

2013 Town of Orono, Maine



205th
Annual
Report

Year Ending
June 30, 2013





Two Hundred Fifth
Annual Report
of the
Municipal Officers
Town of Orono, Maine
For the year ending June 30, 2013

TOWN OF ORONO, MAINE

- Government: Incorporated: March 12, 1806
Council/Manager Charter: 1969
- Population: 10,362 (2010 U. S. Census)
- Land Area: Approximately 20 square miles
- Meetings: Town Council Meetings - Second Monday of each Month at 7:00 PM
Planning Board Meetings - Third Wednesday of each Month at 7:00 PM
- Schools: Asa C. Adams Elementary, Orono Middle, Orono Senior High, University of Maine
- Banks: Bangor Savings, Camden National, People's United, University Credit Union
- Libraries: Orono Public Library, Raymond H. Fogler Library (University of Maine)
- Industries: Byer Manufacturing Co., NexxLinx, Shaw & Tenney, and Sensor Research and Development
- Recreation: Nadeau-Savoy Memorial Park at Gould's Landing, Municipal Pool, Webster Park, Marden Park, Keith Anderson Community House, Senior Citizens Center, University of Maine Fitness Center, Orono Bog Boardwalk, Orono-Old Town Bike Path
- Other Facilities: Penobscot Valley Country Club, Gass Riding Stables, Orchard Hill Farm, Alfond Ice Arena
- Places of Worship: Orono United Methodist Church, Church of Universal Fellowship, Our Lady of Wisdom Chapel (Newman Center), Maine Christian Association (Wilson 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
- Cover Photos: Orono Public Safety Building, Main Street; Orono Festival Day in September; and CISV *Harvest for the Homeless* Garden, Birch Street

MAINE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

As of December 2013

U. S. Senate

Senator Susan M. Collins

District Office:
Bangor State Office
202 Harlow Street, Room 204
Bangor, ME 04401
Tel: (207) 945-0417
collins.senate.gov

Senator Angus S. King, Jr.

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

U. S. House of Representative

Representative Michael Michaud

(2nd District)
District Office:
6 State Street, Suite 101
Bangor, ME 04401
Tel: (207) 942-6935
michaud.house.gov

Maine State Senator - Senate District 30

Senator Emily Cain

103 Forest Avenue
Orono, ME 04473
Tel: (207) 866-3753
Email: emily.cain@gmail.com

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

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE LEGISLATURE

As of December 2013

District 18

State Representative: **Hon. Aaron Frey**

Home address: P. O. Box 74
Bangor, ME 04402

Cell Phone: (207) 249-9969
E-mail: RepAaron.Frey@legislature.maine.gov

District 19

State Representative: **Hon. Ryan Tipping-Spitz**

Home address: 279 Main Street
Orono, ME 04473

Residence: (207) 866-4333
E-mail: oronoryan@gmail.com

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

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

2013 ELECTED OFFICIALS
Town of Orono

Members of the Town Council
Three-year term

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

Cynthia Mehnert 2014
21 College Heights
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

Mark Haggerty 2016
27 Winterhaven Drive
Orono, Maine 04473

Thomas Spitz 2016
16 Kell Street
Orono, Maine 04473

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

Lisa Buck 2014
9 Kell Street
Orono, ME 04473

Jacob Eckert 2014
24 College Heights
Orono, ME 04473

Wayne Scott 2015
293 Main Street
Orono, ME 04473

Frances Mary Neubauer 2015
44 Forest Avenue
Orono, ME 04473

Jennifer Mehnert 2013
51 Merritt Drive
Orono, ME 04473

TOWN COMMITTEES, 2013
Town of Orono

Planning Board
Five-year terms

Judson McIntosh	2014
Vinal Applebee, V. Chr.	2014
Mark Kittridge	2015
Phil Ruck, Chair.	2016
Christa Schwintzer	2017
Kenney Fergusson, Assoc	2017
David Thompson	2018
John Beckett	2018

Board of Appeals
Three-year terms

Mary Cathcart	2014
William Devoe, Chair.	2014
Gary Noyes	2015
Shane Martin	2016

Board of Assessment Review
Three-year term

Brett Grandchamp	2014
George Eaton, II	2016

Library Trustees
Three-year terms

Jennifer Jain	2014
Mary Cady	2014
Steve Colburn	2015
Allison Applebee	2015
Judith Hakola, Chair	2016
Francois Amar	2016
<i>Associate Trustee: two-year term</i>	
Laurie O'Brien	2014
Janet Blood	2014
<i>Youth Member: one-year term</i>	
Kate Fergusson	2014
Emily Noyes	2014

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

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

Community Beautification Committee
Three-year term

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

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

Scott Hall	2013
John McCormack	2014
Jay Fortier	2015
David King - VZ	2016
Kenneth Borneman - VZ	2017

Tree Board
Three-year term

David Thompson	2014
Patricia Thompson	2014
Jack Blease	2015
Jason Charland	2015
Dianne Charland	2016
Molly MacLean, Co-Chair	2016
Cynthia Blease, Co-Chair	2016

TOWN COMMITTEES, 2013
Town of Orono

Trail Committee
Two-year term expiring 2016

Molly MacLean	David Frankel
David Thompson, Chr.	Gail White
Michael Opitz	Jeffery Boal
Glen Koehler	

Orono Economic Development Corporation
Board of Directors

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

Community Health Advisory Committee

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

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
Abe Firth	Dennis Cross
Farahad Dastoor	John Jemison
Ryan Tipping-Spitz	Dan McConville
Sharon Quinn-Fitzgerald	John Beckett
Johanna Anderson	

Community Development Advisory
Committee - Downtown Facade Improvement

Heather Furth	Keith Manaker
Evan Rickert	

Orono Village Association
Board of Directors

Michele Goldman	Tracey Whitten
Cindy Mehnert	Duska Hayman
Wanda Cunningham	Jim Rose
Heather Furth	Linwood White
Keith Manaker	Terry Lacy
Tim Gallon	

**REPORT OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
2012-2013**

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 her third year as Town Manager, Sophie Wilson has continued to work with the Council reviewing priorities and establishing goals for the future. The Council continues to see significant benefits from new leadership and fresh perspectives brought about from recent changes in personnel among the senior management staff. The opportunity to restructure the staff has worked to the advantage of the community and the efficient delivery of services.

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 has progressed according to plan and significant public participation in workshop sessions has contributed significantly to Council's understanding of the desires of the community. That effort under the leadership of Evan Richert and the Planning Board should see significant progress in the coming year.

- Planning and land acquisition for the relocation of the Public Works Facility was put in motion. The new Public Works facility and relocation of the Town garage out of its current site in a residential neighborhood will enable the Public Works Department to increase efficiencies and improve the safety of its employees. The Public Works Facility is a long awaited development and is a significant step forward for the Orono community.
- 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 the fall of 2013.
- The Council welcomed new owners of the former St. Mary's Church complex and the community was delighted to see efforts to conserve and restore this important historical landmark on Main Street. Further redevelopment plans were set in motion and the community anxiously awaits a redevelopment plan for the grounds and buildings.
- Construction of the Campus Crest housing development was completed and the Town worked closely with the developers to accommodate opening of its doors to residents in time for the



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

beginning of classes in August 2012. Opening of the facility was not without its problems, however, with uncontrolled disturbances creating safety concerns for residents of the complex and abutting land owners. The Town Manager and the Public Safety departments were quick to work with the management of the facility to restore order and control over the first few months of operation.

- Black Bear Hydro Partners continued construction of the second power house, and supporting structures at the confluence of the Stillwater and Penobscot Rivers. Completion of the project is anticipated by the end of 2013. That project, one part of the Penobscot River Restoration program, represents an important boost to our community's economy and prosperity.

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 manager's leadership the Council 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 the 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

REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER & ASSISTANT TOWN MANAGER 2012-2013



Town Manager,
Sophia Wilson

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 of the highlights:

Katahdin Redevelopment

Site: This collaborative public-private partnership of the Town and University Credit Union at the corner of Bennoch Road and Main Street will create a

landmark building, additional public parking and an attractive plaza that will be a welcoming presence in the Orono Village and a visible gateway to the University of Maine. The Town and UCU selected a construction management firm, Sheridan Corporation, and signed a low-interest loan with USDA Rural Development while continuing to refine the complex design and engineering work required for such a large project. Due to required design changes, the initial footprint of the site was expanded to include the municipally-owned Tredwell Building and 18 Bennoch Road (which was purchased by the Town). Both buildings were taken down at the end of FY2013 for site work to begin in FY2014 and the completed project to be opened in FY2015.

