

# TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT



ANNUAL REPORT  
2006

## DEDICATIONS



David L. Stanley

Dave's dedication to the Town is noted in his willingness to work as assessor for many years. Within this and other organizations he belonged to, exemplified pride in community.

Dave was master of ceremonies of the Memorial Day Parade for more than forty years. He also organized the parade and whenever another American Legion member would ask if he needed help, he would say, "not yet."

Dave was manager of Neighborhood House and for a generation of youths, he showed fairness and taught respect as we had to pay attention to his house rules on the basketball court and bowling alley.

His smile and nod of the head and his marvelous greeting "how r yuh" from his Fish Market and as he shambled down the street will always be remembered.



Valerie Tracy

Val would be deeply honored to have her "hometown" Annual Report dedicated to her. She loved the Town of Mount Desert.

She was born and raised a resident of Northeast Harbor and never had any desire to travel far from home. One of her favorite expressions was "Why would anyone want to go anywhere else?" Val stayed busy as secretary at Saint Mary's Episcopal Church, the Mount Desert Nursing Association, volunteering as a Girl Scout Leader, and as a commissioner for Mount Desert Housing Authority.

She was very proud to be a member of the Mount Desert Island Chapter of the DAR. Many remember her fondly during her Post Office years as she sorted our mail, singing beautifully.

Val contributed a great deal to the community she loved.

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

TYPE/MOTION	SECOND REQUIRED	DEBATABLE	AMENDABLE	VOTE REQUIRED	RECONSID- ERABLE	RANK/NOTES
<b>PRIVILEGED</b>						
Adjourn ( <i>sine die</i> )	Y	N	N	M	N	1
Recess or Adjourn to Time Certain	Y	Y	Y	M	N	2
<b>SUBSIDIARY</b>						
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
<b>INCIDENTAL</b>						
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
<b>MAIN</b>						
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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Committee, and Community organization's staff.*

## **TOWN OFFICE**

P O Box 248  
21 Sea Street  
Northeast Harbor, ME 04662  
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
Mount Desert Elementary School.....	276-3348
MDI Regional High School.....	288-5011
Union 98 Superintendent's Office.....	288-5049

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James Willis.....	policechief@mtdesert.org
Anthony Smith.....	director@mtdesert.org
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*Seal Harbor From The Town Dock*



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## Volunteer for Boards and Committees

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

## View Mount Desert Property Assessment Online

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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Follow the links above at [www.mtdesert.org](http://www.mtdesert.org)

## RECYCLE AND REDUCE



TOWN GARAGE  
SARGEANT DRIVE OFF ROUTE 198

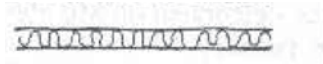
### PAPER:

Newspaper, Magazines, Junk Mail, and Telephone Books



### CARDBOARD:

Clean, corrugated cardboard in 3' flattened sections only.



### TIN AND ALUMINUM:

Food cans only, cleaned, flattened if possible, labels OK.  
No spray cans, pie tins, or foil.



### PLASTIC:

No. 2 Plastic only:

Check bottom of milk jugs for recycle label and flatten.

A separate container for bleach and detergent bottles is available.

Flatten them if possible.



**BOTTLES:** Both plastic and glass support the Boy Scouts.  
The 8th Grader's bin at MDES support important humanitarian trips.

### GLASS:

Clear and colored jars and bottles only.

No light bulbs, window glass, china, or ceramics.



### BROWN BAGS:

Put in the corrugated bin or use again for newspapers

### IMPORTANT:

Follow these directions carefully or the whole load may become contaminated.

### IN ADDITION:

**PLASTIC BAGS:** (Including cleaners bags)

Take to supermarkets.

**STYROFOAM PACKING PELLETS and BUBBLE WRAP:**

Take to First Express, 61 Cottage Street, Bar Harbor.

### COMPOSTING:

Reduces garbage and nourishes your garden

**WEBSITE LINKS:** Too numerous to include, but we encourage you to Google Ecology and Environment

## **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	Edward Bonville	2006
TRUSTEES	Michael Musetti	2007
	George Peckham, Jr.	2008

## **APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND ADMINISTRATION**

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	Sarah 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 Sarah Merchant, Deputy



## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS**

Samuel Blanchard	Steven Montminy
Stuart Burr	Christopher Moore
Colby Chase	Basil Mahaney
Luke Damon	Mark Middleton
Robert Dodge	Steven Montminy
Robert Foster	Christopher Moore
Jesse Hartson	Robert Norwood
Norman Hawes	Robert Pyle
David Higgish	Norris Reddish
Thomas "Chase" Hobbs	Joseph Renault
Anthony Hoff	Anthony Smith
Mark Johnson	Kevin Stradley
Michael Kelly	John Sweet
Frederick Lippucci	Michael Sweet
John Littlefield	Thomas Wallace
Basil Mahaney	Bruce Walton
Mark Middleton	John Wheatley

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS	Anthony Smith
SUPERINTENDENT	Kenneth A. Poors
HIGHWAY	Gerald Frost Benjamin Jacobs James Greenlaw Leon Peasley Joseph Jacobs David Knowlton John Lemoine Philip Frost
REFUSE COLLECTION	Dominic DiGuardia Michael Pokoney
RECYCLING	Heather Brinson Jo Ann Dunton Ryan Dunbar
POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY	Jonathan Merchant Charles Croan Edward Montague Terry Savage

### **TOWN BUILDINGS AND PARKS**

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	Karl Richard
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### **HARBOR MASTERS**

HARBOR MASTER	Shawn Murphy
DEPUTY HARBOR MASTER	Bryan Dow

### **SHELLFISH COMMITTEE**

SHELLFISH WARDENS	Kevin Edgecomb Shawn Murphy
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### **BOARDS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW	John C. Doyle, Ch.	2008
	Keating Pepper	2008
	James Bright	2007
	Darrell Phillips	2009
	Julianna Reddish-Smith	2009
MDI HOUSING AUTHORITY	Wanda Fernald	2008
	Daniel Falt	2007
	Karol Hagberg	2009

Tenant Commissioners:	Alice Carter	2008
	Gloria Munson	2007
	Holly Manheim	2010

PLANNING BOARD	Heather Jones, Ch	2008
	James Clunan, VC	2008
	Heather Jones, Sec	2008?
	Patricia Rielly	2006
	Joseph Tracy	2007
	Schofield Andrews III	2007
	James Bright, Alt.	2009
	Gerard Miller, Alt.	2007

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	Harry R. Madeira, Ch	2008
	William N. Ferm	2009
	Jane Vris	2007
	George B. Lauriat	2009
	Thomas Richardson	2009
	Kevin Walls	2007
	Edward Bonneville	2008

## COMMITTEES

ACADIA NATIONAL PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION	Town Rep.	Paul Richardson	2008
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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE	Jerome Suminsby, Chair	
	Robert Collins	2007
	Samuel Fox MD	2007
	Douglas Hopkins	2007
	Cory Papadopoli	2007
	Brian Reilly	2007
	Sydney Roberts Rockefeller	2007
	Kathryn Suminsby	2007
	Hope Rowan, Planning Assistant	

COUNTY SERVICES COMMITTEE	Kathleen Branch	2007
	James Bright	2007
	M Murdoch	2006
	James Robinson	2007

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE	Brent Hamor	Ex officio
	Michael MacDonald	Ex officio
	Richard M. Savage, II	Ex officio
	John M. Brown	2007
	John Macauley	2007
	Jerome Suminsby	2007
	Michael Silva	2007

MARINE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE		Dana Haynes, Ch	2008
		James Black	2008
		James Bright	2008
		Edward Bromage	2008
		Thomas Brown	2008
		Jock Crothers	2008
		Thomas Fernald	2008
		Eric Jones	2008
		William A. Johnston	2008
		Story Litchfield	2008
		Robert Liebow	2008
		Douglas Randolph-Foster	2008
		Shawn Murphy	Ex officio
MOUNT DESERT WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES		Harry R.Maderia, Ch	2008
		Elsie Baum	2007
		Karen Coombs	2007
		Alan Joseph	2009
		Stephen Zirnkilton	2008
SHELLFISH CONSERVATION		Thomas Falt, Chair	2008
		Sherwood Carr	2008
		Jock Crothers	2008
		Stephen Hamor, Sr.	2008
		Harvey Heel	2008
		Scott Merchant	2008
		Earl Moore	2008
		Ernest Smallidge	2008
		Robert A.Taylor	2008
SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE		Barry Thomas	2008
		Anthony Smith, Chair	2008
	Board Liaison:	Kathleen Branch	2007
		Melvin Everly	2007
		Mildred Johnson	2007
		Philip Lichtenstein	2007
		Joelle Nolan	2007
		Robert W. Patterson Jr.	2007
		Christopher Breedlove	2007
		William Burnett	2007
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE		John Brown	2007
		Brent Hamor	2007
		Dwight Lanpher	2007
		Jerome Suminsby	2007
TRAFFIC COMMITTEE		Samuel Coplon, Co-Chair	2007
		Katherine Fernald	2007
		Jean G. Fernald	2007
		Blanche Johnson	2007

Pauline Johnson	2007
Phyllis Partridge	2007
Sydney Roberts Rockefeller, Co-Ch.	2007
Anthony Smith	2007
James Willis	2007



*Seal Harbor*

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

First and foremost, the Board of Selectmen extends our appreciation and special thanks to all the employees of the Town. Without their special effort and dedication, we certainly would not be able to offer the high level of service to our residents that we continue to strive for. Our best wishes and gratitude are expressed to former Town Clerk and office leader Kim Parady for her dedicated years of employment with the Town of Mount Desert. We wish all our present and former employees the very best in health and happiness in their endeavors.

Completion of the updated re-evaluation of the entire town's real estate was achieved and posting of all the property valuations are now available to the public. The new real estate valuations for the Town now total over 1.98 billion dollars and this figure will be used to establish a new mil-rate for 2007. This dubious distinction continues to place extreme pressure upon our year round population's ability to pay our financial obligations that are currently based on property valuations. Because of state law, our town currently has no control over our assessed budget rate for both Hancock County and the regional high school funding formula.

Major funding expenses are reflected in our on-going public sewer maintenance, improvements, and potential



expansions. Notable improvements which were made in the Seal Harbor/Otter Creek system have benefited the whole Town from the efficiency of the upgraded system. Water quality monitored in both Otter Creek Cove and Seal Harbor during 2006 continues to show significant improvement over previous years. Acadia National Park began making a payment on its obligated share of the project's capital cost and these funds will be used to pay down our sewer bonded loans. The Summit Road sewer project in Northeast Harbor is expected to be completed during the late spring of 2007. Resolution to our Sewer Waste Water Support Program and equitable funding of public and private sewer systems within the Town continue to challenge the Board of Selectmen and frustrate many taxpayers.

