their leadership decided to rehabilitate their Bucksport store this year in order to gain more space to enhance the shopping experience in Bucksport. Downtown Bucksport is heavily weighted with service businesses which traditionally operate Monday through Friday. With a much smaller retail sector in downtown, this causes a challenge to attract customers over the weekend. This will be a priority challenge for the Bucksport Economic Development Committee during the upcoming year to put into play a strategy to attract more retail businesses to downtown Bucksport. I encourage anyone with ideas for this strategy to contact me at davemilan@bucksport.biz.

On a positive note, this year was a very proud year for Bucksport as citizens, business owners, visitors and friends came together to help raise over \$100,000 to help one of the main attractors to downtown Bucksport; The Alamo Theatre and Northeast Historic Film. Modern technology required NHF to update the theatre with a digital projector in order to continue showing new release movies. And the friends of this facility rallied to make sure that the community didn't lose this important entity. They showed the same commitment when they raised the needed funds for a unique sculpture to be created for Bucksport through the Schoodic International Sculpture Symposium. It will be delivered to Bucksport's waterfront this fall.

The town is required to create a new Comprehensive Plan every ten years and our current plan expired in 2013. This year long process has begun and stakeholders are meeting to help mold the future for the community. This plan is very important as it serves as the very backbone for development and planned activities for the next decade. I encourage any and all citizens to be as involved with this process as your free time permits.

American author Ken Blanchardis owns the quote, "None of us is as smart as all of us." And it is that philosophy that inspired the Bucksport Town Council to years ago create the Bucksport Economic Development Committee in order for a group of stakeholders to influence the decisions made by the Town Council concerning the economic prosperity of the community. I want to thank all of the members for their commitment and guidance over the past year. This year's members are:

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| ◆ David Kee, Chair | ◆ Frank Dunbar | ◆ Belle Ryder |
| ◆ Glenn Findlay | ◆ Byron Vinton, III | ◆ Joel Wardwell |

◆ Jim Boothby
◆ Linda Plourde
◆ Andy Lacher

◆ Butch Osborne
◆ John Wardwell
◆ Gene Berry

◆ Jeremy Daigle
◆ Mark Eastman

I would like to take this opportunity 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

REPORT FROM THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Issued Permits:

<u>Building/Land Use:</u>	<u>122 Total</u>		
Dwellings	06	Additions	13
Mobile Homes	09	Commercial Uses	13
Outbuildings	36	Business Signs	12
Decks/Porches	15	Home-Based Businesses	04
Renovations	04	Outdoor Wood Boilers	00
Swimming Pools	00	Miscellaneous	10

Permits issued for activities in Shoreland Zoning districts: 22

Permits issued for activities in flood hazard areas: 02

Building permit fees budgeted: \$9,000.00 Collected: \$6,322.00

<u>Plumbing Permits:</u>	<u>21 Total</u>		
Septic Systems	07	Internal Plumbing	14
Seasonal Conversions	00		

Plumbing permit fees budgeted: \$2,500.00 Collected: \$4,330.00

Board of Appeals Activity:

Administrative Appeals	00
Variance Appeals	01 (granted)

New Flood Maps are coming

New updated flood maps were introduced to the town by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). The maps show areas in town that are at risk of flooding. Some changes in the location and boundaries of these flood hazard areas have been made. The maps will be available for public inspection, and are expected to be formally adopted by the town by June of 2015.

Enforcement of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC) in Bucksport

Enforcement of the MUBEC proceeded smoothly in FY 2014. Only a small handful of new home construction projects were subject to the code due to slow permitting activity. Also, homes of modular construction are exempt from the code. The MUBEC is a collection of national codes and standards for building construction, energy efficiency, ventilation and radon control in residential and commercial building. Questions on the code are welcome.

New Street Names

Beech Hill Lane (private road off Town Farm Road)

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, 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.

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.

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| 1. Acorn Alley | 65. Forsythe Avenue | 129. Pasture Pine Road |
| 2. Allison Lane | 66. Foss Farm Drive | 130. Patriots Drive |
| 3. Ames Way | 67. Franklin Street | 131. Peaceful Valley |
| 4. Appalachian Trail | 68. Gifford Lane | 132. Pelletier Lane |
| 5. Archer Way | 69. Grant Lane | 133. Perry's Landing |
| 6. Arrow Drive | 70. Green Road | 134. Pine Street |
| 7. Aspen Lane | 71. Gristmill Road | 135. Pond Street |
| 8. Atherton Way | 72. Gross Point Road* | 136. Poverty Ridge Road |
| 9. Atwood Lane | 73. Hancock Pond Road | 137. Power Line Road |
| 10. Back Forty Way | 74. Harriman Cove Road | 138. Race Course Road |
| 11. Bagley Avenue | 75. Henderson Road | 139. Red Rock Road |
| 12. Bald Mountain Road | 76. Heritage Park Road | 140. Ridge Road |
| 13. Barbour Drive | 77. Hero's Brook Lane | 141. River Road |
| 14. Bartley Lane | 78. Hillside Drive | 142. Robin Hood Circle |
| 15. Bayview Avenue | 79. Hinks Street | 143. Rosen's Lane |
| 16. Beech Hill Lane | 80. Hog Heaven Lane | 144. Ross Lane |
| 17. Beech Lane | 81. Hollow Lane | 145. Royal Ridge Lane |
| 18. Berry Road | 82. Holmes Drive | 146. Russell Hill Road |
| 19. Betts Road* | 83. Horseback Way | 147. S & L Way |
| 20. Big Log Cabin Rd | 84. Hunk Sawyer Road | 148. School Street |
| 21. Bluff Road | 85. Hurd Hill | 149. Scott's Lane |
| 22. Booth Drive | 86. Island View Road | 150. Second Street |
| 23. Braun Place | 87. Jacob Buck Pond Road | 151. Seekins Street |
| 24. Bridge Street | 88. Joan Street | 152. Seminary Road |
| 25. Broadway | 89. Kenney Drive | 153. Shore Drive |
| 26. Brookview Drive | 90. Kimball Drive | 154. Silver Lake Road |
| 27. Buck Street | 91. Kindred Spirit Way | 155. Silver Street |
| 28. Buckley Lane | 92. Lakeside Drive | 156. Small Drive |
| 29. Bucksmills Road | 93. Lakeview Heights | 157. Smith Drive |
| 30. Bullfrog Way | 94. Leach Street | 158. South Road* |
| 31. Bunker Hill | 95. Ledgewood Drive | 159. Spofford Avenue |
| 32. Catspaw Lane | 96. Lee Street | 160. Spring Street |
| 33. Cedar Street | 97. Lew Gray Drive | 161. Spruce Street |
| 34. Central Street | 98. Little Brook Lane | 162. State Route 46 |
| 35. Charles Lane | 99. Loon Landing | 163. Stone House Road |
| 36. Church Road | 100. Main Street | 164. Strickland Ridge Road |
| 37. Colby Crossing | 101. Marion Lane | 165. Summer Street |
| 38. Cole Road | 102. Marsh Road | 166. Third Street |
| 39. Coleman Lane | 103. Mast Hill Road | 167. Thomas Street |
| 40. Connors Road | 104. McDonald Alley Lane | 168. Thurston Pond Road |
| 41. Corey Path | 105. McDonald Street | 169. Tingley Drive |
| 42. Cotton Hill Road | 106. McGill Road | 170. Town Farm Road |
| 43. County Lane | 107. McKinnon Road | 171. Transfer Station Road |
| 44. Cross Road | 108. Mechanic Street | 172. Tuffs Road |
| 45. CW Lane | 109. Mercer Lane | 173. Turkey Path |
| 46. Dalton Lane | 110. Merritt Drive | 174. Twin Oaks Lane |
| 47. Deer Run | 111. Middle Street | 175. Upper Long Pond Road |
| 48. Donovan Road | 112. Miles Lane | 176. US Route 1 |
| 49. Drakes Lane | 113. Mill Street | 177. Violette Way |
| 50. Dresser Road | 114. Millvale Road | 178. Ward Drive |
| 51. Duck Cove Road | 115. Moosehorn Drive | 179. Waterside Road |
| 52. Duddy Hollow | 116. Morrison Road | 180. Wenbelle Drive |
| 53. Eagle Lane | 117. Moulton Pond Road | 181. Whitetail Ridge |
| 54. Edison Drive | 118. Mountain Side Lane | 182. Wickett Farm Road |
| 55. Edgewater Lane | 119. Mt. Olive Heights | 183. Wights Lane |
| 56. Elm Street | 120. Mt. View Lane | 184. Wilderness Way |
| 57. Evangel Way | 121. Mylen Drive | 185. Williams Pond Road |
| 58. Evergreen Drive | 122. Nason Hollow | 186. Willins Orchard Road |
| 59. Fallen Way | 123. Nicholson Avenue | 187. Willis Road |
| 60. Faratcherelli Lane | 124. Noel Way | 188. Woodland Heights |
| 61. Federal Street | 125. Oak Street | |
| 62. First Street | 126. Old Winter Road | |
| 63. Flanders Way | 127. Orcutt Mountain Road | |
| 64. Forest Hill | 128. Park Street | |

REPORT FROM THE PLANNING BOARD

This past fiscal year, July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, has been more active, with the Board approving seven applications. The Board met 13 times this past year, 12 regular meetings and one special meeting. One regular meeting was cut short due to the lack of a quorum. Board members and the CEO attended a variety of training seminars. Member Daniel See is representing the Board on the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee. CEO Jeffrey Hammond is attending FEMA Floodplain Map Revision meetings.

The Planning Board consists of seven members appointed by the Bucksport Town Council. This past year, members Marc Curtis and Gail Hallowell retired from the Board. The Town of Bucksport appreciates their years of service. The Board found it difficult to fill these vacancies, and has met many times without a full membership in attendance. However, the Board welcomed Steve Feite as a new member at the May 2014 meeting, and Brian MacDonald will begin his duties as a board member at the August 2014 meeting, bringing the Board to full membership.

