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ANNUAL REPORT
from the
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
of the Town of
MACHIASPORT, MAINE

for the Fiscal Year

2011 – 2012

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IN MEMORIAM

To those who have gone before us
who we were privileged to have known
and who have contributed
their individuality to our town.
They will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved them.

Adion Davis

Mary Hanson

Edwin S. Plissey

Anne Schoppee

Marion Voita

Walter Voita

Millicent Wood

Raymond Wood

Reginald Wood

Susie Wood

TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN AND ASSESSORS

Michael Murphy II (12)

Margaret Flaherty (13)

Burleigh Sprague (14)

TOWN CLERK, TREASURER, DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Annemarie Davis

DEPUTY CLERK, TAX COLLECTOR, REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Cynthia Carter

FIRE CHIEF AND FIRE WARDEN

David Nielsen

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

Danny Sprague

MACHIASPORT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Rose Williams (13)

Joleen Nicely (14)

Jeff Chick (12)

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/PLUMBING INSPECTOR

James Bradley

SHELLFISH WARDEN/CONSTABLE

Jonathan Rolfe

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Kevin Nelson

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

David Nielsen

SHELLFISH CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Jonathan Rolfe, Chair
Christopher Bridges

Justin Erickson

Wayne Robinson
Brian Olsen

HARBOR MASTER

Wade Day

MARITIME COMMITTEE

Ben Crocker Sr., Chair
Jim Sherman, Secretary

Robert Ingalls, Vice Chair

Mark Sprague
John Polk

PLANNING BOARD

Jim Miner, Chair
Shirley Erickson
Sandra K. Prescott, Secretary

Richard Bury
William Prescott Jr.

Jeff Huntley

BOARD of APPEALS

Betsy Fitzgerald, Chair
Steve Jones

Susan West
Hugh Taylor

Ed Plissey

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

As we reflect on another year dealing with budget constraints, we want to commend each department in their efforts to holding costs in line. We know there have been circumstances when creative thought was used in funding various projects. Team work plays a very important role. Some of the projects that have been accomplished in our town are:

- ❖ The Marsh Stream culvert replacement on the Kennebec Road - Larger culverts were put in, the road bed was raised, and bolder borders were added. This was completed by Gerald & David Wood under the watchful eye of Neal Sprague, Road Commissioner. FEMA funds were used at a very considerable savings to our town. A job well done!!!!
- ❖ Bush cutting, chipping , as well as ditching, has been completed on the following side roads: Smalls Point, Pettegrow Point, East Side, and Clarks Point Road. This was done by our own town crew under the supervision of Neal Sprague.

The Marion Transfer Station closed their landfill on January 1st of this year. The Board of Directors contracted with Southwest Solid Waste Commission to accept our solid waste at their facility at Lawrence Station in New Brunswick, Canada. This has been a smooth transition with minor changes.

We would like to take this opportunity to again thank the various committees for their hard work and dedication, the Downeast Correctional Facility and the minimum security inmates for the many projects they have completed this past year, and to the residents of Machiasport for their support.

In closing, we would like to acknowledge and thank Richard Stanhope for all that he does in keeping the Veterans' Memorial looking great!!! And to all others who help and volunteer in keeping our Municipal Complex looking good...thank you all!

Respectfully,
Michael Murphy II
Margaret Flaherty
Burleigh (Sam) Sprague

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

RECORDINGS

Births 08

Marriages 05

Deaths 10

LICENSES

ATV	76
Boats	199
Dog	54
Hunting & Fishing	109
Snowmobiles	11

CLAM LICENSES

Resident Commercial/Resident over Sixty	84
Non-Resident Commercial	09
Resident Student	07
Non-Resident Student	01
Resident Under 14	01

ELECTIONS AND MEETINGS

**November 21, 2011 - Special Town Meeting/\$5,000 Matching Funds/\$2,990.88
Veterans Monument Deficit**

November 21, 2011 - Public Hearing/General Assistance

**April 12, 2012 - Public Hearing/Exempting Eligible Active Duty Personnel
from Excise Tax Ordinance**

**April 12, 2012 - Public Hearing Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)
Ordinance**

April 12, 2012 - Public Hearing/Dog Ordinance

April 30, 2012 - AOS Budget Meeting

June 12, 2012 - Election of Officers

June 25, 2012 - Annual Town Meeting

June 28, 2012 - Referendum/School Budget

Auditor's Report

The report presented is for FY 2011. It is anticipated that the audit report for FY 2012 will be completed by the end of August 2012. When complete, copies of the report will be available at the Town Office.