It is most important that the residents of the town communicate their wishes and desires to our local government. Recorded votes at our annual town meeting will establish individual property tax commitments, zoning regulations, and budgetary priorities. In addition to the annual election of public officials, voters will be asked to decide on referendum three important topics. Each of these topics has been part of our ongoing discussions and deliberation for much of the past year. The exact wording and recommendations are reported in our printed Town Meeting Warrant.

A. To see if the Town of Mount Desert will change our annual town meeting date from the first Monday of each March to the first Monday of each May. Elections of town officials will also take place on the proposed date in May.

B. To decide whether or not to continue the addition of fluoride in the public water supply.

The Board of Selectmen thank you all for your continued support and input in our decisions and deliberations. Vocal and written comments are seriously considered and attendance to our meetings is always appreciated. We are so fortunate to have so many volunteer citizens who devote extraordinary time and efforts serving the Town's many organizations and advisory boards. Most often they go unrecognized. Please accept our very special thanks and appreciation for jobs well done.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard M. Savage, II  
Chairman

## **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Once again the citizens and taxpayers of the Town of Mount Desert are entitled to a well-deserved "Thank You." The thank you comes from your willingness to support the Board of Selectmen's policy and program improvements and for providing town staff with the resources necessary to implement those programs.

Our 2006 Annual Town Meeting was again unremarkable without any extraordinary issue to fill the seats at the meeting or to incite extreme emotions; all avoided by efforts to communicate and educate those with an interest in any particular topic - thank you all who took the time and effort. Voters approved a 1.25 million dollar bond for Summit Road sewer project and road and sidewalk improvements in Somesville and Seal Harbor. The Ripples Road project has been completed and subject to numerous compliments on the quality of the project. Planning Board Chairperson Jones' Report details some of the changes to our Land Use and Zoning Ordinances. Improvements were approved for our Rural Wastewater Support Program, Flood Plain Management Ordinance, and the Public Right-of Way Opening Ordinance. We entered into lease agreements with the American Legion Post 103 and David Rockefeller, Sr.

Personnel changes during the year included Highway Mechanic Gerald Frost resigning to accept a position with Greenrock Corp., Dispatcher Sharon Gilley's retirement, Sarah "Sally" Merchant resigning to accept a position with a real estate firm in Southwest Harbor, Officer Jason Clarke's assignment to the Hancock County Drug Task Force, and Town Clerk Kim Parady's resignation to accept a position with a local electrical contractor. Good luck to all as they embark on a new chapter in their personal histories.

The Town was named a defendant in a civil rights violation claim against our Police Department. We are confident the lawsuit will be successfully defended by our Police liability insurance carrier.

Police Chief Willis reports the new video camera in a cruiser has proven its worth during traffic stops and other activities. With Officer Jason Clarke temporarily assigned to the HC Drug Task Force, Officer Daniel Owens was hired to fill Jason's spot in the patrol schedule.

The Town was once again the beneficiary of successful grant applications for our Harbors and Public Works programs. Thank you Harbormaster Murphy and Public Works Director Smith. Fire Chief Bender reports the new rescue-pumper truck authorized at the 2005 Town Meeting was delivered in June and is working as expected. A new roof was installed on the Somesville Fire station.

Vision Appraisal wrapped up their re-valuation work in late summer and Assessor Brushwein reports that we received fewer than expected property-owner comments. John also reports the new Vision software is performing as expected. Finance and Administration received updated computer systems for office personnel and the fileserver software and hardware were updated. Finance Director Hamor reports all systems are working as expected and efficiencies were gained through the upgrade.

The Board of Selectmen and Town Meeting approval of a revised fee schedule for Code Enforcement allowed CEO Keene to report that fees rather than taxes funded 80% of the Code Enforcement budget. Improvements to the front steps to the Town Office building were started in December and we began the planning for renewing the appearance of the exterior of the Town Office building.

I wish to express a well deserved thank you to the dedicated employees of the Town of Mount Desert, without their efforts and hard work the list the accomplishments above would be much shorter.

Michael R. MacDonald  
Town Manager

## **MOUNT DESERT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

It has been a pleasure to serve this past year as school board members for Mount Desert Elementary School, as well as on the Mount Desert Island High School Board and the Union 98 board. We are a fortunate community that has such great students learning and growing with the help of a dedicated staff of support personnel, teachers, and administrators.

Rather than repeat here some of the recent accomplishments within the Elementary School, I refer you to Scott McFarland's excellent and informative report elsewhere in this volume.

This is prepared in mid-January, so by the time you read this, much of what I will report here will have changed, hopefully for the better, but it seems that the biggest challenge our community faces in the upcoming year will be proposals by the governor to radically alter the administration, indeed, the very ownership of our schools. Your board has and will be working exceptionally hard to intervene in that process to attempt to insure that the close working relationship between the leadership of the school, the staff, the town government and the parents and citizens will remain one of its great strengths. If you have been involved in that process with us, we thank you. If there is still a need for action, we invite you to join us now.

For the past year your school board members have been Mia Thompson Brown, Laura Hendricks, John March, Gail Marshall, and Laurel Robbins.

We meet as an elementary school board the first Wednesday of every month at 4 pm at the elementary school. The high school meetings are usually the second Monday at 7pm at the high school library. We encourage your attendance at any of these meetings. Also, there is a wealth of information available at [www.u98.k12.me.us](http://www.u98.k12.me.us).

Again, thank you for all that you do to make our school one of the finest in the state.

Gail Marshall, Chair

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The following documents were duly recorded under vital statistics:

	2004	2005	2006
Birth/marriage/death certificates	75	74	59

We wish to remember the following friends and family members whose deaths were recorded in our town for the year 2006: Olive W. Tourtelotte, Paul F. Kelley, Edgar P. Gwynn, Caspar W. Weinberger, James M. Willis, E. Farnham Butler, Gladys W. Butler, Dora R. Pierce, Hortense G. Abbott, Constance L. Scott, Stephanie H. Dahl, David S. Hyde, Monica C. Roberts, Robert E. Heffner, Steven J. Burstein, Valerie M. Tracy, David L. Stanley, Heslyn G. Kelley, and Dari C. Burke.

Licenses issued were as follows:	2004	2005	2006
Dog Licenses:	242	250	242
Sport Licenses:	362	1551	1256
Clam Licenses	48	48	35
Passports	75	89	116

2006 was the year of many changes. After town meeting, new computers were set up in the administrative office. This process allowed us to each be working with the same version of most software applications. Joelle and I worked on Policy and Procedure instruction "how-to's" for many functions of both the town clerk's and tax collector's office. The purpose was to streamline procedures and assist in cross - training. A new server was installed and after several kinks were worked out - we were up and running faster and more efficient than ever.

More technical changes were implemented by the State regarding how people may vote. The new Accessible Voting System (AVS) was available for the first time at the November 2006 election. My deep appreciation is extended to the Gilliland family who help me with the testing - without their help, I could not have successfully put the system into operation.

I would like to mention several co-workers who worked with me since I first began employment: Jim Greenlaw, Ken Poors, Matt Heel, John Brushwein and Sharon Gilley. We enjoyed some very good times. Along with many others I wish Sharon well on her retirement from town employment.

A special thank you to my mentors: Ed Mandell, John C. Doyle and Jean Bonville. I remember 20? years ago coming for an interview at the town office with Ed Mandell, Jean Bonville and Bill Cox (town manager from 1986 – 1989). Carlo Ninfi had just retired and the town was implementing a new computer system for payroll, bookkeeping, assessing, tax billing, receipting, etc... We kept paper ledgers along with the computer for the first year until all the kinks were worked out – we still have the same system today. A good investment by the town!

Many thanks to Joelle, Darcel and Sally, my assistants and right-hand women who helped keep the wheels of this office running. Good luck to Sally in her new venture with real estate! John Doyle's helping hand after Sally's departure eased the transition and his affable manner made many people smile.

I have been proud to serve the Town these past 20 ? years and will miss attending to the needs of the people.

Kim Parady, CCM  
Mount Desert Town Clerk

### *DID YOU KNOW...*

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

## PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board of the Town of Mount Desert had an active year, continuing to meet year round on the second and fourth Mondays of the month (except for a Christmas break.). The Board conducted on-site inspections of every location for which applications were made for either a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) or Subdivision Permit. The seven volunteer members of the Board gave about 500 hours of their time to this valuable aspect of Town government.

The Selectmen appointed Jerry Miller of Somesville and James Bright of Northeast Harbor to replace Lisa Renault and Marc Sevigny. Schofield (Sandy) Andrews III took on the role as the Board's liaison with the Comprehensive Plan Committee (CPC).

CEO Kim Keene continued to play an important role by providing the Board with professional advice and serving as the Board's liaison with the Maine Municipal Association. She also worked with the Board developing a more detailed Conditional Use Permit application and to make certain our "Finding of Fact" was thorough.

Joelle Nolan, once again, assumed the duties of Recording Secretary, and Darcel Winslow continued to provide administrative assistance.

During 2006, 24 Conditional Use Permits were heard. The Board approved 14, denied 3 and the remaining 7 were withdrawn by the applicant/agent. The geographical break out is as follows: 9 CUPs in Northeast Harbor, 3 in the Somesville area, 1 on Bartlett's Island and one in Seal Harbor. The Board approved 1 Marine Structure on Bartlett's Island. Approval was given for one subdivision, a 12-lot, 29.8 acres development off Main Street/Route 102, in Somesville.

