

# 2014 Town of Orono, Maine



**206th  
Annual  
Report**

**Year Ending  
June 30, 2014**





Two Hundred Sixth

Annual Report

of the

Municipal Officers  
Town of Orono, Maine

For the year ending June 30, 2014

**TOWN OF ORONO, MAINE**

- Government:      Incorporated: March 12, 1806  
                         Council/Manager Charter: 1969
- Population:        10,362 (2010 U. S. Census)
- Land Area:         Approximately 20 square miles
- Meetings:         Town Council Meetings - Second Monday of each Month at 7:00 PM  
                         Planning Board Meetings - Third Wednesday of each Month at 7:00 PM
- Schools:           Asa C. Adams Elementary, Orono Middle, Orono Senior High, University of  
                         Maine
- Banks:             Bangor Savings, Camden National, People’s United, University Credit Union
- Libraries:         Orono Public Library, Raymond H. Fogler Library (University of Maine)
- Industries:        Byer Manufacturing Co., NexxLinx, Shaw & Tenney, and Sensor Research and  
                         Development
- Recreation:       Nadeau-Savoy Memorial Park at Gould’s Landing, Municipal Pool, Webster  
                         Park, Marden Park, Keith Anderson Community House, Senior Citizens Center,  
                         University of Maine Fitness Center, Orono Bog Boardwalk, Orono-Old Town  
                         Bike Path
- Other Facilities:   Penobscot Valley Country Club, Gass Riding Stables, Orchard Hill Farm,  
                         Alfond Ice Arena
- Places of  
Worship:           Orono United Methodist Church, Church of Universal Fellowship, Our Lady of  
                         Wisdom Chapel (Newman Center), Maine Christian Association (Wilson Cen-  
                         ter), Faith Baptist Church, Orono Friends Meeting, Islamic Center of Maine
- Service:           American Legion, Kiwanis, Orono Health Association, Knights of Columbus,  
                         Senior Citizens Club, Masonic Lodge, Rainbow Girls, Eastern Star
- Town  
Website:            [www.orono.org](http://www.orono.org)
- Cover Photos:     Groundbreaking of UCU-Town Katahdin Site Project, UCU building develop-  
                         ment and UCU (building) -Town (parking) completed project.

**MAINE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION**

As of December 2014

**U. S. Senate****Senator Susan M. Collins**

District Office:  
202 Harlow Street, Room 20100  
Bangor, ME 04401  
Tel: (207) 945-0417  
collins.senate.gov

**Senator Angus S. King, Jr.**

District Office:  
383 US Route 1, Suite 1C  
Scarborough, ME 04074  
Tel: (207) 883-1588  
king.senate.gov

**U. S. House of Representative****Representative Bruce Poliquin**

(2nd District)  
District Office:  
426 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
Tel: (202) 225-6036  
poliquin.house.gov

**Maine State Senator - Senate District 5****Senator Jim Dill**

Email: [jdill@umext.maine.edu](mailto:jdill@umext.maine.edu)

3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0003  
Tel: (207) 287-1515

**REPRESENTATIVES TO THE LEGISLATURE**

As of December 2014

**District 124**

State Representative:

**Hon. Aaron Frey**

P. O. Box 74  
Bangor, ME 04402  
(207) 249-9969  
[Aaron.Frey@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Aaron.Frey@legislature.maine.gov)

**District 123**

State Representative:

**Hon. Ryan Tipping-Spitz**

279 Main Street  
Orono, ME 04473  
(207) 866-4333  
[Tipping-Spitz@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Tipping-Spitz@legislature.maine.gov)

State House Message Phone: (800) 423-2900  
State House TTY Line: (207) 287-4469  
State House Website: [www.maine.gov/legis](http://www.maine.gov/legis)

State Address: House of Representatives  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

**2014 ELECTED OFFICIALS  
Town of Orono****Members of the Town Council  
*Three-year term***

Lianne Harris                      2015  
63 Forest Avenue  
Orono, Maine 04473

Thomas Perry                        2015  
136 Bennoch Road  
Orono, Maine 04473

Judith Sullivan                    2015  
214 Forest Avenue  
Orono, Maine 04473

Mark Haggerty                    2016  
27 Winterhaven Drive  
Orono, Maine 04473

Thomas Spitz                        2016  
16 Kell Street  
Orono, Maine 04473

Geoffrey Gordon                  2017  
22 Hamlin Street  
Orono, Maine 04473

Cynthia Mehnert, Chair.        2017  
21 College Heights  
Orono, Maine 04473

**Members of the RSU #26  
School Board  
*Three-year term***

Frances Mary Neubauer        2015  
44 Forest Avenue  
Orono, ME 04473

Mark Brewer                        2015  
4 Sylvan Road  
Orono, ME 04473

Jennifer Mehnert                  2016  
51 Merritt Drive  
Orono, ME 04473

Jacob Eckert , Chair.            2017  
24 College Heights  
Orono, ME 04473

Shari Kennison                    2017  
165 Forest Avenue  
Orono, ME 04473

**TOWN COMMITTEES, 2014**  
**Town of Orono**

**Planning Board**  
**Five-year terms**

Mark Kittridge	2015
Phil Ruck, Chair.	2016
Christa Schwintzer	2017
David Thompson	2018
John Beckett	2018
Vinal Applebee, V. Chr.	2019
Judson McIntosh	2019
Lisa Buck, Assoc.	2017

**Voter Registration Appeals Board**  
**Chairperson - four-year term - (Oct.)**  
**Others - three-year term - (Oct.)**

Mary Cathcart, Chair	2015
DEM - Anita Wihry	2016
REP - Carol Mower	2016
DEM - Fiona Sorensen-Hamilton	
(Alternate)	2016
REP - Douglas Flagg (Alt.)	2016

**Board of Appeals**  
**Three-year terms**

Gary Noyes	2015
Jennifer Jain	2016
Shane Martin	2016
William Devoe, Chair.	2017
Mary Cathcart	2017
Paul Smith	2017

**Community Beautification Committee**  
**Three-year term**

Lisa Colburn, Chair.	2016
Lenore Tipping	2016
Robin Beckett	2016
Claudia Lowd	2016
Robert Klose	2016
Cynthia Fellencer	2016
Sam Hunting	2016
Ginny Hackney	2016

**Board of Assessment Review**  
**Three-year term**

George Eaton, II	2016
Brett Grandchamp	2017

**Orono-Veazie Water District Trustees**  
**Five-year term (December)**

John McCormack	2014
Paul Smith	2015
Joan Perkins - VZ	2016
Kenneth Borneman - VZ	2017
Jason Bolton	2018

**Library Trustees**  
**Three-year terms**

Steve Colburn	2015
Allison Applebee	2015
Judith Hakola, Chair	2016
Francois Amar	2016
Janet Elvidge	2017
Fredrica Smith	2017

*Associate Trustee: two-year term*

Frances Neubauer	2016
Fredrica Smith	2016

*Youth Member: one-year term*

Emily Noyes	2015
Erin Luthin	2015

**Tree Board**  
**Three-year term**

Jack Blease	2015
Matthew Ewing	2015
David Lambert	2016
Sonia Franklin	2016
Cynthia Blease, Co-Chair	2016
David Thompson, Co-Chair	2017
Patricia Thompson	2017

**TOWN COMMITTEES, 2014**  
**Town of Orono**

**Trail Committee**  
*Two-year term expiring 2015*

Cassandra Babbit	David Frankel
David Thompson, Chr.	Gail White
Michael Opitz	Jeffery Boal
Glen Koehler	

**Orono Economic Development Corporation**  
**Board of Directors**

Stevenson Sheppard, Pres.	
Mark Erhardt, VP	Jay Shields
Bob Bass, Treas.	Andy Perkins
Paul Riechmann, Sec.	Arthur Comstock
Paul Melrose	Michele Goldman
David Thompson	Geoff Gordon
Judy Sullivan	Michael Jones
Kate Dawson	

**Community Health Advisory Committee**

Jamie Comstock	Marlene Doucette
Ginny Hackney	John Hackney
Lianne Harris	Mary Anne Hillery
Gary Noyes	Susan Owen
Marisue Pickering	Eloise Ricciardelli
Susan Riley	Thomas Spitz
Marcia Suddy	Trudy Trembly

**Community Development Advisory**  
**Committee - Downtown Facade Improvement**

Heather Furth	Keith Manaker
Evan Rickert	

**Comprehensive Plan Committee**

Mark Kittridge	Phil Ruck
Judson McIntosh	Christa Schwintzer
Vinal Applebee	David Thompson
Abe Firth	Dennis Cross
Farahad Dastoor	John Jemison
Ryan Tipping-Spitz	Dan McConville
Sharon Quinn-Fitzgerald	John Beckett
Johanna Anderson	

**Orono Village Association**  
**Board of Directors**

Deb White-Rideout	Tracey Whitten
Cindy Mehnert	Duska Hayman
Wanda Cunningham	Jim Rose
Heather Furth	Linwood White
Keith Manaker	Lenore Tipping
Tim Gallon	

**TOWN OF ORONO EMPLOYEES**

*As of 6/30/14*

<b>EMPLOYEE</b>	<b>DATE OF HIRE</b>	<b>EMPLOYEE</b>	<b>DATE OF HIRE</b>
<b>Administration</b>		<b>Police Department</b>	
Sophia Wilson	04/01/11	Josh Ewing	09/27/99
Belle Ryder	07/09/12	Scott Wilcox	03/01/00
Matthew Currier	07/11/12	Scott Scripture	01/26/96
Annie Brown	08/01/77	Wilfred King	05/07/01
Nancy Ward	06/25/01	Scott Lajoie	07/15/02
Rita Sinclair	01/03/11	Chris Watson	08/04/03
Donna Emerson	06/15/98	Derek Dinsmore	11/07/05
Mary Dinsmore	12/30/13	Ed Leskey	05/12/08
Ruth Vaughan	09/08/87	Daniel Merrill	12/14/08
Rick Sands	08/03/94	David Silk	06/22/10
Bill Murphy	08/20/07	Sarah Exley	03/26/12
<b>Fire Department</b>		Chase Haas	06/03/13
Rob St. Louis	11/20/90	Camron Barrieau	06/10/13
Henry Vaughan	04/01/75	Peter Wentworth	12/23/13
Paul Haley	01/26/88	<b>Public Safety Administration</b>	
Bryan Hardison	12/03/90	Jessica Mason	06/29/09
Matt Grindle	11/21/90	<b>Public Works</b>	
Dennis Bean	10/20/96	Rob Yerxa	07/15/08
Scott Luciano	09/14/98	Wendell Young	04/05/71
Joel Sides	06/07/99	Ken Beylerian	10/10/78
Kevin Sirois	03/23/03	Tony Boucher	11/01/95
Mark Roy	08/11/03	Greg Daigle	03/31/97
Kevin Peary	02/14/05	Richard Rideout	09/04/01
Brad Strout	07/24/06	Donald Wickett	10/24/05
Ben Pratt	08/04/08	Michael Smart	04/24/06
Andrew Brogden	12/03/12	Scott Ouellette	07/16/07
Nicholas Chapman	12/03/12	Adam Smart	09/01/08
Jordan McLaughlin	06/05/14	James Thompson	04/16/12
<b>Library</b>		Dillon Smart	10/12/12
Laurie Carpenter	12/03/85	<b>Water Pollution Control Facility</b>	
Joyce Wiebe	03/23/99	Joe Madigan	10/15/90
Sue Rogers	08/03/92	Chris Prue	08/09/83
Louise Jollife	07/01/07	Galen Moody	01/19/90
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b>		Dana Cooper	02/19/07
Robert Sinclair	11/19/13	Travis Day	11/13/12
Don Clark	09/01/13	<b>Facilities</b>	
		David Pinkham	11/12/13
		Wesley Nelson	01/02/90

**REPORT OF THE TOWN COUNCIL  
2013-2014**

This year marked a few changes for Council. We began this year by electing a new Chair of Council. Geoff Gordon had served as Chair for ten years and we thank him for all his efforts. Geoff continues to serve on Council and his dedication to the Town and Council is admirable. We will also be saying goodbye to Lianne Harris who has decided not to seek reelection to Council after

serving 18 years. She served with grace and aplomb. Lianne listened to the concerns and interests of Orono residents and added her own insights and leadership. She worked hard to promote Orono through her work on Council. We wish her the best.

