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TOWN OF EASTON

2015/2016 Annual Report

Please bring to town meeting April 4, 2016



A Community Carved from the Wilderness: Easton, Maine 1865-2015

Easton Sesquicentennial Committee



In attendance at final meeting of Sesquicentennial Committee - back row from left: Paul Dudley-Chairman, Barbara Blackstone, Lisa Flewelling-Haney, Darren West, John Trask, Kevin Marquis and Bryan Lawrence. Second row from left: Hillary Hallett, Elaine White, Danielle Brewer, Cindy Flanagan, Cheryl Clark. Front row from left: Richard Kneeland, Jeanne Kneeland and Nina Trask. Absent from photo: Mary Lee Keep.

I wish to thank the Sesquicentennial Committee for 3 long years of the preparation it took to make Easton's 150th birthday the great success it was. Thank you to all who participated in or attended our events.

Chairman, Paul D. Dudley

Still available for sale at the Town Office:

T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, mugs, glasses and "A Community Carved from the Wilderness: Easton, Maine 1865-2015" books.

PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT WITH YOU TO THE TOWN MEETING

2015-2016 ANNUAL REPORT

of the Municipal Officers

of the Town of EASTON, MAINE

for Fiscal Year Ending February 15, 2016.

**Polls will be open at the Town Office on
Monday, April 4, 2016 From 9:00 AM – 6:30 PM.**

**Town Meeting opens at 8:00 PM, April 4, 2016
at the Easton Elementary School Cafeteria.**



Easton Board of Selectmen - Back row from left to right - Scott F. Allen, Douglas R. Blackstone, and Michael P. Corey-Vice Chairman. Front row from left to right - Paul D. Dudley - Chairman and Bruce V. Flewelling.

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." Winston Churchill

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Selectman Doug Blackstone and Bob the Piano Man - Field Days Concert

“There is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious as laughter and good humor.” Charles Dickens

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES



Jim Gardner, Town Manager



Cheryl Clark, Town Clerk



Hillary Hallett, Recreation Director



Bob Clark, Highway Foreman



Troy Finnemore, Highway



Kevin Mitchell, Highway



Kim White, Fire Chief



Dwight Flewelling, Custodian

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Paul Dudley, Chairman	Term Expires 2018
Michael Corey, Vice Chairman	Term Expires 2018
Scott Allen	Term Expires 2017
Bruce Flewelling	Term Expires 2017
Douglas Blackstone	Term Expires 2016

SCHOOL BOARD

Sandy Flewelling	Term Expires 2018
David Hopkins	Term Expires 2018
Thomas Osgood	Term Expires 2017
Gaylen Flewelling, Chairman	Term Expires 2016
Mary Lee Keep	Term Expires 2016

BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR THE 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR

Jonah Alexander	Ira Dodge	Vaughn Martin
Skip Babineau	Tabitha Dudley	Nancy Fay
Randy Bacon	Brian Flewelling	Tom Osgood
Tammy Beaulier-Fuller	Gaylen Flewelling	Mark Sotomayor
Jeff Blackstone	Diane Green	Terry White
Brent Bradley	Carrie Hull	Mary Wilcox
Paul DeMerchant		Cynthia Flanagan

PLANNING BOARD

Kevin Marquis	Term Expires 2018
Skip Babineau	Term Expires 2018
Richard Green	Term Expires 2017
Cynthia Flanagan	Term Expires 2017
David Hopkins	Term Expires 2016

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Andrew King	Term Expires 2018
Vacant	Term Expires 2018
Storer DeMerchant	Term Expires 2017
David Salkind	Term Expires 2017
Stuart Cumming	Term Expires 2016

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Rebecca Allen
 Tammy Beaulier-Fuller
 Marilyn Brown
 Sheri Carter

Travis Carter
 Tabitha Dudley
 Brian Flewelling
 Bruce Flewelling
 Lynn Flewelling

Lynda Foren-Turner
 David Fuller
 Ellen Trask
 Hugh Turner

REVOLVING LOAN FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Cynthia Flanagan

Brian Flewelling

**EASTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
OFFICERS**

Kim White	Fire Chief
Paul DeMerchant	Asst. Fire Chief
Loren White	Asst. Fire Chief
Vacant	Captain
James Desmond	Lieutenant
Jack Shannon, Jr.	Lieutenant

MEMBERS

Gary Barnes
 Matt Blodget
 Heather Copeland
 Mark Copeland
 Dana Cyr
 Derrick Cyr
 Daniel Davenport
 Ryan Holmes

Chris Wilcox
 Gary Dyer
 Adam Perkins
 Barb Lovely
 Zachary Lamoreau
 Mark Kearly
 Shawn Michaud

Carl Mullen, Jr.
 Ross Grass
 Jared Hitchcock
 Stephanie Hammond
 Jeff Gresko
 Loren White, Jr.
 Kyle White
 Greg White



Selectman Scott Allen and Bob the Piano Man - Field Days Concert

"My best friend is the one who brings out the best in me." Henry Ford

TOWN EMPLOYEES

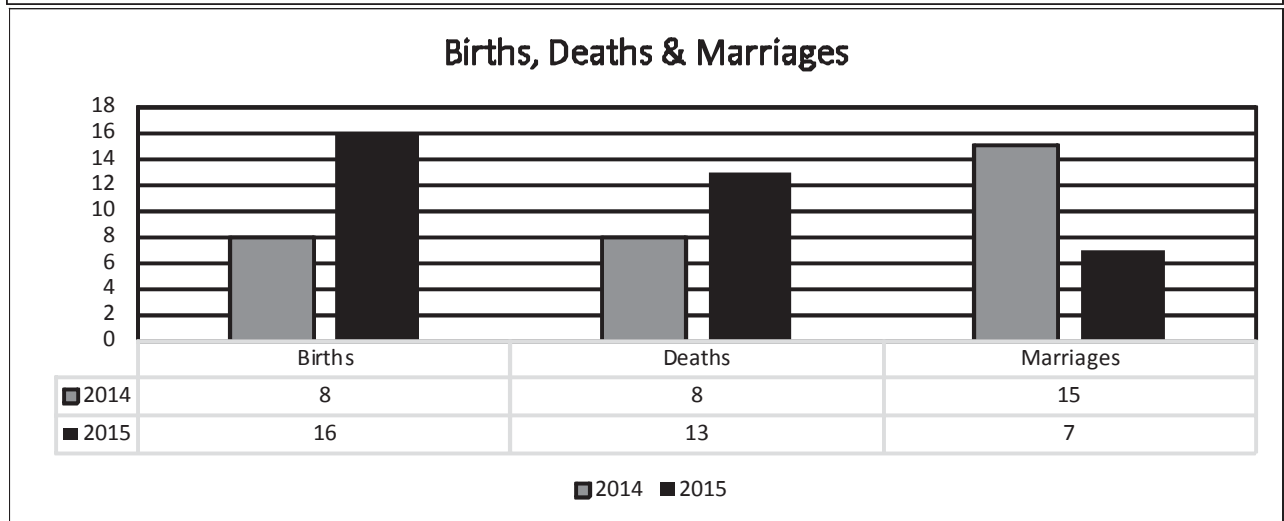
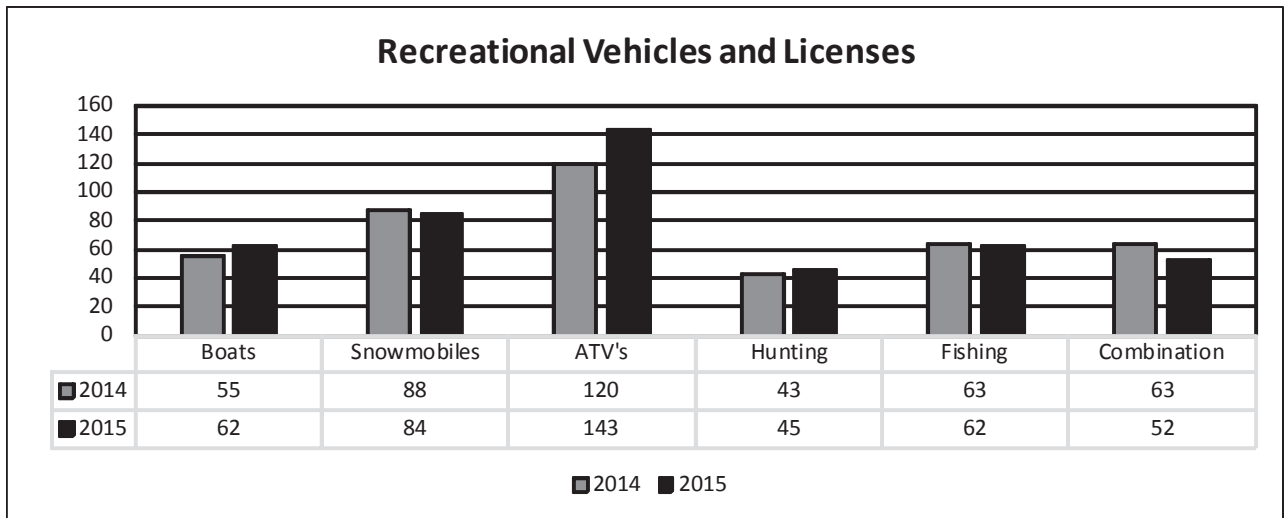
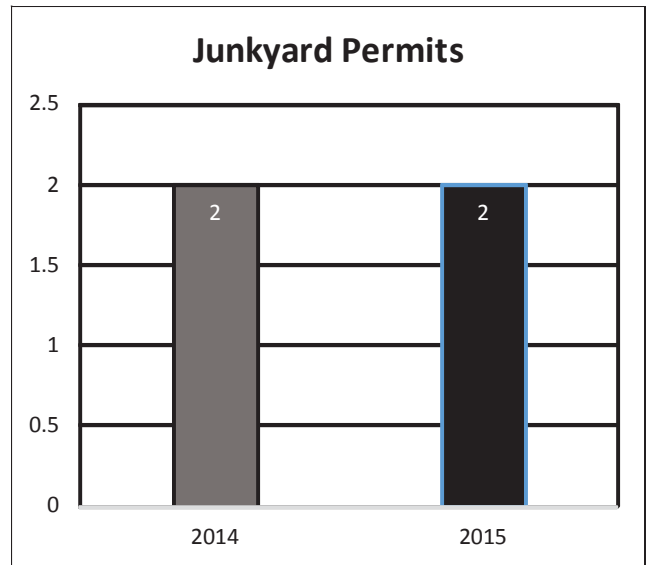
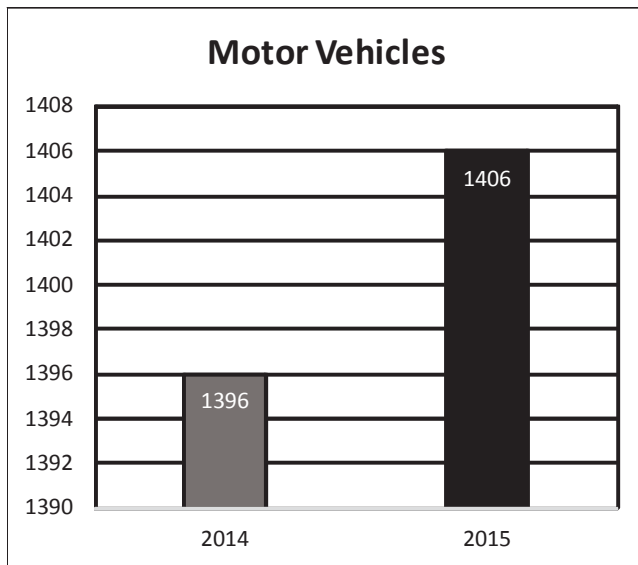
Jim Gardner	Town Manager
	Tax Collector
	Town Treasurer
	Public Safety Director
	Health Officer
	General Assistance Administrator
	Road Commissioner
Cheryl Clark	Town Clerk
	Excise Tax Collector
	Registrar of Voters
	Election Warden
Kevin Marquis	Animal Control Officer
Anthony Levesque	Plumbing Inspector & Code Enforcement Officer
Hillary Hallett	Recreation Director
Bob Clark	Highway Foreman
Troy Finnemore	Highway Operator/Mechanic
Kevin Mitchell	Highway Operator/Mechanic
Kim White	Fire Chief, Emergency Management Director
Dwight Flewelling	Custodian
Roger Shaw	Superintendent of Schools
Cameron Adams	High School Principal
Larry Worcester	Elementary School Principal
Andrew Keep	Attendance Officer



Easton's 150 birthday party!