The Planning Board and CEO are always striving to improve the application process for all applicants. The Board uses a single application form to help simplify the process, but because every proposed project is unique, occasionally additional specific information is needed for the Board to complete their review. To ensure that the intent of the land use ordinance has been met, the Board may also add special conditions to their approval of an application.

Land use ordinances and codes are not stagnant rules. They are continually being amended, primarily due to changing regulations from the Town, State of Maine Agencies, and Federal Agencies. Guidance and assistance is readily and graciously available from CEO Jeffrey Hammond. All requests for applications and pertinent information should be directed to the CEO, at 469-7368 ext. 231 or at jhammond@bucksportmaine.gov.

The public is also cordially invited to take part in a "Limited Public Forum" held at each Planning Board meeting. This forum allows the public to address the Board on matters related to land use or planning in the Town of Bucksport. Regular meetings of the Planning Board are held at 6:30 P.M. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Bucksport Town Office Council Chambers on Main Street.

The following is a list of applications approved by the Planning Board-2013-2014:

- ◆ July 2, 2013 – CDBG Block Grant Work – Approved
- ◆ August 6, 2013 – Forest Vale Properties, Freezer Plant Facility, 84 Heritage Park Road – Approved
- ◆ September 3, 2013 – Eugene Berry, Expansion Composting Facility, 338 Upper Long Pond Road – Approved
- ◆ October 25, 2013 (Special Meeting) – Amend Town Code, Appendix K to allow Auction Houses in the Downtown and Downtown Shoreland Districts – Approved
- ◆ October 25, 2013 (Special Meeting) – Auction House, 98 Main Street, Applicant: Good Deal Antique Mall – Approved (conditionally)
- ◆ February 4, 2014 – Marie & Alicia Pearson – Change of use from residential to commercial at 100 U.S. Route 1 – Approved
- ◆ March 4, 2014 – Laurie Brooks – Change of use from residential to commercial at 25 Mechanic Street - Approved

Respectfully submitted,

Edward N. Belcher
Secretary

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Bucksport Dispatch received 1,143 requests for Fire & Rescue response, of which 981 required an incident report. Additionally, we performed 82 safety inspections and distributed 915 Fire Permits. The month of July 2013 saw a new record of 104 calls for EMS crews and we responded to 29 EMS calls during the first week of February 2014, another all-time high.

We want to acknowledge the retirement of Michael Swazey from the call department after 32 years of duty to the fire service and many years of responding as an EMT on the Ambulance Service. Mr. Swazey followed in his father's footsteps as he also served with us for many years. Mike brought a sense of humor to what can often be very tense and stressful times and we want to thank him for the many positive memories that he provided. We would also like to note the retirement of Ken Hayward from not just the Public Works Department, but for providing several years of service to our call department. We wish both of them all of the best in their future endeavors!

We also want to take time to acknowledge the passing of our former Police Chief Douglas Gray, who was a mainstay of Bucksport Public Safety for many years. He was a good cop and a great friend to many of us over the years. He will be sorely missed but I can say that he provided us with many memories and stories that will be told for years. We send our thoughts and prayers to his family and thank them for sharing Doug with us.

Some of our major projects over the last year included switching the Public Safety Building over to natural gas, putting in place a new floor at the "Union Station" on School Street and participating in the Healthy Communities Coalition's "Thriving In Place" program to assist seniors with the ability to stay in their homes. We also received the Maine State Healthy Partnerships "Heart Safe Community" Award for the work our staff performs within the town in providing response and awareness to the public. We again had the Maine Department of Labor's "Safety Works!" consulting program in to review our equipment, records and safety policies & programs. The inspector stated she was pleased with the majority of the visit and was the "best inspection" she had done in weeks. Maine Municipal Association also performed their annual review as our insurance carrier and Maine EMS did their annual inspection of our rigs and records. Both inspectors said that they enjoy coming here and that they always find our facilities and equipment well maintained and well stocked.

Our crews, along with the Orland Fire Department, performed Fire Prevention & Safety classes at the RSU 25 schools with several hundred children participating. We also held our annual Halloween party at which over 200 children plus their parents enjoyed the many costumes, games and food. Our staff also participated in the annual Children's Fair where Sparky and the gang presented fire & life safety materials. Finally, our fire fighters attended the annual Maine State Fire Fighter's Convention held in Ellsworth last fall and participated in the parade, a fire fighter's muster and numerous other activities. We brought home 8 trophies from the parade for our 5 antique apparatus, the most of any community attending.

Several major incidents occurred in our area during this last year including several fatal motor vehicle accidents and numerous working structure fires, as well as dealing with yet another major ice storm. One of the accidents claimed the life of a family member of one of our staff and another tragic incident claimed the life of a local teenage girl. A fire of historic proportions hit a Main Street Apartment Complex on a hot & sunny Sunday afternoon. When crews arrived about 2 minutes later, they found the entire 3-story structure fully involved in flames both inside and out on one whole side of the building. Citizens were pounding on doors and advising people to get out and at one point we were told that one subject may still be inside, however, it was quickly confirmed that he was not home and was found safe elsewhere. Our crews and equipment along with 5 other mutual aid departments battled the blaze for a couple hours and contained it to that structure, except for some heat damage to a building several dozen feet away. Over 200,000 gallons of water was utilized and several other agencies assisted us throughout the day. The cause of the fire was determined to be the improper use and overloading of electrical extension cords.

The "Ice Storm of 2013" struck shortly before the Christmas holidays and left hundreds of people without power for several days. Again, the community pulled together and all of the Town Employees responded remarkably and professionally in making a bad situation a little easier for our citizens to handle. Another major fire occurred at the occupied Spring Fountain Motel on a late night at the end of March. Several people were removed from adjacent rooms as crews battled intense flames that had already breached the common attic space above the entire east wing of the building. Several other departments assisted us at this scene as well and an awesome job was performed by all of the fire fighters in containing and stopping this blaze and preventing further damage and a potential loss of life. The cause of this fire was determined to be improper disposal of smoking materials. These calls, along with the other 1,000+ responses by our crews,

certainly placed a heavy burden on our members and I am proud of the work that they continue to carry out on a daily basis!

As for apparatus and equipment, we had a very busy year with annual testing and with the ordering and purchasing of a new fire truck and a new ambulance. Every year, we are required by state and federal agencies to complete testing on almost all of our equipment and our trucks. Our ladders and Ladder Truck, the SCBA, compressors, generators, hoses and our Engines were all tested and passed these annual inspections. A truck committee met for months in designing a new Pumper/Tanker Truck to replace the 30 year old Engine 4 and we have received a great truck that will serve the community well for many years to come. The new style allows for the truck to be utilized under more situations and can be used as an Engine at a scene or water supply or as a Tanker for shuttling water from a supply to the scene. The regional factory representative said it was the best designed truck that he had sold in many years and my thanks go out to our staff that helped with this long process. This unit has been designated as "Engine 3" and came in at a final cost of about \$285,000.00, after \$30,000.00 of trade-in and other allowances. A new ambulance was also ordered through our capital improvement program after holding off for a year due to budget issues. The current frontline rig has over 125,000 miles on it and will still have to see many more years of service as a backup unit. During this past year, we had 682 responses by Ambulance 1; 185 responses by A-2; and 6 calls responded to by our Rescue Truck. That is nearly double the amount of second or third calls from just 15 years ago. For that reason, we have determined it would be feasible to retain our old A-2 as a third rig, both financially and for the safety of our citizens. The new unit cost \$170,000.00, which certainly seems like a large price tag, but one must understand that there are ambulances being purchased for amounts in excess of 3-5 hundred thousand dollars! We will continue to get the best product for the most reasonable price.

Concerning funding, we have also continued to be aggressive and successful in obtaining outside funding through donations, grants and other revenues. We received a gift of a new set of "Jaws of Life" valued at over \$35,000.00 from former Bucksport residents Andy & Shelby Silvernail donated in "memory of Taylor Darveau and in honor of the area's First Responders" that put their lives on the line every day. We are extremely humbled by this generous gift from the Silvernail's and want to once again thank them publicly for their continued connection with our community. We also were awarded our 7th FEMA Fire Act Grant in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the purchase of Fire Fighting Turn-Out Gear. The success rate through this federal program has historically been about 16% and we have received 50 % of our requests in the last 14 years! Other grants through the Maine Forest Service, the National Volunteer Fire Council, the Maine Municipal Association and others have amounted to another \$6,000.00 of equipment and training costs over this past year. Add to that our revenue and contract fees from the Fire & Rescue Departments an amount in excess of \$350,000.00 and one can see that our staff provides outstanding services to the surrounding communities at a cost that nearly breaks even at the end of the year! Not many municipalities can show that kind of success for the amount of services that we provide.