The Planning Board developed 10 proposed amendments to the Land Use Zoning Ordinance (LUZO) for inclusion in the 2007 Warrant. These proposals concern:

- Height of structures
- Cooking Facilities
- Home Occupations
- Driveway
- Fences
- Agreement between abutting property owners
- LUZO reference to the Subdivision Ordinance

During 2006 the Board also created a list of topics and/or ordinances to be addressed at workshops. The workshops are to be held, at a minimum, on meeting dates when there are no scheduled applications for review. The Board will continue to work with the CPC in hopes to bring the revised Comprehensive Plan to the 2008 Town Meeting. The Comprehensive Plan remains a planning priority over the next twelve months.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heather D. Jones, Chair

## 2006 OUTSTANDING TAXES

Art's Place LLC.	1,823.94	Johnston, John/Lydia	2,554.08
Attwood, Ernest A. Heirs**	131.60	Jordan, James/Kristen	2,819.43
Bayne, Mary Lee	12,944.42	Kent Camp, Inc	3,898.33
Berry, Fred W. Et. Als.	1,614.52	Kimball, Daniel M.	151.65
Biddle, Gardiner/Margaret	1,487.17	Leadbury, Fannie Heirs**	1,31.60
Black, Pauline M. Heirs	1,402.27	Leger, Margit/Sanne/Eric	177.68
Blanchard, Elizabeth W.	2173.37	Libitzki, Edward/Cheryl	2,213.06
Bottling Group, LLC	82.07	Lovejoy, Jason	1,515.47
Bowden, Frances	332.53	Maison Suisse	358.00
Boucher, Steven	169.80	McGarr, Nicole**	189.61
Brodeur, Mark/Carol	15.88	Mercer, Kyle/Kristen	67.49
Bueche, A.J., Inc.	134.43	Minctons, Wilfred	332.53
Butler, Jillaine	2,844.15	Millett, Janet M., Trustee	14,754.21
Clark, Scott/Robyn	130.18	Mitchell, Phyllis	5.95
Colson, Trasi/Robert	936.73	Peabody, Swetozoff/Shell Heap Trust	411.69
Debeauhernais, Peter	1,105.12	Perry, Marilyn E.	1,272.09
Deluca, Margaret/Nancy Buckwalter	1,124.93	Peters, Todd	1,917.3
Diana, Ronald/Alix	8.26	Pusey, Anne Woodward	3,707.30
Dodge, Robert/Anne	755.61	Reiff, William/Betty	5,150.60
Dodge, Robert/Anne	1,068.33	Richardson, Eudora	64.88
Dodge, Robert/Anne	1,059.84	Rosenthal, Nadia/Barbara	2,926.22
Dodge, Robert/Anne	713.16	Rudman, Nadia/Barlow, James	2,588.04
Driscoll, Joanne	568.83	Rudman, Nadia/Barlow, James	723.07
Dulong, Cheryl M.	880.13	Shultz, David	69.34
Dunbar, Mark E.	455.63	Scott, Niki/Valiant, Joseph	1,607.44
Farnsworth, Jeff	123.11	Scott, Niki/Valiant, Joseph	482.52
Fernald, Paul/Brenda	1,229.64	Smallidge, Stephen Heirs of Sarah Foster**	45.28
Frontiervision Partners, L.P.	4,668.09	Smallidge, Stephen Heirs of Augusta Smith**	45.28
Fulk, Robert V. Jr/Judith**	1,269.26	Smallidge, Stephen Heirs of Adelma Ralph**	45.28
Fulk, Robert V. Jr **	839.10	Sound House LLC	212.25
Grace, William R, M.D.	7,723.07	Stone, Josef	2,708.31
Grinnell, Margaret a	3,725.70	Thomas, Timothy	2.46
Haynes, Blaine	3,260.16	Thomas, Timothy	590.06
Haynes, Blaine	2,002.23	Train Properties	199.52
Haynes, Blaine/Mower Shop	38.21	Watson, Herbert/Dianne	2,801.70
Haynes, Steven I.	967.86	White, Melina W.	47.58
Haynes, Terrance/Leslie	1,083.89	Wilkinson, William Trustee**	2,970.09
Irwin, Douglas	1,499.90		
** Full payment received after books closed		Total 2006 Outstanding Taxes	\$ 129,102.44

### ***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.mtdesert.org](http://www.mtdesert.org).***



## 2006 SUMMARY OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES

2006	Tax Commitment	10,116,105.49
	Collections	9,984,612.19
	Abatements	2,390.86
	Uncollected 12/31/2006	\$ 129,102.44

2005	Taxes	119,991.93
	Collections	71,879.02
	Liens Placed	46,295.41
	Uncollected 12/31/2006	\$ 1,817.50

2005	Taxes Receivable:	
	Citicorp Vendor Finance	\$ 155.65
	Frontervision	1,407.97
	Haynes Mower Shop	236.31
	Train Properties	17.57
		\$ 1,817.50

2005	Tax Liens	46,295.41
	Collections	26,863.09
	Uncollected 12/31/2006	\$ 19,432.32

2005	Tax Liens Outstanding:	
	Biddle, Gardiner/Margaret	1,487.17
	Bowden, Frances	79.34
	Butler, Jillaine	2,844.15
	Clark, Scott/Robyn	130.18
	Colson, Trasi/Robert	936.73
	Driscoll, Joanne	533.46
	Dulong, Cheryl	880.13
	Farnsworth, Jeff	123.11
	Haynes, Blaine	3,738.43
	Haynes, Blaine	1,966.85
	Libinski, Edward**	2,177.69
	Perry, Marilyn	1,236.71

2004	Taxes	328.46
	Collections	182.55
	Uncollected 12/31/2006	145.91

2004	Taxes Receivable:	
	Haynes Mower Shop	145.91
		145.91

2004	Tax Liens	\$13,850.70
	Collections	\$ 9,846.19
	Uncollected 12/31/2006	4,004.51

2004	Tax Liens Outstanding:	
	Perry, Marilyn***	1,263.14*
	Stone, Josef	2,622.18*
	Farnsworth, Jeff ***	\$ 119.19*
		4,004.51

2003	Tax Liens	1,199.21
	Collections	\$ 105.71
	Uncollected 12/31/2006	\$ 1,093.50

2003	Tax Liens	
	Marilyn Perry ***	1,093.50*
		1,093.50

\* Liens matured-properties now owned by Town.

\*\* Paid after books closed

\*\*\* Installment Agreement

## TRIAL BALANCE- DECEMBER 31, 2006

EXPENDITURE CONTROL	9,205,905.11	INCOME PROTECTION	(1,158.20)
TAXES RECEIVABLE - 2004	145.91	AMERICAN FAMILY INS.	991.10
TAXES RECEIVABLE - 2005	1,817.50	MMEHT INSURANCE	(537.45)
TAXES RECEIVABLE - 2006	165,990.09	AFLAC/pre-tax	(1,271.87)
TAXES RECEIVABLE - 2007	(600.00)	AFLAC/URM	3,583.29
TAX LIENS - 2003	1,093.50	MMEHT DENTAL	(197.50)
TAX LIENS - 2004	4,004.51	DIRECT DEPOSIT	50,005.00
TAX LIENS - 2005	19,432.32	SCHOOL BOND ISSUE	148,895.72
CASH	4,937,737.35	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	(964,658.78)
PETTY CASH	800.00	CAPITAL LAND ACQUISITION	176,673.51
OVER/UNDER - POLICE	(229.00)	CAP GAINS RESERVE ACCT	887,104.56
DUE FROM CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00	DOG WELFARE -CRA	1,983.53
CREDIT CARD FEES	4,193.63	CREDIT RESERVE ACCOUNT	1,373,141.90
INVESTMENTS	3,044,972.23	ASSESSING/CODE ENFORC-CEA	1,014.16
TRUST FUND INVESTMENTS	0.00	SHELLFISH CONS PROGRAM	7,434.38
ACCRUED INTEREST RECEIVABLE	0.00	SURPLUS	100,000.00
ACCTS. RECEIVABLE	12,976.00	RADIO RESERVE	19,699.38
DEBT FUND	10,989,759.00	WATER INFILTRN/SEWERS-CIA	70,715.11
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$28,387,998.15</b>	POLLUTION CNTRL EQUIP -CEA	15,153.24
		TOWN OFFICE BLDG-CIA	64,648.85
BONDS PAYABLE	10,989,759.00	OFFICE EQUIP RESERVE	3,717.65
REVENUE CONTROL	12,593,025.11	SEAL HBR DOCK-CIA	30,863.10
ENCUMBERED FUNDS	666,168.22	FIRE EQUIP FUND -CEA	227,932.44
POLICE/OUTSIDE DETAIL	3,400.00	BARTLETT DOCK DECK-CIA	22,477.30
<b>DUE TO/FROM:</b>		NEH LANDING-CIA	158,972.61
FIRE GRANTS	(7,846.00)	SEAL HBR BAIT HOUSE -CIA	2,641.60
SHORE & HARBOR GRANTS	12,500.00	REFUSE TRUCK-CEA	94,024.50
POLICE GRANTS	301.14	PUBLIC WORKS EQUIP FUND-CEA	140,752.81
MDEA	(2,341.96)	TOWN ROAD FUND-CIA	87,782.21
HANCOCK COUNTY	(2,946.99)	S.H. MARINA:ACCESS RD	116,174.82
STATE REVENUE SHARING	6,378.98	HORACE/MARY REYNOLDS SCHOLAR	(52.00)
SUMMIT/RIPPLES/SH BOND	1,049,793.	FRANK K. STANLEY TRUST	(100.00)
SEWER BOND ISSUE	(12,922.16)	CLEARING ACCOUNT	29.66
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	(298.53)	STATE FEES - MOSES	2,090.00
DEFERRED TAX REVENUES	51,122.96	STATE PLUMBING FEES	413.00
SAFETY EQUIPMENT GRANT	1,357.00	STATE BMV FEES	4,525.25
DUE TO CAP PROJECTS/MARINA	194,860.97	STATE DOG FEES DUE	222.00
<b>BALANCE</b>			<b>\$28,387,998.15</b>

### DEBT FUND\*

Bond	Principle	Interest	Total
1987 SERIES B BOND	75,000.00	6,450.00	81,450.00
1996 SERIES A SRF	449,163.00	40,925.68	490,088.68
2003 WASTEWATER SRF	857,142.87	52,178.60	909,321.47
2004 WASTEWATER SRF	3,960,000.00	656,368.12	4,616,368.12
2006B GENERAL OBLIGATION	1,250,000.00	264,464.41	1,514,464.41
2002 SERIES C BOND	4,760,000.00	2,018,984.48	6,778,984.48
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,351,305.87</b>	<b>\$3,039,371.29</b>	<b>\$14,390,677.16</b>

## **TAX ASSESSOR'S REPORT**

### **Three Year View of Assessed Values**

	2004	2005	2006
Total Land Value	\$ 326,980,572	\$ 331,876,200	\$ 331,837,016
Total Building Value	\$ 362,760,200	\$ 367,684,900	\$ 379,197,000
Personal Property Value	\$ 3,517,400	\$ 3,900,000	\$ 3,885,100
Total Assessed Value	\$ 693,258,172	\$ 703,461,100	\$ 714,919,116

The summary above reflects an increase in the total taxable valuation of \$11,458,016.00 from April 1, 2005 to April 1, 2006. 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, which represented no increase from the previous year.

