



DEDICATION

This 2005 Town of Mount Desert Annual Report is warmly dedicated to Mr. E.Farnham Butler who, at 96 years of age still shares his spirit and wealth of knowledge with the citizens of the Town Desert. Sally Merchant visited with Gladys and Farnham on January 18, 2006. During that visit, Farnham spoke of ways in which both he and Gladys have helped shape the greater Mount Desert community and contributed to our posture for the future.

Frankly, Farnham's elected official experience is nil. He attempted running for office when he ran for school board against John Manchester and lost by a large margin. Gladys, on the other hand, ran for school board and won. One of her most memorable contributions, according to Farnham, was that Gladys was instrumental in organizing local guidance services that later became the model for the state of Maine. Gladys tutored children & adults alike; the less fortunate as well as those whom we now call "gifted and talented." While a resident of Southwest Harbor, Gladys says that the town of Southwest Harbor would not have become a member of the regional high school had she not urged some of her influential family members by teasing them with the opportunity to have Bun Parady for a basketball coach.

As a Planning Board member, Farnham remembers developing the Town of Mount Desert's first Land Use Zoning Ordinance. Farnham is proud to have been at the special town meeting in 2005 when land in the Ripples Pond tract was given to the Island Housing Trust for workforce housing. Farnham says it takes "20 years to get something done" in the Town of Mount Desert. As another example, it took 20 years for the high school to get through. Farnham cites that John Butler was a baby when Dean Shibles was on the committee to form a regional high school and that John was 20 years old at the Mount Desert Island Regional High School's dedication.

A long standing love of and a firm dedication to the Town of Mount Desert are evident in Farnham's strength of character. He says he can't read anymore so he thinks. He thinks about days when Nelson Rockefeller tried to boost commerce on the island by suggesting that cars being imported into the United States come directly up the Sound and onto the land through Hall Quarry. When that concept failed, Mr. Rockefeller assisted the Jackson Laboratory with \$25,000 in start-up money. The Lab today employs over 1000, many of whom are Mount Desert residents. Carlo Ninfi, in Farnham's estimation, was a town leader who was simply a moving force for many, many years.

And Farnham thinks that revising the fiscal year is a good idea in that it is directly tied to the school's fiscal year. Gladys nods in agreement to this just as I ask Farnham about what his advice is to all of us. He says "work hard. Work hard."

Thank you, Farnham & Gladys

**MAINE MODERATOR'S MANUAL
RULES OF PROCEDURE
(Revised 2005)**

TYPE/MOTION	SECOND REQUIRED	DEBATABLE	AMENDABLE	VOTE REQUIRED	RECONSID- ERABLE	RANK/NOTES
PRIVILEGED						
Adjourn (<i>sine die</i>)	Y	N	N	M	N	1
Recess or Adjourn to Time Certain	Y	Y	Y	M	N	2
SUBSIDIARY						
Previous Question	Y	N	N	2/3	N	3
Limit Debate	Y	N	Y	2/3	Y	4
Postpone to Time Certain	Y	Y	Y	M	Y	5
Amend	Y	Y	Y	M	Y	6
INCIDENTAL						
Appeal	Y	Y	N	M	Y	A, B, D
Fix the Method of Voting	Y	N	N	M	N	B
Withdraw a Motion	N	N	N	M	See Notes	B, C, D
MAIN						
Main Motion	Y	Y	Y	M	Y	
Reconsider	Y	See Notes	N	M	N	A, D, E
Take up Out of Order	Y	Y	N	2/3	N	

Y – Yes, this action is required or permitted.

N – No, this action cannot be taken or is unnecessary.

M – Majority vote required

A – This motion may be made when another motion has the floor.

B – Same rank as motion out of which it arises.

C – Only a prevailing negative vote on this motion may be reconsidered.

D – This motion has the same rank, and is debatable to the same extent, as the motion being reconsidered.

E – Only a person who voted on the prevailing side may make this motion.

None of the motions in the table should interrupt a speaker.

This table does not include the statutory procedure for challenge (to question a vote), mentioned in the "Notes for Voters" and discussed in the *Maine Moderator's Manual*.

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OFFICE HOURS

**8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Monday – Friday**

Town Administrative Office.....	276-5531
Fax.....	276-3232
Fire/Police/Ambulance.....	911
Non-Emergency.....	276-5111
Public Works Director.....	276-5743
Town Garage.....	276-5744
Garbage Hotline.....	276-5733
Wastewater Treatment Plant.....	276-5738
Northeast Harbor Marina.....	276-5737
Mt. Desert Elementary School.....	276-3348
MDI Regional High School.....	288-5011
Union 98 Superintendent's Office.....	288-5049

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Mount Desert is looking for a few good Mt. Desert residents to volunteer to serve on Boards and Committees. Click on the link above for more details.

Mount Desert Island, situated on the eastern coast of Maine was first recognized and named by European explorers as early as 1604. The first recorded permanent settlement of this island was in 1762, by two Massachusetts sailor/fishermen named Abraham Somes and James Richardson when they established their homes at the northern shores of the fjord which today is called Somes Sound. Other settlers soon followed and within a few years after the Revolutionary War the population on the island amounted to several hundred people.

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RECYCLING INFORMATION

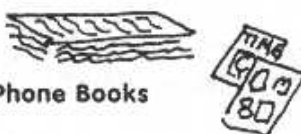
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Recycling center is located at town garage on Sargeant Drive.
(about 1/2 mile south of intersection with Route 198)

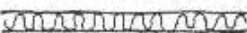
PAPER

Newspaper
Magazines
Catalogs & Phone Books



Do not tie in bundles. Keep dry.

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

Looks like this:  (cross section)

Please break down and FLATTEN.
Keep dry. NO waxy, pizza, or other
dirty boxes. NO yellow cardboard
(imported from Asia).

TIN AND ALUMINUM CANS

Food cans only.
Clean thoroughly.
Labels may stay.
Flatten if possible.
NO spray cans, pie tins, or foil.



PLASTIC

#2 plastic only.
Check bottom
for this sign:



Cloudy (like milk jugs)
in main bin. Separate
container for colored or white
bleach and detergent bottles.
Remove tops and plastic rings.
Clean and rinse, labels may stay.
Please flatten as much as possible.



GLASS

Clear and colored
jars and bottles only.
Clean and rinse,
labels may stay.
Remove all tops and rings.
NO light bulbs, window glass,
china or ceramics.



Brown paper bags used for carrying your recyclables to the center may be put
in the corrugated cardboard container, NOT in any other container.

Please follow these guidelines. If anything incorrect (like trash) is put in the
containers at Sargeant Drive, the whole load may be contaminated and
become unrecyclable.

Questions???? Please call the Town Office at 276-5531.

OTHER TIPS

Many supermarkets accept plastic and paper bags for recycling and/or give
credit for reusing bags. Composting can further reduce the quantity of trash
and nourish your garden as well.

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ELECTED OFFICERS

SELECTMEN	Richard H Savage II, Chairman	2007
	Kathleen Branch	2008
	Ernest Coombs	2008
	Patrick Smallidge, VC	2006
	Jeffrey T. Smith, Sec	2007
SCHOOL BOARD	Gail Marshall, Chairman	2006
	Maria Brown	2006
	Laura Hendricks	2007
	John P. March, Jr.	2007
	Laurel Robbins	2008
SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES	Edward Bonville	2006
	Michael Musetti	2007
	George Peckham, Jr.	2008

APPOINTED OFFICERS

ADMINISTRATIVE

TOWN MANAGER	Michael R. MacDonald
TOWN CLERK	Kimberly Parady
	Joelle D. Nolan, Deputy
	Sally Merchant, Assistant
	Darcel Winslow, Assistant
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION	Brent Hamor
CUSTOMER SERVICE	Joelle D. Nolan
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	Sally Merchant
RECEPTION	Darcel Winslow
TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR	Brent Hamor
	Kimberly Parady, Deputy
	Joelle D. Nolan, Deputy
ASSESSOR	John E. Brushwein
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	Kimberly Keene
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR	Michael Bender
HEALTH OFFICER	Michael R. MacDonald
PLUMBING INSPECTOR	Kimberly Keene
	John Brushwein, Deputy
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS	Joelle D. Nolan
	Kimberly Parady, Deputy
	Sally Merchant, Deputy

POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE		James Willis
POLICE SERGEANT		Kevin Edgecomb
POLICE OFFICERS		John Wardwell Mark Keller Christopher Smith Leigh Guildford Edward Montague Jedediah Philpot Troy Richardson
	Part Time	
DISPATCHERS		Lorraine Bracy Sharon Gilley Matt Heel Marie Barnes Rod O'Connor Jeanine Neipert Laura Snyder Marie Overlock Everett Profit
	Part Time	
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER		Kevin Edgecomb

FIRE DEPARTMENT

MUNICIPAL FIRE CHIEF	Michael Bender
FIRE WARDEN	Lloyd E. Norwood, Jr.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS

Chuck Alley	Mike Kelley	Tom Wallace
Mike Bender	John Littlefield	
Martha Blanchard	Fred Lippucci	
Sam Blanchard	John Macauley	
Mark Bucklin	Basil Mahaney	
Mike Bucklin	Stephen Montminy	
Stuart Burr	Chris Moore	
Luke Damon	Sherwood Muise	
Bobby Dodge	Robert Norwood	
Ben Gilley	Norris Reddish	
Norm Hawes	Joe Renault	
David Higgins	Tony Smith	
Todd Holbrook	John Sweet	
Matt Hougan	Michael Sweet	
Mark Johnson	Bruce Walton	

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Tony Smith

SUPERINTENDENT

Kenneth A. Poors

HIGHWAY

Gerald Frost
Ben Jacobs
James Greenlaw
Joseph Jacobs
David Knowlton
John Lemoine
Philip Frost

REFUSE COLLECTION

Dominic DiGuardia
Michael Pokoney

RECYCLING ATTENDANT

Heather Brinson

POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY

Jonathan Merchant
Chuck Croan
Edward Montague
Terry Savage

TOWN OFFICE & PARKS

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Karl Richard

HARBOR MASTERS

HARBOR MASTER

Shawn Murphy

DEPUTY HARBOR MASTER

Bryan Dow

SHELLFISH WARDENS

SHELLFISH WARDENS

Kevin Edgecomb
Shawn Murphy

BOARDS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW	John C. Doyle, Ch.	2008
	Keating Pepper	2008
	James Bright	2007

MDI HOUSING AUTHORITY	Wanda Fernald	2008
	Dan Falt	2007
	Karol Hagberg	2009
	Valerie Tracy	2007
	Alice Carter	2008
Tenant Commissioners:	Gloria Munson	2007
	Bernice Pierce	2007

PLANNING BOARD	Marc Sevigny, Ch	2006
	James Clunan, Vc	2008
	Heather Jones, Sec	2008
	Patti Reilly, Alt	2006
	Joseph Tracy	2007
	Mary Renault, Alt	2007
	Schofield Andrews, III	2007

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	Harry Madeira, Ch	2008
	William N. Ferm	2006
	Jane Vris	2007
	George B. Lauriat	2006
	Tom Richardson	2006
	Kevin Walls	2007

DID YOU KNOW...

You can decipher the excise tax paid on your vehicle by just looking at your yellow registration form? Excise tax is deductible, after all!

COMMITTEES

ACADIA NATIONAL PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION

Paul Richardson, Town Rep.

BUILDING CODE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Charles Bucklin
Steve Pinkham
Dwight Lanpher
Michael Musetti
Jed Lauriat
Peter Smallidge

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE

Jerry Suminsby, Chair
Robert Collins
Samuel Fox
Douglas Hopkins
Cory Papadopoli
Brian Reilly
Lisa Renault
Sydney R. Rockefeller
Henry Schmelzer
Kathy Suminsby
Hope Rowan, Planning Assistant

COUNTY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Kathleen Branch
Jim Bright
M Murdoch
Jim Robinson

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Brent Hamor, Ex officio
Michael MacDonald, Ex officio
Richard M. Savage, II Ex officio
John M. Brown
John Macauley
Jerry Suminsby
Michael Silva

MARINE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Dana Haynes, Ch
Jim Black
Jim Bright
Ted Bromage
Tom Brown
Jock Crothers
Tom Fernald
Eric Jones
William A. Johnston
Story Litchfield
Rob Liebow
Doug Randolph-Foster

MOUNT DESERT WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Harry Maderia, Ch 2008
Elsie Baum 2007
Karen Coombs 2007
Alan Joseph 2006
Stephen Zirnkilton 2008

ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Samuel Fox, III 2006
Sydney R. Rockefeller 2006
Jerome Suminsby 2006
Barbara Williams 2006

SHELLFISH CONSERVATION

Tom Falt, Ch 2006
Sherwood Carr 2006
Jock Crothers 2006
Steve Hamor, Sr. 2006
Harvey Heel 2006
Scott Merchant 2006
Earl Moore 2006
Ernest Smallidge 2007
Robert Taylor 2006
Barry Thomas 2007

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

Tony Smith, Ch 2006
Kathy Branch 2006 (Board liaison)
Melvin Everly 2006
Mildred Johnson 2006
Philip Lichtenstein 2006
Joelle Nolan 2006
Lee Patterson 2006
Chris Breedlove (non-voting)

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

John Brown 2006
Dwight Lanpher 2006
Brent Hamor 2006
Jerome Suminsby 2006

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

Kathy Fernald 2006
Sam Coplon, Co-Ch 2006
Jean G. Fernald 2006
Blanche Johnson 2006
Pauline Johnson 2006
Phyllis Partridge 2006
Sydney R. Rockefeller, Co-Ch. 2006
Jim Willis 2006
Tony Smith 2006

What about the Rural Wastewater Support Program?

If your primary residence is not on Town Sewer you may be eligible. A Homestead Exemption must already be in place and other guidelines exist. An Application is enclosed in this Town Report on page 74. Please contact Code Enforcement Officer Kim Keene for details. The Rural Wastewater Support Program Ordinance can be found on our web site under the "documents" section. Go to www.mtidesert.org



BOARD OF SELECTMEN CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Board of Selectmen expresses their sincere thanks and appreciation to all the Town employees, staff members and departments for their continued hard work and dedication. Special thanks are also offered to all our volunteer citizens who devote countless hours and energy in their responsibilities on the many permanent boards, advisory groups and committees.

There are two basic forms of local government in Maine. One is the "direct" form, often referred to as the town meeting form of government in which the town meeting serves as the legislative body, passing laws, and approving the spending of money. The second form of local government in Maine is the "representational" form, in which an elected council serves as the legislative body. Since its

incorporation, the Town of Mount Desert has been governed by some variation of the Town Meeting-Selectmen form.

This system of government has been called by many as the “purest form” of democracy. The town meeting serves as the legislative arm of the government, usually meeting two days a year in March. At these town meetings, laws and ordinances may be passed, yearly budgets are approved and taxes are levied. It is also the time to elect various town officers including the board of selectmen, which serve in a part time capacity as the executive arm of the government. State law also grants the board some legislative powers such as regulating vehicles, parking, public ways, public health, and public property. For many years, our town has hired a manager to administer the town government. The town manager is responsible directly to the selectmen. The board of selectmen continues to serve as the town’s executive body; however, their duties attend more to issues of policy and not the daily operations of the municipality. In conjunction with the state’s Statutory Town Manager Plan, we are also guided by our own Town’s Charter as adopted by the voters. The town offers a welcome and encouragement to all our citizens to participate in our governmental needs.

We continue to work on solutions for many issues that come before our Town. Topping the list are the ever present concerns for year round housing, re-evaluation of real estate and property within the town, requirements of our elementary and high school needs, demands on the public sewers, solid waste and garbage management, maintenance of our existing public buildings, highways, sidewalks, and waterfront facilities, and the on going expansion of space requirements for public safety facilities. Efficient and sensible use of existing town buildings and property needs to be addressed now for critical future planning.

Our budgetary needs for the coming year are reflected in the enclosed town report. Sincere effort has been made to deflect the extreme taxation increases that we have seen in the past. Voters are urged to note that the most impactful tax increase comes not from our direct spending practices but from an increase of 8.55% in our high school assessment and a 27.59% increase in the Hancock County government assessment. Property tax relief as promised by the state is yet to be realized.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard M. Savage, II Chairman

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TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

To the citizens and taxpayers of the Town of Mount Desert, thank you for allowing me this fifth opportunity to detail some of the significant events of this past year. 2005 was once again a year filled with challenges and opportunities, thanks to you, the citizen, who provides the means to meet the challenges and the resources to take advantage of opportunities.

Our 2005 Annual Town Meeting was remarkable in that we did not have any issue of great controversy. Citizens at the Town Meeting approved the budget (with minor modifications) as presented by the Board and Warrant Committee and approved changes to the LUZO and subdivision ordinances.

Personnel changes during 2005 resulted in the following:

Darcel Winslow was appointed to the fill newly created position of Reception in the Town Office. Fire Chief Chris Farley submitted his resignation in June and in October Michael Bender of Seal Harbor was appointed as Fire Chief. Will Boddy resigned as Harbor Master and Deputy Harbor Master Shawn Murphy was appointed Harbor Master. The Town renegotiated a three year labor agreement with the Teamsters Public Works employees. Two other employee groups, seven Town Office clerical/dispatch employees and five police department employees have indicated a desire to be represented by a collective bargaining agreement, also with the Teamsters. Each of these groups seeks to preserve the employment benefit status quo (including no employee participation in insurance premium payments.)

The Town has been successful in applying for grants. Harbor Master Murphy was successful in securing grants for harbor surveillance cameras and mooring realignment. Public Works Director Smith was successful in securing grants for Public Works safety equipment and training. Department Heads are encouraged to seek grant opportunities.

To respond to the sale of commercial boats utilizing our dock, the Board of Selectmen implemented a commercial dock moratorium to permit the Town time to develop new commercial dock regulations. The Northeast Harbor marina continues a process of improvement as 12 new floats were placed in service.

The Board of Selectmen also approved a police mutual aid agreement with other island towns. This agreement provides backup and assistance when needed.

The Town conducted a Special Town Meeting in November to approve the transfer of 9.99 acres of our Ripples Road tract to Island Housing Trust for "workforce" housing. The same meeting approved a transfer of \$77,100 from surplus (credit reserve) to the Assessor budget to fully fund town-wide re-assessment by Vision Technologies.

The Otter Creek/Seal Harbor force main and wastewater treatment plant upgrade project was concluded, ending 4 years of debate and construction. PW Director Smith's report speaks to the benefits of the project.

The Annual Town Meeting authorized the purchase of Fire Department pumper/rescue truck and this past summer the Board of Selectmen approved a contract with Smeal Fire Equipment Co. to deliver the vehicle, sometime late 2006.

The Board of Selectmen approved a wastewater treatment agreement with Acadia National Park for treatment of wastewater from Blackwoods Campground and Jordan Pond House, resulting in the Park

Service contributing \$1.5 million toward the costs of the Otter Creek/Seal Harbor wastewater treatment upgrade project and committing to pay a portion of the operation and maintenance costs for the plant.

Later in the year the Board authorized creation of a White Tailed Deer Management Plan Committee to study the effects of the increasing deer population. The 2006 warrant contains an article requesting funds (\$1,000) to pay for surveys and analysis.

Finally, Town Office staff is to be congratulated for their dedication and support for Brent Hamor as he entered into his first full year as Finance Director. Town Clerk Parady, Customer Service Nolan, and Administrative Officer Merchant all assisted in providing support as Brent continued to acquire knowledge and skill in that demanding position. The Town Meeting approved an addition to Town office staff. Darcel Winslow was hired to fill the recently approved Reception position and has adapted well to public service. Darcel also serves as the recording secretary for the Planning Board and assists CEO Keene. Kim, Joelle, Sally, and Darcel all pulled extra hours and effort in providing continued service to our citizens and deserve recognition for their dedication, thanks to all.

