

2012 Town of Orono Maine



Year Ending
June 30, 2012



204th
Annual
Report





Two Hundred Fourth

Annual Report

of the

Municipal Officers
Town of Orono, Maine

For the year ending June 30, 2012

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., Lane Construction, 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 Center), 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

MAINE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

As of December 2012

U. S. Senate

Senator Olympia J. Snowe

District Office:
1 Cumberland Place
Bangor, ME 04401
Tel: 945-0432

Senator Susan M. Collins

District Office:
Bangor State Office
P. O. Box 655
202 Harlow Street
Bangor, ME 04402-0655
Tel: 945-0417

U. S. House of Representative

Representative Michael Michaud

(2nd District)
District Office:
202 Harlow Street, Room 23
P. O. Box 836
Bangor, ME 04402-0836
Tel. 942-5907

Maine State Senator - Senate District 30

Senator Elizabeth Schneider

55 Bennoch Road
Orono, ME 04473
866-7359

State House Station #3
Augusta, ME 04333-0003
207-287-1515

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE LEGISLATURE

As of December 2012

District 18

State Representative: **Hon. James Parker**

Home address: 18 Silver Ridge
Veazie, ME 04401

Residence: (207) 945-3520
Cell Phone: (207) 944-3258
E-mail: RepJim.Parker@legislature.main.gov

District 19

State Representative: **Hon. Emily Ann Cain**

Home address: 103 Forest Avenue
Orono, ME 04473

Residence: (207) 866-3753
Business: (207) 956-0784
E-mail: RepEmily.Cain@legislature.maine.gov

Capitol Telephone: (207) 287-1400 (voice)
(207) 287-4469 (TDD)

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

Maine Legislative Internet Web Site - <http://janus.state.me.us/legis>
Year-Round Toll Free House of Representatives Message Center:
1-800-423-2900

2012 ELECTED OFFICIALS
Town of Orono**Members of the Town Council**
Three-year term

Mark Haggerty 2013
27 Winterhaven Drive
Orono, Maine 04473

Thomas Spitz 2013
16 Kell Street
Orono, Maine 04473

Cynthia Mehnert 2014
21 College Heights
Orono, Maine 04473

Geoffrey Gordon, Chair. 2014
22 Hamlin Street
Orono, Maine 04473

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

Members of the RSU #26
School Board -
Orono Elected Officials
Three-year term

Eric Voelker 2013
16 Gardner Road
Orono, ME 04473

Andrew "Willie" Gavett 2014
161 Forest Avenue
Orono, ME 04473

Lisa Buck 2014
9 Kell Street
Orono, ME 04473

Wayne Scott 2015
293 Main Street
Orono, ME 04473

Frances Mary Neubauer 2015
44 Forest Avenue
Orono, ME 04473

TOWN COMMITTEES, 2012
Town of Orono

Planning Board
Five-year terms

David Thompson	2013
Judson McIntosh	2014
Vinal Applebee, V. Chr.	2014
Mark Kittridge	2015
Phil Ruck, Chair.	2016
Christa Schwintzer	2017
Kenney Fergusson, Assoc	2017

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

DEM - Anita Wihry	2013
REP - Carol Mower	2013
DEM - vacancy (Alt.)	2013
REP - Douglas Flagg (Alt.)	2013
Mary Cathcart, Chair	2015

Board of Appeals
Three-year terms

Shane Martin	2013
Andrew "Willie" Gavett	2013
Mary Cathcart	2014
William Devoe, Chair.	2014
Gary Noyes	2015

Community Beautification Committee
Three-year term

JoAnn Hall	2013
Molly MacLean	2013
Kristen McGovern	2013

Board of Assessment Review
Three-year term

George Eaton, II	2013
Brett Grandchamp	2014

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

Kenneth Borneman - VZ	2012
Scott Hall	2013
John McCormack	2014
Jay Fortier	2015
David King - VZ	2016

Library Trustees
Three-year terms

Judith Hakola, Chair	2013
Steve Colburn	2013
Jennifer Jain	2014
Mary Cady	2014
Constance Perry	2015
Allison Applebee	2015

Associate Trustee: two-year term

Laurie O'Brien	2014
Janet Blood	2014

Youth Member: one-year term

Billy Desisto	2013
Kate Fergusson	2013

Tree Board
Three-year term

Dianne Charland	2013
Molly MacLean, Co-Chair	2013
Cynthia Blease, Co-Chair	2013
David Thompson,	2014
Patricia Thompson	2014
Jack Blease	2015
Jason Charland	2015

TOWN COMMITTEES, 2012
Town of Orono

Trails Committee
Two-year term expiring 2013

Molly MacLean	Jack Blease
Chris Dorion	David Frankel
David Thompson, Chr.	Gail White
Cynthia Blease	Michael Opitz
Norm Poirier	

Orono Economic Development Corporation
Board of Directors

Stevenson Sheppard, Pres.	Jay Shields
Mark Erhardt, VP	Kathie Sewall, Sec.
Andy Perkins, Treas.	Arthur Comstock
Tom Perry	Janet Waldron
Paul Melrose	Geoff Gordon
David Thompson	Nancy Forster-Holt
Judy Sullivan	Robert Bass
Paul Riechmann	
George Eaton, II	

Community Health Advisory Committee

Jamie Comstock	Dee Virtue
Joan Netland	Lianne Harris
Thomas Spitz	Trudy Tremblay
Marlene Doucette	Emily Wesson
Gary Noyes	

Kelley Road Business Park
Advisory Committee

Peter Lyford	Leyton Sewell
Michael Goldberg	Steve Colburn
Andy Perkins	Stevenson Sheppard
David Thompson	Lianne Harris
Sharon Quinn Fitzgerald	

Comprehensive Plan Committee

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

Schoodic International Sculpture
Symposium Committee

Lianne Harris	Susan Lazar
Mary Anne Hillary	Eloise Ricciardelli
Helen Munsey	Betty Comstock
Nancy Prisk	Geoffrey Gordon
John Hackney	Paul Bauschatz
Renee Ouellette	Michelle Goldman
Barbara Ann Smith	Tracey Whitten
Deborah White	Steve Bowler

Orono Village Association
Board of Directors

Michelle Goldman, Pres.	Sarah Eden
Tracey Whitten, Treas.	Cindy Mehnert
Duska Hayman	Elaine Clark
Wanda Cunningham, Sec.	Roberta Bradson
Jim Rose	Jay Shields
Heather Furth	Linwood White
Keith Manaker	Juliana Aghamoosa

TOWN OF ORONO EMPLOYEES

As of 6/30/12

EMPLOYEE	DATE OF HIRE	EMPLOYEE	DATE OF HIRE
Administration		Police Department	
Sophia Wilson	04/01/11	Gary Duquette	10/25/93
Wanda Thomas	07/24/69	Scott Scripture	01/26/96
Annie Brown	08/01/77	Josh Ewing	09/27/99
Nancy Ward	06/25/01	Scott Wilcox	03/01/00
Rita Sinclair	01/03/11	Wilfred King	05/07/01
Donna Emerson	06/15/98	Scott Lajoie	07/15/02
Susan Tuholski	12/06/99	Chris Watson	08/04/03
Ruth Vaughan	09/08/87	Jason Zalva	10/06/03
Rick Sands	08/03/94	Derek Dinsmore	11/07/05
Bill Murphy	08/20/07	Stephen Marko	04/16/07
		Ed Leskey	05/12/08
		Daniel Merrill	12/14/08
		David Silk	06/22/10
		Sarah Exley	03/26/12
Fire Department		Public Safety Administration	
Buddy Webb	08/07/83	Jessica Mason	06/29/09
Henry Vaughan	04/01/75		
Paul Haley	01/26/88		
Bryan Hardison	12/03/90		
Rob St. Louis	11/20/90		
Matt Grindle	11/21/90		
Dennis Bean	10/20/96		
Scott Luciano	09/14/98		
Joel Sides	06/07/99		
Erin Frank	11/19/02		
Kevin Sirois	03/23/03		
Mark Roy	08/11/03		
Kevin Peary	02/14/05		
Brad Strout	07/24/06		
Ben Pratt	08/04/08		
		Public Works	
		Rob Yerxa	07/15/08
		Wendell Young	04/05/71
		Ken Beylerian	10/10/78
		Ron Dube	11/09/81
		Tony Boucher	11/01/95
		Greg Daigle	03/31/97
		Richard Rideout	09/04/01
		Donald Wickett	10/24/05
		Michael Smart	04/24/06
		Scott Ouellette	07/16/07
		Adam Smart	09/01/08
		Water Pollution Control Facility	
		Paul Wintle	08/31/87
		Chris Prue	08/09/83
		Joe Madigan	10/15/90
		Galen Moody	01/19/90
		Dana Cooper	02/19/07
Library			
Laurie Carpenter	12/03/85		
Joyce Wiebe	03/23/99		
Sue Rogers	08/03/92		
Louise Jollife	07/01/07		
Parks & Recreation			
Norman Poirier	09/18/89		
Wesley Nelson	01/02/90		
Maida Robichaud	01/14/91		

REPORT OF THE TOWN COUNCIL 2011-2012

The Town Council has continued to fulfill its responsibility to set financial and operational policies and to guide planning initiatives in the public interest. It is the Council's goal to create and maintain an environment that supports a financially sound and culturally vibrant community.

In the second year of tenure for Sophie as Town Manager the Council has continued work reviewing priorities and establishing goals for the future. Along with new leadership and fresh perspectives that Sophie brings we have seen significant changes in personnel among the senior management staff with departure of two key people. Wanda Thomas our Town Clerk announced her retirement after a remarkable 43 years of service and our Assistant Manager, Maria Weinberger, left Maine for a move back to Connecticut.



Wanda Thomas' retirement

The Council recognized Wanda's unique contribution to Orono during those many years. Her integrity and depth of experience was a resource used by everyone in Town government. Those changes offered a unique situation where the manager was able to restructure the staff to the advantage of everyone. The addition of Belle Ryder as Assistant Manager and Matthew Currier as Finance Director has brought new professional management expertise and provided an opportunity to better exploit the advantages of new technologies.

The Council continues to monitor the many initiatives underway in our community. We have seen continued progress on some important planning and development activities.

- Revision of our comprehensive plan was begun under the leadership of the Planning Board and should see significant progress in the coming year.
- Planning for new development in the area around the Kelley Road and I-95, with the aid of a grant from US DECD, nears completion.
- The redevelopment of the former Webster Mill site on the Penobscot River was reformulated and work has accelerated as we now anticipate completion of the first phase of construction on duplex condominium units in the 2013 construction season.
- Redevelopment of the former Katahdin Site in the center of Town has proceeded according to plan. That project is a public-private partnership with the University Credit Union and is on schedule to begin construction in 2013.
- Construction of the Campus Crest housing development neared completion ahead of schedule with opening day anticipated for the beginning of classes in late August.
- Meanwhile, Black Bear Hydro Partners began construction of the second power house, and supporting structures at the confluence of the Stillwater and Penobscot Rivers. That project, one part of the Penobscot River Restoration



*Former Assistant Town Manager,
Maria Weinberger*

program, represents an important boost to our community's economy and prosperity.

- The Orono Economic Development Corporation has made significant progress on plans to mitigate wetland issues within the Technology Park. That effort builds upon the cooperation of the lot owners in reconfiguration of lot lines and pre-permitting with State and Federal regulating agencies.

With those evidences of success the Council continues to emphasize long-term planning in our commitment to the future growth and health of Orono.