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 years taxes have been paid.

Vision Appraisal Technology completed a revaluation of all real estate within Mount Desert in August of 2006. The purpose of the revaluation was to comply with State required assessment standards and to create an equitable tax base that will be easier to maintain. The State of Maine requires towns to maintain a minimum assessment ratio of 70% of fair market value with a coefficient of dispersion (COD) of 20 or less. Prior to the revaluation tax assessments were, on average, 35% of fair market value with a COD of 24. The revaluation resulted in an assessment ratio of 101% and a COD of 7.28 for single family residences. Both of these statistical measures are good indicators of assessment uniformity. Vision Appraisal conducted approximately 240 informal hearings after the revaluation was complete. Taxpayers that are questioning the new assessments can file a formal appeal after the 2007 tax bills are finalized. Anyone that would like to file abatement may do so within 185 days of commitment. Applications are available at the Town Office or on-line at the Town's website. There is also a link on the Town website that allows taxpayers to view all assessments on line searching by name, location, or Map and Lot.

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 homestead exemption will be a reduction in assessment of \$13,000 for the 2007 tax year. 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 that are veterans who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during any federally recognized war that 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 may be eligible for a Veteran's Exemption. The deadline for making application for exemptions is April 1, 2007. Applications are available at the Assessor's office.

Respectfully submitted,  
John E. Brushwein, CMA  
e-mail: [assess@mtdesert.org](mailto:assess@mtdesert.org)  
Phone: (207) 276-5731

## CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

In 2006, this office issued a total of 176 Building Permits. This is a decrease of 7 from the 183 issued in 2005. A total of 43 permits were in areas regulated by shoreland zoning. In addition, there were 80 plumbing permits 14 municipal sewer hookups, 41 CEO Permits, compared to the 59 in the 2005 year, and 1 Flood Hazard Development Permit. The Code Enforcement Office collected \$28,229.86 in Building Permits Fees, \$9,210.00 in Plumbing/Septic Permits Fees, and \$13,300.00 in Sewer Connection Fees.

The CEO inspected 10 (seasonal) septic tanks and the Town paid \$2,000.00 for the pumping and disposal of the sludge. The CEO and Deputy CEO inspected 38 (year round) septic tanks, and the Town paid out \$125,528.00 for the Rural Wastewater Treatment Support Program.

The breakdown of the 2006 building permits is as follows:

Single family dwelling units	23
Guest houses	03
Additions to residences including decks and porches	62
Renovations	37
Garages	07
Sheds, barns, storage, workshops	13
Foundations, slabs	10
Fences, walls, walkways	10
Piers, docks, ramps, floats	01
Signs	09
Pre-engineered steel building	01

The breakdown of the 2006 plumbing permits is as follows:

Subsurface wastewater disposal systems	16
Internal plumbing	64
Municipal sewer hookup	14

Shoreland News:

Effective June 8, 2006, the DEP regulates activities in and adjacent to high and moderate value waterfowl and wading bird habitats and in shorebird nesting, feeding and staging areas.

Waterfowl and wading bird habitats:

Inland habitat: A high to moderate value inland habitat is a complex of freshwater wetland and open water areas, and includes a 250 foot wide zone surrounding the wetland complex. The 250 foot zone may, and often does, include upland areas outside of the wetland.

Tidal habitat:

The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has identified the intertidal area along the coast that is of high or moderate value to waterfowl and wading birds. A high to moderate value tidal habitat includes only the identified tidal habitat area.

The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has identified important intertidal areas that have a concentration of shorebirds that feed and congregate particularly during migration. These habitats include the intertidal zone and a 250 foot area adjacent to them.

Previously, DEP regulated activities in high and moderate value waterfowl and wading bird habitats to the extent that they were located within a freshwater wetland. Only the wetland and the area within 75 feet of it were subject to NRPA jurisdiction. The NRPA was amended during the spring of 2006 and all the significant habitats described above are now regulated if they meet specific criteria and are located on the GIS data layer maintained by DIF & W. Regulations on Vernal Pools will come into effect in September 2007.

Respectfully submitted, Kimberly Keen,e Code Enforcement Officer Building and Local Plumbing Inspector

## POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Our department responded to approximately 1,778 complaints during 2006. Of those complaints, the most common types are listed below;

False Burglar Alarms	325
Motor Vehicle Accidents – total	118
With property damage only	105
With personal injury	13
Animal Complaints	100
Information	95
Suspicious Activity	69
Subpoena Service	61
Lost and Found	60
Erratic Operation	46
Noise Complaint and disorderly	41
911 Hang Up Call	36
Theft	34
Traffic Offense (not OUI)	34
Well-being Check	27
Parking Complaint	24
Harassment (phone and others)	24
Operating Under the Influence Arrests	19
Operating after Suspension or w/o license	18
Drug Offenses	18
Domestic Complaints	16
Alcohol Offenses (minors)	11
Criminal Mischief (vandalism)	11
Warrant Arrests	9
Bail and Probation Violation Arrests	7
Criminal Trespassing	6
Boating Accidents (w/Harbormaster)	4
Fraud	4
Burglary	3
Bad Checks	3
Sex Offender Registration	1
Vehicle Theft	1

Our officers responded to many other calls that fall under a variety of categories, the statistics listed above are intended to represent the most common types of calls along with the most serious. I believe these statistics represent a good relationship between our agency and the community it serves. Because of the community's willingness to be involved, our officers are aware of activities in town that need to be checked out. I think the relatively low crime rate the community enjoys is directly related to that involvement.

Because of 2006 State level decision making leading to the Bar Harbor Police Department's 911 answering point being closed all 911 calls within Mount Desert are now initially answered at the Hancock County Regional Communications Center in Ellsworth. Once the dispatcher in Ellsworth has established what the problem is and what jurisdiction they are in the call is immediately forwarded to our dispatch office. All four of our full time Dispatchers, are now certified to provide Emergency Medical Dispatch services. When receiving and dispatching medical calls they are able to provide care instructions over the phone to those at the scene of the emergency. Our radio communications equipment was upgraded during 2006. We replaced aging antennae on the roof of the school and purchased equipment with Homeland Security grant fund assistance that allows us to have



repeaters installed for our police, and fire / ambulance. This system allows mobile units to communicate directly, even when they are on opposite sides of town.

The police department currently has 3 fully marked cruisers. We currently use a 2007 Ford Crown Victoria which, at the time this report is being typed, has about 18,500 miles on it as our primary cruiser. We supplement that with a 2005, 4 wheel drive Ford Expedition which at the time this report is being typed has about 59,000 miles on it and a 2005 Chevrolet Impala which at the time this report is being typed has about 95,000 miles on it. Much credit goes to our officers and the mechanics at the Town Garage for keeping them in good operating condition. We provide 24 hour patrol coverage during 3 separate shifts each day. Our officers put on an average of around 275 – 300 miles on our fleet daily. We currently budget for and purchase one car a year with the oldest car in the fleet being traded or sold through a bid process.

The department purchased a speed display trailer in early 2006. We routinely place the at various locations in town when weather permits. The speed trailer is effective at slowing traffic down when it is present. We encourage citizens to call with suggested locations for the trailer. Our dispatchers also keep track of street lights that are not functioning properly. If you notice a public street light not working at night or that is still on during a sunny day, please call us so we can include it with our regular communications with Bangor Hydro.

Our officers are encouraged to develop community policing projects. During 2006 we hosted several open gymnasium events at the elementary school, sponsored and taught AARP driving classes, provided Halloween safety information for children at the school, fit tested many children's car seats, supported the Special Olympics Torch Run and participated in the Angel Tree program at Saint. Mary's church during Christmas time. We have more, expanded events planned for 2007, if you have an idea for a project or would like to be involved please give us a call; we look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully submitted,  
James Willis,  
Chief of Police

## **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT**

The year of 2006 was an interesting one for the Board. Although there were five hearings, they all surrounded the same basic appeal.

The Board, minus the Chairman who was forced to rescue himself due to a conflict a interest, spent an inordinate amount of time and painstaking investigation to come to a final decision.

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**

The Mount Desert Chamber of Commerce enjoyed another busy year during the season of 2006. There were nearly 5000 visitors to 18 Harbor Drive requesting information about our villages and town. Many more made use of the shower and bathroom facilities as well as our tennis courts. Memberships in the Chamber remained at about the same level as 2005.

Early in 2006 we received an exceptionally generous grant to construct an addition to our restroom and shower facilities which is to be handicapped accessible. We have also raised additional funds to assist in this worthy project and have requested an appropriation of \$10,450 from the Town of Mount Desert, \$5000 of which would be earmarked for this project to insure completion prior to the summer of 2007.

Three officers were voted to return to the board of directors at our annual meeting in October. Tom Brown, Jenn Gray and Lisa Parsons were elected as President, Vice President, and Treasurer respectively and Sue Spoelhof was elected as Secretary to fill the vacancy left as Julie Swanson departed. Also approved at the meeting were an increase in membership fees and a 2007 budget of \$44600.

Christmas in Northeast was transformed this year into "Christmas in the Villages" to include and feature all the villages of our town. Through the wonderful cooperation of many volunteers the effort was a great success and well attended. Four communities, in addition to Northeast Harbor, enjoyed their own unique observances in a week long celebration.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rob DeRevere,  
Executive Director

## **HARBOR MASTER'S REPORT**

The marina had an exceptional 2006 season. Though it started off very slowly, we ended the year with the best season ever. Over the last several years we have been seeing an increase in the larger vessels visiting the marina. These vessels definitely helped in making the numbers add up at the end of the year.

Speaking of the larger vessels, we are in the process of expanding the width and length of our South dock this spring. This is to help ease the strain that the larger vessels put on our current docks and also allow pedestrian traffic to pass between the boats and not cause the hazard that currently exists due to the entrance ladders that crisscross the docks. The highway department will be assisting the harbor by constructing these floats, as they did last year. I would like to say that it is very nice to see our departments working together as this saves the Town of Mount Desert thousands of dollars.

Since I have worked for the Town of Mount Desert, I have been attempting to beautify the area around the marina. I will be continuing to do this in 2007 with the addition of some flower gardens and landscaping. Once again, this will be done utilizing the town's resources as this will keep the costs to a minimum.

In closing, I wish to thank every fellow employee from every department for their continued hard work, support, and willingness to help us out when needed. It takes more than a couple of individuals to make everything click. A special thanks to the Marine Management Committee and the Board of Selectmen for their hard work and support for the harbors and the marina. I would also like to say thank you to the residents of the Town of Mount Desert for their continued support of their harbors and marina. You truly offer a wonderful place to be employed and I am grateful of that.