"Folks are usually about as happy as they make their minds up to be." Abraham Lincoln

TOWN CLERK REPORT

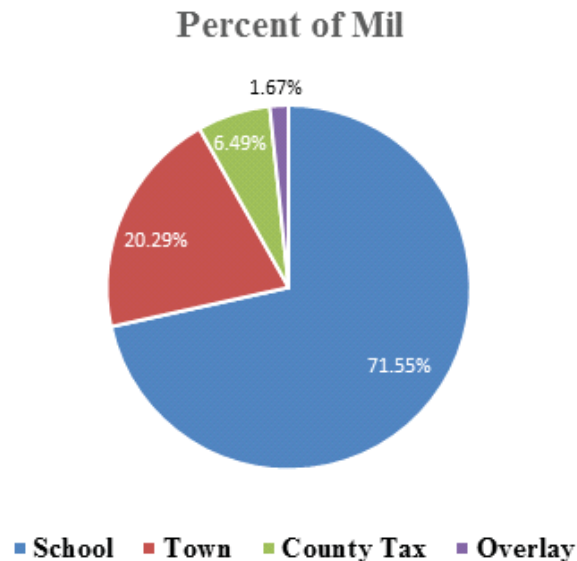


NOTE: Proof of insurance is required when registering motor vehicles. You must show your insurance identification card at the time of registration.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

It gives me great pleasure to provide the Town Manager's report for fiscal year 2015-2016 (February 16, 2015 to February 15, 2016) to the fine citizens of Easton. In my seventeen year career as a Town Manager, no year has been more demanding of my position than this past fiscal year. As I have told many citizens this past year, nobody in my career wants to go through a revaluation, especially after 23 years of not adjusting real estate assessments.

One of the most curious comments I heard regarding the revaluation was "What is a mil and how does it affect my taxes?" So I decided that this is a perfect time to educate the community on "the Mil". A Mil is 1/1,000 of the total Town of Easton's assessed valuation (total worth). The Town of Easton's current total worth equals \$266,402,305, which would make the value of each "Mil" \$266,402.31. Easton's current Mil Rate is 17.4 Mil. Each appropriation has a number of "Mils" it takes to cover the annual budget of each governmental entity. The following graph should break down how the 17.4 Mil are appropriated here in Easton:



Easton School Department	\$3,315,937 (After State and Federal Aid)	= 12.45 Mil
Town of Easton	\$940,872 (After State Aid and revenue)	= 3.53 Mil
County of Aroostook	\$278,548	= 1.13 Mil
Overlay	\$76,742	= .29 Mil

We will continue to strive forward in reducing the Town of Easton's portion of the Mil rate as we have done in this fiscal year's budget.

I would personally like to thank each and every town employee for helping keep the 2015-2016 town fiscal budget under projection. This puts a positive impact on the undesignated fund for Easton's future.

I would like to welcome our newest town employee, Kevin Mitchell, to the Easton Highway Department. Our Highway Department has made great strides in improving the roads we travel. 2016-2017 looks to be a year where we will be doing more paving but also continued work on the Fuller Road to try to complete that project. I really do not believe people understand the amount of work and time that goes into keeping our roads safe (especially in the winter months). I would personally like to thank Bob Clark and his crew on maintaining an exceptional department of our community government.

Our Recreation Department just seems to be getting stronger and stronger each year. Other communities view Easton's Recreation Department to be one of the best programs in Aroostook County. This surely would not be possible without the tireless effort of Hillary Hallett. Thanks Hillary.

As I watch Dwight Flewelling get a day older each day, it amazes me the amount of work that he continues to do in keeping our community beautiful. Dwight is not just a tender of all our beautiful flowers, but also an overseer of our municipal buildings.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank my right arm, Cheryl Clark. Without this young lady, I surely would be lost each and every day. I would like to congratulate Cheryl on becoming a Certified State of Maine Assessing Agent. The type of customer service, dedication to her position, and overall attitude brings great value to our Town Office.

Each year as a Town Manager, I usually reflect on life in general; this year being no exception. This past year was a huge celebration of Easton's 150th birthday, which was second to none. Past and current residents of Easton had the opportunity to reflect back on how the town evolved into such a great community. The events were well planned and well attended. This all could not have been possible without the relentless hours of work that was conducted by our Sesquicentennial Committee. I would personally like to thank each member of the committee on a tremendous job!!! Thank you.

In closing, I would like to thank my Board of Selectmen. In my 17 year career I have never worked for a more dedicated, vision-minded, or community-come-first type of Board as I do here in Easton.

As always, remember there is no appointment needed to voice your opinion or concerns in my office.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Gardner
Town Manager



Recreation Director Hillary Hallett and Selectman Paul Dudley - Christmas event.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT REPORT

The faculty, staff, students and citizens continue to be exceptionally supportive in working toward the common goal of maintaining Easton Schools as one of the highest quality education programs in Maine. Our Schools provide a nurturing yet challenging environment for our children to learn and grow in. We shine in both educational opportunities, as evidenced by the nearly unanimous higher education matriculation rates of our graduates, and a remarkably high percentage of students at all levels involved in myriad extra and co-curricular activities that allow for maximum personal growth and development in a supportive environment.

The financial challenges that public education is facing in every community in Maine seems destined to be the “new normal” for the foreseeable future. Both State and Federal levels of funding for our schools continue to be a major concern. Preliminary General Purpose Aid to Education (GPA) estimates for 2016-2017 show a small increase for Easton from the current year. That is encouraging, but it is premature to expect that the Legislature won’t make changes in order to “hold harmless” the large urban school districts which have lost revenue in the Preliminary estimate and have a strong political presence. I anticipate that State Funding will continue to be minimal for Easton because of high property valuation. There are a number of factors that determine State GPA, but higher than (State) average local valuation is the biggest “driver” of such limited State funding for Easton Schools.

The Town of Easton recently underwent a revaluation of property. While this reappraisal updated the estimated property values for our citizens and redistributed taxation, it doesn’t directly affect General Purpose Aid distribution because GPA is based on a three year average of the State assessed valuation of the Town which is annually adjusted by the State to more accurately determine each towns “ability to pay” for Pre-K-12 public education. Our level of GPA from the State is in the category of “minimum receiver”, meaning that a larger percentage of school funding has to be generated at the local level because of the Towns high property values.

It is important to acknowledge the great commitment the citizens and businesses of Easton make to provide for our Community School. This level of dedication is not taken for granted and is what makes it possible to continue providing an outstanding education for our students.

The School Board is vigilant in fulfilling its responsibilities by providing effective oversight of the Easton School Department. Adequate planning for the present and effective preparation for the education of Easton students in the future is a formidable task, and I commend the School Board for its significance in providing a quality educational experience for our children both now and into the future. We have no choice but to operate as efficiently and conservatively as possible and maximize the impact of every dollar expended.

I previously cited the involvement of a high percentage of students in various student activities offered at our school. While there are too many student activity organizations to list in this report, I will share some of the extra and co-curricular activities engaged in by our student population.

- The Environthon Team under the direction of Ellen Trask.
- The Pre-K-12 music program directed by Pam Kinsey.
- The National Honor Society advised by Pam Murchison.
- The Geography Bee, the Scripps Spelling Bee and the Rachael Carson State-wide essay competition for 6th, 7th and 8th graders.

- The EASTONIA and the Yearbook Production staff advised by Pam Murchison.
- 7th and 8th Graders write compositions for the Young Authors, and several are featured in the Young Authors annual publication.
- The Varsity Club advised by Leslie Carlow.
- Middle School Girls Soccer coached by Bryan Shaw.
- Middle School Girls Basketball coached by Roxanne Poole.
- Middle School Boys Soccer coached by Travis Carter.
- Middle School Boys Basketball coached by Travis Carter.
- High School Cheerleading coached by Jenna Kitchen.
- High School Girls Soccer coached by Audra Kirk.
- High School Girls' Varsity Basketball coached Bryan Shaw.
- High School Boys Varsity Soccer coached by Ryan Shaw.
- High School Boys' Varsity Basketball coached by Manny Martinez.
- The FFA advised by Kevin Marquis.

The 2016-2017 school year will also be professionally challenging. Maine has mandated that students graduating from high school meet “proficiencies” in several key academic areas. Proficiency-based Education (PBE) will dominate our planning and preparation for the next several years. Easton Schools WILL meet the challenge to ensure that ALL students meet these rigorous new “standards”. I am absolutely certain that the Staff, School Board, Selectmen and Town Manager will successfully meet the challenges and continue to provide an outstanding educational experience for all Easton students. I am extremely proud of the Easton School Department and appreciate the opportunity I have been granted to serve as your Superintendent of Schools.

I offer special thanks to Bob Clark and his highway department crew for maintaining safe winter travel for our busses, assisting with the primary snow removal on our campus and the excellent maintenance of our bus fleet. Cooperation between the Town of Easton and the Easton School Department is paramount to the continued success of both entities.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roger Shaw
Superintendent of Schools



EES play “The Story of Our Town”

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

This year the Highway Department cut back trees at various locations on the Bangor, Hersom and Center Roads along with Duncan Drive. We replaced 2 cross culverts on the Mahany Road and a driveway culvert on the Bangor Road, repaired parts of the shoulder on the Gray Road, Fuller Road and Forest Avenue, and added 50 yards of gravel to the north end of the Bowers Road. We replaced all but two road name signs and posts. Tree stumps were removed from the former Leigh Perry lot at the Estes Park Cemetery and the lot was leveled off and grass was planted. The Town of Easton contracted McGillan Inc. to build and ditch 1,700 feet of the Fuller Road and contracted with Steelstone Inc to pave the Road. McGillan Inc. also replaced one cross culvert on the Station Road and one on the Hersom Road.

Along with the above mentioned projects, we have done our yearly duties and preventative maintenance programs for the School, Fire and Highway Departments. I would like to welcome Kevin Mitchell to the Highway Department and thank Troy and Kevin for their dedication. I would also like to thank the Town Office personnel and the Board of Selectmen for their continuing support.

Respectfully Submitted
Bob Clark, Highway Foreman

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/ PLUMBING INSPECTOR REPORT

The following is a summary of the Plumbing Permits issued during 2015:

Internal Plumbing Permits	0
Sub-surface Waste Disposal Systems	<u>6</u>
Total	6

Five of the projects have been completed and inspected from 2015 and there were no projects remaining from 2014. There are no voided permits for 2015 and there is one project pending at this time. I have sent in the State of Maine fees and the State copy of the permits completed and inspected.