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
ANNUAL REPORT**

To: The Machiasport School Committee and the Citizens of Machiasport:

Several months ago I received the exciting news that the Town of Machiasport will receive over \$93,000.00 more in subsidy for the upcoming 2012/2013 school year as compared to our current level of school funding. The increase is primarily due to Senator Raye's bill, An Act to Restore Equity in Education Funding, that became law this year.

As a result of an increase in state subsidy for the 2012/2013 school year, the tax commitment for education will reflect no increase. Even though the Federal Jobs Fund money will not be available during the upcoming school year and several budget items increased, the additional subsidy was significant enough to offset the increases which has allowed the tax commitment to remain exactly the same as last year.

The School Committee, administration and staff are committed to provide the best possible educational experience for the students that attend the Fort O'Brien School. The Building Principal, Susan Almendinger, teachers and support staff work hard every day to meet the needs of the student body.

The School Committee continues to support annual improvements to the physical plant. This past summer a new boiler was installed and several windows have been replaced with more efficient egress windows on the second floor of the building. The School Committee is planning on continuing with building improvements in the upcoming year that include the following: 1) upgrading the fire alarm system, 2) making several bathrooms handicapped accessible, 3) paving upgrades, 4) building a dormer on the entry roof to divert water flow coming off the roof.

In closing, it has been a pleasure to work with the Machiasport School Committee. Chairperson Rose Williams, Joleen Nicely and Jeff Chick have worked hard to provide the necessary resources to ensure that the educational needs of the student body are met.

I welcome the citizens of Machiasport to stop by my office if any of you have questions about our proposed budget or any other issues that need to be discussed. Thank you for your support of the Machiasport School Department.

Scott K. Porter
Superintendent of Schools
AOS 96
Machias Bay Area School System

**Fort O'Brien Elementary School Report Card
School Year 2011 -2012**

Sue Colbeth Almendinger, Principal

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PO Box 37, 492 Port Road

Machiasport, Maine 04655

Tel # (207) 255-4575

Fifty-six (56) attend Fort O'Brien Elementary at this time. We have a teaching principal, three full time classroom teachers, a full time special education teacher with a full time educational technician, a Title 1 Teacher, and an educational technician who serves grades 4-8. We have a part time secretary and 3 special subject teachers who come on Wednesdays that include physical education, art, and music.

Our students made Average Yearly Progress again this year on the NECAP. Students in grades K-8 also took the NWEA in the fall and spring of which they did very well indicating consistent academic growth for the year.

As a staff, we have been participating in a book study using *Teach Like a Champion* by Doug Lemov. This book has been instrumental in allowing teachers and principal to examine how best to maximize instructional time invested in by teachers and students. We are in the process of choosing a new book for next year's professional research.

Fort O'Brien teachers have also been working on the new Common Core Standards at the A.O.S. #96 level. They have selected standards for English Language Arts and will move to the next phase of professional development in the fall of 2012.

We have an active parents' group, SIL. They have demonstrated a strong focus on how they support classroom learning through raising funds for guest speakers and specific education programs. SIL with the help of our cook, Paula Davis, put on a wonderful community dinner in December serving over 200 guests. They also planned our Community Day where 9 local presenters showcased the tools of their trade. The day was capped off with the arrival of the Forestry Department helicopter where students were able to talk with the pilot about how important spotting potential fires is to our county and state. With this kind of support and investment from parents, our school flourishes.

Finally, our school community continues to make the kinds of improvements that our students deserve. It is with teacher dedication, student motivation, parent participation and community support that we can be – simply, the stepping stones for students on their way to college and beyond.

Thank you,

Sue Colbeth Almendinger

Teaching Principal

Fort O'Brien Elementary School

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REPORT FROM THE ROAD COMMISSIONER

The FEMA money we received last year paid for the majority of the Kennebec Brook Project. It consisted of a build-up, cribbing, two new culverts, and new tar. We tarred the Greenwood Hill Road and finished the New Hickey Road as far as the gate.