Tredwell Building: The Tredwell building was removed in the spring of 2013 to allow for the Katahdin Redevelopment Project. This decision was not made lightly and acknowledges a great deal of gratitude to Robert and Judy Tredwell who were instrumental in creating Orono's Volunteer Rescue Squad in 1972 and constructing the Tredwell Building in 1980. The facility housed the rescue services until 1999 when the Orono Fire Department took over the operation to provide paramedic services 24/7. Several organizations that were recently housed in the Tredwell Building were relocated: the Orono Parks & Recreation Department moved into the Town Office and the Orono Land Trust and Orono Historical Society moved into the renovated basement of the Keith Anderson Community House. The Town plans to memorialize the Tredwell Building with a small tribute located in the plaza of the Katahdin Project.

Kelley Road Business Park: The Town and its partners at the Katahdin Area Council of Boy Scouts finished work on developing infrastructure requirements for future development of a Kelley Road Business Park.

This project was funded through a Small Business Administration Grant. In addition to the design work, a tax increment finance (TIF) district agreement is ready for implementation with the first tenant business.

Public Works Facility: The Orono Public Works Facility has long been identified by our insurance company as needing replacement. The Town worked on site selection in FY2012 and chose a location on Kelley Road. The property was purchased this year and the Town started the design process with Sebago Technics. The new facility will include a 17,100 ft² maintenance facility and a 4,000 ft² salt and sand storage shed.

New Freedom Grant: The Town of Orono was awarded a New Freedom Grant to improve access to bus service for individuals with disabilities. The grant will improve the intersection of Main Street/Mill Street/Bennoch Road with ADA-accessible ramps and new pedestrian signals.

This annual report includes reports from every town department detailing the initiatives and activities carried out during FY2013. I encourage you to read the reports and ask questions. 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.

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



Assistant Town Manager,
Belle Ryder

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICE 2012-2013

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 personnel 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 col-

lected 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 Matthew Currier.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L Emerson
Town Clerk

TOWN OFFICE STATISTICS - 2013

Vital Statistics:	Births	–	44
	Marriages	–	40
	Deaths	–	69
Boat Registrations			272
Snowmobile Registrations			64
ATV Registrations			68
IF &W Recreational Licenses			322
Dog Licenses			491



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

**REPORT OF REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
2012-2013**

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 1,046 votes were cast in four precincts, with 102 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	1398	211	618	1334	3561
1 / 2	919	216	507	1514	3156
1 / 3	764	79	363	514	1720
2 / 1	168	15	160	188	531
Totals:	3249	521	1648	3550	8968

**REPORT OF CODE ENFORCEMENT
2012-2013**

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

The new Campus Crest housing development, "The Grove", opened on September 1, 2012. Several housing code issues were identified which led to a couple of the apartments being vacated. These issues were corrected, the tenants were allowed to return to their apartments, and we have had no reports of any code issues since.

The Webster Point housing development project was approved, work on the first duplex building began in September 2012 and was completed in September of 2013. Construction on a second duplex building was begun in April 2013 and was completed in November of 2013.

Unfortunately, there were two single family houses damaged by fire. One, on Summer Street, required that the building be vacated until repairs and renovations were completed in October 2013; in the other, on Hillside Road, the damage was too extensive and the building was demolished.

In May a fire caused extensive damage to the Phi Eta Kappa fraternity house on College Avenue. The building was ordered closed until repairs and renovations were completed in August 2013.

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 in to the office.

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 www.orono.org.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Murphy
Code Enforcement Officer



*William Murphy,
Code Enforcement Officer*

**PERMIT ACTIVITY
July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013**

<u>Type of Permit</u>	<u>Permits Issued</u>	<u>Fees Collected</u>
Building	81	\$15,039.30
Electrical	94	8,299.00
Heating	72	5,150.00
Home Occupations	31	930.00
Plumbing		5,515.00
Internal	35	
External	5	
Road Opening	103	5,100.00
Sewer Connection	7	3,815.80

**BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED
July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013**

Building Permits:		Demolition	6
Single-family dwelling	4	University	3
Duplex	2		
Additions	9	Total Permits Issued	81
Repair/replace/renovations	19		
Garage	6		
Deck	8		
Shed	11		
Gazebo	1		
Foundation	2		
Windows	2		
Doors	1		
Porch	1		
Pool	1		
Signs	3		
Fill	4		



*Ruth Vaughan,
CEO Administrative Assistant*

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD 2012-2013

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:

- UCU Project at the site of the former Katahdin Building;
- Kelley Road Business Park;
- Contract zone/site plan former St. Mary's for event center, multi-family dwelling & single-family dwelling;
- Ordinance amendments:
 - Definition & standards for group development as related to non-residential development
 - Newer mobile homes allowed in LDR zone on stand alone lots
- Rezoning of 6 Myrtle Street from MDR to VC;
- Continued work on revisions to the Town's Comprehensive Plan; and
- Several home occupation requests.

The Planning Board consists of the following members:

Phil Ruck, Chairman
Vinal Applebee, Vice Chair
Mark Kittridge
David Thompson
Judd McIntosh
Kenny Fergusson
Christa Schwintzer
John Beckett, Associate
Johanna Anderson, Associate

During this last fiscal year, John Beckett and Johanna Anderson joined the Board to fill vacant positions. We thank them for their willingness to donate their time in service to the community.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Phil Ruck
Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE 2012-2013

Begun in 2012, the Comprehensive Plan Committee covered a lot of ground during 2013 as it headed toward completing an update of the Town's Comprehensive Plan. The Committee completed inventories and analyses of the different components of the Town and began to draft policy and action recommendations for several of them – including population, housing, economy, land use, neighborhoods and transportation.

Along the way, the Committee sought the insights of citizens and tested recommendations at public forums. Well-attended, facilitated forums were held in April, June and November 2013.

The full Comprehensive Plan was last updated in 1998. Part of the plan, dealing with rural land use in the Forestry and Agriculture District, was formally updated in 2009. The current effort, covering in-town land use plus townwide systems from utilities and municipal services to recreation, open space, natural and historic resources, will bring the plan fully up to date in compliance with State law. In addition, the Town Council amended its charge to the Committee by asking it to review elements of the Low Density Residential District that had been part of the 2009 effort.

It is anticipated that the Committee will present a full draft of the updated plan to the Town Council during 2014.

The Committee comprises the Planning Board and seven others appointed by the Town Council: Johanna Anderson, Vinal Applebee (Vice Chair), John Beckett, Dennis Cross, Farahad Dastoor, Sharon Quinn Fitzgerald, Abe Furth, John Jemison, Mark Kittridge, Dan McConville, Judd McIntosh, Phil Ruck (Chair), Christa Schwintzer, David Thompson, and Ryan Tipping-Spitz.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Evan Richert
Planner



Evan Richert, Planner

**REPORT OF ASSESSMENT ADMINISTRATION
2012-2013**

All properties are assessed as of April 1st of each year. The fiscal year 2013 assessments are as of April 1, 2012. Fiscal year 2013 is from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

Real Estate	
Taxable Valuation:	\$ 402,514,200.00
Personal Property	
Taxable Valuation:	\$ 16,068,800.00
Total Taxable	
Valuation:	\$ 418,583,000.00



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. $\$9,041,392.80 / \$418,583,000.00 = \$0.02160$ or \$21.60 per one thousand dollars of assessed value.