Sincerely,  
Shawn Murphy  
Harbormaster

## **PUBLIC WORKS ANNUAL REPORT**

Under the direction of Highway Superintendent Kenny Poors and Wastewater Superintendent Jonathan Merchant, we made improvements to our roadways, kept the grounds looking nice, 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. As such, I want to thank my co-workers in Public Works for a job well done in 2006.

**Capital Improvement Plan:** We have a good start on the preparation of a five-year capital improvement plan (CIP) for the infrastructure of the town. We researched the concept and reviewed information from other communities, a portion of which is presented below.

A CIP is essentially a proactive approach to assessing existing and future capital needs that is updated every year. At its essence, our CIP will be a living five-year plan that will assist with needs identification and financial planning addressing such infrastructure as sidewalks, streets, storm drains and wastewater collection and treatment systems. We will also be looking at parks and buildings. Through this process, we will prioritize what needs to be accomplished, schedule the improvements, and budget accordingly. Usually projects in the CIP are relatively expensive, have a multi-year useful life, and result in fixed assets. The criteria for a project to be considered under our CIP are that it:

- Must be at least \$5,000 in value.
- Must have a life expectancy greater than five years.
- Is non-recurring.

The CIP is fluid in nature, with projects added and deleted from the approved list as a result of adjusted funding or project completion. It deals with items that are different from those which are covered under the capital outlay category in the department's annual operating and maintenance budget and represents the best efforts to allocate available resources toward projects that provide the most benefit to the most citizens. The CIP will be reviewed each year to reflect changing priorities and will provide a framework for identifying capital requirements and the impact of capital projects on operating budgets, scheduling, and coordinating related projects.

Some of the items that will be considered are the construction of a new highway garage, sidewalk reconstruction, upgrading the Somesville wastewater treatment plant, various pump stations, and the purchase or lease of new solid waste collection trucks, plow trucks and heavy equipment.

## **BUILDING, GROUNDS, PARKS, AND CEMETERIES**

Our year-around one-person crew continues to do a good job. As I have reported in the past, the job duties have expanded beyond Northeast Harbor to cover the area between Bartlett's Landing and Otter Creek. This large territory results in a lot of on-the-road time for the workers that we try to keep to a minimum. During the summer, when we add a helper to the crew, the work includes, among other duties, servicing Porta-Potties at Bartlett's Landing, Pond's End and Suminsby Park, performing grounds-keeping in all of the villages, servicing the toilets at the old fire station in Northeast Harbor and at the Seal Harbor marina, cleaning toilets and showers for the Chamber of Commerce, sweeping Main Street in Northeast Harbor; collecting recyclables from the Somesville and Seal Harbor post offices, providing cleaning, repair and maintenance services to the town office, and mowing lawns. We are going to investigate using a private local company to mow our lawns or split the duties with the wastewater summer helper or the recycle attendant.

We had planned to complete reconstruction of the Pond's End boat ramp this year but did not. Earlier in the year we became aware of a program sponsored by the State of Maine Department of Conservation that would provide us with free precast concrete planks for the ramp. We applied and received notice that we would receive the planks from them but have not as of yet. The necessary permits are in place so once we receive the planks we will proceed with the work.

**Highway Crew:** Unlike 2005, the crew responded to what proved to be a winter season of very little snow accumulation but a number of wet, slushy type storms. The telling tale of the winter of 2006 is that we spent approximately one-third the of our snow removal budget in 2006. Despite the light snowfall, commuters continued to tell us that our roads were the safest on the island. Some of the projects completed by the highway crew included: construction of a small addition to the garage for office space and parts storage, coordinating paving by Lane Construction on Sargeant Drive, Beech Hill Road, Joy Road, and Lookout Way, the latter two being done in partnership with the Mount Desert Water District. The crew replaced a number of culverts and constructed ditches associated with the paving projects, constructed floats for the harbor based on a new design, erected signs and, painted traffic control lines. We also worked with area contractors to rebuild the hill portion of the Ripples Road.

**Solid Waste Crew:** As a result of the lack of snow and ice, the crew was able to travel a number of private roads well into December that we usually stop traveling in November. They again put a tremendous effort in all types of weather to make their daily rounds and to do a good job. They make every effort to complete their work in a timely, thorough manner, typically backtracking on an as-needed basis if someone does not get their garbage out curbside on time. We ask that you have your solid waste curbside by 7:00 A.M. on your collection day. Recycling at Sargeant Drive continues to keep our attendant busy providing assistance and keeping the area neat and clean. We hope to have a means to recycle sorted office paper in early 2007.

**Wastewater Crew:** As we have become accustomed to, and still appreciate, the crew continued to produce effluent that more than exceeded minimum federal and state requirements of our discharge licenses. The new Otter Creek and Seal Harbor facilities that went online in June 2005 have worked extremely well, contributing to our positive rapport with the DEP. Staff successfully completed our annual quality assurance-quality control review of our laboratory procedures and a routine DEP inspection. The latter, however, resulted in the discussion of a new (\$500,000) second clarifier at the Northeast Harbor facility and a general question as to when we would be upgrading the Somesville treatment plant. Our DEP inspector hinted that they would prefer we close the Somesville plant and pump the wastewater to Northeast Harbor for treatment and discharge. My response was that we might consider it if they were willing to pay the \$5 million to \$10 million construction costs. I did not receive a commitment from them for this.

**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, technical aspects of asphalt and wastewater O&M. Participating with us in some of the in-house training were members of Bar Harbor public works, the Mount Desert Water District, Cherryfield Foods, Green Lake Fish Hatchery and the DEP.

**2007 Work:** Work anticipated for 2007 includes Pond's End construction of a second, narrower ramp for foot-traffic with canoes and kayaks adjacent to the boat ramp. This ramp will hopefully alleviate the congestion on the boat and trailer ramp, also scheduled for 2007 construction. We also plan additional culvert replacement and paving on Beech Hill Road and Ripples Road, float construction for the harbor; 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; completion of the construction of the Summit Road sewer, storm drain and sidewalk project; completion of the replacement of the town-owned pump station at Morris Yachts and; construction of a storage and maintenance building at the Northeast Harbor WWTP. Landscaping improvements are anticipated for Suminsby Park, postponed from this year due to our having to replace the wood chips at the Otter Creek playground to meet OSHA requirements.

In summary, 2006 was a successful, productive year for the members of the Public Works staff. Many thanks to the other town departments, the Board of Selectmen and the Warrant Committee for their support and assistance throughout the year. Particular thanks go to the taxpayers for their continued support as we strive to provide you with, in my opinion, some of the best service, and services, in the State.

Here's to a successful and safe 2007. As my dear friend from Seal Harbor used to tell me, "be good to yourself."  
Respectfully Submitted, Tony Smith, Public Works Director



## **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 after 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, 2007**

Spring clean up coincides with school vacation (April 17- 21) 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 STRICTLY 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 wood materials will be collected separately; limited to approximately the size of a pick-up truckload, 8' x 6' x 3.5', approximately 6 cubic yards. Wood materials and waste may not be greater than 4' x 6".

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 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 28** NO collection. Monday collection will be on Tuesday.

**Independence Day, Wednesday, July 4** There WILL BE collection.

**Labor Day, Monday, September 3** There WILL BE collection.

**Columbus Day, Monday, October 8** NO collection. Monday collection will be on Tuesday.

**Veteran's Day, Friday, November 12** NO collection. Friday collection will be on Thursday.

**Thanksgiving Week** Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23

Monday and Tuesday will be on Monday. Wednesday and Thursday will be on Tuesday. Friday will be on Wednesday. NO collection on Thursday or Friday.

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

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

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday, January 21** NO collection. Monday collection will be on Tuesday.

**Presidents Day, Monday, February 18** NO collection. Monday collection will be on Tuesday.

## SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING COMMITTEE REPORT

Local: The Solid Waste and Recycling Committee conducted six official meetings with a quorum in place in 2006. We further defined the role of the Committee as one that:

- Acts as the pulse of the Town regarding solid waste issues.
- Is a support system for the Acadia Disposal District.
- Is committed to education, particularly in the schools.
- Serves as a sounding board for Public Works Director Anthony Smith who relies on feedback from our members.

Some of the tasks undertaken or recommended by the committee include:

- Supporting the Village Improvement Society's request to relocate the dumpsters from the Seal Harbor beach parking lot to another site. This resulted in the dumpsters being moved to the vacant town-owned lot above the Village Market.
- Discussion of having commercial entities in town pay for a portion of their garbage collection. This would address the perception that taxpayers are subsidizing private businesses.
- Working with public works to develop a means to effectively collect and recycle sorted office paper.
- Continued discussing a ban on newspapers and magazines for the waste stream, much the same way cardboard was banned.

- Collecting garbage only once per week, Monday through Friday, on a year-around basis.
- Revised our meeting schedule to be at 4:30 P.M. on the fourth Thursday of the months of January, March, May, September and November at the Somesville fire station.

The current Committee members can use some assistance. We have all been charged with recruiting new members and spreading the word for new members as much as possible. 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. I look forward to continuing to work with our volunteers.

State: 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. We produced approximately 2,594 tons of trash in 2005. Some of the highlights from the SPO report include:

- MSW (Household trash) 1,837 tons
- Recyclables
  - OCC (cardboard) 84 tons
  - Newspapers/mags 80 tons
  - Clear glass 2 tons
  - Tin cans 8 tons
  - #2 plastic (HDPE) 3 tons
- Bulky Waste
  - CDD 185 tons
  - Wood waste 292 tons
  - Furniture 14 tons
  - Metals 89 tons

I encourage you to become active in our local committees. Thank you for your support as we work on your behalf.

## **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND 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 comput-

er 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 Anthony Smith at 276-5743 or [director@mtdesert.org](mailto: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 the Cranberry Islands, 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. \$\$DOLLARS\$\$: 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. \$\$DOLLARS\$\$: 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.

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

If you have any questions, please contact Public Works Director Tony Smith at 276-5743 or [director@mtdesert.org](mailto:director@mtdesert.org).