This year also saw great work on the Town's Comprehensive Plan. Thank you to all the volunteers both on the Comprehensive Plan Committee and the residents who took time out of their evenings to participate in the gathering of information to steer the course of Orono for the next decade. After many public sessions, the Comprehensive Plan has come to the Council for approval and implementation. This process is time consuming but crucial to keep Orono in compliance with Maine law and to give direction to Orono's future planning.



*Town Council: (Front L-R) Judy Sullivan, Thomas Spitz, Cynthia Mehnert (Back) Thomas Perry, Chairman Geoffrey Gordon, Lianne Harris and Mark Haggerty*

Council would also like to recognize all those Orono residents who take time to volunteer for the Town's various boards and committees. Council continues to strive to balance the essential services of the town while managing cost. Volunteers play a vital role in providing important services to the town which would otherwise go unfulfilled. These volunteer services include

Stream Clean Up, trail maintenance, beautification of the town through plantings, and Festival Day. We thank you for your service.

As always the town could not function smoothly without the work of the Town Staff. The dedication of staff and their extra efforts to keep the town running smoothly have to be commended. Council is empowered with the authority to set policy and procedures for the town. Town Staff is charged with the implementation of Council's policies and procedures which allow residents to enjoy the Orono way of life.

Looking forward to another great year,

Cynthia M. Mehnert  
Council Chairperson



*Town Manager,  
Sophia Wilson*



*Assistant Town Manager,  
Belle Ryder*

**REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE 2013-2014**

We are pleased to present the Town of Orono's 205th Annual Report to our citizens. The past year has been full of many changes and opportunities. Here are a few of the highlights:

**Katahdin Redevelopment Site:** This collaborative public-private partnership of the Town and University Credit Union at the corner of Bennoch Road and Main Street will create a landmark building, additional public parking and an attractive plaza that will be a welcoming presence in the Orono Village and a visible gateway to the University of Maine. The Town and UCU began site work at the start of FY2014 and construction continued throughout the long, cold winter. The building and parking facility were nearing completion at the end of FY2014 and a Grand Opening is planned for FY2015.

**Public Works Facility:** The Orono Public Works Facility has long been identified by the Orono Town Council as needing replacement. The new facility will include a 17,100 ft<sup>2</sup> maintenance facility and a 4,000 ft<sup>2</sup> salt and sand storage shed fully compliant with EPA and DEP requirements for environmental control. Land was purchased at 135 Kelley Road and funding for the project secured through the sale of municipal bonds.

**Economic Development Projects:** Orono continues to work on several economic development fronts but two in particular stand out this year. Orono and Old Town signed an Interlocal Agreement to form OT-O Fiber Corporation, a corporation dedicated to bring ultra-high speed broadband to the residences and businesses within the Orono and Old Town designated growth areas. The Orono Town Council also agreed to a standardized Credit Enhancement Agreement (CEA) within the Downtown TIF district to promote investment in downtown commercial property.

**New Freedom Grant:** The Town of Orono was awarded a New Freedom Grant to upgrade existing bus shelters to ADA-compliant shelters. The New Freedom Grant also provided enough funding to allow the Town to place a new bus shelter on Godfrey Drive.

**Beautification Committee:** The Orono Beautification Committee was reconstituted this year with a new charge from the Council and renewed energy. Members of the committee spent a significant amount of time and effort refreshing and maintaining the Town's flower beds and Welcome to Orono signs. The Town depends on volunteers like the Beautification Committee to retain and build on the beauty and vibrancy of our community.

**Sally Jacobs Memorial:** Sally Jacobs, the Founder

and first President of the Orono Land Trust, passed away in November of 2012. Sally's energy and dedication to land conservation and trails shaped the wonderful network of trails we enjoy in Orono. This year, the Orono Land Trust approached the Town of Orono with a request to place a memorial to Sally at Brownie's Park. The Orono Land Trust committed to raising the funds and commissioning the artist if the Town Council would accept the sculpture and care for it. The Council gladly accepted the sculpture and it is scheduled for dedication in FY2015.

**BikeMaine:** BikeMaine, a project of the Bicycle Coalition of Maine, is a mass bicycle ride that explores the people, places, culture and food of Maine in order to promote bicycle tourism and support bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects throughout the state. The Town of Orono served as the host community for the inaugural BikeMaine event in September 2013. Orono, in cooperation with Orono High School, University of Maine, the Community Connector, and several community groups, provided an unparalleled experience for nearly 300 visitors. A first-time visitor to Maine wrote a letter to the editor of the Bangor Daily News thanking Orono for its hospitality. They said, "The kindness and friendliness of the people I met was heart warming... The memories I have of this trip and everyone involved will be with me forever."

This annual report includes reports from every town department detailing the initiatives and activities carried out during FY2014. We encourage you to read the reports and ask questions. Town government is an inclusive process and we invite participation! Our website, [www.orono.org](http://www.orono.org) is a great resource to use if you need information about town activities and departments.

If you would like to receive notices about Town meetings and events throughout the year, please contact the Town Office at [info@orono.org](mailto:info@orono.org) and sign up for our email notification service.

In closing, we would like to recognize the Town employees who regularly go beyond what is expected of them to ensure that the needs of Orono citizens are met cheerfully and competently. We and staff are similarly grateful to our Council and all of the volunteers who serve individually and on the Town's Boards and Committees striving to make Orono a wonderful community in which to work, live and enjoy all of its unique charm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sophia L. Wilson  
Town Manager

Belle A. Ryder  
Assistant Town Manager

**REPORT OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION 2013-2014**

Finance and Administration serves as the first line of contact for many Orono residents. Staff not only provides front counter service where all the functions of the town clerk, tax collector and treasurer are available, they are also the public relations ambassadors for the town. When someone moves to town, they frequently come into the Town Office looking for a variety of information such as a map of the city streets, the garbage pickup and recycling schedules, information about available rental units, guides to businesses, the procedure to register their motor vehicles and how to change the name on the tax bill and sewer bill.

The office serves as an agent for the Secretary of State by registering vehicles and collecting sales tax owed to the state for newly purchased automobiles and trucks. The office issues resident and non-resident fish and wildlife licenses, annually licenses dogs, records and issues copies of vital records and marriage licenses, conducts elections and prepares council agendas, takes minutes and preserves meeting records and town ordinances.

The Finance and Administration staff understands that most citizens of Orono are infrequent visitors to the office and they strive to make that visit as enjoyable and efficient as possible.

Finance and Administration is also responsible for all of the financial activities of the Town including receipting all payments made and depositing funds collected by all departments. Payroll and accounts payable invoices are processed in this office and all expenditures are ac-

counted for by department in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Finance and Administration prepares monthly financial reports to departments and works with the auditors to issue an annual audit of the Town.

Office staff consists of: Donna Emerson, Susan Tuholski, Nancy Ward, Annie Brown, Rita Sinclair and Matthew Currier.

Susan Tuholski, a long term assistant clerk and IT coordinator retired in February of 2014. Her attention to detail, incredibly positive attitude and remarkable skill set made every one of her interactions with the citizens of Orono a memorable one. She will be deeply missed and the Town wishes her the best as she pursues her other passions in life.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L Emerson  
Town Clerk

**TOWN OFFICE STATISTICS - 2014**

Vital Statistics:	Births	-	35
	Marriages	-	34
	Deaths	-	51
Boat Registrations			258
Snowmobile Registrations			61
ATV Registrations			65
IF &W Recreational Licenses			293
Dog Licenses			445



*Town Office: (L-R) Nancy Ward, Matthew Currier, Annie Brown, Susan Tuholski, Donna Emerson and Rita Sinclair*

**REPORT OF REGISTRAR OF VOTERS  
2013-2014**

Preparation for elections is an ongoing process. The Town's number of voters changes periodically due to the student population on and off campus. Maintenance of the voter list is an ongoing project. New residents to the Town need to update their voter registration from their previous residence to that of the Town of Orono. All information must be scanned into the state-wide CVR system. Notification to other states is required when a voter from that state registers to vote here. Of the registered voters in Orono 1,046 turned out for the November 5, 2013 Referendum Election; 996 voted in the Municipal Election on March 11, 2014 and 844 voters cast their

ballot in the June 10, 2014 RSU#26 Budget Validation Referendum and the States' Primary Election.

The entire voter registration process requires time and attention to detail from the receipt of the voter registration cards to the data entry and printing of the voter list whenever necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita M. Sinclair  
Registrar

<b>Voter Registration Statistics</b>					
Ward/Precinct	Democrats	Green Independent	Republicans	Unenrolled	Totals
1 / 1	1158	189	508	1147	3002
1 / 2 House	906	217	502	1493	3118
1 / 3 123	714	65	315	446	1540
1 / 3 124	401	44	287	339	1071
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>3179</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>1612</b>	<b>3425</b>	<b>8731</b>

**REPORT OF CODE ENFORCEMENT  
2013-2014**

The Rental Registration Program was adopted in 2007 as an informational program, updated annually, which requires rental property owners to register their units each year. It has worked well in allowing us to document specific patterns in rental properties, both single family and multi-family.

There were five construction projects at the University of Maine completed during the 2013 -2014 year -- renovations to the Folger Library, Estabooke Hall, and Alumni Hall; a new Planetarium building was constructed; and a large renovation project at the UMaine Field House involving several phases of construction was begun and all work was completed in 2014.

The new University Credit Union building was started in 2013 and construction was completed in August 2014.

A new 272 unit student housing complex at the end of Washburn Drive was approved by the Planning Board

and construction is scheduled to begin in 2015, with occupancy planned for 2016.

In addition to the Land Use Ordinance, the Town has several other ordinances which either require permits or have standards for property uses. If you have questions about whether or not any plans you may have will require review or approval under any of our ordinances, or if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me or to stop into the office.

We have a helpful tool for Town use and for use by our citizens - a geographic information system (G.I.S.), which can be accessed online at [www.orono.org](http://www.orono.org).