There is still the appearance of an issue with internal plumbing permits not being pulled by local plumbers. Please let me know if in the future you would like for me to focus more on addressing this issue.

At this time I would like to thank you for all your support and cooperation provided to me this past year. It is always a pleasure working with you, the Planning Board and your staff as Code Enforcement Officer and Local Plumbing Inspector for the Town of Easton.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tony Levesque, CEO & LPI

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Permits can be obtained from the Easton Town Office during regular business hours. There is no fee for this permit. You may purchase a 2 day burn permit online for \$7.00. You can find the link by going to www.eastonme.com and selecting Online Services, Fire Permits. Permits for the year are only available at the Town Office.

Limitations: Regardless of whether a permit is required or issued you may be asked to discontinue burning if there is a burning ban in effect. You may not burn paper, cardboard, plastic, rubber, Styrofoam, metals, food wastes, chemicals, treated wood or other solid waste. You must comply with all laws and regulations of the Maine Forest Service, Department of Environmental Protection, local ordinances and conditions, or restrictions stated on the fire permit. You shall be liable for suppression cost due to negligence or not following safety requirements listed on the fire permit. The Easton Fire Department restricts the burning of brush or grass to less than 10 mph.

Remember to check your smoke alarms and CO2 detectors and change batteries. Smoke detectors and CO2 detectors have a 10 year life expectancy.

Respectfully Submitted,
Theodore “Kim” White

Industrial	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3
Assist Ambulance	8
Grass/Brush	5
Structure Fire	3
Mutual Aid	2
Training/Meetings	36



Bob the Piano Man - Easton Field Days

“If I told you I’ve worked hard to get where I’m at, I’d be lying, because I have no idea where I am right now.” Jarod Kintz



Christmas tree lighting at the Little School



Piano concert and pie social featuring Duncan Cumming

"The person born with a talent they are meant to use will find their greatest happiness in using it." Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

NOTICE TO ALL DOG OWNERS

All dogs six months or older as of January 1, 2016 or whenever they turn six months must be licensed. Any owner that licenses their dog after January 31, 2016 will be charged an additional \$25.00 late fee. A valid rabies certificate must be presented at the time of licensing. On April 1, 2016 the assessors will present the dog warden with a warrant listing of all unlicensed dog owners and this will result in an additional warden's fee being charged. If you no longer have your dog, please notify the clerk's office. It is unlawful to allow your pet to be without a leash. Approximately ten dogs were taken to the Aroostook Humane Society in 2015.

Cheryl Clark
Town Clerk

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

Ever hear the old saw, "It is easier to ask forgiveness than get permission"? Don't believe it! Last fall I was privileged to attend the Maine ACO re-certification training in Augusta. As the day progressed, the old saw got shot full of holes!

My twenty four year experience as ACO has dealt mainly with cats, dogs, cows, horses, and occasionally, wayward pigs. These calls have become quite routine. ACO training introduced me to a whole new type of animal...lizards, snakes, alligators, wallabies as well as numerous other exotic creatures that people now wish to have as pets. (Yes some folks do like crocodiles as pets) **PLEASE, BEFORE YOU ACQUIRE ANY OF THESE EXOTIC ANIMALS CHECK THE LAW.** "I did not know" is not the proper answer when you are being charged with keeping endangered species or animals not permitted under Maine statute.

I would like to share a few things I have learned over the years.

1. I have never found cats who have starved to death in a tree or that have died from falling out of said tree.
2. Dogs that are allowed to roam free will always find trouble. Always!
3. Large farm animals roaming free in the road can kill motorists (think moose). This problem needs quick action. When you encounter this, go to the farm (usually it is very nearby) and alert the owners. Call 911 if you get no response. Try to alert other motorists, especially after dark. By failing to notify the farmer, you are foregoing the quickest resolution to the problem. Your quick action may save a life.
4. **PLEASE** have your pet spayed or neutered. My saddest day as ACO was having to help euthanize numerous sick cats, an action that would have been unnecessary if the owner had been responsible!
5. An uncontrollable dog is more dangerous than a loaded hand gun in the hands of a child! This year we had an incident where a dog attacked two horses going while pulling a buggy. Fortunately, the buggies passengers, two young adults and two infants, were not injured. The horse, as well as the dog's owner, required medical attention. The situation very easily could have been tragic. The dog's owners were very experienced with this breed of dog and had no indication that the dog had these tendencies. This could happen to you! Be sure your animal is under your control at ALL TIMES!
6. Pets require a life time commitment from you. If you are unwilling to make this commitment, go get a stuffed animal!

Kevin Marquis
Animal Control Officer, Easton

EXEMPTIONS FOR VETERANS AND WIDOWS OF VETERANS

A property tax exemption is available to Veterans age 62 or over, to Veterans under 62 if they are certified by the Veterans Administration Office to be totally disabled, or to the un-remarried widow or minor child of any veteran who would be entitled to such exemption if living, or who is in receipt of a pension or compensation from the Federal Government as the widow or minor child of veteran.

Persons not already receiving this exemption who wish to apply should do so at the Town office no later than April 1, 2016. Persons receiving such an exemption are not required to apply annually.

The maximum property valuation exemption for veterans or their widows whose service period was prior to or during World War I, is \$6,000. For Veterans or their widows whose service period is after World War I, the maximum property valuation exemption is \$5,000.

MAINE RESIDENTS PROPERTY TAX AND RENT REFUND “CIRCUITBREAKER” PROGRAM

The Maine Residents Property Tax and Rent Refund “Circuitbreaker” Program has been repealed as part of the enacted state budget for claims beginning on or after August 1, 2013. The Circuitbreaker Program has been replaced by a refundable Property Tax Fairness Credit that can be claimed on the Maine Individual Income Tax Form. The new credit was available beginning in **January, 2014** on the 2013 Maine Individual Income Tax Form 1040ME. A worksheet will be included with Form 1040ME to calculate the amount of the credit.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Residents who have owned a home in Maine for the past twelve months qualify for a homestead exemption of up to the just value of \$15,000. Applications are available at the Town Office.



Selectman Paul Dudley and wife Dotty - Field Days Parade



Huber's float won "Best of Show" - Field Days Parade



McCain's float won "Best Large Business" - Field Days Parade

"Your life does not get better by chance, it gets better by change." Jim Rohn

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

Year-in-Review

It has been an exciting year in Easton celebrating our Sesquicentennial anniversary! It is so much fun to be part of a community that has such an interesting past and I cannot wait to see what the future has in store.

This past summer was packed full of entertainment. Three mornings a week the Recreation Department offered day camp. This year's theme days included: a magic show with a magician, Halloween, Easter and Christmas celebrations and well as water and sleepover themed days. Mondays at day camp were "mini-trip" days, allowing us to visit places around our community including: the WOW mobile, strawberry picking at Crab Tree Farms, "Took a Leap" goat farm, The Northern Maine Fair, and the House of Bounce. Swimming lessons were available, and we hosted several week long camps: Karate, Golf, Art, Baton, Archery, Science, Cooking, and Dutch Soccer Academy. Afternoons were filled with swimming. Other special events included the 13th Annual Girls' Day Out, a Boys Only event, MRPA Track and Field and a County Fun Day at Birch Point in St. David with area recreation departments. Wacky Wednesdays (field trip days) were the highlight of the summer; this year we visited Water Wizard Water Slides & mini-golf, had amazing day in the sun at Hartt Island Resort, spent a day in the water at Paradise Mountain, enjoyed at great day at Gentile Hall, and visited Kingswood Entertainment Centre! The Major League baseball team had a successful summer with coaches Travis Carter, John Bonner & Spencer Bragan making it to the finals once again. Minor League baseball was offered for 7-9 year olds with Coaches John Bonner & Jason Brewer and they had a great time learning the sport. This was the fifth summer the rec offered co-ed adult softball and we had nine teams participating in the league that plays two nights a week. It is great to see the "big kids" getting out there and enjoying some activity.

Fall activities are some of our favorites. Harvest trips included: Bangor Children's Museum, Kingswood Entertainment Centre, and Playland Adventures. Each week we visited a different local farm including the Stewart's Farm, Hunter Brothers' Farm, Crab Tree Farm & Goughan's Farm. The children also had an opportunity to participate in a Cooking Camp, Dance Camp, and Super Hero Art Camp. We also offered three soccer levels. Our soccer teams enjoyed the beautiful fall weather with many soccer games. Thanks to Taylor Burt for officiating our home games!

Basketball season is in full swing with the recreation ball season being held after the "regular" season to make better use of gym time. The grades 5 & 6 boys and girls teams have been learning a lot from coaches Ryan Czosnek & Tim Carver. The Little Bears enjoyed their introductory time to basketball and were able to play Washburn & Limestone. Thanks to Jake Flewelling, Connor Burt and Britany Tompkins for working with these future athletes. The cheerleaders looked sharp again this year; thanks to Nichole Leavitt for working with these energetic ladies. A huge thank you goes out to all the parents who helped us carpool to games. Also thanks to Leslie Ferris, Ginny Bishop, Eric Cassidy and Larry Worcester for officiating.

With the help of Bryan Shaw in physical education classes, we were able to participate in two basketball competitions. This year's qualifiers for the Maine Recreation and Parks Hot Shot Regional Competition were: Grace Ellis, Makenzie Kinney, Austyn Cowley, Owen Sweeney, Chase Flewelling, Dawson Lamoreau, Eva Callioras, Emma Lamoreau, Kaylee Boyce, Camden Michaud, Marcus Czosnek, Evan Carver, Lydia Ferris, Cecelia Morin, Kassidi Hanson, Austin Carver, Isaac Currier & Keagan Kinney. Congratulations to Eva Callioras & Camden Michaud who qualified for the state competition in Portland.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Nelson Mandela

Qualifying to take part in the Elk's Hoop Shoot Contest at UMPI were Mason Adams, Grace Ellis, Cheyanne Day, Ben Currier, Lydia Ferris & Camden Michaud. Thank you, Mr. Shaw, for allowing us time in your classroom!

Some of our on-going programs include: Junior Activities for our youngest citizens (ages two through school age) which meets twice a week, swimming lessons during Harvest & Summer breaks, downhill skiing at Big Rock, Yoga & RIPPED® for kids. Other special activities included: the Sesquicentennial Birthday Party, Winter Carnival with sliding at Kinney Hill, a community pot luck supper, game night, laser tag and father vs. son ball game; annual Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast, countless field trips over school vacations & Easton Field Days!

The recreation department's senior group has been putting the recreation room at the Manor to good use. We meet weekly with for a nutrition class (taught by Christine Finnemore from the Maine Cooperative Extension) as well as many specialty programs including holiday parties, game & movie days and more. The group can often be seen "hitting the road". In the past year we have visited Sugar Moon Cookhouse, Maple Moose, Armstrong Farms, "Took a Leap" Goat Farm, a trip to Potato World, Bouchard Farms & Gift Shop and went on a progressive restaurant lunch. The group also enjoyed holiday meals at the Easton School Department, the Hayden Family Meal & a Christmas brunch.