2006 will also be a year of challenges and opportunities and I would like to assure the citizens of Mount Desert that the dedicated employees of Mount Desert will rise to successfully meet upcoming challenges and wisely and prudently take advantage of opportunities. Each and every one has this Town Manager's personal thanks for making 2005 the success it was. Much peace and happiness to all.

Michael MacDonald
Town Manager



MOUNT DESERT PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board of the Town of Mount Desert had another active year, meeting year round on the second and fourth Mondays of the month (except a Christmas break in December). The Board also conducted on-site inspections of every location for which applications were made for Conditional Use Permits and Subdivision Permits. In all, the seven volunteer members of the Board gave about 600 hours of their time to this important aspect of Town government.

The Selectmen appointed Schofield (Sandy) Andrews III and Patti Reilly of Seal Harbor to replace Dr. Sam Fox and Steve Zirnkilton.

CEO Kim Keene served as the Board's liaison with the Maine Municipal Association. She also continued to provide the Board with timely and professional advice.

Darcel Winslow assumed the important duties of Recording Secretary.

During 2005, 31 Conditional Use Permits were approved. Approvals were also granted for eight Subdivisions, including one eight-lot, 20-acre subdivision in the Oak Hill area that includes seven workforce housing units. Most development is taking place north of Sargent Drive and west of Somes Sound, as indicated by the following data: 19 CUPs and 5 subdivisions were approved in the villages and neighborhoods of Sound, Somesville, Beech Hill, Oak Hill, Long Pond, and Pretty Marsh. Communal Marine Structures were approved one in Seal Harbor, and one in Hall Quarry. One Marine Structure in Northeast Harbor that was pending at the end of 2005 has been since denied. One CUP was appealed, the first appeal in five years.

Working with the Planning Comprehensive Plan/Ordinance Review Committee (CPC/ORC), the Planning Board developed six proposed amendments to the Land Use Zoning Ordinance (LUZO) and the Subdivision Ordinance for inclusion in the 2006 Warrant. These proposals concern:

- Signs
- Height of structures
- Removal of an inoperative provision concerning Planned Unit Development
- Relocation of non-conforming structures
- Height of structures in Shoreland Districts
- Density in subdivisions that include workforce housing

With respect to planning work in 2006, the Board believes that the intent stated by members of the CPC/ORC to bring to the 2007 Town Meeting a revised Comprehensive Plan must be the first planning priority over the next 12 months.

Respectfully submitted,

James L. Clunan
Acting Chair

2005 OUTSTANDING TAXES

Abbott, Lola D, Et. Als.	830.61	Jordan, James/Kristen	2,885.19
Barger, Dean	817.87	Law, Celeste	27.09
Berry, Fred W Et. Als.	1,614.52	Lawrence, Lee G., Dev.	234.61
Berwind, Jr., C. Graham**	250.26	Libitzki, Edward/Cheryl	2,177.69
Biddle, Gardiner/Margaret	1,487.17	Manufacturer & Dealer Services**	48.11
Blanchard, Elizabeth W.	2,377.14	Meadowcroft LLC	5,158.50
Bowden, Frances	332.53	Mercer, Kyle/Kristen	31.85
Bueche, A.J., Inc*	2,873.87	Millett, Janet M., Trustee	14,754.21
Butler, Frances	894.42	O'Neil, Timothy/Elise	2,030.53
Butler, Jillaine	2,844.15	Orr, Diane Heirs	752.74
		Peabody, Swetzoff/Shell Heap Trust	5,591.52
Cerva, Barbara	48.67	Perry, Marilyn E.	1,236.71
Citicorp Vendor Finance Inc	155.65	Peters, Todd	1,917.33
Clark, Scott/Robyn	130.18	Richardson, Eudora	16.97
Colson, Trasi/Robert	936.73		
Deluca, Margaret/Nancy		Romer, Hildreth	254.70
Buckwalter	1,124.93	Scientific Games Inc	57.00
Dodge, Robert/Anne	755.61	Scott, Niki/Valiant, Joseph**	1,572.07
Dodge, Robert/Anne	1,068.33	Scott, Niki/Valiant, Joseph**	482.52
Dodge, Robert/Anne	713.16	Shultz, David	69.34
Driscoll, Joanne	533.46	Smith, Stephen S.	50.94
Dulong, Cheryl M.	880.13	Smith, Stephen S.	444.31
Durkin, Michael/Diane**	5,368.51	Smith, Stephen S.	520.72
Fox, Peter	540.53	Stone, Josef	2,708.31
Frontiervision Partners, L.P.	1,407.97	Storey, Richard/Diana	5,210.03
G.E. Capital Corporation**	2,580.96	Thomas, Timothy	5,358.61
Grey Rock Inn	183.95	Thomas, Timothy	590.06
Haynes, Blaine	3,738.43	Train Properties	199.52
Haynes, Blaine	1,966.85	Urquhart, Andrew	123.11
Haynes, Blaine/Mower Shop	236.31	Walsh, Brian/Daphne**	15.61
Haynes, Terrance/Leslie	26.27	Wheat, Allen/Lynne Trustees	24,179.48
Ikon Financial Services	84.90	Wyatt, Constance Estate of**	1,924.40
Johnson, Mary**	10.00		\$119,991.93
Johnston, John/Lydia	2,554.08		

*partial payment received after books closed
 **full payment received after books closed

DID YOU KNOW...?
Documented boat excise and
boat registrations are due
January 1st of each year.

12/31/2005 SUMMARY OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES

2005 Tax Commitment	\$ 9,953,980.25
Collections	9,829,272.55
Abatements	<u>4,715.77</u>
Uncollected 12/31/2005	\$ 119,991.93
2004 Taxes	\$ 151,415.85
Collections	127,227.58
Liens Placed	<u>23,859.81</u>
Uncollected 12/31/2005	\$ 328.46
2004 Taxes Receivable:	
Grey Rock Inn	\$ 178.10
Haynes Mower Shop	145.91
Train Properties	<u>4.45</u>
	\$ 328.46
2004 Tax Liens	\$ 23,859.81
Collections	<u>10,009.11</u>
Uncollected 12/31/2005	\$ 13,850.70
2004 Tax Liens Outstanding:	
Abbott, Lola D Et. Als.	\$ 804.19
Biddle, Gardiner/Margaret	1,439.87
Dickey, Juanita Heirs	906.94
Dodge, Robert/Anne	731.58
Dodge, Robert/Anne	1,034.35
Dodge, Robert/Anne	690.48
Driscoll, Joanne	563.07
Jordan, James/Kristen	2,883.85
Perry, Marilyn	1,263.14
Seavey, James Trustee	791.86
Stone, Josef	2,622.18
Urquhart, Andrew	<u>119.19</u>
	\$ 13,850.70
2003 Taxes Receivable	\$ 61.97
Collections	<u>61.97</u>
	0.00
2003 Tax Liens	\$ 25,400.67
Collections	<u>24,201.46</u>
Uncollected 12/31/2005	\$ 1,199.21 *
2003 Tax Liens	
Marilyn Perry	\$ 1,093.50 *
Andrew Urquhart	<u>105.71 *</u>
	\$ 1,199.21
2002 Taxes Receivable	\$ 1,117.78
Collections	<u>1,117.78</u>
	0.00

* Liens matured 12/23/2005 - properties now owned by Town.

TRIAL BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 2005

ACCOUNT	Debit	Credit
EXPENDITURE CONTROL	11,051,310.99	
TAXES RECEIVABLE - 2004	328.46	
TAXES RECEIVABLE - 2005	119,991.93	
TAX LIENS - 2003	1,199.21	
TAX LIENS - 2004	13,850.70	
CASH	3,549,223.50	
PETTY CASH	800.00	
CREDIT CARD FEES	4,046.55	
INVESTMENTS	2,869,356.70	
DEBT FUND*	12,053,063.00	
BONDS PAYABLE		12,053,063.00
REVENUE CONTROL		12,171,994.17
ENCUMBERED FUNDS		241,629.00
DUE TO/FROM TRUST FUNDS		(1,550.00)
DUE TO/FROM STATE REV SHARING		6,378.98
SEWER BOND ISSUE		(123,187.00)
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		(26,085.78)
DEFERRED TAX REVENUES		51,122.96
COMP PLAN GRANT		(3,626.64)
SOC SEC WITHHOLDING		0.02
DEPENDENT INSURANCE		19.78
INCOME PROTECTION		(1,208.00)
MEDICARE		(0.02)
AMERICAN FAMILY INS.		249.57
BASIC INSURANCE		22.28
SUPPLEMENTAL INS.		34.77
MME-INSURANCE		(64.86)
AFLAC/pre-tax		(2,445.64)
AFLAC/URM		877.49
SCHOOL BOND ISSUE		249,893.41
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL		1,513,246.43
CAPITAL LAND ACQUISITION		174,886.90
CAP GAINS RESERVE ACCT		737,946.12
DOG WELFARE - CRA		2,636.62
CREDIT RESERVE ACCOUNT		1,316,404.66
ASSESSING/CODE ENFOR CEA		1,003.90
SHELLFISH CONS PROGRAM		6,485.10
SURPLUS		100,000.00
RADIO RESERVE		24,323.83
WATER INFILTRN OF SEWERS - CIA		50,000.00
POLLUTION CNTRL EQUIP - CEA		10,000.00
TOWN OFFICE BLDG - CIA		52,054.50
SUMMIT SEWER		158,770.32
OFFICE EQUIP RESERVE		9,331.05
SEAL HBR DOCK CIA		25,551.00
FIRE EQUIP FUND - CEA		432,523.47
BARTLETT DOCK DECK CIA		17,500.00

NEH LANDING - CIA	124,110.46
SEAL HBR BAIT HOUSE - CIA	2,114.89
REFUSE TRUCK - CEA	73,073.68
PUBLIC WORKS EQUIP FUND - CEA	80,329.45
TOWN ROAD FUND - CIA	61,894.51
S.H.MARINA:ACCESS RD	95,000.00
CLEARING ACCOUNT	(23,422.34)
STATE PLUMB FEES	289.00

Balance \$29,663,171.04 \$29,663,171.04

DEBT FUND

Bond	Principle	Interest	Total
1987 SERIES B BOND	225,000.00	38,400.00	263,400.00
1992 SERIES E BOND	174,852.00	10,447.40	185,299.40
1996 SERIES A SRF	612,497.00	86,324.83	698,821.83
2003 WASTEWATER SRF	1,285,714.29	111,535.80	1,397,250.09
2004 WASTEWATER SRF	4,400,000.00	849,857.80	5,249,857.80
2002 SERIES C BOND	5,355,000.00	2,496,100.30	7,851,100.30
TOTAL	12,053,063.29	3,592,666.13	15,645,729.42

DID YOU KNOW...

It's the law – dogs 6 months and older need to be licensed with the Town Clerk.

TAX ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Three Year Summary of Assessed Values

	2003	2004	2005
Total Land Value	\$325,729,793	\$326,980,572	\$331,876,200
Total Building Value	\$351,838,500	\$362,760,200	\$367,684,900
Personal Property Value	\$ 3,112,400	\$ 3,517,400	\$ 3,900,000
Total Assessed Value	\$680,680,693	\$693,258,172	\$703,461,100

The summary above reflects an increase in the total taxable valuation of \$10,202,928.00 from April 1, 2004 to April 1, 2005. The increase was due to new construction and land subdivisions within the above time period. The increase in total value resulted in a tax rate of \$14.15 per \$1,000 of assessed value, an increase of 3.28% above the 2004 tax rate.

Property is assessed annually as of April 1. Any new construction is assessed to the extent it is completed as of that date. Property ownership is also fixed as of April 1 of the current tax year. The Town cannot change ownership of property that transfers after April 1st. The buyer and seller of real estate should confirm that current, as well as prior year taxes have been paid.

The Town hired Vision Appraisal Technology to conduct the complete revaluation of all real property in 2005 in order to create an equitable tax system based on current market value in accordance with State statutes. Vision is also conducting revaluations in Bar Harbor and Ellsworth during this same time frame. Vision began data collection in September of 2005 and will continue with the valuation process through July of 2006. Upon completion of the revaluation, property owners will be notified of the new assessments and have an opportunity to meet with Vision representatives to discuss questions or concerns arising as a result of the revaluation. Informal hearings will take place in August of 2006 and any corrections necessitated through the hearing process will be made prior to implementation of the new assessments in 2007. Following completion of the revaluation, taxpayers will be able to view assessments on the internet in order to compare assessments with comparable properties. The new assessments will be used to determine property tax amounts in 2007 and anyone who has not been satisfied through the informal hearing process will be able to file a formal abatement request as allowed by statute after the 2007 tax commitment.

The Homestead Exemption is available for Mount Desert residents owning a homestead for a minimum of 12 months prior to April 1 of the year they are filing the request. The Town has also instituted the Rural Wastewater Support Program for those property owners that qualify for the Homestead Exemption and have a subsurface wastewater system. Qualified homeowners should contact the Code Enforcement Officer for qualifications and applications for the Rural Wastewater Support Program.

Also, residents who are veterans who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during any federally recognized war period may be eligible for a Veteran's Exemption. If you are a veteran and have reached the age of 62, or are receiving any form of pension or compensation from the U.S. government for a total or partial disability, you are eligible for partial property tax exemption. The deadline for making application for exemptions is April 1, 2006. Applications are available at the Assessor's office.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Brushwein, CMA

e-mail: assess@mtdesert.org

Phone: (207)276-5731

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The following documents were duly recorded under vital statistics:

	2003	2004	2005
Birth/marriage/death certificates	81	75	74

We wish to remember the following friends and family members whose deaths were recorded in our town for the year 2005: Albert Allan, Barbara Bel Geddes, Pauline Black, Elizabeth Bright, Earl Butler, Steven Carvajal, Stephen Chan, Joan Coulombe, Eleanor Damon, David Durost, Arthur Gibbs, Jr., Dorothy Graves, Shirley Greene, Stephen Grindle, Edward James, Howard Jenkins, Dana Lovejoy, Lena Lunt, Arla MacDonald, Christopher Martin, Pamela Melcher, Joseph Musetti, Girland Robinson, Carl Stehman, Everett Walls, Paul Walton and Mildred Wilkinson.

Licenses issued were as follows:

	2003	2004	2005
Dog Licenses:	276	242	250
Sport Licenses:	305	362	*1551
Clam Licenses	68	48	48

* Because we now process sport licenses and recreational vehicles through the State's MOSES program, this total represents boat/snowmobile/ATV registrations, and all licenses associated with hunting/fishing.

Whenever any person intending to do business as a sole proprietor, or whenever 2 or more persons become associated as partners intending to do business in Mount Desert, they must file a Certificate of Sole Proprietor Adopting Name Other Than His Own or a Certificate of Association For Purpose of Engaging In Mercantile Enterprise respectively in the Town Clerk's office. The information needed on the certificates includes names, place of residence, nature of business and the name of the business. Corporations and incorporated businesses are exempt from this requirement. The Town maintains a book with these business filings dating back to 1915. Some of the names on file are Hillcrest Market, Town & Country Tweeds and The McVety Drug. Along with being a state requirement, it helps preserve our town's history.

In addition to the Annual Town Meeting and two Special Town Meetings, the Town conducted a Hancock County Referendum and a State Referendum Election.

We welcomed Darcel Winslow to our office as the receptionist. Darcel has been helpful in answering phones, directing walk-ins, working closely with the Planning Board and has rather quickly learned how to do vehicle registrations, recreational vehicle registrations and hunting and fishing licenses.

Thanks to Darcel, Sally and Joelle, my deputies and right-hand women who help keep the wheels of this office running.

Kim Parady, CCM
Mount Desert Town Clerk

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector/Plumbing Inspector

In 2005, this office issued a total of 183 Building Permits. This is a decrease of 3 from the 186 Building Permits issued in 2004. A total of 47 permits were in areas regulated by shoreland zoning. There were 110 plumbing permits issued in 2005. Municipal sewer hookup permits issued totaled 11. The office also processed 57 CEO Permits, compared to the 32 in the 2004 year. There were 3 Flood Hazard Development Permits issued.

The Code Enforcement Office collected \$46,517.16 in Building Permit fees, \$11,127.00 in Plumbing/Septic Permit fees & \$11,130.00 in Sewer Connection fees. (At March 2005 Town Meeting the Town voted to raise Permit fees which is reflected in the increased fees collected for 2005)

The CEO inspected 12 seasonal septic tanks and the Town paid \$2,725.00 for the pumping and disposal of the sludge.

The CEO and Deputy CEO inspected 48 year round septic tanks, and the Town paid out \$123,816.00 for the Rural Wastewater Treatment Support Program.

The breakdown of the 2005 building permits is as follows:

single family dwelling units	-----	24
guest houses	-----	00
additions to residences including decks & porches	-----	58
renovations	-----	36
garages	-----	08
sheds, barns, storage, workshops	-----	19
foundations, slabs	-----	07
fences, walls, walkways	-----	17
piers, docks, ramps, floats	-----	02
signs	-----	09
hot tubs, saunas	-----	01
greenhouses	-----	02

The breakdown of the 2005 plumbing permits is as follows:

subsurface wastewater disposal systems	-----	31
internal plumbing	-----	79
municipal sewer hookup	-----	11

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Keene
Code Enforcement Officer
Building Inspector
Local Plumbing Inspector

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

During 2005 we continued our work towards improving the quality of service we provide to the community. We sponsored community based programs aimed towards various segments within the community ranging from aging drivers to young bicycle riders. Our Officers and Dispatchers attended many hours of training, resulting in better call handling, record keeping and ultimately better service to you, the citizens of the town.

For those not familiar with some of the common tasks completed by our staff I offer the following as a summary:

We are staffed, both in law enforcement and dispatch, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Our dispatchers receive and manage emergency calls relating to police, fire and ambulance as well as providing "routine" dispatching services for those agencies as well as the town's public works and school departments. In addition to the services described above our dispatchers commonly issue burning permits as coordinated with the Town's Fire Warden, parking permits during the summer time and answer countless questions on a wide variety of topics. Our dispatch office is staffed with 4 full time dispatchers and 5 part time dispatchers.

When someone dials 911 from a phone in Mount Desert the call is first answered by a designated Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), currently at the Bar Harbor Police Station for this community. The dispatcher at the PSAP determines the type of emergency and then forwards the call to our dispatcher. The callers experience minimal delay and do not lose connection during the transfer. Our dispatchers then notify the appropriate agency and coordinate the various responses. Several of our dispatchers have attended specialized training relating to their work that allows them to better aid those in need of assistance.

We employ 6 full time police officers who are all certified by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. We also employ from 2 to 4 part time officers who provide seasonal coverage and parking enforcement and also fill shifts when our full time officers are at training or are utilizing benefit time. Our officers patrol the community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, responding to citizen complaints, enforcing traffic laws and providing security for the town's residents.

Our officers are encouraged to develop specialties that benefit the department and the community it serves. Currently we employ a certified AARP defensive driving instructor, a trained animal control officer, an officer who can inspect seat belts and child safety seats along with their installation, multiple certified criminal justice academy instructors, a field training officer, a drug recognition expert (relating to impaired driving) and have officers trained in several other specific areas too multiple to list here.