In closing, we would like to extend a warm welcome to Derik Goodine, the new Bucksport Town Manager and to wish him a long and successful career with our great community. We would also like to thank all the Town Employees and the Town Councilors that go above and beyond every day in providing quality services to our citizens. Thanks as well to our fire fighters, EMT's, auxiliary members and our mutual aid partners and their families for all they do and for the support you give.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Craig Bowden
Director of Emergency Services

BUCKSPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

TYPE OF CALLS	2012-2013	2013-2014
Structure Fires	18	20
Chimney Fires	7	8
Vehicle Fires	3	2
Excessive Heat/Explosion	0	3
Grass/Woods Fires	4	4
Trash or Illegal Burning	2	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	19	11
Search and Rescue	7	8
Fuel/Chemical Spill	8	3
Power Lines	3	4
Electrical Hazards	3	0
Service	14	7
Permit Checks	12	6
Good Intent	15	12
False Alarm	20	19
Total Fire Calls	135	108

Aid to Other Towns	2012-2013	2013-2014
Verona	15	11
Orrington	4	5
Orland	6	4
Other	1	1

Aid From Other Towns	2012-2013	2013-2014
Orland	8	8
Orrington	2	4
Other	3	5

Inspections	2012-2013	2013-2014
Businesses	48	42
Dwellings	16	18
Chimney/Solid Fuel Installations	17	22
Total	81	82

Bucksport Fire and Ambulance Staff

Chief Craig Bowden	FF/EMT-B	Full Time	Lisa Drake	FF/EMT-B	Call
Asst. Chief Michael Denning	FF/EMT-I	Full Time	Jay Durost	Firefighter	Call
Asst. EMS Dir. Chris Connor	FF/EMT-P	Full Time	Jim Fleming	FF/EMT-P	Reserve
Capt. Pam Payson	FF/EMT-P	Full Time	Greg Forsythe	FF/EMT-B	Call
John Gavelek	FF/EMT-P	Full Time	Kari Gray	EMT-I	Call
Gene Bass	FF/EMT-B	Reserve	Capt. Terry Grindle	Firefighter	Call
Steve Bishop	Firefighter	Call	Erik Lauritsen	Firefighter	Call
Jared Bowden	FF/EMT-P	Reserve	Ryan McGuire	Firefighter	Call
Lt. Jamie Bowden	FF/EMT-B	Reserve	Alex Miller	FF/EMT-B	Call
Mark Bowden	Firefighter	Call	Ray Monreal	FF/EMT-B	Call
Lt. Richard Bowden	Firefighter	Call	Russ Saunders	Firefighter	Call
Shane Bowden	FF/EMT-B	Reserve	Mike Sealy	EMT-P	Call
Capt. Steve Bowden	Firefighter	Call	Nicole Sealy	EMT-I	Call
Trevor Bowden	Firefighter	Call	Kevin Stevens, Jr.	FF/EMT-B	Call
Larry Chambers	Firefighter	Call	Warren Weaver	Firefighter	Call
David Davis	Firefighter	Call	Amanda Welch	EMT-B	Call
Jeff Davis	FF/EMT-B	Call	Michaela Winchester	EMT-B	Call
Capt. Dave Denis	Firefighter	Call			

BUCKSPORT AMBULANCE SERVICE STATISTICS

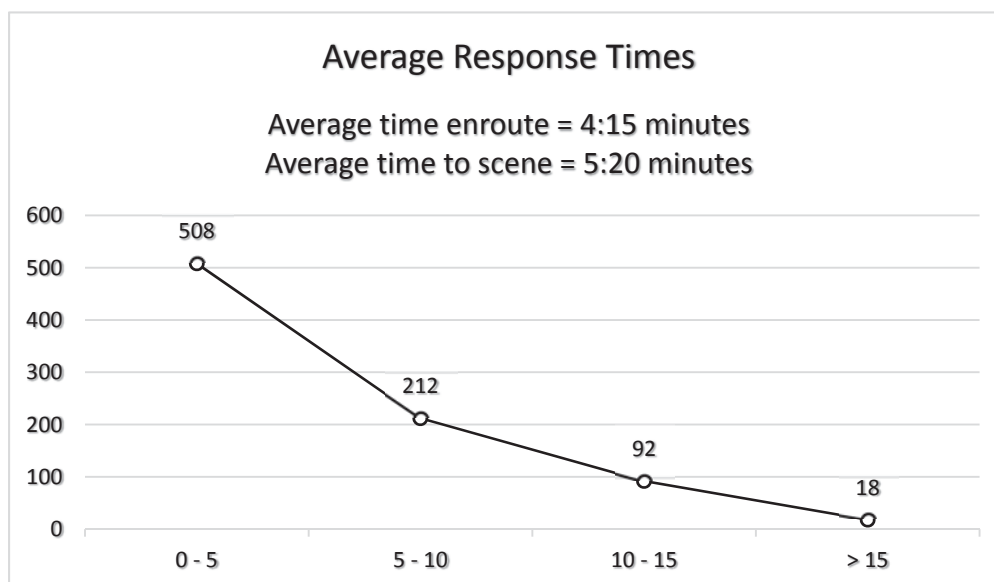
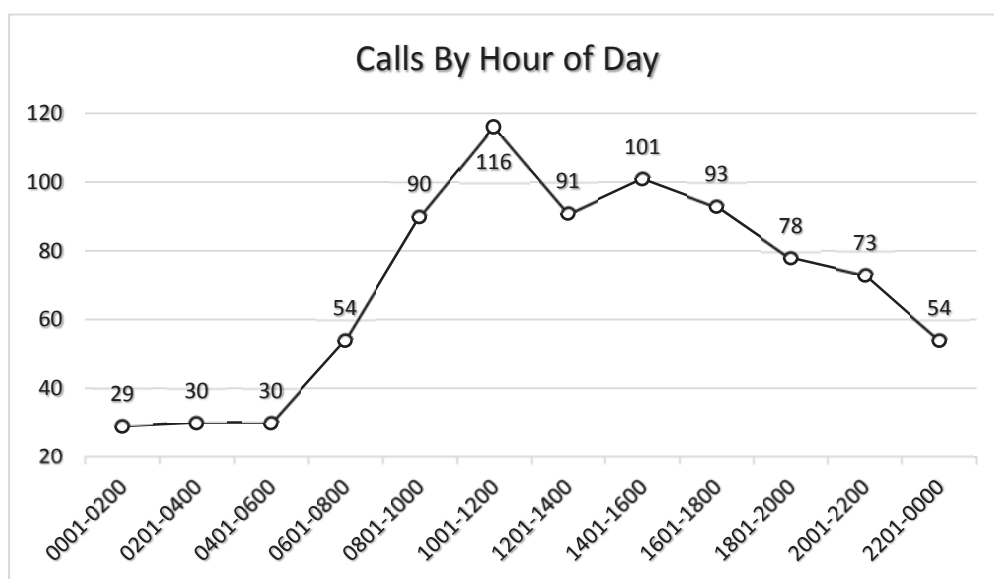
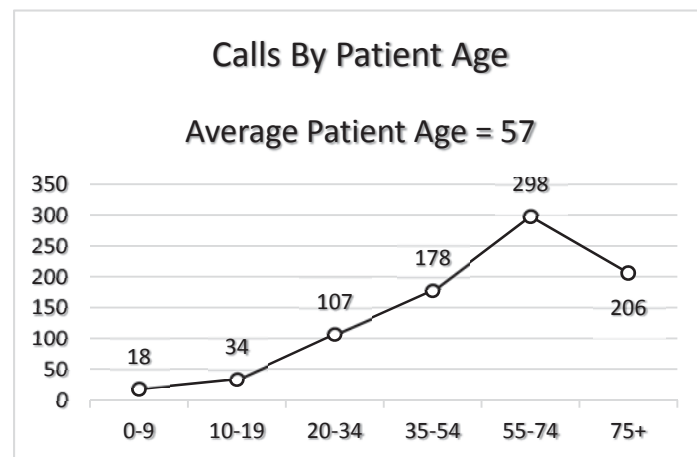
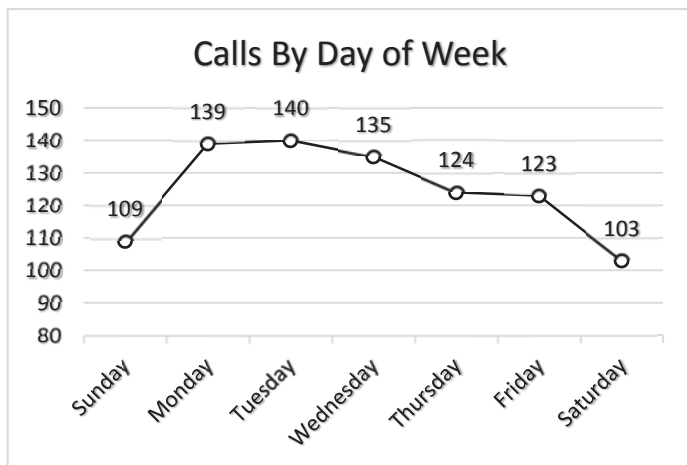
Provider Impression	2012-2013	2013-2014
Abdominal Pain / Problems	56	44
Allergic Reaction	7	5
Altered Level of Consciousness	13	10
Back Pain (Non-Traumatic)	27	20
Behavioral/Psychiatric Disorder	46	33
Cardiac Arrest	9	12
Chest Pain/Discomfort	66	81
CHF (Congestive Heart Failure)	8	8
Dehydration	15	13
Diabetic Symptoms	20	16
Electrocution	0	0
Epistaxis (Non-Traumatic)	7	7
Fever	18	19
General Malaise	21	11
Headache	5	3
Heat Exhaustion/Stroke	0	0
Hypothermia	1	1
Inhalation Injury (Toxic Gas)	0	1
No Apparent Illness/Injury	86	91
Obvious Death	10	2
Other Abdominal/GI Problem	0	0
Other Cardiovascular Problem	27	27
Other CNS Problem	0	0
Other GU Problems	2	2
Other Illness/Injury	79	87
Pain	17	29
Patient Assist Only	19	27
Poisoning/Drug Ingestion	15	23
Pregnancy/OB Delivery	2	1
Respiratory Distress	87	80
Seizure	12	17
Stroke/CVA	21	23
Substance/Drug Abuse	12	12
Syncope/Fainting	19	18
Traumatic Injury	102	132
Unconscious	2	2
Weakness	21	16
Total	852	873

Response Disposition	2012-2013	2013-2014
Cancelled	9	11
Dead at Scene	16	10
Patient Refused Care	91	70
Standby Only	23	12
Treated and Released	52	105
Treated, Transferred Care	6	15
Treated, Transported by EMS	655	650
Total	852	873

Response By Unit	2012-2013	2013-2014
Ambulance 1	709	682
Ambulance 2	141	185
Rescue 1	2	6
Total	852	873

Town	# of Runs
Bucksport	656
Orland	161
Verona	41
Other	15
Total	873

Destination	# of Runs
EMMC	366
St. Joseph	133
BHMH	54
MCMH	82
WCGH	12
Other	2
No Transport	224
Total	873



REPORT FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Police Chief – Sean P. Geagan

Detective /Sergeant – David E. Winchester

Patrol

Robert Findlay
Ryan Knight
Daniel Harlan
Steve Bishop
Eric Marcel

Reserve Patrol

Daniel Saunders
Chris Woodman
Ryan Welch
Ernest Fitch
Richard Sullivan

Animal Control Officer – Daniel Joy

The Police Department had a busy year. Our overall numbers went from 7265 to 7768. The types of calls we are responding to continue to change. The complaints tend to have a more serious nature to them as each year passes. The people, the issues, and the demeanor of the people for one reason or another continue to change each year. The types of crimes that are occurring are a true sign of the times. Our full-time and part time staffing has changed this year. Eric Marcel was successful in the full time hiring process and has moved from part time to full time. He is our new School Resource Officer / Summer Bicycle Officer. This is a position that we have been working on for many years. I credit the success of this to having a close working relationship with the school department. This position has started out very well and we expect big things from this position in the future. This replaces the part time School Resource Officer and part time Bicycle Officer. I would like to take the time to thank Officer Ryan Welch who worked in our schools and Officer Ernie Fitch who was our bike officer; they both did an outstanding job. Without them this would have never happened. We continue to rely on our part time staff to assist us consistently to fill vacant shifts and they continue to do a good job.