Fiscal year 2013 was the thirteenth 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, 2013**

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
Carusoe, Amanda		106.25
Fire Sign, LLC		87.13
Goldman, Jeffrey		5.80
Sader, Jessica		<u>3.95</u>
	\$	417.33

2011-2012 TAXES

AVG Acquisition, Inc.	\$	46.86
Fire Sign, LLC		82.84
First People's Initiative, Inc.		2,662.50
Goldman, Jeffrey		109.00
Melanson, Paul		106.50
Orono Donuts, LLC		798.75
Prouty, Amanda Carusoe		<u>109.00</u>
	\$	\$4,820.70

2012-2013 TAXES

AK LLC d/b/a Sushi Now	\$	221.00
Albenco, Inc.		2,466.72
AVG Acquisition, Inc.		90.72
Camrep, Inc. - Spotlight Cinema		4,652.97*
College Dogs		324.00
Dawson & Bradford		6.62*
Fire Sign, LLC		79.56
Knife Edge Productions		49.68
Melanson, Paul		216.00
Mohmad, Miralam K.		1,833.30*
NexxLinx of Maine, Inc.		24,781.68
Park's Associates, Inc.		<u>276.25*</u>
	\$	\$34,998.50

* paid after books closed

** partial payment after books closed

TAX LIENS OUTSTANDING

JUNE 30, 2013

2010-2011

Graves, Josh	150.30
Mosher, Howard, Heirs of	3308.93*
Mosher, William	744.97*
Young, Glenn	<u>89.88</u>
	\$ 4,294.08

2011-2012 (continued)

Wood, Ray S.	1084.10*
Wyman, David M.	226.14*
Young, Glenn A.	<u>88.99*</u>
	\$ 82,021.41

2011-2012

Bradson, John P. Jr.	4574.04*
Bradson, John P. Jr.	1,400.00*
Bradson, John P. Jr.	4373.58*
Brown, Gary K.	1137.62*
Clisham, John A.	1434.07*
DaSilva, Ellie	396.48*
Ellis, William G. Jr.	2058.21*
Foss, Helen E.	1084.10
Goodrich, Bennett C.	575.59*
Grant, Brian L.	883.58*
Graves, Josh	144.29
Houlsen, Joanne C.	1644.47*
Hunting, Robert Samuel Coulter	5874.64*
Johnson, Todd	276.85*
Kish, Ruth	237.20*
Lane, Jean L.	3608.45*
Lane, Jean L.	4524.27*
Luchetti, Edward	1012.59*
McAleer, Anne H. Heirs of	4042.03
McAleer, Michael S.	7258.87*
Miles, Shawn	133.23*
Mosher, Howard, Heirs of	3387.24*
Mosher, William	754.84*
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*
Perkins, Robert J.	1099.04*
Perkins, Robert J.	1493.68*
Pika Corporation of Maine	6450.13*
Rich, Kimberly J.	1157.33
Secane Partners, LLC	6067.08*
Smith, Tracey	205.35
Vinal, A. Emile	1411.83*

2012-2013

April Fools, Inc.	819.99
Auclair, Armand J. Jr.	2659.67
Bard, Kathleen A.	134.69
Bartlett, Devan	204.12
Bellefleur, Warren	1800.45*
Bradson, John P. Jr.	4629.39
Bradson, John P. Jr.	3711.31**
Bradson, John P. Jr.	4426.22
Brown, Gary K.	2556.65*
Carroll, Justine	206.36
Clisham, John A.	2279.56
DaSilva, Ellie	1550.08**
Dodge, David M.	401.20
Dodge, Sylvia	1507.54**
Dunn, Thomas C.	3211.20**
Ellis, William G. Jr.	2084.10
Foss, Helen E.	2177.14
Foss, Helen E.	152.61
Goodrich, Burnett C.	2519.79**
Grant, Brian L.	894.91
Hennessy, John J. III	3081.31
Houlsen, Joanne C.	1664.30
Hunting, Robert Samuel Coulter	5945.40
Johnson, Constance	282.50
Johnson, Todd	4101.78*
Joy, Matthew M.	687.55*
Kish, Ruth	239.95
Kocur, Regina	2275.07
Lane, Jean L.	3653.00
Lane, Jean L.	4580.17
Luchetti, Edward	1886.01**
Luthin, Christopher David	3112.67*
Martin, David S. TC	4405.49
Martin, F. Allen	1030.51

* paid after books closed

** partial payment after books closed

TAX LIENS OUTSTANDING

JUNE 30, 2013

Marzilli, Vincent III	3390.36*	Perkins, Robert K.	1106.65
McAleer, Anne H. Heirs of	4091.95	Pika Corporation of Maine	6530.20
McAleer, Michael S.	7349.26	Rich, Kimberly J.	3224.64
Mellows, Ramona	172.76	Rustanavibul, Chinda	5059.41
Michaud, Steven Dennis	2729.48*	Secane partners, LLC	6140.17
Miles, Shawn	134.69*	Shorette, Jeffrey S.	945.31
Miles, Tim	154.85	Szillery, Eva J.	4279.47
Milheron, Carole A.	1770.11*	Thomas, Glenn W.	1727.00
Mishio, Susan J. Hebert	3251.52*	Thompson, Brian J.	337.28
Moose, John C.	2057.07	Thompson, Brian J.	357.43
Oakes, Kimberly R. Pers. Rep	1751.64	TWT Properties, LLC	1143.29*
Oakes, Kimberly R. Pers. Rep	2741.51	TWT Properties, LLC	1288.38*
Orono Economic Dev Corp	102,770.35	Vandez, John P.	4028.02
Park's Associates, LLC	1956.45*	Vinal, A. Emile	1429.14
Park's Associates, LLC	777.58*	Watson, Roderick K.	89.90
Park's Associates, LLC	3233.60*	White, Linwood E. Jr.	2528.14*
Penobscot Golf Holdings, LLC	63,421.11	White, Roger D.	1512.00
Penobscot Golf Holdings, LLC	373.71	Wood, Cheryl D.	1176.08
Penobscot Golf Holdings, LLC	160.96	Wyman, David M.	228.75
Perkins, Leon G. Jr.	27.34*		<u>\$322,240.93</u>
Perkins, Robert J.	405.68		
Perkins, Robert J.	1512.00		

* paid after books closed

** partial payment after books closed

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Valuation

Real Estate	\$402,514,200
Personal Property	<u>16,068,800</u>

Total Valuation \$418,583,000.00

Assessment

Valuation x Rate \$418,583,000 x .0216 =	9,041,392.80
Village Center Tax District	8,187.80
Supplemental Taxes	<u>592.00</u>

Total Assessment Charged to Collector \$9,050,172.60

Collection and Credits

Cash Collections	8,687,839
Tax Increment Financing Credit	95,760
Tax Abatements	<u>4,492</u>

Total Collection and Credits \$ 8,788,091.00

2013 Taxes Receivable – June 30, 2013 \$ 349,204.00

TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY

June 30, 2013

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	\$ 9,041,392.80
Requirements	
Municipal Appropriation	\$ 8,794,427.00
TIF Financing Plan	423,430.10
County Tax	470,713.00
Education	4,908,075.00
Overlay	\$ <u>85,485.44</u>
Total Requirements	\$14,682,130.54
Less	
State Revenue Sharing	\$ 1,190,000.00
Municipal Revenue	4,312,099.00
Homestead Reimbursement	112,382.64
BETE Reimbursement	<u>26,256.10</u>
Total Deductions	\$ 5,640,737.74
Net Requirements	\$ 9,041,392.80

PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS RECEIVED

July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Hachey, Richard	Map D Range 2 Lot 127A	\$ 450.00
Hedstrom, Warren	Map D Range 2 Lot 57	900.00
LeBreton, Patricia	Map D Range 2 Lot 107A	450.00
Richardson Sr., John	Map D Range 2 Lot 267	450.00
Wheeler, Merton & Gloria	Map D Range 3 Lot 3	900.00
White, Nancie	Map D Range 2 Lot 122A	<u>450.00</u>
Total		\$3,600.00



Certified Public Accountants and Business Consultants

Independent Auditor's Report

Town Council
Town of Orono, Maine

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Orono, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

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Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Orono, Maine as of June 30, 2013, and the respective changes in financial position, and where applicable, cash flows, thereof and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

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

Other Information

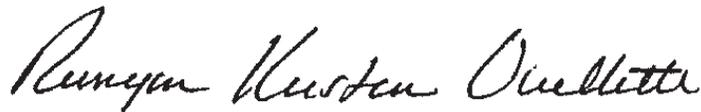
Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Orono, Maine's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part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

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

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Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 5, 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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Town of Orono, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



December 5, 2013
South Portland, Maine

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

TOWN OF ORONO, MAINE
Management's Discussion and Analysis
June 30, 2013

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, 2013. The Town's financial performance is discussed and analyzed within the context of the accompanying financial statements and disclosures following this section.