A list of the permits issued in the past year has been compiled by Ruth Vaughan, and follows on the next page.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bill Murphy,  
Code Enforcement Officer

**PERMIT ACTIVITY  
July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014**

<u>Type of Permit</u>	<u>Permits Issued</u>	<u>Fees Collected</u>
Building	98	\$ 24,097.90
Electrical	86	\$ 8,696.55
Heating	46	\$ 3,100.00
Home Occupations	29	\$ 870.00
Plumbing		\$ 3,470.00
Internal	28	
External	4	
Road Opening	74	\$ 3,700.00
Sewer Connection	8	\$ 11,525.90

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth Vaughan, Administrative Assistant  
Code Enforcement & Planning

**BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED  
July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014**

Building Permits:		Accessory Unit	1
Single-family dwelling	4	Antenna	4
Mobile Homes	5	Stairs	1
Duplex	2	Dormer	2
Garage	9	Signs	5
Additions	5	Fill	2
Renovation/Repair	19	Elevator	1
Deck	3	Parking Lot	1
Shed	8	Demolition	5
Office	1	Facade Improvements	3
Foundation	3	University of Maine	<u>1</u>
Roof	1		
Windows/Doors	8	Total Permits Issued	98



*William Murphy,  
Code Enforcement Officer*



*Ruth Vaughan,  
CEO Administrative Assistant*

## REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD 2013-2014

The Orono Planning Board consists of a total of 9 members, including 7 regular members and 2 associate members. The board meets monthly as needed on the third Wednesday of each month. A total of eleven regular meetings were held during this past fiscal year. In addition to many home occupation requests, the Board reviewed several significant projects during those meetings, including:

- Proposed quarry;
- Cutis Medical Office;
- A new Public Works garage;
- Park 7 development (The Avenue);
- Aroma Joe's;
- Global Montello Group (formerly The College Store); and
- Comprehensive Plan revisions.

The current board members are:

Phil Ruck, Chairman  
Vinal Applebee, Vice Chair  
Mark Kittridge  
David Thompson  
Judd McIntosh  
Christa Schwintzer  
John Beckett

During this last fiscal year, Kenny Fergusson and Johanna Anderson resigned their positions from the Board. We thank them for their willingness to donate their time in service to the community.

The board is staffed by Evan Richert, Planner and Ruth Vaughan, Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,  
Phil Ruck  
Chairman

## REPORT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE 2013-2014

In 2014 the Comprehensive Plan Committee completed a 2-year effort to update the Town's Comprehensive Plan. The Committee sent the draft Plan, which is available for review on the Town's web site, to the Town Council. The Council began its own review in Fall 2014 and is expected to act on it during the first half of 2015. It continues to welcome public comments on the draft.

The updated Plan proposes policies and actions covering housing, the local economy, land use, transportation, utilities, recreation, open space, capital investments, and other topics. The Committee arrived at its recommendations based in part on insights received at five well attended public forums and a final public hearing in April 2014. Importantly, the draft Plan in 2014 received approval from the state agency that reviews comprehensive plans for consistency with state law.

But completing the update did not complete the Comprehensive Plan Committee's work. The Town Council amended its charge to the Committee by asking it to also review the Low Density Residential zoning district – an area of Town located along Stillwater and Forest Avenue west of I-95. The Committee drafted its report on the LDR District in December and scheduled a public hearing and final action for early 2015.

During 2014 the Committee comprised the Planning Board and seven others appointed by the Town Council: John Beckett, Lisa Buck, Dennis Cross, Farahad Dastoor, Sharon Quinn Fitzgerald, Abe Furth, John Jemison, Mark Kittridge, Dan McConville, Judd McIntosh, Phil Ruck (Chair), Christa Schwintzer, David Thompson, and Ryan Tipping-Spitz. Past members of the Committee included Vinal Applebee, Kenny Fergusson and Johanna Anderson.

Meetings were held on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m., in the Town Council Chambers of the municipal building, and all were open to the public.

Respectfully submitted,

Evan Richert  
Planner



*Evan Richert  
Planner*

**REPORT OF ASSESSMENT ADMINISTRATION  
2013-2014**

All properties are assessed as of April 1st of each year. The fiscal year 2014 assessments are as of April 1, 2013. Fiscal year 2014 is from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

Real Estate Taxable Valuation:	\$ 427,002,200.00
Personal Property Taxable Valuation:	\$ 15,454,600.00
Total Taxable Valuation:	\$ 442,456,800.00

The tax rate is calculated by dividing the total amount to be raised from the property tax by the total taxable valuation.  $\$10,264,997.76 / \$442,456,800.00 = \$0.02320$  or \$23.20 per one thousand dollars of assessed value.

Fiscal year 2014 was the fourteenth year in which the assessment calculations involved Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts. A TIF is an economic development tool that is used to provide support to a new or expanding business and/or area. The Town Council and the State of Maine must approve TIF applications.

The five active TIF districts in Orono are: (1) Sensor Research and Development Corporation Municipal Development Tax Increment Financing District, a 15 year TIF approved by DECD on March 1, 2000; 100% of the tax funds are now used by the town for certain economic development and district expenses; (2) Envisionet Municipal Development Tax Increment Financing District,



Richard C. Sands,  
Assessor

a 20 year TIF approved by DECD on July 13, 2000; most of the property taxes are used to fund the project costs; (3) Dirigo Pines Inn Municipal Development Tax Increment, a 30 year TIF approved by DECD on March 31, 2003; approximately 30% of the real estate taxes are returned to the business; (4) Transit-Oriented Tax Increment Financing District, a 30 year TIF approved by DECD on March 17, 2010; sheltered funds are used to fund the shuttle bus, Bennoch Road parking lot and other district improvements. (5) Webster Point Affordable Housing Development District, a 15 year TIF approved by MSHA as of February 11, 2011; approximately 85% of the real estate taxes are returned to the developer.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard C. Sands  
Assessor

**OUTSTANDING  
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES**

*JUNE 30, 2014*

**2003-2004 TAXES**

AVG Acquisition, Inc	\$	<u>15.26</u>
	\$	15.26

**2004-2005 TAXES**

Automatic Vending & Games	\$	118.58
AVG Acquisition, Inc.		<u>208.12</u>
	\$	<u>326.70</u>

**2005-2006 TAXES**

Automatic Vending & Games	\$	97.02
AVG Acquisition, Inc.		<u>170.94</u>
	\$	<u>267.96</u>

**2006-2007 TAXES**

Automatic Vending & Games	\$	83.60
AVG Acquisition, Inc		<u>145.20</u>
	\$	<u>228.80</u>

**2007-2008 TAXES**

Automatic Vending & Games	\$	68.00
AVG Acquisition, Inc		<u>114.00</u>
	\$	<u>182.00</u>

**2008-2009 TAXES**

AVG Acquisition, Inc.	\$	<u>66.98</u>
	\$	66.98

**2009-2010 TAXES**

AVG Acquisition, Inc.	\$	64.48
Crow Valley Brewing Company		<u>4524.12</u>
	\$	<u>\$4,588.60</u>

**2010-2011 TAXES**

AVG Acquisition, Inc.	\$	53.95
Carusoe, Amanda		106.25
Fire Sign, LLC		87.13
Goldman, Jeffrey		5.80
Sader, Jessica		<u>3.95</u>
	\$	<u>257.08</u>

**2011-2012 TAXES**

AVG Acquisition, Inc.	\$	46.86
Fire Sign, LLC		82.84
First People's Initiative, Inc.		2,662.50
Goldman, Jeffrey		109.00

**2011-2012 TAXES (continued)**

Melanson, Paul	106.50
Orono Donuts, LLC	798.75
Prouty, Amanda Carusoe	<u>109.00</u>
	<u>\$3,915.45</u>

**2012-2013 TAXES**

AK LLC d/b/a Sushi Now	\$	221.00
Albenco, Inc.		2,466.72
AVG Acquisition, Inc.		90.72
College Dogs		324.00
Fire Sign, LLC		79.56
Knife Edge Productions		49.68
Melanson, Paul		216.00
NexxLinx of Maine, Inc.		<u>26,881.88*</u>
		<u>\$30,329.56</u>

**2013-2014 TAXES**

Angel Secure Networks, Inc.	\$	103.24
AVG Acquisition, Inc.		208.80
Big Shoe, Inc.		154.28*
Brown, David		633.36
Burger King, Taiga Ventures, Inc.		3,702.24
Camrep, Inc. - Spotlight Cinema		9,660.48*
DMX, Inc.		2.32*
Donnelly, Robert		64.96**
Dumond, Roderick		35.55*
Harlan, Justin		180.12*
Knife Edge Productions		283.04
LaPointe's Enterprises, Inc.		220.40
McKay, Charles A.		4.64
Melanson, Paul		464.00
Mohmand, Miralam K.		2,779.36
Muzak, LLC		25.52
NexxLinx of Maine, Inc.		14,323.68**
Park's Associates, LLC		296.25
Penobscot Golf Holdings, LLC		593.92*
Pushaw Lake Campground, Inc.		990.64
Research Institute for Mathematics		39.44*
SBK Consulting, Inc.		180.12*
Stubbs, Nancy		46.40
Sunderland, Summer LCSW		30.16*
Tipping, Lenore M.		<u>47.40*</u>
		<u>\$35,070.32</u>

\* paid after books closed

\*\* partial payment after books closed

**TAX LIENS OUTSTANDING**

*JUNE 30, 2014*

**2011-2012**

Graves, Josh	\$ 144.29
McAleer, Anne H. Heirs of	4,051.14
Young, Glenn A.	<u>88.99</u>
	\$ 4,284.42

**2012-2013**

April Fools, Inc.	\$ 819.99*
Bard, Kathleen A.	134.69*
Bartlett, Devan	204.12*
Bradson, John P. Jr.	4,629.39*
Bradson, John P. Jr.	2,000.00*
Bradson, John P. Jr.	4,426.22*
Clisham, John A.	1,383.56*
DaSilva, Ellie	1,241.11*
Dodge, David M.	401.20*
Dodge, Sylvia	924.75*
Dunn, Thomas C.	2,287.19*
Ellis, William G. Jr.	2,084.10*
Foss, Helen E.	1,951.94*
Foss, Helen E.	152.61*
Grant, Brian L.	894.91*
Hennessy, John J. III	3,081.31*
Houlsen, Joanne C.	886.32*
Hunting, Robert Samuel Coulter	5,945.40*
Johnson, Constance	282.50
Kish, Ruth	239.95*
Kocur, Regina	2,275.07**
Lane, Jean L.	3,653.00*
Lane, Jean L.	4,580.17*
Martin, David S. TC	4,405.49*
Martin, F. Allen	1,030.51*
McAleer, Anne H. Heirs of	4,091.95
McAleer, Michael S.	7,593.47*
Mellows, Ramona	172.76*
Miles, Tim	154.85
Moose, John C.	2,057.07*
Oakes, Kimberly R. Pers. Rep	1,751.64*
Oakes, Kimberly R. Pers. Rep	2,741.51*
Orono Economic Dev Corp	59,882.21*
Penobscot Golf Holdings, LLC	63,421.11*
Penobscot Golf Holdings, LLC	373.71*
Penobscot Golf Holdings, LLC	160.96*
Perkins, Robert J.	405.68*
Perkins, Robert J.	1,512.00*