My personal gratitude goes out to everyone who has helped with an event, transported children, volunteered to provide snacks and served on the Recreation Committee. Thanks to Cheryl Clark who is always willing to help. Also appreciation to Cheryl and Tabitha Dudley for their editing jobs when I can no longer look at my own work. A heartfelt to Bernie McAdam & Larry Sullivan for the many bus rides and all the extra help along the way! I also want to thank the Easton School Department for the use of the facilities; Mr. Worcester, Mrs. Hall & Mrs. Cook are always willing to help. I look forward to another year of new experiences! As always, please contact me with program ideas and suggestions.

Yours in Recreation,
Hillary Hallett
Recreation Director



Little School Open House

HAPPY DAYS CLUB SENIOR CITIZENS REPORT

The Happy Days Senior Citizens Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month for a pot luck luncheon in the recreation room at the West Ridge Manor.

Club officers for 2015 were: President-Annette Copeland, Vice President/Treasurer-Liana DeMerchant, and Secretary-Marie Hewitt. A special Thank you to Nina Trask for serving as our president for 6 years.

Guest speakers and special events throughout the year included:

- February 26 Kristi St. Peter, occupational therapist and Ginette Pitre, RN, from Professional Home Nursing were our guests. They discussed Dementia and some of the programs that are available.
- March 26 Judy Hennessy from TAMC's Live Safe Program joined us and spoke of the importance of having Live Safe to get help in an emergency, especially if you live alone.
- May 14 Jim Gardiner, our Town Manager visited the group and updated us on upcoming events and changes coming to Easton.
- May 27 21 members and guests traveled by bus to Smyrna for lunch at the Brookside Restaurant and then visited the Amish Pioneer Store.
- October 8 12 members and guests traveled by bus to St. Agatha to view the fall foliage and enjoyed lunch at the Lakeview Restaurant.
- December 10 Pizza was ordered for lunch.

On January 28, 2016- officers elected for 2016 as follows: President-Annette Copeland, Vice- President-Barbara Bonville, Secretary-Jean Ann Ames, Assistant Secretary- Patricia Coffin, and Treasurer-Liana DeMerchant.

We want to thank the Town for their generous donation of \$1000.00. This is used to defray the cost of member lunches and drivers' fees on our trips. Thanks also to the school department for the use of a bus and to Larry Sullivan for driving us safely.

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Copeland, President



Ladner Road - Cemetery Event



Bob the Piano Man, Field Day Committee member Lynda Foren-Turner, Recreation Director Hillary Hallett, Town Clerk Cheryl Clark, Field Day Committee Members Sydney Trask and Barbara Blackstone and Town Manager Jim Gardner - Field Days Parade



Craft Fair

"I am not what has happened to me. I am what I choose to become." Carl Jung

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS 4/1/15

Real Estate:

Land Value \$29,127,300

Building Value 59,766,900

Total Real Estate Value \$88,894,200

Personal Property:

Business Equipment 884,500

All other personal property 101,854,900

Total Personal Property 102,739,400

Total Taxable Valuation 191,633,600

Municipal Tax Rate per \$1,000 = .01740 (mil rate) \$3,334,424.64



Trade Show

“True strength is keeping everything together when everyone expects you to fall apart.” Unknown

2014 TAX LIENS

Bevins, Harvey L. & Debbie E.	475.72	
Bevins, Harvey L. & Debbie E.	26.10	
Bevins, Harvey L. & Debbie E.	779.52	
Condon, Julie A.	698.25	Bal.
Finnemore, Kimberly A.	563.76	
Francis, Carol	127.02	
Francis, Carol	828.94	
Guyette, Paul	171.22	
Hayes, Ryan & Karen	340.00	
Hersey, Jack L.	767.34	
Kearney, Vickie	170.52	
Kennedy, Raymond	311.46	
Knox, Dana & Ethel	707.00	Bal.
Ladner, Heirs of Fern	70.32	Bal.
Monroe, Michael	1,477.96	
Nevers, Sheryl F.	440.22	
Nichols, Heirs of Clayton	755.16	
Nichols, Lawrence W.	101.62	
Page, Heirs of R L	222.72	
Plourde, Raymond N.	1,263.24	
Remmington, Heather L.	114.01	*
Shannon, Jack Jr. & Toni	818.50	
Tompkins, Samuel A.	541.84	*
Woollard, Debi-Jo	113.10	
TOTAL	\$11,885.54	

* Paid after books closed.



NHS Talent Show

LIST OF TAXES DUE (2015)

Allen, Loris & Michael	854.34		*
Aristotle LLC	264.48		
Beaton, Matthew & Nathan	212.28		*
Bevins, Debbie E. & Harvey L.	1,061.40		
Bevins, Harvey L. & Debbie E.	62.64		
Bevins, Harvey L. & Debbie E.	1,141.44		
Bishop, Donald & Virginia	944.00	Bal.	*
Blackstone, Jeffrey R.	219.40	Bal.	
Blackstone, Jeffrey R.	2,037.05	Bal.	
Bomar, Cindy L.	94.02	Bal.	
Buck, Andrew C. & Angela R.	1,586.16	Bal.	
Burt, Allison O. & Heidi	1,357.20		*
Callioras, Steven J.	1,818.30		
Callioras, Steven J.	174.00		
Callioras, Steven J.	53.94		
Carter, Clair & Eldora	873.48		
Clayton, Tony	1,393.74		
Condon, Rhonda M.	144.42		
Crandall, Heirs of Bernice	301.02		
Creasia, Michael S.	408.28	Bal.	
Creasia, Michael S.	376.92	Bal.	
Daniels, Shawn N.	748.20		
Desmond, Kenneth & Patricia	637.14	Bal.	
Ellis, Meaghan L. & Perrin A.	2,255.04		
Finnemore, Kimberly A.	864.78		
Finnemore, Troy F & Kimberly A.	1,282.33		
Flanagan, Philip L.	120.06		*
Francis, Carol A.	133.98		
Francis, Carol A.	854.34		
Fuller, Cindy	631.62		
Gadaire, Thomas W. & Lisa M.	706.44		
Glick, Eli H. & Naomi J.	4,605.21	Bal.	
Guyette, Paul	643.80		
Hammond, Heirs of Ernest	8.70		
Hayes, Ryan & Karen E.	817.80		
Hersey, Jack L.	1,485.96		
Howlett, Michael R.	1,698.24		
Hulsey, Angela & Farley, Zachary	70.22	Bal.	
Hutchins, Leah	440.22		
Jordan, Deloris I.	1,182.35	Bal.	
Kearney, Vickie	214.02		
Kennedy, Raymond	647.28		
Kierstead, Cathy A.	1,557.30		
Kierstead, Cathy A.	516.78		
Kierstead, Cathy A.	2,161.08		

Kierstead, Cathy A.	208.80	
Kierstead, Cathy A.	1,124.04	
Knox, Heirs of Dana & Ethel	969.18	
Ladner, Heirs of Fern	607.26	
Lamoreau, Cole L. & Rae M.	960.48	
Lamoreau, David M. & Penelope L.	236.64	
Lamoreau, Rae M. & Cole L.	476.76	
LeBlanc, Linda M.	563.76	
Lerch, Howard A. & Beth L.	8.16	Bal.
Maust, Robyn M. & Laurette A. LaFrance	375.84	
Michaud, Steven M.	647.28	*
Mills, Rodney D.	165.30	*
Mills, Rodney D.	631.62	*
Mitchell, Kevin P. & Ronnie L.	1,172.76	*
Monroe, Michael	2,192.40	
Nevers, Sheryl F.	1,157.10	
Nichols, Heirs of Clayton	1,616.46	
Nichols, Lawrence W.	440.22	
Page, Heirs of R.L.	67.86	
Page, Heirs of R.L.	388.02	
Parlin, Leighton J. & Tompkins, Glenna	1,763.17	Bal.
Plourde, Randy A. & Colleen R.	1,154.02	Bal.
Plourde, Raymond N.	3,476.52	
Remmington, Heather L.	621.18	
Robbins, Anna V.	461.10	
Robbins, Warner C. & Anna V.	381.06	
Robbins, Warner C. & Warren C.	610.74	
Shannon, Jack E. Jr. & Toni	1,426.80	
Shaw, Gerald & Vera M.	1,546.86	*
Shaw, Lois E.	258.50	Bal.
Skidgel, Edward L. & Holly A.	598.56	
Smith, Jonathan C. & Marcia L.	793.44	
Sunny Side Land Holdings LLC	353.22	
Swartzentruber, Samuel M. & Naomi L.	4,189.92	
Taylor, Danny P.	504.60	
Tibbetts, Adam	863.04	
Tompkins, Christy J. & Wilfred J.	1,489.44	
Tompkins, Debora J. & Trent M.	377.58	
Tompkins, Samuel A. & Riqui L.	1,264.98	*
U.S. Bank N.A.	767.34	
Wetzel, Zane A. & Courtney A.	509.82	
Winninghoff, John D.	833.46	
Woollard, Debi-Jo	245.34	

TOTAL **\$78,162.03**

* Paid after books closed.

"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn." Benjamin Franklin

TOWN WARRANT

STATE OF MAINE

COUNTY OF AROOSTOOK

TO: Dwight L. Flewelling, Citizen of the Town of Easton, in the County of Aroostook.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton, in said County to assemble at the Municipal Building in said Easton, on Monday, the fourth day of April, 2016 at 9:00 in the morning, and then and there to act on Articles 1 & 2. The polls will open at 9:00 AM and close at 6:30 PM.

And then to notify and warn the said inhabitants to meet at the Elementary School Cafeteria, in said Town on Monday the fourth day of April, 2016 at 8:00 in the evening, then and there to hear the results of the secret ballot on Articles 1 & 2 and to act on Articles 3 through 37 all of the Articles being set out below, to wit:

Art. 1: To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2: To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 3: To see if the Town will fix a date when taxes shall be due and payable and fix a rate of interest to be charged on all unpaid taxes

Selectmen Recommend: That all taxes be due and payable October first, 2016 and that interest be charged on all unpaid taxes starting November first, 2016 at 7.00 percent.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 4: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes, thereon such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quitclaim deeds for such property.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 5: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to accept as gifts any acceptable property donated to the Town during the fiscal year ending February 15, 2017.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 6: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to sell and assign un-matured tax liens for not less than the amount, interest and costs included.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 7: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to sell any outdated capital equipment after advertising in local newspapers.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 8: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to appoint a budget committee to meet as required, to recommend the necessary appropriations for the fiscal year ending February 15, 2018.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 9: To see if the Town will appropriate in estimated revenue from motor vehicle excise taxes, all state revenue sharing funds, all state snowmobile reimbursements, dog license fees, sludge disposal fees, bus repairs income, Odd Fellows rental fees, supplemental taxes, license fees and other miscellaneous income to be received in fiscal year ending February 15, 2017 to reduce the tax commitment by \$188,600.00.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 10: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to use the overlay as an abatement account.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 11: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$192,018.00 for Town Administration.

	2015-2016	2015-2016	2016-2017
	Appropriated	Actual	Proposed
Salaries	\$102,175.00	\$100,997.32	\$108,000.00
Medical Insurance	35,804.00	35,980.32	37,836.00
State Retirement	8,000.00	8,546.88	9,612.00
Medicare/FICA	1,700.00	1,445.62	1,870.00
Car Allowance	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Office Supplies	6,000.00	4,726.38	5,400.00
Office Equipment Repairs	1,800.00	1,370.21	1,500.00
Telephone	2,200.00	1,940.80	2,000.00
Electricity	3,000.00	2,206.64	2,700.00
Training/Travel/Dues	3,300.00	2,741.71	3,500.00
Fuel	11,000.00	7,090.68	9,000.00
Postage	2,000.00	1,951.18	2,100.00
Cleaning/Trash Disposal	<u>4,500.00</u>	<u>4,851.98</u>	<u>4,500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$185,479.00	\$177,849.72	\$192,018.00

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to be added to the computer reserve and to carry over any balance.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 13: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$8,200.00 for the operation of the Odd Fellows' Hall.