Financial Highlights

- The assets of the Town of Orono, Maine exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$18,376,106 (*net position*) (Statement 1). Of this amount, \$10,302,406 was reported as unrestricted net position (Statement 1). Unrestricted net position is the amount available to be used to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors. The Town of Orono, Maine's total net position decreased by \$1,439,526 (Statement 2). This represents a decrease of \$1,199,671 in governmental activities and a decrease of \$239,855 in business-type activities (*Sewer*).
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Town of Orono, Maine's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$9,337,978 (Statement 3), which is a decrease of \$1,676,051 (Statement 4) from the prior fiscal year. Of the total decrease, \$949,641 is shown in the general fund; \$705,100 is attributable to the Katahdin Project fund, and the final \$21,310 is shown in other governmental funds.
- The Town of Orono, Maine's general fund reports an unassigned fund balance of \$2,804,938 (Statement 3), however, the Katahdin Project has an unassigned fund balance of \$(705,100) (Statement 3), leaving the Town with a total unassigned fund balance of \$2,099,838 (Statement 3). Total unassigned fund balance decreased by \$1,080,036 from the prior fiscal year.
- The Town has incurred preconstruction costs related to the municipal parking lot and plaza that are being built alongside the new University Credit Union building named the Katahdin Project. This is a bonded project; however, as of the end of the fiscal year the Town of Orono, Maine had not been reimbursed for related expenses and therefore shows a deficit fund balance. Bond payments for this project will eventually be paid for with TIF (tax increment financing) dollars and the effects of this project will not affect general fund balance going forward.

Overview of the Financial Statements

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

Government-wide financial statements

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

The *statement of net position*, Statement 1, presents information on all of the Town's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities*, Statement 2, presents information showing how the Town's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

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

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

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

Statement of Net Position

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

The following schedule is a summary of net position for the years ended June 30, 2013 and June 30, 2012.

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>			<u>Business-type Activities</u>		
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Change</u>
Current and other assets	\$ 10,434,433	\$ 11,994,168	\$ (1,559,735)	\$ 2,447,685	\$ 2,400,853	\$ 46,832
Capital assets	<u>10,699,688</u>	<u>11,357,299</u>	<u>(657,611)</u>	<u>12,865,972</u>	<u>13,347,617</u>	<u>(481,645)</u>
Total Assets	21,134,121	23,351,467	(2,217,346)	15,313,657	15,748,470	(434,813)
Long-term liabilities	8,149,934	8,236,383	(86,449)	9,129,482	9,089,029	40,453
Other liabilities	<u>453,827</u>	<u>1,505,919</u>	<u>(1,052,092)</u>	<u>338,429</u>	<u>579,599</u>	<u>(241,170)</u>
Total Liabilities	8,603,761	9,742,302	(1,138,541)	9,467,911	9,668,628	(200,717)
Net investment in capital assets	3,349,937	7,124,064	(3,774,127)	3,750,043	4,029,685	(279,642)
Restricted	973,720	741,518	232,202	-	-	-
Unrestricted	<u>8,206,703</u>	<u>5,864,449</u>	<u>2,342,254</u>	<u>2,095,703</u>	<u>2,055,916</u>	<u>39,787</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 12,530,360</u>	<u>\$ 13,730,031</u>	<u>\$ (1,199,671)</u>	<u>\$ 5,845,746</u>	<u>\$ 6,085,601</u>	<u>\$ (239,855)</u>

The Town of Orono, Maine's governmental assets exceeded its liabilities by \$12,530,360 and business-type assets exceeded its liabilities by \$5,845,746 for total net position of \$18,376,106 at the close of the most recent fiscal year. The summary above shows a decrease in net position of 8.74% for governmental activities and a decrease of 3.94% for business-type activities from the prior fiscal year.

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

It should be noted that 65.5% of the Town's net position is available to be used to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to its citizens and creditors.

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

Statement of Activities

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

The following schedule is a summary of the statement of activities for the years ended June 30, 2013 and June 30, 2012:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>			<u>Business-type Activities</u>		
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Change</u>
Revenues:						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 620,421	\$ 633,562	\$ (13,141)	\$ 1,601,151	\$ 1,818,913	\$ (217,762)
Operating grants and contributions	422,799	81,665	341,134	-	-	-
Capital grants	91,464	-	91,464	29,163	-	29,163
General revenues						
Taxes	9,721,233	9,526,203	195,030	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	2,248,256	2,614,477	(366,221)	-	-	-
Investment	11,978	214,664	(202,686)	2,829	7,873	(5,044)
Miscellaneous	1,110,067	619,467	490,600	-	-	-
Transfer	120,000	-	120,000	(120,000)	-	(120,000)
Gain (loss) on disposal	(41,538)	425	(41,963)	(634)	-	(634)
Total Revenues	<u>14,304,680</u>	<u>13,690,463</u>	<u>614,217</u>	<u>1,512,509</u>	<u>1,826,786</u>	<u>(314,277)</u>
Expenses:						
General government	1,969,054	2,038,708	(69,654)	-	-	-
Public services	842,145	830,468	11,677	-	-	-
Public safety	2,847,443	2,782,417	65,026	-	-	-
Public works	1,644,908	1,807,562	(162,654)	-	-	-
Education	5,047,509	5,032,281	15,228	-	-	-
County tax	470,712	466,102	4,610	-	-	-
Unclassified	852,730	248,179	604,551	-	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	349,833	387,197	(37,364)	-	395,081	(395,081)
Capital maintenance	1,480,017	-	1,480,017	-	-	-
Sewer services	-	-	-	1,752,364	1,382,495	369,869
Total Expenses	<u>15,504,351</u>	<u>13,592,914</u>	<u>1,911,437</u>	<u>1,752,364</u>	<u>1,777,576</u>	<u>(25,212)</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>\$ (1,199,671)</u>	<u>\$ 97,549</u>	<u>\$ (1,297,220)</u>	<u>\$ (239,855)</u>	<u>\$ 49,210</u>	<u>\$ (289,065)</u>

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds
Governmental funds:

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the Town of Orono, Maine's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances at June 30, 2013 of \$9,337,978, a decrease of \$1,676,051 in comparison with the prior year. Just over 22.4% of this total amount (\$2,099,838) constitutes unassigned fund balance, which is available for spending at the government's discretion. The remainder of the fund balance (\$7,238,140) is not available for new spending because it has already been restricted in its use for 1) various capital and other governmental purposes (\$973,720), 2) long-term notes receivable (\$2,997,000), or 3) committed or assigned to specific uses (\$3,267,420).

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

As a measure of liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to total governmental funds expenditures. Unassigned fund balance (\$2,099,838) (Statement 3) represents 13.2% of the total governmental funds expenditures (\$15,911,269) (Statement 4); total governmental fund balance (\$9,337,978) (Statement 3) represents 58.69% of total governmental funds expenditures.

Total revenues (\$14,115,218) (Statement 4) increased by 2.05% over fiscal year 2012. This was driven by growth in general taxes, charges for services and miscellaneous revenues. Investment revenue continued its pattern of reduction as interest rates continued to drop.

Total expenditures (\$15,911,269) (Statement 4) also increased this year by 13.29% over fiscal year 2012. Capital expenditures drove this increase almost entirely.

Total expenditures exceeded total revenues by \$1,796,051 (Statement 4) resulting in a negative change in fund balance.

Business-type Activities:

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

For a detailed look at both the fiscal year 2013 balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position, please see pages 17 and 18 of the audited financial statements.

Net position of the Town's sewer district decreased \$239,855 to \$5,845,746. Operating income (operating revenues less operating expenses) was \$270,686 while nonoperating expenses were \$510,541. Of the total net position as of the end of the fiscal year, the amount classified as net investment in capital assets was \$3,750,043 and unrestricted net position made up the other \$2,095,703. Unrestricted net position represents 157.5% of current year operating expenses.

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.

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

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

Noteworthy Special Revenue/Trust/Capital Project Funds

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

The Capital Equipment Reserve Fund is available to absorb the cost of equipment that would otherwise be purchased through the normal operating budget. The utilization of a reserve fund allows the Town to reach into a "savings account" for larger purchases to reduce the year-to-year impact on the taxpayer. It is funded during each fiscal year by an assigned appropriation within the operating budget as well as by transfers from the unassigned fund balance remaining at the end of the previous fiscal year. As of the end of the fiscal year, the capital equipment fund had a balance of \$867,147.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

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

Capital Assets

The Town of Orono's capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2013 amounts to \$31,239,403, net of accumulated depreciation of \$20,539,715, leaving a net book value of \$10,699,688. This is a decrease of \$657,611 from fiscal year 2012. This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and improvements, vehicles, machinery and equipment, as well as infrastructure.

The Town of Orono's capital assets for its business-type activities as of June 30, 2013 amounts to \$17,703,426, net of accumulated depreciation of \$4,837,454, leaving a net book value of \$12,865,972. This is a decrease of \$481,645. This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and improvements, vehicles, machinery and equipment, and sewer infrastructure.

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

Long-term Liabilities

At year-end, the Town had \$16,796,930 in outstanding bonds compared to \$17,696,167 in 2012. This is comprised of general activities bonds of \$7,681,001 and business-type activities bonds of \$9,115,929.