Budgetary and finance issues continue to be a necessary focus of the Council. Our financial situation remains healthy, but the Council continues to emphasize the concern for sustainability of our Community in the face of changing tax and revenue sharing policies at the State level and the ever increasing cost of providing municipal services. Under the new Manager's leadership we will continue to focus on maintaining stable operational budgets and accommodation of dramatic changes in revenue streams and in increasing costs. The Council will be examining the scope of services that the Town offers and evaluating more efficient means of delivery. Council members are committed

to improving Orono's financial situation with sound policies, development of the tax base, and evaluation of programs and services.

The Council gratefully acknowledges the high level of service delivered by the municipal staff at all levels. Their efficiency and thoroughness is responsible in great part for our ability to deliver a comprehensive set of community services at a reasonable cost. Planning and policy making have their place, but ultimately the staff is responsible for seeing that the services are delivered and that the high level of quality expected by the community is maintained. Their dedication and service is greatly appreciated.

The Council also gratefully acknowledges the dedication of a large number of volunteers in community service. These volunteers are your friends and neighbors who serve on committees and boards, serve as election officials, work in the schools, support the police and fire departments, serve in our library, and in many other capacities. Those contributions of time and effort enable us to do more than we ever could without their help and assistance. We thank them for their service.

Respectfully Submitted,
Geoffrey A. Gordon,
Council Chairman



*Town Council: (Sitting L-R) Chairman Geoffrey Gordon, Tom Perry, Tom Spitz
(Standing) Judy Sullivan, Mark Haggerty, Lianne Harris, Cindy Mehnert*

REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER & ASSISTANT TOWN MANAGER 2011-2012



*Town Manager,
Sophia Wilson*

at the corner of Bennoch Rd. and Main St. 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 completed the preliminary design phase during FY2012 and expect to start the site preparation in FY2013. We look forward to the completion of the project in 2014.

Webster Mill Site: In recent years, the town has undertaken the clean-up of the Webster Mill Site at the confluence of the Stillwater and Penobscot Rivers. This was funded by an EPA Brownfield grant and completed in FY2013. The site will be redeveloped as residential housing complexes by Webster Point LLC.

Kelley Road Business Park: The Town and its partners at the Katahdin Area Council of Boy Scouts continue to work on developing infrastructure requirements for future development of a Kelley Road Business Park. This project is funded through a Small Business Administration Grant and will be complete in FY2014.

Downtown Facade Improvement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): The Town of Orono was awarded a \$150,000 CDBG grant from the State of Maine Department of Economic and Community Development to match the investments downtown commercial property owners make in facade improvements that will brighten the appearance of our downtown.

Schoodic International Sculpture Symposium (SISS): The SISS Committee planned, fundraised, and organized throughout the year to support a six week event at the University of Maine, Steam Plant Parking Lot from July 22-August 30, 2012. During the event, eight sculptures were created for eight different sponsors. The sculpture for the Town of Orono is called Dragon

Staff and I are pleased to present the Town of Orono's 204th Annual Report to our citizens. The past year has been full of many changes and opportunities. Here are a few highlights:

Katahdin Redevelopment Site: This collaborative public-private partnership of the Town and University Credit Union

and represents the Past, Present, and Future. It will be permanently located at the Katahdin Site when the new plaza is complete; until then, it resides next to the Town Office.

Landfill: A thorough study of the construction demolition debris (CDD) landfill, solid waste collection, and recycling program was completed in FY2012. This resulted in the design, engineering and permitting of another cell at the landfill and the continuation of the current curbside collection and recycling programs. Construction of the new cell will take place in FY2013.

This annual report includes reports from every town department detailing the initiatives and activities carried out during FY2012. I encourage you to read the reports and ask questions if you have any. Town government is an inclusive process and we invite participation! Our website, 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 and sign up for our email notification service.

A few staff changes occurred over the past year and are highlighted within the department reports. Within the Town Manager's Office, Belle Ryder was added to the team as the Assistant Town Manager. Belle's technical expertise, sense of humor, and seemingly unending energy are welcome additions and will serve the Town well into the future.

In closing, I would like to recognize the Town employees who regularly go beyond what is expected of them in the course of the work day to ensure that the needs of Orono citizens are met cheerfully and competently. Staff and I 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



*New Assistant Town Manager,
Belle Ryder*

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICE 2011-2012

The Town Office serves as the first line of contact for many Orono residents. Town 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 Town 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 Town Office is responsible for preparing material to be broadcast on the local cable channel including announcements and broadcast of important meetings. Whether the information is financial or more general, the Town Office person-

nel can either provide it or know who to contact for accurate and relevant answers.

Some of the financial duties of the Town Office include receipting all payments made and depositing funds collected by all departments. Payroll and accounts payable invoices are processed in the town office and all expenditures are accounted for by department in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

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

Wanda Thomas retired on August 3rd, 2012 after 43 years as the Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Treasurer. We were all sad to see her go but happy for the new adventures sure to come her way. Wanda's farewell party was attended by over a hundred members of the community, current and former employees and Council members: it was a testament of her commitment to the Town in her 43 years of service.

Matt Currier joined the ranks in July 2012. He has been a great addition to the staff. Wanda had many responsibilities that needed to be filled. Donna Emerson took on the responsibility of Town Clerk. Annie Brown took on the responsibility of Tax Col-



*L-R: Rita Sinclair, Nancy Ward, Wanda Thomas, Annie Brown,
Donna Emerson and Susan Tuholski*

lector and Treasurer and Matt Currier took on the responsibility of Finance Director.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L Emerson
Town Clerk



New Positions: Treasurer/Tax Collector Annie Brown, Finance Director Matthew Currier, and Town Clerk Donna Emerson

TOWN OFFICE STATISTICS - 2012

Vital Statistics:	Births – 32
Marriages – 31	Deaths – 68
Boat Registrations	277
Snowmobile Registrations	79
ATV Registrations	68
IF &W Recreational Licenses	328
Dog Licenses	419

**REPORT OF REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
2011-2012**

November election preparations began in August with updates to voter registration cards, removal of inactive voters, registering new voters, and scanning voter registration cards into the state-wide CVR system. Armed service and overseas voters are updated and any requests received in this office are forwarded to the state election offices where those absentee ballots are issued. Students hold voter registration drives on campus to encourage fellow students to register to vote which all need to be verified by this office.

In the November General, State -- Referendum election, a total of 2,261 votes were cast in four precincts, with 121 absentee ballots returned. The elections went smoothly and we thank all those who were involved. Although these are usually low turnout elections, a lot of preparation is needed for them to be successful.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita M. Sinclair
Registrar

Voter Registration Statistics					
Ward/Precinct	Democrats	Green Independent	Republicans	Unenrolled	Totals
1 / 1	1198	147	493	1062	2900
1 / 2	883	189	452	1374	2898
1 / 3	743	74	381	462	1660
2 / 1	164	10	152	519	519
Totals:	2988	420	1478	3091	7977

REPORT OF CODE ENFORCEMENT 2011-2012

The Rental Registration Program, instituted in 2007-08, has been successful in allowing us to document patterns in rental properties. This program is not an inspections or permitting program, but rather is an informational program, updated annually, which requires rental property owners to register their units each year. Unfortunately we had to take enforcement action on several owners who failed to comply with the requirements of the ordinances, but thankfully these issues were resolved without court action.

Due to serious health and safety violations, it became necessary for us to close the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity house in September of 2011. All violations were corrected, and the house was reopened in December.

The University of Maine completed several construction projects during the year, most notable was the construction of (in cooperation with NASA) a new building for the testing of a model "lunar habitat". The University also completed renovations to the Alford Arena, to Jenness Hall, and the construction of an indoor batting pavilion for the baseball and softball teams.

The Campus Crest housing project - "The Grove at Orono" - started construction in late November and was completed in time for the start of the fall semester (September 2012). This complex has a total of 188 apartments with a total of 620 bedrooms.

We have a helpful tool for Town use and for use by our citizens - a geographic information system (G.I.S.). This can be accessed online at: http://webmap.jws.com/taxmap/viewer.aspx?JWSCONFIG=ME_Orono

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 by the office.

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



Code Enforcement Officer Bill Murphy

**PERMIT ACTIVITY
July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012**

<u>Type of Permit</u>	<u>Permits Issued</u>	<u>Fees Collected</u>
Building	101	\$156,469.07
Electrical	82	9,581.00
Heating	41	2,350.00
Plumbing		30,881.00
Internal	25	
External	3	
Road Opening	97	4,450.00
Sewer Connection	7	251,169.53

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Vaughan
Administrative Assistant
Code Enforcement/Planning



Administrative Assistant Ruth Vaughan

**BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED
July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012**

Building Permits:		Additions	7
Single-family dwelling	6	Renovations/repairs	12
Mobile Home	2	Doors/windows	2
Duplex	2	Shed	10
Multi-family	1	Porch	1
Accessory unit	1	Platform	1
Office/clubhouse	1	Sign	3
Pavilion	1	Demolition	4
Storage Building	1	Fill	3
University of Maine	7	Earthwork	2
Foundation	1	Walkway	1
Garage	10	Roof	2
Deck	13	Chickens/coops	5
Sunroom	1		
Greenhouse	1	Total Permits Issued	101

**REPORT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE
PLAN COMMITTEE 2011-2012**

The Town embarked on an 18-month schedule to update its Comprehensive Plan. The full plan was last updated in 1998. Part of the plan, dealing with rural land use in the Forestry and Agriculture District, was updated in 2009. The current effort will bring the plan fully up to date in compliance with State Law.

The Town Council appointed the members of the Planning Board plus seven other citizens to lead the update. The members of the Committee are:

Vinal Applebee (Vice Chair), Dennis Cross, Farahad Dastoor, Kenny Fergusson, Sharon Quinn Fitzgerald, Abe Furth, John Jemison, Mark Kittridge, Dan McConville, Judd McIntosh, Phil Ruck (Chair), Christa Schwintzer, David Thompson, and Ryan Tipping-Spitz.

Meetings were held on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m., in the Town Council Chambers of the municipal building. Members of the public were invited to provide input. The Committee held a public meeting in October 2012 to obtain input on issues facing the Town, and is expected to hold two more in April 2013 on possible strategies to solve problems and take advantage of opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,

Evan Richert
Planner



Planner Evan Richert

**REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD
2011-2012**

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 six regular meetings were held during this past fiscal year. Projects reviewed during those meetings included:

- 6 Home Occupation requests
- 125 seat amphitheater for the Library Foundation
- Bible Baptist Church – new building
- Phase II Orono CDD Landfill Expansion
- Campus Crest project
- Campus Crest access drive
- Oak Hill Subdivision amendment
- Developer's Collaborative amended plan for Webster Mill
- Wireless Telecommunications Towers ordinance amendment

The current Planning Board consists of the following members: Phil Ruck (Chairman), Vinal Applebee (Vice Chairman), David Thompson, Mark Kittridge, Judson McIntosh, Christa Schwintzer, and Kenny Ferguson.

During this last fiscal year, Chris Dorion, Scott Wilkerson and Warren Hedstrom all resigned their positions on the planning board. We thank them for their service to the community.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Ruck
Chairman
Orono Planning Board

**REPORT OF ASSESSMENT ADMINISTRATION
2010-2011**

All properties are assessed as of April 1st of each year. The fiscal year 2012 assessments are as of April 1, 2011. Fiscal year 2012 is from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

Real Estate	
Taxable Valuation:	\$ 397,401,300
Personal Property	
Taxable Valuation:	\$ <u>16,526,200</u>
Total Taxable	
Valuation:	\$ 413,927,500



Richard C. Sands, Assessor

The tax rate is calculated by dividing the total amount to be raised from the property tax by the total taxable valuation. $\$8,816,655.75 / \$413,927,500.00 = \$0.02130$ or \$21.30 per one thousand dollars of assessed value.