**2012-2013 (continued)**

Perkins, Robert K.	1,106.65*
Pika Corporation of Maine	6,530.20*
Rich, Kimberly J.	2,468.70*
Rustanavibul, Chinda	5,059.41*
Secane partners, LLC	3,400.00*
Szillery, Eva J.	4,279.47*
Thomas, Glenn W.	1,727.00**
Thompson, Brian J.	337.28*
Thompson, Brian J.	357.43*
Vandez, John P.	4,028.02*
Vinal, A. Emile	1,429.14*
Watson, Roderick K.	89.90*
Wood, Cheryl D.	1,176.08*
Wyman, David M.	<u>228.75*</u>
	\$226,452.45

**2013-2014**

Abbott, Sylvia E.	\$ 1,138.39*
April Fools, Inc.	889.76
Bard, Kathleen A.	153.70*
Bartlett, Devan	225.26
Beckett, John G.	7,701.19*
Bellefleur, Warren	2,056.05**
Bradson, John P. Jr.	4,967.10
Bradson, John P. Jr.	3,989.11**
Bradson, John P. Jr.	4,755.78
Chasse, Bertrand Jr.	470.48*
Clisham, John A.	2,457.36
Coakley, Ryan	355.75*
Cook, Linda	91.16
Cowan, Donna Gail Pers Rep of	2,837.42
Cox, Anita Louise	2,329.87*
Cunningham, Katherine E.	252.32
DaSilva, Ellie	1,673.93**
Dodge, David M.	439.94**
Dodge, Sylvia	2,176.66**
Dunn, Thomas C.	3,458.02*
Dupray, Gary	117.62*
Ellis, William G. Jr.	2,247.35
Foss, Helen E.	2,804.48*
Garland, Kerry Pers Rep of	1,414.93*
Gove, Lisa V.	2,934.37

\* paid after books closed

\*\* partial payment after books closed

## TAX LIENS OUTSTANDING

JUNE 30, 2014

## 2013-2014 (continued)

Grant, Brian L.	957.11	Rich, Kimberly J.	3,465.97**
Hennessy, John J. III	3,318.50*	Rowe, Richard J.	2,564.23*
Houlsen, Joanne C.	1,796.60**	Rustanavibul, Chinda	5,428.18**
Hunting, Robert Samuel Coulter	6,384.95	Rustin, Shiela	341.44**
Lane, Jean L.	3,932.62	Secane partners, LLC	6,593.81
Lane, Jean L.	4,928.47	Shain, Denise C.	1,161.57
LaPointe, Perry E.	4,937.35	Shorette, Jeffrey S.	1,745.45
LaPointe, Perry E.	81.53	Slopey, Derrick R.	2,498.99
LaPointe, Perry E.	62.29	Slopey, Derrick R.	298.02
Luchetti, Edward	1,380.07*	Slopey, Derrick R.	937.13
Lukacsek, Edward L.	1,137.52*	Szillery, Eva J.	4,605.41
Luthin, Christopher David	3,358.66*	Thomas, Glenn W.	1,863.96
Martin, David S. TC	4,740.85	Thompson, Brian J.	371.12
Martin, F. Allen	1,115.87	Thompson, Brian J.	392.77
Marzilli, Vincent III	3,650.45	Vandez, John P.	4,341.74*
McAleer, Anne H. Heirs of	4,404.09	Vanidestine, Thomas J. Jr.	6,517.72**
McAleer, Michael S.	7,908.99	Vinal, A. Emile	1,544.03**
Miles, Shawna	153.70	Wallace, Frederick Jr.	1,659.49
Miles, Tim	175.35	Watson, Roderick K.	105.59**
Milheron, Darin	483.18*	Wood, Cheryl D.	1,272.22*
Milheron, Darin	1,832.63*		<u>\$379,006.82</u>
Mishio, Suan J. Hebert	3,501.31*		
Moose, John C.	787.99*		
Moose, John C.	2,883.12		
Morgan, Erlene M.	336.46*		
Noland, Robert	1,057.19**		
Northcountry Management	7,499.57		
Oakes, Kimberly R. Pers. Rep	1,890.42		
Oakes, Kimberly R. Pers. Rep	2,953.61		
Orono Economic Dev Corp	110,392.00**		
Peirce, David L. Jr.	488.51**		
Penobscot Golf Holdings, LLC	68,127.92*		
Penobscot Golf Holdings, LLC	410.34*		
Penobscot Golf Holdings, LLC	181.83*		
Perkins, Robert I.	4,076.95		
Perkins, Robert J.	444.75		
Perkins, Robert J.	1,392.49		
Perkins, Robert K.	1,197.65		
Phi Kappa Sigma Corp.	127.30*		
Pika Corporation of Maine	7,022.86*		
Pogorzelski, Henry A.	4,316.75*		
Pogorzelski, Henry A.	3,530.18*		

\* paid after books closed

\*\* partial payment after books closed

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

**Valuation**

Real Estate	\$427,002,200	
Personal Property	<u>15,454,600</u>	
Total Valuation		\$442,456,800.00

**Assessment**

Valuation x Rate	\$442,456,800 x .0232 = 10,264,997.76	
Village Center Tax District	8,080.85	
Supplemental Taxes	<u>4,241.00</u>	
Total Assessment Charged to Collector		\$10,277,319.61

**Collection and Credits**

Cash Collections	9,852,868	
Tax Increment Financing Credit	102,852.80	
Tax Abatements	<u>9,945</u>	
Total Collection and Credits		<u>\$ 9,965,665.80</u>

**2014 Taxes Receivable – June 30, 2014** \$ 406,426.00

**PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS RECEIVED  
July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Hachey, Richard	Map D Range 2 Lot 127A	\$ 450.00
Hedstrom, Warren	Map D Range 2 Lot 57	900.00
LeBreton, Patricia	Map D Range 2 Lot 107A	450.00
Richardson Sr., John	Map D Range 3 Lot 6	---
White, Nancie	Map D Range 2 Lot 122A	450.00
Carville, Linwood	Map D Range 2 Lot 132A	450.00
Kitchen, Dawn	Map D Range 2 Lot 112 & 112A	<u>900.00</u>
Total		\$3,600.00

**COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT**

<b>TAX COMMITMENT</b>	<b>\$ 10,264,997.76</b>
<b>Requirements</b>	
Municipal Appropriation	\$10,150,616.00
TIF Financing Plan	552,641.28
County Tax	477,241.65
Education	5,714,080.40
<b>Overlay</b>	<b>\$ <u>82,654.90</u></b>
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>\$16,977,234.23</b>
<b>Less</b>	
State Revenue Sharing	\$ 865,000.00
Municipal Revenue	5,704,167.00
Homestead Reimbursement	120,563.44
BETE Reimbursement	<u>22,506.03</u>
<b>Total Deductions</b>	<b>\$ 6,712,236.47</b>
<b>Net Requirements</b>	<b>\$10,264,997.76</b>



Certified Public Accountants and Business Consultants

## Independent Auditor's Report

Town Council  
Town of Orono, Maine

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Orono, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

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### ***Opinions***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Orono, Maine as of June 30, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position, and where applicable, cash flows, thereof and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### ***Other Matters***

#### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and the schedule of funding progress as listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### ***Other Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Orono, Maine's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual fund financial statements are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual fund financial statements are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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**Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 24, 2014 on our consideration of the Town of Orono, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Town of Orono, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



November 24, 2014  
South Portland, Maine

**Please note:** The following audit pages are only a partial presentation of the financial report. The entire report can be viewed in the Orono Treasurer's Office, 59 Main Street, Orono, Maine.

**TOWN OF ORONO, MAINE**  
**Management's Discussion and Analysis**  
**June 30, 2014**

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As management of the Town of Orono, Maine, we offer readers of the Town's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. The Town's financial performance is discussed and analyzed within the context of the accompanying financial statements and disclosures following this section.

### **Financial Highlights**

- The assets of the Town of Orono, Maine exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$19,198,933 (*net position*) (Statement 1). Of this amount, \$9,193,136 was reported as unrestricted net position (Statement 1). Unrestricted net position is the amount available to be used to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors. The Town of Orono, Maine's total net position increased by \$117,727 (Statement 2). This represents an increase of \$307,509 in governmental activities and a decrease of \$189,782 in business-type activities (*Sewer*).
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Town of Orono, Maine's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$7,824,701 (Statement 3), which is a decrease of \$1,513,277 (Statement 4) from the prior fiscal year. Of the total decrease, \$659,829 is shown in the general fund, \$852,077 is attributable to the Katahdin Project fund, and the final \$1,371 is shown in other governmental funds.
- The Town of Orono, Maine's general fund reports an unassigned fund balance of \$2,498,002 (Statement 3); however, the Katahdin Project has an unassigned fund balance of (\$1,557,177) and the other governmental funds is (\$2,344) (Statement 3), leaving the Town with a total unassigned fund balance of \$938,481 (Statement 3). Total unassigned fund balance decreased by \$1,161,357 from the prior fiscal year. This was driven almost entirely by an increase in the negative unassigned fund balance in the Katahdin project as of June 30, 2014.
- The Town has incurred preconstruction costs related to the municipal parking lot and plaza that are being built alongside the new University Credit Union building named the Katahdin Project. This is a bonded project; however, as of the end of the fiscal year the Town of Orono, Maine had not been reimbursed for related expenses and therefore shows a deficit fund balance. This deficit will be made whole by funds from a USDA Rural Development Bond that will be distributed once the project reaches substantial completion which is slated for early fiscal year 2015. Bond payments for this project will eventually be paid for with TIF (tax increment financing) dollars and the effects of this project will not affect general fund balance going forward.

### **Overview of the Financial Statements**

The Management's Discussion and Analysis introduces the Town's basic financial statements. The Town's financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

**TOWN OF ORONO, MAINE**  
**Management's Discussion and Analysis, Continued**

**Government-wide financial statements**

The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide the readers with an overview of the Town of Orono, Maine's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business

The *statement of net position*, Statement 1, presents information on all of the Town's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town is improving or deteriorating. The *statement of activities*, Statement 2, presents information showing how the Town's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the Town of Orono, Maine that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (business-type activities). The governmental activities of the Town include general government, public services, public safety, public works and education. The Town has one business-type activity, which is the sewer fund.

**Financial Analysis of the Town as a Whole - Government-wide Financial Statements**

**Statement of Net Position**

As previously noted, the statement of net position balances all of the Town's assets, the resources the Town can use to provide services and operate the government, against all of its liabilities, its obligations to turn over resources to other organizations or individuals, with the difference being reported as net position. Net position is what the Town would have left over after satisfying all of its liabilities.

The following schedule is a summary of net position for the years ended June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2013.

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>			<u>Business-type Activities</u>		
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>Change</u>
Current and other assets	\$ 9,271,126	10,434,433	(1,163,307)	2,534,808	2,447,685	87,123
Capital assets	12,767,610	11,404,788	1,362,822	12,328,072	12,865,972	(537,900)
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>22,038,736</b>	<b>21,839,221</b>	<b>199,515</b>	<b>14,862,880</b>	<b>15,313,657</b>	<b>(450,777)</b>
Long-term liabilities	7,809,767	8,149,934	(340,167)	8,886,498	9,129,482	(242,984)
Other liabilities	686,000	453,827	232,173	320,418	338,429	(18,011)
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>8,495,767</b>	<b>8,603,761</b>	<b>(107,994)</b>	<b>9,206,916</b>	<b>9,467,911</b>	<b>(260,995)</b>
Net investment in capital assets	5,526,129	4,055,037	1,471,092	3,460,306	3,750,043	(289,737)
Restricted	1,019,362	973,720	45,642	-	-	-
Unrestricted	6,997,478	8,206,703	(1,209,225)	2,195,658	2,095,703	99,955
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 13,542,969</b>	<b>13,235,460</b>	<b>307,509</b>	<b>5,655,964</b>	<b>5,845,746</b>	<b>(189,782)</b>

The Town of Orono, Maine's governmental activities assets exceeded its liabilities by \$13,542,969 and business-type activities assets exceeded its liabilities by \$5,655,964 for total net position of \$19,198,933 at the close of the most recent fiscal year. The summary above shows an increase in net position of 2.32% for governmental activities and a decrease of 3.25% for business-type activities from the prior fiscal year.