The police department continues to maintain the goals that were set for the department five years ago. It has been 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 every day. The foundation of our department continues to be strong and we continue to build off that foundation. 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. We will continue to work hard for the citizens of the town to make sure that this goal is met each and every year.

I would like to take the time to thank the personnel that work for the police department. Each and every one of these people are unique individuals. 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. This includes our part time personnel who all have other jobs and families but continue to be there for the town and its citizens in a time of need. Once again gentlemen, I thank you for all you do!!

It is very important to us that the citizens of the town see us as people and not just law enforcement officers. We have continued 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. We continue to work with the youth in the community as much as possible. We believe that they are our future and we must teach them well and let them lead the way. We also continue to work with the elderly population in our town. These are the individuals that got us to where we are today and they deserve nothing but the best. Some of the programs that our personnel are involved in both on duty and off duty include: working with the Special Olympics, Coaching all sports, Elder Abuse Prevention, Police in Education programs at all schools, child identification kits, Bucksport Diversion Program, Bicycle Rodeo 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 am sorry to have to report that we lost one of our own this year. Retired Chief Douglas E. Gray passed away in June. Chief Gray was a very big part of this organization for 30+ years. We are what we are today because of the foundation that he set for us to work from. He was a very dedicated town employee for several years and continued to be a helping hand from time to time after he retired. We will miss him but he will never be forgotten.

I would like to thank the Town Manager and the Town Council for their continued support. I believe we have shown that if we work as a team we can get things done and together we have made the Town of Bucksport a much safer place to live. 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 any time, 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



BUCKSPORT POLICE STATISTICS

Incidents by Type (partial list) 2013-2014			
Incident	Total	Incident	Total
Robbery	0	Obscene phone calls	0
Assault	17	Accidental or unattended death	9
Burglary	28	Civil matters	61
Theft	72	Criminal trespass/unwanted guest	72
Auto Theft	1	Suicide (actual or attempted)	14
Arson	0	ATL-BOLO (attempt to locate)	118
Forgery & Counterfeiting	11	Littering	5
Fraud (bad checks, etc.)	15	Land use violation	0
Vandalism	40	Juvenile runaway	3
Sex Offenses (other)	4	Motor vehicle misdemeanors	13
Drugs	13	Motor vehicle infractions	61
Driving Under the Influence	17	Motor vehicle permits	26
Liquor Laws	3	Motor vehicle defects	203
Drunkenness	5	Motor vehicle law violations	172
Disorderly Conduct	9	Parking tickets issued	17
Suspicious Person	41	Warnings (criminal)	397
Suspicious Vehicle	44	Warnings (traffic)	1078
Suspicious Conditions	143	Miscellaneous	8
Hazardous Conditions	169	Probation violation	3
Family quarrels	52	Street light out report	17
Open doors or windows	23	Checking for weight violations	0
Warrant (arrest & information)	43	Administrative special detail	14
Harassment	43	Tobacco product violation	6
Threats	16	Abandoned 911 call	154
Disabled motor vehicles	47	Concealed fire arms permit	62
Information	328	Parking violation complaint	19
Well being check	101	Passing a stopped school bus	4
Patrol Checks	54	Violation of bail	17
Summons (Radar)	36	Violation of protection order	14
Accidents (all Types)	226	OUI complaints received	8
Lost and Found	160	OUI charges	17
Assist (fire and ambulance)	156	Accident non reportable deer	19
Assist (Law Enforcement Agency)	211	Mentally disturbed person	24
Assist (motorist)	8	Neighbor Quarrels	21
Assist (other)	202	Harassment by telephone	41
Escort	20	Abandoned MV	3
Building check	29	Arrests	97
Disturbance	90		
Alarm response business (all types)	48	<div> Total Police Incidents Overall 7768 Actual Types of Contact: Arrest 97 Summons 320 Traffic Warnings 1078 Criminal Warnings 397 M/V Defects 203 M/V Accidents 245 </div>	
Alarm response home (all types)	21		
Alarm response bank (all types)	6		
Alarm response school (all types)	4		
Missing person search	11		
Animal complaint (dog)	201		
Animal complaint (other)	102		
Animal complaint (cat)	50		
Domestic Assault	24		

REPORT FROM PUBLIC SAFETY 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
Jay Durost

The dispatch center had another very busy year. Our Full Time personnel stayed the same from last year. Our Part time staff changed over the past year. We hired one person to our staff. We would like to welcome Jay Durost back to the department. Jay has been with us before and is back with us again. He was a full time patrol officer for many years and has worked on the fire department and ambulance service for years, 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. Each year the number of calls and incidents that the communications center handles continues to fluctuate. We continue to see a large number of our citizens coming into the public safety building for some type of service.

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 when 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 52,506 instances of communications. 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:

<i>Police</i>	<i># of Calls</i>	<i>Fire & Ambulance</i>	<i># of Calls</i>	<i>Other Depts.</i>	<i># of Calls</i>
Telephone	12,922	Telephone	3,341	Telephone	489
Radio	8,978	Radio	7,918	Radio	360
In Person	13,009	In Person	1,633	In Person	8
Total	35,202	Total	13,235	Total	1,096

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

Highway	116	Verona	644	Ambulance	8,756
Orland	1,084	Waste Water	3	Fire Department	4,689

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

REPORT FROM THE ANIMAL SHELTER

The Bucksport Animal Shelter continues to be very busy year in and year out. The town has taken on the Town of Hampden for this coming year and will house their animals this year along with Orland, Orrington, and Prospect.

Animal Control Officer Dan Joy continues to be very dedicated to this job and the town is very fortunate to have him in this position. He is surrounded by a number of very dedicated volunteers that help him manage the shelter and the animals on a daily basis. This position is still considered to be a part time position and could not be done without the volunteers. These individual put in countless hours at the shelter to make sure that the animals are taken care of the way they should be. I would like to take the time to thank all of you for what you do. A Job Well Done!!!

We also continue to receive donations each month. We have several people that continue to donate funds to the animal shelter each month. We also continue to receive free food for the shelter from two businesses in Bangor. This has been very helpful. I would like to take the time to thank each and every one of you for your generosity.

The shelter will be receiving the finishing touches this coming year. The shelter will be receiving a face lift and will be sided this coming summer. This will conclude all of the updates that were to be done to this facility.

Animal Control Officer Dan Joy handled 201 dog complaints, 50 cat complaints and 102 other animal complaints this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean P. Geagan
Chief of Police

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

The department approached the 2013 – 2014 winter storm season with a change in the method of controlling roadway ice build-up. With the town council's approval, all the department's snow-plow trucks were equipped with computerized ice control systems. The computer system enables the truck operator to tailor the amount of ice melting agents, both solid material and spray liquid, to match snow conditions with air and ground temperatures. The equipment change allowed the department to change the melting agent from a salt-sand mix to salt only. Changing to a salt only program eliminated the need for department personnel to transport raw sand from a remote location, then mix the sand with salt and finally stockpile the mix into the town's storage building. Maintaining a normal winter season's salt-sand mix has historically required one and a half months of personnel man-hours, equipment time and diesel fuel. Salt for a salt-only program is transported to our storage building by our vendor. The new ice control method's ultimate goal was to use no more salt than that used by the salt-sand mix method while saving all the personnel, equipment and fuel costs.

Unfortunately for proving the cost saving of the new ice control method, the 2013-2014 winter season was not an average snow season. The winter storm season started November 23, 2013 and the last event occurred April 16, 2014. While a historical average winter usually presented the department with 28 events, this past season required responding to 50 events with a majority involving rain and icing. Answering the storm demands required the use of 2,624 tons of salt versus a 950 ton average year. An additional 1050 cubic yards of mixed salt-sand was removed from a citizen stockpile at the Public Works building. Despite the higher salt tonnage and almost double the storm event numbers, the department's vehicle diesel fuel usage during the winter season totaled 12,250 gallons versus 30,843 gallons the previous year.

The annual roadside ditch improvement program found the department restoring the drainage along Jacob Buck Pond Road (1 1/2 m), Bald Mountain Road (3/4 m), Millvale Road (2 m), Cedar Street (1/2 m), Bucksmills Road (1 m), Town Farm Road (1/2 m), and Stonehouse Road (1/2 m).

As part of a water-front improvement project, department personnel constructed a new brick paver sidewalk linking the water-front walkway with the Main Street at the town dock.

In answer to a public safety concern, one hundred thirty feet of steel guard-rail was installed around the transfer station's material disposal hoppers.