If the budget passes this year we can tar another section of the Eastside Road and hopefully some on the Small's Point and Pettegrow Point Roads. We will prepare the roads by installing new cross culverts and by ditching. We will also brush back and chip the brush. We still have a lot of ditching left to finish on side roads this year and also driveway culverts to replace.

**Thank You,
Neal Sprague
Road Commissioner**

HARBOR MASTER'S REPORT

Another year has gone by. We have done some work on the slip. Hopefully it will make it better. I would like to take this time to thank the following:

- ❖ Bill Prescott for his work on the pier grounds**
- ❖ Road crew for keeping the landings plowed and sanded**
- ❖ Minimum security inmates for "spring cleaning" the grounds around the pier**
- ❖ All who have turned in their mooring applications**
- ❖ Everyone that has helped in any way to make all things run smoothly**

**Respectfully submitted,
Wade Day, Harbor Master**

2012 SHELLFISH COMMITTEE and WARDEN REPORT

Not much has changed this year for the Town of Machiasport.

The biggest concern we currently have is the continued closure of Point of Flats and Sanborn Cove due to issues with Machias. All the money and time that was spent to fix the issue at the Machias sewer plant have not stopped discharge into the river on heavy rain storms. Machiasport diggers have been denied access to the best producing sets of flats on numerous occasions this year already. Every time Machias overflows into the river, those sets of flats are shut down for at least 14 to 16 days. I urge anyone who has concerns over this continuing problem to either call the Machias Town Office at 255-6621 or the Department of Marine Resources in Lamoine at 667-3373.

On the positive side, the Bucks Harbor Creek is now open to harvest. Hopefully more areas of the Machias River will be opened as well at some point.

If anyone has any questions or concerns about shellfish in the Machiasport area feel free to call me at 263-6527.

Thank You
Jonathan Rolfe
Shellfish Warden

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Another year has passed, where has the time gone?

We, as you know, have received our new fire truck. We are still purchasing equipment for the new truck.

We have had a busy first part of the year with fire calls. We have had nineteen (19) calls, some were structure fires, out of town, some were alarm soundings, in town, some were grass & brush fires.

I would like to say we need younger people to join the Fire Department. I need more help during the daytime.

The officers are:

Chief:	David Nielsen
Assistant Chief:	Mike Hinerman
Assistant Chief:	Danny Sprague
Captain:	Denny Farley
Lieutenant:	Nick Cianciola
Lieutenant:	Eric Sprague
Training Officers:	Eric Sprague Mark Sprague Scott Verburgt
Safety Officer:	Mike Hinerman
Treasurer:	Sam Sprague
Secretary:	Amanda Sprague

Our fire department is doing well, but as I said before, we need more fire fighters.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Nielsen, Fire Chief

Machiasport Planning Board and Ordinance Committee Annual Report 2011 - 2012

Another successful year has passed for the Planning Board and a lot of accomplishments were made in the process.

During the Town's FY 2011-2012 there were 15 Building Permits considered by the Planning Board. In 2011, 7 permits were approved with one permit denied because the time for an extension had expired. As of the end of May 2012, 7 permits were approved.

The subdivision application proposed for the Long Point Subdivision was put on hold due to a court case to determine the ownership of the East Side Road from the culvert at the beach to the point. The proposed application for the subdivision has since been withdrawn and the property owner is negotiating with the Maine Coast Heritage Trust on a possible purchase of the land.

The Ordinance Committee is presently working on revisions to the Subdivision Ordinance that will be voted on at a future Town Meeting.

The Planning Board developed a Building Permit Brochure to help the townspeople with applications and one was sent to each Machiasport resident in January 2012. Additional copies of the brochure are available at the Town Office.

The Planning Board and Ordinance Committee have recently submitted three new Ordinances that were requested by the Selectmen for approval at the Town Meeting in June. They were:

- Exempting Eligible Active Duty Personnel From Vehicle Excise Tax
- Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) to be administered by Efficiency Maine Trust
- Animal/Dog Control Ordinance

The Planning Board and Ordinance Committee revised the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance and held two public hearings. The Planning Board is waiting to see what action, if any, the State takes on Shoreland Zoning regulations before proceeding with finalizing the DRAFT for the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance.