Fiscal year 2012 was the twelfth 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 (DECD) must approve TIF applications. The four 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, 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 and many other district improvements.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard C. Sands
Assessor

**OUTSTANDING
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES**

JUNE 30, 2012

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>
	\$ 326.70

2005-2006 TAXES

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

2006-2007 TAXES

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

2007-2008 TAXES

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

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>
	\$4,588.60

2010-2011 TAXES

AVG Acquisition, Inc.	\$ 53.95
Biomerieux, Inc.	.48*
Carusoe, Amanda	106.25
Fire Sign, LLC	87.13
Goldman, Jeffrey	5.80
Sader, Jessica	3.95
Sensor Research and Development	<u>359.80*</u>
	\$ 617.36

2011-2012 TAXES

AVG Acquisition, Inc.	\$ 46.86
Bangor Gas Company	84.67*
Biomerieux, Inc.	17.04*
Camrep Inc.	4,474.11*
Fire Sign, LLC	82.84
First People's Initiative, Inc.	2,662.50
Goldman, Jeffrey	109.00
VR Hospitality, Inc.	426.00*
LaPointe, Perry	202.35*
Melanson, Paul	106.50
Orono Donuts, LLC	798.75
Park's Hardware	250.70*
Prouty, Amanda Carusoe	109.00
Sensor Research and Development	7,472.04*
Sunkissed, Inc.	15.36*
Western Union Financial Services	12.78
Winters, Jim	8.52
	\$16,879.02

* paid after books closed

** partial payment after books closed

TAX LIENS OUTSTANDING

JUNE 30, 2012

2010-2011

Andrews, John	3846.57*
Bradson, John P. Jr.	4469.96*
Bradson, John P. Jr.	3586.18*
Bradson, John P. Jr.	4280.20*
Brown, Gary K.	2272.59*
Clisham, John A.	1253.74*
Connole, David F.	1446.35*
DaSilva, Ellie	672.01*
Davis, Randy	108.61*
Dodge, David M.	366.23*
Ellis, William G. Jr.	2005.68*
Goldman, Jeffrey A.	3015.77*
Grant, Brian L.	861.59*
Graves, Josh	141.55
Gunn, Kristy	55.24*
Houlsen, Joanne C.	1602.36*
Hunting, Robert Samuel Coulter	5726.35*
Johnson, Todd	2734.18*
Kish, Ruth	237.63*
Lane, Jean L.	3526.82*
Lane, Jean L.	4418.82*
LaPointe, Perry E.	4291.60*
Mishio, Susan J. Hebert	3129.09*
Miura, Yukiko	1055.06*
Mosher, Howard, Heirs of	3300.18
Mosher, William	736.22
Perkins, Robert J.	300.02*
Perkins, Robert J.	1455.85*
Secane Partners, LLC	4000.00*
Swenson, Michael T.	2598.11
Urquhart, Paul	714.16*
Vinal, A. Emile	615.38*
Wentworth, Lorraine E.	1651.05*
White, Linwood E. Jr.	1877.27*
White, Linwood E. Jr.	3126.05*
White, Linwood E. Jr.	3111.86*
Wyman, Jeff	221.27*
Young, Glenn	<u>89.88</u>
	\$ 78,901.48

2011-2012

Andrews, John	3953.98*
Bangor Federal Credit Union	293.33*
Bradson, John P. Jr.	4574.04
Bradson, John P. Jr.	3667.21
Bradson, John P. Jr.	4373.58
Brown, Gary K.	2637.78**
Clisham, John A.	2251.55
Connole, David F.	1483.95
Crowe, Clyde	1022.50
DaSilva, Ellie	1531.29
Davis, Randy	1395.46**
Davis, Scott A.	1749.40
Dodge, David M.	396.48
Dunn, Thomas C.	2350.78*
Eckert, Jacob J.	3337.69*
Ellis, William G. Jr.	2058.21
Foss, Helen E.	1084.10
Goldman, Jeffrey A.	4870.63*
Goodrich, Bennett C.	2489.13**
Grant, Brian L.	883.58
Graves, Josh	144.29
Gunn, Kristy	144.29
Houlsen, Joanne C.	1644.10
Hunting, Robert Samuel Coulter	5874.64
Johnson, Todd	4054.41**
Kish, Ruth	237.20
Lane, Jean L.	3608.45
Lane, Jean L.	4524.27
LaPointe, Perry E.	4532.23**
Lee, Jon	310.30*
Lluchetti, Edward	1863.10
Lukacsek, Edward L	534.94*
McAleer, Anne H. Heirs of	4042.03
McAleer, Michael S.	7258.87
Miles, Shawn	133.23
Minerva House Corp.	64.25
Mishio, Susan J. Hebert	3211.60*
Miura, Yukiko	2229.43*
Moore, Bruce	62.45*
Moose, John C.	788.02
Morgan, Erlene M.	540.37

* paid after books closed

** partial payment after books closed

TAX LIENS OUTSTANDING

JUNE 30, 2012

2011-2012

Mosher, Howard, Heirs of	3387.24
Mosher, William	754.84
Murphy, Thomas E.	1763.56*
Oakes, Kimberly R. Pers. Rep	882.42
Oakes, Kimberly R. Pers. Rep	1359.22
Park's Associates, LLC	1932.12
Park's Associates, LLC	3206.56
Park's Associates, LLC	3193.90
Peirce, David Jr.	246.56
Perkins, Robert J.	1099.04
Perkins, Robert J.	1493.68
Phi Kappa Sigma Corp.	3996.90*
Pika Corporation of Maine	6450.13
Pyles, Laura J. Pers Rep	1316.61
Rich, Kimberly J.	1157.33
Rustanavibul, Chinda	4998.64*
Secane Partners, LLC	6067.08
Shain, Denise	551.61

2011-2012

Shanos, Thomas	2931.55*
Shorette, Jeffery S.	800.35
Smith, Tracey	205.35
St. Louis, Richard	85.14*
Swenson, Michael T.	2923.14
Thomas, Glenn W.	1706.04*
Urquhart, Paul	555.75*
Vandez, John P.	3978.32
Vinal, A. Emile	1411.83
Ware, Pauline E. Trustee	9023.69*
Wentworth, Lorraine E.	1694.10
White, Linwood E. Jr.	1257.98*
Wilson, Marit W.	2477.18*
Wood, Cheryl D.	1161.86
Wood, Ray S.	1084.10*
Wyman, Jeff	226.14
Young, Glenn A.	<u>88.99</u>
	\$167,676.09

* paid after books closed

** partial payment after books closed

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Valuation

Real Estate	\$397,401,300
Personal Property	<u>16,526,200</u>

Total Valuation \$413,927,500

Assessment

Valuation x Rate \$413,927,500 x .0213 =	8,816,656
Village Center Tax District	8,027
Supplemental Taxes	<u>-</u>

Total Assessment Charged to Collector \$8,824,683

Collection and Credits

Cash Collections	8,539,001
Tax Increment Financing Credit	94,430
Tax Abatements	<u>6,697</u>

Total Collection and Credits \$8,640,128

2012 Taxes Receivable – June 30, 2012 **\$184,555**

TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY

June 30, 2011

NAME	MAP	LOT	LOCATION	AMOUNT
Desjardins, Albert	17	7	40 Margin St	\$ 50.98
Lynch, Heirs of Annie	23	34	Double A Landing	\$ 34.67
Mosher, Charles	21	5	Orono Landing Rd	\$ 82.86
Mosher, Charles	21	8	Orono Landing Rd.	\$ 82.86
St. Germain, J. W. II	21	1	Orono Landing Rd.	<u>\$ 459.22</u>
				\$710.59

COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT

TAX COMMITMENT	\$8,816,655.75
Requirements	
Municipal Appropriation	\$ 9,346,292.00
TIF Financing Plan	438,265.50
County Tax	483,509.00
Education	<u>4,802,613.00</u>
Overlay	\$ 105,188.38
Total Requirements	\$15,175,867.88
Less	
State Revenue Sharing	\$ 1,220,000.00
Municipal Revenue	5,003,044.00
Homestead Reimbursement	111,681.23
BETE Reimbursement	<u>24,486.91</u>
Total Deductions	\$ 6,359,212.14
Net Requirements	\$ 8,816,655.75

PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS RECEIVED

July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

Name	Location	Amount
Saddler, Daphne	Map D Range 3 Lot 192	450.00
Weatherbee, George & Rita	Map D Range 2 Lot 13	<u>900.00</u>
Total		\$1,350.00

Independent Auditors' Report

**To the Town Council
Town of Orono
Orono, Maine**

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, 2012, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Orono, Maine's management. 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 of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our 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, 2012, and the respective changes in financial position, and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 01, 2013, 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 the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and important for assessing the results of our audit.

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Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis and the Schedule of Funding Progress on pages 3 and 38 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.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Orono, Maine's financial statements as a whole. The Combining and Individual Fund Statements and Other Schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. The Combining and Individual Fund Statements and Other Schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Purdy Powers & Company
Professional Association

Portland, Maine
February 01, 2013

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.

Management's Discussion and Analysis Town of Orono, Maine

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, 2012. 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 Town's governmental assets exceeded liabilities by approximately \$14 million as of June 30, 2012 and 2011.
- The Town's governmental funds General Fund Balance on a budgetary basis was \$7.7 million as of June 30, 2012, compared to \$8.0 million as of June 30, 2011. Of the 2012 balance, approximately 40% is available for spending at the Town's discretion (unassigned fund balance).

Overview of the Financial Statements

The Management's Discussion and Analysis introduces the Town's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements include three components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. The Town also includes in this report supplemental information to the basic financial statements.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements include a Statement of Net Assets and a Statement of Activities. These statements provide information about the activities of the Town as a whole and present both a long-term and short-term view of the Town's finances. Financial reporting at this level is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies.

The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities are divided into two kinds of activities:

- **Governmental activities:** Most of the Town's basic services are reported here, including the police, fire, general administration, streets, and ambulance. Taxes, service fees, fines, and state and federal grants finance most of these activities.
- **Business-type activities:** if the Town charges a fee to customers to help it cover all or most of the cost of certain services it provides.

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

Statement of Net Assets

The summary of net assets balances all of the town's assets, the resources the town can use to provides services and operate the government, against all of its liabilities, its obligations to turn over resources to other organizations or individuals. The difference between total assets and total liabilities is called net

assets. Net assets are what the town would have left over after satisfying all of its liabilities. Net assets are an indicator of the town’s financial position at a given point in time. Financial reporting at this level is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies.

The following schedule is a summary of nets assets for the years ended June 30, 2012 and June 30, 2011:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>			<u>Business-type Activities</u>		
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>Change</u>
Current and other assets	\$11,994,168	\$12,214,069	\$ (219,901)	\$ 2,400,853	\$ 2,059,482	\$ 341,371
Capital assets	<u>11,357,299</u>	<u>11,557,622</u>	<u>(200,323)</u>	<u>13,347,617</u>	<u>13,868,154</u>	<u>(520,537)</u>
Total Assets	23,351,467	23,771,691	(420,224)	15,748,470	15,927,636	(179,166)
Long-term liabilities	8,236,383	8,555,474	(319,091)	9,089,029	9,328,707	(239,678)
Other liabilities	<u>1,505,919</u>	<u>1,231,732</u>	<u>274,187</u>	<u>573,840</u>	<u>562,538</u>	<u>11,302</u>
Total Liabilities	9,742,302	9,787,206	(44,904)	9,662,869	9,891,245	(228,376)
Net assets:						
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	7,124,064	7,006,787	117,277	4,029,685	4,320,040	(290,355)
Restricted	741,518	1,518,387	(776,869)	-	-	-
Unrestricted	<u>5,743,583</u>	<u>5,459,311</u>	<u>284,272</u>	<u>2,055,916</u>	<u>1,716,351</u>	<u>339,565</u>
	<u>\$ 13,609,165</u>	<u>\$ 13,984,485</u>	<u>\$ (375,320)</u>	<u>\$ 6,085,601</u>	<u>\$ 6,036,391</u>	<u>\$ 49,210</u>

The summary shows a decrease in net assets of 2.68% for Governmental Activities and an increase of 0.08% for Business Activities (see pages 4-7 of the audited financial statements for details).