During 2005 the police department responded to approximately 1714 calls for service. Of the incidents that can be assigned to a specific village the distribution is as follows: Northeast Harbor 46%, Somesville 27%, Seal Harbor 14%, Otter Creek 7% and Pretty Marsh 6%.

Below is a summary of the types of complaints we responded to during 2005. I have included the most frequently reported offenses as well as the most serious in nature. The list is not intended to be a comprehensive report of our activity, just a snapshot of the type of work your police department is doing.

<u>INCIDENT TYPE</u>	<u># Reported</u>
Burglar Alarms	259
Animal Complaint	123
Citizen / Motorist Assist	107
Accident (property damage under \$1000)	46
Accident (property damage over \$1000)	55
Accident (with personal injury)	7
Accident (fatality)	1
Lost and Found	87
Subpoena Service	79
Suspicious Activity	61
Traffic Hazard	38
Noise Complaint	34
Theft	33
OUI Arrest	32
Harassment	30
Well Being Check	23
Operating w/o license or under Suspension	23
911 Hang Up Call	20
Gas Drive Off	19
Drug Offenses	13
Criminal Mischief (vandalism)	11
Gunshots	8
Domestic Violence Assault	7
Burglary	7
Death Investigations	2
Robbery	1

Several members of the department organized and/or participated in community related projects and events during 2005. We sponsored AARP defensive driving courses, bicycle safety rodeos, child safety seat inspections, spoke at various schools and community gatherings and supported the Angel Tree at St. Mary's Episcopal Church during the Christmas season.

If you have any questions comments or concerns, please feel free to contact us in person, phone or via e-mail, we look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully submitted,

James Willis, Chief of Police



Officer Chris Smith @ bicycle safety rodeo



Shopping at Wal Mart for the St. Mary's Angel Tree
from left, Officer Mark Keller, Sgt. Kevin Edgecomb
Officer John Wardwell, Officer Leigh Guildford
and Chief James Willis.

check our web site regularly
to see the public calendar for meeting dates, times & agendas

www.mtdesert.org

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT

The year of 2005 was a relatively quiet one for the Board. The only actions required by the Board were two appeals taken in the late fall.

Interestingly enough, both appeals surrounded the same issue. The first was remanded to the Planning Board as the Appeals Board felt that the Planning Board had not supplied adequate information upon which to make a judgment on the appeal. This action brought a discussion between the two boards which should bode well for future co-operation and better understanding between the two boards. The second appeal was basically on the same issue but brought by a different appellant. After a lengthy and thorough discussion, the board voted to reject the appeal.

The Board is most grateful for the assistance of the Code Enforcement Officer, Kim Keene, for her tireless assistance processing the appeals.

Respectfully submitted,
Harry R. Madeira,
Chairman

MOUNT DESERT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

2005 continued to bring growth and changes to your Mount Desert Chamber of Commerce. Our year began with the installation of new vinyl windows eliminating the future need of glazing and painting, and ended with power washing and staining the decks and repainting the trim. Both of these restoration projects were made possible through the generosity of many folks who answered our appeals. The Village Improvement Society through another generous grant funded a dramatic improvement in the harbor vistas seen from the Yachtsman's Building. Other significant improvements include a towering flag pole now situated on our lawn ready to wave the stars and stripes, four desperately needed new picnic tables, and seven new dock carts to assist visitors tote up and down Sea Street. These improvements were also gifts from generous residents and/or business merchants in and around Mount Desert.

Our long anticipated web-site, www.mountdesertchamber.org, was launched in June through the hard work of professionals and volunteers. Also this past summer we requested and were approved to become a local destination for visitors and residents to purchase Acadia National Park passes further upgrading our services.

Although our revenues were only slightly increased over 2004, our visitors increased 7% to over 5000. Membership also increased slightly.

At our annual meeting held in October the following officers were elected: Tom Brown - President, Jenn Gray - Vice President, Lisa Parsons - Treasurer, Julee Swanson - Secretary.

Additionally, a budget of \$40,000 was approved for 2006 and the Town of Mount Desert has been requested to renew the 2005 appropriation commitment of \$5450 which represents only 13.6% of our budget for 2006, the balance of which will be funded by dues, donations and sales.

Respectfully submitted,
Rob DeRevere, Executive Director

HARBOR MASTER'S REPORT

The year 2005 brought many changes to the Northeast Harbor marina. We hired a new deputy harbormaster, Bryan Dow. Bryan is a full time law enforcement officer who spent seven years in the United States Coast Guard. Bryan lives in Ellsworth with his wife and two children. Bryan is a great asset to the Town of Mount Desert.

The marina had several new part time employees this year. We had one individual, Rory Stratton, return to work for us. Rory, as many of you may know, is an extremely hard worker and was an intricate part of the operations at the marina this summer.

We obtained several grants through State and Federal funding programs this year. The marina received an \$11,250.00 grant for a state-of-the-art surveillance system. This was obtained through a Homeland Security Grant that I had applied for through the Maine Emergency Management Agency. The system was installed this past summer. We also received \$12,500.00 in funds for the realignment of moorings in two of our harbors. The realignment of Somes Harbor has been in the works for a couple of years and hopefully will be started in the spring of 2006. Several floats were constructed this spring from the award of \$40,000.00 that was received at the end of 2004 through a Small Harbors grant that I obtained through the State of Maine. These were used to replace several mooring and marina floats that were well past their life expectancy.

Reservations from boaters were down considerably this year. We did not see the number of boats in Northeast Harbor that we usually do until August, with many of the "regulars" canceling their trips north to visit the area. We did however see quite a few larger vessels than in years past.

I have heard from many boaters that the Northeast Harbor Marina is the best place to stay. They say that the accommodations, dock services, and the summer staff are the best that they have seen up and down the coast. It takes a lot of hard work from all of the employees throughout the Town of Mount Desert to get these types of compliments. It really makes me proud to be able to get these types of positive comments, as all of us within the Harbor Department strive to do our best at what we do.

I saw an increase in users of the Seal Harbor and Bartlett Landing docks this year. This is great to see, as these facilities are yours and should be enjoyed by all. These docks are a great place to take youngsters during the summer to try to catch some fish. I really enjoy seeing this and we at the harbormaster's office promote this type of activity. There was also a noticeable drop in complaints at these areas this year. I feel that with more individuals using these facilities, a better eye is kept on them.

In closing, I would like to thank all the employees within the Town of Mount Desert for their hard work and support. Without everyone being able to work together, we would not be where we are. I would also like to thank the residents of the Town of Mount Desert for this great opportunity to work here. As many of you know, the marina is a great place to visit, and I hope to see many of you around the area using the wonderful facilities that you have.

Sincerely,

Shawn Murphy
Harbormaster

PUBLIC WORKS ANNUAL REPORT

Well, the Red Sox are acting like the team of old; the Patriots are struggling and Public Works continues to provide excellent service to the Town. Consistency is a wonderful thing. As such, I want to thank my co-workers in Public Works for a job well done in 2005.

Under the direction of Highway Superintendent Kenny Poors and Chief Operator Jonathan Merchant, we made improvements to our roadways, kept the grounds looking nice and began planning improvements to the town office, collected our solid waste in all kinds of weather and, provided excellent wastewater treatment. Overall, we have a crew of individuals that do not shy from providing the best practical service to the community.

Building & Grounds and Parks & Cemeteries: Incorporating the Buildings & Grounds and Parks & Cemeteries departments into Public Works this year posed new challenges for me as a supervisor. The one-person crew originally was only responsible for maintaining the town office and grounds and the village green inside the circle near the Northeast Harbor marina. Since the position was created, the responsibilities of the job now extend from Bartlett's Landing to Otter Creek and many points in between. We hire a seasonal worker to help in the summer months but we are still required to, among other duties, service Porta-Potties at Bartlett's Landing, Pond's End and Suminsby Park; perform grounds keeping in all of the villages; service the toilets at the museum and at the Seal Harbor marina; clean toilets and showers for the Chamber of Commerce; sweep Main Street in Northeast Harbor; collect recyclables from the Somesville and Seal Harbor post offices; and provide cleaning, repair and maintenance services to the town office.

Highway Crew: The crew responded to the heaviest snowfall in recent memory this year without missing a beat. They successfully kept our roads open and safe and once again had commuters telling me that our roads are the best ones they travel on in the winter months. The crew does like some overtime but about the end of February they have had enough of working all-day and plowing all night and, like most of us, they look forward to warmer weather. Some of the projects completed by the highway crew included: coordinating paving by Lane Construction on Bartlett's Landing Road, Sargeant Drive, Rowland Road, Grover Avenue and Hibbards Hill and constructing storm drainage improvements in Hall Quarry and Tracy Road, the latter being a major project that we had not anticipated. It required the replacement of approximately 700-feet of pipe that had failed. The crew also worked with a local contractor to construct a very nice looking sidewalk adjacent to the Neighborhood House, cleaned out ditches, constructed a

float for the harbor, erected signs, and painted traffic control lines. The crew accepted delivery of a new plow truck at a cost of approximately \$100,000, our first with an automatic transmission. We also coordinated construction of erosion control measures at Pond's End and, working with the water district, sewer reconstruction on Joy Road.

Solid Waste Crew: As we have become accustomed to and likely take for granted, the refuse collection crew again put forth a tremendous effort in all types of weather to make their daily rounds. The crew makes every effort to complete their work in a timely, thorough manner. They are not, however, UPS and cannot be expected to be at your home or place of business at the same time each week. We ask that you have your solid waste curbside by 7:00 A.M. on your collection day. The policy banning cardboard from the solid waste stream implemented this year proved to be successful, providing both direct and indirect cost savings to you, the taxpayer. Our collection crew was instrumental in this success, both collecting the material and educating the public about the policy whenever they were questioned about it. They continued to share the workload on the weekends and also, as is required, worked on the 4th of July and Labor Day. Recycling at Sargeant Drive continues to keep our attendant busy providing assistance to the people and keeping the area neat and clean.

Wastewater Crew: The crew continued to produce effluent that exceeded minimum federal and state requirements of our licenses. The new Otter Creek and Seal Harbor facilities went online in June in conformance with the schedule agreed upon between the town and DEP. The staff successfully completed two DEP inspections, earning 52 satisfactory scores of 54 criteria evaluated in the most recent one in November. The two odd scores were satisfactory/marginal for high flows into the plants and the aged condition of the Somesville plant. The year's heavy rains have confirmed that the second clarifier, construction of which was postponed due to cost reasons in the mid-1990's, is needed in Northeast Harbor. DEP has requested we address both issues in the near future. Thanks to their efforts and the support of the taxpayers, the crew was able to perform more proactive than reactive O&M work than in years past. They serviced equipment, constructed a small building to house pH control chemicals, and rebuilt one aeration rotor in Somesville by taking parts from a second, non-functional one. The parts are becoming hard to obtain. The crew once again participated in the Maine Healthy Beaches Program, a program that monitors water quality criteria in approximately 40 swimming beaches along the coast. Working with people from the Program, we verified that the sampling techniques employed by them and us are essentially the same. Same day-site-collection techniques resulted in almost identical test results.

Training and Development: Members of Public Works participated in various types of training conducted by the MDOT, DEP, JETCC (wastewater) and our own staff. The training addressed confined space entry, snow and ice control, and wastewater O&M. Participating with us in some of the training were members of Bar Harbor Public Works and the Mount Desert Water District.

2006 Work: Work anticipated for 2006 includes reconstruction of the boat ramp at Pond's End for trailers only and construction of a second, narrower ramp for foot-traffic with canoes and kayaks; culvert replacement and paving on Beech Hill Road and Sargeant Drive, reconstruction of the hill portion of Ripples Road; curbing construction; float construction; ditching in Pretty Marsh; storm drain pipe reconstruction; sidewalk construction, both by our crew and, on a larger scale, by an outside contractor on Main Street in Seal Harbor; continued efficient collection of refuse; construction of the Summit Road sewer, storm drain and sidewalk project; replacement of the town-owned pump station at Morris Yachts and; construction of a storage and maintenance building at the Northeast Harbor WWTP. We anticipate that the compliance and

process control testing at the treatment plants will continue to show that we meet or exceed our license requirements. We hope to paint the meeting room at the town office and a portion of the interior of the Somesville fire station. Landscaping improvements are anticipated for Suminsby Park.

In brief, many thanks to the taxpayers for their questions, understanding and constructive criticism related to our methods, procedures and budgets. It is your support that provides the entire municipal staff with the resources to provide you with, in my opinion, some of the best service, and services, in the State. It is expensive to provide these services to you but, by the time you are asked to vote on our budgets at Town Meeting, they have been extensively reviewed and questioned by members of the Board of Selectmen and the Warrant Committee on a number of occasions. The members of these respective groups take the budget process very seriously and work hard to minimize the effect of the tax burden on all of us.

I would also like to thank the many volunteers in town who donate so many hours of their time for the good of the community. They are not always recognized. Since joining the fire department late in 2005, I have a much greater appreciation for the department's abilities, commitment and professionalism. The fire department, like most of our volunteer organizations and committees, can always use new members or alternates so please consider joining one and participating in the town operation, management and governing processes.

Here's to a successful and safe 2006 and remember, as our friend Red Green says, "If the women don't find you handsome, they ought to at least find you handy".

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION POLICY

Town policy allows refuse truck drivers to use discretion when collecting refuse on **PRIVATE** roads and ways **AFTER** November 1ST or the first snowfall. Drivers will collect from the same private roads and ways we typically have collected from during the winter months whenever conditions are suitable and safe. To aid collection, please be sure your private road is plowed and sanded or place your refuse curbside on the nearest public road. All trash must be curbside by 7:00 A.M. on your scheduled collection day.

SPRING CLEAN UP APRIL 17 – 21, 2006

Spring clean up coincides with school vacation and is April 17th through the 21st, 2006. There will be only **ONE** pick-up of your items, so please have them out by 7:00 A.M. on Monday.

TRUCKS WILL NOT RETURN A SECOND TIME. THE VOLUME AND SIZE POLICY STATED HERE MUST BE STRICTLEY ADHERED TO BECAUSE OF COST CONCERNS.

We will collect trash, rubbish, and garbage including asphalt shingles, tarpaper, sheet rock, insulation, plastic bags, and other non-wood materials. Amounts are limited to approximately the size of a pick-up truckload, 8' X 6' X 3.5', approximately six cubic yards.

A second crew will collect tires (maximum of 4) without wheels and metal appliances such as stoves, freezers, refrigerators, washing machines, and dryers. The owners must remove the doors from the refrigerators and freezers before putting them curbside or we cannot accept them. If the doors are not removed, they will not be collected.

Another crew will collect burnable wood waste such as brush and tree limbs (**NO** stumps, please). Lumber and other wooden materials will be collected separately; amounts are limited to approximately the size of a pick-up truckload, 8' X 6' X 3.5', approximately six cubic yards. Wood materials and waste may not be greater than 4 feet long and maximum 6 inches in diameter.

Please keep bagged leaves and grass clippings free of sticks, twigs, and gravel. If accepted, Beech Hill Farm will take them to be composted.

Vehicle motors with bases removed and engine blocks will be collected.

All refuse and other materials must be in suitable containers or tied in bundles of not over 4 feet in length, except tires and large metal appliances. Tied bundles and containers must be able to be handled by one person

Items that **WILL NOT BE** collected include: batteries of any kind; boats; hazardous waste; computer components, including monitors; television sets; motor oil; antifreeze or gasoline.

DID YOU KNOW?

Each residence and business in Town is allowed to haul one ton of solid waste to the transfer station in Southwest Harbor himself or herself for disposal at no direct cost to the owner. This service is available year around and is paid for by the Town.

REFUSE COLLECTION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2006 – 2007

Please save this page for future reference. Changes to the schedule will be posted in the *Bar Harbor Times* and/or the *Mount Desert Islander*. Questions can be asked at the Town Office at 276-5531 or the Garbage Hotline at 276-5733.

Spring Clean Up Week coincides with school vacation and is April 17th through the 21st, 2006. There will be only ONE pick-up of your items, so please have them out by 7:00 A.M. on Monday. The following schedule will be followed: Monday – start in Northeast Harbor; Tuesday - starting at the intersection of Routes 3 & 198 and working towards Seal Harbor; Wednesday - starting in Otter Creek and working towards Seal Harbor; Thursday - starting on Route 198 and working towards and into Somesville; Friday – the general area including Hall Quarry, Pretty Marsh and Beech Hill. This schedule is subject to change based on weather and the volume of material collected.

Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, 2006. NO collection. Monday collection will be on Tuesday.

Independence Day, Tuesday, July 4, 2006. There WILL BE collection.

Labor Day, Monday, September 4, 2006. There WILL BE collection.

Columbus Day, Monday, October 9, 2006. NO collection. Monday collection will be on Tuesday.

Veteran's Day, Friday, November 10, 2006. NO collection. Friday collection will be on Thursday.

Thanksgiving Week. Thursday and Friday, November 23rd and 24th, 2006. Monday & Tuesday will be on Monday; Wednesday & Thursday will be on Tuesday and Friday will be on Wednesday. NO collection on Thursday or Friday.

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25, 2006. NO collection. Monday collection will be on Tuesday.

New Year's Day, Monday, January 1, 2007. NO collection. Monday collection will be on Tuesday.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday, January 15, 2007. NO collection. Monday collection will be on Tuesday.

Presidents Day, Monday, February 19, 2007. NO collection. Monday collection will be on Tuesday.

SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING COMMITTEE REPORT

Local: The Solid Waste and Recycling Committee has been busy of late. We could use additional members and are actively seeking them. Those members that have been working on your behalf are dedicated and energetic and are prepared to address local, state and federal issues as they arise. We intend to be proactive, working towards more efficient local collection and disposal methods keeping environmental and fiscal responsibilities in mind. I look forward to continuing to work with our volunteers.

Some of the ideas the committee has reviewed to reduce our costs and to enhance our solid waste collection and disposal strategies include: supporting the policy banning cardboard from the waste stream; consideration of a policy banning newspapers and magazines from the waste stream; preliminary discussion of eliminating the second collection day in the summer months; discussing the purchase of a trailer for recycling that can be moved from village to village on a regular schedule; and curbside collection of recyclables. All but the ban on cardboard is still in the discussion stage at this time.

State and Local: Maine municipalities report their solid waste management and recycling program data annually to the State Planning Office (SPO). They provide details on the tonnage of solid wastes generated and a description of the solid waste management practices utilized. As stated in the 2004 SPO report, the most current, residents of Mount Desert produce approximately 2,460 pounds of trash per person at an approximate cost of \$160.13 per person. Of this amount, approximately 577 pounds per person is recycled.

Regional: The Acadia Disposal District (ADD) is an autonomous quasi-municipal corporation charged with identifying and implementing environmentally cost-effective means of solid waste disposal. The ADD has an adopted set of by-laws and each member community has signed an interlocal agreement. Member communities to date include the Towns of Cranberry Isles, Mount Desert, Tremont, Trenton and, Southwest Harbor.

ADD acts as an umbrella for the member towns in the effort to control costs associated with trash disposal and to contain the costs, said costs being in excess of \$2,000,000 on Mount Desert Island. Each member town appoints one director, with one vote, to the governing board of directors who will have the opportunity to become better educated on the options for disposal. Annual operating costs associated with the district are not based on valuation. They are based on the previous year's municipal solid waste (MSW) tonnage produced by individual towns on a percentage basis compared to the aggregate MSW of all members.

Activities undertaken by the ADD in 2005 include:

- Began evaluation of two prospective sites located in Trenton for an ADD owned and operated solid waste transfer station and recycling facility. The State Planning Office and DEP are both aware of our interest in our own facility.
- Implemented a successful policy banning corrugated cardboard from the solid waste stream to address environmental and costs concerns.