The CEO has issued Plumbing Permits and Permits in the Shoreland Zone under his jurisdiction.

The Planning Board discussed possible uses for Liberty Hall and appointed Rick Bury as Liaison between the Planning Board and the Liberty Hall Committee.

The Planning Board has recently recommended to the Board of Selectmen that the Town appoint a committee and set aside funding for the Sestercentennial celebration – the 250th year of Incorporation of the Town of Machiasport in 2013.

The Planning Board meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and the Ordinance Committee meets at 6:00 p.m. on the same day at the Town Office.

All Planning Board and Ordinance Committee meetings are posted 7 days in advance of the meetings on the Town's Bulletin Board and are open to the public. Copies of the agendas for the upcoming meetings and minutes from the previous meetings are also posted in the Town Office at that time.

Building Permits are due in the Town Office the Friday prior to the week of the Planning Board meeting and all permit fees must be paid at that time.

We want to thank the Community and Selectmen for their ongoing support.

Respectfully submitted for the Machiasport Planning Board and Ordinance Committee.

James W. Miner, Chair

Town of Machiasport

Tax Receivables
As of May 25, 2012

	2010	2011
Alemu, Tsegaye		490.17
Ball, Harry		1,487.39
Beane, Carroll		663.74
Berg, Lisa	1,537.33	1,562.62
Berg, Lisa	2,354.58	2,403.78
Berg, Lisa	421.71	430.53
Berry, Brian		106.99
Berry, Keith S.	238.84	243.83
Bridges, Jeremy & Ree Anna		225.14
Bridges, Jeremy & Ree Anna		199.08
Brown, Robert		1,434.81
Bryand, Sandra		1,095.70
Bryfogle, John W. Jr. - ET AL	1,790.70	4,796.14
Carlo Properties C/o Anthony Nardelli		441.06
Chick, Jeffery		612.32
Crocker, Benjamin Jr.		99.54
Crocker, Benjamin Jr.		72.18
Dahl, James	216.96	221.50
Davis, Daniel & Betty R (LE)	102.21	97.50
Davis, Scott	52.24	53.33
Dedman, Christopher & Sarah		2,958.35
Del Vecchio, Jeannette	111.84	114.18
Dennis, Leslie D.		445.42
Donaghy, Mary L & Stone Laurie Holmes		661.91
Foss, Harry O. Jr.	495.11	505.46
Fowler, Richard		1,073.03
Fowler, Richard		2,174.78
Frink, Peter H., Frink , Patti	1,403.80	1,433.13
Hall, Edward & Teresa J.	195.42	1,314.94
Hamilburg, Dorothy		5,239.80
Hampson, Edythe J. Hampson-Jovin,Rhiannon	1,149.68	1,549.26
Hansen, John Otto		1,875.89
Hansen, William II (LE)		2,112.47
Hogan, Robert & Rhonda		3,476.57
Holmes, David & Shelley		734.22
Holmes, Paul & Lisa Berg		608.85
Hooper, Florence		172.93
Hooper, Lawrence - Estate of	203.21	207.46
Houle, Carol		1,145.80
Jacques, Richard & Elaine		1,534.09
Johnson, Kurtis	40.57	41.42
Johnson, Paul		376.41
Johnson, Carolyn	2,604.51	2,946.24