State statutes limit the amount of general obligation debt a municipality may issue to 15% of its total state assessed valuation, with a further limit of no more than 7.5% of state assessed valuation in enterprise fund debt. The current debt limitation for the Town of Orono as a whole is \$62,787,450 and \$31,393,725 for its sewer fund, far exceeding the Town's outstanding general obligation debt.

HISTORICAL ASSESSMENTS AND MIL RATES

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

CONTACTING THE TOWN'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT 2012-2013

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

Agency positions, and associated assignments:

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

This year the agency experienced a significant change in leadership, and I am honored to have been selected as Chief of Police. All members of the department have been very supportive of the transition and continue to conduct themselves with professionalism and devotion to duty.

CALEA - The agency currently has "Recognition" status with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. We received this award in July of 2011, and will be re-assessed in 2014, at which point we will be striving for "Accreditation" status. CALEA improves the delivery of public safety services by utilizing a proven, modern management model based on current nationally established standards.

Community Involvement – we remain committed to education and involvement within (and outside) the community. Our programs include:

- Good Morning Program
- TRIAD
- House Checks
- Prescription Drug Collection/ Disposal
- Special Olympics fundraisers and events
- Individual Speaking Engagements
- Husson University Criminal Justice Program assistance

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

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

State of Maine Certified Instructors

- Situational Use of Force
- Firearms
- Defensive Tactics
- Accident Reconstruction

Nationally Certified Courses

- * Emergency Vehicle Operation
- * Taser
- * Active Shooter Response
- * Arson Investigation

I was extremely fortunate this year to be invited to attend the FBI National Academy, a 10- week leadership development school hosted at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. It truly was a once in a lifetime opportunity, and the learning and networking that I experienced will positively influence our efforts in the community for years to come.

Trends

While the overall number of calls for service/incidents remained nearly the same, we experienced an increase in the type of complaints that require more than a one officer response, such as noise/disturbance or “loud party” complaints (35% increase), family fights, threatening incidents, and major investigations that require a great deal of time and legwork. With the growing trend of “college living” type student apartment complexes, we anticipate greater dedication of time, effort, and resources to the maintenance of peace and order in those areas.

In 14 years as a member of the Orono Police Department, I can proudly say that there has never been a more dedicated, service-oriented, and professionally capable group of officers with which to work, and it is an honor and privilege to be a member of this team. We will continue to faithfully fulfill our duties to all members of the Orono community.

Respectfully,

Joshua W. Ewing
Chief of Police



Police Dept: (L-R) Officers Chris Watson, Dan Merrill, Chase Haass, David Silk, Sarah Exley, Capt. Scott Wilcox, Ed Leskey, Wilfred King, Derek Dinsmore, Sgt. Scott Lajoie, Chief Josh Ewing and Sgt. Scott Scripture (Absent: Camron Barrieau)



Jessica Mason,
Public Safety
Administrative Assistant

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT 2012-2013

Please accept the enclosed information as the official annual report for the Orono Fire Department. This report details a breakdown of services provided from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.

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

For the time period noted above, the Fire Department responded to 1,820 calls for emergency service, which is a 203 increase in calls from the previous year. The community experienced an estimated financial loss of \$187,778 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 had been total losses, would have been \$89,977,000.

With the increase of emergency incidents, 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 4,300 citizens within the community. Our fire prevention program provides safety messages to all ages and we are very proud of the fire prevention program. In addition to the fire prevention classes provided to all of our students at Asa Adams School each month, we also provide the following fire and life safety programs:

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

Fire and Emergency Preparedness were part of the department's proactive approach to prevent fires and educate the public on how to prepare themselves and their families when disaster strikes. In addition to the above noted services, the department is also an integral part of the Town's Health and Safety Inspection program. This program provides fire code enforcement inspections to ensure all residents, businesses, and University of Maine properties are safe for their tenants, students, and our community.

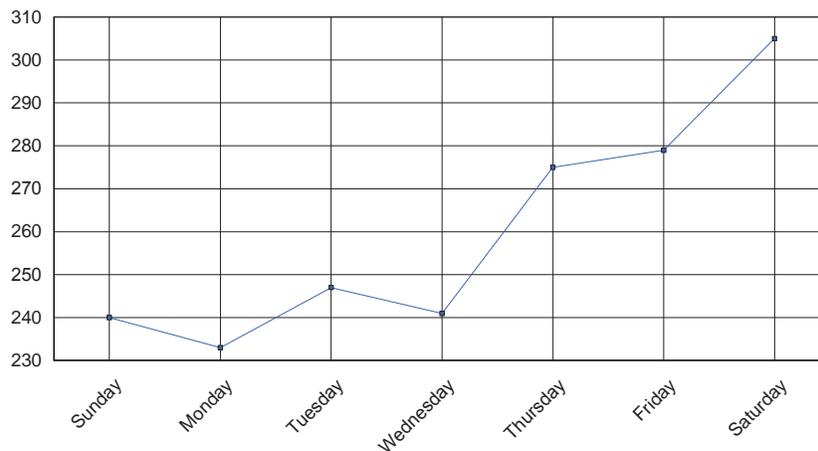
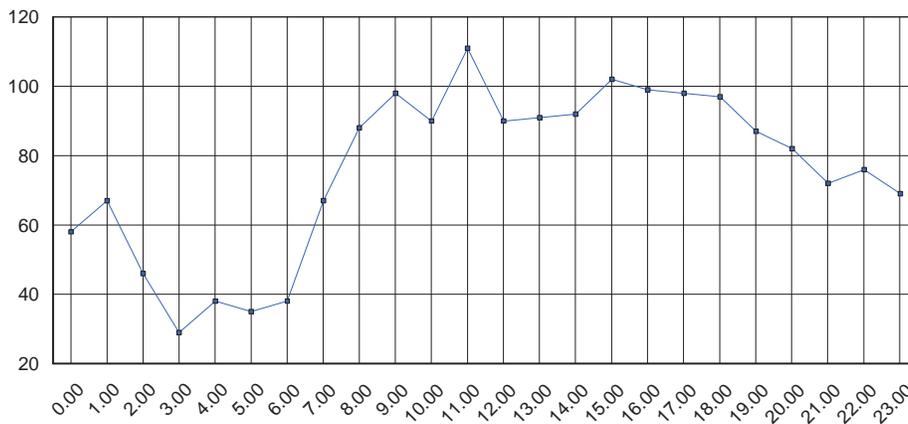
Among many small tools and equipment, the department maintained the following apparatus during the service year:

- (2) Class A Pumpers
- (1) 100' Aerial
- (1) Haz Mat Vehicle
- (2) Ambulances
- (1) Rescue Boat – which was newly purchased in 2013



"A" Shift: (L-R) Brad Strout, Ben Pratt, Paul Haley, Aaron Jellison and Capt. Scott Luciano

Data indicates that the busiest days of week for responses were - Saturday's running 305 calls, Friday's 279 calls, and then Thursday's 275 calls. The busiest time for responses was between 11AM and 12PM.



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

- Service Calls 65
- Good Intent 104
- False Alarms 27
- EMS/Rescue 1216
- Explosions 3
- Building Fire 51
- Cooking 93
- Chimney 3
- Wild land/Grass 2
- Vehicle 6
- Fuel Burner 2

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.

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



"B" Shift

(L-R) Nicholas Chapman, Dennis Bean, Kevin Sirois
and Capt. Joel Sides (Absent: Erin Frank)



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



"C" Shift

(L-R) Capt. Bryan Hardison, Kevin Peary,
Andrew Brogden and Mark Roy

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT 2012-2013

Public Works crews worked through yet another safe and busy year that included many construction and maintenance projects and a winter season that included one of the largest snow events in recent years.

The winter season of 2012-13 saw Public Works crews called to plowing duty 33 times; up from last year's total of 27. Over the weekend of February 9th, 2013 the Town was dealt nearly two feet of snow. The storm started late Friday evening and crews worked through Saturday night plowing this very significant event. Clean up of sidewalks and snow banks continued into much of the following week. Snow accumulation totaled around 96 inches for the season, an increase from the 66 inches we received last season. Despite the increases in events and snow totals, spending for overtime, fuel, and materials were all at or under budget.

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

- *Bennoch Road Culvert Replacement:* This project was in part funded by the Maine Department of Transportation in partnership with the Town. The scope of the project included the replacement of a failed culvert located nearly 40 feet under Bennoch Road near the Town line. Bennoch Road was closed for nearly two weeks as crews from Gardner Construction replaced the culvert, back

filled, and stabilized the slopes. This project also included a wider roadway surface and guardrails to enhance the safety of the traveling public.