The reduction of total assets for governmental activities by \$420,224 was driven by depreciation outpacing the purchasing of new capital assets combined with a reduction in prepaid expenses, investments and receivables. Cash and cash equivalents for governmental activities have increased by over \$700,000 while receivables have decreased by approximately \$630,000 representing a conversion of assets toward higher liquidity.

Fiscal year 2012 has introduced a reclassification of net assets called restricted net assets. Restricted net assets represent resources that are constrained for a particular purpose. In the Town’s case, the \$714,518 represents \$234,184 of resources related to the tax increment finance districts and \$507,334 related to the reserve accounts detailed on page 46 of the audit report.

Statement of Activities

The Statement of Activities reports the current year change in net assets. 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, 2012 and June 30, 2011:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>			<u>Business-type Activities</u>		
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>Change</u>
Revenues:						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 633,562	\$ 482,160	\$ 151,402	\$ 1,818,913	\$ 1,559,389	\$ 259,524
Operating grants and contributions	81,665	89,284	(7,619)	-	-	-
Capital grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
General revenues						
Taxes	9,526,203	9,336,845	189,358	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	2,614,477	2,160,836	453,641	-	-	-
Investment	214,664	376,149	(161,485)	7,873	15,282	(7,409)
Miscellaneous	619,467	627,941	(8,474)	-	-	-
Gain (loss) on disposal	425	(1,429)	1,854	-	-	-
Total Revenues	13,690,463	13,071,786	618,677	1,826,786	1,574,671	252,115
Expenses:						
General						
General government	2,038,708	1,621,592	417,116	-	-	-
Public services	830,468	741,725	88,743	-	-	-
Public safety	2,782,417	2,758,120	24,297	-	-	-
Public works	1,807,562	1,997,210	(189,648)	-	-	-
Education	5,032,281	4,907,218	125,063	-	-	-
County tax	466,102	463,446	2,656	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	248,179	172,671	75,508	-	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	387,197	549,827	(162,630)	395,081	415,269	(20,188)
Sewer services	-	-	-	1,382,495	1,391,245	(8,750)
Total Expenses	13,592,914	13,211,809	381,105	1,777,576	1,806,514	(28,938)
Change in Net Assets	\$ 97,549	\$ (140,023)	\$ 237,572	\$ 49,210	\$ (231,843)	\$ 281,053

Governmental Activities:

Revenues increased by 4.7% over fiscal year 2011. This was driven by strong growth in intergovernmental, charges for services, and tax revenues. Investment revenue continued its pattern of reduction as interest rates continued to drop. The large increase in intergovernmental revenue that drove the overall increase in revenue growth was caused by an increase in revenue from grants which include the SBA Kelly Road grant, EPA Webster Mill Cleanup grant and also by the CDBG Brownfields grant.

Expenses also increased this year by 2.9% over fiscal year 2011. This increase was driven entirely by an increase in general government expenses that rose 25.7% over fiscal year 2011. This growth in general government expenses is attributable to growth in tax increment finance expenses related to the town's four tax increment finance districts that are outlined in Note M of the audit on page 33.

Total revenues exceeded total expense by \$97,549 resulting in a positive change in net assets.

Business-type Activities:

Total revenues increased by 16% over fiscal year 2011 driven by modest gains in charges for service revenue. As with governmental activities the town continued to see a reduction in investment income. Expenses decreased by 1.6% driven mainly by keeping costs consistent and by a reduction in interest

expense for long term debt. Total revenues exceeded total expense by \$49,210 resulting in a positive change in net assets.

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.

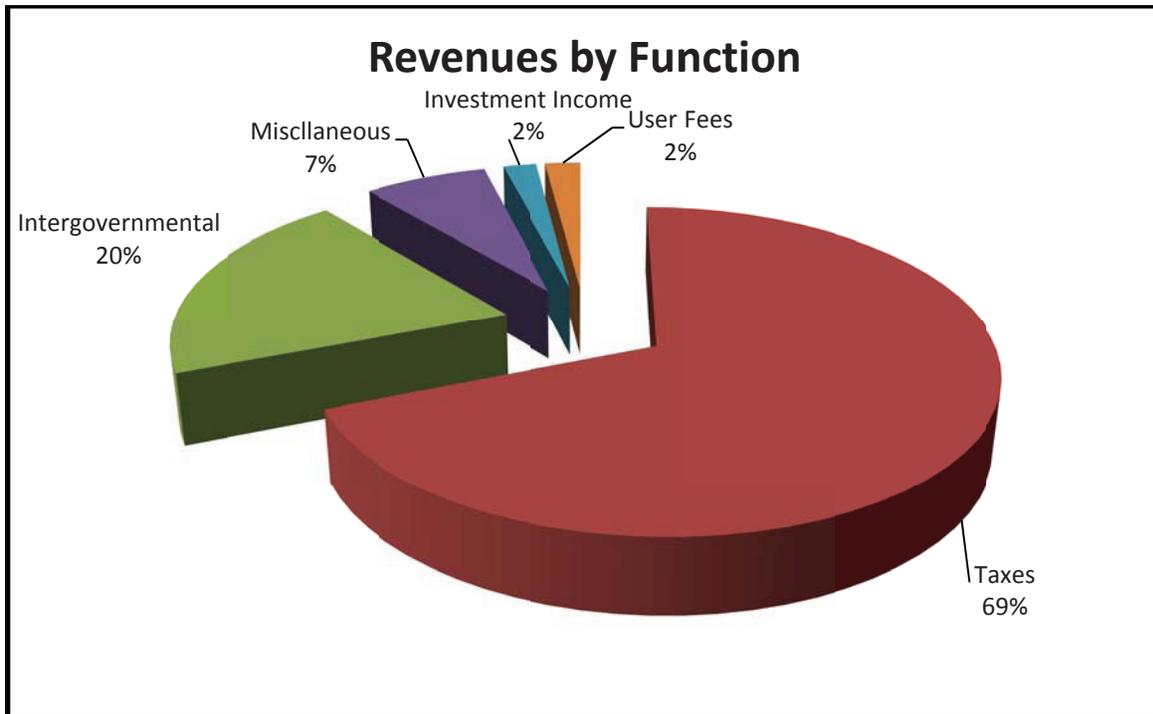
Financial Analysis of the Town's Funds - Fund Financial Statements

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 an accounting method called 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 Assets 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.

Current year revenues on a budgetary basis were made up of the following:

<i>Revenues:</i>	<i>FY 2012 Amount</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>	<i>FY 2011 Amount</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>
<i>Taxes</i>	\$ 9,601,203	69.43%	\$ 9,411,845	71.28%
<i>Intergovernmental</i>	\$ 2,762,392	19.98%	\$ 2,316,370	17.54%
<i>User Fees</i>	\$ 332,447	2.40%	\$ 162,259	1.23%
<i>Investment Income</i>	\$ 214,436	1.55%	\$ 373,486	2.83%
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$ 917,941	6.64%	\$ 940,598	7.12%
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<i>\$ 13,828,419</i>	<i>100.00%</i>	<i>\$ 13,204,558</i>	<i>100.00%</i>



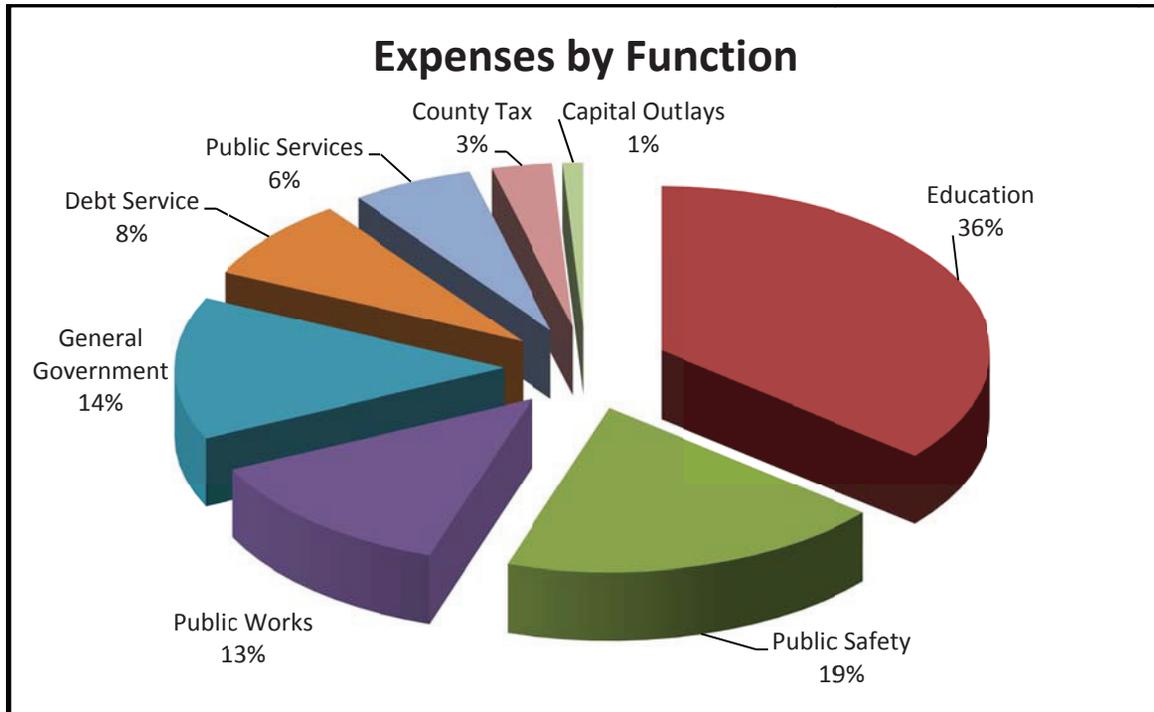
A comparison of revenues by function between fiscal year 2011 and 2012 reveals a slight shift in revenue from taxes to intergovernmental and user fees. Taxes decreased as a percentage of the total by 1.85% from 2011 while intergovernmental revenues increased by 2.44%. User fees increased by 1.17% while both miscellaneous and investment income decreased by 0.48% and 1.28% respectively.

It is important to keep in mind that revenues shown under the fund financial statements will differ from those shown under government-wide statements. For a reconciliation of the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance of government funds to the statement of activities please see page 9 of the audited financial statements.

For a more detailed look at the town’s general fund revenues see Schedule A-2 located on pages 42-45 of the audit.

Current year expenditures on a budgetary basis were made up of the following:

<i>Expenditures:</i>	<i>FY 2012 Amount</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>	<i>FY 2011 Amount</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>
General Government	\$ 1,933,945	13.79%	\$ 1,516,231	11.41%
Public Services	\$ 755,172	5.39%	\$ 668,198	5.03%
Public Safety	\$ 2,765,119	19.72%	\$ 2,589,039	19.48%
Public Works	\$ 1,804,171	12.87%	\$ 1,888,377	14.21%
Education	\$ 5,032,281	35.89%	\$ 4,907,218	36.92%
County Tax	\$ 466,102	3.32%	\$ 463,446	3.49%
Miscellaneous	\$ 39,171	0.28%	\$ 6,625	0.05%
Debt Service	\$ 1,092,522	7.79%	\$ 1,160,725	8.73%
Capital Outlays	\$ 133,044	0.95%	\$ 91,991	0.69%
Total Expenditures	\$ 14,021,527	100.00%	\$ 13,291,850	100.00%



Education continued to be the largest percentage of the budget with both public safety and general government being the next two largest areas of expenditures. With the exception of public works and debt service every other expense category saw modest gains with general government seeing the largest increase. Again, this large increase is due to an increase in expenses related to the tax increment finance districts.