- Worked with local town employees to maintain a uniform computerized database of solid waste characteristics, including volume and costs.
- Eliminated from consideration the purchase of the EMR, Inc. facility located in Southwest Harbor.
- Continued review of providing curbside collection of household trash to member towns and hauling it directly to PERC, the waste-to-energy plant in Orrington.

In these times of tight budgets and high costs of services, ways in which to save money must be investigated. Members of the ADD have this thought foremost in their mind. The ban on corrugated cardboard is one step in that direction; we will continue identifying and evaluating others. Thank you for your participation and cooperation.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & UNIVERSAL WASTE

The Acadia Disposal District (ADD) will again be sponsoring a household hazardous waste (HHW) and universal waste (UW) collection day tentatively scheduled for early in October of 2006. The 2005 collection held at MDIHS was very successful. The individual materials being dropped off did not appear significant; the aggregate of the materials was extremely impressive.

By law, materials classified as HHW or UW cannot be disposed with regular trash and must be handled in a specific way. This will be the fourth year for this type of event, the prior three having been sponsored by the MDI League of Towns and the Acadia Disposal District with great assistance from representatives of the Hancock County Planning Commission.

Materials classified as HHW include: oil based paint, turpentine/varnish, brake fluid, paint remover/thinners/ pool and photo chemicals, used antifreeze, transmission fluid, adhesives/solvents, oven and drain cleanser, fungicides/herbicides/pesticides, battery acid and muriatic acid, waste oil/gasoline and linseed oil.

Materials classified as UW include: rechargeable batteries, mercury switches and devices such as fever and cooking thermometers, thermostats, weather barometers and blood pressure cuffs. Mercury switches can be found in sump pumps, old chest freezers and some gas appliances – we will only accept the switches. Other materials include fluorescent, neon, mercury vapor, metal halide, and high-pressure sodium lamps. PCB ballasts found in old fluorescent lights are also UW.

As of January 1, 2006 and in conformance with DEP policy, we will no longer collect television sets or computer monitors in the household trash or during the April clean-up week. If a TV or computer monitor is set out curbside, it will not be picked up.

The general public, including businesses, are to keep the TV's and computer monitors in their possession and recycle them during the 2006 collection day in October. The annual collection day satisfies the Town's legal obligation to provide an outlet for such waste. If an individual identifies other legal means of disposing of these items, they are free to utilize them at their own expense.

If you have these materials or generate them throughout the year, please separate them from your other waste and store them at your home or place or business until the collection day. We do not have the appropriate facilities to handle the materials ourselves. The specifics of the collection day - date, time and location - will be announced later this year.

This collection day is sponsored in part by our Town with our tax dollars. If you have any questions, please contact Public Works Director Tony Smith at 276-5743 or director@mtdesert.org. Thank you for your participation and cooperation.

Policy Banning Corrugated Cardboard from the Solid Waste Stream

The 2005 policy enacted by the Acadia Disposal District (ADD) banning old corrugated cardboard (OCC) from the solid waste stream has been a success. Our town has saved 1,000's of dollars in actual and avoided costs; the ADD as a whole has saved many times that. Congratulations and thank you to all of you who participated and helped make the policy work. Our local solid waste and recycling committee and the ADD will be evaluating a ban of newspapers and magazines during 2006. The following information should assist us as we continue to move forward with the policy.

1. Our town is a member of the ADD together with Cranberry Isles, Tremont, Trenton and Southwest Harbor. The purpose of the ADD "is to provide for the cost-effective, environmentally friendly, efficient and lawful management, disposal and recycling of waste materials".
2. **WHAT IS OCC?** It is typically cardboard boxes, colored or otherwise, that do not have a yellowish color to them. This color is a sign that the material has been recycled once is no longer acceptable for processing. Cereal and pizza boxes are not OCC.
3. If someone puts trash out in a cardboard box, the garbage collection crew has been instructed to dump the trash in the garbage truck and put the cardboard box back on the ground if it is clean. Otherwise it will go in the truck as trash.
4. Ideally, we would like clean, dry OCC. Clean means e.g. no grease, oil, or food waste on it. It can have labels and tape. A limited amount of contamination is allowed.
5. OCC that is damp is acceptable. If it has been out in the rain but will still hold its shape when picked up, it is acceptable; saturated OCC is not.
6. Dumpsters are not required but recommended for businesses.
7. Please flatten cardboard boxes. This will increase our efficiency and allow you to put more in your dumpsters.
8. **WHAT TO DO WITH IT – BUSINESS:** The Town will collect OCC from businesses on Mondays and Wednesdays. This schedule is subject to change based on demand and our resources. It is the responsibility of the business owner to keep the OCC in an acceptable condition. We will continue to rely on the garbage collection crew to help us make this effort successful. To wet or not to wet, contaminated or clean, will be a judgment call made by them.

The dryer the better – if it weighs less it will cost us less to drop it off at the EMR transfer station in Southwest Harbor or the recycling center in Bangor.

9. **WHAT TO DO WITH IT – RESIDENTIAL:** We presently have dumpsters labeled “Cardboard Only” at the north end of the Somesville fire station, in the Seal Harbor parking lot and adjacent to the marina dumpsters in Northeast Harbor. Early in 2005 we had trouble with people leaving regular garbage beside or piled on top of these dumpsters. Of late, this has not been a significant problem. People can continue to use the Sargeant Drive recycling facility. We will **not** be conducting residential curbside collection for OCC.

10. **WHAT TO DO WITH IT - GENERAL:** OCC can be taken directly to EMR by you and include it in the one ton of material the Town pays for on your behalf.

11. The Town will **not** be providing dumpsters to local businesses or individuals for OCC or any other type of solid waste. The solid waste committee unanimously agreed upon this. Some businesses in Bar Harbor share OCC dumpsters.

12. As with household garbage, businesses and individuals are free to contract with private haulers **at their cost** for OCC collection. The Town **will not** be paying for any private haulers.

13. We presently market OCC from our recycling center located on Sargeant Drive through Bangor Recycling and the Maine Resource Recovery Association in Bangor. We earn a minimal return for our efforts but, currently, our costs to recycle all of our materials, including OCC, are greater than our revenue. However, as we continue with our efforts, we may see a shift in the other direction.

14. **\$\$\$DOLLAR\$\$\$**: We presently pay EMR \$51.72 per ton to take our OCC. This is in conformance with our current contract with them that is in effect until June 30, 2007. We will be revisiting this fee structure with representatives of EMR this year.

15. **\$\$\$DOLLAR\$\$\$**: The OCC policy will allow us to realize “avoided costs”. If we take OCC to EMR as trash, we pay them \$32.94 per ton. EMR then takes the material to PERC at \$45.00 per ton for a total of \$77.94 per ton. If it goes to EMR as a recyclable for \$51.72 per ton, we have saved, or avoided the cost of, \$26.22 per ton. As stated in Number 13 above, we intend to address the OCC costs with EMR e.g. to negotiate a lower fee or a cost-sharing scenario.

If you have any questions, please contact Public Works Director Tony Smith at 276-5743 or director@mtdesert.org.

Thank you for your contributions to the success of the policy.

Thank you all for your patience and assistance as we implement the policy.

SUMMER REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

WINTER REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE (beginning Labor Day thru mid June)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<u>NORTHEAST HBR</u> COMMERCIAL <i>Birch Way</i> Church Rd <i>Covington Ln</i> <i>Golf Club Rd</i> <i>xx Indian Head Ln</i> Joy Rd <i>xx Kimball Lane</i> <i>Kinfolk Lane</i> Lookout Way <i>xx Lyman Lane</i> Manchester Rd <i>Memory Lane</i> Millbrook Rd <i>xx Norumbega Ledge</i> Nursery Lane Pine Rd <i>Raspberry Ln</i> Sargeant Dr <i>xx Sargeant Point Rd</i> <i>Schoolhouse Ledge</i> Sea St Sinclair Rd Spruce Rd Stanley Lane Summit Rd Sylvan Rd <i>xx Taylor Way</i> Tennis Club Rd <i>xx Wallace Way</i> <i>xx Westerlee Way</i>	<u>NORTHEAST HBR</u> <i>*Barnacles Way</i> <i>*Clifton Dock Rd</i> <i>Corning Way</i> Cove End Rd <i>*Dead End Rd</i> <i>Delights Rd</i> <i>Farm Lane</i> <i>Forest Lane</i> <i>Fox Lane</i> Gilpatrick Lane Graves Lane <i>Harbor Drive</i> <i>xx Harbor Watch Lane</i> Harborside Rd <i>xx Huntington Lane</i> <i>Huntington Place</i> Huntington Rd Kimball Rd <i>Lilac Lane</i> Main St Maple Lane Neighborhood Rd <i>*Odyssey Way</i> Old Firehouse Lane Rock End Rd <i>xx Rock End Way</i> <i>Smallidge Point Rd</i> <i>xx Smith Place</i> South Shore Rd <i>*Southwind Lane</i> Tracy Rd <i>*Treehouse Way</i> <i>*Wedgerock Lane</i>	<u>NORTHEAST HBR</u> COMMERCIAL Rte 3 (Peabody Dr) Asticou <i>Asticou Hill Trail</i> <i>Asticou Way</i> <i>Highlands Lane</i> Peabody Drive (Rte 3) <i>Rye Field Lane</i> <i>Thuya Drive</i> <i>Wheelwright Way</i>	<u>NORTHEAST HBR</u> <i>Ables Lane</i> Butler Rd <i>Fitz Hugh Ln</i> <i>*Fjordstugan Way</i> <i>xx Gatehouse Rd</i> <i>xx Giant Slide Rd</i> <i>xx Hadlock Pond Rd</i> <i>Oak Grove Rd</i> Rte 198 (Sound Dr) <i>S & H Lane</i> Sound Dr (Rte 198) <i>xx Spring Lane</i> <i>xx SW Valley Rd</i> <i>xx Squantum Pt Rd</i> <i>Stanley Mountain Rd</i> <i>Thomas Way</i> <i>*Whales Back Lane</i>	<u>NORTHEAST HBR</u> COMMERCIAL <u>SOMESVILLE</u> <i>xx Acadia Pines Ln</i> <i>xx Alder Lane</i> <i>xx Allegiance Ln</i> Bartletts Landing Rd Beech Hill Cross Rd Beech Hill Rd <i>Bentley Lane</i> <i>*Blanchard Rd</i> <i>xx Brendun Lane</i> <i>Cedar Lane</i> <i>*Chambers Lane</i> <i>Chauncy Somes Ln</i> <i>xx Cider Ridge Rd</i> <i>xx Cliffs Way</i> <i>Cobbles End</i> <i>xx Crane Rd</i> <i>Crooked Lane</i> <i>Cyrus Rd</i> <i>xx Eagle Ridge Ln</i> <i>xx Eastern Way</i> <i>*Easy St</i> <i>*Echo Pines Rd</i> <i>xx Glendon Way</i> <i>Golden Road</i> Grants Hill Rd Gray Farm Rd *Great Neck Rd Hall Quarry Rd <i>xx Harmony Way</i> <i>Hidden Path Way</i> <i>xx Huckleberry Lane</i> <i>Hummingbird Lane</i> Indian Point Rd <i>xx Kennebec Lane</i> <i>*Kimball Camp Rd</i>
	<u>SOMESVILLE</u> COMMERCIAL Rte 102/Main St BETWEEN the traffic lights plus side streets: <i>Balsam Lane</i> Brookside Rd <i>Buttonwood Lane</i> Hibbards Hill <i>xx Long Lane</i> <i>xx Loon Lane</i> <i>Pantops Lane</i>	<u>SEAL HARBOR</u> COMMERCIAL <i>xx Allens Way</i> <i>Barr Hill Way</i> <i>Bracy Cove Lane</i> Champlain Drive Day St Dodge Point Rd <i>Hills Rd</i> Lower Dunbar <i>McAlpine Farm Rd</i> Peabody Drive <i>Rock Garden Dr</i> <i>Seaside Lane</i> Upper Dunbar Wildwood Rd	<u>SEAL HARBOR</u> <i>Centennial Lane</i> <i>xx Clement Way</i> <i>xx Cliffhanger Lane</i> Cooksey Drive Jordan Pond Rd Main St McKenzies Hill Rd New County Rd <i>xx Ocean View Lane</i> Rowland Rd Steamboat Wharf Rd Upland Rd <i>Wetlands Way</i> <i>Whoville Way</i> Wildwood Rd	Lupine Ln <i>*Macomber Pines Rd</i> <i>*Marilyns Way</i> <i>xx Merchant Way</i> <i>xx Mill Cove Rd</i> <i>Mitchell Rd</i> <i>*Musetti Drive</i> <i>My Way</i> <i>xx Narrows Rd</i> <i>xx Ninfi Lane</i> <i>Northern Neck Rd</i> <i>Northwood Lane</i> Oak Hill Rd <i>*Oak Ridge Rd</i> <i>Ober Mill Rd</i> <i>xx One Lane Rd</i> <i>xx Orchard Pass</i> <i>xx Partridge Way</i> <i>Pepper Point Rd</i> <i>Pine Cove Lane</i> <i>xx Pine Ledge Lane</i> <i>xx Pirates Cove Lane</i> <i>Pond Side Lane</i> <i>xx Pondfield Lane</i> <i>Poplar Lane</i> <i>xx Prays Meadow Rd</i> Pretty Marsh Rd <i>xx Pretty Pond Lane</i> <i>xx Quarrys Edge Rd</i> <i>xx Richardson Farm Rd</i> <i>Ridgewood Ln</i> Ripples Rd <i>xx Robinson Lane</i> <i>xx Sand Point Rd</i> <i>Shipwright Lane</i> <i>Sleepy Hollow Lane</i> <i>*Somes Ridge Rd</i> <i>Soundview *Campground</i> <i>Sundew Lane</i> <i>Sylvinas Lane</i> <i>xx Tamarack Lane</i> <i>xx Tern II Lane</i> <i>Vacation Lane</i> <i>*Vista Way</i> <i>Weymouth Way</i> <i>xx W I Pojereno Rd</i> Whitney Farm Rd <i>xx Windham Lane</i> <i>*Woods Rd</i>
		<u>OTTER CREEK</u> ENTIRE VILLAGE <i>xx Boulder Brook Ln</i> <i>xx Cemetery Lane</i> <i>Davis Lane</i> Grover Avenue <i>Kings Park Way</i> <i>Music Hill Lane</i> Otter Creek Drive Richardson Avenue Walls Street	<u>SOMESVILLE</u> Rte 102/Main St FROM traffic light to Bar Harbor line and from blinking light to Southwest Hbr line which includes the following: <i>xx Broad Cove</i> <i>Conifer Cove Lane</i> <i>Denning Brook Rd</i> <i>Echo Lake Rd</i> <i>Lakeside Rd</i> <i>Little Echo Lane</i> <i>xx Mason Point Rd</i> <i>xx Mountain View Dr</i> <i>xx North End Lane</i> <i>Osprey Lane</i> Parker Farm Rd <i>Rocky Rd</i> <i>xx Timber Ridge Rd</i> <i>Two Pines Rd</i> <i>Village Park Rd</i> <i>West Ledge Ln</i>	

bold italics = Private Roads

* = Roads traveled at the discretion of driver after first snowfall or November 1

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WINTER REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

WINTER REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE (beginning Labor Day thru mid June)

MONDAY

NORTHEAST HBR

COMMERCIAL
Birch Way
Church Rd
Covington Ln
Golf Club Rd
xx Indian Head Ln
Joy Rd
xx Kimball Lane
Kinfolk Lane
Lookout Way
xx Lyman Lane
Manchester Rd
Memory Lane
Millbrook Rd
xx Norumbega Ledge
Nursery Lane
Pine Rd
Raspberry Ln
Sargeant Dr
xx Sargeant Point Rd
Schoolhouse Ledge
Sea St
Sinclair Rd
Spruce Rd
Stanley Lane
Summit Rd
Sylvan Rd
xx Taylor Way
Tennis Club Rd
xx Wallace Way
xx Westerlee Way

TUESDAY

NORTHEAST HBR

***Barnacles Way**
***Clifton Dock Rd**
Corning Way
Cove End Rd
***Dead End Rd**
Delights Rd
Farm Lane
Forest Lane
Fox Lane
Gilpatrick Lane
Graves Lane
Harbor Drive
xx Harbor Watch Lane
Harborside Rd
xx Huntington Lane
Huntington Place
Huntington Rd
Kimball Rd
Lilac Lane
Main St
Maple Lane
Neighborhood Rd
***Odyssey Way**
Old Firehouse Lane
Rock End Rd
xx Rock End Way
Smallidge Point Rd
xx Smith Place
South Shore Rd
***Southwind Lane**
Tracy Rd
***Treehouse Way**
***Wedgerock Lane**

SOMESVILLE

COMMERCIAL
Rte 102/Main St
BETWEEN
the traffic lights plus
side streets:
Balsam Lane
Brookside Rd
Buttonwood Lane
Hibbards Hill
xx Long Lane
xx Loon Lane
Pantops Lane

WEDNESDAY

NORTHEAST HBR

COMMERCIAL
Rte 3 (Peabody Dr)
Asticou
Asticou Hill Trail
Asticou Way
Highlands Lane
Peabody Drive (Rte 3)
Rye Field Lane
Thuya Drive
Wheelwright Way

SEAL HARBOR

COMMERCIAL
xx Allens Way
Barr Hill Way
Bracy Cove Lane
Champlain Drive
Day St
Dodge Point Rd
Hills Rd
Lower Dunbar
McAlpine Farm Rd
Peabody Drive
Rock Garden Dr
Seaside Lane
Upper Dunbar
Wildwood Rd

OTTER CREEK

ENTIRE VILLAGE
xx Boulder Brook Ln
xx Cemetery Lane
Davis Lane
Grover Avenue
Kings Park Way
Music Hill Lane
Otter Creek Drive
Richardson Avenue
Walls Street

THURSDAY

NORTHEAST HBR

Ables Lane
Butler Rd
Fitz Hugh Ln
***Fjordstugan Way**
xx Gatehouse Rd
xx Giant Slide Rd
xx Hadlock Pond Rd
Oak Grove Rd
Rte 198 (Sound Dr)
S & H Lane
Sound Dr (Rte 198)
xx Spring Lane
xx SW Valley Rd
xx Squantum Pt Rd
Stanley Mountain Rd
Thomas Way
***Whales Back Lane**

SEAL HARBOR

Centennial Lane
xx Clement Way
xx Cliffhanger Lane
Cooksey Drive
Jordan Pond Rd
Main St
McKenzie Hill Rd
New County Rd
xx Ocean View Lane
Rowland Rd
Steamboat Wharf Rd
Upland Rd
Wetlands Way
Whoville Way
Wildwood Rd

SOMESVILLE

Rte 102/Main St
FROM traffic light to
Bar Harbor line and
from blinking light to
Southwest Hbr line
which includes the following:
xx Broad Cove
Conifer Cove Lane
Denning Brook Rd
Echo Lake Rd
Lakeside Rd
Little Echo Lane
xx Mason Point Rd
xx Mountain View Dr
xx North End Lane
Osprey Lane
Parker Farm Rd
Rocky Rd
xx Timber Ridge Rd
Two Pines Rd
Village Park Rd
West Ledge Ln

FRIDAY

NORTHEAST HBR

COMMERCIAL
SOMESVILLE
xx Acadia Pines Ln
xx Alder Lane
xx Allegiance Ln
Bartletts Landing Rd
Beech Hill Cross Rd
Beech Hill Rd
Bentley Lane
***Blanchard Rd**
xx Brendun Lane
Cedar Lane
***Chambers Lane**
Chauncy Somes Ln
xx Cider Ridge Rd
xx Cliffs Way
Cobbles End
xx Crane Rd
Crooked Lane
Cyrus Rd
xx Eagle Ridge Ln
xx Eastern Way
***Easy St**
***Echo Pines Rd**
xx Glendon Way
Golden Road
Grants Hill Rd
Gray Farm Rd
*Great Neck Rd
Hall Quarry Rd
xx Harmony Way
Hidden Path Way
xx Huckleberry Lane
Hummingbird Lane
Indian Point Rd
xx Kennebec Lane
***Kimball Camp Rd**

Lupine Ln
***Macomber Pines Rd**
***Marilyns Way**
xx Merchant Way
xx Mill Cove Rd
Mitchell Rd
***Musetti Drive**
My Way
xx Narrows Rd
xx Ninfi Lane
Northern Neck Rd
Northwood Lane
Oak Hill Rd
***Oak Ridge Rd**
Obber Mill Rd
xx One Lane Rd
xx Orchard Pass
xx Partridge Way
Pepper Point Rd
Pine Cove Lane
xx Pine Ledge Lane
xx Pirates Cove Lane
Pond Side Lane
xx Pondfield Lane
Poplar Lane
xx Prays Meadow Rd
Pretty Marsh Rd
xx Pretty Pond Lane
xx Quarrys Edge Rd
xx Richardson Farm Rd
Ridgewood Ln
Ripples Rd
xx Robinson Lane
xx Sand Point Rd
Shipwright Lane
Sleepy Hollow Lane
***Somes Ridge Rd**
Soundview *Campground
Sundew Lane
Sylvinas Lane
xx Tamarack Lane
xx Tern II Lane
Vacation Lane
***Vista Way**
Weymouth Way
xx W I Pojereno Rd
Whitney Farm Rd
xx Windham Lane
***Woods Rd**

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MOUNT DESERT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT

It has been my privilege and pleasure to serve as this year's chair of the Mount Desert School Board. Also serving on your board this year have been Mia Thompson Brown, Laura Hendricks, John March, and Laurel Robbins.