# SUMMER REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE (MID JUNE - LABOR DAY)

6/13/2006

## SUMMER REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE (beginning mid June thru Labor Day)

### MONDAY & THURSDAY

#### NORTHEAST HBR

#### COMMERCIAL

#### Abels Lane

Asticou

*\*Asticou Hill Trail*

*Asticou Way*

Butler Rd

*Delights Rd*

*Fitz Hugh Ln*

*\*Fjordstugan Way*

*Fox Lane*

*xx Gatehouse Rd*

*xx Giant Slide Rd*

*xx Hadlock Pond Rd*

*\*Highlands Lane*

*xx Kimball Lane*

Main St

*Memory Lane*

*Oak Grove Rd*

Old Firehouse Lane

Peabody Dr (Rte 3)

Route 3 (Peabody Dr)

Route 198 (Sound Dr)

*Rye Field Lane*

*S & H Lane*

*xx Sargent Brook Rd*

Sea St

Sound Drive (Rte 198)

*xx Spring Lane*

*xx Squantum Point Rd*

*Stanley Mountain Rd*

*xx SW Valley Rd*

*Thomas Way*

*\*Thuya Drive*

*\*Whales Back Lane*

*\*Wheelwright Way*

#### SEAL HARBOR

*xx Allens Way*

*Barr Hill Way*

*Bracy Cove Lane*

*Centennial Lane*

Champlain Dr (Rte 3)

*xx Clement Way*

*xx Cliffhanger Lane*

Cooksey Drive

Day St

Dodge Point Rd

*Hills Rd*

Jordan Pond Rd

Lower Dunbar

Main St

*McAlpine Farm Rd*

McKenzies Hill Rd

New County Rd

*xx Ocean View Lane*

Peabody Dr (Rte 3)

*Rock Garden Dr*

Route 3 (Peabody Dr)

Rowland Rd

*Seaside Lane*

Steamboat Wharf Rd

Upland Rd

Upper Dunbar

*Wetlands Way*

*Whoville Way*

Wildwood Rd

### TUESDAY & FRIDAY

#### NORTHEAST HBR

#### COMMERCIAL

*\*Barnacles Way*

*\*Clifton Dock Rd*

*Corning Way*

Cove End Rd

*\*Dead End Rd*

*Farm Lane*

*Forest Lane*

Gilpatrick Lane

Graves Lane

*Harbor Dr*

*xx Harbor Watch Ln*

Harborside Rd

*xx Huntington Lane*

*Huntington Place*

Huntington Rd

Kimball Rd

#### SOMESVILLE

#### COMMERCIAL

*xx Acadia Pines Ln*

*xx Alder Lane*

*xx Allegiance Ln*

*\*Balsam Lane*

Bartletts Landing Rd

Beech Hill Cross Rd

Beech Hill Rd

*Bentley Lane*

*\*Blanchard Rd*

*xx Brendun Lane*

*xx Broad Cove Rd*

Brookside Rd

*Buttonwood Lane*

*Cedar Lane*

*\*Chambers Lane*

*Chauncy Somes Ln*

*xx Cider Ridge Rd*

*xx Cliffs Way*

*Cobbles End*

*Conifer Cove Ln*

*xx Crane Rd*

*Crooked Lane*

*Cyrus Rd*

*Denning Brook Rd*

*xx Eagle Ridge Lane*

*xx Eastern Way*

*\*Easy St*

*\*Echo Lake Rd*

*\*Echo Pines Rd*

*xx Fern Way*

*xx Glendon Way*

*Golden Road*

Grants Hill Rd

Gray Farm Rd

*\*Great Neck*

Hall Quarry Rd

*xx Harmony Way*

Hibbards Hill Rd

*Hidden Path Way*

*xx Huckleberry Lane*

*Hummingbird Lane*

Indian Point Rd

*Jacobs Ridge Rd*

*xx Kennebec Lane*

*\*Kimball Camp Rd*

*Lakeside Rd*

*\*Little Echo Lane*

*xx Long Lane*

*xx Loon Lane*

*Lupine Lane*

*\*Macomber Pines Rd*

Main St (Rte 102)

*Marilyns Way*

*xx Mason Point Rd*

*xx Merchant Way*

*xx Mill Cove Rd*

*Lilac Lane*

Maple Lane

Neighborhood Rd

*\*Odyssey Way*

Rock End Rd

*xx Rock End Way*

*Smallidge Point Rd*

*xx Smith Place*

South Shore Rd

*Southwind Lane*

Tracy Rd

*\*Treehouse Way*

*\*Wedge Rock Lane*

*Mitchell Rd*

*xx Mountain View Drive*

*\*Musetti Drive*

*My Way*

*xx Narrows Rd*

*xx Ninfi Lane*

*xx North End Lane*

*Northern Neck Rd*

*xx Northwood Ln*

Oak Hill Rd

*\*Oak Ridge Rd*

*Ober Mill Rd*

*xx One Lane Rd*

*Orchard Pass*

*Osprey Lane*

*Pantops Lane*

Parker Farm Rd

*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*

*Rocky Rd*

Route 102 (Main St)

*xx Sand Point Rd*

*Shipwright Lane*

*Sleepy Hollow Lane*

*\*Somes Ridge Rd*

*\*Soundview cmpgrnd*

*Sundew Lane*

*Sylvinas Lane*

*xx Tamarack Lane*

*xx Tern II Lane*

*xx Timber Ridge Rd*

*Two Pines Rd*

*Vacation Lane*

*Village Park Rd*

*\*Vista Way*

*West Ledge Ln*

*Weymouth Way*

*xx WI Pojereno Rd*

Whitney Farm Rd

*xx Windham Lane*

*\*Woods Rd*

*xx Woodland Path*

### WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY

#### NORTHEAST HBR

*Birch Way*

Church Rd

*Covington Lane*

*Golf Club Rd*

*xx Indian Head Lane*

Joy Rd

*Kinfolk Lane*

Lookout Way

*xx Lyman Lane*

Manchester Rd

Millbrook Rd

*xx Norumbega Ledges*

Nursery Lane

Pine Rd

*Raspberry Lane*

Sargeant Drive

*xx Sargeant Point Rd*

*Schoolhouse Ledge*

Sinclair Rd

Spruce Rd

Stanley Lane

Summit Rd

Sylvan Rd

*xx Taylor Way*

Tennis Club Rd

*xx Wallace Way*

*xx Westerlee Way*

#### SEAL HARBOR

#### COMMERCIAL

Beach

Dock

Harbor Club

Roadside Cans

Rockefeller

#### OTTER CREEK

*xx Boulder Brook Lane*

*xx Cemetery Lane*

*Davis Lane*

Grover Avenue

*Kings Park Way*

*Music Hill Lane*

Otter Creek Drive (Rte 3)

Richardson Avenue

Route 3 (Otter Creek Dr)

Walls Street

#### OTTER CREEK COMMERCIAL

Wednesday, Saturday

#### SOMESVILLE ONE STOP

everyday except Sunday

**bold italics = Private Roads**

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

xx = Private Roads never traveled by garbage trucks, garbage must be brought to nearest traveled road



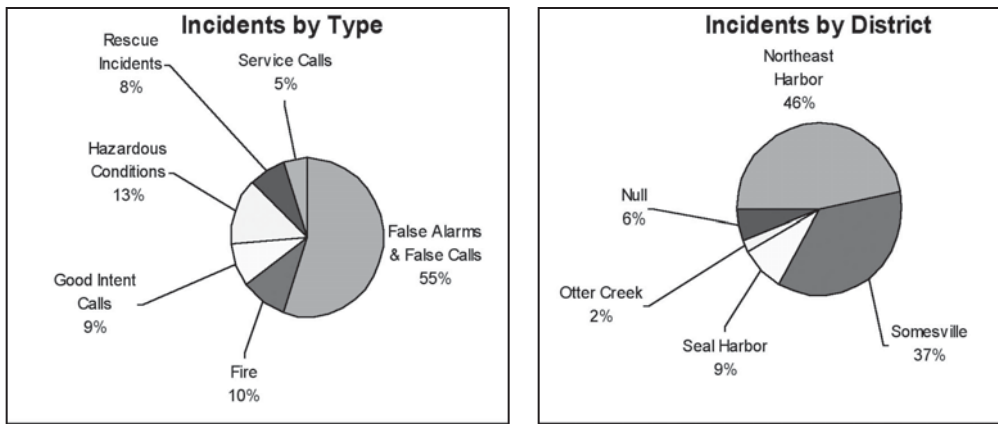
# WINTER REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE (LABOR DAY - MID-JUNE)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<u>NORTHEAST HBR</u> COMMERCIAL Birch Way Church Rd Covington Ln Golf Club Rd xx Indian Head Ln Joy Rd xx Kimball Lane Kirk Lane Lookout Way xx Lym 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 Westlee Way	<u>NORTHEAST HBR</u> *Barnacles Way *Clifton Dock Rd Coming Way Cove End Rd *Dead End Rd Delights Rd Fam Lane Forest Lane Fox Lane Gibpatrick Lane Graves Lane Harbor Drive xx Harbor Watch Lane HARBORSIDE RD xx Huntingdon 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  <u>SOMESVILLE</u> 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	<u>NORTHEAST HBR</u> COMMERCIAL Rte 3 (Peabody Dr) Asticou Asticou Hill Trail Asticou Way Highlands Lane Peabody Drive (Rte 3) Rye Field Lane Thuya Drive Wheelwright Way  <u>SEAL HARBOR</u> COMMERCIAL xx A Lens 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 Willow Rd  <u>OTTER CREEK</u> ENTREVILLAGE xx Boulder Brook Ln xx Cemetery Lane Davis Lane Grover Avenue Kings Park Way Music Hill Lane Otter Creek Drive Richardson Avenue Walls Street	<u>NORTHEAST HBR</u> 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 Pk Rd Stanley Mountain Rd Thomson Way *Whales Back Lane  <u>SEAL HARBOR</u> 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 Harbor Rd Upland Rd Wetlands Way Whoville Way Willow Rd  <u>SOMESVILLE</u> Rte 102 Main St FROM traffic light to Bar Harbor line and from blinking light to Southwest Harbor 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	<u>NORTHEAST HBR</u> COMMERCIAL  <u>SOMESVILLE</u> xx Acadia Pines Ln xx Alder Lane xx Allegiance Ln Bartlett's Landing Rd Beech Hill Cross Rd Beech Hill Rd Bentley Lane *Blanchard Rd xx Brendun Lane Cedar Lane *Chambers Lane Chauncy Somers 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 Gledon Way Golden Road Grants Hill Rd Gray Farm Rd *Great Neck Rd Hall Quarry Rd xx Hamony Way Hidden Path Way xx Huckleberry Lane Hummingbird Lane Indian Point Rd xx Kennebec Lane *Kimball Camp Rd  Lupine Ln *Macomber Pines Rd *Marilyn's Way xx Merchant Way xx Mill Cove Rd Mitchell Rd *Musetti Drive My Way xx Narrows Rd xx Ninf Lane Northern Neck Rd Northwood Lane Oak Hill Rd *Oak Ridge Rd Obermill 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 Quarys Edge Rd xx Richardson Farm Rd Ridgewood Ln Ripples Rd xx Robinson Lane xx Sand Point Rd Shipwright Lane Sleepy Hollow Lane *Somers Ridge Rd Soundview *Campground Sundew Lane Sylvanas Lane xx Tamarrack Lane xx Temill Lane Vacation Lane *Vista Way Weymouth Way xx WIPogere Rd Whiney Farm Rd xx Windham Lane *Woods Rd

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In 2006 the Mount Desert Fire Department continued to evolve to meet it's commitment in providing fire protection and other services to the community for which it serves. Considerable progress has been made in eliminating redundancy in equipment and effort while focusing on the future needs and challenges of our unique town. As with any worthwhile organization though, the most valuable assets are by far its members. These volunteers are essential in determining whether the fire department is successful in accomplishing its mission of protecting lives and property. Once again I would like to extend my gratitude to all the fire officers and firefighters for their contributions to the department and the community during this past year.