	2015-2016	2015-2016	2016-2017
	Appropriated	Actual	Proposed
Maintenance	\$4,000.00	\$10,523.22	\$4,000.00
Fuel Oil	3,500.00	1,482.46	2,500.00
Telephone	500.00	434.57	500.00
Electricity	<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>1,249.97</u>	<u>1,200.00</u>
TOTAL	\$9,200.00	\$13,690.22	\$8,200.00

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 14: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$300,715.00 for the Highway Department.

	2015-2016	2015-2016	2016-2017
	Appropriated	Actual	Proposed
Salaries	\$123,914.00	\$122,676.76	\$129,272.00
Medicare/FICA	1,772.00	1,770.25	2,327.00
State Retirement	9,665.00	10,401.51	11,505.00
Medical Insurance	36,135.00	32,520.68	35,111.00
Gas/Oil/Diesel	32,000.00	20,766.70	26,000.00
Sand/Salt	49,000.00	47,195.84	46,000.00
Repair/Equip/Tires	25,000.00	17,751.74	25,000.00
Shop/Tool Supplies	5,100.00	5,086.49	5,100.00
Blades & Chains	4,000.00	3,549.90	4,000.00
Telephone	950.00	975.62	950.00
Electricity	3,500.00	2,962.70	3,200.00
Heating Fuel	5,500.00	3,376.76	4,000.00
General Supplies	1,000.00	623.44	1,000.00
Building Maintenance	7,000.00	32,977.18	7,000.00
Drug Testing	<u>250.00</u>	<u>324.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>
TOTAL	\$304,786.00	\$302,959.57	\$300,715.00

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 15: To see if the Town will raise \$150,000 for the Town Road Improvement Fund.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 16: To see if the Town will appropriate \$305,000.00 from the Town Road Improvement account for summer road maintenance and to carry-over any unexpended balance.

2015-2016	2015-2016	2016-2017
Appropriated	Actual	Proposed
\$213,000.00	\$213,000.00	\$305,000.00

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 17: To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$50,000 to be placed in the equipment reserve account.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 18: To see if the Town will appropriate \$10,000.00 from the undesignated surplus balance account to fix cemetery stones.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 19: To see if the Town will accept approximately \$38,000 from the state block grant program for town road improvement in accordance with the requirements outlined in public law, chapter 492, L.D. 1691-1981.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 20: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$77,575.00 for the Fire Department.

	2015-2016	2015-2016	2016-2017
	Appropriated	Actual	Proposed
Salaries	\$42,440.00	\$42,440.00	\$42,440.00
Car Allowance	400.00	400.00	400.00
Telephone & Dispatch	5,400.00	5,822.72	5,400.00
Training & Materials	1,000.00	1,028.07	1,000.00
Dues	650.00	629.00	650.00
Medicare	700.00	659.86	700.00
FICA	2,760.00	2,375.01	2,760.00
Repairs 6,600.00	7,384.50	6,600.00	
Gas/Oil/Diesel	2,500.00	569.53	1,500.00
Supplies	6,000.00	4,796.66	6,000.00
Hepatitis Vaccination	200.00	0.00	200.00
Miscellaneous	350.00	463.00	350.00
SCBA Annual Inspections	1,275.00	580.00	1,275.00
Safety Coats, Gloves, etc.	7,000.00	6,287.95	7,000.00
Insurance	<u>1,300.00</u>	<u>145.00</u>	<u>1,300.00</u>
TOTAL	\$78,575.00	\$73,581.30	\$77,575.00

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 21: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$172,262.00 for other expenses:

	2015-2016	2015-2016	2016-2017
	Appropriated	Actual	Proposed
Tri-Community Landfill	\$105,000.00	\$104,737.84	\$105,000.00
Ambulance Service	15,187.00	15,276.00	15,187.00
Protection/Animal Control	1,675.00	2,052.18	1,675.00
Plumbing Inspector	1,650.00	1,641.58	1,650.00
Code Enforcement Officer	550.00	547.19	550.00
Assessing	15,000.00	9,510.52	6,000.00
Beautification	3,000.00	2,996.04	3,000.00
General Assistance	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Legal	2,500.00	2,693.74	2,500.00
Audit	7,800.00	7,800.00	7,900.00
Advertising	2,000.00	1,837.01	1,500.00
Town Report	2,600.00	2,375.00	2,600.00
Street Lights	8,500.00	7,827.89	8,500.00
Contract Services	6,900.00	7,151.29	7,000.00
Selectmen's Discretionary	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Elections	1,500.00	1,080.96	1,200.00
<u>Selectmen's Stipend</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$181,862.00	\$175,527.24	\$172,262.00

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 22: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$39,387.00 for Outside Requests:

	2015-2016	2015-2016	2016-2017
	Appropriated	Actual	Proposed
Cemetery Appropriation	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
ME Municipal Assoc.	2,525.00	2,622.00	2,718.00
Catholic Charities	842.00	842.00	800.00
A.C.A.P.	260.00	257.40	260.00
Temp. Shelter for the Homeless	1,931.00	1,931.00	1,931.00
N.M.D.C.	4,980.00	4,980.16	5,032.00
Memorial Day Services	500.00	500.00	350.00
Aroos. Soil & Water	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Aroos. Agency on Aging	686.00	686.00	550.00
American Red Cross	416.00	416.00	400.00
Little School Restoration	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Pregnancy Care Center	200.00	200.00	0.00
Aroostook Child Abuse	200.00	200.00	0.00
Central Aroos. Humane Society	2,450.00	2,445.39	2,446.00
ME Public Broadcasting	100.00	100.00	100.00
Francis Malcolm Science Center	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Historical Society	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Martha/Mary's Kitchen	100.00	100.00	0

Veteran's Cemetery	100.00	100.00	100.00
Senior Citizens	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Snowmobile Club	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Field Days	12,200.00	12,200.00	7,200.00
Easton ATV Club	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$42,990.00	\$43,079.95	\$39,387.00

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 23: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,500.00 for insurance.

	2015-2016	2015-2016	2016-2017
	Appropriated	Actual	Proposed
	\$31,500.00	\$29,152.00	\$27,500.00

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 24: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$86,465.00 for Recreation.

	2015-2016	2015-2016	2016-2017
	Appropriated	Actual	Proposed
Salaries	\$32,168.00	\$32,844.24	\$35,550.00
Seasonal/Bus Driver Salary	8,500.00	8,046.56	8,500.00
Health Insurance	23,869.00	23,986.88	25,224.00
Medicare	600.00	577.76	783.00
Retirement	3,192.00	3,402.18	3,920.00
Rec Programs	4,500.00	4,584.59	4,500.00
Equipment & Supplies	3,100.00	2,381.40	3,100.00
Telephone	1,600.00	1,780.45	1,888.00
Rec. Field Maintenance	1,000.00	999.99	1,000.00
Training/Travel	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,287.38</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$80,029.00	\$79,891.43	\$86,465.00

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 25: To see if the Town will raise & appropriate \$2,500.00 for the Municipal Building Repairs account and to carry over any balance.

	2015-2016	2015-2016	2016-2017
	Appropriated	Actual	Proposed
	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 26: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to carry-over the following unexpended balances for fiscal year 2016.

Selectmen's Discretionary	Planning Board Account
Education	Septic Systems
General Assistance	Insurance Reserve
Town Road Improvement	Town Owned Properties
Beautification	Computer Reserve
School Retirement Reserve	Municipal Building Repair
Town Retirement Reserve	Sesquicentennial
Clean Up Day	Equipment Reserve
School Capital Improvements	

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

2016 Carry-over Balances	
Town Road Improvement	\$117,203.07
Town Owned Property Sales.	\$38,807.96
Selectmen's Discretionary	\$948.57
General Assistance	\$8,784.59
Sesquicentennial	\$0.00
Clean Up Day	\$291.33
Planning Board Account	\$696.92
Septic Systems	(\$7,648.62)
Education	\$206,146.76
Equipment Reserve	\$158,915.08
Insurance Reserve	\$3,000.00
Beautification	\$0.00
Computer Reserve	\$4,375.77
Town Retirement Reserve	\$8,753.56
School Retirement Reserve	\$10,000.00
School Capital Improvements	\$6,458.62
Municipal Building Repair	\$721.45

Art. 27: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount not to exceed 1/6 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2017 annual budget during the period from February 15, 2017 to annual town meeting.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 28: To see if the Town will allow the Board of Selectmen to authorize the Town Manager to apply and accept an award from the State of Maine Small Community 90-10 Matching Grant for pollution abatement construction, to correct, on a priority basis, defective residential septic systems on the Prestile Stream banks or on the banks of other streams or bodies of water, and further authorize the Town Manager to execute the necessary documents pursuant to the application, receipt, implementation, management, and completion of such projects.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 29: To see if the Town will allow the Board of Selectmen to authorize the Town Manager to submit a Community Development Block Grant Application to the Maine State Planning Office and if said application is approved, to further authorize the Town Manager to execute all necessary documents pursuant to the application, receipt, implementation, management and completion of the project.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 30: To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the town on abated taxes at 6 (six) percent for the fiscal year 2016-2017 pursuant to M.R.S.A. 506A.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 31: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to dispose of town-owned personal property with a value of \$4,000.00 or less under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 32: To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506 will authorize the Tax Collector and Town Treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed and to pay no interest thereon.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 33: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to appropriate \$15,000.00 from unappropriated surplus as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during fiscal year 2017.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 34: To see if the Town will vote to expend all proceeds from the State of Maine Grant In Aid Snowmobile Program estimated to be \$7,797.00 to the Easton Trailbreakers Snowmobile Club.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 35: Shall the Town of Easton vote to approve 2016-2017 Community Development Block (Grant) applications for the Business Assistance Program, the Economic Development Fund Loan and the Community Enterprise Program. To submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development, and if said program is approved, to authorize the municipal officers to accept said grant funds, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such program.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 36: Shall the Town of Easton vote to approve 2016-2017 Rural Development Grant applications for the Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program for \$99,999 and for Rural Business Enterprise Loans for up to \$300,000 each and to submit same to the USDA, and if said program is approved, to authorize the municipal officers to accept said grant funds, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such program.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Art. 37: To see if the Town of Easton will authorize the Easton Board of Selectmen to authorize and accept the proposal of a financial institution to purchase the Town a tax anticipated note, on a drawdown basis, and award said note to a financial institution.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

**GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS 25 DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016 A.D.
EASTON SELECTMEN**

Paul D. Dudley

Michael P. Corey

Douglas R. Blackstone

Scott F. Allen

Bruce V. Flewelling

ATTEST:

Cheryl Clark, Town Clerk

STATE OF MAINE**COUNTY OF AROOSTOOK**

Pursuant to the within warrant, I certify that I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Easton, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place for the purpose therein named, by posting this day an attested copy of the within warrant at:

Katahdin Trust Co.
Easton Town Office
Country Farm's Market
Easton Elementary School
Easton High School
Easton Post Office

The same being public and conspicuous places in said town, on the 25TH day of March, 2016, which is at least 7 days next prior to said meeting.