- *Bennoch Road Pavement Resurfacing Project:* This project included replacement of a culvert, and a heavy shim and structural overlay of a section of Bennoch Road from Godfrey Drive to the limits of the Bennoch Road Culvert Replacement Project. Gravel was added to the shoulders after the pavement was placed.
- *Margin Street Drainage Improvements:* This project addressed a significant drainage issue at the intersection of Island Avenue and Margin Street. A stone box culvert located under Margin Street and the adjacent railroad tracks had begun to fail. The project replaced this culvert, adding new drainage structures to accommodate what is a large flow volume. The project was designed to allow for a second phase that would replace all of the drainage upstream from this project on Island Avenue. This was a complicated project due to multiple utility conflicts, a railroad crossing, and traffic to the entire area beyond the project. The contractor, Sargent Corporation and the designing engineers, Olver Associates did a fantastic job managing all of these factors to deliver the project on time and at budget.



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

- CDD Landfill Closure and Expansion Project: The Town operated construction and demolition debris (CDD) landfill that was established in 1995 reached its capacity in 2012. At that time, the Town closed the existing CDD landfill cell #1 and permitted and constructed cell #2 adjacent to cell #1. This construction project was completed by Lou Silver, Inc in 2012, adding approximately 30 years of capacity to the CDD landfill.
- Pavement Overlays: Structural overlays including curb, sidewalk, and drainage improvements as needed were completed on the following streets: Godfrey Drive; Willow Drive; Pleasant Street; and Briarwood Circle.

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 31 internments this year, 7 full burials and 24 cremation burials.
- Operation and Maintenance of the CDD Landfill: Located on Taylor Road, the Town operates and maintains a construction and demolition debris landfill. Major efforts include DEP compliance and reporting, providing an attendant, and maintenance of the landfill area itself.
- Operation of the Town Garage: Located on Penobscot Street, the Town operates a maintenance garage. All maintenance and repair of Public Works vehicles and equipment is performed there, it also acts as the base of operations for the Public Works crew.
- Capital Equipment: The Town added a new curb machine and vibratory roller to the Public Works Fleet this year.

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 2012-2013

For the fiscal year 2012-2013 the Tree Board planted 9 trees, removed or recommended removal of 10 trees; tended 22 trees at Godfrey Drive; mulched, watered or pruned 47 trees. Many of these trees were from the previous year's gift of trees by Dutton's Nursery. We also mulched, weeded, and watered the wildlife garden between the middle/high school and Asa Adams School. The Tree Board did not add any new seedlings to our nursery as some of the tree stock is older and needed to be planted this year. All seven members of the Board have been very active in the work we have completed this year.

2013 marks the 17th year Orono has been part of Tree City USA. Five members of the Tree Board attended the Arbor Day celebration in Lewiston/Auburn. The town of Orono is recognized annually at this event, along with the other Tree City communities in Maine. Locally, to celebrate Arbor Day on May 17, 2013 Mr.

Allen's fifth grade students weeded and mulched the 5-year old spruce saplings on the property between the high school and grade school near the wildlife garden. They also replaced 3 saplings that were mowed over the previous summer.

Our plans for 2013-2014 are inventory of and planting trees from the Tree Board tree nursery, implementing a tag system in our tree nursery to track the age of each sapling, care of the town's trees & wildlife garden and planting new trees in the right-of-ways for residents of Orono. We also consult with Rob Yerxa on tree removal within the town's right-of-way. We continue to hold quarterly public meetings that are advertised on the public access channel and in the town office.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly MacLean
Chair

**REPORT OF THE
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY
2012-2013**

The treatment plant performed well with no effluent violations. We treated 444.2 million gallons of wastewater, an increase of 28 million gallons over last year. Undoubtedly the increase in flow was due to some very wet months; October, May and June each exceeded 4 inches of rainfall. In spite of that we had no Combined Sewer Overflows. This is due to the improvements the Town has made to the collection system and the diligence of the treatment plant staff. When we get a heavy rain, the on-call person gets called to the plant and uses the resources we have available to treat all the flow we receive.

The pipe lining project on University Place was finally finished this summer. The original contract was to repair Summer Street and the northside of University Place. Eastern Pipe Service installed a new pipe inside the old pipe and reinstated the services with a self propelled camera and cutter. We use this technology when possible because it is quick, non-invasive (no digging) and less than 1/3 of the cost for open cut construction.

We monoformed 6 manholes on Noyes Drive and Sunrise Terrace in preparation for road reconstruction this summer. This process repairs and strengthens the manholes and stops leakage through the block or brick walls.

Our new MEPDES permit was finalized in November 2012. This permit will be in effect for 5 years. The process to renew the permit took a year and required quite a lot of testing that was sent to a contracted laboratory.

We will begin the testing in 2016 for the next license renewal in 2017.

We began hauling sludge to Juniper Ridge in January 2013. This started as a 3 month trial period, but we are finding this to be less expensive than partnering with Old Town to operate the compost site.

The treatment plant, 4 pump stations and the collection system are maintained by a staff of 5 full-time and 1 half-time employees. The fifth staff member was hired in November. He is a grade 3 licensed operator and has prior experience with both the treatment plant and the collections system. We also partnered with Public Works to hire a full-time person; he works with the WPCF staff for 6 months in the summer and with Public Works for 6 months through the winter. The other three staff members have been employed by the Town for over 20 years.

Treatment plant personnel cleaned 52,290 feet of sewer lines this year. The Town of Orono owns and is responsible for over 23 miles of sanitary sewers and over 500 manholes. Of the 23 miles, 5 ½ miles are off road and require brush clearing and tree trimming.

This is my first year as Superintendent of the Orono WPCF. I enjoy working with our management team and look forward to the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph S. Madigan
WPCF Superintendent



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

REPORT OF THE ORONO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2012-2013

During the past year, the Orono Parks and Recreation Department strived to provide 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. The concerts were co-sponsored by the Orono Village Association and the Parks and Recreation Department.

The Municipal Pool was utilized by approximately 7,000 patrons who enjoyed the opportunities the Pool had to offer with various open swim times, Red Cross swimming lessons and noon/evening lap swims.

The Funshine Summer Day Camp for 5-12 year olds experienced a good summer season averaging 40 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.

During the fall season more than 100 children played soccer and 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 continues to provide programs for children and fill a need for parents whose schedules are busy during the after school hours.

The annual Orono Village Festival provided many fun children's activities, music, food vendors and crafts for the public to enjoy in the Village District.

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 children participated in the youth basketball program. Some adult programs included yoga, zumba and aerobics in their weekly fitness schedules.

The Holiday season provide 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 Hermon Mountain and attract children from 2nd –7th grade.

Special activities for February and March included the annual Family Valentine Dance and he annual Easter Egg Hunt. Both activities were a wonderful success and enjoyed by all.



*Parks and Recreation and Facilities Staff:
Maida Robichaud, Wesley Nelson and David Pinkham*

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.

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.

The Senior Center continues to offer activities and fun for our senior citizens. It is also home to the senior meal program coordinated by the Housing Foundation and provides more than 5,000 meals a year to senior citizens.

In the spring, the Parks and Recreation Department went through a major transition in preparation of relocating its offices to the Town Office, Municipal Building. Throughout the transition, the Department continued to provide recreational programs and activities for the community. Looking to the future, the Department anticipates enhancing programs and services for all to enjoy.

Respectfully Submitted,
Parks & Recreation Department

REPORT OF THE ORONO-VEAZIE WATER DISTRICT 2012-2013

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 the 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. Final negotiations were completed with Penta Corporation, who was the contractor for the plant upgrades. Their contract has now been closed.

The District has hired Wright – Pierce Engineers to assist the District with adjustments to the Plant operations in order to improve chemical efficiencies and to better control reducing Trihalomethanes (TTHM).