We consider the town extremely fortunate to have the services of the talented and dedicated administrators, teachers and staff who serve our children at the elementary school and at the high school. Not only are they outstanding individually, but they share the workload as a team that brings out the best in everyone.

We are slowly but surely finishing up the final tasks associated with the renovation and construction work at the elementary school. The building is wonderful and serves our school very well, but there are always unforeseen problems in any large project, and the path to completion in this case has been long and not always straight. Our administrators are vigilant about tracking down every last detail and putting it right. These include adjustments to some of the very complicated systems such as the air handling apparatus now required in all such buildings.

In recent years Mount Desert, like other towns on MDI (and many others statewide), has experienced declining student enrollment. In response, the board has charged the administration with considering the best ways to respond, including reducing the size of our teaching staff at the elementary school when a reduction is indicated. We are currently almost down to only one teacher per grade, a big change from just a half dozen years ago.

However, at the same time we find ourselves coping with new and more complicated requirements handed down by the state and federal governments. In recent years these have included, but are not limited to, a substantial increase in the number and complexity of individualized assessments of student performance. Long gone are the days of simple "A, B, C, D" grading. Also we are responding to requirements for foreign language instruction (called "world language" today), and an increased array of specialized services for students who need help keeping up as well as those who need to be challenged beyond the standard curriculum. Now we are beginning to offer services to English language learners---i.e., students whose first language is not English.

We take these challenges seriously, and as members of island-wide boards, including the MDI High School board and the Union 98 board, we are continually seeking ways to deliver services more efficiently. For example, many services such as special education and curriculum development are now supervised by staff in the Superintendent's office. Inevitably this adds to the Superintendent's budget, but the cost (and inefficiency) would be far greater if each school on the island had to hire people with those highly-specialized skills to do that vital work.

In the same vein, and in collaboration with our colleagues in other Union 98 towns, we are committed to considering within the next year whether an alternative management structure, such as a School Administrative District (SAD), might allow us to do more with less (or at least slow the rate of increase in local education spending).

We are aware that some taxpayers are concerned about the level of payments we make to the high school relative to other towns when considered on a per-pupil basis. The issue of the high school funding formula is too complex to address in this report, and can be meaningfully addressed only through a cooperative process with other stakeholders in the high school community. To that end, at the high school level, we are about to begin work on an island-wide committee to discuss this and related issues. One other possible venue for that discussion would be the negotiations between towns that would precede any decision to change to an SAD

system. We will keep you advised as this process moves forward. Rest assured that a decision to adopt an SAD structure would require approval by the voters of each town, including ours.

As another step in our quest for efficiency, we have been working with other boards to negotiate as a group with all teacher associations on the island for one “common” employment contract, rather than continue to negotiate and administer five different contracts. That has been challenging and time-consuming work, but we believe ultimately it will result in a better and more professional contract on both sides. If we do succeed, it will be because we are very fortunate that teachers and board members across this island are focused first and foremost on the quality of the educational services we deliver, and do not take “them vs. us” stands in this arena. As this is written, we are close to completing the negotiations and hope to have our work on the common contract concluded before town meeting.

In conclusion, serving on the elementary and high school committees is hard but rewarding work. We appreciate the trust you have placed in our hands and the support you provide to our students. Please contact any one of us if you ever have any questions or concerns.

Gail Marshall, Chair
Mount Desert School Board

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE REPORT

The Comprehensive Plan/Ordinance Review Committee has focused its efforts this year on updating the comprehensive plan.

A comprehensive plan, also known as a “master plan” or “general plan,” is a tool to guide the constant change and evolution that every community faces. By outlining a vision for the community and strategies for achieving that vision, a comprehensive plan acts as a foundation for any policies and actions a community wants to implement in the future. By law, any regulations set forth in the Land Use Ordinance must reflect the policies outlined in the comprehensive plan.

Like many Maine towns, Mount Desert developed a comprehensive plan in 1990, in response to the State’s requirements set forth in the Comprehensive Planning and Land Use Regulation Act. As defined in the statute, comprehensive plans generally need to be reviewed every 5 years and thoroughly updated every 10 years, as after a decade the plans become outdated. In 2003, the Town realized that the existing comprehensive plan was in fact out of date, and that it lacks the specific policies that are needed to guide the town into the future.

With the help of Planning Decisions, Inc., a planning consultant from Portland, the ORC/CPC has completed the data gathering stage of the process, including a draft of the inventory and analysis section of the comprehensive plan, along with a set of maps representing this inventory of current resources and conditions. To wrap up this data gathering stage, the committee held a well-attended public meeting in May focusing on land-use, to build on some of the public opinion gathered previously from a town-wide survey.

Now that the ORC/CPC has determined current conditions in Mount Desert and completed an analysis of the issues the town faces, the committee has begun working on the next part of the plan. A series of goals for the town have been drafted, reflecting the different issues the town is facing and the concerns of the residents gathered from the survey and public meeting. The committee is currently in the process of working on the specific strategies and policies that will facilitate achieving these goals. The committee plans on holding public neighborhood meetings before summer 2006 to gather feedback on these draft policies and how they might impact different areas of the town.

Additionally, a web site was created this year to provide information on the comprehensive plan update on which can be found background information on and the overall goal for the plan; the public opinion gathered from the 2003 survey and the public meeting held in 2005; maps showing current resources and conditions in Mount Desert; goals for each topic area of the plan; and the drafts of some of the policies that the committee has worked on so far, which will continue to be added to as more topic areas are addressed. To view this information or offer your own comments on the drafts, visit http://www.mtdesert.org/Public_Documents/MtDesertME_WebDocs/compplan_update/compplan_home.

While the focus has been on the comprehensive plan, the ORC/CPC continues to review the LUZO and Subdivision Ordinances with guidance from the Planning Board, including clarifying definitions and bringing the Shoreland Zone up to state standards, to be voted on at this year's Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Hope E. Rowan, Planning Assistant

GREAT HARBOR MARITIME MUSEUM

The Great Harbor Maritime Museum celebrated 2005 with the launching of our most popular exhibition to date: "Boat Models: Then and Now." This exciting exhibition explored the work of some of the finest craftsmen in Maine, many who live right here in our town. It created a positive buzz in our community.

The museum also made a splash by hosting its first model boat regatta, in August, on Little Long Pond. The field of 20 working model boats included schooners, Lasers, sloops, a sardine carrier, a Chris-Craft and steamboats. Four Lasers from the Southwest Harbor Boat Club raced and gave rides to spectators who showed interest in sailing them. This event "Outside Our Walls" turned out to be a great history, art and science lesson, but most importantly it was a great family event for both planned participants and spontaneous spectators.

One of our foremost goals this year was to build on our vital relationship with the community, and particularly with island youth. This past summer, we strengthened our relationship with the Neighborhood House by hosting weekly activities for their Explorer Campers, as well as a week-long collaboration that resulted in the creation of five colorful painted sails for the 2005 LandEscapes program, "Gone Fishing," installed at Beech Hill Farm.

The Museum also sponsored the eighth year of "Learn to Look/Look to Learn," a program that ferries children to the outer islands to explore, to create and to have fun. In 2005, the program brought 50 Neighborhood House campers out to Sutton Island, where Artist-in-Residence Carol Shutt helped them build "gnome houses" on a "magical path in the woods."

This fall, Sara Murray, our Education Director, took the Museum to elementary school, working with fourth graders to make model boats from recycled materials. In addition, Art Paine, a Museum board member, boat designer, artist, sailor and writer, began teaching a class to the eighth grade class on how to design and build their own fiberglass model boats. The boats are coming along quickly, and will be raced in the Island's first "Tea Cup Competition" in the spring of 2006. These programs inspire and challenge students to learn about the boat building industry that plays such vital role in the economy of Mount Desert Island.

Next summer, we plan to install a new exhibit of boat models (we would love to have yours!) and a retrospective of R. Lindsay Smallidge's work. Lindsay was a fixture in town for many years, as a businessman (Mount Desert Cleaners), a boat builder, a model boat builder (Mount Desert Yacht Yard), and a craftsman (copperware, inlay work, canes, tools, knives, furniture). After he retired at the age of 73, he began painting in oils.

Celebrating our local history and culture plays an essential part in giving our community its sense of self. Please join us!

Carl E. Kelley II
Sydney Roberts Rockefeller
Co-chairs, Board of Directors

MOUNT DESERT FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Mount Desert Fire Department responded to 144 calls in 2005 which included the following:

Alarm Activation – 97	General Service Calls – 17
Motor Vehicle Accidents – 14	Assist EMS – 4
Structure Fires – 4	Mutual Aid – 2
Wildland Fires – 2	Hazmat Response – 2
Vehicle Fires – 1	Missing Person(s) - 1

In June of 2005, Chris Farley resigned as Fire Chief of the Fire Department. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Chris for the dedication and service he brought to the department during his tenure and wish him good luck in his new endeavors.

The American Fire Service was started by volunteer firefighters and the volunteer fire department has been an intricate part of fire protection in the United States for over 300 years. With over 1 million active firefighters in the U.S. today, it is estimated that 75% -80% are volunteers. In our own town, that tradition of answering the call for help continues today by the men and women who have come together to serve their community as firefighters. At a

moment's notice, they can be summoned to risk their lives to save the lives and livelihoods of others, but their total duties are more than the name implies. Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, they respond to a wide array of emergencies including car accidents, dealing with hazardous materials incidents, reacting to natural disaster, helping search for missing people and other general public service calls. When combined with training, meetings, and department fundraisers, fire department members can find themselves spending a significant time away from families and jobs. Why would someone take on such a task? All are motivated by only a desire to help their neighbors or taking pride in providing a service for the community. I would like to express my gratitude to all the firefighters and their families who contributed their time and efforts for the Fire Department this past year. A job well done!

A special thanks goes to the Mount Desert Fire/Rescue Association and its members for the donation of a new thermal imaging camera last November. With the latest technology of these "next generation" cameras, firefighters now have the ability to see through smoke with greater detail and detect heat sources with more accuracy. We appreciate the support of the Association and look forward to working together with your organization in the coming year. I would also like to thank the members of the Northeast Harbor Ambulance Service for providing the Fire Department with EMS support through the year.

At the 2005 town meeting, voters approved the purchase of a new combination rescue-pumper to replace three pieces of apparatus now currently in use by the Fire Department. Later that spring, a vendor was selected, specifications finalized, and an order placed in August. We are anticipating a late summer/early fall delivery. To be assigned to Station 1 in Northeast Harbor, this engine is designed and will be equipped to respond to motor vehicle accidents as well to fires.

As we prepare to meet whatever challenges that may lie ahead, we would like to take a moment and acknowledge the contribution of our past members. Their tradition of providing quality service to the community remains our goal today. And welcome to our newest members. Together, we will make every effort to meet the needs of our community in fire prevention, fire suppression and rescue.

And as a reminder, please test your smoke alarms once a month and replace their batteries at least once a year.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael D. Bender, Fire Chief



NORTHEAST HARBOR AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Northeast Harbor Ambulance Service has been in existence for more than 67 years, offering outstanding emergency care for ill and injured residents and visitors in the Town of Mount Desert and the Cranberry Isles.

The ambulance traveled 6238 miles to answer 210 calls for assistance. Calls for the ambulance can be as simple as assisting someone who has fallen and cannot get up by themselves to a major trauma incident involving multiple departments and even emergency workers from several Towns. Our attendants stand by at working fires and assist with fire fighter rehabilitation.

We are fortunate to have many dedicated people working with our ambulance, either as Emergency Medical Technicians or helping out behind the scenes with the running of the ambulance service. You often see our EMT's, but there are many others who devote a good deal of time to help ensure that our service runs efficiently. I wish to thank each member of the service for their dedication to the Northeast Harbor Ambulance Service.

In June, the service held a well attended celebration for Kathryn Suminsby, who retired from active duty after 28 years. Kathy had been a Paramedic for many of those years. Kathy deserves a world of thanks for all she has done over the years and we all wish her well in her future endeavors.

All of our EMT's are required to complete many hours of mandated training each year and also other courses for re-licensure. We welcome Reed Gahagan as a new member. Two basic EMT's completed the training and testing to receive their intermediate licenses. One of them is currently enrolled in the Paramedic program,

We wish to express our thanks to several departments in the Town of Mount Desert. To the dispatchers, who do an excellent job obtaining the critical information needed to send the appropriate people to respond to any emergency. To the police, who respond to all ambulance calls and assist the attendants. And to the firemen, many of whom offer to drive the ambulance and help with lifting and moving patients.

We would also like to thank the residents of the Town for the continued support of your ambulance service and to remind you that 911 is now available from Mount Desert telephones.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert Hamor
Service Chief

SOMESVILLE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The Somesville Library continues to welcome readers to use our collections of fiction, non-fiction, biographies, books about Maine and children's books, as we have for the past century. In addition, we offer computer and internet access to all. As the visual center of Somesville, we play an important role in welcoming visitors to the village and the area.

During the past year, more than 1500 books were checked out by our patrons, and more than a hundred visitors checked their e-mail or used our computers for word-processing. These figures are all the more remarkable as we are open only ten hours each week, year-round. Many visitors came in with questions or simply to enjoy a quiet place to sit for a spell and enjoy the view. But since our primary purpose is to provide books, we can be proud that we generally have at least half the books on the New York Times Best Seller List.

We celebrated a milestone this year, when Mathew Dunlap, Maine's Secretary of State, recognized the 100th anniversary of our incorporation. We have now celebrated at least three centenaries: our founding, our building and our incorporation.

Community use of the building is increasing, and we welcome civic and social groups to let the Trustees know how we can make our facilities available during the week. Our volunteers continue to contribute countless hours of valuable time, and we are grateful to the town and its residents for their generous and much-needed support. We welcome all to come visit.

Thomas V. Lange, Librarian

NORTHEAST HARBOR LIBRARY REPORT

The Northeast Harbor Library is a non-profit corporation operated by a board of trustees. It serves as a full service community library for the Towns of Mount Desert and Cranberry Isles and as the school library for the Mount Desert Elementary School. Funds for operation come mostly from private donations and endowment income. A town appropriation of \$10,000.00 and a school appropriation of \$24,000.00 helped defray budgeted expenditures of \$313,610.00

The Library presently has a collection of around 50,000 items including books, video, audios, periodicals and archival materials, of those 11,500 items belong to the Children's collection.

During 2005 the Library circulated 34,173 items, 11,726 loans were from the Children's area. The Library's collection of videos and audios continue to increase in popularity along with usage of the three patron access computers. The Library now offers wireless access through the Maine School Library Network. This allows patrons with laptops and a wireless connection to connect to the Internet from within and directly outside the Library.

The Library continues to provide the community with both adult and children's programs. The First Friday Coffee House provides a space for local poets, songwriters and performers to showcase their talent in a comfortable atmosphere. We are pleased to host many Acadia Senior College courses. The Library conducts a preschool storyhour most Mondays and during the summer, storytellers, puppeteers and musicians perform at four special storyhours for children of all ages. In cooperation with the Neighborhood House, the Library sponsored two gala events, The Odd Company during August and Frog Town Puppeteers at Christmas time.

Through the Library's scholarship program, 61 students from the Town of Mt. Desert were granted scholarships to further their education at various colleges, universities and technical schools. This aid amounted to \$78,000.00.

The Library mounted several exhibits during 2005. The most memorable were those that involved the whole community, such as an exhibit of memorabilia of the Mount Desert High School basketball teams and one of heirloom baby clothes.

The year just ended brought many changes for the Library:

- A dedicated Campaign Committee has raised more than five million dollars toward operating endowment and construction of a new facility.
- Our architects and hard working Project Committee have developed, and the Board of Trustees has approved, the long awaited drawings for the new facility.
- Current plans call for library operations to be conducted, within a few months, from Mount Desert Elementary School, the Neighborhood House, two office suites behind the Pine Tree Market, and the basement of a private residence. Unused furnishings and little used collections will be stored.
- Operations were reorganized in July, as the Associate Director assumed responsibility for operating and managing the library and freed the Director to concentrate on the Capital Campaign, building project, fundraising, and arranging for temporary sites from which to conduct library operations during construction.

We are grateful for the magnificent support and encouragement that trustees, many friends, volunteers, donors and staff brought to the library and its activities in 2005.

Next year will bring many changes for our Library. We will be moving from this building to our interim sites while we build a new home. During this time we look forward to serving our community as best we can in these temporary sites.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Richard Pyle
Director of the Library

Anna C. Carr
Associate Director

MOUNT DESERT WATER DISTRICT REPORT

The year of 2005 perhaps marked the birth of the District into a first class water utility. By far the most important and exciting event that took place was the completion of a Conservation Easement with the Maine Coast Heritage Trust. This single event allowed the District to have sufficient funds to begin to raise its ancient, weary infrastructure to a more modern, cost efficient level.

Major projects, long put on the back burner, were initiated and completed. A new main was installed on Joy Road and Lookout Way. New fire hydrants were installed. Long overdue refurbishing was commenced on ancient standpipes which will be back in service for the heavy summertime load. New computers were put into service at the two treatment plants allowing better control of treatment. A new vehicle, to replace a 9 year old one, was acquired. Several other capital projects were undertaken and completed.

During the year, the District entered into extensive discussions toward arriving at an arrangement between the Town and Acadia National Park to amend the restrictive covenants existing on the Town owned Schoolhouse Ledge parcel where the District's 500 thousand gallon standpipe is located. These amendments will properly allow our use of this area.