It is important to keep in mind that expenses shown under the fund financial statements will differ from those shown under government-wide statements. For reconciliation of the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance of government funds to the statement of activities please see page 9 of the audited financial statements.

For a more detailed look at the town’s general fund expenses see Schedule A-2 located on pages 42-45 of the audit.

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.

For a detailed look at both the fiscal year 2012 balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets, please see pages 11 and 12 of the audited financial statements.

The sewer fund ended the year with operating revenue totaling \$1,818,913, an increase of \$259,524 over fiscal year 2011, and operating expenses of \$1,382,495, a decrease of \$8,749 over fiscal year 2011. Nonoperating revenue included investment income of \$5,061 and other revenue of \$2,812. Both of these nonoperating revenues decreased from the previous year. Nonoperating expenses included interest

expense of \$395,081 which decreased from fiscal year 2011. The resulting change in net assets for FY 2012 was \$49,210. Net assets at the end of FY 2012 were \$6,085,601.

Noteworthy Special Revenue/Trust/Capital Project Funds

A detailed list of reserves can be found on page 36 of the audited financial statements under Note O – Fund Balances. This list includes beginning balances, additions, reductions and ending balances for the reserves as of 6/30/12. There is also a schedule of special revenue funds located on page 46-47 of the audited financial statements under Schedule B-1 and B-2. These schedules show the combined balance sheet & combined schedule of revenues, expenses and changes in fund balance related to the special revenue funds.

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 a designated appropriation within the operating budget as well as by transfers from the undesignated fund balance remaining at the end of the previous fiscal year. In FY 2012, additions to the fund net of transfers to cover purchases of capital equipment were \$57,165 resulting in an ending fund balance of \$1,003,245.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual located on page 10 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 can be found in Schedule A-2 on page 42 of the audited financial statements. This schedule shows the details within each revenue and expense category.

Revenues were 3% under budget representing \$437,500. Shortfalls in both intergovernmental and miscellaneous revenues are the main causes. The Intergovernmental revenue category came in \$420,613 under budget and was caused by a large shortfall in the other grants budget line but because of the nature of the grants that compose the category, there would not be expenses related to the under captured revenue and therefore there would be no overall effect on fund balance. Gains in both taxes and licenses and permits helped mitigate the impact of the shortfalls. The most dramatic increase in a revenue budget line was seen under building permits within the licenses, permits and fees category. This large increase in building permits was due to the permitting of the new Grove housing complex. This also drove up the actual amount of revenue received in plumbing permits.

Expenses were 9.18% under budget representing \$1,402,174. Every department managed to stay within their budgets and because of this expenditures were only \$42,049 more than revenues. The general government expense category accounted for more than a third of the unspent portion of the budget. This was caused by \$459,632 of unspent tax increment finance district expenses.

After accounting for \$338,356 of other financial uses the total effect on the budgetary fund balance at year end was a reduction of \$380,405 leaving a balance of \$7,656,147.

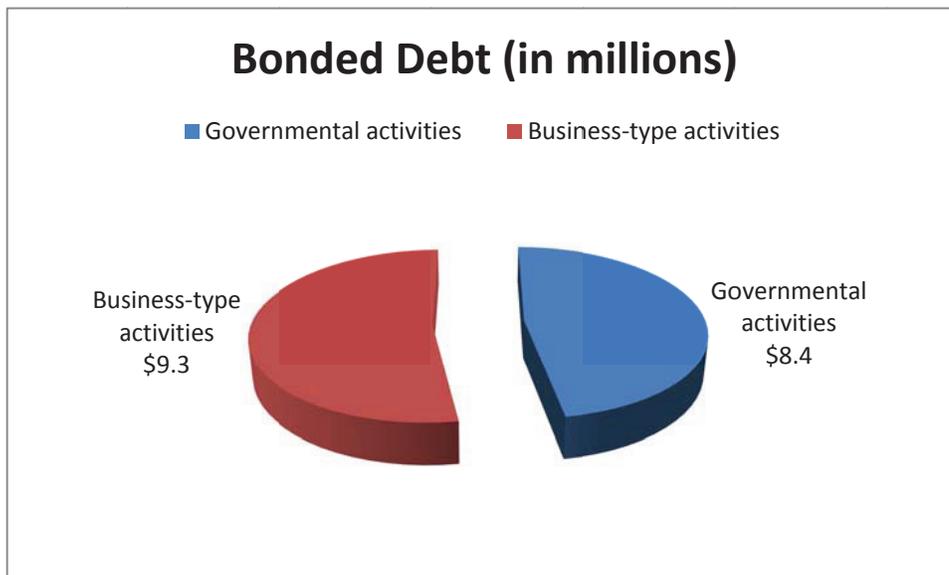
Capital Assets

As of June 30, 2012, the Town of Orono’s investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities amounted to \$24.7 million (net of accumulated depreciation) compared to \$25.4 million last year. This investment includes land, buildings, machinery and equipment, roads, and sewer lines.

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		2012 Total	Increase (Decrease)
	2012	2011	2012	2011		
Land	\$ 2,838,776	\$ 2,838,776	\$ 44,573	\$ 44,573	\$ 2,883,349	\$ -
Construction in Progress	-	-	9,665	-	9,665	9,665
Buildings	13,299,515	13,299,515	-	-	13,299,515	-
Improvements	388,128	388,128	-	-	388,128	-
Wastewater drainage system	2,475,429	2,475,429	-	-	2,475,429	-
Equipment	1,412,249	1,338,106	-	-	1,412,249	74,143
Vehicles	2,645,701	2,613,644	-	-	2,645,701	32,057
Infrastructure	8,185,723	7,973,957	-	-	8,185,723	211,766
Utility property	-	-	17,585,745	17,559,745	17,585,745	26,000
Totals at cost	\$ 31,245,521	\$ 30,927,555	\$ 17,639,983	\$ 17,604,318	\$ 48,885,504	\$ 353,631
Total accum depreciation	19,888,222	19,369,933	4,292,366	3,736,164	24,180,588	1,074,491
Net Capital Assets	\$ 11,357,299	\$ 11,557,622	\$ 13,347,617	\$ 13,868,154	\$ 24,704,916	\$ (720,860)

Long Term Liabilities

At year-end, the Town had \$17,696,167 in outstanding bonds compared to \$18,628,949 last year.



In December, 2010, the Town issued \$4,530,000 in general obligation bonds with interest rates ranging

between 3% and 5.75%. The bonds were divided into two lots, with \$325,000 maturing in five years (December, 2015) and \$4,205,000 maturing over ten years (December, 2020). These bonds were issued to refund \$4,530,000 of the outstanding 2000 general obligation bonds with an interest rate of 8.47%. The refunding reduced total debt service payments over the next 10 years by approximately \$1 million and resulted in an economic gain of approximately \$900,000. The Town’s share of outstanding debt was 52.54% and the WPCF’s share was 47.46%. Principal retired during the fiscal year totaled \$932,782.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The economy as a whole continues to be a concern and a factor in budgeting and spending. Orono is not as susceptible to fluctuations as are some other communities due to its history of strong financial stewardship but nevertheless; high oil prices and other economic factors continue to impact the citizens of Orono and the town as a whole. Of particular concern is the unknown directing of state legislative action that can impact intergovernmental revenues.

<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%

Fiscal year 2013 will see a mil rate increase of \$0.30 per \$1,000 of assessed value. This represents an increase of 1.41% over fiscal year 2012.

Future revenues other than those raised by taxes will remain relatively flat until there is more evidence

of economic recovery and we begin to see evidence of growth. There are promising developments in the area of property tax relief with the completion of the construction of a second commercial dormitory complex, The Grove, and the continued development of the Katahdin site by the University Credit Union. Both of these projects indicate positive growth for the future.

In the area of investment in infrastructure, the Town has made significant increases in the last seven years and is about to embark on two major capital projects: the construction of a new town garage and the start of construction of the Katahdin site by the University Credit Union. Both will require bonding but the Town's capacity to borrow at a favorable rate was improved by the upgrading of its bond rating by Moody's Investment Services in November, 2009 from A2 to A3. Moody's cited the strength of the Town's financial policies, healthy reserves and undesignated fund balances and our role as the home of the University of Maine as reasons for the improved rating.

The cost of energy for the maintenance of the Town's buildings has remained relatively stable over the last two budget cycles. The Town completed a general retooling of its lighting system for all buildings with the help of grant money from Efficiency Maine in FY 2011 in another effort to control the cost of energy. The fluctuating cost of gasoline and diesel fuel used by the town's fleet of vehicles will continue to affect the operating budgets of Public Safety and Public Works.

The town of Orono realizes the challenge of remaining fiscally responsible while also providing the services expected by its residents. The town plans to meet this challenge through a combination of prudent policies and practices along with the application of 21st century problem solving skills to continue to keep Orono on strong financial ground.

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 866-2556. Citizens are welcome to visit with the appropriate staff on any financial matters.

**REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT
2011-2012**

This is submitted as the 2011/2012 Annual Report for the Orono Police Department.

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Orono Police Department is to provide a safe, secure atmosphere and enhance the quality of life in the Town of Orono by working cooperatively with the public and within the framework of the U.S. Constitution. Our mission is to strengthen public confidence in the organization, develop and maintain positive relations with the community and to promote a safe and friendly community through enforcement and education.

Our Values:

We promise to diligently uphold the laws that protect both life and property of the citizens of Orono without bias or prejudice. We pledge to conduct ourselves both professionally and personally in ways which clearly show that honesty and integrity are our code of honor.

During this past fiscal year our department's authorized strength remained the same as last year with 14 sworn personnel.

Police Department Personnel 2011/2012

Chief: Gary Duquette

Captain: Joshua Ewing

Sergeants: Scott Scripture, Scott Wilcox and Scott Lajoie.

Patrol Officers: Wilfred King, Chris Watson, Stephen Marko, Derek Dinsmore (Detective), Ed Leskey (School Resource), Daniel Merrill, David Silk, Sarah Exley and Jason Zalva.

Civilian Employees: Jessica Mason (Administrative Assistant) and Lee Cookson (Volunteer).

Personnel Changes:

Andrew Whitehouse (Resignation), Sarah Exley (New Employee) and Derek Dinsmore (Detective).

The lobby of the Public Safety Building is staffed by the Administrative Assistant Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. in order for the public to have access and conduct the day to day business of the public safety department. Business calls

are handled by the Administrative Assistant during these hours and she can be reached by calling 866-4000. All calls for police service 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, are dispatched through the Penobscot Regional Communications Center in Bangor. They can be reached by calling 866-4451.

Community Events:

The Orono Police Department assisted and/or participated in the following events.

- Special Olympics Torch Run
- Blue on Blue Benefit Softball Game
- Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner
- Memorial Day Parade
- Tip-a-Cop Special Olympics Fundraiser
- Orono Festival Day
- Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony
- UMO Maine Day
- "Fueling Dreams" Special Olympics Fundraiser Internet Safety Presentation (Orono HS)

Regarding the activity of our agency when compared to the previous year, there are no significant changes. We are very fortunate to have a community that sees very little violent crime and fewer drug problems than some of the surrounding communities are currently experiencing. We have seen an increase in burglaries this past year, both residential and vehicular, as most communities have, which is attributable to the drug problem. The department continues to utilize state and federal grant funding to conduct impaired driving enforcement, target seat-belt violations, and combat underage drinking.