Johnson, Carolyn & Allen		1,273.30
Johnson, Carolyn & Allen ET AL		1,444.88
Kelly, David		483.72
Kilton, Heirs of Audrey Rose Labarr	175.51	179.17
Lauze, Mercy	458.10	513.56
Leighton, Brian W.	2,204.27	2,243.49
Look, Douglas & Vicki	218.86	216.59
Maine Woodland Properties		2,071.77
Martin, Michael	15.91	16.25
Merchant, Thomas	3,119.75	3,184.94
Mid Florida Realty Investments LLC		3,482.77
Mid Florida Realty Investments LLC		3,522.41
Miller, Carol	349.15	349.61
Moody, Dennis & Rita		699.05
Moore, Mark A.	34.12	34.83
Moore, Joseph & Jennifer		701.94
Moore, Ralph & joan		927.86
Murphy, Michael II		607.07
Nicely, Arthur & Joleen		1,347.22
Oatley, Victoria		1,089.53
Panda Land Trust	464.91	474.63
Pettegrow, James and other Pettegrow Heirs		3,459.84
Pettegrow, Loring A. (c/o Gail E. Johnson)		410.19
Purington, Todd R.		1,134.45
Purington, Todd R.		176.68
Rasco, David	255.96	261.31
Rasco, David	136.51	139.37
Rasco, David	178.96	182.70
Richardson, Robert Sr.		973.81
Richardson, Robert Sr. & Jr.	504.28	517.62
Richardson, Mandy	358.89	366.38
Richardson, Ryan & Mandy		904.49
Rio Norton Enterprises, LLC		2,734.87
Robinson, Catherine Robinson, Levi	61.78	369.07
Ross, Jennings & Patty Ann		2,531.89
Roux, Gilbert & Nancy		432.92
Rudd, Christopher	605.24	617.89
Saulnier, Judith		1,243.05
Schencks, Kirby & Patty		1,098.13
Schors, Gregory & Brenda		2,365.08
Shaw, Ann		490.17
Smith, David & Linda	456.00	1,572.29
Sprague, Devises of Roland c/o Richard Sprague	1,100.72	1,351.52
Sprague, Ralph	1,403.80	1,433.13
Stanhope, William	3,648.08	3,724.31
Sullivan, Doris Pers. Rep. Hattie F. Ward		57.23
Torosian, Douglas		97.04
Truesdell, Guy & Kathleen La Vigne		2,477.39

Urquhart, Jessica		836.70
Valentin, Henry		2,452.55
Verburgt, Scott		117.96
Wilmott, Richard & Cheryl		434.24
Wilson, Daivd & Ann-Marie		397.35
Wood, Beverly Millay	385.02	386.22
Wood, Chad		1,032.52
Wood, Holly & Mary Hughey		338.20
Wood, John & Antoinette		818.22
Wood, Clayton Jr.		109.44
Wood, Kevin	48.76	49.78
Wood, Kevin	320.15	1,267.08
Wood, Lanny	82.88	84.61
Wood, Lanny M.	621.09	627.23
Wood, Marguarite (L/E) C/O Valarie L. Merchant	778.31	787.73
Wood, Troy & Jennifer		1,406.89
Wright, Jarod		407.44
Wright, Jeffrey		280.71
Wright, Jeffrey		1,445.79
Wright, Jeffrey		191.62
Wright, Jeffrey		2,033.94
Wright, Jeffrey & Sasha		505.46
Wright, Jon		301.39
Wright, Kristen		925.23
Wright, Nancy	80.05	81.72
Wright, Nancy V T	754.00	769.76
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	31,739.7	
TOTAL:	7	123,517.15

WARRANT
2012 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MACHIASPORT, MAINE

To: Jonathan Rolfe, a Constable in the Town of Machiasport, County of Washington, and State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to warn and notify the inhabitants of the Town of Machiasport, in the County of Washington, and the State of Maine, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Municipal Complex, in said Town, on Tuesday the 12th day of June, 2012, then and there to act on Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2 as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from eight o'clock in the forenoon until eight o'clock in the evening;

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Fort O'Brien School in said town on Monday, the 25th day of June, 2012 A.D., at six o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on Articles 3 through 43.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2: To elect all municipal officers and school committee members as are required to be elected.

ARTICLES 3 -16 FOR TOWN OF MACHIASPORT
SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$654,738.78 for Regular Instruction?

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$179,790.76 for Special Education?

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$9,455.27 for Other Instruction?

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$500.00 for Student and Staff Support?

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$47,749.99 for System Administration?

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$30,914.59 for School Administration?

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$45,733.52 for Transportation and Buses?

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$160,439.46 for Facilities Maintenance?

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$64,203.33 for All Other Expenditures?

ARTICLES 12 THROUGH 13 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE

PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town appropriate \$879,158.18 for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and shall the Town raise \$766,770.59 as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688?

Explanation: The Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

ARTICLE 13: (Written ballot required) Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$275,585.40 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$256,381.66 as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee?