Dated: March 25, 2016

Dwight L. Flewelling



Veteran's float - Field Days Parade

"Parents can only give good advice or put them on the right paths, but the final forming of a person's character lies in their own hands." Anne Frank

SAMPLE BALLOT

**STATE OF MAINE
FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTION, TOWN OF EASTON
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2016
9:00 AM TO 6:30 PM**

Make a cross (X) or a check mark (✓) in the square at the left of the name of the nominee for whom you wish to vote. Follow directions as to the number of nominees to be elected to each office. You may vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot by writing in the proper blank space and marking a cross (X) or a check mark (✓) in the proper square at the left. Do not erase names. Names written in must show the municipality of residence of each write-in candidate.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (TERM ENDING APRIL 2019)

VOTE FOR ONE

☐

Blackstone, Douglas

Easton

☐

Easton

SCHOOL BOARD (TERM ENDING APRIL 2019)

VOTE FOR TWO

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Flewelling, Gaylen

Easton

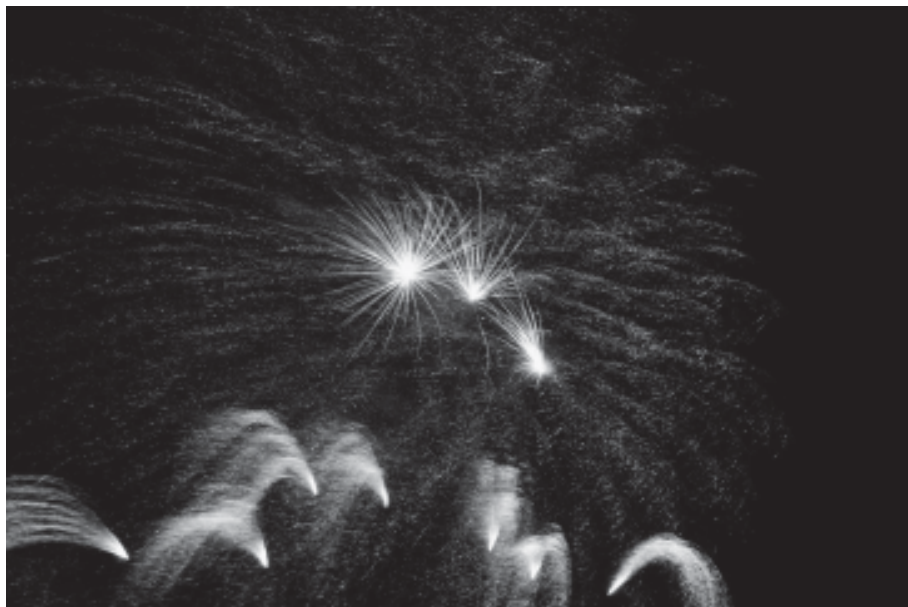
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Keep, Mary Lee

Easton

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Field Day Fireworks

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The following schedules have been excerpted from the year ended February 15, 2016 financial statements of the Town of Easton, Maine, a complete copy of which, including my opinion thereon, is available for inspection at the Town Office. The schedules included herein are as follows:

General Fund:

- Balance sheet (schedule 1)
- Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – Budgetary Basis (schedule 2)
- Schedule of General Fund Revenues – Budget and Actual (schedule 3)

Proprietary Funds:

- Combining Statement of Net Position (schedule 4)
- Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position (schedule 5)

Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds:

- Combining Balance Sheet (schedule 6)
- Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance (schedule 7)

Private-purpose Trust Funds:

- Statement of Agency Net Position (schedule 8)
- Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Funds (schedule 9)

Selected notes to the financial statements:

- Property tax
- Notes receivable
- Long-term debt
- Committed fund balances

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TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FEBRUARY 15, 2016

	Major Fund General	Special Revenue Funds Major UDAG	Non-Major Other	Totals
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,787,610	\$ 296,659	\$ -	\$ 2,084,269
Uncollected taxes, net of allowance for uncollectible	120,523	-	-	120,523
Tax liens	12,021	-	-	12,021
Due from other funds	68,010	-	-	68,010
Notes / accounts receivable	-	338,594	-	338,594
Tax acquired property	7,049	-	-	7,049
	<u>\$ 1,995,213</u>	<u>\$ 635,253</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,630,466</u>
Liabilities				
Other accrued expenses	\$ 589	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 589
Taxes collected in advance	47,717	-	-	47,717
Due to other governments	3,068	-	-	3,068
Due to other funds	-	-	62,009	62,009
	<u>51,374</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62,009</u>	<u>113,383</u>
Deferred inflow of resources				
Unearned property tax revenues	82,629	-	-	82,629
Fund Balance:				
Reserved for noncurrent notes receivable	-	338,594	-	338,594
Non-spendable	7,049	-	-	7,049
Committed for Town projects	351,527	-	-	351,527
Unreserved:				
General Fund - School designated	206,147	-	-	206,147
Unassigned fund balance	1,296,487	-	-	1,296,487
Special revenue funds	-	296,659	(62,009)	234,650
Total fund balance	<u>1,861,210</u>	<u>635,253</u>	<u>(62,009)</u>	<u>2,434,454</u>
	<u>\$ 1,995,213</u>	<u>\$ 635,253</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,630,466</u>

Schedule 2

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

**SCHEDULE OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 15, 2016**

	Original	Budget Adjustment	Final	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues					
Taxes	\$ 3,472,082	\$ -	\$ 3,472,082	\$ 3,530,818	\$ 58,736
Intergovernmental revenues	1,736,655	-	1,736,655	1,884,620	(52,035)
Intergovernmental revenues - MSRS	208,932	-	208,932	208,932	-
Interest	10,400	-	10,400	10,409	9
Other revenues	13,450	-	13,450	16,789	3,339
	<u>5,441,519</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,441,519</u>	<u>5,451,568</u>	<u>10,049</u>
Expenditures					
General government	367,341	-	367,341	353,378	13,963
Fire department	78,575	-	78,575	73,581	4,994
Highways	304,786	-	304,786	302,960	1,826
County tax	278,548	-	278,548	278,548	-
Education (excluding debt service)	3,711,821	-	3,711,821	3,613,600	98,221
Pension - MSRS on behalf payments	208,932	-	208,932	208,932	-
Recreation/Arts	87,826	-	87,826	87,688	138
Odd Fellows' Hall	9,200	-	9,200	13,690	(4,490)
Outside Requests	31,990	-	31,990	32,080	(90)
Insurances	31,500	-	31,500	25,052	6,448
Debt service					-
Reserves	69,000	-	69,000	23,924	45,076
Capital projects	299,819	-	299,819	300,458	(639)
Total expenditures	<u>5,479,338</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,479,338</u>	<u>5,313,891</u>	<u>165,447</u>
Other items					
Interfund transfers					
Transfer to cemetery	(11,000)	-	(11,000)	(11,000)	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditure:	<u>\$ (48,819)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (48,819)</u>	<u>\$ 126,677</u>	<u>\$ 175,496</u>
Fund balance, beginning of year				<u>1,734,533</u>	
Fund balance, end of year				<u>\$ 1,861,210</u>	

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 15, 2016

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:			
<i>Taxes</i>			
Property Taxes	\$ 3,257,682	\$ 3,288,348	\$ 30,666
Supplemental tax	-	28	28
Abatements	-	(2,168)	(2,168)
Excise taxes	214,400	244,610	30,210
	<u>3,472,082</u>	<u>3,530,818</u>	<u>58,736</u>
<i>Intergovernmental revenue</i>			
State education revenues	395,883	395,883	-
State revenue sharing	32,000	34,899	2,899
State local road assistance	-	42,419	42,419
Homestead exemption	28,954	21,575	(7,379)
BETE reimbursement	1,272,021	1,182,047	(89,974)
Snowmobile grant	7,797	7,797	-
	<u>1,736,655</u>	<u>1,684,620</u>	<u>(52,035)</u>
<i>Intergovernmental revenue</i>			
MSRS contributions	208,932	208,932	-
<i>Interest:</i>			
Interest/fees on late property taxes	5,400	5,091	(309)
Interest on investments	5,000	5,318	318
	<u>10,400</u>	<u>10,409</u>	<u>9</u>
<i>Other revenues</i>			
Clerk fees	1,300	1,330	30
Registration fees	5,000	5,483	483
Bus repair income	3,000	-	(3,000)
Miscellaneous town income	4,150	9,976	5,826
	<u>13,450</u>	<u>16,789</u>	<u>3,339</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 5,441,519	\$ 5,451,568	\$ 10,049

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUNDS FEBRUARY 15, 2016

	Enterprise Funds			Totals
	Non-Major Industrial Park	Major Grange Apartments		
<i>Current assets:</i>				
Cash	\$ 36,704	\$ 130,214	\$	166,918
Loan receivable	-	25,000		25,000
	<u>36,704</u>	<u>155,214</u>		<u>191,918</u>
<i>Non-current assets:</i>				
Land	43,452	53,166		96,618
Buildings	24,156	269,757		293,913
Equipment	-	20,584		20,584
Less accumulated depreciation net of accumulated depreciation	<u>(27,053)</u>	<u>(258,918)</u>		<u>(285,971)</u>
	<u>40,555</u>	<u>84,589</u>		<u>125,144</u>
	<u>\$ 77,259</u>	<u>\$ 239,803</u>	\$	<u>\$ 292,062</u>
<i>Liabilities:</i>				
Security deposits	\$ -	\$ 2,423	\$	2,423
Due to General fund	-	4,100		4,100
	<u>-</u>	<u>6,523</u>		<u>6,523</u>
<i>Net Position</i>				
Investment in capital assets	40,555	84,589		125,144
Unrestricted	36,704	148,691		185,395
	<u>77,259</u>	<u>233,280</u>		<u>310,539</u>
	<u>\$ 77,259</u>	<u>\$ 239,803</u>	\$	<u>\$ 317,062</u>

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 15, 2016

	Enterprise Funds			
	Non-major Industrial Park	Major Grange Apartments	Totals	
Revenues				
Rental income	-	\$ 30,816	\$ 30,816	
Expenses				
Electricity	-	4,976	4,976	
Building maintenance	-	17,184	17,184	
Heating oil	-	4,462	4,462	
Insurance	-	4,100	4,100	
Equipment repairs	-	274	274	
Wages-ground maintenance	-	5,788	5,788	
Depreciation	-	-	-	
Total expenses	-	36,784	36,784	
Operating income (loss)	-	(5,968)	(5,968)	
Other income (expense)				
Interest income	216	786	1,002	
Change in net position	216	(5,182)	(4,966)	
Net position - February 16	77,043	238,462	315,505	
Net position - February 15	\$ 77,259	\$ 233,280	\$ 310,539	

Schedule 6

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEETS - NON MAJOR FUND
FEBRUARY 15, 2016

	Education Federal/State Programs
Liabilities	
Due to other funds	\$ 62,009
Fund balances:	
Unreserved, undesignated	\$ (62,009)

Schedule 7

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

**COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - ALL NON-MAJOR FUNDS
FEBRUARY 15, 2016**

	Special Revenue
	Education
	Federal/State
	Programs
Revenues:	
Intergovernmental revenue	\$ 243,550
Expenditures:	
Education	281,578
Excess (deficiency) of revenues	(38,028)
over (under) expenditures	
Fund balance, beginning of year	(23,981)
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ (62,009)</u>