Supporting requests from residential property owners, six trees which were considered dangerous to these residents were removed from the edges of various town road right of ways. The Reggie Ginn parking area was cleared of encroaching trees and brush. Following the town's acceptance of the Oak Hill Cemetery, trees and brush were cut from the cemetery's fence, grave depressions were filled and individual grave stones straighten. Between winter storms, the roadside right of way of four miles of rural roads was cleared of brush and trees. The over-grown landscape trees and brush was cleared from the town acquired property at 46 Central Street.

A problem with defining the appropriate vehicle travel aisle at the swimming pool/Jewett School parking lot was resolved by the installation of a concrete curbed island and the installation of five handicap parking spaces.

In attempt to minimize potential damage from storm water run-off, 20 miles of rural road shoulders were graded to remove excess winter sand residue and to fill existing erosion wash-outs.

Following their fall removal from service at the town dock, two of the existing wooden floats were determined to be beyond repair. Department personnel completely reconstructed these wooden floats.

Respectfully Submitted,

Duane R. Nadeau
Public Works Director

REPORT FROM THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SUPERINTENDENT

Over the last fiscal year the Bucksport Wastewater Treatment Facility processed 96,551,000 gallons of wastewater. This flow is less than 300 gallons more than the 2012-2013 fiscal year. The Town of Orland contributed 5,130,623 gallons of wastewater, an increase of 3%. The Town of Verona contributed 4,215,280 gallons of wastewater, an increase of 3% from the last fiscal year.

Precipitation totals are recorded daily at the Bucksport Wastewater Treatment Facility. From July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 - 39.87 inches of rainfall and 61.17 inches of snowfall were recorded as compared to 34.84 inches of rainfall and 72.52 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.

325 cubic yards of sludge was processed during the fiscal year. This is an increase of 9 cubic yards or a 3% increase overall. Our sludge is now being trucked to NIMBY Environmental Services to be composted 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 August 2013, once in November 2013, three times in January 2014, once in March 2014 and once in April 2014 for a total of 7 times. Total flows through the Vortex totaled 2,230,000 gallons of effluent treated wastewater being discharged to the Penobscot River an increase of 1,820,000 gallons over the last fiscal year. For the most part this is still a learning process with sample locations and pump speeds playing major rolls in the performance of this facility and we are gaining history and knowledge every year to better operate this facility.

A new Camera and locating system was purchased to more easily locate service lines on dig safe requests and investigate plugged pipes. A portable generator was purchased for the camera system and small electrical pumps. A washer and dryer was installed at the wastewater facility.

We have secured funding for the secondary treatment upgrade from Rural Development. The final design has been submitted to Maine department of Environmental protection and Rural Development for approval. The next step after approval will to put together the bidding package for the project, hopefully this will go out in late 2014 or early 2015. The town council has approved a three year contract with Maine Water to operate the wastewater facility, pump stations and compliance inspections of the collection system.

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 1386.5 gallons, 3.80 gallons per day compared to 1162 gallons, 3.18 gallons per day in 12-13 a 16% increase. Sodium Hypochlorite is used during the summer months (May 15th thru September 30th) we used 2134 gallons in 13-14 compared to 2241 gallons in 12-13 resulting in a 5% decrease, and Sodium Bisulfite used to dechlorinate before effluent discharge to the river is also just summer months, we used 300 gallons in 13-14 compared to 304 in 12-13 a 1% 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

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. The facility is open Thursday through Monday from 9:00 a.m., until 5:00 p.m.; and is closed on Tuesday and Wednesday of each week, and also all legal holidays. 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's website (www.bucksportmaine.gov), at the Town Office, or at the Transfer Station office. It is also included on the next page of this report. Any citizen who meets one of the following conditions may obtain a disposal permit at the Transfer Station during normal business hours: has paid excise tax in Bucksport or Orland, or is a valid resident of Bucksport or Orland. There is no fee for the permit. A special permit may be obtained at the Town Office during normal business hours when the above conditions are not met.

The Transfer Station collected 1,472 tons of solid waste during the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. This weight included 149 bales of cardboard, 86 bales of newspaper, 78 bales of mixed paper and 29 bales of plastic containers. Additionally 251.2 tons of metal, 19.7 tons of metal cans, and 2.7 tons of appliances were recycled. 36.3 tons of construction demolition materials and 15 tons of clean wood was disposed at a contract landfill. 130 automotive batteries were returned for reprocessing. 750 gallons of household generated motor oil was turned over to the Public Works Department for use in their waste oil heating furnaces. The Town redirected 14.4 tons of re-usable items. The universal waste collection program handled 255 televisions, 203 computer monitors, and 865 other electronic items. Total recycling of all items earned the Town \$43,601.72 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 Transfer Station, please contact us at 469-7496. You can also refer to the Town's website at 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

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: 12x12	\$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 20 lbs	\$10.00
>20 lbs	\$20.00
◆ If it can be given away:	N/C
◆ 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:

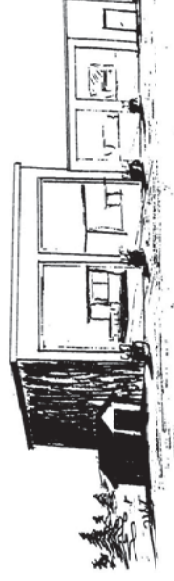
Removing the following items from your household garbage EACH VISIT:

Newspaper	Cardboard	Mixed paper	Tin cans
Magazines	Plastics		

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

If you have any questions, please see the attendant on duty.

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



BUCKSPORT TRANSFER STATION & RECYCLING CENTER

Transfer Station Road
16 Transfer Station Road
(outer Central Street)
Bucksport, ME 04416

Operating Hours:

Thursday - Monday 9am – 5pm
Tuesday & Wednesday - CLOSED

● 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
50 Main Street
Tel: 469-7368

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



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 CLIP-PINGS & 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 **Numbers 2 & 3**. 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:

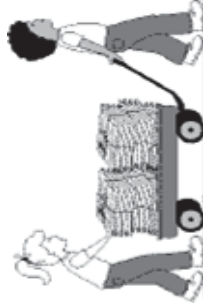


Please rinse clean. There is no need to remove labels. Include covers and rings from other containers. Included aluminum

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

\$12.00

\$15.00

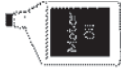
Refrigerators

Air Conditioners, water coolers, etc.

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

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 Buck-sport 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)

Televisions



Complete Computer



Keyboard



Mouse



Computer Speakers



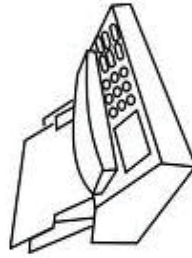
Towers



Printers



Scanners



Fax Machines



VCR Cameras & Players

DVD Recorders & Players



Gaming Systems



Digital Clocks

All Receivers,

Radios WITHOUT speakers



REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The 2013-2014 School year was a year of continued progress toward our efforts to meet the goals established by the RSU 25 Strategic 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. I am pleased to report both the Miles Lane School and the Bucksport Middle school were recognized by the Maine Department of Education for their significant improvement and I am also pleased to report Bucksport High School's graduation rate has topped ninety two percent (92%). The students of Bucksport High School are benefitting from our dual enrollment program that allows students to take college level courses at Bucksport High School and earn both high school credit and college credit. Our partners in this program include Maine Maritime Academy, University of Southern Maine, University of Maine Fort Kent, and Eastern Maine Community College. The Class of 2014 will leave Bucksport High School not only with their diploma, but also a college transcript allowing them to carry with them college credits earned at BHS.

A significant change in Maine Law now requires that student graduation be proficiency based and based on meeting the defined learning standards. I am pleased to report that 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. We are targeting the graduating class of 2019 to be the first class to graduate based on a proficiency system.

Our major project for the upcoming year will be the revitalization of the high school façade. Thanks to the support of the residents of RSU 25 work began on this project in the summer of 2014 and is scheduled to be complete for the return of the students in September 2014. 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.

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 25 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

2014-2015 Enrollment (Oct. 1, 2014)

Jewett School	PK-K	116
Miles Lane	1-4	305
Bucksport Middle School	5-8	354
Bucksport High School	9-12	302
District Total	PK-12	1077

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF 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. A special thanks to all the volunteers. 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, Scott & Tish Frazier-Youth Soccer, Lori Dorr and Jessaca Kennedy-Softball and also Stephan Donnell played a major role in the youth basketball program.

The capital improvements consisted of improving the soccer field by over-seeding, aerating, fertilizing and top dressing it. A fence was placed around Ian's Playground to make it safer for children to play. Improvements were made to the back stop and the fence along the first base line at the Reggie Ginn Field.

Challenging Choices continues to offer a wide variety of after school and summer programs. Parents continue to express concern over the slack economy and the high cost of heating last winter. Some classes offered were: Art camp, scrap booking, sewing, jewelry making, Rape Aggression Defense, archery, fencing, Red Cross Babysitting, LEGO robotics, rock climbing, wilderness survival overnight camping, guitar, cheering/tumbling, Spanish, sign language, volleyball and a wide variety of field trips. A field trip for the youth was made this summer to Prospect Harbor to view the new sculpture that will be on the waterfront later in the year. Ray Grindle, the custodian at Bucksport High, is now the disc jockey for our dances for youth in grades 5th-8th held once a month at the G. Herbert Jewett School. Attendance is excellent.

Bucksport Parks & Recreation continues to sponsor the Bucksport Youth Diversion program in collaboration with Bucksport Police Department, Hancock County District Attorney, Maine Juvenile Community Corrections Department, and Maine State Police, Hancock County Sheriff's Department and Maine State Police. The Diversion program now offers services to youth summonsed in Penobscot, Orland, Verona Island, and Castine. This program is part of the new and innovative "Diversion to Assets" program with Spurwink and the Maine Department of Corrections.

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, 2013 until June 30, 2014, 16 youth were referred to the program. Of these 16 youth, 15 were eligible and entered into the program. Of the youth referred, 11 successfully completed the program and four were terminated due to not following guidelines. According to Department of Corrections, our recidivism (re-offending) rate is only 5% which is low compared to the other five sites in the state.