**TOWN OF ORONO, MAINE  
Management's Discussion and Analysis, Continued**

A large portion of the Town's net position reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings and improvements, machinery, equipment and infrastructure); less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The Town of Orono, Maine uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens. Consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Town's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

It should be noted that 51.67% of the Town's net position is available to be used to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to its citizens and creditors.

**Statement of Activities**

As stated earlier, the statement of activities reports the current year change in net position. This statement includes all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The following schedule is a summary of the statement of activities for the years ended June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2013:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>			<u>Business-type Activities</u>		
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>Change</u>
Revenues:						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 680,102	620,421	59,681	1,561,040	1,601,151	(40,111)
Operating grants and contributions	332,317	422,799	(90,482)	-	-	-
Capital grants	98,254	91,464	6,790	-	29,163	(29,163)
General revenues:						
Taxes	10,965,040	9,721,233	1,243,807	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	1,806,665	2,248,256	(441,591)	-	-	-
Investment	17,603	11,978	5,625	3,973	2,829	1,144
Miscellaneous	408,060	1,110,067	(702,007)	-	-	-
Transfer	120,000	120,000	-	(120,000)	(120,000)	-
Gain (loss) on disposal	-	(41,538)	41,538	-	(634)	634
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>14,428,041</u>	<u>14,304,680</u>	<u>123,361</u>	<u>1,445,013</u>	<u>1,512,509</u>	<u>(67,496)</u>
Expenses:						
General government	1,752,187	1,969,054	(216,867)	-	-	-
Public services	766,229	842,145	(75,916)	-	-	-
Public safety	3,075,196	2,847,443	227,753	-	-	-
Public works	1,704,154	1,644,908	59,246	-	-	-
Education	5,714,080	5,047,509	666,571	-	-	-
County tax	477,242	470,712	6,530	-	-	-
Unclassified	226,526	852,730	(626,204)	-	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	322,995	349,833	(26,838)	-	-	-
Capital maintenance expenses	81,923	774,917	(692,994)	-	-	-
Sewer services	-	-	-	1,634,795	1,752,364	(117,569)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>14,120,532</u>	<u>14,799,251</u>	<u>(678,719)</u>	<u>1,634,795</u>	<u>1,752,364</u>	<u>(117,569)</u>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	<u>\$ 307,509</u>	<u>(494,571)</u>	<u>802,080</u>	<u>(189,782)</u>	<u>(239,855)</u>	<u>50,073</u>

**TOWN OF ORONO, MAINE**  
**Management's Discussion and Analysis, Continued**

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**Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds****Governmental Funds:**

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the Town of Orono, Maine's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances at June 30, 2014 of \$7,824,701, a decrease of \$1,513,277 in comparison with the prior year. Just over 11.99% of this total amount (\$938,481) constitutes unassigned fund balance, which is available for spending at the government's discretion. The remainder of the fund balance (\$6,886,220) is not available for new spending because it has already been set aside in its use for 1) various capital and other governmental purposes (\$1,019,362), 2) long-term notes receivable (\$2,667,000), or 3) committed or assigned to specific uses (\$3,199,858).

As a measure of liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to total governmental funds expenditures. Unassigned fund balance (\$938,481) (Statement 3) represents 5.85% of the total governmental funds expenditures (\$16,047,820) (Statement 4); total governmental fund balance (\$7,824,701) (Statement 3) represents 48.76% of total governmental funds expenditures.

Total governmental activities revenues (\$14,428,041) (Statement 2) increased by 0.08% over fiscal year 2013. This was driven by growth in general taxes and charges for service, but the increase was mitigated by decreases in grants, intergovernmental and miscellaneous revenues.

Total expenditures (\$14,120,532) (Statement 2) decreased this year by 4.59% over fiscal year 2013. Decreases in general government, public services, unclassified, interest on long-term debt, and capital maintenance expenses drove this decrease and offset increases in public safety, public works and education expenses.

Total revenues exceeded total expenditures by \$307,509 (Statement 2) resulting in a positive change in net position.

**Business-type Activities:**

The Town operates one business-type activity classified as an enterprise fund. Enterprise funds are self-sustaining funds designed to be mostly funded through user fees and grants. The Town's enterprise fund is more commonly referred to as the sewer fund and it holds all of the financial activity related to running and maintaining the water pollution control facility (WPCF).

For a detailed look at both the fiscal year 2014 balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position, please see pages 17 and 18 of the audited financial statements.

Net position of the Town's sewer district decreased \$189,782 to \$5,655,964. Operating income (operating revenues less operating expenses) was \$302,706 while nonoperating expenses and transfers out were \$492,488 (Statement 8). Of the total net position as of the end of the fiscal year, the amount classified as net investment in capital assets was \$3,460,306 and unrestricted net position made up the other \$2,195,658. Unrestricted net position represents 174.5% of current year operating expenses.

**TOWN OF ORONO, MAINE**  
**Management's Discussion and Analysis, Continued**

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**Fund Financial Statements**

For governmental activities, these statements focus on how services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the Town's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the Town's most significant funds. The remaining statements provide financial information about activities for which the Town acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of those outside of the government.

**Financial Analysis of the Town's Funds - Fund Financial Statements**

Our analysis of the Town's major funds begins with the fund financial statements and provides detailed information about the most significant funds, not the Town as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by State law. However, many other funds are established to help control and manage money for particular purposes or to show the Town is meeting legal responsibilities for using certain taxes, grants, and other money. The Town reports governmental funds and a proprietary fund.

- Governmental funds - Most of the Town's basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using the modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Town's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Town's programs. We describe the relationship, or differences, between governmental activities, reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, and governmental funds in reconciliation at the bottom of the fund financial statements.
- Proprietary funds -The Town maintains one type of proprietary fund, an enterprise fund. Enterprise funds, as described above, are required to be used to account for operations for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services. Enterprise funds are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. The Town's Enterprise fund accounts for sewer operations.

**Noteworthy Special Revenue/Trust/Capital Project Funds**

A detailed list of reserves can be found under Exhibit A-3 of the audited financial statements. This list includes beginning balances, additions, reductions and ending balances for the reserves as of the end of the fiscal year.

The Capital Equipment Reserve Fund is available to absorb the cost of equipment that would otherwise be purchased through the normal operating budget. The utilization of a reserve fund allows the Town to reach into a "savings account" for larger purchases to reduce the year-to-year impact on the taxpayer. It is funded during each fiscal year by an assigned appropriation within the operating budget as well as by transfers from the unassigned fund balance remaining at the end of the previous fiscal year. As of the end of the fiscal year, the capital equipment fund had a balance of \$853,754.

**TOWN OF ORONO, MAINE**  
**Management's Discussion and Analysis, Continued**

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**General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual located on page 16 of the audited financial statements shows, on a budgetary basis, both the approved budget for each revenue and expense category as well as the effects on the budgetary fund balance at the end of the year. A more detailed and expanded version of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual can be found in Exhibit A-2 of the audited financial statements. This schedule shows the details within each revenue and expense category.

**Capital Assets**

The Town of Orono's capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2014 amounts to \$33,925,413, net of accumulated depreciation of \$21,157,803, leaving a net book value of \$12,767,610. This is an increase of \$1,362,822 from fiscal year 2013. This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and improvements, vehicles, machinery and equipment, as well as infrastructure.

The Town of Orono's capital assets for its business-type activities as of June 30, 2014 amounts to \$17,729,101, net of accumulated depreciation of \$5,401,029, leaving a net book value of \$12,328,072. This is a decrease of \$537,900. This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and improvements, vehicles, machinery and equipment, and sewer infrastructure.

**Long-term Liabilities**

At year-end, the Town had \$16,109,247 in outstanding bonds compared to \$16,796,930 in 2013. This is comprised of governmental activities bonds of \$7,241,481 and business-type activities bonds of \$8,867,766.

State statutes limit the amount of general obligation debt a municipality may issue to 15% of its total state assessed valuation, with a further limit of no more than 7.5% of state assessed valuation in enterprise fund debt. The current debt limitation for the Town of Orono as a whole is \$66,368,520 and \$33,184,260 for its sewer fund, far exceeding the Town's outstanding general obligation debt.

**TOWN OF ORONO, MAINE**  
**Management's Discussion and Analysis, Continued**

**HISTORICAL ASSESSMENTS AND MIL RATES**

<i>Historical Tax Commitments</i>					
<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Assessed Valuation</i>	<i>Valuation Increase/(Decrease)</i>	<i>Total Commitment</i>	<i>Mil Rate per \$1,000</i>	<i>Mil Rate Increase/(Decrease)</i>
2003	\$258,835,900	Base year	\$ 6,151,647	\$ 24.30	Base Year
2004	\$270,982,200	4.69%	\$ 6,801,653	\$ 25.10	3.29%
2005	\$289,534,200	6.85%	\$ 7,006,728	\$ 24.20	-3.59%
2006	\$308,880,270	6.68%	\$ 7,135,134	\$ 23.10	-4.55%
2007	\$343,897,190	11.34%	\$ 7,565,738	\$ 22.00	-4.76%
2008	\$392,874,635	14.24%	\$ 7,857,493	\$ 20.00	-9.09%
2009	\$417,499,265	6.27%	\$ 8,224,735	\$ 19.70	-1.50%
2010	\$408,312,500	-2.20%	\$ 8,492,000	\$ 20.80	5.58%
2011	\$415,448,300	1.75%	\$ 8,620,552	\$ 20.75	-0.24%
2012	\$413,922,200	-0.37%	\$ 8,816,656	\$ 21.30	2.65%
2013	\$418,583,000	1.13%	\$ 9,041,393	\$ 21.60	1.41%
2014	\$442,456,800	5.70%	\$10,264,998	\$23.20	7.41%
2015	\$456,522,000	3.18%	\$10,888,050	\$23.85	2.80%

**CONTACTING THE TOWN'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and creditors with a general overview of the Town's finances and to show the Town's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Town Office at 59 Main Street, Orono, Maine or call 207-866-2556. Citizens are welcome to visit with the appropriate staff on any financial matters.

## REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT 2013-2014

The ongoing mission of the Orono Police Department is to protect the lives, property, and rights of all community members with professional, effective, and compassionate law enforcement. Additionally, we strive to serve Orono with education, involvement, and collaboration in an effort to develop partnerships and relationships that improve the well-being of all.