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 it will continue to offer good 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 water district infrastructure 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:

	Term Expires December 31
Orono	
Scott Hall, Chair 2013	2013
John J. McCormack	2014
Jay Fortier	2015
Veazie	
David King	2016
Ken Borneman, Chair 2012	2017

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Cross
Superintendent

REPORT OF THE ORONO PUBLIC LIBRARY 2012-2013

The Orono Public Library continues to be the heart of the community where children, teens and adults come to browse, meet friends, relax, use computers, and borrow materials. According to the Maine State Library value calculator, Orono taxpayers are getting a \$5.57 return on every tax dollar spent for library services. These services include:

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

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

- Public access photocopier with capabilities to: e-mail, fax, and scan documents
- Indieflix: an online streaming service with access to Independent and Foreign films
- Library Anywhere: A mobile application that allows access to the library's catalog and homepage on mobile devices
- Touch Screen Computer in the Children's Room
- Two desktop public access computers

As Director, I am very impressed with the amount of community and Town Council support for our public library. Our trained and dedicated staff makes customer service their number one priority and are constantly striving to meet community needs and wishes. Our hope is that members of our community take time to let us know what services meet their needs as well as those that would be a welcome addition.

Librarians

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

- The Director, **Laurie Carpenter** joined OPL as in 1985 as the Youth Services Librarian and became the Director in 2009. She holds a Master's degree

in Library and Information Science (MLIS) from the University of South Carolina and Bachelors in Child Development from the University of Maine.

- **Joyce Wiebe** is the Technology Coordinator/ Circulation Manager and came to OPL in 1997 after many years as Library Assistant at the Asa Adams Elementary School. She holds a Masters in Education—Instructional Technology from the University of Maine.
- The Youth Services Librarian, **Louise Jolliffe** joined OPL in 2004 as a library assistant and moved into the position of YS Librarian in 2009. She holds a Bachelors degree in English from Boston University.
- **Sue Rogers**, Circulation Clerk holds a Bachelors degree in Education from the University of Maine and came to OPL in 1992.
- 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. This position is currently held by UM senior, **Caleb Elwell** who is majoring in Secondary Education.

Volunteers

The Library enjoys the services of more than 50 volunteers. Over 20 of these volunteers work 2-4 hours weekly, helping with the daily tasks involved with the interlibrary loan program or other in-house tasks while others give their time as board members or to special projects. Over the past three years, our dedicated volunteers have averaged 2216 hours annually which is equivalent to just over 40 hours each week.



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

Committee Involvement

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

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

The Orono Public Library Foundation was established in 2002 to build a free-standing public library for the town of Orono and to provide for the library's ongoing support. The Foundation is committed to strengthening the Orono community and enhancing the quality of life for all Orono citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie A. Carpenter
Library Director

LIBRARY STATISTICS

Library Cards:	4,088
• UM	421
• Non Res	258
• Juvenile	754
• Adult	2,655
Total Visitors:	40,653
Items Owned	39,012
• Adult	23,043
• Children	15,969
New Items added	2,695
Items borrowed:	64,141
• Daily average	258
Interlibrary Loan:	17,107
• Daily Average	68
Total Checkout & Renewal:	73,295
• Adult	39,308
• Children	33,987

**REPORT OF THE
ORONO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
2012-2013**

Members of the Board of Trustees at the end of FY2012-13 were Judy Hakola; chair; Laurie O'Brien, secretary; Steve Colburn, treasurer; Francois Amar, associate treasurer; Mary Cady; Jennifer Jain; Allison Applebee; Janet (Blood) Elvidge; Kate Fergusson and Emily Noyes, student representatives. Dorothy Pratt was the representative from the Friends of the Orono Public Library, and Sarah Kenney represented the Orono Public Library Foundation.

At its monthly meetings, the Trustees typically receive updates from the Library Director, Laurie Carpenter, about library usage, new programs, and budget considerations. Youth Services librarian Louise Jolliffe keeps us apprised of the many programs and services offered to the town's young people. We commend both of them for their creative ways of maximizing the impact of the limited resources available to them.

The investment advisory subcommittee (Steve Colburn, Jennifer Jain, Francois Amar) continues to work

on developing an appropriate policy for investments and expenditures of income from the endowment and other funds under its supervision.

The Trustees voted to contribute \$2000 to the Orono Public Library Foundation in support of their Village Green project developing the outside area between the Library and the Senior Center.

The Trustees commend all of the library staff and the many loyal volunteers for their work in making this invaluable resource available to the community. We are always impressed by the ingenious ways in which they do so within current staffing and budget restraints.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Hakola, Chair

Regional School Unit RSU #26

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January 21, 2014

RE: 2013-2014 Annual Report to the Town

Dear all,

I am very pleased to have this opportunity to showcase some accomplishments and highlight challenges that our school system has faced over the last year!

By the end of the 2012-2013 fiscal year, both Veazie and Glenburn had successfully withdrawn from our Regional School Unit 26. The work generated from the withdrawal of these towns consumed much energy and focus last year by all accounts. Disentangling the schools' finances from each other continues to create complexities for us this year—but even despite that, our Orono staff has approached this year as one full of promise and a new sense of optimism for the future.

Vision and Mission work:

Our administrative team worked together this summer to begin identifying key components of our educational vision framework—the document in which we articulate important goals and keep at the heart of our individual and collective efforts. There is still much work to be done on our Kindergarten through Diploma vision for schools—most particularly we will host vision forums in an effort to gather important insights for the vision and develop a deep commitment for it from staff, students, and our community stakeholders. We believe this framework will serve as a centerpiece for our school improvement planning and it is our hope that it will be well developed by fall of 2014.

This year, our objectives will focus first and foremost on knowing each student in terms of their interests, best learning modalities, and their readiness for specific content and skills. Secondly, we are committed to focusing on essential standards as the focus of our instructional efforts. Thirdly, we are developing our capacity to connect students with these standards through instruction that is designed with student's individual interests, learning modalities and readiness in mind. Lastly, we are developing our ability to understand student's individual progress toward mastery of the standards through the use of ongoing and meaningful assessment.

Curriculum and Instruction:

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

The work of keeping pace with the standards-based reform movement gripping our state and nation is requiring our teachers to develop a more transparent approach to teaching and learning. Making the switch from reference-based to standards-based education lies at the heart of the recent legislation governing diploma requirements for all students graduating from Maine schools. Thus, we have begun the work of refining our learning standards at the elementary level. In recognizing that there are too many reading and mathematics standards to address well, Asa Adams teachers have begun a process to thoughtfully select those that are absolutely essential for students to learn. At their weekly meetings they are working to develop a shared understanding of these standards, sharing their pedagogical expertise and insights about students, resources, and methods in an effort to help all student succeed. It's early to evaluate, but their efforts seem to be yielding great success and we are watching and documenting their progress with this project carefully.

Business Office Transition:

The withdrawal of towns from the RSU necessitated that we redesign our central office and add business office personnel in time to begin the 2014-15 school year. In the fall of 2013 a subcommittee of the board and key community members met regularly to develop a workable Business Office Transition plan. The plan includes hiring a “Business and Operations Manager” and a “Bookkeeper” in the spring of 2014. This group did much research to inform their discussions and final recommendations to the board about our business services personnel needs. Once these individuals are hired, they will join our superintendent’s office staff in the portable building between Orono Middle School and Orono High School.

Moving Forward:

Clearly, these past few years have been marked by difficult times. As we move forward we will strive to present a school budget to our community that reflects those times AND that maintains our standards of excellence in our schools. As your new superintendent, these early months have been rich with discovery and ideas for planning forward. I have been spending a good deal of time exploring the strengths and challenges of Orono schools, learning about past procedures, policies and the difficult withdrawal of Glenburn and Veazie from the RSU, and thinking about the vision we might hope to establish for the future. I feel honored to serve our schools and community to support of the eager young minds of our students—and I know that our RSU 26 staff shares that feeling. With your continued support and partnership we will work together to provide the best education for our community’s most precious asset—our young people!

Respectfully Submitted,



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RSU 26 Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Friends:

It is a privilege to represent Maine in the U.S. Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share some of my work from the past year.

Encouraging the creation of more jobs remains my top priority. I have developed a Seven Point Plan for Jobs in Maine, which includes proposals to spur small business investment, ensure robust workforce education and training, reduce regulatory red tape that stifles job creation, support Maine agriculture and manufacturing, and invest in the infrastructure needed to expand our economy. Traditional industries and small businesses remain the backbone of Maine's economy, and innovation will be important for future jobs as well. I have supported Maine's effort to lead the world in deepwater wind technology and was proud when the University of Maine and its private sector partners launched the first prototype this year. This emerging industry has the potential to create thousands of good jobs here in Maine.

BIW remains a major Maine employer and is critical to our national security. I have worked hard to support the Navy's request for a 10th DDG-51 and to continue construction on the DDG-1000s at the shipyard. This year's annual defense policy bill also contains more than 30 provisions to eliminate sexual assault from our military, including several provisions that I authored.