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 -8th, Soccer for grades K-6th, Baseball for ages 5-16, Volleyball for ages 12 through adult, Softball ages 8-18, Swim lessons for ages 3 and older, Ice skating, Dance classes for ages 3 and up, Yoga, Cheerleading for ages 4 and up, 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 the Town Manager 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, Chris Grindle, Kim Alley, James Bradney, 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
Parks & Recreation Director

Barbara Ames
Youth Programs Coordinator

REPORT FROM BUCKSPORT BAY HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COALITION

The Bucksport Bay Healthy Communities Coalition is a non-profit, volunteer driven, community health organization that has served individuals across the lifespan, who reside in the Bucksport Bay area, including Bucksport, Orland, Verona Island and Prospect since 1995. The Town of Bucksport continues to serve as the fiscal agent for the coalition. The coalition has been supported through generous municipal allocations, as well as grant and private foundation funding. Coalition volunteers are very grateful to the town for their support of the coalition's mission and programs.

The Town of Bucksport hired James Bradney, MSW as the new BBHCC Health Planning Director in August, 2013, following the retirement of Mary Jane Bush in March of the same year. The programs, services and community health initiatives that the coalition administers are made possible largely through the dedication and hard work of the coalition's volunteer Board and the many, many committed volunteers who work in four committees: The Early Childhood Network, The Provider Network, The School Health Team and The Provider Network. Coalition initiatives continue to support Town priorities including public health, housing, transportation, economic development and public safety.

The Bucksport Bay Healthy Communities office is located in the Jewett School Community Center.

*Please stop by to learn about the many opportunities to participate in programs, get information on local area resources, or learn ways that you can give back to your community through volunteerism.
Or, just give us a call to learn more: 469-6682!*

Accomplishments achieved from July 1, 2012 through June 30th, 2013

- ❑ Received a \$40,000 grant from the Maine Health Access Foundation to design a program called ***Thriving in Place***, to better care for our community residents who live with the challenges of aging, chronic illness or a disability. This design year resulted in the creation of a comprehensive community-based care network, which includes 15 local and regional area healthcare and service provider organizations, combined with a contracted Wellness Nurse and a core volunteer support team to better meet the myriad of needs of our older adult population. TIP organizational partners include: the Bucksport Police Department; Bucksport Fire and Ambulance Department; Bucksport Parks and Recreation Department; Bucksport Regional Health Center; Blue Hill Memorial Hospital; Eastern Area Agency on Aging; Community Action Resource Exchange (CARE); Bucksport Community Concerns; Gardner Commons; Eastern Maine HomeCare; Downeast Transportation; Maine Long-Term Care Ombudsman's Program; Coastal Care Team; The Senior Center; and the RSU 25's Senior Meal Program. **Beginning January 1, 2015, Thriving in Place will help our older adults maintain their health, stay safe, and remain active as they age in the homes of their choice.**
- ❑ Re-convened the **RSU 25 / BBHCC Coordinated School Health Team** in 2013, which quickly wrote a Lowe's Toolbox grant for \$5,000 and purchased a new swing set for the Jewett School and Early Care and Education Center (Head Start and the RSU25/Head Start Pre-K program).
- ❑ The School Health team, in association with the Make a Difference Team, arranged for the nationally acclaimed program, **"Rachel's Challenge ®"**, to conduct a school and community training based on promoting acts of compassion, kindness, and the importance of practicing civil discourse. Approximately 460 students from Bucksport Middle School and High School participated in the Rachel's Challenge Training Program. A community education program was held in September that introduced parents and community leaders to the program.
- ❑ Through a Community Transformation Grant program the coalition's School Health Team **procured over \$1,400 worth of physical education equipment** for our pre-K and elementary school children and also arranged for a special WinterKids physical activity training for our school staff and local daycare providers.
- ❑ Continued the year-long workshop program called Healthy Living in which 44 older adults participated to help them plan well for aging in their own homes.
- ❑ Received a 2-year renewal grant from the United Way of Eastern Maine to continue the Healthy Living Program into 2017.

- ❑ Through the Early Childhood Network, the BBHCC granted \$250 to RSU 25 Kindergarten, \$425 to Bucksport Head Start and \$400 to Miles Lane School to be spent on Books through the non-profit social enterprise dedicated to providing new books to children in need called **First Book**. To date, the Early Childhood Network has put **3,658** books in the hands of children in our community.
- ❑ Early Childhood Network volunteers sponsored the **16th Annual School Readiness 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.
- ❑ The coalition, through continuation of a Maine Health Access Foundation grant, trained a brand new cohort of 14 volunteers as **Wellness Guides** to help local citizens access important and needed services.
- ❑ The Senior Resource Committee continued to maintain a low-cost, subsidized transportation network and helped to fund a new Wednesday morning **\$1 round-trip taxi service called "City Connection"** to insure affordable transportation options for individual living in outlying areas to access in-town services.
- ❑ The **monthly bus to Bangor**, which is operated by the Washington Hancock Community Agency (WHCA) continued strong utilization with an average of 12 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 1,214 riders who boarded and exited the shuttle bus.
- ❑ The Healthy Communities office staff managed 221 requests for transportation, fuel assistance and other needs that were met by the **Community Action Resource Exchange (C.A.R.E.)** **The coalition designed a defensive driving/passenger assistance and first aid training program for new and existing C.A.R.E. volunteer drivers.**
- ❑ The Provider network created and held the first of a series of **Safe Community Partner** training programs designed to create a network of caring individuals to help victims of domestic violence with access to much needed professional advocacy and support services.
- ❑ The BBHCC website was redesigned and a Facebook page was created to help get important information out to the public.
- ❑ BBHCC Board Chair, Thomas J. Gaffney, Psy.D. created and published a local area mental health and substance abuse provider directory.
- ❑ The coalition assisted the Bucksport Enterprise in redesigning its social services resource directory called "The Guide."
- ❑ Heidi Baily and Gloria DeRedin continued to facilitate the annual **Move and Improve** campaign with many participants, both adults and youth, committing to increased physical activity and better health.
- ❑ The **Matter of Balance Program** trained 10 individuals in ways to reduce their risk of falling and to avoid serious injuries.

- ❑ The Early Childhood Network conducted a community-wide education and early care assessment with the goal of raising community awareness on the importance of formal pre-k programming for all children. It has been proven that children who participate in curriculum based pre-k programs are better prepared to succeed in school.

None of these accomplishments and programs would be possible without our very dedicated Healthy Communities volunteers and partner organizations. Much gratitude is extended to Mayor David Keene and the Bucksport Town Council, Superintendent James Boothby, RSU 25 staff, Tim Emery, Bonnie Kline, Kathy Downes and the entire Town of Bucksport Staff, Kathryn Hickson, Chief Sean Geagan, Sargent David Winchester, Officer Eric Marcel, Chief Craig Bowden, C.A.R.E., Barb Ames, Chris Grindle, Jennifer Jacobi, Judy Lozier and the Bucksport High School's Make a Difference Team for assisting our coalition in making progress toward our goals.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Boothby
Rick Doyle
Betty Gray
Carol Potter
Byron Vinton
James Bradney
Tim Emery

Jean Grindle
Arlene Reed
Helen Wardwell
Mary Jane Bush
Tom Gaffney
Christopher Grindle
Linda Smith

Leslie Wombacher
Dawn Elaine Danforth
Sean Geagan
David Kee
Valerie Sulya

**SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING 2013-2014 TAX LIENS
AS OF 6/30/2014**

7-FORTY HOLDING, LLC	139.26
AGL INC	3,994.73
ALLEN, TIMOTHY H	660.57
ALLISON, MICHAEL A	890.08
APPLEBY, CHRISTY	590.59
AYGARN, MICHAEL	119.73
BARTELS, NATE	1,209.69
BEMIS, ERIC C.	849.94
BENNETT, RUTH M	1,315.86
BERNIER, DANIEL A	795.70
BOOKER, PHILIP	560.20
BOWDEN, LYNN	1,283.65
BROWN, AARON T	565.45
BROWN, TIMOTHY A	878.28
BURKE, ROY & HOLLY	283.95
CAHOON, ANN D, DEVISEES	412.63
CARROW, JOSHUA	524.70
CARTER, MARILYN R ETAL	430.57
CARUSOE, DAVID R	882.89
CARY, TROY S	865.67
CASSADY, JAMES	1,221.35
CENTANNI, PAMELA	317.30
CHADBOURNE, KEVIN M	2,519.58
CHAMBERS REALTY, LLC	3,430.66
CHASE, HAROLD H JR	255.88
CIRILLO, JANE	1,412.55
CIRILLO, JANE E	508.91
CIRILLO, JANE E	1,310.03
CLEM, DARLENE J	177.91
COHEE, ALTHEA	402.60
COLEMAN, NATHANIEL L	915.98
COTE, PAMELA S	247.20
COUGH, RYAN J	1,513.70
COUSINS, GLEN	155.26
CURTIS, ALBERT	706.07
CYR, MATTHEW W	1,341.08
DALE HENDERSON LOGGING INC	1,233.82
DAVIS, KIRK L	754.81
DAVIS, KIRK L	848.38
DEANS, LEWIS E	1,326.30