Agency positions, and associated assignments:

Position	#	Role
Chief of Police	1	General oversight, budget, policy development, strategic planning, incident command, on-call emergency response
Captain	1	Operations oversight, scheduling, training and development, supervision, incident command, on-call emergency response
Sergeant	3	Patrol supervision and management
Detective	1	Investigations, court officer
Patrol Officer	7	Traffic enforcement, incident response, community service
SRO	1	Full-time assignment to Orono schools

**CALEA** – We are currently in a 3-year “self-assessment” phase with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. CALEA improves the delivery of public safety services by utilizing a proven, modern management model based on current nationally established standards. After achieving CALEA’s Recognition status in 2011, we are now striving for full accreditation. We expect to achieve this goal in the fall of 2016.

**Community Involvement** – A goal of this past year was to begin to establish a more formal philosophy of “public service” to the community of Orono. While effective and professional law enforcement is still paramount, part of our mission states “to serve with compassion and excellence, striving to provide aid and support to any and all in need”. This aid and support can take many different forms, from morning phone calls and visits to our senior citizens, to empowering women through our Rape Aggression Defense classes.

We take every opportunity available to become involved in our community by assisting with Town events, participating with various safety and wellness committees at the University of Maine, and by hosting educational opportunities for community members and students. Our programs include:

- Good Morning Program
- TRIAD
- House Checks
- Prescription Drug Collection/ Disposal
- Special Olympics fundraisers and events
- Individual Speaking Engagements
- Rape Aggression Defense/Women’s Self Defense
- Citizen/Student Police Academies
- Eastern Maine Community College Criminal Justice Program assistance

**Training** – developing and maintaining professional, effective, and capable police officers requires a great deal of both ongoing and progressive training. Ongoing refresher training and updates occur yearly. These trainings range from law updates and use of force, to occupational safety and all hazards refreshers.

The Orono Police Department places a great deal of emphasis on nationally recognized training courses and we are fortunate to have highly trained and capable members within our ranks.

**Certified Instructors**

- Situational Use of Force
- Firearms
- Defensive Tactics
- Accident Reconstruction
- Rape Aggression Defense
- Radar Operation

**Nationally Certified Courses**

- \* Emergency Vehicle Operation
- \* Taser
- \* Active Shooter Response
- \* Arson/Fire Investigation

**Trends and Future Goals**

We continue to see a slight increase (1.2%) in total calls for service/incidents, as well as a continued increase in the type of complaints that require more than a one officer response, such as noise/disturbance or “loud party” complaints (10% increase), family fights, assaults, underage drinking (34%), welfare checks, suspicious persons, and OUIs.

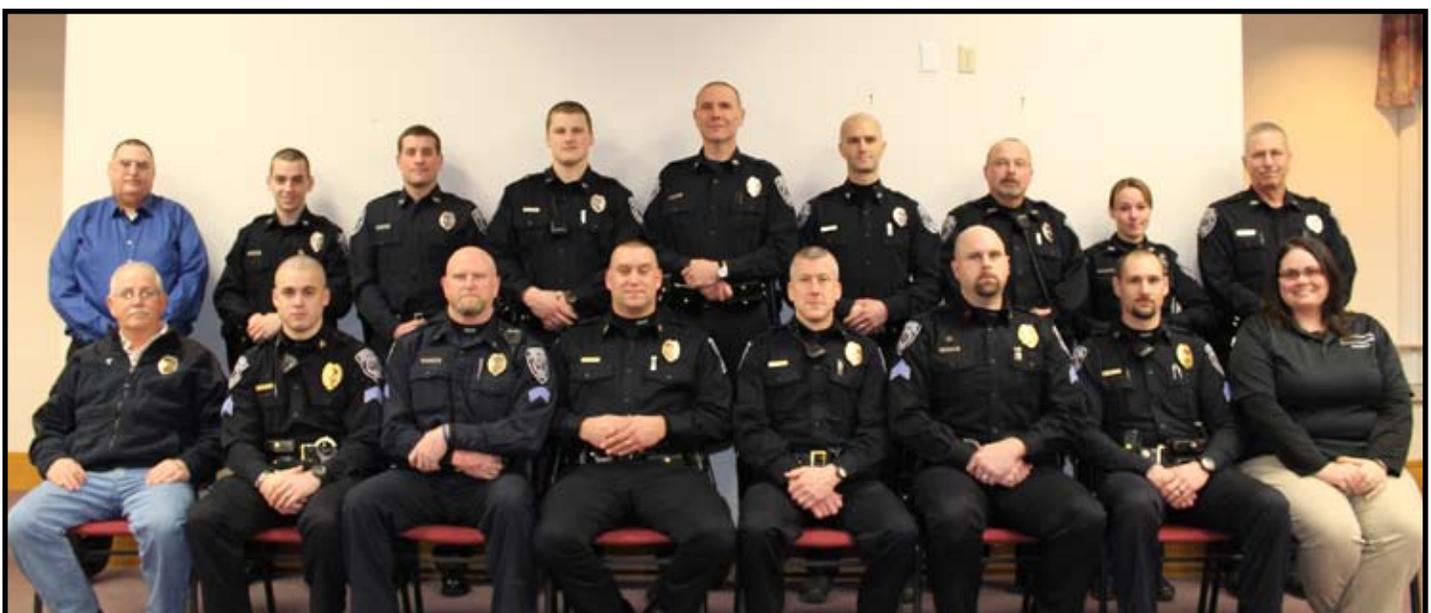
With the increase in party complaints and incidents of underage/high-risk alcohol consumption, we intend to continue to work collaboratively with local and state stakeholders, in an effort to change the ongoing alcohol-centered culture associated with college living in Orono. Our approach will involve increased educational outreach, awareness strategies, and traditional enforcement.

Additionally, our officers will continue to work diligently to maintain safe travel for both vehicles and pedestrians, specifically targeting unsafe driving habits and impaired drivers.

Lastly, I will reiterate that it is our main goal to have an overall positive effect on the community of Orono, helping to create a safe, secure, and peaceful environment. Our officers truly recognize and embrace the great responsibility they hold to protect and serve the Town of Orono, and I am proud to be a member of the Orono Police Department.

Respectfully,

Joshua W. Ewing  
Chief of Police



*Front (L-R): Jerry King, David Silk, Scott Scripture, Scott Wilcox, Josh Ewing, Derek Dinsmore, Dan Merrill, Jessica Mason  
Back: Lee Cookson, Camron Barrieau, Peter Wentworth, Chase Haass, Ed Leskey, Scott Lajoie, Will King, Sarah Exley, Chris Watson*

## REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT 2013-2014

Please accept the enclosed information as the official annual report for the Orono Fire Department. This report provides a breakdown of services provided from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

The Fire Department currently employs 15 career Firefighter/Paramedics providing service to the Town of Orono 24 hours a day. In addition to the 15 on-shift personnel, we also employ one Deputy Fire Chief / Fire Inspector. All 17 members of the department are Hazardous Material Technicians.

The fire department training program committed 3225 personnel hours during the year. These training classes covered a variety of topics including fire suppression, emergency medicine, hazardous materials response, confined space rescue, vehicle extrication, and other related topics. Several seminars and college level courses complemented in-service training programs.

With the increase of emergency incidents, we rely heavily on mutual aid departments to help provide the services for our community. The department continues to provide Emergency Medical Services to the Town of Veazie at an average of 120 medical calls annually.

Among many small tools and equipment, the department maintained the following apparatus during the service year:

- (2) Class A Pumpers
- (1) 100' Aerial
- (1) Haz-Mat Vehicle
- (2) Ambulances
- (1) Rescue Boat

For the time period noted above, the Fire Department responded to 1,841 calls for emergency service. The community experienced an estimated financial loss of \$176,435.00 during this reporting period. This figure represents estimated personal losses to the citizens from vehicle fires, fuel and boiler malfunctions, and structure fires. The estimated value of property involved in these losses, if they were to be total losses, would have been \$97,832,000.00.

Data indicates that the busiest days of week for responses were – Sunday's running 290 calls, Friday's 282 calls, and then Saturday's 268 calls. The busiest time for responses was between 9am and 10am.

The following is a breakdown of the calls we responded to during the service year:

Service Calls	59
Good Intent	107
False Alarms	27
EMS/Rescue	1296
Hazardous Conditions	30
Building Fire	10
Other Incidents	62

The Orono Fire Department, through its many fire safety and prevention programs, was able to interact with and inform over 5,000 citizens within the community. Our fire prevention program provides safety messages to all ages and the department is very proud of the fire prevention program. In addition to the fire prevention classes provided to all of our students at Asa Adams School each month, we also provide the following fire and life safety programs:

- Elderly Safety Presentations
- Fire Safety Classes
- Fire Extinguisher Training
- Participate in National Fire Prevention Week
- Fire Station Tours
- Provide Home Smoke Alarms
- Perform Blood Pressure Clinics
- CPR Classes
- Preschool / Daycare Fire Prevention



A CREW: (L-R) Nick Chapman, Dennis bean, Andrew Brogden, Brad Strout and Scott Luciano

The Orono Fire Department Operates one of the 4 Hazardous Material Teams in the State of Maine. All paid firefighters are trained to the highest response level known – hazardous material technician. As technician members can respond, perform rescue, control and mitigate chemical emergencies that deal with domestic terrorism issues. Orono currently has the capabilities to respond to any incidents in the State of Maine for domestic terrorism.

Fire and Emergency Preparedness were part of the department’s proactive approach to prevent fires and educate the public on how to prepare themselves and their families when disaster strikes. In addition to the above noted services, the department is also an integral part of the Town’s Health and Safety Inspection program. This program provides fire code enforcement inspections to ensure



*B CREW (L-R) Kevin Sirois, Matt Grindle, Joel Sides, Jordan McLaughlin and Paul Haley*



*C CREW: (L-R) Kevin Peary, Mark Roy, Ben Pratt, Josh McNally and Bryan Hardison*

all residents, businesses, and University of Maine properties are safe for their tenants, students, and our community.

The hard work and dedication of our firefighters and the support of the town administration, town councilors, and The University of Maine have been essential to our success as a fire department and we are very grateful for their contribution. Likewise, the hard work and enthusiasm of our career staff has been essential to our high quality of service. Together both groups are responsible for providing an efficient and quality fire service for our community.

Sincerely,

Rob St. Louis  
Fire Chief

*Fire Chief Rob St. Louis  
and Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal  
Henry Vaughan*



**REPORT OF THE  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT 2013-2014**

Public Works staff worked through yet another safe and busy year that included many construction and maintenance projects and a very busy winter season.

The winter season of 2013-14 saw Public Works staff called to plowing duty 41 times; up from last year's total of 33. Snow accumulation totaled around 102 inches for the season, an increase from the 97 inches we received last season. This year's winter season was a difficult one. Public Works staff was often called to work through weekends and deal with a wide range of weather conditions. From very heavy, cold snow events to three relatively significant ice storm events, Orono Public Works responded to keep our roads and sidewalks safe.

We also had a busy construction season this year. This year's capital road construction and general road maintenance program was highlighted by the following major projects:

- **Noyes Drive Development Drainage and Roadway Improvements:** This was the largest of the Public Works infrastructure projects this season. The project included drainage, sidewalk, and street pavement improvements on Noyes Drive, Sunrise Terrace, Haskell Avenue, Woodland Drive, and Averill Street. New drainage structures, ditches and storm drain pipe were added in several locations and a new sidewalk was constructed on Noyes Drive. Curb and new pavement surfaces were provided for all of the roadways.