2011/2012 Reports:

Calls for Service	6,800
Arrests	600
Traffic Citations	1,771
Traffic Accidents	251

In conclusion, I would like to thank our residents, business owners, Town Manager, Town Council, and other town staff for their continued support of the department and our efforts to make the Town of Orono a safe place to live and work.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Duquette, Chief of Police

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT 2011-2012

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, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

The Fire Department currently employs 14 career Firefighter/Paramedics providing service to the Town of Orono 24 hours a day. In addition to the 14 on-shift personnel, we also employ one Fire Inspector. All 14 members of the department are Hazardous Material Technicians.

For the time period noted above, the Fire Department responded to 1,617 calls for emergency service, which is an increase of 62 calls from the previous year. The community experienced an estimated financial loss of \$140,875.00 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 \$95,992,002.00.

With the increase of emergency incidents and minimal staffing for responses, we rely heavily on mutual aid departments to help provide the services for our community.

The Orono Fire Department, through its many fire safety and prevention programs, was able to interact with and inform over 2,500 citizens within the community. Our fire prevention program provides safety messages to all ages and 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:

- Juvenile Fire Setter program
- 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

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 Towns Health and Safety Inspection program. This program provides fire code enforcement inspections to ensure all residents, businesses, and University of Maine properties are safe for their tenants, students, and our community.

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 - one of which was a newly purchased 2011 Ford E-450
- (1) Rescue Boat

Data indicates that the busiest days of the week for responses were - Saturdays running 266 calls, Fridays 247 calls, and then Wednesdays 243 calls. The busiest time for responses was between 3PM and 6PM.



"A" Shift

L - R: Paul Haley, Kevin Sirois, Scott Luciano,
Brad Strout and Nate Sockalexis



“B” Shift

L - R: Kevin Peary, Erin Frank, Fire Chief Robert St. Louis, Matthew Grindle and Dennis Bean

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

- Service Calls 66
- Good Intent 85
- False Alarms 245
- Lightning Strikes 2
- EMS/Rescue 1148
- Explosions 3
- Building Fire 13
- Cooking 22
- Chimney 1
- Wild land/Grass 9
- Vehicle 4
- Fuel Burner 10

The Penobscot County Hazardous Materials team is a combined effort to include both Orono and Old Town department members. The equipment is housed and maintained in Orono. This team provides service to all of Penobscot County responding to calls requiring identification of a foreign substance, control and cleanup of a hazardous spill, and coordination with the state CST team based in Waterville for calls regarding weapons of mass destruction.

Along with the above detailed calls, the department provided several inspections to different areas in town. Among those inspections were several on site visits during construction of The Grove complex to ensure proper life safety compliance. Inspections also led to the temporary closure of a fraternity to resolve life safety deficiencies. Our inspection officer also provides pre-event inspections for University of Maine events.

The hard work and dedication of our firefighters and the support of the town administration, town councilors, and The University of Maine has 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



*Henry Vaughan
Fire Marshal*



“C” Shift

L - R: Mark Roy, Bryan Hardison, Joel Sides and Ben Pratt

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT 2011-2012

Public Works crews worked through yet another safe and busy year that included many construction and maintenance projects and a mild, icy winter season.

The winter season of 2011 – 2012 saw Public Works crews called to plowing duty 27 times; down from last year's total of 33. No major events of over 12 inches were recorded. Snow accumulation totaled around 65 inches, significantly less than the 150 inches we received last season. Spending for overtime, fuel, and materials were all under budget.

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:

- Essex Street Pavement Surfacing Project: This project included the placement of surface pavement on Essex Street from the Town line to Gould's Landing, line painting, and improvements to the parking area at Gould's Landing.
- Summer & Oak Street Pavement Surfacing Project: This project included asphalt paving on all of Oak and Summer Street, installation of new concrete curbs, sidewalk reconstruction, and minor drainage work.
- Main Street Drainage Project: This project was designed to address a frost heaving issue caused by trapped stormwater. The shoulder and sidewalk was removed, a new drainage system was installed to

address the stormwater issue and new sidewalk and shoulder paving was done.

- Preconstruction Engineering: Preparation for two major projects coming in the 2012 construction season were underway this year as well. Engineering and design for a culvert replacement and safety improvements project on Bennoch Road by the cemetery and a culvert replacement on Margin Street both continued this year. Both projects were completed during the 2012 construction season.

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, hazardous tree removal and brush trimming in Town right of way areas, fall and spring clean-up, pavement markings, and streetlight maintenance.
- Operation and Maintenance of Riverside Cemetery: The Cemetery Crew performed 23 internments this year, 15 full burials and 8 cremation burials, along with all that is needed to keep our cemetery looking good.

- 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



L-R: Adam Smart, Bradley Melansen, Tony Boucher, Greg Daigle, Ken Beylerian, Mike Smart, Ron Dube, Richard Rideout, Scott Ouellette, Rob Yerxa (Director)
Top Row: John Collins and Don Wickett. Absent: Wendell Young.

compliance and reporting, providing an attendant, and maintenance of the landfill area itself. Plans are currently in development for the closure of the current cell and the development of a new adjacent cell in the fall of 2012.

- 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 is also the base of operations for the Public Works crew.
- Capital Equipment: We purchased three major pieces of equipment this year:
 - ✓ Recycling Collection Trailer
 - ✓ Sidewalk Snow Blower Attachment
 - ✓ 12" Wood and Brush Chipper

In closing, I want 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

REPORT OF THE TREE BOARD 2011-2012

In late fall 2011, the Tree Board acquired a donation to the town of Orono of over 50 trees from Dutton's Nursery. This nursery was going out of business and through an application process, donated its well-established stock to local municipalities. The Tree Board members and a variety of volunteers were busy through October getting these trees in the ground. 20 Mugho Pines, River Birches, Red Maples, Flowering Crabapples, and assorted others were planted with the help of Public Works, Parks & Rec, and volunteers from Orono High School. Once in the ground these trees were watered often and mulched. With the assistance of Robin Pride, an active Tree Board volunteer, erosion control was established behind the newly planted pines between the soccer field and the skating rink. In addition to this project, the Tree Board also planted two other trees, removed or recommended removal of 13 trees (this included old nursery trees behind the high school); tended 22 trees at Godfrey Drive; mulched or pruned 67 trees. We also mulched and weeded the wildlife garden between the middle/high school and Asa Adams School. In the past year the Tree Board added 10 seedlings to our nursery. All seven members of the Board have been very active in the work we have completed this year.

2012 marks the 16th year Orono has been part of Tree City USA. Five

members of the Tree Board attended the Arbor Day celebration in Portland, where the town of Orono received seven sapling-sized spruce trees. Locally, to celebrate Arbor Day on May 10, 2012 Mr. Allen's fifth grade students weeded and mulched the 4 year old spruce saplings on the property between the high school and grade school near the wildlife garden. These spruce saplings were planted by the previous fourth graders.

Our plans for this new year are maintenance of the Tree Board tree nursery, care of the town's trees & wildlife garden and planting new trees in the right-of-ways for residents of Orono. We are holding quarterly public meetings and these are advertised on the public access channel and in the town office.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly MacLean
Co-Chair



REPORT OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY 2011-2012

I'm preparing this report as the new Superintendent for the Orono Water Pollution Control Facility. Paul Wintle, the former Superintendent, retired in August after 25 years as an Orono employee.

The treatment plant has performed well this year. We treated 416.19 million gallons of water and returned it to the Penobscot River. We had no effluent violations and only one CSO event which discharged 17,000 gallons, during Hurricane Irene.

- In July, during a routine inspection of the Treatment plant outfall, there were a number of large fish in the effluent plume. After further investigation they were found to be Atlantic salmon. We contacted the Penobscot Indian Nation and officials from their Natural Resources Department visited. They confirmed the fish were indeed salmon, some as much as two feet long. We were told that the salmon were looking for cooler water temperatures and good dissolved oxygen. Also having UV disinfection with no chlorine products must help.
- In August, during Hurricane Irene, WPCF and University crews helped our engineering firm Olver Associates to perform a Flow Evaluation Study both off and on Campus. Our previous studies have been off campus only.

- Penobscot St. pumping station was hit by a car with three young people involved. Fortunately no one was hurt, but there was considerable damage done to the exterior wall and generator ventilation system. We had a local contractor repair the building and the sheet metal company

who installed the ventilation system originally did it again. The total cost was \$10,547 paid for by the driver's insurance company.

- We began effluent testing for the screening year prior to the MEPDES license renewal in November of 2012. This consists of 4 Analytical chemistry tests, one Priority Pollutant test, and one Whole Effluent Toxicity test.
- We installed an Air to Air Heat Recovery system in the headworks building. This takes heat out of our exhaust fan and returns it to the heat system. This is estimated to reduce oil consumption by 1700 gallons per year. This project was funded by a \$30,050 grant from Efficiency Maine and \$5950 from the 2011-2012 budget and is part of our ongoing commitment to saving energy costs.
- The WPCF staff and the Public Works staff attended an Annual Safety training provided to us by the Orono Fire Department. This was our first year taking advantage of our own trainers.
- The joint project with sewer and drain work was begun on Margin St. in June. This project was begun the previous year after a granite culvert began to fail. The force main from Union

St. pump station went through the culvert. Engineering and design were done the year before and are expected to cost approximately \$65,000 for this phase.

- We began Monoforming in June on North Main St. This is a process of building up a plastic form 2 or 3 inches smaller than the outside walls of a



WPCF Staff: (L-R) Galen Moody, Dana Cooper, Chris Prue, Superintendent Joe Madigan and Former Superintendent Paul Wintle

manhole and pouring concrete between. This strengthens the outside walls and the solid wall stops infiltration. The process takes two part days and less than \$500 in materials. A manhole replacement will cost up to \$5000 and can cause serious disruptions for traffic.

- We also inspected and flushed 41,230 feet of sanitary sewers. We try to clean at least one third of our sewer system every year as part of our sewer management plan.
- We began using our Biological Nutrient Removal (BNR) Process in June. This 5-part Bardenpho process allows us to reduce phosphorus and

ammonia/nitrogen from the plant effluent. We ran the selector for phosphorus removal through August and continue to run our system for ammonia/nitrogen removal.

I look forward to serving the citizens of Orono as the Superintendent of the WPCF.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph S. Madigan
Superintendent
Water Pollution Control Facility

REPORT OF THE ORONO-VEAZIE WATER DISTRICT 2011-2012

Your District continues to pursue its mission to provide superior quality and service at minimum practicable cost to our ratepayers.

Continued emphasis this year was on source of supply and treatment issues. District personnel and trustees have continued to improve iron and manganese treatment efficiency, control Trihalomethanes, ensure future adequacy of water supply and to cost effectively dispose of residuals from the treatment process.

Major upgrade renovations were completed at the Bennoch Rd Filtration Plant in spring of 2011. Upgrades included new filter media, building renovations, a large residual holding tank, and extensive electronic changes to our control equipment. The new systems are working well and the District continues to fine tune the new equipment.

In 2010, the District hired a consultant to do a rate study. March of 2011 the PUC reviewed and approved a rate increase based on our rate study.

The distribution system continued to perform well with no major leaks and a very acceptable percentage of unaccounted for water.

The District is confident that we will continue to offer exceptional value compared to the majority of water utilities in Maine.

Construction this year consisted of normal system maintenance. Over the years since the District assumed responsibility for the system in 1976, management has aggressively identified and addressed numerous segments prone to leakage, freezing or chronic quality problems. The result has been a marked decrease in the expense and often misery of emergency distribution system repairs. While many components of the remaining system are old, it functions well. We continue to track problems and replace sections where justified by maintenance history.