The school committee **recommends \$275,585.40** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$256,381.66: The Machiasport School Department budget is over the Essential Programs and Services model in student to teacher ratios in the elementary school, school administration, guidance, library, system administration, maintenance, clerical costs, and the difference between the secondary tuition rate and the EPS tuition rate. In addition, the Essential Programs and Services model does not fully fund co-curricular activities and the model has not been fully funded by the State.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act that will help achieve the Town budget for educational programs.

ARTICLE 14 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town authorize the school committee to expend \$1,193,525.70 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools?

ARTICLE 15 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURES OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school

purposes provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

**ARTICLE 16 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM AND
RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE**

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town appropriate \$1,400.00 for adult basic education and raise \$1,400.00 as the local share; with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult basic education program.

**ARTICLES 17 -43 FOR TOWN OF MACHIASPORT
BUDGET**

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to charge 7% Interest per annum, or part thereof, on all unpaid property taxes effective three months after taxes are committed, which shall also be the date on which taxes shall become delinquent.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town, to sell, manage, or dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon. Sale to be by public sealed bid, and execute quitclaim deeds for said property. The grantor shall have the right to reclaim said property by full payment of the lien and all charges prior to the date of the bid announcement.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to purchase, trade, or sell town equipment through the Highway Capital Equipment Reserve Special Revenue Fund and the Fire Equipment Special Revenue Fund, so long as the said funds are not overspent.

ARTICLE 20: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the maintenance and repair of Town Buildings.

	<u>11 - 12</u>	<u>12 - 13</u>
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:	\$2,000	\$4,000

ARTICLE 21: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Administration, Legal Fees, Planning Board and Computer costs.

	<u>11 - 12</u>	<u>12 - 13</u>
Administration	\$34,000	\$34,000
Legal Fees	10,000	10,000
Planning Board	4,000	4,000

Computer Software	<u>6,200</u>	<u>6,800</u>
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:	\$54,200	
\$54,800		

ARTICLE 22: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following salaries:

	<u>11 - 12</u>	<u>12 - 13</u>
Selectperson/Assessor-Chair	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Selectperson/Assessor	3,000	3,000
Selectperson/Assessor	3,000	3,000
Administrative Assistant/Town Clerk	31,000	32,000
Registrar of Voters	600	600
Fire Chief	1,800	1,800
Road Commissioner	2,000	3,000
Deputy Town Clerk	24,500	25,500
Harbor Master	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND	\$73,900	\$76,900

ARTICLE 23: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following specified purposes:

	<u>11 - 12</u>	<u>12 - 13</u>
Road Signs	\$ 500	\$ 500
Street Lights	6,500	6,500
Fire Department Account	15,000	15,000
Fire Department Training		8,800
East Machias Contract		2,000
Code Enforcement Officer	2,400	2,400
Plumbing Inspector	500	500
Ambulance Contract	<u>12,440</u>	<u>12,440</u>
	\$39,340	\$48,140

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: \$48,140 and to transfer any remaining balance of the Fire Department Account to the Fire Equipment Reserve Special Revenue Fund.

ARTICLE 24: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following Highway Accounts:

	<u>11 - 12</u>	<u>12 - 13</u>
Town Garage	\$ 13,000	\$13,000
Equipment Maintenance	25,000	35,000
Road Maintenance & Paving	100,000	125,000
Bush Account		1,000
Winter Roads	<u>100,000</u>	<u>110,000</u>

	239,000	284,000
Less Income Accounts:		
State Winter Contract	47,564	47,564
State Road Assistance	11,475	11,475
Prison Share	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
	65,039	65,039

Amount to be raised and appropriated \$173,961 \$218,961

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: \$218,961 and to transfer any remaining balance of the Equipment Maintenance Account to the Highway Capital Equipment Reserve Special Revenue Fund.

ARTICLE 25: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the Shellfish Conservation Committee:

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: \$23,550 for salary and mileage to the Shellfish Warden. \$15,000 to be paid from Clam License Revenue with remaining balance to be taken from unassigned fund balance.

ARTICLE 26: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for General Assistance.

	<u>11 - 12</u>	<u>12 - 13</u>
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000

ARTICLE 27: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Animal Control Officer, Constable, and Recreation.