Training and duty hours turned in for the year totaled to just over 1300 hours, reflecting an 8.8% increase over 2005. Some of these training sessions included subjects like traffic control at accident scenes, emergency vehicle operation, incident management, CPR and AED use, LifeFlight ground school, vehicle extrication, and fire pump operation. This is in addition to the State mandated training that every firefighter must complete on an annual basis.

In Station #1, which is located in Northeast Harbor, we raised the doors to the truck bays to accommodate the relocation of the ladder truck from Station #2 in Seal Harbor. This move made sense since this piece of equipment responds to every call in which a structure is involved. Once these renovations were completed, a vehicle exhaust removal system was installed to bring the building in compliance with OSHA standards. This makes the last of the three stations to receive this system. Applying a new top coat of asphalt to the apron at Station #2 and replacing the roof shingles were at Station #3 (Somesville) were some of the other improvements made during the past year.

Several new radios were purchased this year thanks to a grant received from the Department of Interior through Acadia National Park. This grant is part of the National Park Service's Rural Fire Assistance program and made available to area fire departments that provide fire assistance to federal agencies within the park's boundaries. The new radios purchased are both analog and digital compatible, giving us the ability to use them with our existing system while at the same time enabling us to communicate with other agencies which have converted to an all digital system.

Our newest fire truck finally arrived in July after almost a year of planning, order changes and numerous specification reviews. Engine 4 is quartered in Station #1 along side the ladder truck and is fully equipped to respond to everything from structure fires to motor vehicle accidents. With the new truck now in service, we have designated 3 older pieces of apparatus as surplus and have disposed of them through bid. Over the last 6 years, we have been able to reduce our rolling stock from 11 vehicles down to 8, without any compromise in response time or fire protection.

I would like to thank the police, public works and administrative departments along with the Northeast Harbor Ambulance Service for their continued support this past year. And a special thanks to the members of the Mount Desert Fire and Rescue Association. Together with the generous contributions of many seasonal and year round

residents, the fire department has benefited greatly from this organization. In 2007, we expect to receive a new truck which will carry essential equipment used to re-fill all our breathing apparatus. This new vehicle will be funded solely with money raised by association members and donations received throughout the year. They are currently looking for volunteers to assist them in running this organization. If you think you could donate some time to help out with this worthwhile cause, you can contact me for more information. This is a great opportunity to help out your local fire department without actually becoming an active member.

Would you like to help us help you? Please make sure that the access road and driveway to your house is clear of rocks, trees and brush that may cause damage to our fire trucks. Narrow, winding driveways with low vertical clearances can often impede or prohibit our response to your residence. House numbers should also be clearly visible from the road to prevent any confusion or delay by emergency personnel trying to find your location.

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 REPORT**

The Northeast Harbor Ambulance Service has been in service for more than 68 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 6410 miles to answer 246 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. The Northeast Harbor Ambulance Service is always in need of additional personnel and would welcome anyone who wishes to volunteer, either as an attendant, or to assist with the running of the service in some other way. Contact any member if you are interested.

All of our EMT's are required to complete many hours of mandated training each year and other courses for licensure. Many of our attendants spent an entire weekend in November at an intense training program covering all aspects of emergency medicine. There is always a great deal of information that is gained from this ongoing conference.

Our annual road race in August was again a huge success. Bar Harbor Bank and Trust has been our annual sponsor for several years and their support is very much appreciated. The number of runners is steadily increasing with many who schedule their trips to Maine to coincide with this race.

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

The museum has a lot to celebrate this year. The Great Harbor Maritime Museum exhibit to date, "Boat Models



and Their Makers" brought together over 80 models as well as compliments from all of our visitors. We also took a closer look at boat model making as a profession through a mini-retrospective of R. Lindsay Smallidge's impressive talent as a model maker, both commercially and as a hobby, as well as the many functional and decorative items he created in his long life in Northeast Harbor.

During 2006 the Museum had its first collaboration with the Mount Desert Elementary School. The eighth grade class worked with art teacher Carol Shutt, science teacher Brian Cote, and museum education director Sara Murray to explore the art and science of boat design. Model makers, boat designers, and builders held workshops in the classrooms and with significant help from Morris Yachts, the students built molds and fiberglass hulls from their designs. Once the hulls and sails were painted and decorated, and ballast was added and tested, the students boisterously and enthusiastically raced their creations in Gilpatrick's Cove, providing a spirited finale to the school year.

Last summer, the Museum continued to engage children in several ways. The "Learn To Look/Look To Learn" program, now in its ninth year, takes local children to islands to make art, explore and have fun. It also teaches a workshop during Arts Week at the Elementary School, makes art with Neighborhood House Discovery campers for LandEscapes' Beech Hill Farm outdoor art exhibits, and engages with the Scamper campers by reading nautical books and creating art at the Museum each week.

We look forward to continuing our relationship with the Elementary School through a sixth grade history class who will play an important role in developing our next exhibit, "You Can Get Here From There," a look at maritime travel to Mount Desert Island. We have some amazing photographs and artifacts that will augment the exhibit, and welcome yours as well. If you have any interest in helping with this exhibit, please contact Willie Granston at 276-5390.

Recently, our focus has been looking at the future of our building. Serious renovation is needed but without guaranteed long-term tenancy of the building, fundraising is difficult. The Town considered taking back the space for offices, but after learning it would not be cost effective, asked the Museum to come up with two articles. Our preference (and that of potential grant givers) would be for the Town to sell the building to the museum for one



dollar (\$1.00) with a long-term lease of the land around the museum. If the museum ceases to exist or moves, the Town would have the right of first refusal to buy the building back for one dollar (\$1.00). The second article would provide the Museum with a lease of not more than fifteen (15) years, giving us time to raise money to restore the building.

We are very grateful to the civic boards for their support in getting these articles to the voters and are really looking forward to restoring the building and expanding our services. Now we welcome your support in the creation of a museum for the future in a fire station of the past.

Sincerely,

Carl E. Kelley II

Sydney Roberts Rockefeller - Co-chairs, Board of Directors

## **SOMESVILLE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION REPORT**

The library by the pond continues its more than a century-long tradition of welcoming readers to use our book collections of fiction, non-fiction, children's books, biographies, and books about Maine. We offer high-speed computer and Internet access to all, limited reference services, and a meeting-place for local groups of all interests.

Nearly 1300 books were used by our patrons from all around the area during the past year, and more than a hundred visitors checked their e-mail or used our computers for word-processing. Our book collections grow on a weekly basis, and we are particularly responsive to patrons' requests for new materials. Many more people came in with questions about Somesville, Mount Desert Island and the area, and to admire our special situation by the ocean.

Our Library's physical plant improvement projects during the past year have included repairing and re-painting the exterior, and re-building the support wall adjacent to the dam. We are grateful to our Library volunteers, who continue their work organizing our collections, and the town and its residents for their valuable support. Our doors are open every Wednesday afternoon and Saturday morning, and we welcome all to visit and use our collections.

Thomas V. Lange, Librarian

## **NORTHEAST HARBOR LIBRARY REPORT**

The Northeast Harbor Library is a non-profit educational 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. The Library also manages a special collection of local and Maine archives and operates a scholarship program for students from the Town of Mount Desert. 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 2006 operating expenditures of \$325,350.00.

With the beginning of construction on the new Library building, the Northeast Harbor Library moved to five locations: The public library moved to the basement of the Neighborhood House. Here, 1/2 of the Library's collection of books, videos, audiobooks, music CDs and periodicals are available for borrowing. Of those, 3,300 items belong to the Children's collection. Services to the school, located in a room at Mount Desert Elementary school, offer another 3,300 books and materials. The administrative offices of the library and a collection of 4,000 Maine works of non-fiction are in two offices at 4 Tracy Road. About 14,000 volumes of the Library's collection is in storage awaiting the opening of the new building.

During 2006 the Library circulated around 24,000 items, 9,900 loans were from the Children's area. The Library offers wireless access through the Maine School and Library Network at the Neighborhood House location. This allows patrons with laptops and a wireless connection to connect to the Internet from within and direct-



ly 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. The Library conducts a preschool storyhour most Mondays and during the summer; storytellers, puppeteers and musician 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 the Frog Town Mountain Puppeteers at Christmas time.

The Library's Scholarship Committee, a sub-committee of the Board of Trustees, offers grants-in-aid to young people from our town continuing their education beyond Mount Desert Island High School. Sarah Fraley stepped down as Chair of the Committee in 2006 and has been succeeded by Heather Frazer. In 2006, fifty-eight qualified students claimed \$73,300 in scholarship grants.

Thanks to several hundred generous donors, we have now met our campaign goal of five and a half million dollars! Two million of this - and any more that can be spared - is committed to operating endowment. The balance is designated for construction costs and associated expenses.

As we write this report from temporary quarters, our Trustees would like to thank our Campaign, and Project committees for their hard work over the past several years, and to thank the Neighborhood House; Mount Desert Elementary School; Great Harbor Investors; Paradis and Shaw, Llc.; and others for providing the library a home away from home. As directors, we would like to express our gratitude to our staff and the many volunteers who helped us move what may still be the largest public library collection east of Bangor. By autumn of this year we look forward to beginning the move back to the corner of Joy and Summit Roads.