Schedule 8

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

PRIVATE PURPOSE TRUST FUNDS
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS
FEBRUARY 15, 2016

	Larsen Scholarship Fund	McManus Scholarship Fund	Bragdon Scholarship Fund	Malcolm Scholarship Fund	Bradley Scholarship Fund	Hayden Family TR Scholarship	Town Cemetery Fund	Union Church Fund	Field Days	Totals
Assets										
Cash	\$ 17,633	\$ 2,828	\$ 3,677	\$ 10,487	\$ 2,425	\$ 1,082,313	\$ 20,765	\$ 6,677	\$ 6,031	\$ 1,152,836
Interfund receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total assets	\$ 17,633	\$ 2,828	\$ 3,677	\$ 10,487	\$ 2,425	\$ 1,082,313	\$ 20,765	\$ 6,677	\$ 6,031	\$ 1,152,836
Liabilities:										
Interfund loan payable	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 113	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,013
Deferred compensation payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	-	200	200	500	-	-	113	-	-	1,013
Net assets:										
Permanently restricted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unreserved	17,633	2,628	3,477	9,987	2,425	1,082,313	20,652	6,677	6,031	1,151,823
	17,633	2,628	3,477	9,987	2,425	1,082,313	20,652	6,677	6,031	1,151,823
Total liabilities & net assets	\$ 17,633	\$ 2,828	\$ 3,677	\$ 10,487	\$ 2,425	\$ 1,082,313	\$ 20,765	\$ 6,677	\$ 6,031	\$ 1,152,836

Schedule 9

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

PRIVATE PURPOSE TRUST FUNDS
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF ADDITIONS, DEDUCTIONS AND CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 15, 2016

	Larsen Scholarship Fund	McManus Scholarship Fund	Bragdon Scholarship Fund	Malcolm Scholarship Fund	Bradley Scholarship Fund	Hayden Family TR Scholarship	Town Cemetery Fund	Union Church Fund	Field Days	Totals
Additions:										
Contributions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,265	\$ 14,265
Interest income	111	7	10	71	7	12,652	93	16	17	12,984
Other additions	-	-	-	-	100	-	700	-	-	800
Total additions	111	7	10	71	107	12,652	793	16	14,282	28,049
Deductions:										
Scholarships	-	-	100	500	500	12,000	-	-	-	13,100
Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,253	64	-	13,317
Field Days expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,326	15,326
Total deductions	-	-	100	500	500	12,000	13,253	64	15,326	41,743
Changes in net assets	111	7	(90)	(429)	(393)	652	(12,460)	(48)	(1,044)	(13,694)
Other items	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,000	-	-	11,000
Interfund transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net assets, February 16	17,522	2,621	3,567	10,416	2,818	1,081,661	22,112	6,725	7,075	1,154,517
Net assets, February 15	\$ 17,633	\$ 2,628	\$ 3,477	\$ 9,987	\$ 2,425	\$ 1,082,313	\$ 20,652	\$ 6,677	\$ 6,031	\$ 1,151,823

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

SELECTED NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FEBRUARY 15, 2016

Property Tax

Property taxes are levied as of April 1 and are used to finance the operations of the Town for the fiscal budget year beginning February 16. Taxes are committed for collection on August 24th and are due and payable on or before December 31. In accordance with Maine law, taxes not collected within twelve months following the date of commitment are secured by liens. The Town has the authority to foreclose on property eighteen months after the filing of the lien if tax liens and associated costs remain unpaid.

The Town is permitted by the laws of the State of Maine to levy taxes up to 105% of its net budgeted expenditures for the related fiscal period. The amount raised in excess of 100% is referred to as overlay, which amounted to \$76,743 for the year ended February 15, 2016.

The Town of Easton receives approximately 83% of its total property tax revenues from McCain Foods, Inc. and J.M. Huber Corp. Total tax revenues from these taxpayers totaled \$2,216,299 and \$2,250,608 for the fiscal years ended February 15, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Notes Receivable

UDAG Fund

In 1984 the Town was co-recipient (along with the Town of Washburn) of an Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) to assist McCain Foods, Inc. in upgrading plant equipment located in each Town. The towns loaned these funds to McCain Foods, Inc. Funds from the repayment of this loan have been used by the Town of Easton to create a revolving loan fund to assist other businesses in the Town. UDAG Fund notes receivable consisted of the following at February 15, 2016:

Due From	Interest Rate	Monthly Payment	Maturity Date	February 15, 2016 Balance
Easton School Dept bus loan	-	-	2/2015	\$ 20,689
Easton School Department	-	\$11,213/yr	07/2017	22,417
School Department - gym floor	-	\$7,500/yr	06/2017	14,332
School Department - cafeteria	-	\$4,000/yr	02/2017	2,388
Cemetery equipment	-	Vari	02/2016	12,751
Tucker Sno-Cat Groomer	-	---	02/2013	39,482
Village Health Care loan	2.00%	\$ 665	8/2030	101,935
Village Health Care lease	-	\$ 700	8/2030	124,600
				<u>\$ 338,594</u>

The School Department borrowed \$80,689 from the UDAG fund in May 2010 for a bus purchase, as approved in article XIX of the May 25, 2010 town meeting. There is no written agreement for this loan, but the School Department will repay this loan within the next three years.

The School Department borrowed \$60,000 from the UDAG fund in June, 2009 for repairs to the gym, as approved in article 14 of the June 2009 town meeting. There is no written agreement for this loan, but the School Department is making 8 annual interest-free payments of \$7,500 beginning June, 2010.

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (cont'd)

Notes Receivable (cont'd)

The School Department borrowed \$40,000 from the UDAG fund in August, 2007 to aid in the purchase cafeteria equipment for the school lunch program, as approved in article 11 of the June 11, 2007 town meeting. There is no written agreement for this loan, but the School Department is making ten annual interest-free payments of \$4,000 beginning February, 2008.

UDAG Fund

The Town borrowed \$16,800 from the UDAG fund in June 2012 for cemetery maintenance equipment. There is no written agreement for this loan, but the Town is expecting to repay the loan in a three year period.

The Snowmobile Club borrowed \$59,193 from the UDAG fund for a snow groomer purchase. There is no written agreement for this loan, but the Town has established a 15 year repayment.

In August 2015 the Town entered into a \$105,000 10 year, 2% loan with Village Health Care for property located at 80 Center Road in Easton. Payments of \$665 are due monthly.

In August 2015 the Town entered into a \$126,000 10 year lease agreement with Village Health Care for property located at 80 Center Road in Easton. This is a no interest lease with monthly payments of \$700.

Proprietary Fund

In November 2015, the Town voted to loan \$25,000 to West Ridge Manor. This is a five year, no interest loan due in annual payments of \$5,000. At February 15, 2016 the loan balance was \$25,000.

Long-term debt

The Town has issued a general obligation bond to finance the high school addition. This facility is being accounted for in the governmental fund and will be repaid from tax resources. This bond is interest free and is to be repaid in annual installments of \$11,213 thru July 2017. The Town borrowed a total of \$224,251 and at February 15, 2015 the balance is \$22,417.

The Town has a note due to UDAG used to finance the purchase of cafeteria equipment. This equipment is being accounted for in the governmental fund and will be repaid from tax resources. This note is interest free and is to be repaid in annual installments of \$4,000. The Town borrowed a total of \$40,000 and at February 15, 2015 the balance is \$2,388.

The Town has a note due to UDAG used to finance the School department's gym floor. This improvement is being accounted for in the governmental fund and will be repaid from tax resources. This note is interest free and is to be repaid in annual installments of \$7,500. The Town borrowed a total of \$60,000 and at February 15, 2015 the balance is \$14,832.

The Town has a note due to UDAG used to finance the purchase of a new bus. This equipment is being accounted for in the governmental fund and will be repaid from tax resources. This note is interest free and is to be repaid in one annual installment due in the fiscal year ending 2015. The balance on this loan is \$20,689.

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (cont'd)

Long-term debt (cont'd)

	Beg of year balance	Debt issued	Debt retired	End of year balance
Note payable for cafeteria equipment - UDAG	\$ 2,388	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,388
Note payable for high school addition - UDAG	22,417	-	-	22,417
Note payable for gym floor improvement - UDAG	14,332	-	-	14,332
Note payable for new bus UDAG	20,689	-	-	20,689
	<u>\$ 59,826</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 59,826</u>

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Debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

Year ended	Principal
February 15	
2017	\$ 41,790
2018	18,036
	<u>\$ 59,826</u>

Committed Fund Balance

At February 15, 2016, portions of the general fund equity were designated to future periods as follows:

Equipment Reserve	\$ 158,915
Selectmen's discretionary	949
Septic system grant	(7,649)
Insurance reserve	3,000
Computer reserve	4,376
Town retirement reserve	8,754
School capital improvements	6,459
School retirement reserve	10,000
Town owned property	38,808
Municipal building repair	721
Town road improvement	117,202
General assistance	8,784
Clean up day	291
Historical society	220
Planning	697
	<u>\$ 351,527</u>

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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Town Clerk

Estes Park Cemetery

Mount Shiloh Cemetery

Pine Tree Cemetery

Easton Grange Apartments

Easton Odd Fellows' Hall

Easton Highway Department 488-7705

Easton Fire Department

EMERGENCY ONLY 911

All other calls 488-6652

Easton Animal Control Officer 488-6846

Easton Recreation Department 488-6601

Easton Odd Fellows' Hall 488-7708

Easton School Department

Elementary School 488-7701

High School 488-7702

Easton Post Office 488-5751

Crown Ambulance 911

Pinetree Waste Management 532-4264

Tri-Community Landfill 473-7840

Plumbing Inspector & Code Enforcement Officer (Tony Levesque) 472-3805

Maine State Police 532-2261

EMERGENCY ONLY 911

Aroostook County Sheriff's Department 532-3471

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Senator Michael Willette (207) 227-5989
 Augusta (Sessions Only) (207) 287-1505
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TRI-COMMUNITY LANDFILL HOURS:

	Private	Commercial
Monday-Friday	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	8:00 AM – 3:30 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM – 3:00 PM	8:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Closed all federal and state legal holidays and Sundays.

OTHER TOWN INFORMATION:

Easton Clean-Up: Twice a year, the Town of Easton will provide a collection point at the town garage on the Fry Pan Road for household junk, such as appliances, tires, furniture, wood, etc. Wood products must be separated. **NO HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE OR USED OIL.** There will also be a collection point next to the recycling igloos behind the town office to dispose of electronics such as: Televisions, Computers, Monitors, Printers, Fluorescent Bulbs, Circuit Boards, Cell Phones, Fax Machines, Scanners, Laptops, DVD/VCR Players, Batteries and Copiers. All recyclables must be deposited in the igloos behind the town office. **EASTON RESIDENTS ONLY. NO COMMERCIAL LOADS.**

Pinetree Waste, Inc.: Commercial pick-up on Wednesday and residential pick-up on Thursday.

Odd Fellows' Hall: Scheduling of the use of the Odd Fellows' Hall can be done at the Town Office. Check for availability on our website at <http://www.eastonme.com/availability-calendar> or by calling Cheryl at 488-6652.

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Dear Friends of Easton:

It has been a privilege to serve the State of Maine since being sworn into the U.S. Senate.