- **College Avenue and Park Street Intersection Improvements:** This project was funded through the Maine Department of Transportation Municipal Partnership Initiative (MPI) program. MPI projects are administered and constructed by the municipality and MDOT provides 50% of the funding for the project. The scope of this project included signal upgrades, new timing to maximize the intersection's efficiency, reconstruction of the traffic islands, and milling and paving of the pavement surface.

- **Mill Street Sidewalk Reconstruction and Pavement Overlay:** This project included the reconstruction of the sidewalks in the Mill Street business district and adjustment of granite curbing. This was followed by placement of a structural pavement overlay of the road and parking areas.

Other operations and maintenance efforts performed by Public Works include:

- **General Maintenance:** This includes mowing and maintenance of all of the parks and lawns, street sweeping, minor sidewalk and pavement repairs, storm sewer maintenance and repair, hazard tree removal and brush trimming in Town right of way areas, fall and spring clean-up, pavement markings, and streetlight maintenance.



*Public Works: (L-R) Jim Thompson, Scott Ouellette, Richard Rideout, Greg Daigle, Dillon Smart, Don Wickett, Ken Beylerian, Mike Smart, Director Rob Yerra, and Tony Boucher. (Absent: Adam Smart and Wendell Young)*

- **Operation and Maintenance of Riverside Cemetery:** The Cemetery staff performed 25 interments this year, 8 full burials and 17 cremation burials.
- **Operation and Maintenance of the CDD Landfill:** Located on Taylor Road, the Town operates and maintains a construction and demolition debris landfill. Major efforts include DEP compliance and reporting for both landfill operations and stormwater management, providing an attendant, and maintenance of the landfill area itself.
- **Operation of the Town Garage:** Located on Penobscot Street, the Town operates a maintenance garage. All maintenance and repair of Public Works vehicles and equipment is performed there, it also acts as the base of operations for the Public Works staff.
- **Capital Equipment:** The Town added a new pickup truck to the Public Works Fleet this year, replacing a 2005 GMC with over 150,000 miles.

In closing, we would like to thank the Town Council and the Town Manager for their continued support of the Public Works Department. Kenny and all of our employees worked through a busy year with great success and should be commended for their hard work and dedication to the Town of Orono.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J Yerxa  
Director of Public Works and Engineering



*Facilities: (L-R) David Pinkham and Wes Nelson*

## REPORT OF THE TREE BOARD 2013-2014

In fiscal year 2013-2014 the Orono Tree Board with the help of several homeowners planted 25 trees in the right of way around town. We also potted 24 saplings to be added to the nursery. pruned, repotted 20 trees in the nursery and weeded the Nature Garden.

The Tree Board members kept busy this year. We had three new members replace those who left. During the Arbor Day Event, Mr. Allen's 5th Grade class planted three trees on the hill between the elementary and high schools and mulched the smaller trees.

After reading the Arbor Day Proclamation a discussion was held about the value of trees in our community with the students adding their ideas, and Dave Thompson presented a talk about how to tell the age of a tree after it's been cut down using 'cookies' cut from several trees.

2014 marks the 18th year that Orono has been a Tree City USA. Four Tree Board Members attended the Tree

City Event in Farmington that the State of Maine holds each spring. Orono is recognized at this event each year as are all of Maine's Tree Cities. We are presented a poster of our Tree Board's activities which is situated in the lobby in the Town Office. We also received a number of saplings to add to the nursery.

In 2014-2015 we plan to continue to plant trees in the right of way that are requested by homeowners but aim to plant low growth varieties in certain areas to avoid issues with power lines in the future. We also will keep an inventory of the trees in the nursery. We work closely with Rob Yerxa, our Tree Warden.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Blease and Dave Thompson, co-Chairs  
Pat Thompson, Tree Board Member

**REPORT OF THE  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY  
2013-2014**

The Orono Water Pollution Control Facility is located near the river at 60 Broadway St. We serve the combined population of the sewer section of Orono and the University of Maine. The facility consists of a headworks building, two aeration basins, two secondary clarifiers, a disinfection building, an operations building, an aerobic digester and a maintenance garage. We are also responsible for 4 pumping stations, 23 miles of sewer pipes and 500 manholes. To maintain this system we have 5 employees in the Winter and six in the Summer.

Operations at the plant consist of laboratory testing, process control, equipment and building maintenance and solids handling.

This year we treated 400.36 million gallons of wastewater and we are proud to report we had no Combined Sewer Overflows.

WPCF staff cleaned 51,180 feet of sewer lines. We also spent a lot of time around the Noyes Drive area repairing manholes. We needed to get the underground work done before paving could be done.

Staff has also been spending a lot of time clearing Right of Ways. These are areas where we have sewer lines off the paved roads. These lines also need to be

checked and maintained. Our goal is to “bush hog” these areas once or twice each year and inspect the manholes at least once per year.

We completed several projects this year. The University Place lining was delayed because of weather the year before, so it was done this year. While the contractor was in town we had him line from Oak St. to the Stillwater Interceptor. This sewer line was built by F.C. Park, Fred Gould, William Bolstridge, C.S. Ring and E.E. Ring in 1905. We also discontinued 300 ft. of sewer line and a leaky manhole on Park Street.

We normally have at least one group of students from the University come for a plant tour each year. I would like to remind our teachers or other organizations that the WPCF is a large, innovative and interesting asset of the town that is available for groups who might be interested in what we do.

We would like to thank the Orono Town Council and the citizens of Orono for your support this past year and look forward to serving you in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph S. Madigan  
Superintendent



*WPCF: (L-R) Galen Moody, Dillon Smart, Travis Day, Dana Cooper, Chris Prue, Superintendent Joe Madigan*

## REPORT OF THE ORONO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2013-2014

The Parks and Recreation Department continued to work on maintaining and developing new collaborations to provide programming to area residents. An existing partnership with The Housing Foundation continued to provide over 5,000 meals for seniors at the Parker Dining Room in the Birch Street Senior Center.

The Orono Public Library and Parks and Rec worked together in a closer collaboration to deliver programming and build new opportunities at the library and in the community.

Beginning in January, the Department began collaborating with University of Maine Campus Recreation to build a more dynamic After School program. Participants in the After School program were able to spend three afternoons a week in the New Balance Recreation Center, enjoying the leisure pool, recreation courts and other amenities offered at the Rec Center.

The Spring & Summer offered many activities for Orono residents to enjoy:

- Concerts in Webster Park were co-sponsored by the Orono Village Association and Orono Parks & Rec;
- The Municipal Pool was open and offered open swim, swim lessons, lap swim and pool rentals;

- Summer Day Camp was available for 5-12 year olds and offered weekly field trips as well as daily adventures;
- Sport clinics, camps, and programs were presented throughout the two seasons, including Orono Basketball School, Challenger Soccer Camp, Football, Field Hockey, Baseball, Softball, and Summer Track Club.

Fall & Winter brought colder temps and different activities on offer:

- Youth Sports programs including soccer, flag football, field hockey, recreational/teaching and travel basketball, and Learn to Skate;
- The Annual Orono Village Festival coincided with the inaugural BikeMaine kick-off and expanded to include day-long festivities and an opportunity to meet Town of Orono staff at the Truck Petting Zoo.
- Classes for adults and children such as ballet/tap, yoga, Zumba, Learning the Language of Video Games, and fused-glass art.

Respectfully submitted,  
Parks & Recreation

## REPORT OF THE ORONO-VEAZIE WATER DISTRICT 2013-2014

The Orono-Veazie Water District was created in 1976 as a non-profit corporation to serve water users in Orono and Veazie. It is governed by the Maine Public Utilities Commission. The OVWD has a board of trustees made up of five residents from Orono and Veazie, and a staff of five that runs the treatment plant and deals with daily operations.

We are not a private company or a government agency. You, the water users of Orono and Veazie, are our shareholders, and making sure that we all have a secure, plentiful, quality water supply is our only interest.

Customer service is available to assist you with any of your service hookup, termination and billing questions. Our normal work hours are 8:00am to 4:00pm

Monday through Friday except on legal holidays. For emergency service call 207-866-4449 any time of the day or night.

Board of Trustees for 2014 are:

	<b>Term Expires December 31</b>
<b>Orono</b>	
John McCormack	2014
Paul Smith	2015
Jason Bolton	2018

<b>Veazie</b>	
Joan Perkins	2016
Ken Borneman	2017

**REPORT OF THE ORONO PUBLIC LIBRARY 2013-2014**

The Orono Public Library continues to be the heart of the community where children, teens and adults come to browse, meet friends, relax, use computers, and borrow materials. According to the Maine State Library value calculator, Orono taxpayers are getting over \$6.00 return on every tax dollar spent for library services. These services include:

- Programs for children, teens and adults
- Materials loaned that include: print; audio visual; and electronic
- Access to Minerva, the statewide interlibrary loan service with access to materials from over 65 Maine libraries.
- Access to free downloadable audio and e-books through Maine Infonet
- Access to Marvel: Maine's Virtual Library
- Deliveries of materials from other Maine libraries five days per week
- Daily, weekly and monthly magazine subscriptions
- Free Museum passes
- Use of the Community Room
- Indieflix: online streaming of independent films
- Free wi-fi and in-house loan of library computers to access the Internet.

The library continues to keep up with our ever-changing world of technology and this year added:

- Six new laptops and one new touch screen desktop public access computer.
- A dedicated volunteer workstation to assist with daily library tasks
- Monthly technology workshops with local experts
- Volunteer tutors who work one on one with patrons

Pursuing collaborative efforts with other town departments, local organizations and businesses has been a priority for staff when planning library programs. This year, these have included collaborations with:

- Gateway Seniors
- Griffin & Jordan, LLC Attorneys at Law
- People's Bank
- Orono Parks and Recreation
- Orono Adult Education
- Orono Water Pollution Control

As director, I am very impressed with the amount of community and Town Council support for our public library. Our trained and dedicated staff makes customer

service their number one priority and are constantly striving to meet community needs and wishes. Our hope is that members of our community take time to let us know what services meet their needs as well as those that would be a welcome addition.

**Librarians**

The Library staff consists of three full time members and one part time member:

The director, Laurie Carpenter joined OPL in 1985 as the Youth Services Librarian and became the director in 2009. She holds a Master's degree in Library and Information Science (MLIS) from the University of South Carolina and Bachelors in Child Development from the University of Maine.

Joyce Wiebe is the Technology Coordinator/Circulation Manager and came to OPL in 1997 after many years as Library Assistant at the Asa Adams Elementary School. She holds a Masters in Education—Instructional Technology from the University of Maine.

The Youth Services Librarian, Louise Jolliffe joined OPL in 2004 as a library assistant and moved into the position of YS Librarian in 2009. She holds a Bachelors degree in English from Boston University.

Sue Rogers, Circulation Clerk holds a Bachelors degree in Education from the University of Maine and came to OPL in 1992.



*Library Staff (L-R) Front: Director Laurie Carpenter, Sue Rogers, Back: Joyce Wiebe and Louise Jolliffe*

Laura Wood, Young Adult Librarian joined our staff in November of 2013. She has a background working with children and teens in a variety of settings including a school library, a public library and a Juvenile Detention facility. She holds a Masters degree in Library Science from Clarion University and a Bachelor in Theater Arts from the University of Maine.