Partisan divisiveness in Washington continues to prevent us from addressing some of our nation's most serious challenges. Gridlock reached a peak in October with the federal government shutdown that pushed our country to the brink of defaulting on its financial obligations and damaged our economy. As the shutdown continued with no end in sight, I presented a proposal I believed both sides could support. Within days, I was leading a bipartisan coalition of 14 Senators that worked night and day to craft a plan to reopen government, avert default, and restart negotiations on a long-term plan to deal with our nation's unsustainable debt of more than \$17 trillion. Known as the "Common Sense Caucus," we will continue to work to develop solutions and bridge the partisan divide.

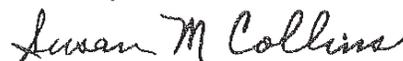
Earlier this year, across-the-board federal spending cuts known as "sequestration" took effect. These indiscriminate cuts jeopardized priorities from national security to medical research and stand in stark contrast to the thoughtful and thoroughly debated spending priorities set at town meetings throughout Maine. To bring some Maine common sense to this process, I authored bipartisan legislation to allow federal agencies to set priorities in administering the required cuts and wrote a new law to ensure that sequestration would not disrupt air travel, which plays such an important role in fueling Maine's tourism economy.

I have also enjoyed my work as the ranking member of the Senate Special Committee on Aging where, with Senator Bill Nelson of Florida, we work on issues of critical importance to Maine seniors. The committee has created a toll free hotline (1-855-303-9470) to make it easier for senior citizens to report fraud and scams and to receive assistance. I also serve as the Senate Co-Chair of the task force on Alzheimer's, a devastating disease that takes a tremendous personal and economic toll on more than five million Americans. Better treatment for Alzheimer's and ultimately finding a cure should be an urgent national priority.

Finally, I am proud to reflect our famous Maine work ethic by completing another year of service without missing a single roll call vote. I have not missed a vote since I was elected – a streak that stands at more than 5,300 in a row.

May 2014 be a good year for you, your community, and our great State of Maine.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
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Dear Friends,

Since arriving to the U.S. Senate last January, I have been looking for ways to provide Mainers with improved access to federal services through the use of digital technology and on the ground outreach initiatives. Maine is a rural state and I know that traveling to our offices can present both logistical and financial challenges.

To help overcome those obstacles, I launched our signature **Your Government Your Neighborhood** outreach program in June 2013. Every other week members of my staff in Maine travel to different towns – ensuring that all 16 counties are served each month - to hold constituent office hours for local residents.

Over the past eleven months my work in Washington has been largely shaped by the four committees that I serve on: Armed Services, Intelligence, Budget, and Rules. These appointments allow me to engage on issues important to Maine and help craft legislation before it comes to the Senate floor. On the Armed Services Committee I work with my colleagues to honor our obligations to members of our armed forces both past and present, as well as ensure the continued strength, efficiency, and sustainability of our military. On the Intelligence Committee I work to effectively mitigate security threats facing our country while also establishing measures to guarantee that the privacy rights of U.S. citizens are protected. On the Budget Committee, I am working to ensure that necessary spending is tempered with fiscal responsibility, and my position on the Rules Committee allows me to push for procedural reforms that remove institutional inefficiencies and help move the country forward.

I am tremendously grateful for the opportunity to serve you and determined to keep you informed of my activities in Maine and Washington. As always, I welcome any thoughts, questions, or concerns that you may have. You can visit my website at <http://www.king.senate.gov> and provide your input there, or call our toll free in state line at **1-800-432-1599**. In addition, our local numbers are as follows: Augusta (207) 622-8292, Presque Isle (207) 764-5124, and Scarborough (207) 883-1588, and Washington D.C. (202) 224-5344.

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January 2014

Dear Friends:

Last year saw some of the most bitterly partisan political fighting in Washington in recent memory. However, the gridlock in Washington has not slowed my efforts to fight for Maine's businesses and industries on the national and international level. I will continue to visit and speak with Maine's small businesses and manufacturers to hear firsthand about their successes and challenges. This is an important part of my ongoing "Make it in Maine" agenda which consists of initiatives to boost domestic manufacturing and support job growth in our state.

In 2014, it will be my great honor to continue serving our nation's veterans as the Ranking Member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee. Over the course of the last year, I worked with Representative Jeff Miller (R-Florida), the committee's chairman, to pass a number of bills important to veterans. Some that we passed would reduce the VA's disability claims backlog, help get veterans their compensation faster, and improve training and educational opportunities. One critical measure we advanced through the committee would ensure that all VA programs receive funding a year in advance so no veterans will have to worry about services being disrupted.

While I am proud of these accomplishments, I know there is still so much to do. I will continue to fight for new advances in areas such as veteran employment, veterans' health care, and the ongoing concerns with the VA claims backlog.

I believe Washington is at a crossroads. There are many members of Congress on both sides of the aisle that truly want to get things done for the people they represent. Congress needs to work together to get things done and make Washington work again. I continue to be committed to making that happen, and continue to regularly meet with Democrats, Republicans, and Independents to forge a way forward.

As we move forward into a new year, my highest priority remains ensuring that Mainers receive timely and quality constituent services. Whether you have a specific concern with a federal agency or need help connecting to resources, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at any of my offices. I also encourage you to visit my website (www.house.gov/michaud), where you can email me as well as connect with me on Facebook and Twitter.

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

With warmest regards,



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Dear citizens of Orono:

As a state, we have taken great strides over the course of the past years.

Growing our economy, decreasing our energy costs, and improving our educational system are the priorities of my administration. Maine needs to create a pro-growth environment that encourages our businesses to create jobs. It is critical that we focus on promoting policies which support and attract new investment. To achieve this, we need to keep taxes low on our families and businesses, and find ways to increase efficiency in government while protecting our most vulnerable citizens.

We have made great progress toward these endeavors. We passed **the largest tax cut in Maine's history**. Two-thirds of Maine taxpayers will get income tax relief, and 70,000 low-income Mainers will no longer pay income tax. My goal is to continue to drive down Maine's income tax.

We are striving to also cut the cost of electricity through our spearheading of a regional effort with Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island to expand the use of hydropower in Maine. Additionally, Maine is currently one of the fastest states in natural gas expansion.

We have passed legislation that will decrease the cost of health insurance for school districts, allowing more money to be spent in the classroom. Putting students first is important to me. Education is what saved my life, and I want every child in Maine to have the same opportunity I had. With the passage of charter school legislation, hundreds of families now have options for their children.

There's still a lot to do. The recent decision by the legislature to take money from our state's rainy day fund in order to pay revenue sharing in 2015 is fiscally irresponsible. We need government decision makers to act responsibly.

Maine has a great tradition of civic involvement and citizen participation in the decision making process. Thank you for taking the time to become informed and for working with your neighbors to hold government accountable.

It is a pleasure serving as your Governor. If ever I can be of assistance to you or you have any questions or suggestions, I encourage you to contact my office by calling 287-3531 or by visiting our website at www.maine.gov/governor.

Sincerely,

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To my neighbors in Orono,

I am deeply honored to serve as your State Senator in the 126th Legislature.

Now serving my tenth year in the Maine Legislature, I am pleased to report that we are doing good work for Maine people everyday in Augusta. The challenge of balancing budgets, supporting economic development efforts, and ensuring access to healthcare and education is never easy, but always worthwhile.

The Legislature is in full swing and I am pleased to report that we have moved forward on a number of priorities for the session that will be beneficial to our district. This session we kept the state's promise to fund Maine's towns and cities by protecting municipal revenue sharing funds that were at risk. We passed a measure to help feed Maine's hungry children during the summer months when school is not in session. Because of our work this session, innovative small businesses will be able to use "crowd-funding" to build their businesses, cancer patients who need oral chemotherapy will not be penalized by insurance companies, and victims of domestic violence will have increased protections from harassment.

I will continue to keep you up to date on key issues and bills as the session progresses. I send out electronic newsletters and also have a weekly column in the Lincoln News. You can sign up for the newsletter at any time by filling out a request at <http://mainesenate.org/contact-us/contact-senator-cain/>.

As your voice in the Legislature, I will continue to advocate for government that serves Maine people well and meets the needs of our district. I am here to listen to your needs and concerns, as well as act as a liaison between you and the state government. My number in Augusta is 287-1515, or you can reach me at home in Orono at 866-3753. You can also e-mail me at emily.cain@gmail.com.

We have a lot of work ahead of us but I am confident members of the Legislature will be able to work together and prioritize the needs of Maine people.

I look forward to maintaining open lines of communication with you. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emily".

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Spring 2014

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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

Aaron M. Frey

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