On the personnel level, the District, for the first time, established a Personnel Handbook so that the employees might understand relevant policies, procedures, and benefits. Two of the staff obtained Confined Space certification through the Town.

The Trustees discussed and unanimously agreed to strongly oppose a proposal to establish a fish way into Jordan Pond as an unacceptable risk to our source water not only near term but more dangerously, long term. We amended the By-Laws to change the scheduling of the Annual Meeting to within one week of the District's Annual Meeting. The Trustees listened attentively to a presentation, which the District supports, by the Mt. Desert Elementary School on water quality in Lower Hadlock Pond.

The Trustees were saddened by the resignations of Edie Dunham Crowley and Kathleen Branch. Kathy has been a Trustee of the District since its inception. However, they are happy to report that the two were replaced by Steve Zirkilton and Elsie Baum.

Respectfully submitted,
Harry R. Madeira, Chairman

Trustees
Elsie Baum
Karen Coombs
Stephen Zirkilton
Alan Joseph
Harry Madeira

Management
Paul Slack, Manager
Stuart Burr
Mark Johnson
Steve Montminy
Bonnie Mohr

SUMMER RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION REPORT

The Association continued its service as a means of communication between summer residents and the Town through its semi-annual newsletter as well as summer meetings attended by interested summer residents and Town officers.

The spring newsletter recorded the annual Town meeting in detail including the contents of the Warrant Committee's report and notes on the several articles. The newsletter contained a detailed breakdown of the Town's budget as well as a public works update report.

Of particular interest to summer residents is the matter of the Seal Harbor Beach and Stanley Brook study being conducted by the MDI Water Quality Coalition which was reported further at the July Directors' meeting. This study continued through the summer with volunteer participants continuing the sampling and property review work begun in 2004. The final report is expected early next year.

The Association sponsored another open forum meeting for attendance by all interested summer residents. Rob Liebow, the Regional High School Superintendent presented an interesting report on high school operations and funding. Of particular interest to summer residents is the formula which allocates the cost of the high school among the four towns on the Island. The weighting of the allocation by real estate valuation assessments means that the town of Mt. Desert bears a portion of the budget that is disproportionate to the number of students being educated. This anomalous result is mandated by state legislation. Any change is likely to be disfavored by the other towns. Mr. Liebow stated his advocacy of consolidation of all school functions on the Island under a School Administrative District which could provide an opportunity to examine the present high school funding formula.

Jerry Suminsby, chairman of the Comprehensive Plan Committee reported on its deliberations and invited interested summer residents to visit the Town's website for complete updates on the committee's draft goals and policies, as well as to provide suggestions.

The matter of property revaluation for tax purposes was discussed at the open forum and again at the annual meeting in August. The revaluation project has been assigned to an independent appraisal firm which is expected to release its proposed assessments in the spring of 2007. Existing values will be used for the 2006 tax year.

Mike MacDonald and Rick Savage attended the annual meeting and reported on various matters including completion of the Otter Creek sewer project, development of work force housing by the Island Housing Trust and continuing consideration of a deer management plan.

William Willis, Jr. was reelected for an additional three-year term and Mary R. Morgan was elected for an initial term at the annual meeting. Curtis Blake, Enid Douglass and David

McGiffert completed their second three-year terms at the annual meeting and were not eligible for reelection. Mr. McGiffert died this fall. His productive and interesting life was reported in the Bar Harbor Times including his life-long devotion to Mt. Desert Island and its institutions.

Noelle Young-Bryant continues as Executive Director of the Association. Noelle is always interested in learning of matters pertaining to the Town for inclusion in a newsletter or discussion at a summer meeting. Messages for Noelle can be sent to noelleyb2@yahoo.com.

Morris Kellett, President



STATE OF MAINE SENATE

SENATOR DENNIS S. DAMON

Dear Mount Desert Residents,

The 122nd Maine Legislature has put people first. We are working to move Maine forward. Through increased investments in jobs and the economy, education, health care, local communities, our natural heritage and the environment, we are continuing to build for Maine's future.

In the last few years we have implemented the most significant small business agenda in twenty-five years. The creation of economic Pine Tree Zones and the establishment of the Maine Regulatory Fairness Board will encourage economic growth and development. We have improved access to online permitting for professional license holders and have allowed for increased access to state contracts by Maine small businesses. With the creation of the Community College System we are providing a better opportunity for thousands of Maine people to continue their education and improve their employment skills. A well trained, highly educated and readily available workforce is critical to job growth and economic development. We are moving forward by providing businesses and workers the tools they need to succeed. High-speed internet is vital for Maine to compete globally and we are committed to doing that. We are working to establish a business court that will allow Maine businesses quick and easy access to our state's legal system when needed.

In November 2005 voters passed Question 7 which asked, *"Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to permit the Legislature to authorize waterfront land used for commercial fishing activities to be accessed based on the land's current use in a*

similar manner to treatment now available for farms, open space and forestland?" By a margin of 72% in favor and 28% opposed we answered emphatically "yes" we do. The day following the vote, I submitted legislation to protect Maine's working waterfront. My legislation, when passed, will tax working waterfront property at its current use rather than its highest and best use. With this law we will stop the erosion of our way of life, our heritage, and for many of us, our family traditions that have spanned generations.

I believe our economy is vital for our future. I will continue work for our coastal communities. I am committed to working for Hancock County and our state.

Sincerely,



Senator Dennis S. Damon
Maine Senate – District #28





STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Serving in the Maine Legislature is a rewarding privilege.

I continue learning about the complex issues and promising opportunities that will shape the quality of life in Maine's future; from the goal to provide access to affordable health care, to assuring access to the working waterfront to fisherman and others who make their living on our coastal waters, to protecting these waters from the threat of pollution.

It's been my pleasure over the years to come to know the communities and citizens of the MDI area more closely. Recently I enjoyed spending a day on the Cranberry Isles visiting with local officials and other residents. They graciously shared stories about their wonderful families and proud history. I came home inspired by the extraordinary community-wide initiatives and individual efforts to build and sustain year-round economic and social vitality for a brighter future.

As development pressures mount and land values continue to grow, communities along the coast of Maine will be challenged by a limited supply of housing affordable to individuals and families who work on the coast and hope to raise their children here. Operating schools at optimal enrollments, supporting year-round businesses, and making sensible and sensitive decisions about island development will require all our best efforts and good will over time.

Workforce housing issues are critical to the state's economy, as is the need for greater investment in higher education opportunities for our young people and investments in research and development to support our bio-medical, marine, and forest products economies. I will strive to serve the communities of MDI by addressing these and other pressing goals. Thank you for your support and for expressing your thoughts and hopes for the future.

Sincerely, Ted Koffman
State Representative
168 Mill Brook Rd.
Bar Harbor, Maine 04609
288-8930
Koffman@acadia.net

Sincerely,

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

State Representative

MOUNT DESERT ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

During 2005, the Mount Desert Historical Society offered many educational programs and exhibits that celebrated the people and events that have made our island history rich and varied. Our programs – from speakers to exhibits, demonstrations and films – reveal island life as it was lived in the past and as it unfolds today.

In keeping with the theme of preserving as well as learning about the past, the Society embarked in 2005 on restoration of the c. 1780 Selectmen's Building in Somesville, the first seat of local government on this island. Small as it was, the building was the Town Office until 1911, and like many early buildings it also proved handy for business, as a cobbler's shop, and as a community meeting place. It was a post office at one time, and probably used for classes at another. In 2006, it will once again be open to the public, with an exhibit on how early buildings were constructed and on town government in early Mount Desert Township. The exhibit will address the questions, "What were 'Selectmen'? Who elected them? What were they expected to do? Which ones had a lasting influence on the Town's development?"

The Historical Society publishes an annual magazine of island history, titled *Chebacco* after the type of boat which first carried settlers and their ideas and customs from Gloucester, Massachusetts to the fields and waters of Somesville. One of the articles in the 2005 issue of *Chebacco* described the early church on Mount Desert, and it is evident that church morals and church discipline of wayward members strongly influenced the Township. Suspected wrongdoers could face severe penalties from church leaders, and ostracism by the congregation might have been as painful for some as the punishment exacted by the Selectmen for civil transgressions.

Schoolchildren who visit the Sound School House each spring learn about early school classrooms, in which teachers drilled into their students a Biblical message of order, discipline and charitable and helpful behavior. Moral themes shaped the stories and poems read by children in the 18th and 19th centuries. Even math classes could incorporate lessons on the virtues of sharing what you had. To early town leaders, these lessons built good citizens.

As groups of visitors arrived on Mount Desert, beginning in the 1850s, they were fascinated by the island's natural beauty. They wanted good government in island towns and Selectmen who would be conscientious in conserving waters, lands, trees and plants. Many made allies of town officials in order to control development and to preserve especially scenic places. Beatrix Farrand, George Dorr, John Rockefeller, Jr., Eliza Homans and many others worked hand in hand with local and national officials to set aside places of rare beauty for the enjoyment of local citizens as well as seasonal visitors. The strong civic activism now apparent in such organizations as Friends of Acadia began with the activists of the 19th and early 20th century who believed local governments, conservationists and land donors had a rare opportunity for "right development" of a unique island.

We invite the people of Mount Desert to join the Historical Society in its exhibits and programs, in the School House and around the island, during the coming year. Join us in learning island history and discovering stories of the commonplace and the remarkable. Please contact us for more information about what the MDI Historical Society does!

Respectfully submitted, Charlotte Singleton Executive Director

DID YOU KNOW...

It is SO easy to vote absentee for any election, no reason needed, just call Joelle, Kim, Sally or Darcel at 276-5531 for details.

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

The Traffic Committee is scheduled to meet on a monthly basis. Due to scheduling conflicts, we were only able to meet a handful of times. The good news is that when we did meet, we had pretty much the same individuals in attendance enabling us to keep a semblance of continuity.

Some of the issues that were addressed include the following:

- Speed and weight limits on the Whitney Farm Road: weight limits on the Ripples Road.
- Signage throughout the Town, including a stop sign at the bottom of Harbor Drive near Sea Street.
- Roadway and sidewalk obstructions to visibility and access, respectively.
- Designation of handicapped parking areas in Northeast Harbor and Seal Harbor.
- Parking issues including the Gary Cow lot, the lot across from the fire station in Seal Harbor, special parking spaces for commercial dock users near the dumpsters at the Northeast Harbor marina and, citizen-parking concerns on Harborside Drive with the MDOT.
- Consideration of noise – trucks, motorcycles, Jake brakes, etc. throughout Town.
- Consideration of speed on Route 102 through Somesville.
- Various traffic ordinances.

The committee meets at 4:00 P.M. on the second Thursday of the month in the Town Office meeting room. New members are encouraged; the general public is invited to attend.

Resident Request for Appointment to Volunteer Board or Committee

Thank you for expressing an interest in serving on one of the Town's volunteer Boards or Committees. Before the Board of Selectmen makes appointments, they would like to know a little about you and why you feel you could contribute to the Board or Committee. Please take a few minutes and complete the brief expression of interest information below.

Name: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____ Phone: Home _____
_____ Work _____

Fax - _____ E-mail: _____

Are you a registered voter in the Town of Mount Desert? Yes No
Are you a legal resident of the Town? Yes No

What Board or committee would you like to serve on? _____

Do you have experience serving on a Board or Committee for the Town? Y N

If Yes, please describe your experience: _____

Do you feel you have other background experience or skills that would contribute to this appointment? _____

What about this appointment interests you? _____

What is your goal or objective for this Board or Committee? _____

Do you know when and how frequently the Board or Committee meets: Yes No

Would you have conflicts with meeting dates or time: Yes No

DEER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Deer Management Committee was established after the Town had received numerous complaints about the possible over population of deer in the Town of Mount Desert. Complaints about the amount of browse of ornamental vegetation as well as the number of car deer accidents were of main concern. A public hearing held on July 18th identified that there was enough support to look into the possibility of a management program.

The committee was given wide latitude in the direction that they would decide to approach this issue. It was decided by the committee to start by gathering as much information as we could get. The involvement of Bruce Connery, a biologist for Acadia National Park, with personal guidance and surveys that had been conducted in the park gave us a great beginning step. Tom Schaffer, a biologist for Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, has been invaluable with guidance on all options available to the Town. Troy Frye, representing Maine Bowhunters Association, has supplied knowledge about options taken by other Towns as well as bowhunting as one available option.

The Committee is exploring all options available and realizes that it is a small representative of the Town as a whole. We encourage Public input at our meetings which are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every Month at the Somesville Fire Station at 6:00 pm or by contacting individual members. We are also working on a summery information packet and a questionnaire to be sent out to all residents. We are looking for as much public input as we can get to determine, 1. If the majority feel that there is a problem and 2. What option or options of management the public would most likely support.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Holbrook,
Chairman

Members

Todd Holbrook - Chairman
Stephen Somes - Vice Chair
Wendy Littlefield - Secretary
David Lamon
Keven Edgecomb
Rick Mooers

Tom Schaffer- Biologist, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
Bruce Connery - Biologist, Acadia National Park
Troy Frye - Maine Bowhunters Association
Patrick Smallidge - Board of Selectmen liaison

TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT

2006 HOLIDAYS

<u>HOLIDAY</u>	<u>DAY/DATE TO BE OBSERVED</u>
New Year's Day	Monday, January 2
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 16
President's Day	Monday, February 20
Memorial Day	Monday, May 29
Independence Day	Tuesday, July 4
Labor Day	Monday, September 4
Columbus Day	Monday, October 9
Veteran's Day	Friday, November 10
Thanksgiving and	Thursday November 23 Friday November 24
Christmas Day	Monday, December 25

SEAL HARBOR VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY REPORT

The VIS is about community whether you define community as Seal Harbor, Mt. Desert Island, the State of Maine or the United States of America. We have all watched in horror the devastation of cities and towns from hurricanes within the United States this past summer and early fall. Americans have a history and a tradition of helping when needed. This tradition is what helps make our country great.

Seal Harbor, Mt. Desert Island and the State of Maine have a history and long held tradition of welcoming guests and visitors to our communities. We welcome them and provide for them as best we can. This is what the VIS is about . . . the care, maintenance and day to day up-keep of public beaches, trails, vistas, the Village Green and parking lots.

We recognize that there are many worthy causes within our larger community today. I am confident that with the support from the Town of Mt. Desert and increased contributions from the community, we can continue to provide a place where people who wish to do so may come to experience a time away from the sometimes harsh realities of life.

Please be sure that your municipal grant, contributions and help in supporting the VIS mission are appreciated by all who enjoy the natural resources that this small community has to offer.

Sincerely,
Paul Fremont-Smith, Jr.
President

THE ISLAND FOUNDATION

A Mount Desert Land and Garden Preserve

A focus for the Island Foundation this past year has been to collect the history of our properties and to archive and preserve this history for future generations. Since our history is so closely connected to the governing body of the Town of Mount Desert, the theme of this year's Town Report provides a wonderful opportunity to share this history with newcomers and old-timers alike.

The Asticou Terraces and the Asticou Azalea Garden share a common legacy of having been given to the Town of Mount Desert by very public-spirited citizens. Joseph Henry Curtis conveyed the Asticou Terraces Trusts to the town upon his death in 1928. From 1880 until his death, Mr. Curtis, a Boston landscape architect, summered in Northeast Harbor and designed the terrace trail that traverses the western slope of Eliot Mountain to Thuya Lodge, his third and final summer home. Shortly before his death, Mr. Curtis appointed Charles K. Savage, owner of the Asticou Inn, to serve as the trustee and manager of the property. Mr. Savage was reappointed to this position by the voters of the Town of Mount Desert for the next 37 years, during which time additional acreage was added to the trust

through the generosity of John D. Rockefeller Jr. and other neighbors, a public dock on the harbor was built, and portions of Thuya Lodge were renovated to accommodate a botanical library.

Charles K. Savage was a gifted landscape designer and a Board Member of Reef Point in 1956 when Beatrix Farrand, an internationally known landscape designer, made the difficult decision to dismantle her estate in Bar Harbor. Mr. Savage, passionate about saving Mrs. Farrand's specimen plants, secured funding from the Rockefeller family to purchase much of the collection. He then designed and built the Asticou Azalea Garden on land owned by the Asticou Inn and the Thuya Garden in the orchard behind Thuya Lodge. In the mid-sixties the Asticou Azalea Garden was given to the residents of the Town of Mount Desert. Recognizing the horticultural significance of the garden and the need for more financial support than the town could provide, the town gave the Garden to the Island Foundation in 1971.

Subsequent trustees of Asticou Terraces appointed at town meetings included Paul Favor (1966 – 1984), Don Coates (1984 – 1987), and M. Denholm Jacobs (1987 – 1999). At a special town meeting in August 1999 and by subsequent action of the Probate Court of Hancock County, the Island Foundation was elected successor Trustee of the Asticou Terraces Trusts and all properties of the trust were transferred to the foundation to be held in perpetuity as the Thuya Garden and Asticou Terraces and maintained as a garden and woodland area for the benefit of the public as designated in Mr. Curtis' will.

This brief history is an appropriate lead-in to two decisions made by the Board of Directors of the Island Foundation in 2005. The first is the decision by the Board to add the lot on the corner of Peabody Drive and Rt. 198 to the land holdings held in perpetuity as "garden and woodland areas for the benefit of the public." This decision will protect the Asticou Azalea Garden from encroaching development and preserve the woodland corridor leading into Northeast Harbor. The second decision made at the Annual Meeting of the Island Foundation in August 2005 was to give the organization a new name more descriptive of its mission. Beginning in 2007, the organization will become officially known as the **Mount Desert Land and Garden Preserve**.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the wonderful staff, volunteers and donors who contribute so much to preserving and enhancing the legacies of our predecessors.

Respectfully Submitted, Carole O'Donnell - Executive Director



MOUNT DESERT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mount Desert Elementary School Annual Report

It's hard to believe that I am already in my fourth year at MDES and I am enjoying every moment of it. The children, parents and staff are all quality individuals that collectively make our school one of the outstanding schools in the state and I am proud to be a member of the team. As a staff we work hard at creating a school climate that has high expectations for both student academics as well as behavior. In my mind it is essential that we create an atmosphere where all students feel valued and emotionally safe so that they maximize their educational experience. I am told by many visitors to our school that this school has a welcoming and nurturing feeling to it and that there is a sense of family. I agree to the point that whenever we have a new student or staff member join our school, the first thing I do is to welcome them to our family. So from our family to yours, thank you for your support, commitment and trust.

Personnel:

New staff members for the 2005-2006 school year:

Diane Cyr – 2nd Grade Classroom Teacher

Kerry Sullivan – Ed Tech III

Larry Cole – Ed Tech III

Pat Lavoie – Food Assistant

Edward Horvath - Custodian

A sad farewell to:

Jon and Christy Daggett

Claire Ohmeis

Paula Moody

Patrick Wheaton

About Our School:

MDES continues to strive for a balanced approach to educating the whole student in regards to their academic, physical and emotional well being, which is not an easy task when you consider the curricular and assessment mandates from both the federal and state level. Throughout it all, we somehow continue to meet the needs of our students and we are constantly in the process of identifying our needs and making the necessary adjustments. We are constantly looking at a variety of assessments to help us assess the work that we do at MDES. Maine has some of the most ambitious standards in the country and our students consistently rank very well in the state's MEA assessments. Our 8th grade class last spring scored first in the state in three of the four testing areas and scored in the top 15% in the fourth area. Our 4th graders performed well, scoring in the top 10-15% in all test areas. I have included the test results for your information.