**Volunteers:** The Library enjoys the services of more than 50 volunteers. Over 20 of these volunteers work 2-4 hours weekly, helping with the daily tasks involved with the interlibrary loan program or other in-house tasks while others give their time as board members or to special projects. This past year, our dedicated weekly volunteers donated over 4000 hours of their time. There are countless more hours given by the members of the three committees that support our vibrant community library:

#### **Committee Involvement**

**The Friends of Orono Public Library** help the Library carry out its community mission by providing financial and other kinds of support. They believe a town's library is a valuable community resource. By offering ongoing and special programs for all age levels and many interests, the Library functions as more than a warehouse for books; it serves as a vital center for the intellectual and cultural life of our town.

**The Orono Public Library Board of Trustees** is appointed by the Town Council. Board members work with the Library Director and staff on issues relevant to the Library, reflect the views of the community on those issues, and provide advice on the Library's operation, budget and policies.

**The Orono Public Library Foundation** was established in 2002 to build a free-standing public library for the town of Orono and to provide for the library's ongoing support. Since the completion of the building in 2009, the Foundation has continued to explore options for additional library space that would strengthen the Orono community and enhance the quality of life for all Orono citizens. Over the past two years, the Foundation Board of Directors has crafted a plan for a privately funded landscape design for the grounds directly behind the library. When complete, this project will transform the space directly behind the building into the Orono Village Green - an attractive public space for three-season use by members of the Orono Community – a gift from the Orono Public Library Foundation to the Town of Orono.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie A. Carpenter  
Director

## **REPORT OF THE ORONO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2013-2014**

Members of the Board of Trustees at the end of FY 2013-2014 were Judy Hakola; chair; Laurie O'Brien, secretary; Steve Colburn, treasurer; Francois Amar, associate treasurer; Allison Appleby; Jennifer Jain; and Janet (Blood) Elvidge. Kate Ferguson and Emily Noyes are student representatives. Dorothy Pratt was the representative from the Friends of the Orono Public Library, and Sarah Kenney represented the Orono Public Library Foundation.

At its monthly meetings, the Trustees typically receive updates from the Library Director, Laurie Carpenter, about library usage, new programs, and budget considerations. Youth Services librarian Louise Jolliffe keeps us apprised of the many programs and services offered

to the town's young people. We commend both of them and the rest of the staff, as well as a cadre of well-trained volunteers, for their creative ways of maximizing the impact of the limited resources available to them. We especially applaud their efforts to extend library resources by cooperating with the Town of Orono Parks and Recreation Department and community groups such as the Gateway Seniors.

All Library Trustees meetings are open to Orono residents. Call the library at 866-5060 for dates and times.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Hakola  
Chair

# Regional School Unit RSU #26

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March 13, 2015

## **RE: 2014-2015 Annual Report to the Town**

Once again I feel honored to have the opportunity to report on the accomplishments and highlights of the Orono schools in this annual report to the residents of Orono, Maine.

### **Students:**

Our young people continue to receive accolades and recognition for their academic and extra-curricular and co-curricular activities. This is a credit to our staff, parents, and the dedicated, inspiring work of our students themselves! Our student enrollment figures remain steady which refutes an enrollment study conducted in 2011, which projected that our enrollment would decline...so this is good news! Our October 1, 2014 numbers were: Asa Adams School, 278; Orono Middle School, 152; and Orono High School, 351. At Orono High School half of our student population resides in Orono and the other half hail from towns in our region that pay tuition for their students to attend. These towns are Veazie, Glenburn, Greenbush, Greenfield, Indian Island, and Milford. We also have several International students who attend from Sweden, China, Vietnam, Germany, Italy and the Netherlands.

### **Vision and Strategic Planning Work:**

During the 2013-2014 school year and especially in the fall of 2014 our Vision Planning Team worked diligently to gather ideas from students, parents, staff, community, the business sector, town government, and higher education to contribute to our new vision for schools. We held community forums, collected feedback through surveys and other means far and wide and these have contributed to our vision for Orono schools. We believe the vision truly captures the hopes and dreams that our communities hold for our youth and we intend to use it as a guiding star for our individual and collective efforts. You can view our renewed vision on our district website at [www.rsu26.org](http://www.rsu26.org). Our planning team is now working on a strategic plan that will provide concrete benchmarks for us in the journey toward our vision. We are hopeful the plan will be completed prior to the 2015-2016 school year.

### **Curriculum and Instruction:**

Our students continue to have opportunities to learn through a stunning array of academic, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities and sports. We are very proud to be able to offer such a range of learning opportunities in such a small school system, and we appreciate that it is testament to the high regard and hopefulness that the Orono community places on our young peoples' futures.

As always our teachers place high priority on knowing each student in terms of their interests, best learning modalities, and their readiness for learning. At a fundamental level we have been committed to focusing on students' progress with the Maine State Learning Result standards as the focus of our instructional efforts. In addition, we have also been committed to developing our students' talents when their interests and readiness has indicated different needs.

Proficiency-based reform continues to be a focus for us as we redesign instruction and assessment systems to comply with LD 4722 Proficiency Based Diploma requirements. In September 2014, we applied for and were granted an extension to the diploma requirements in LD 4722. This extension allows us until 2020 to construct, pilot and begin using an assessment system that moves from a seat time model of teaching and learning to a proficiency model of teaching and learning. The work continues!

**New Business Office:**

We are very pleased to have Lynn Gray and Sue Bell back together as our business office team! Lynn is our new Business and Operations Manager and Sue is our Human Resources Manager. Lynn and Sue worked together in Orono when Orono was part of Union 87 and though many things in the school finance world and our structure have changed since they worked together those many years ago, they have a wealth of institutional knowledge and have been working to get our finance department systematized and streamlined.

**Moving Forward:**

I feel honored to serve as the leader of Orono schools and I am frequently humbled by the awesome task it is to support the eager young minds of our students. On behalf of our entire staff I want to thank you for your support and partnership as we work together to provide the best education for our community's most precious asset—its young people!

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Cassida Harriman  
RSU 26 Superintendent of Schools



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Spring 2014

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is an honor to serve the residents of Orono as your State Representative in Augusta. My first year serving Orono was both busy and educational as the legislature tackled many issues, including whether or not to keep our forty-year promise of revenue sharing with Maine municipalities.

Because of the recession and unfunded tax cuts from the last session, a \$400 million budget hole was the focus of our regular session. There were many proposals to fix this problem, from dangerous cuts to state programs to new revenue from virtually every medium available to the legislature. The outcome was not perfect, but the legislature did pass a budget over a veto from the Chief Executive that closed the budget gap and prevented a shutdown through both reductions in spending and increases in new revenue.

But the budget was not the only issue on our plate. I had the privilege to submit two bills on behalf of Orono residents to speak to local problems and I am happy to report that both bills became law. The first bill, on behalf of the Friends of the Orono Public Library, allowed them to continue their efforts to raise funds through book sales without running afoul of Maine Revenue Services. The second was an attempt to make sure our state is kept safe from the hazards of transporting crude oil by rail. It made sure that companies responsible for this traffic are paying into cleanup funds, closing a long-standing loophole through a committee compromise, but not entirely fixing the problems with this method of transport.

There were many other issues, but to summarize I believe this legislature was able to make progress on a number of fronts despite deep division on many fundamental principles of government. Many of these issues were difficult with no clear solutions, so I must give my thanks to the many constituents who gave their opinions when asked on everything from Lyme disease to arcane tax law.

Once again, I would like to say thank you for the honor of allowing me to serve my hometown down in Augusta. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me either by phone at (207) 866-4333 or by email at [oronoryan@gmail.com](mailto:oronoryan@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Tipping-Spitz".

Ryan Tipping-Spitz  
State Representative

District 19 Orono (part)



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February 2014

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the residents of Orono as one of its state representatives in the 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

In the first session, which ran from January 2013 to July 2013, we had many accomplishments. Some of the most notable work was done to pass a bipartisan biennial budget. Through bipartisan work, the final budget avoided massive property tax hikes, restored funding to Maine's public schools and preserved important programs like the Drugs to the Elderly Program.

The second session is already well underway and I expect even more important measures to be passed before statutory adjournment in April. The work of the second session is focused on dealing with legislation carried over from the first session, considering emergency bill and working to address any budget shortfalls. Regarding an issue important to Orono, the Legislature has already engaged in some great work to keep its promise to preserve funding for municipalities through the revenue sharing program. These funds help communities like Orono keep property taxes in check, pay for education, public works, police and fire departments.

Please know that I would appreciate hearing from you and I greatly value the input I receive from constituents across the district. If you have any questions about work being done in Augusta, my position on legislation or if you want to share your ideas about how we can make our state and community better, please feel free to contact me. I am always reachable at [RepAaron.Frey@Legislature.Maine.Gov](mailto:RepAaron.Frey@Legislature.Maine.Gov) or at (207) 249-9969.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aaron M. Frey".

Aaron M. Frey

*127th Legislature  
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Maine  
Senate District 5*

*Senator James Dill  
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March 17, 2015

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your State Senator. I appreciate the faith you have placed in me and I promise to work hard to represent you in Augusta.

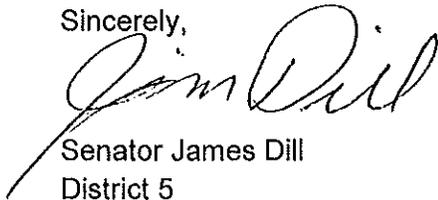
This legislative session is already shaping up to be a busy one. I have been assigned to serve on the Legislature's Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry committee. I'm happy to be serving on this committee and look forward to working on your behalf.

While the economy is improving our state still faces many tough choices. Modernizing Maine's tax system is necessary. At the same time we have to remember that the state budget will have real impacts and I am committed to ensuring that income tax cuts for the wealthy do not come at the expense of property tax hikes for the middle class. I know it won't be easy but I look forward to helping create a stronger economy for the working families of Maine.

I want to make sure that you continue to stay in contact with me, so feel free to call or email me anytime. This is going to be a difficult session and there are going to be times when we don't agree, but I want you to know that I always welcome fair and civil discussion. I can be reached at home at (207) 364-7 666 or at the State House (207) 287 -1515. Please feel free to email me anytime at [Jim.Dill@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Jim.Dill@legislature.maine.gov). I also encourage you to sign up for my legislative updates. Go to <http://www.mainesenate.org/newsletter-signup/> to join my mailing list.

I look forward to working with you in 2015!

Sincerely,

  
Senator James Dill  
District 5

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## Whom to Call for Municipal Service

<b>Emergency - Fire, Police, Ambulance</b> (anywhere in Orono)	<b>911</b>
Non-Emergency Police & Fire	866-4000
Assessor	866-5050
Code Enforcement	866-5051
Fire Chief	866-4000
General Assistance	866-2556
Parks and Recreation	866-2556
Police Chief	866-4000
Public Library	866-5060
Public Works	866-5062
Schools	
Asa C. Adams	866-2151
Middle School	866-2350
Sr. High School	866-4916
Sewer Billing	866-2556
Tax Collector	866-2556
Town Clerk	866-2556
Town Manager	866-2556
Treasurer/Tax Collector	866-2556
Water Pollution Control Facility	866-5069



*Town Office, Municipal Building*

## Notes

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