	<u>11 - 12</u>	<u>12 - 13</u>
Animal Control Officer	\$ 750	\$ 1,100
Constable	750	000
Recreation	<u>500</u>	<u>000</u>
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:	\$2,000	\$1,100

ARTICLE 28: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following third party request:

	<u>11 - 12</u>	<u>12 - 13</u>
Washington County Children's Program	\$ 400	\$ 400
Eastern Area on Aging	500	500
Wash/Hancock Community Agency	1,000	1,000
Neighbors Helping Neighbors	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:	\$2,900	\$2,900

ARTICLE 29: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Washington County Council of Government:

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SELECTMENT RECOMMEND:	\$500	\$500
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ARTICLE 30: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Veteran's Graves:

	<u>11 - 12</u>	<u>12 - 13</u>
SELECTMENT RECOMMEND:	\$1,100	\$1,100

ARTICLE 31: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Solid Waste.

	<u>11 - 12</u>	<u>12 - 13</u>
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:	\$44,000	\$44,000

ARTICLE 32: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the following purposes:

	<u>11 - 12</u>	<u>12 - 13</u>
Health Insurance	\$25,500	\$28,000
Town Insurance	25,000	15,000
Employment Taxes	<u>21,500</u>	<u>21,500</u>
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:	\$72,000	\$64,500

ARTICLE 33: To see what sum the Town will take against the Tax Levy:

	<u>11 - 12</u>	<u>12 - 13</u>
Agent Fees	\$ 525	\$ 525
Checking and Savings Interest	500	500
Automobile Excise	132,000	132,000
Boat Excise	4,400	4,400
Clam Licenses	15,000	15,000
Veteran's Reimbursement	500	600
Snowmobile Fees	150	175
Postal Lease Revenue	1,320	1,320
Tax Interest	4,000	4,000
Lien Interest	4,000	4,000
Tree Growth Reimbursement	2,000	3,000
Building Permits	800	800
Vital Statistics	700	400
Misc. Revenue	6,500	6,500
Utilization of Unassigned Fund Balance	000	40,000
Utilization of Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>000</u>	<u>5,000</u>

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:	\$ 172,395	\$ 218,220
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ARTICLE 34: To see what sum the Town will take from Municipal Revenue Sharing to apply against the Tax Levy.

	<u>11 - 12</u>	<u>12 - 13</u>
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:	\$50,000	\$50,000

ARTICLE 35: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Assessing:

	<u>11 - 12</u>	<u>12 - 13</u>
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:	\$10,000	\$10,000

ARTICLE 36: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to update the Town's tax maps:

	<u>11 - 12</u>	<u>12 - 13</u>
SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:	\$1,000	\$1,000

ARTICLE 37: To see if the Town will vote to accept any and all funds as provided by the Maine State Legislature and private and federal grants and to authorize the Selectmen to approve any matching requirements from any appropriate accounts, excluding surplus and designated special revenue funds.

ARTICLE 38: To see if the Town will vote to accept any and all monies for pre-payment of property taxes.

ARTICLE 39: To see if the Town will vote to increase, upon approval of the current year warrant articles, or under extraordinary circumstances, its 2012 property tax above the property tax levy established by State Law (LD-1).

ARTICLE 40: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to overspend any warrant budgetary line by up to 10% of that line item as long as there are under-spent budgetary line items to take it from.

ARTICLE 41: To see if the town will vote to approve the Animal Control/Dog Ordinance, Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Ordinance, and the Exempting Eligibility Military Personnel From Vehicle Excise Tax Ordinance as presented at the Public Hearing held on April 12, 2012.

ARTICLE 42: To see what sum the town will vote to appropriate for the Maritime Maintenance Account: funds to be taken from Unassigned Fund Balance

this (Refer to Article 33) and to carry forward any remaining balance of account to the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: \$40,000

ARTICLE 43: To see what sum the town will vote to appropriate for the Sestercentennial Celebration: funds to be taken from Unassigned Fund Balance (Refer to Article 33).

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: \$5,000

You will give notice that the Registrar of Voters will be in session at the Fort O'Brien School in Machiasport from 5:30 to 6:00 PM in the evening of Monday, June 25, 2012.

Given under our hands this 1st day of June, 2012.

Michael Murphy II

Margaret Flaherty

Burleigh Sprague

Selectmen of Machiasport

Attest: _____
Annemarie Davis, Town Clerk