2004-2005 MEA (Maine Educational Assessment) Results

Grade 4	MDES	State
Math	543	537
Science	532	527
Reading	543	540
Writing	535	530
Grade 8		
Math	549	531
Science	544	530
Reading	550	537
Writing	542	538

(Based on three year averages)

Budget Proposal:

Over the past 10 years we have experienced a decline in enrollment to the point that we are very close to being a school with one class per grade level. Although this trend is appearing to stabilize, we still have staff to provide for and a large, newly renovated physical plant that deserves attention. My goal is (and will always be) to carefully balance the needs of our school with the fiscal responsibility we have as a school to the taxpayers. This proposed budget is very tight and is influenced mostly by personnel salaries and benefits costs, though we have a minimal amount of staffing to meet our needs. At press time, funding from the state for their new Essential Programming and Services (EPS) funding formula was preliminary in nature, but offers additional optimism for increased local tax relief.

The Final Budget Numbers:

- 5.19% Budget Increase (with debt service)
- Budget includes the remaining interest income earned from the bond, along with any money remaining from the construction account
- Increase of taxes: \$16.12 per \$100,000 (with debt service)

In conclusion, it is our sincere pleasure to be educating the sons and daughters of our Town of Mount Desert community. We are fortunate to have a community so devoted to its children and that places such value on their education. We continue to pledge our commitment to nurturing your children and providing the quality education that this community expects and deserves.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott D. McFarland
Principal

MT. DESERT ISLAND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

I am very pleased to provide the citizens of Mount Desert Island with this update on developments at the high school over this past year. We had a successful and busy year. It is very obvious that the students and staff of this school are proud of its rigor and its high standards for excellence as well they should be. In addition, these communities are overwhelmingly supportive of their young people and taxpayers have provided the financial support necessary to maintain the high quality of education the students deserve.

Budget Development:

This report represents the proposed budget for the high school for the upcoming school year. We have worked diligently to propose a realistic budget and one that is designed to meet the needs of our school. The majority of the increase is reflective of higher labor costs, the maintenance of the current enrollment levels and funds to properly maintain the facilities. This budget also includes additional staffing to meet state requirements for Gifted and Talented programming and for technology support.

Facilities:

The capital outlay portion of this budget adheres to the commitment of the trustees that we continue with an ongoing plan of repair/replacement to maintain the infrastructure of the high school. We are discussing the need for major renovation of the gym, which has had no real improvements since it was built in 1967.

Curriculum Development and Implementation:

We continue to develop and refine our local assessment system. Students are completing common assessments that demonstrate the meeting of standards and these tasks are housed in their portfolios. The Class of 2005 was our first class to graduate with a standards based diploma and this year the Class of 2006 will be the first to complete the Senior Exhibition requirement. The advisory system is an efficient and successful method of staff keeping in close contact with a small number of students. These students and advisors are together for all four years to work cooperatively to create personal learning plan for students as well as monitor the portfolio task completion. Our student led conferences continue to be well-attended approaching 90%.

We now have two classes using laptops and with this number of machines, teachers are in need of much more professional development which we plan to provide. The faculty continues to work at curriculum review and a core group will be meeting this summer to create our next 5-year plan. Student Achievements:

Our students continue to be successful in the classroom and throughout our co-curricular programs as evidenced by the colleges and universities that they attend after graduation, the awards and scholarships they receive each year, and their performance on standardized tests. We are very proud to note that over two-thirds of our students are directly enrolled in at least one of the many co-curricular programs that the high school has to offer and that almost 80% of our graduates went on to post-secondary educational institutions. The following provides a brief portrait detailing past-secondary plans of the graduating class of 2005:

CLASS OF 2005		
	#	%
Post-Secondary Education		
Four Year Colleges	83	61
Two Year Colleges	22	16
Post Graduate Year	1	1
Total	106	78
Employment	27	20
Military Service	1	1
Undecided	2	1

TEST RESULTS – CLASS OF 2005			
SAT			
<u>Range</u>	<u>Verbal</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Mean Score</u>
700-800	8	9	V 536 M 536
600-690	24	26	
500-590	34	33	<u>Mid 50% Range</u>
400-490	24	18	V 470 – 630
300-390	10	14	M 480 – 630
200-290	2	2	
Total	102	102	72% Participation

Faculty/Staff Recognition:

It is important to recognize the many contributions made by our staff on a daily basis on behalf of our young people. These individuals work hard to provide an atmosphere conducive to a high level of learning at the high school. We offer thanks to the following individuals who left the school last year.

Nina Horner	Nurse
Karen McFarland	Physical Education
Caroline Allen	Librarian
Mike Ditzel	Math
Becky Keefe	Special Education

Once again, thank you for your deep commitment and on going support of our school. Please feel free to stop by, call (288.5011 ext. 303) or email (sleighton@u98.k12.me.us) me with any questions you may have regarding the operation of the high school. We look forward to continuing a positive relationship in support of our students in the future.

Sincerely,
Sally A. Leighton, Principal

SCHOOL UNION 98

The major focus of our work this school year has been on the implementation of a local assessment system in all of our schools. This new system of common assessments will allow us to meet the new State of Maine requirement to certify that our students have met the standards of the Maine Learning Results. In addition, we have made it a priority to ensure that our new Union 98 curriculum is being implemented at the classroom level. Due to the combined efforts of the Director of Curriculum and Staff Development, school administrators and all of our teachers, this time consuming process was well on its way to a successful completion. However, the implementation of a local assessment system has been stalled by the Maine Department of Education's mid-course adjustments to the requirements. They have not yet been published, but we are continuing our work without guidance. The Maine Department of Education is currently conducting site reviews at each of our schools. These reviews will provide the MDOE with evidence of each school's progress on Learning Results implementation.

We are also placing an expanded emphasis this year on the supervision and evaluation of the teaching staff in all of our schools. More frequent classroom observations by administrators of the teaching and learning process and the follow-up dialogue on improving instructional practice will serve to further strengthen the learning environment for the children we serve. With the curriculum guidelines available on the Union 98 website, specific grade level expectations are readily available as a resource for professional work and parent reference.

Our first and second year teachers have benefited this year from the increased support and mentoring from Paula Moody, the Teacher Leader for Union 98. This is the second year of this level of support for new teachers. We look forward to the continued interest from veteran teachers for this important position for our Union.

The 2004-2005 senior class at the high school was the first class to graduate with the dual requirement of earning 23 course credits and successfully demonstrating, through a cumulative portfolio of common assessments, that they met the standards of the Maine Learning Results. This pioneer group of young people worked very hard to achieve this goal and have earned our respect and admiration for their positive approach to this new system of accountability.

Thanks to our forward thinking school board, we have expanded the one-to-one laptop program to the high school level this year through grant funding and the generous financial support from our communities. While we were hopeful that the state would support this initiative, we have been left to rely on the financial support of our communities to move forward with this worthwhile endeavor. All teachers at the high school received laptops last year. Now both the freshman and sophomore classes have been provided with personal machines. Research on the laptop program benefits at the middle school level has shown an increase in writing skills, expanded access to research materials and an increase in student motivation. This is especially true for many of our at-risk students.

Representatives from the individual teachers' associations for all the schools on Mount Desert Island and representatives from each of the school committees continue to work toward a common contract. The focus is to create a contract that will provide greater consistency and equity for teachers and, therefore, efficiency in contract interpretation between the schools. We hope to complete this process by next summer, before the current agreements expire.

Once the common contract is complete, we will conduct a feasibility study to determine if we should shift the current structure of our school system from a union to a school administrative district. At this time, it seems that an SAD would provide more equity, resources, and opportunities for all of our schools without creating a tax burden on our communities. However, we will need to research, investigate and discuss the pros and cons of this proposed transition before making a final decision.

While many issues compete for our collective attention, we continue to respond to the requirements of the significant federal and state legislation governing schools, specifically "No Child Left Behind" and the recently reauthorized "Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act" (IDEIA). We are committed to responding to these mandates while thoughtfully maintaining a direction we believe serves our students best.

The Union 98 Gifted and Talented Program has been adopted and implemented in all MDI elementary schools. The program will continue to evolve and strengthen thanks to the commitment and determination of our teachers and building level steering committees. The Department of Education G&T Coordinator has given positive feedback on our efforts at the elementary level and expressed concern about implementation at the high school level and our outer islands.

The Commissioner of Education has set a new priority for “seamless services” to children with disabilities in the State of Maine. This comes with an idealistic timeline of integrating services for children with disabilities ages 3-5 into the public school setting by 2007. This change will have a dramatic impact on special education programs around the state.

We believe that our Union 98 school communities are finding creative ways to support all children in their learning and teachers in their work. We remain committed to this work and will continue to use consistency, collaboration and communication as the foundation for supporting positive change in our schools. Thank you for your support and dedication to making our good schools great.

Robert Liebow
Superintendent

Joanne Harriman
Director of Curriculum
and Staff Development

Kelley Sanborn
Director of Special Services

THE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

The Neighborhood House has always enjoyed a strong partnership with the Town. In many ways, the organization serves as the municipal recreation department offering various youth programs, summer camps, community events, adult and senior activities a fitness room as well as operation of the public pool. The multiple programs offered to the townspeople are of great benefit, however just as important is the sense of community The Neighborhood House provides through making the building available to all for a variety of functions.

Youth Programs: The Neighborhood House operates multiple programs for the young people of our town. There is an after school program that has been in existence for over eight years; youth sports such as soccer, basketball and baseball/softball run by a dedicated group of volunteer parents; four summer camp programs that are full to capacity; open gym and open swim programs depending upon the time of year; and an intensive basketball camp for those of high school age.

Adult & Senior Programs: Programming for adults is an area in which The Neighborhood House continues to expand. Aside from a tremendously popular fitness room, yoga classes are offered on a year-round basis; an Active Older Adults group meets twice per week; exercise ball, weight and circuit training workshops are offered; personal training sessions are available by appointment; dance classes are offered by instructors in our community; and indoor cycling classes will start in spring of 2006.

Community Events: On a regular basis, The Neighborhood House hosts large community events for all ages to enjoy. The annual Chili Challenge has become a much anticipated event every January; the poplar sweetheart dance centered around fathers and daughters occurs every February; a “Pet Patrol” is organized as part of the Memorial Day parade in town; for the past number of summers The Neighborhood House has partnered with the Northeast Harbor Library to host a dramatic performance followed by a reception on the lawn; there’s the annual Bike Parade, Tea with Bunny, Teddy Bear Picnic and ice cream socials; a Halloween party that has considerably grown to include a haunted house, as well as food and games on the lawn, main and lower levels of the building; and the Christmas Festival which includes a performance of “The Grinch” from Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers and the arrival of Mr. & Mrs. Claus.

Local Group Support: The Neighborhood House prides itself on close collaboration with a number of groups and organizations throughout our community. Space in the building is available and well used by groups such as the Acadia Senior College, Acadia Community Theater, Mount Desert Festival of Chamber Music, Acadia Friends, Brownie and Boy Scout troops, Downeast Horizons and The Mount Desert Nursing Association. Additionally, the building is open to and used by all for weddings, anniversaries, birthdays and other private functions; most weekends are full with such events. The Great Hall is also the ideal space for the abundance of art shows, auctions, concerts, lectures, and the like. However, most notably The Neighborhood House will welcome The Northeast Harbor Library into the building as they set-up their temporary home on the entire lower-level during the construction of the new library.

The Neighborhood House is open to all in our community. Please feel free to stop by to find out more about our current programs or to inquire about volunteering for the next upcoming event.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne-Marie DeRevere, Executive Director

TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Town of Mount Desert Housing Authority provided housing for eighteen (18) elderly and disabled families during 2005. The eighteen (18) one bedroom apartments at Maple Lane Apartments have been fully occupied and there is a waiting list of individuals desiring to become tenants.

The Mount Desert Housing Authority assisted fifty-three (53) low-income families with their rent and utilities in the amount of \$236,342.77. This reduces the number of families that would normally be requesting assistance from the town.

Payment in lieu of taxes for 2005 \$2,268.49

The Mount Desert Housing Authority is very appreciative of the support received from the Police Department, Fire Department, and the Public Works Department in helping us care for the senior members of our community.

The Board of Commissioners meets the first Thursday of the month on a regular basis. The meetings are handicap accessible and the public is welcome to attend. It is a good idea to call the office at 288-4770 to confirm the date and time as it is subject to change. Our office is located at 80 Mount Desert Street in Bar Harbor, ME. The office is open from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. We can be reached at 207-288-4770 or via e-mail terry.kelley@emdiha.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Karol Hagberg, Chairperson
Town of Mount Desert Housing Authority

MOUNT DESERT NURSING ASSOCIATION

Community Health Nurse's Annual Town Report

Patient visit statistics for July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005:

July 2004	147 visits	January 2005	148 visits
August 2004	124 visits	February 2005	126 visits
September 2004	158 visits	March 2005	234 visits
October 2004	134 visits	April 2005	134 visits
November 2004	166 visits	May 2005	130 visits
December 2004	176 visits	June 2005	153 visits

Total – 1829 visits

Number of individuals served: 277

Since 1949 the Mt. Desert Nursing Association has served the town of Mt. Desert as a not for profit, community supported nursing service. We receive no third party reimbursement; therefore we are not constrained by insurance company rules as to who qualifies for care and how long that person may be seen. Our patients may be referred by a hospital, nursing home, physician's office or they may self refer. We provide maternal/child visits; health education information, social service support and health maintenance visits for those with chronic stable conditions. We help with transition from other health care settings, such as the hospital or rehab center for those individuals more acutely ill or recovering from surgery who do not have insurance or do not meet the criteria for service by the full time agencies such as Hancock County Home Care & Community Health & Counseling.

We have made over 115 referrals to approximately 20 outside agencies which serves as an example of the community support available and the care manager aspect of the nurse's role. We gave flu vaccines to home bound patients as well as giving flu vaccines at the Maple Lane Apartments. We have continued to visit our patients at local hospitals and nursing homes and to meet with discharge planners. The nursing staff spends many hours conferencing with health care professionals, individuals and families by phone and here at the Chapter House. We summoned The Northeast Harbor Ambulance 5 times and provided phlebotomy a total of 90 times as well as welcoming 4 new babies to our community.

As part of our quality improvement program we have continued quarterly patient record reviews of 26 active and inactive charts. The Nursing Committee has continued meeting monthly and the annual review of nursing policies and procedures has been completed. Our State Department of Human Services survey in August revealed no discrepancies in our program and approved our continued state licensure.

Our loan closet continues to serve the community with durable medical equipment. Over 67 individuals have accessed our inventory this past year saving hundreds of consumer dollars in insurance claims and out of pocket expenses.

MDNA is represented on the Healthy Aging Task Force, The Maternal Child Health Advisory Board at Downeast Health as well as meeting with Hospice of Hancock County and Discharge Planning at the local Hospitals and Rehab Centers.

Our Community Outreach this past year has included a Women's Health Assessment Day, sponsoring a team for Healthy Hancock's Lose to Win Team Challenge, Abby Chapel Luncheon BP screenings, Southwest Harbor/Maine Coast Memorial Hospital Health Fair, a Men's Health Assessment Day, a Great Grains Healthy cooking class, and a general Health Assessment Day. Our weekly Healthy Lifestyles and Monday, Wednesday, Friday Town Trotters walking group continue and we encourage more community participation.

Our staff includes: Dianne McMullan, RN –Nurse Director, Community Health Nurse
Emma Lansing, RN - Assistant Community Health Nurse
Karol Hagberg, RN - Per Diem
Norma Spurling, RN - Per Diem
Susan Christie, RN – Per Diem
Carol Revak - Office Manager

The Mt. Desert Nursing Association is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to Noon and again from 1:00 to 3:30 pm. We welcome new referrals and may be reached at 276-5184 during office hours.

We are very fortunate to have a dedicated Board of Directors consisting of 24 individuals who meet four times a year as well as an annual meeting open to the public in July.

Our Board consists of the following:

Stephen Richards - President
Corinne Carbone-Vice President
Michael Silva - Treasurer
Jackie Davidson – Secretary

Katrina Carter	Anne-Marie DeRevere	Julie Havener	Paula Knudsen
Wendy Littlefield	Constance Madeira (lifetime member)		Janet Moore
Joelle Nolan	Barbara Orlando	Linda Pomerleau	Patricia Pugh
Miriam Pyle	Gail Reiber	James J. Russell	Patricia Scull (lifetime member)
Geddes Simpson	Priscilla Smith	Ann Strohacker	Geraldine Sweet
Mary Telsey			

The Staff and Board of Directors wish to submit this report with thanks to all who support our agency. Approximately one quarter of our patient visits are charitable or “no charge” visits. Donations and town funding allow us to provide such services. Without your generosity we would not be able to keep our fee schedule low and provide affordable professional nursing care to the residents of the Town of Mt. Desert.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dianne McMullan, RN
Nursing Director, Community Health Nurse

COMMUNITY HEALTH AND COUNSELING SERVICES

The roots of Community Health and Counseling Services (CHCS) run deep, 122 years deep. Founded in 1883, CHCS has helped tens of thousands of people with great need through community health services. This year CHCS served 7,347 people throughout much of Maine. The commitment to the various communities and people we serve is embodied in the CHCS Mission: Community Health and Counseling Services will provide community health services which are needed and valued by the communities and individuals we serve.

CHCS strives to recognize the needs of our clients, the changing trends in home health and mental health care, and the changing technologies that aid in providing needed care. CHCS is a private, nonprofit, comprehensive community mental health center and a Medicare/ Medicaid certified home health agency -- one of the few such combined organizations in the country. CHCS provides quality services to more than 200 communities in central, eastern and northern Maine. At the heart of CHCS's mission is the concept that care is best given in a familiar setting where those being helped are able to remain close to family and friends who become a part of the support and recovery process.

Helping Children to Belong. Every child longs for love and acceptance. Unfortunately, in today's world, that doesn't always happen. Sometimes the difficulties of coping with life push children to behave in ways that lead to rejection. And more often than we like to admit, children suffer severe abuse or neglect. CHCS is dedicated to helping the unique and beautiful child within to emerge from the devastation caused by adverse circumstances and/or vulnerabilities. Tailored to the individual needs of each child, our goals are to build on the child's and family's strengths through supportive intervention and to foster reunification when possible.

Mental Illness Touches Us All. Mental illness knows no boundaries. It can affect any of us. Adults, children, family members and friends, regardless of their socio-economic backgrounds, struggle with mental illness. Many people don't have a personal or professional network to help them cope with their illness. CHCS's wide spectrum of community-based services help these individuals achieve individual goals and maintain independent living in the community. This is the difference between hope and despair.

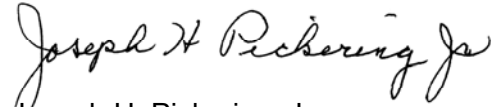
The Healing Power of Home. When you are sick, there is no place like home. There is no comfort that compares to the comfort of loved ones around you. Home care can mean returning home from the hospital sooner or, in some situations, avoiding hospitalization altogether. Along with professional care of the highest standards, home care offers individual support in maintaining normal activities when a health problem affects the quality of life. As a natural extension of the home health care that CHCS has provided for over a quarter of a century, CHCS also offers hospice services. Hospice is a philosophy of care in which the emphasis is on the quality of life for individuals with a terminal illness. Hospice is a support system for both the individual and the family when they have made the decision to spend their last days together in familiar and caring surroundings.