EASTMAN, SHELDON F	1,636.15
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FERNALD, LAURA A	605.32
FLOWER, JOSEPH R.	1,809.58
FREILINO, MICHAEL SR	224.46
FRENCH, KEITH	568.44
GAINER, RICHARD	104.01
GAMBLE, BRENDA SNOW	362.87
GARZARELLI, GARY J	1,192.87
GIFFORD, TODD E	5,322.98
GILBERT, JOHN	34.17
GOLDING, HEIDI	11.19
GRANT, ALICE G	1,326.17
GRANT, DAVID J	1,301.49
GRANT, JAMES, PARTY IN POSSESSION	178.85
GRANT, MARK W	638.40
GRAY, STEVEN	380.76
GRAY'S CONSTRUCTION, INC	1,580.15
GROSS, TONY W	108.07
GUILLOU, RONALD C.	80.69
GUILLOU, RONALD C.	76.12
HALLOWELL, GAIL E	1,140.12
HANNAFORD, KELLEY J (WOODARD)	572.37
HARLOW, DANA F	951.23
HARRIMAN, ROBERTA A	783.90
HASENBANK, DAVID	826.45
HENDERSON, DALE H	878.15
HENDERSON, HERBERT	210.59
HENDERSON, HERBERT	231.88
HEROUX, GEORGE J	707.56
HOKE, GEORGE DEAN	742.95
HOKE, KATHRYN A	2,558.64
HOLYOKE, JOHN M	290.05
HOME, INC	815.09
HOWARD, DARRELL (DEVISEES)	616.17
HURD, BRIAN A	986.08
HUSTUS, JAMES C. & VINNI R.	1,268.13
IRVING, EDNA B	121.63
IRVING, EDNA B	89.63
JEROME, TIMOTHY	414.94
JEROME, TIMOTHY	1,349.36
JEROME, TIMOTHY	344.83

JEROME, TIMOTHY	359.07
JEWETT, DONALD R	244.08
JOHNSON, BRIAN	945.22
JOHNSON, JULIE B	1,552.08
JONES, TIMOTHY D	1,225.42
JOY, DANIEL	189.07
JULE, MICHELLE L	78.51
LAND INVESTMENT, INC	162.45
LEBEL, DAVID	2,194.69
LEIGHTON, NADINE	1,476.55
LEIGHTON-BASS, JUDITH	328.00
LOCKE, ARLINE F	635.42
LOCKE, RACHAEL	693.59
LOWELL, ANTHONY JAMES SR	368.02
LUGDON, LAUREN L	219.54
LUTZ, PHILIP T	459.27
MANNING, BRIAN	920.86
MANOOKIAN, DAWN	1,069.34
MCCLELLAN, THOMAS L	1,740.83
MCDUNNAH, MICHAEL G; KATHLEEN P TC	400.97
MCFARLAND, WAYNE ETAL	226.05
MCLELLAN, KEVIN L	1,103.24
MERRITT, ERIC	3,827.58
MERRITT, ERIC	910.69
MILLER, ROGER	3,855.08
MORGAN, JOHN E & LEONA TRUSTEES	3,464.17
MOTT, DAVID C	4,725.44
MOTT, DAVID C	237.84
MOTT, DAVID C	2,265.47
MOTT, DAVID C	366.12
MOTT, DAVID C	205.84
NICHOLS, VAUGHN T	395.20
NORWOOD, RALPH E	1,300.27
NORWOOD, RALPH E	870.28
NOTHSTEIN, GUSTAVE	1,541.91
OAK LEAF REALTY, INC	954.35
OAK LEAF REALTY, INC	384.83
OBRIEN, OLA P	706.98
ODONNELL, WILLIAM G	2,183.16
ODONNELL, WILLIAM G	1,877.52
PACHECO, MARIA	1,651.47
PARKER, ROXANNE S HEIRS	1,401.43
PYE, DANIEL T	1,120.19

RAINEY, JAMES	2,371.24
RANZONI, JOSEPH D	1,085.07
REUM, WAYNE	9.83
RICHARDSON, MERRILL P JR (HEIRS)	796.92
RIWARD, INC	2,687.46
RIWARD, INC	1,790.87
ROBICHAUD, DIANE L	1,289.56
ROI, MICHAEL V	918.42
RUSSELL, JESSICA GORDON	6,407.51
SANBORN, PAULINE (HEIRS)	1,276.95
SANDELLI, ALFRED J.	1,029.39
SCHINCK, M. C.	211.05
SCOTT, STEPHEN L	450.73
SHEEHAN, MICHAEL	2,346.69
SHEEHAN, MICHAEL	563.15
SIMPSON, CATHERINE	310.25
SKILLIN, DONALD	1,326.03
SKILLIN, DONALD JR.	148.89
SLOPEY, DERRICK R	1,625.03
SLOPEY, DERRICK R	42.71
SLOPEY, DERRICK R	953.00
SMITH, CURT W	657.45
SMITH, NORMAN	3,194.74
SMITH, RICHARD L.	1,989.12
SMITH-WILLIAMS, BONITA	1,586.90
ST PETER, STEPHEN J.	832.60
STEGNER, CHARLES R	1,915.21
STEGNER, CHARLES R	372.22
STOVALL, MARK L	1,854.33
SUTHERLAND, WESLEY J	466.80
SUTHERLAND, WESLEY J	372.83
SWAZEY, PETER C	798.21
SWIFT, ELLEN M	1,396.54
TAYLOR, WAYNE J	450.73
THUT, JEANETTE MERRITT	701.77
TOCCI, ROBERT (SR)	1,245.35
TURNBULL, BETTY ANN	435.54
UPTA ME ASSETS LLC	122.72
UPTA ME ASSETS LLC	53.02
VEILLEUX, COLLEEN	1,276.81
WARDWELL, BRIAN R	1,290.78
WARREN, CAROLE J (HEIRS)	106.85
WATSON, GARY A	1,193.96

WEST, LESLIE L (RUSSELL)	2,281.33
WESTON, DWAYNE A	1,174.02
WESTON, DWAYNE A	1,163.58
WHITE, SARAH	156.62
WILLEY, AMY L (HEIRS)	531.55
WILLEY, THOMAS A	1,127.08
WINCHESTER, DORIS	734.16
WINCHESTER, WADE & MELISSA	1,139.72
WINTER, DONALD	115.80
WINTER, DONALD	850.62
WINTERS, PAUL (HEIRS)	70.24
WOMBACHER, JOHN A	202.22
WOMBACHER, JOHN A	515.08
WOOD, CYNTHIA L (TRUSTEE)	1,009.68
WOOD, EDMUND	1,153.55
WOODARD, KELLEY J	304.69
WOODBIDGE, ROGER	1,122.09
WOODBIDGE, ROGER	651.56
WRIGHT, WAYNE W	418.87
ZACHARY, JOHN J	549.59
TOTAL	190,249.65

**SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING 2012-2013 TAX LIENS
AS OF 6/30/2014**

7-FORTY HOLDINGS, LLC	133.28
BEMIS, ERIC C	408.12
BENNETT, RUTH M	1,255.18
BERNIER, DANIEL A	452.08
BROWN, TIMOTHY A	803.57
BURKE, ROY & HOLLY	271.74
CAHOON, ANN D, DEVISEES	394.67
CARUSOE, DAVID R	718.71
CARY, TROY S	826.87
CENTANNI, PAMELA	302.80
CHASE, HAROLD H JR	244.57
CIRILLO, JANE E	485.25
CIRILLO, JANE E	1,231.89
COHEE, ALTHEA	384.32
COLEMAN, NATHANIEL L	1,194.36
COTE, PAMELA S	236.80
COUSINS, GLEN	147.52
DALE HENDERSON LOGGING INC	1,177.54
EASTMAN, SHELDON F	1,561.86
EASTMAN, SHELDON F	1,420.81
EMERY, MATTHEW I	1,330.23
FREEMAN, THOMAS	89.29
GARZARELLI, GARY J	1,138.72
GEORGE, SHERRY	97.69
GIFFORD, TODD E	5,080.24
GRANT, MARK W	561.18
GROSS, TONY W	103.52
HANNAFORD, KELLEY J (WOODARD)	546.07
HARLOW, DANA F	907.09
HARRIMAN, ROBERTA A	747.93
HENDERSON, DALE H	838.51
HENDERSON, HERBERT	200.57
HENDERSON, HERBERT	221.27
HOKE, GEORGE DEAN	709.11
HOKE, KATHRYN A	2,441.78
HOME, INC	777.69
HOWARD, DARRELL (DEVISEES)	293.74
IRVING, EDNA B	139.75
IRVING, EDNA B	85.40
JEWETT, DONALD R	211.56
JOHNSON, JULIE B	1,350.94

JONES, TIMOTHY D	1,168.48
LEIGHTON, NADINE	1,409.17
LOWELL, ANTHONY JAMES SR	350.67
MANNING, BRIAN	878.63
MANOOKIAN, DAWN	1,020.97
MCCLELLAN, THOMAS L	1,660.20
MCDUNNAH, MICHAEL G; KATHLEEN P TC	383.02
MCLELLAN, KEVIN L	1,052.02
MERRITT, ERIC	869.57
NEWMAN, ROBERT (HEIRS OF)	1,348.35
NOTHSTEIN, GUSTAVE	1,471.28
OAK LEAF REALTY, INC	910.98
OAK LEAF REALTY, INC	367.50
PACHECO, MARIA	1,576.09
PYE, DANIEL T	1,068.84
RAINEY, JAMES	2,263.21
RANZONI, JOSEPH D	1,035.20
RICHARDSON, MERRILL P JR (HEIRS)	760.87
SHEEHAN, MICHAEL	537.01
SKILLIN, DONALD	1,265.53
SKILLIN, DONALD JR.	142.34
SMITH, RICHARD	2,142.86
SNOW, JOYCE (LIFE ESTATE)	138.46
STONECREST INCOME AND OPPORTUNITY FUND I, LLC	1,269.41
TAYLOR, WAYNE J	429.61
TOCCI, ROBERT (SR)	1,187.89
UPTA ME ASSETS LLC	117.75
UPTA ME ASSETS LLC	50.47
VEILLEUX, COLLEEN	1,225.42
WATSON, GARY A	1,138.72
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, WADE & MELISSA	1,088.25
WINTERS, PAUL (HEIRS)	67.29
WOODARD, KELLEY J	291.15
WOODBIDGE, ROGER	1,070.14
WOODBIDGE, ROGER	622.41
WRIGHT, WAYNE W	399.85
ZACHARY, JOHN J	524.07
TOTAL	70,363.62

**SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES
AS OF 6/30/14**

2010 - 2011

WILSON'S EXPRESS TIRE AND LUBE	313.00
TOTAL	313.00

2011 - 2012

WILSON'S EXPRESS TIRE AND LUBE	313.00
TOTAL	313.00

2012 - 2013

WILSON'S EXPRESS TIRE AND LUBE	323.50
TOTAL	323.50

2013 - 2014

AT & T	
MOBILITY	3,969.01
KNOW VIEW APARTMENTS LLC	408.16
TOZIER'S II	81.36
WILSON'S EXPRESS TIRE AND LUBE	339.00
TOTAL	4,797.53

**SCHEDULE OF TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY
AS OF 6/30/14**

2010 - 2011

COUSINS, GLEN	142.73
RICHARDSON, MERRILL P JR (HEIRS)	736.18
TAYLOR, WAYNE J	415.66
UPTA ME ASSETS LLC	113.93
UPTA ME ASSETS LLC	48.83
WATSON, GARY A	1,101.76
WILLETTE, PHILIP N (HEIRS OF)	996.59
WINTERS, PAUL (HEIRS)	<u>65.10</u>
TOTAL	3,620.78

2011 - 2012

BENNETT, RUTH M	1,214.44
CENTANNI, PAMELA	292.97
COTE, PAMELA S	229.12
COUSINS, GLEN	142.73
FREEMAN, THOMAS	86.39
IRVING, EDNA B	135.22
IRVING, EDNA B	82.63
MCCLELLAN, THOMAS L	1,606.32
RICHARDSON, MERRILL P JR (HEIRS)	736.18
TAYLOR, WAYNE J	415.66
UPTA ME ASSETS LLC	113.93
UPTA ME ASSETS LLC	48.83
WATSON, GARY A	1,101.76
WESTON, DWAYNE A	845.81
WESTON, DWAYNE A	1,109.27
WILLETTE, PHILIP N (HEIRS OF)	996.59
WINTERS, PAUL (HEIRS)	65.10
WRIGHT, WAYNE W	193.43
TOTAL	<u>9,416.38</u>

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 www.bucksportmaine.gov and finding the sub-category "Financial Statements" under the "Public Records, Maps, & Documents" tab at the left of the site. Navigate to "Fiscal Year 2014".



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August 16, 2017

Mr. Derik Goodine
Town Manager
Town of Bucksport
P.O. Box X
Bucksport, Maine 04416-1224

Dear Derik:

Enclosed is a short version of the Town of Bucksport's audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2014 for inclusion in the Town's annual report.

It has been a pleasure serving the Town of Bucksport, Maine.

Very Best,

Ron H.R. Smith, C.P.A.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron".

RHRS/jlp

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August 15, 2014

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, 2014. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2014 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

TOWN OF BUCKSPORT, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final	Amounts	Positive (Negative)
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1	\$ 9,289,209	\$ 9,289,209	\$ 9,289,209	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Property taxes	9,756,677	9,756,677	9,716,843	(39,834)
Excise taxes	561,100	561,100	703,924	142,824
Intergovernmental	1,172,154	1,869,826	1,858,732	(11,094)
Charges for services	632,355	633,871	718,995	85,124
Interest on taxes	24,000	24,000	23,947	(53)
Interest income	74,414	74,414	81,982	7,568
Miscellaneous revenues	171,975	171,975	169,454	(2,521)
Transfers from other funds	4,500	4,500	4,500	-
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>21,686,384</u>	<u>22,385,572</u>	<u>22,567,586</u>	<u>182,014</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	1,463,009	1,463,009	1,342,514	120,495
Protection	1,559,714	1,559,714	1,540,985	18,729
Public works	943,177	943,177	893,666	49,511
Health and sanitation	334,121	334,121	292,007	42,114
Community and social agencies	76,721	76,721	74,240	2,481
Education	5,961,105	5,961,105	5,961,105	-
Recreation	226,336	226,336	215,448	10,888
Cemeteries	3,920	3,920	3,920	-
County tax	272,694	272,694	272,694	-
Tax increment financing agreement	1,221,880	1,221,880	1,165,332	56,548
Unclassified	83,255	344,737	262,902	81,835
Debt service:				
Principal	-	515,424	515,424	-
Interest	-	182,248	182,248	-
Transfers to other funds	690,912	731,591	731,591	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>12,836,844</u>	<u>13,836,677</u>	<u>13,454,076</u>	<u>382,601</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$ 8,849,540</u>	<u>\$ 8,548,895</u>	<u>\$ 9,113,510</u>	<u>\$ 564,615</u>
Utilization of assigned fund balance	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ (2,000)
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	437,669	738,314	-	(738,314)
	<u>\$ 439,669</u>	<u>\$ 740,314</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (740,314)</u>

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STATEMENT C

TOWN OF BUCKSPORT, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2014

	General Fund	All Nonmajor Funds	Totals Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,729,694	\$ 204,370	\$ 1,934,064
Investments	9,787,446	86,478	9,873,924
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	6,559	-	6,559
Liens	251,836	-	251,836
Other	331,900	48,300	380,200
Due from other funds	1,595	2,513,713	2,515,308
Inventory	11,612	-	11,612
Tax acquired property	13,037	-	13,037
Prepaid and other assets	25,053	-	25,053
Note receivable	173,324	-	173,324
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 12,332,056</u>	<u>\$ 2,852,861</u>	<u>\$ 15,184,917</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 176,485	\$ -	\$ 176,485
Accrued payroll and related items	60,374	-	60,374
Due to other governments	121	-	121
Due to other funds	2,748,868	1,595	2,750,463
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>2,985,848</u>	<u>1,595</u>	<u>2,987,443</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Prepaid taxes	7,694	-	7,694
Deferred tax revenues	225,004	-	225,004
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>232,698</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>232,698</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	49,702	140,198	189,900
Restricted	363,317	234,128	597,445
Committed	537,993	1,907,886	2,445,879
Assigned	556,548	569,054	1,125,602
Unassigned	7,605,950	-	7,605,950
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>9,113,510</u>	<u>2,851,266</u>	<u>11,964,776</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 12,332,056</u>	<u>\$ 2,852,861</u>	<u>\$ 15,184,917</u>

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TOWN OF BUCKSPORT, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	General Fund	All Nonmajor Funds	Totals Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property	\$9,716,843	\$ -	\$ 9,716,843
Excise	703,924	-	703,924
Intergovernmental	1,858,732	886,747	2,745,479
Charges for services	718,995	-	718,995
Miscellaneous revenues	275,383	191,999	467,382
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>13,273,877</u>	<u>1,078,746</u>	<u>14,352,623</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	1,342,514	32,950	1,375,464
Protection	1,540,985	13,383	1,554,368
Public works	893,666	367	894,033
Health and sanitation	292,007	25	292,032
Community and social agencies	74,240	68,278	142,518
Education	5,961,105	-	5,961,105
Environment & housing	-	84,825	84,825
Recreation	215,448	33,459	248,907
Cemeteries	3,920	6,832	10,752
Tax increment financing agreement	1,165,332	-	1,165,332
County tax	272,694	-	272,694
Unclassified	262,902	-	262,902
Debt Service:			
Principal	515,424	-	515,424
Interest	182,248	-	182,248
Capital outlay	-	1,271,393	1,271,393
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>12,722,485</u>	<u>1,511,512</u>	<u>14,233,997</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>551,392</u>	<u>(432,766)</u>	<u>118,626</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Operating transfers in	4,500	748,666	753,166
Operating transfers (out)	(731,591)	(35,806)	(767,397)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(727,091)</u>	<u>712,860</u>	<u>(14,231)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(175,699)	280,094	104,395
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	<u>9,289,209</u>	<u>2,571,172</u>	<u>11,860,381</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$9,113,510</u>	<u>\$2,851,266</u>	<u>\$11,964,776</u>

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	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Project Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 104,492	\$ -	\$ 99,878	\$ 204,370
Investments	54,252	-	32,226	86,478
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	48,300	-		48,300
Due from other funds	415,847	2,004,040	93,826	2,513,713
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 622,891</u>	<u>\$ 2,004,040</u>	<u>\$ 225,930</u>	<u>\$ 2,852,861</u>
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due to other funds	856	-	739	1,595
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>856</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>739</u>	<u>1,595</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable - principal	-	-	140,198	140,198
Restricted	234,128	-	-	234,128
Committed	-	1,907,886	-	1,907,886
Assigned	387,907	96,154	84,993	569,054
Unassigned	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>622,035</u>	<u>2,004,040</u>	<u>225,191</u>	<u>2,851,266</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 622,891</u>	<u>\$ 2,004,040</u>	<u>\$ 225,930</u>	<u>\$ 2,852,861</u>

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	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Project Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	\$ 886,747	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 886,747
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses)	4,210	19,890	20,692	44,792
Donations	2,718	-	-	2,718
Other	34,669	17,338	92,482	144,489
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>928,344</u>	<u>37,228</u>	<u>113,174</u>	<u>1,078,746</u>
EXPENDITURES				
General Government	32,091	859	-	32,950
Protection	11,948	1,435	-	13,383
Public Works	-	367	-	367
Health and Sanitation	-	25	-	25
Human Services	68,278	-	-	68,278
Environment & Housing	84,825	-	-	84,825
Culture & Recreation	29,951	3,508	-	33,459
Cemeteries	-	-	6,832	6,832
Capital Outlay	627,459	643,934	-	1,271,393
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>854,552</u>	<u>650,128</u>	<u>6,832</u>	<u>1,511,512</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>73,792</u>	<u>(612,900)</u>	<u>106,342</u>	<u>(432,766)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Operating Transfers In	22,886	725,780	-	748,666
Operating Transfers (Out)	(22,400)	(8,906)	(4,500)	(35,806)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>486</u>	<u>716,874</u>	<u>(4,500)</u>	<u>712,860</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	74,278	103,974	101,842	280,094
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	<u>547,757</u>	<u>1,900,066</u>	<u>123,349</u>	<u>2,571,172</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 622,035</u>	<u>\$ 2,004,040</u>	<u>\$ 225,191</u>	<u>\$ 2,851,266</u>

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