Much of my time in Washington this past year has been devoted to the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Select Committee on Intelligence. Protecting our homeland and the people of Maine from terrorism and violence remains one of my top priorities. Through my work on the Armed Services Committee, I was able to secure several provisions in the 2016 National Defense Authorization Act that benefit Maine. The legislation authorizes the construction of an additional DDG-51 Arleigh Burke Class Destroyer that could be built at Bath Iron Works and expands the HUBZone program to stimulate economic growth at former military installations like the former Brunswick Naval Air Station.

Returning control to teachers, school districts, and states has also been a primary concern of mine. I am encouraged that the Every Student Succeeds Act has become law. It eliminates the burdensome requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act and ensures access to a quality education for all students. A provision I helped author in the bill will give states the opportunity to pilot the use of their own proficiency-based assessments in lieu of federally-mandated standardized tests. Also included in the bill are several measures I secured to promote local input, fund education technology initiatives, and explore new strategies to increase student access to the internet outside of school.

Communities across Maine have taken bold action to improve their broadband connectivity, and I have been proud to foster federal support for these types of projects. My amendments to the Every Student Succeeds Act will promote the type of work already occurring in Washington County, where students who lack broadband access are able to check out mobile hotspots from their local libraries. Additionally, a bill I co-sponsored, the Community Broadband Act, helped pave the way for the FCC to enact rules protecting the ability of municipalities to invest in better broadband. I am excited by Maine's leadership on this important economic development issue and will continue to support local efforts in this area.

After extensive negotiations, the Senate passed a five-year transportation bill that will increase highway and transit funding in Maine and provide stability to improve our transportation infrastructure. The legislation contains provisions I cosponsored to cut red tape and improve predictability and timeliness by streamlining the federal permitting process for large infrastructure projects. Also incorporated in this bill are my provisions to relieve financial regulations on Maine's community banks and credit unions and to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank, a critical tool that supports communities and small business across the state.

Following my inquiries in the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the National Park Service has announced they will begin exploring strategies to allow park visitors to purchase electronic passes online and will pilot the program at Acadia National Park. These passes would improve access to our nation's most treasured landscapes and would generate resources for years to come. I remain deeply engaged in preserving Maine's natural beauty and strengthening our outdoor recreation economy.

It is with solemn responsibility that I have focused my energy addressing the opioid epidemic in Maine. This work includes convening roundtables with a wide-range of health care and law enforcement professionals to combat addiction; introducing a proposal to safely dispose of excess prescription drugs; cosponsoring a

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Senate-passed bill that addresses mothers struggling with addiction and the alarming effect it has on newborns; cosponsoring the TREAT Act, which expands the ability of medical specialists to provide life-saving medication-assisted therapies for patients battling heroin and prescription drug addiction; and calling on the Commander of U.S. Southern Command to increase efforts to stop the flow of heroin at our southern border.

I like to think of Maine as a big small town – and in a small town, the leaders are accessible and eager to listen. In that spirit, I've made it a priority to stay connected with people from all over Maine who e-mail, write, and call with suggestions or questions. If I can ever assist in your interaction with a federal agency, or you have thoughts, concerns, or personal input on a matter that is currently before Congress I hope you will contact me, let me know where you stand, and engage in this critical part of democracy. Please call my toll-free line at **1-800-432-1599** or one of my offices: Augusta (207) 622-8292, Presque Isle (207) 764-5124, Scarborough (207) 883-1588, or Washington, D.C. (202) 224-5344. You can also write me on our website at www.king.senate.gov/contact.

As always, I am honored to represent the people of Maine and look forward to working with you for the betterment of our great state.

Sincerely,



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Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust the people of our State have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments from 2015.

Growing the economy by encouraging job creation was and remains my top priority. The tax-relief bill signed into law at the close of last year contains three key provisions I authored to help foster job creation and provide small businesses with the certainty they need to invest, grow, and, most important, hire new workers. Another provision I authored that became law last year gives a boost to both Maine's economy and traffic safety. This provision permanently changed the federal law that previously had forced the heaviest trucks onto our country roads and downtown streets, rather than allowing them to use Maine's federal Interstates. In addition, I was glad to help secure another significant award for the University of Maine's deepwater offshore wind initiative, which has the potential to advance an emerging industry and create thousands of good jobs in our state.

Maine's historic contributions to our nation's defense must continue. In 2015, I secured funding toward a much-needed additional Navy destroyer, likely to be built at Bath Iron Works. Modernization projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard that I have long advocated for were also completed, as were projects for the Maine National Guard.

I was also deeply involved in crafting the new education reform law to better empower states and communities in setting educational policy for their students. The law also extends a program I co-authored that provides additional assistance to rural schools, which has greatly benefited our state. A \$250 tax deduction I authored in 2002 for teachers who spend their own money on classroom supplies was also made permanent last year.

As a result of a scientific evaluation of the nutritional value of potatoes required by a law that I wrote, the wholesome fresh potato finally was included in the federal WIC nutrition program. I also worked on other issues important to Maine's farmers and growers, including research on wild blueberries and pollinating bees.

As Chairman of the Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I have made combating veterans' homelessness a priority. This year's housing funding law includes \$60 million for 8,000 new supportive housing vouchers for homeless veterans. Since this program began in 2008, the number of homeless veterans nationwide has dropped by one third. Maine has received nearly 200 vouchers to support homeless veterans.

Last year, I became Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee. My top three priorities for the committee are retirement security, investing more in biomedical research, and fighting fraud and financial abuses targeting our nation's seniors. I advocated for the \$2 billion increase in funding for the National Institutes of Health to advance research on such diseases as diabetes and Alzheimer's. The Senate also unanimously passed my bill to support family caregivers. The Aging Committee's toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for senior citizens to report suspected fraud and receive assistance and has already received more than 1,000 calls.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. As 2015 ended, I cast my 6,072nd consecutive vote, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Easton and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Aroostook County Office at (207) 493-7873, or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2016 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I am so grateful and thankful that you've selected me to represent you in the Maine Senate. I am honored that you've put your trust in me, and I will continue to work tirelessly for the betterment of you and your neighbors, as well as for the great state of Maine. Please let me provide you with a recap of the first session of the 127th Legislature as well as my hopes for the second session, which will begin in January 2016.

The most important item on our to-do list is clear: our state needs more jobs at all levels of the pay scale, so it is our responsibility and my solemn promise to work to expand economic opportunity for all Mainers. To this end, my fellow legislators and I accomplished a great deal during the first session of the 127th Legislature.

We passed a biennial budget that ensured that more Maine families received a tax cut than did in the "largest tax cut in Maine history" in 2011. That same budget stopped taxes on military pensions, so those who have given all that a person can give can feel welcomed and at home in our state. We restructured portions of our welfare system, increasing funding for nursing homes, and put far more funding towards eliminating waitlists for services for brain-injured and intellectually disabled Mainers.

I'm really looking forward to watching how the significant changes we've already made will better the everyday lives of Mainers. I wanted to serve in Augusta because I believe that, while I'm here, I can have an impact on the direction of our district and state. Because of this belief, passing vital legislation (and, sometimes, stopping bad legislation) is so gratifying.

As you know, more changes are necessary. Next year, during the second session of the legislature, we need to make progress towards addressing the cost of energy in this state. There are a number of bills that have been proposed that would change the way our state's energy system works, and I look forward to putting my own energy into legislation that would lower your energy costs. I also believe that working to provide support to areas hard-hit by recent mill closings should be a focus of the 2016 session.

You have my humble and sincere thanks for allowing me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me at 287-1505 and Michael.Willette@legislature.maine.gov if you have comments or questions, or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy. I continue to be enthusiastically ready to help you.

Sincerely,



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Dear Friends,

This past year—my first as your Congressman in the U.S. House of Representatives—I am proud to have supported Maine families, local businesses and communities by working hard with Republicans and Democrats to promote policies that will preserve and create jobs and lower energy costs. I have worked to ensure our Veterans and active military members have the services they have earned and deserve, protected the individual rights and liberties they have fought for, and strengthened our national security to keep Americans safe and free.

I have fought tooth and nail to protect and create jobs for Maine. I stood up against the Washington political establishment, including Congressional leadership, to oppose granting fast-track authority to the President, a policy that allows him to facilitate massive international trade agreements that are unfair to American businesses, especially those in Maine. I am also extremely proud to have led the charge in successfully ending unfair and job-killing Canadian subsidies and to win a major victory for Maine by pushing into law a provision that will continue the FDA's use of paper inserts, efforts that combined to preserve hundreds of traditional Maine papermaking jobs.

As a proud member of the Military Veterans Caucus, I have been fighting for our Veterans by supporting several bills to increase funding for Veterans' health programs and hold the VA accountable. I also am proud to have introduced my own bill—the Helping Our Rural Veterans Receive Health Care Act—to give our rural Veterans easier access to their earned health care services by letting local hospitals care for them instead of VA centers far from home. I extend my thanks to all who have served.

In this first year, I also had one of my own bills signed into law. My critical and bipartisan Child Support Assistance Act will help children and their families receive legally due support in a timelier manner from delinquent parents. My District offices also helped hundreds of Maine families resolve issues with federal agencies and get the answers, benefits and services they deserved.

There is much more work to be done. Our Great State and Nation face many critical challenges. Please know that I am working hard, every day, to serve you and that I will continue to work here at home and in Washington for our families, local businesses and communities.

If you ever have any concerns or if I can provide assistance, please contact my Congressional Offices in Bangor (942-0583), Lewiston (784-0768), Presque Isle (764-1968) and Washington, DC (202-225-6306), or visit my website at poliquin.house.gov. It is an honor to represent you and our fellow Mainers in Congress.

Best wishes,



Bruce Poliquin
Member of Congress



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Dear Friends & Neighbors:

What an honor it continues to be representing the good people of Easton at the State House!

Now in its Second Regular Session, the Legislature is working at a steady pace to accomplish its work and adjourn by the statutory adjournment date of April 20. Should you have any questions or concerns related to the discussions occurring under the dome of the State House, please do not hesitate to contact me.

As some of you may already be aware, I make a continuous effort to maintain an open line of communication with constituents via regular mailings and a weekly e-newsletter. I appreciate the feedback of those citizens who took the time to complete and return the questionnaire sent out late last year. It has been a pleasure reading through the many responses, and I look forward to sharing the tallied results soon.

Focusing more on the content of my e-newsletter, I make a point to include information that may be of interest to a broad range of readers. Specifically, my current goal is to reconnect area residents with lost or abandoned property. Unclaimed property consists of money and other personal assets that are considered lost or abandoned when an owner cannot be located after a specified period of time. It includes checking accounts, certificates of deposit, overpayments, gift certificates, paid-up life insurance policies, unpaid wages, commissions, uncashed checks, death benefits, dividends, insurance payments, money orders, refunds, savings accounts, stocks, and contents of safe deposit boxes. Unclaimed property does not include real estate, animals, or vehicles.

To see if the State might be holding anything of value belonging to you, a friend, neighbor, or relative, please visit <https://maine.unclaimedproperty.com>. If you find your name on the list, you can make a claim by filing online or you may print a claim form and mail it to Office of the Maine State Treasurer.

Again, thank you for the sincere pleasure of being your voice in Augusta. I wish you and your families a healthy and prosperous 2016!

Sincerely,

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State Representative

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Tuesday	8:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Friday	8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Easton Board of Selectmen meet as needed but generally on the second Monday of the month at the Town Office at 7:00 PM.

Easton School Board meets the second Monday of the month at the Easton Elementary School Library at 7:00 PM.



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