The monies received from municipal appropriations help bridge the gap between reimbursed care and the non-reimbursed care we provide. Municipal appropriations also provide the local match needed to secure Title XX monies necessary to support the Homemaker Program. This program helps individuals with a chronic illness or those disabled, as well as adults and children in protective services, to stay in their homes - maintaining ties with family, friends and familiar surroundings.

In FY05, 5 children and 5 adults from the Town of Mount Desert received 97 visits for mental health services from CHCS. This represents 13.7% of the services provided on Mount Desert Island. Also, 3 individuals received 23 home health visits. This represents 6.98% of the individuals who received health services from CHCS on Mount Desert Island.

CHCS is grateful for the support from the Town of Mount Desert each year, which helps to provide care to the most vulnerable in your area, helping them maintain their quality of life.

Respectfully Submitted,



Joseph H. Pickering, Jr.
Executive Director

CHCS: The Healthy Link Between
PEOPLE, FAMILY and COMMUNITY



DID YOU KNOW...

Most registrations, (motor vehicle, trailers, boats, ATV's, snowmobiles) can be done through the mail – call the Town Office to find out how easy it is!

**TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT
APPLICATION FOR RURAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM
BENEFITS**

Instructions: This application is to be completed and signed the Property Owner before the benefit may be considered for approval.

Location of Property: Tax Map _____ Lot _____

Street Address/Village: _____

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• **IMPORTANT!!!** 2006 proposed
• amendments include September 30th
• taxes paid & tanks pumped by
• deadlines. Check with Code
• Enforcement Officer Keene.
•
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Capacity of Tank(s) in Gallons: _____ **Date of Last Pumping:** _____

Owner's Statement: I, _____, am the owner of the above property and am requesting the Town of Mount Desert consider the subsurface wastewater disposal system located at the above described property for approval of benefits under the Rural Wastewater Treatment Support Program Ordinance enacted at the Annual Town Meeting held on March 2nd, 2004.

A. ☐ I have enclosed all the information requested in § 5.3.A of the ordinance (see reverse side).

B. ☐ I am requesting an inspection by the Local Plumbing Inspector.*

*Prior to the Plumbing Inspector examining the tanks(s) to determine if the system is working properly, I understand that I am responsible for uncovering all openings, cleanout cover holes, or access manholes in the septic tank(s), and to provide proper access to the tank(s) (see §5.5 on reverse side). Please provide a simple sketch of the property and include the location of the septic tank(s), the location of any building(s), and approximate distances that will help to fix the location of the tank(s).

Owner's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Owner's Mailing Address: _____

Owner's Phone #: _____

Plumbing Inspector's Statement: I, _____, Plumbing Inspector for the Town of Mount Desert certify that after inspection, I find that the wastewater disposal system is functioning properly. I also have determined that the applicant qualifies for the Maine Resident Homestead Exemption Program as determined by the Tax Assessor and recommend approval of benefits. If approval is not recommended, I give the following reason(s):

Plumbing Inspector's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

AUDIT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

January 23, 2006

Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Mount Desert
Mount Desert, Maine 04662

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Mount Desert, Maine as of and for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Mount Desert, Maine's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Mount Desert, Maine as of December 31, 2005, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As described in Note 1A, the Town has implemented a new financial reporting model, as required by the provisions of GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*, as of December 31, 2005.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 2-5 and 30, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Mount Desert, Maine basic financial statements. The introductory section, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statement. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The introductory section has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

Respectfully Submitted,

James W. Wadman, CPA

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TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

Exhibit D
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	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Town Reserves</i>	<i>School Fund</i>	<i>Other Governmental Funds</i>	<i>Total Governmental Funds</i>
Revenues					
Taxes	10,622,983				10,622,983
Intergovernmental Revenues	115,578			97,066	212,644
Charges for Services	131,659				131,659
Miscellaneous	243,339	88,390	259,575	9,296	600,600
Total Revenues	11,113,559	88,390	259,575	106,362	11,567,886
Expenditures					
General Government	632,775				632,775
Public Safety	611,707				611,707
Public Works Department	1,258,802				1,258,802
Compliance and Mandates	339,660				339,660
Other Services	100,479				100,479
Recreation	57,531				57,531
Rural Wastewater Support	123,816				123,816
Wastewater Capital and Debt	1,164,033				
Wastewater Treatment	461,592				461,592
Debt Service	29,288				29,288
Personnel	584,542				584,542
Assessments	2,509,245				2,509,245
Education Programs			2,762,070		2,762,070
Capital Outlay		243,884		2,275,061	2,518,945
Other				2,733	2,733
Total Expenditures	7,873,470	243,884	2,762,070	2,277,794	11,993,185
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	3,240,089	(155,494)	(2,502,495)	(2,171,432)	(425,299)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Bond Proceeds				2,184,781	2,184,781
Transfers from Other Funds	604,155	1,018,078	2,435,012		4,057,245
Transfers to Other Funds	(3,380,589)	(477,100)		(103,150)	(3,960,839)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(2,776,434)	540,978	2,435,012	2,081,631	2,281,187
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures	463,655	385,484	(67,483)	(89,801)	1,855,888
Fund Balance - July 1	302,513	3,580,449	1,579,602	349,800	5,812,364
Fund Balance - June 30	766,168	3,965,933	1,512,119	259,999	6,504,219

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2005

Exhibit C
Page 1 of 2

<i>Assets</i>	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Town Reserves</i>	<i>School Fund</i>	<i>Other Governmental Funds</i>	<i>Total Governmental Funds</i>
Cash and Equivalents	3,349,704			247,136	3,596,840
Investments		2,869,357			2,869,357
Receivables					
Taxes	120,320				120,320
Tax Liens	15,050				15,050
Other	27,575				27,575
Due from Other Governments				161,346	161,346
Due from Other Funds	124,737	1,096,576	1,512,119	12,863	2,746,295
Total Assets	3,637,386	3,965,933	1,512,119	421,345	9,536,783
<i>Liabilities and Net Assets</i>					
Liabilities					
Accounts Payable	3,386				3,386
Retainage Payable				38,159	38,159
Deferred Property Taxes	51,123				51,123
Due to Other Funds	2,816,420			123,187	2,939,607
Due to Other Governments	289				289
Total Liabilities	2,871,218	-	-	161,346	3,032,564
<i>Fund Balances</i>					
Reserved For:					
Encumbrances	666,168				666,168
Construction				30	30
Unreserved					
Designated for Subsequent Years' Expenditures		3,965,933		247,106	4,213,039
Undesignated	100,000		1,512,119	12,863	1,624,982
Total Fund Balances	766,168	3,965,933	1,512,119	259,999	6,504,219
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	3,637,386	3,965,933	1,512,119	421,345	9,536,783

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

Exhibit H

	<i>Original Budget</i>	<i>Final Budget</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</i>
Revenues				
Taxes	10,471,980	10,471,980	10,622,983	151,003
Intergovernmental Revenues	163,001	163,001	115,578	(47,423)
Charges for Services	90,043	90,043	131,659	41,616
Miscellaneous	155,621	155,621	243,339	87,718
Total Revenues	10,880,645	10,880,645	11,113,559	232,914
Expenditures (Net of Departmental Revenues)				
General Government	673,176	750,276	748,449	1,827
Public Safety	697,648	697,648	637,970	59,678
Public Works	1,285,237	1,285,237	1,261,302	23,935
Compliance and Mandates	382,160	382,160	374,654	7,506
Other Services	100,479	100,479	100,479	-
Recreation	67,747	67,747	57,531	10,216
Rural Wastewater Support	150,000	150,000	123,816	26,184
Wastewater Capital and Debt	1,451,875	1,451,875	1,448,257	3,618
Wastewater Treatment	564,274	564,274	461,592	102,682
Debt Service	16,500	16,500	29,288	(12,788)
Personnel	663,398	663,398	584,542	78,856
Assessments	2,568,194	2,568,194	2,509,245	58,949
Total Expenditures	8,620,688	8,697,788	8,337,125	360,663
Excess Revenues Over Expenditures	2,259,957	2,182,857	2,776,434	593,577
Other Financing Sources				
Transfers from Other Funds	527,055	604,155	604,155	-
Transfer to Credit Reserve			(593,577)	(593,577)
Transfers to Other Funds	(2,787,012)	(2,787,012)	(2,787,012)	-
Total Other Financing Sources	(2,259,957)	(2,182,857)	(2,776,434)	(593,577)
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	-	-	-
Beginning Fund Balances - Budgetary Basis			100,000	100,000
Ending Fund Balances - Budgetary Basis	-	-	100,000	100,000
Adjustments to Conform to GAAP:				
Elimination of Encumbrances			666,168	
Ending Fund Balances - GAAP Basis			766,168	

TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

Exhibit F

	Proprietary Fund Types Marina Fund
Operating Revenues:	
NEH Marina	446,039
Moorings	56,072
Homeland Security Grant	11,250
State Float Grant	38,072
Marina Concessions	1,730
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Total Operating Revenues:	553,163
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Operating Expenditures:	
NEH Marina	216,118
Seal Harbor Marina	6,071
Bartlett Narrows Harbor	1,674
Somes Harbor	350
Depreciation	
Administration	26,119
Personnel	41,517
Compliance	657
Sewer Charges	8,506
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Total Operating Expenditures	301,012
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Net Operating Income	252,151
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Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	
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Total Nonoperating Revenue (Expenses)	0
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Net Income (Loss) before contributions and transfers	252,151
Transfer to General Fund	(23,906)
Transfers to Reserves	(72,500)
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Change in Net Assets	155,745
Total Net Assets - Beginning	39,116
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Total Net Assets - Ending	194,861
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TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL REVENUES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

Exhibit A-1
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	<i>Estimated</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Over (Under) Budget</i>
Taxes			
Property	9,953,980	10,049,557	95,577
Motor Vehicle Excise	480,000	519,754	39,754
Boat Excise	27,000	35,434	8,434
Interest on Taxes	11,000	18,238	7,238
	<u>10,471,980</u>	<u>10,622,983</u>	<u>151,003</u>
Intergovernmental Revenues			
Acadia National Park	22,500	23,055	555
Otter Creek Treatment Plant	30,000	8,360	(21,640)
Road Assistance	43,140	44,127	987
Tree Growth	4,000	3,887	(113)
General Assistance	2,000	83	(1,917)
Homestead Reimbursement	35,161	35,202	41
ANP Jordan Pond House	25,000		(25,000)
Snowmobile Refund	400		(400)
Veterans Exemption	800	864	64
	<u>163,001</u>	<u>115,578</u>	<u>(47,423)</u>
Charges for Services			
Police Department	5,000	9,069	4,069
Highways	2,500	200	(2,300)
Sewers	543		(543)
Solid Waste	1,000	4,270	3,270
Paid Parking	45,000	49,838	4,838
Planning and Zoning	20,000	51,517	31,517
Town Clerk	6,000	5,886	(114)
Tax Collection	10,000	10,879	879
	<u>90,043</u>	<u>131,659</u>	<u>41,616</u>

TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL REVENUES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

Exhibit A-1
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	<i><u>Estimated</u></i>	<i><u>Actual</u></i>	<i><u>Over (Under) Budget</u></i>
Miscellaneous			
Surplus Property and Equipment	5,000	12,911	7,911
Solid Waste Performance Credit	35,021	35,032	11
Interest on Investments	95,000	141,589	46,589
Interest on Temporary Loans	15,000	26,422	11,422
Insurance Dividends/Refunds	1,000	17,955	16,955
Maple Lane Apartments	3,600	2,268	(1,332)
Donations	1,000	700	(300)
Other		6,462	6,462
	<u>155,621</u>	<u>243,339</u>	<u>87,718</u>
Transfers and Other Sources			
Credit Reserve	477,100	477,100	-
NEH Marina	23,906	23,906	-
Municipal Revenue Sharing	103,149	103,149	-
	<u>604,155</u>	<u>604,155</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Revenues and Transfers	<u>11,484,800</u>	<u>11,717,714</u>	<u>232,914</u>

TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT

GENERAL FUND

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005**

Exhibit A-2

Page 1 of 2

	<i>Encumbered from 2004</i>	<i>Appropriation</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Encumbered to 2006</i>	<i>(Over) Under Budget</i>
General Government					
Elected Officials		8,770	7,835		935
Administration		229,553	232,671		(3,118)
Assessor/CEO	35,187	225,534	100,121	158,604	1,996
Tax Collector/Treasurer		55,200	52,556		2,644
CEO/Assessor Assistant	18,524	73,972	77,745	11,481	3,270
Buildings and Grounds		106,069	111,385		(5,316)
Town Clerk/Registrar	700	51,178	50,462		1,416
	54,411	750,276	632,775	170,085	1,827
Public Safety					
Police Department		348,638	319,738	3,500	25,400
Fire Department	10,000	187,580	138,781	36,870	21,929
Communications	4,107	161,430	153,188		12,349
	14,107	697,648	611,707	40,370	59,678
Public Works Department					
Highways, Streets and Roads		863,225	895,146		(31,921)
Waste Collection and Disposal		379,832	336,520	2,500	40,812
Parks and Cemeteries		42,180	27,136		15,044
	-	1,285,237	1,258,802	2,500	23,935
Compliance/Mandates	26,995	382,160	339,660	61,989	7,506
Other Services		100,479	100,479		
Recreation		67,747	57,531		10,216
Rural Wastewater Support		150,000	123,816		26,184
Wastewater Capital and Debt	107,000	1,451,875	1,164,033	391,224	3,618
Wastewater Treatment					
Sewer Treatment		344,154	287,697		56,457
Northeast Harbor Plant		94,446	77,518		16,928
Somesville Plant		41,000	26,467		14,533
Seal Harbor Plant		46,824	44,678		2,146
Otter Creek Plant		37,850	25,232		12,618
		564,274	461,592		102,682

TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

Exhibit A-2
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	<i>Encumbered from 2004</i>	<i>Appropriation</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Encumbered to 2006</i>	<i>(Over) Under Budget</i>
Debt Service					
Interest on Temporary Notes		15,000	27,928		(12,928)
Legal Expense		1,500	1,360		140
		16,500	29,288		(12,788)
Personnel					
Unemployment Compensation		10,693	435		10,258
Maine State Retirement		17,490	14,631		2,859
Actuary Administration		1,000			1,000
ICMA Retirement		31,485	26,131		5,354
Section 125 Admin Expenses		750	444		306
Workers Compensation		71,228	61,714		9,514
Social Security/Medicare		114,534	112,453		2,081
Medical Insurance		385,294	365,016		20,278
Life/Accident Insurance		630	628		2
Recruit Expenses		4,000	3,065		935
Wage Adjustments-Union		3,147			3,147
Salary Adjustments-Non Union		23,147	25		23,122
		663,398	584,542		78,856
Assessments					
MDI High School		1,871,466	1,871,466		-
County Tax		633,063	633,063		-
Overlay		63,665	4,716		58,949
		2,568,194	2,509,245		58,949
Operating Transfers Out					
Elementary School		2,435,012	2,435,012		-
Reserve Funds					
Town Roads Reserve		25,000	25,000		-
Public Works Equipment Reserve		77,000	77,000		-
Refuse Equipment Reserve		20,000	20,000		-
Wastewater Equipment Reserve		5,000	5,000		-
Fire Equipment Reserve		150,000	150,000		-
Town Office Building Reserve		20,000	20,000		-
Seal Harbor Marina Road Reserve		20,000	20,000		-
Admin. Office Equip. Reserve		25,000	25,000		-
Communications Reserve		10,000	10,000		-
		2,787,012	2,787,012		
Totals	202,513	11,484,800	10,660,482	666,168	360,663

GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN UNRESERVED - UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

Unreserved Fund Balance, January 1	100,000	
Unreserved Fund Balance, December 31	<u>100,000</u>	
Increase		<u><u>0</u></u>

Analysis of Change

Additions		
Budget Summary		
Revenue Surplus - Exhibit A-1	232,914	
Unexpended Balance of		
Appropriations - Exhibit A-2	<u>360,663</u>	
Budget Surplus		<u>593,577</u>
Deductions		
Fund Balance Transferred to		
Credit Reserve per Vote		<u>(593,577)</u>
Increase		<u><u>0</u></u>

**TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT
ALL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2005**

Exhibit B-1

<i>Assets</i>	<i>Municipal Revenue Sharing</i>	<i>Elementary School Department</i>	<i>Town Reserve Funds</i>	<i>Shellfish Fund</i>	<i>Total</i>
Investments			2,869,357		2,869,357
Due from Other Funds	6,378	1,512,119	1,096,576	6,485	2,621,558
Total Assets	6,378	1,512,119	3,965,933	6,485	5,490,915
<i>Fund Balances</i>					
Fund Balances					
Unreserved					
Designated for Subsequent Years' Expenditures			3,965,933		3,965,933
Undesignated	6,378	1,512,119		6,485	1,524,982
Total Fund Balances	6,378	1,512,119	3,965,933	6,485	5,490,915

**TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT
ALL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005**

Exhibit B-2

	<i>Municipal Revenue Sharing</i>	<i>Elementary School Department</i>	<i>Town Reserve Funds</i>	<i>Comprehensive Planning Grant</i>	<i>Shellfish Fund</i>	<i>Total</i>
Revenues						
Intergovernmental Revenues	94,333			2,733		97,066
Local Sources		259,575	8,255		940	268,770
Fair Value Increase (Decrease)			80,135			80,135
Total Revenues	94,333	259,575	88,390	2,733	940	445,971
Expenditures						
Education		2,762,070				2,762,070
Capital Outlay			239,397			239,397
Other			4,487	2,733		7,220
Total Expenditures		2,762,070	243,884	2,733	-	3,008,687
Excess of Revenues Over (Under)						
Expenditures	94,333	(2,502,495)	(155,494)	-	940	(2,562,716)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Transfers from Other Funds		2,435,012	1,018,078			3,453,090
Transfers to Other Funds	(103,150)		(477,100)			(580,250)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(103,150)	2,435,012	540,978			2,872,840
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under)						
Expenditures and Other Uses	(8,817)	(67,483)	385,484	-	940	310,124
Fund Balance - January 1	15,195	1,579,602	3,580,449		5,545	5,180,791
Fund Balance - December 31	6,378	1,512,119	3,965,933	-	6,485	5,490,915

TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT
RESERVE FUNDS
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

Exhibit B-3

	<i>Balance January 1</i>	<i>Transfers In</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Expenditures/ Transfers</i>	<i>Balance December 31</i>
Capital Improvement Funds					
Town Roads	36,895	25,000			61,895
Wastewater	25,000	25,000			50,000
Pollution Control Equipment	5,000	5,000			10,000
Northeast Harbor Marina	144,994	72,000		92,884	124,110
Seal Harbor Bait House	1,615	500			2,115
Town Office Building	32,055	20,000			52,055
Land Acquisition	174,887				174,887
Credit Reserve	1,716,404	593,578		477,100	1,832,882
Bartlett Narrows Dock	17,500				17,500
Summit Sewer	186,545			27,774	158,771
Seal Harbor Dock	25,551				25,551
Seal Harbor Marina Road	75,000	20,000			95,000
Capital Equipment Funds					
Public Works	122,069	77,000		118,739	80,330
Fire	275,223	150,000	7,300		432,523
Refuse	53,073	20,000			73,073
Assessor's Car	1,004				1,004
Office Equipment	9,331				9,331
Communications Radio	14,324	10,000			24,324
Others					
Dog Welfare	6,168		955	4,487	2,636
Sub-Total	2,922,638	1,018,078	8,255	720,984	3,227,987
General (Fair Value Changes)	657,811		80,135		737,946
Total	3,580,449	1,018,078	88,390	720,984	3,965,933