Your current Trustees are:

	<u>Town</u>	<u>Term Expires 12/31</u>
Ken Borneman Chair.	Veazie	2012
Scott Hall	Orono	2013
Kohn McCormack	Orono	2014
Jay Fortier	Orono	2015
David King	Veazie	2016

Respectfully Submitted,

Superintendent
Dennis Cross

REPORT OF THE ORONO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2011-2012

The Orono Parks and Recreation Department is honored to provide the residents of Orono with this annual report for the fiscal year 2011-12. During this past year the Department strived to provide the Orono citizens with programs, services and opportunities reflective of the interests expressed by the Orono community.

The summer season allowed the community to enjoy a series of Concerts in Webster Park with a variety of excellent performers ranging from the sounds of local bands such as Dirigo Winds to the rock'n roll performance of the Blast Addicts. The concerts are co-sponsored by the Orono Village Association and the Parks and Recreation Department and are a tradition of summer in Orono.

The Municipal Pool experienced a better year with fairly warm temperatures and an improved weather pattern. Approximately 7,300 patrons enjoyed the opportunities the Pool had to offer with various open swim times, Red Cross swimming lessons and noon/evening lap swims. The total number of people making use of the facility is slightly less than the previous year. The facility is 30 years old and is in constant need of improvements/upgrades. The Town should consider an improvement program/timeline to upgrade the facility, make it more energy efficient and attract more people to the facility creating greater revenues and longevity.

The summer day camp for 5-12 year olds, Kid-Zone, experienced a good summer season averaging 46 children per week. The Department also sponsored a variety of one week sport clinics with the Orono Girls /Boys Basketball Schools, Challenger Soccer Camp, Football, Field Hockey and Chess as well as a Summer Track Club. The Youth Baseball and Softball programs have

remained popular to the point additional field space is necessary and continues to be a scheduling issue. A girls' softball field was created at the Orono Recreation Field (formerly St. Mary's) along with hillside seating which will act as a natural area for parents/spectators. Improvements are being made to this facility every year with the addition of dugouts and fencing planned in the future.

As the weather transitioned to autumn and the leaves changed color, children's interest reflected the season and quickly turned to rec soccer. More than 116 children played soccer and 48 played flag / contact youth football. The fall season also provided a number of children with other activities such as ballet/tap, an after school watercolors class and a children's yoga class. The Afterschool Program was once again in high gear with an average 38 children per day. The Program continues to be a need with parents whose schedules are busy during the after school hours.

Finally, the fall season was ushered in by the annual Orono Village Festival with many fun children's activities, music, food vendors and crafts available for the public to enjoy in the Village District. The event had perfect weather and more than 1,000 people enjoyed the wonderful small town atmosphere the event creates.

The event is coordinated by the Department and the staff would welcome any support or assistance

if people or groups are interested in becoming more involved with the planning and organization of this event.

The winter months provides the community with a variety of recreational opportunities including indoor activities such as basketball to the outdoor excitement of sledding.

More than 90 chil-



Orono Parks and Recreation Staff

L - R: Director Norm Poirier, Maida Robichaud and Wesley Nelson

dren participated in the youth basketball program ranging from kindergarteners to the 7th-8th grade travel team. Some adult programs included yoga, zumba and aerobics to their weekly fitness schedules. The Keith Anderson Community House has provided the community with a gathering place for such events as Bluegrass Bands, Dadgad Coffeehouse, Contra Dances and performances by the members of the Orono Community Theater. The Orono community is truly fortunate to have a facility with the character and warmth the Keith Anderson Building provides!

The Holiday always provides for many exciting activities from the Community Tree Lighting to Tea with Santa and the Gingerbread House Construction for children of all ages. With each Holiday event comes the opportunity for the community to come together and enjoy the festivities these activities have to offer creating good spirit, interaction and a sense of community.

The beginning of a new year brings with it the opportunity for youth to participate in the Learn to Ski Program, Snowboarding Lessons, X-Country Ski Club and the Learn to Skate Program. The Learn to Ski and Snowboarding Programs are held at New Hermon Mountain and attract more than 25 children from 2nd –7th grade. The Department partnered with Maine Winter Sports Club this past year and provided x-country rental skis and equipment. More than 32 people took advantage of this program through the Healthy Hometowns Program. The month of February is the time we celebrate Valentine's with the annual Family Valentine Dance. This special event is always a memorable one with dancing, food and family fun!

The annual Easter Egg Hunt continues to be a fun occasion with the traditional Egg Hunt on Saturday morning held in cooperation with the University Credit Union and attracted more than 200 toddlers to 2nd graders. The event included an opportunity for children to hunt for eggs, receive small prizes and candy from the Easter Bunny and Monty Moose. The day was complete with entertainment by "No Frown Clowns" with face painting and balloon animals. A special thank you to all the UCU volunteers for their assistance with the event, without their support this event would not take place!

Springtime means baseball/softball season and the Department works in conjunction with Orono-Veazie Little League to provide teams for 8-15 year olds interested in playing. The Department also organizes a Double A (4-5 yr olds) and Triple A (6-8 yr olds) Program.

As for the budding blossoms throughout Town, the Department in cooperation with the Orono Village Association, takes on the responsibilities of maintaining the flower beds and planters. The Department is always looking for volunteers to assist with maintaining other areas around Town such as the "Welcome to Orono" sign areas.

The Parks and Recreation Department also manages and facilitates the activities at the Keith Anderson Community House. The weeks are jammed with a variety of activities from zumba fitness, aerobics and ballet to the Dadgad Coffeehouse, OSCAR Art's Cafe and Orono Community Theater performances of "The Odd Couple" and "Over the Tavern".

The Senior Center continues to offer our wiser and more experienced population with activities and the opportunity to socialize in a comfortable setting. The Center is home to the senior meal program coordinated by the Housing Foundation providing more than 5,000 meals a year for senior citizens. The Senior Center is also available for use and rental for special events, banquets, parties.

The Department has supervised a number of projects including the development of a river front park along the Stillwater River on Summer Street through a State DECD grant. Thanks to the Public Works Department for their hard work on this project! The Department has also converted the heating system at the Senior Center to natural gas. This is anticipated to save thousands of dollars in heating costs over time.

The Parks and Recreation Staff truly appreciates the opportunity to serve the citizens of Orono. It is because of your support that we are able to provide the services, programs and facilities. If you have any comments or would like to consider offering an activity for the community, please do not hesitate to contact our Office at 866-5056.

Respectfully Submitted,
Norman Poirier, Director

**REPORT OF THE
ORONO PUBLIC LIBRARY
2011-2012**

Message from the Library Director

The Orono Public Library has become the heart of the community where children, teens and adults come to browse, meet friends, relax, use computers, and borrow materials. This year people walked through the library doors over 45,000 times. The Library has over 32,000 print materials, 100 magazine subscriptions, over 4,500 audio and video materials, access to the statewide downloadable audio and e-book service as well as thousands of online magazines, newspapers, and reference books. Our patrons took advantage of the statewide interlibrary loan and delivery service to receive close to 9000 items from other libraries. The library owns eleven laptop computers that are available for in-house use. Patrons are able to access the library's wireless connection with these computers or their own laptops.

The library continues to keep up with our ever-changing technological world and this year added 4 e-reader devices for circulation and has become a member of the Library Anywhere Mobile application. This allows patrons access to the library's catalog with devices such as iPhones, Androids or Blackberries.

The amount of growth the Library has experienced since moving to our new facility in 2009 shows the Library is an integral part of our community where programs are offered for all ages. Our patrons' virtual and physical access to our many services shows that in this time of technological growth and economic decline, the Library is a much appreciated and needed town service.

Our patrons say ...

"The Orono Public Library has become a focus of our community, not only in its educational offerings but also in its variety of events."

Staff News

Librarians: The Library staff consists of three full time members and one part time member. The Director, Laurie Carpenter holds a Master's degree in Library and Information Science (MLIS) while the Technology Coordinator/Circulation Manager, Joyce Wiebe holds a Masters in Education—Instructional Technology. The Youth Services Librarian, Louise Jolliffe holds a Bachelors degree in English and Sue Rogers, Circulation Clerk holds a Bachelors degree in Education. In addition to the professional staff the Library employs one University of Maine student to cover Saturday hours and fill in during the week when needed.

Volunteers

The Library enjoys the services of more than 35 volunteers. Many 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.

Committee Involvement

The Orono Public Library enjoys the support of three different service groups:

- 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



Library Staff: L - R: Louise Jolliffe, Sue Rogers, Director Laurie Carpenter, and Joyce Wiebe

levels and many interests, the Library functions as more than a warehouse for books; it serves as a vital cen-ter 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. The Foundation is committed to strengthening the Orono community and enhancing the quality of life for all Orono citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Carpenter
Library Director

STATISTICS

Circulation of materials
FY’12: 73,204 = 14% increase
 FY’11: 68,502 FY’10: 64,073

Entrance Count
FY’12: 45,772 = 18% increase
 FY’11: 42,231 FY’10: 38,697

Programs Attendance
FY12: 4,561 = 46% increase
 FY’11: 2,865 FY’10: 3,118

Interlibrary Loan
FY’12: 8,882 = 29% increase
 FY’11: 7,807 FY’10: 6,870

Audio Downloads
FY’12: 723 = 82% increase
 FY’11: 591 FY’10: 396

E-Book Downloads
FY’12: 1,008 = increase TBD
 FY’11: 285 (9 months)

Volunteer Hours
FY’12: 2,280 = 38% increase
 FY’11: 2,284 FY’10: 1,641

(Note: percentages cover a 2-year span)

**REPORT OF THE
 ORONO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
 2011-2012**

Members of the Board of Trustees at the end of FY 2011-2012 were Judy Hakola; chair; Connie Perry, secretary; Steve Colburn, treasurer; Mary Cady; Jennifer Jain; Allison Applebee; Connie Perry; Laurie O’Brien; Janet Blood. Laurie Hamilton and Billy DeSisto were the youth representative, 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 received updates from the librarian, Laurie Carpenter, about library usage, new programs, and budget considerations. Youth Services librarian Louise Jolliffe kept us apprised of the many programs and services offered to the town’s young people. We commend both of them for their creative ways of maximizing the impact of the limited resources available to them.

The Trustees allocated \$8800 toward the overall cost of air conditioning for the library building. We also established an investment advisory subcommittee to develop an appropriate policy for investments and expenditures of income from the endowment and other funds under its supervision.

The Trustees continue to work with the Orono Public Library Foundation and the Friends of the Orono Public Library to support this very valuable and valued town resource.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Hakola
Chair

REPORT OF THE SCHOODIC INTERNATIONAL SCULPTURE SYMPOSIUM 2011-2012

The Schoodic International Sculpture Symposium was an artist in residency program during the summer of 2012 that gave sculptors from Maine and around the world the opportunity to focus on a single piece of public art created from Maine granite. The six-week symposium provided a stipend, materials and technical support to each artist, in a communal working space that allowed the public to watch and learn.

Eight highly regarded artists, selected through a competitive process, worked every day on the banks of the Stillwater River at the University of Maine creating large Maine granite sculptures. The resulting sculptures were placed in Bangor, Orono and Old Town, and on the campuses of the University of Maine, Husson University, and Acadia Hospital.

Orono's sculpture is called Dragon, its artist is Shan-Chi Teng who is from Taiwan. The dragon is a special symbol of good fortune in China. Orono's Dragon connotes respect for the past and present and hope for the future. Orono's Dragon will be a permanent and beautiful symbol of harmony and good fortune and will be placed on a plaza at the corner of Main Street and Bennoch Road in the town's village center.



Special thanks go out to all of the artists, contributors, committee members and volunteers that make this wonderful event possible. Friendships, laughter, good food and good fun were all products of the summer. Memories were made and carved in Maine granite and the sculptures will forever welcome people to Orono and the surrounding communities.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lianne Harris
Chairman
Orono Schoodic International Sculpture
Symposium Committee



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February 3, 2012

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Dear Friends,

As we begin a new year, I welcome this opportunity to share some of my recent work for the people of our great state.

The economy and jobs remain my highest priorities. More efficient transportation is essential to our economic growth. After a years-long, hard-fought battle, I successfully pushed through Congress a bill I wrote to allow the heaviest trucks to travel on Maine's federal interstates, instead of forcing them to use our secondary roads and downtown streets. This will make our streets safer, reduce fuel consumption, and allow our businesses to be more competitive. I was pleased to have the support of many Maine groups, from the Maine State Police and the Parent-Teacher Association to the Maine Motor Transport Association and many others that helped me advocate for this sensible change.

I was also successful in my efforts to prevent the federal government from limiting certain vegetables, including Maine's potatoes, in school meal programs. Nationwide this ill-conceived proposal would have cost our schools, the states, and families an estimated \$6.8 billion over five years. I built support from both sides of the aisle and from across the country to ensure that schools maintain the flexibility they need to serve students healthy and affordable meals. This proposed rule was a prime example of excessive Washington regulation.

In my effort to protect jobs, I also introduced bipartisan legislation to ensure that the proposed EPA regulations known as the "Boiler MACT" rules protect the environment and public health without jeopardizing jobs in our state, particularly in the forest products industry. I also continued to help advance the development of deep water, off-shore wind energy at the University of Maine, which has the potential to provide clean energy and to create thousands of new jobs.

On the Armed Services Committee, I worked to secure funding for shipbuilding at Bath Iron Works, submarine overhauls at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, and the manufacturing of aircraft engines at Pratt and Whitney, as well as to strengthen the 101st Air Refueling Wing in Bangor and the Maine Military Authority in Limestone. The new defense funding bill also includes my amendment to expedite the claims of veterans with

severe disabilities like the soldier I met who is suffering from ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

Last year, the President signed legislation I coauthored creating a national plan for combating Alzheimer's disease, which affects more than five million Americans and their families. In another health-related development, at my urging, the Food and Drug Administration allowed clinical trials to begin on the artificial pancreas, a device that could dramatically improve the health and quality of life for people with Type I diabetes.

Many Mainers have contacted me to express concern about the Postal Service, which is the linchpin of a nearly \$1 trillion mailing industry that employs 8.6 million people. I've sponsored bipartisan legislation to rescue the U.S. Postal Service from financial failure next year. This bill provides flexibility to the USPS to restructure itself in an effort to save billions of dollars and preserve universal postal service for all Americans, no matter where they live.

In December, I cast my 4,825th consecutive vote, making me the longest currently serving Senator never to have missed a vote. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the Town of Orono and Maine in the United States Senate.

If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Bangor state office at (207) 945-0417, or visit my website at <http://collins.senate.gov>. May 2012 be a good year for your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
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Dear Friends:

I want to thank you for the opportunity to extend my warm greetings to the people of Orono, and take just a moment to offer a few thoughts about the past year as we look ahead to the year to come. Indisputably, as we continue to face historic challenges as a nation, as a state, and as individual towns and cities, our economy remains of paramount concern, and justifiably so, as we are still plagued by the worst economic downturn since World War II. Indeed, as countless Mainers have conveyed to me in roundtable discussions and on Main Street tours, the crushing job creation drought that too many have endured for far too long must not become the new normal.

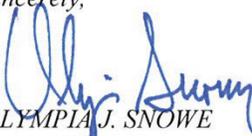
Thankfully, there are steps that Congress and the Administration can take right now to expand our private sector. We can best unleash the genius and innovation that have made our country the most exceptional in human history, I believe, by addressing the following three pro-growth pillars, consisting of a balanced budget amendment, regulatory reform, and tax code overhaul, all of which I have championed in the Senate.

It is long past time that Congress bridge the partisan divide and unite around a pro-growth jobs agenda to pass a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution just as Maine and 48 other states already have, to end the regulatory rampage in Washington that has hamstrung our economy, and to overhaul the far-too-complicated, unwieldy tax code. American taxpayers expend 7.6 billion hours and spend \$140 billion – or one percent of GDP – just struggling to comply with tax filing requirements – and that burden must end.

The fundamental question is, what kind of country do we want America to be? Mainers, like all Americans, are rightly frustrated and angry that we have an expansionist government and a record accumulation of debt, and yet they don't see any positive difference in their own lives. I share that frustration and anger. And I hope you will work with me to forge a brighter future worthy of the greatest nation on Earth, bearing in mind as we move forward that economic and homeland security cannot be mutually exclusive. In that light, we remember today – and every day – the extraordinary service and sacrifice of our brave servicemen and women in Iraq, Afghanistan, and around the world who comprise the finest defense force on the planet.

Please be assured, I will continue to work tirelessly on behalf of the people of Maine and America. I encourage you to visit my Senate website at www.snowe.senate.gov for additional details on how you can join with me in these efforts, obtain helpful government information, and share any concerns or legislative input you may have. You may also visit with members of my staff at my Regional Office located at 202 Harlow Street, Suite 214 in Bangor or by calling 945-0432 or toll free in Maine at 1-800-432-1599.

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Dear Orono residents and friends,

Maine continues to face many challenges. As I travel across our state, I am inspired by stories of innovation and entrepreneurship, yet there is much more we need to do to improve our economy and create jobs.

That is why I am working so hard to improve our nation's trade policies and ensure that Mainers are competing on a level playing field. I was especially pleased that the International Trade Commission found in favor of U.S. paper manufacturers and their workers who filed a petition against Chinese and Indonesian companies that illegally dumped subsidized paper into our market. I worked hard to support this petition, and the tariffs that now apply to these imports will help keep Maine companies competitive and allow them to create and retain good paying jobs.

Our state is also making important strides in developing the types of jobs and economic opportunities that can only be done here in Maine. For example, when Eastport partnered with a U.S.-based company to act as an embarkation port for 500 dairy heifers heading to Turkey, congressional efforts were able to help cut through red tape and bureaucratic challenges. Moreover, the entire bipartisan congressional delegation has successfully urged the federal permitting agency to begin the process for a long-term certification of the Port of Eastport as a livestock exportation facility.

To that end, I cosponsored and helped pass into law last year the "America COMPETES Act," which will create jobs through innovative technology loan guarantees for small and mid-sized manufacturers. I was pleased that two amendments I offered also made it into the final bill ensuring that when implementing the bill federal agencies work together to prioritize the needs of small businesses and that those communities most hurt by our trade agreements will be given special consideration. There are too many small businesses that are struggling to survive, and we must listen to these independent owners when they tell us what they need to grow and create jobs.

However, my biggest commitment is to quality constituent services. Please do not hesitate to contact me at my Bangor office at 207-942-6935 or by emailing me through my website at www.house.gov/michaud. While on my website, I also encourage you to sign up for occasional e-mail updates on issues important to Mainers and to join me on Facebook or Twitter.

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

With warmest regards,



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Dear Friends,

This is my final term as your Senator in the Maine Legislature. I have had the privilege to meet many citizens over the last six years. I have been fortunate to interact with very dedicated, caring community members. I am pleased I have been able to assist many constituents resolving problems they have had with the state. Every session I have served as Senator of District 30 has been fraught with economic challenges which we have faced head on. I am grateful to represent this district which has many community members with the common goal and desire to improve our communities and strengthen our economy.

The 125th Legislature has started and we will have our work cut out for us. Once again we have extremely difficult choices to make as we cut costs and balance the state budget. Our state will be receiving less federal money this year which increases the difficulty of balancing the budget. It is my goal as your State Senator to work with my colleagues to tackle these decisions with care and thought and to minimize the pain. There is no question the cuts will be felt statewide.

As a path to prosperity for our state, high paying jobs require us to find ways to inspire our students of today to be ready with the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) skills they will need in an ever-changing world. I am continuing my work on STEM education working with the LaPage administration to build on efforts already underway. We have the potential to bring additional focus on strengthening STEM disciplines throughout our school curriculum.

Hearing what you have to say is critical to me. I pledge to listen to your voices and do what is best for our towns and communities. I always welcome your opinion. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may ever be of any assistance. I can be reached by phone locally at (207) 866-7359, or the State House, (207) 287-1515. If you prefer to write, please send to 55 Bennoch Road, Orono, Maine 04473, or 3 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333. Electronically, you may send an email to schneidersenate@gmail.com or sign up for legislative updates at www.mainesenate.org/schneider.

Best regards,



Senator Elizabeth M. Schneider



MESSAGE TO THE CITIZENS OF ORONO

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It is an honor to continue serving the residents of Orono as your State Representative in Augusta. With the second session of the 124th Legislature recently adjourned, I still encourage you to contact me with your thoughts on any state issue or for help with any state agency.

As a result of the national economic recession and slow recovery, Maine has seen a significant decline in state revenues over the last year. In order to deal with the slow economy the Legislature, working with the Governor has reduced the state budget an additional \$310 million to bring the budget into balance. These budget cuts will be felt across all levels of state government and throughout towns and counties in our state. While cuts of this magnitude will have a significant impact on state and local services, as House Chair of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee, I personally I worked hard alongside my fellow legislators to minimize those impacts as much as possible.

We were faced with many difficult decisions in the last session; however those hard decisions offered us significant opportunities to change how Maine delivers services so that we emerge from these hard times with a more cost-effective state government. As we worked on the state budget, we always sought to ensure that the quality of education does not suffer, that our families remain safe and healthy, and that all Maine citizens have access to vital services during these tough times. At the same time we must also continue to do all that we can to boost the economy and to ensure that federal stimulus funds are spent wisely.

With the challenges and opportunities that we have seen in this session, I believe we have been able to continue to move Maine forward by setting priorities based on fundamental Maine values and common sense. Again, please feel free to contact me to share your thoughts on state issues or if you need assistance with state services. I can be reached at home at 207-866-3753, or by e-mail at emily.cain@gmail.com

Once again, I am honored for the opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely,

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

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December 2011

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It is an honor to serve as your representative in the Maine Legislature. My first session as a freshman Legislator, was a busy one. I serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources and I was also appointed to the Joint Select Committee on Regulatory Fairness and Reform.

The Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources addressed a myriad of topics ranging from bottle redemption bills to shoreland zoning. The committee supported legislation to allow for the storage of lobster traps on docks, which the Legislature passed into law among other initiatives. During the second half of the 125th Legislature, it is important that legislators continue to work together to make sound structural changes to government policies while still protecting our natural resources.

I also spent many hours attending meetings held by the Committee on Regulatory Fairness and Reform. These meetings were referred to as 'Red Tape' meetings, and were held across the State in various communities with business owners and local leaders alike. As a result of these meetings, we were able to formulate and pass many changes to current regulations. We need to continue to streamline and reduce the cost of our government while creating an environment that will foster the growth of business in our state.

I encourage you to visit the Legislature's website at <http://maine.gov/legis>, where you can find links to live video and audio broadcasts of the session and public hearings as well as information about proposed pieces of legislation. This service provides an excellent option for those who are unable to travel to the State House.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to represent you in Augusta. Serving as your State Representative is an honor I do not take lightly. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments you have concerning state government.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James W. Parker".

James W. Parker
State Representative
District 18

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Emergency - Fire, Police, Ambulance (anywhere in Orono)	911
Non-Emergency Police & Fire	866-4000
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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
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Treasurer/Tax Collector	866-2556
Water Pollution Control Facility	866-5069



Municipal Building

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