Respectfully submitted, Robert Richard Pyle  
Director of the Library

Anna C. Carr, Associate Director



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## United States Senate

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January 2007

Town of Mount Desert  
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Dear Friends,

As you gather for your Annual Town Meeting, I welcome this opportunity to share some of the work that has made me proud to represent the people of Mount Desert and all of Maine in the United States Senate.

As Chairman of the Senate Homeland Security Committee, I am pleased to report that Congress made real progress in 2006 to protect our nation, including major legislation that I coauthored to improve the security of America's seaports. I also led a bipartisan effort to pass chemical security legislation that, for the first time, requires security measures at more than 3,400 chemical facilities nationwide.

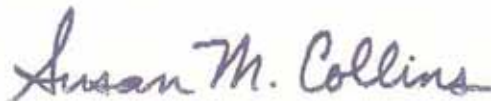
Following the flawed response to Hurricane Katrina, the Homeland Security Committee conducted the most extensive investigation in its history, and I coauthored legislation that reorganizes and reunites the federal government's preparedness and response capabilities to meet the challenges of all aspects of emergency management.

Congress last year passed many pieces of legislation I authored to improve health care, assist those in need, protect our environment, support our economy and our workers, and strengthen our nation's defenses. The Older Americans Act includes my amendment to establish transportation services for America's seniors. I led the successful fight to reject proposed cuts in Medicare home health and hospice payments, and to prevent prescription drug plans from removing a drug from their formulary during the plan year. I have secured increased funding for diabetes and Alzheimer's research, and for support services for patients and their families.

In 2006, I helped secure a record level of funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and Congress renewed the tax deduction I authored for teachers who spend their own money on classroom supplies and my renewable energy tax credit. The landmark Postal Reform legislation I coauthored will ensure affordable rates and preserve universal service. Major Defense bills include my provisions to help secure the future of Bath Iron Works and the jobs of our skilled shipbuilders.

I remain committed to doing all that I can to address your community's concerns on the federal level. If I may be of assistance to you in any way, I encourage you to contact my Bangor office at 945-0417

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator



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## United States Senate

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January 19, 2007

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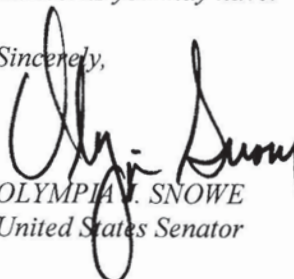
Dear Friends,

Please allow me to extend my warm greetings and best wishes as the Town of Mount Desert embarks on a New Year, and as people take time to examine their lives and consider their futures. In 2007 and beyond, I will keep working everyday for the people of our state – and do all I can to offer common-sense solutions that benefit the 1.3 million residents who proudly call themselves Mainers. That is my New Year's resolution and it is one I will keep. I have long held a vision of public service as a positive and constructive endeavor, which can best be realized by joining forces for the common good, and reaching across the aisle to achieve consensus, and the coming Congress will be no different.

As in recent years past, traditional industries in our state continue to face daunting challenges. That's why I have redoubled my efforts to safeguard jobs such as those in our fisheries and lumber industries, so integral to our way of life. This past Congress, as Chair of the Senate Fisheries and Coast Guard Subcommittee, I successfully forged a bipartisan consensus to reauthorize the Magnuson-Stevens Act, which would provide a thoughtful balance in the fishing industry essential to the economies and environments of our coastal communities. The act was signed into law by the President on January 12, 2007. I have also worked with the World Trade Organization to ensure that our lumber industry competes on a fair and level playing field with our northern neighbors, and the Canadian government has agreed to stop subsidizing its lumber industry. And as the ranking member on the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, I will focus on job creation and business expansion, especially for small businesses which are so critical to our economic growth, especially in Maine, where more than 95 percent of the businesses are considered small. Of course, many other issues require serious attention, including national and energy security, access to affordable health care, and the on-going war in Iraq.

Please feel free to contact me through my local office at 945-0432 or toll free in Maine at 1-800-432-1599, with any input, thoughts, or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,



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Dear Mount Desert residents and friends:

I would like to express my warmest thanks to the people of the Second Congressional District for the opportunity to serve a third term representing you in the United States House of Representatives. As I have the past four years, I will continue to travel home to Maine nearly every weekend to hear from the people all across the District, which is the largest congressional district east of the Mississippi River.

In order to bring the services that my office can provide to the entire District, my staff will continue to hold office hours in various communities throughout the District on a regular basis. Also, my staff is always able to meet with citizens in their own community whenever it is more convenient than traveling to one of our four offices. I take my role as your Representative very seriously, and I want all the citizens of Maine's Second District to have access to me and my staff.

During the next year, I hope you'll share your thoughts and concerns with me on the numerous issues facing Maine and our nation. If my office may ever be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at my Bangor office at 207-942-6935 or by e-mailing me through my web page at [www.house.gov/michaud](http://www.house.gov/michaud). You may also use my website to sign up for occasional e-mail updates on the various issues facing Congress.

The same lunch bucket I carried to work for 28 years still sits in my Washington office to remind me to never stop working as hard as the hard working people of Maine. I look forward to hearing from you and am proud to represent you in Washington.

With warmest regards,



Michael H. Michaud  
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Winter 2007

Dear Friends & Neighbors;

It continues to be my honor to represent you, the citizens of Mount Desert in Augusta. These next two years of the 123rd Legislative Session are off to a fast start with much on our agenda. The 123rd will undoubtedly be a critical one for the future of Maine – one filled with many challenges. Each challenge before us is an opportunity to do something vital for the citizens of this state. I am confident that we can tackle these issues and emerge from the session with meaningful results, setting a firm and prosperous course for Maine's future.

Tax reform continues to be an ongoing issue. Additionally, it is my particular interest to advance discussions regarding Maine's present economy and economic future. I do not sense that we have neither asked nor answered the question, "what do we want Maine to look like in the future?". I firmly believe that if we do not find an answer to that question we will not be able to move Maine towards that solution.

I think you realize, as I do, that Maine does not have unlimited finances and therefore we must invest wisely in our future. However we answer the question of our economic future, I firmly believe that our economy must be built on a strong foundation that includes education, transportation, sound energy policies, and advancements in information technologies. Therefore, my legislative agenda will focus on supporting investments in those areas – securing our foundation for future economic prosperity.

I have spent my entire life in Hancock County and I know full-well our problems, our needs, and our rich history. This knowledge continues to guide me in the decisions I make, whether they have a local impact or affects the state as a whole. If I can ever be of any assistance to you or your family, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for the faith you have shown me and for giving me the opportunity to represent you in the Maine Senate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dennis S. Damon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dennis" being the most prominent.

Senator Dennis S. Damon  
Senate District #28





## STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This year the Brookings Institution, a national research organization, released a comprehensive report on Maine's economic challenges and opportunities. Titled "Charting Maine's Future," the report's action plan envisions an era of sustainable prosperity, by emphasizing targeted economic investments while protecting and enhancing quality places and quality of life. The report can be found at [www.growsmart-maine.org](http://www.growsmart-maine.org).

The report's opening premise, that "Maine possesses a globally known 'brand' built on images of livable communities, stunning scenery, and great recreational opportunities," will come as no surprise to residents of the MDI region. Acadia National Park and scenic coastal and rural landscapes are the centerpiece of our extraordinary part of Maine. Equally appealing are charming main streets; livable small town neighborhoods; excellent schools; hard working, caring citizens; and an invigorating community life.

More people are discovering Maine as a great place to call home. As noted in the report, Maine is the fifth fastest growing state in the country and Hancock County is one of the fastest growing counties in the state. While population growth is a positive trend, the report points out the "troubling related affordable housing shortage, particularly in coastal communities." No surprise here either. Brookings also appropriately worries that the quality of Maine's special places are being degraded, in large part, by haphazard development sprawl. Inefficient sprawl development patterns, and related traffic congestion, damages Maine's "brand" while driving up the cost of local government.

Brookings offers several government efficiency reforms, such as reducing the statewide size of K-12 administration, that are generating policy discussions in Augusta and around the state. Likewise, suggested economic stimulants, such as focusing limited state investment funds on key innovative industry clusters – including boat building, biotechnology, information technology, tourism, and forest products industries – is stimulating useful discussions about state priorities and long-term development plans.

In many ways the MDI region exemplifies the advantages and challenges of living in Maine. We have many blessings. As always, sustaining these blessings requires vigilant stewardship and attentive citizenship. I appreciate the honor of serving your community in the Legislature where I continue to do my best to preserve and protect the quality of life we enjoy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ted".

Ted Koffman

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## STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January, 2007

Dear Neighbors:

The First Session of the 123rd Legislature is underway and I encourage your comments, suggestions and opinions on the many important issues that will be considered during the session. It is clear that we have several challenges before us. Ongoing budget constraints that include reduced federal funding for state programs, concerns about affordable health care, meaningful tax reform and education funding require serious consideration and debate.

While the state has realized some economic gains, we will have to give very thoughtful consideration to all programs during the budget process. Now more than ever we must ensure that Maine people get the most from their tax dollars.

I am honored to have been elected House Majority Leader by my peers in the Legislature. I am excited about what this new opportunity brings and the awesome responsibility it places on me. I feel optimistic about Maine's future, and I look forward to the next two years serving the communities I love and the people of Maine.

You can learn more about what I and other legislators have been doing by visiting the House Majority Office Web site: [www.legislature.maine.gov/housedems](http://www.legislature.maine.gov/housedems). From there you can visit my web page by clicking Representatives.”

As your representative, I want to make sure that your opinions and voice are represented in Augusta. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me. You can reach me at home at 867-0966. Also, I send out an e-mail newsletter and if you would like to be added to that list, please send me an e-mail at [hannah@pingree.com](mailto:hannah@pingree.com). Feel free to e-mail me anytime. You can also check my website at [www.pingree.com](http://www.pingree.com) for updates.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Pingree'.

Hannah Pingree  
State Representative, District 36

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to extend thanks to all of the residents and neighbors, especially those that attended our village meetings this past spring, for your continued feedback, and for your patience with our ongoing efforts. With your help and the collective efforts of our other Town Boards and Staff, we will soon have an updated Comprehensive Plan that provides focus to our current issues, and charts a path for the Town's successes in the years to come.

To no surprise, the current draft of the Comprehensive Plan echoes most of the same issues covered by our existing plan, so it is truly a revision rather than a new plan, and accordingly, much of the Board's efforts have been applied to developing more specific strategies and timelines for achieving results. Beyond that, we have expanded the depth of the Plan, incorporated the survey results, and adopted the State Planning Office Guidelines to have a format reasonably consistent with other municipalities.

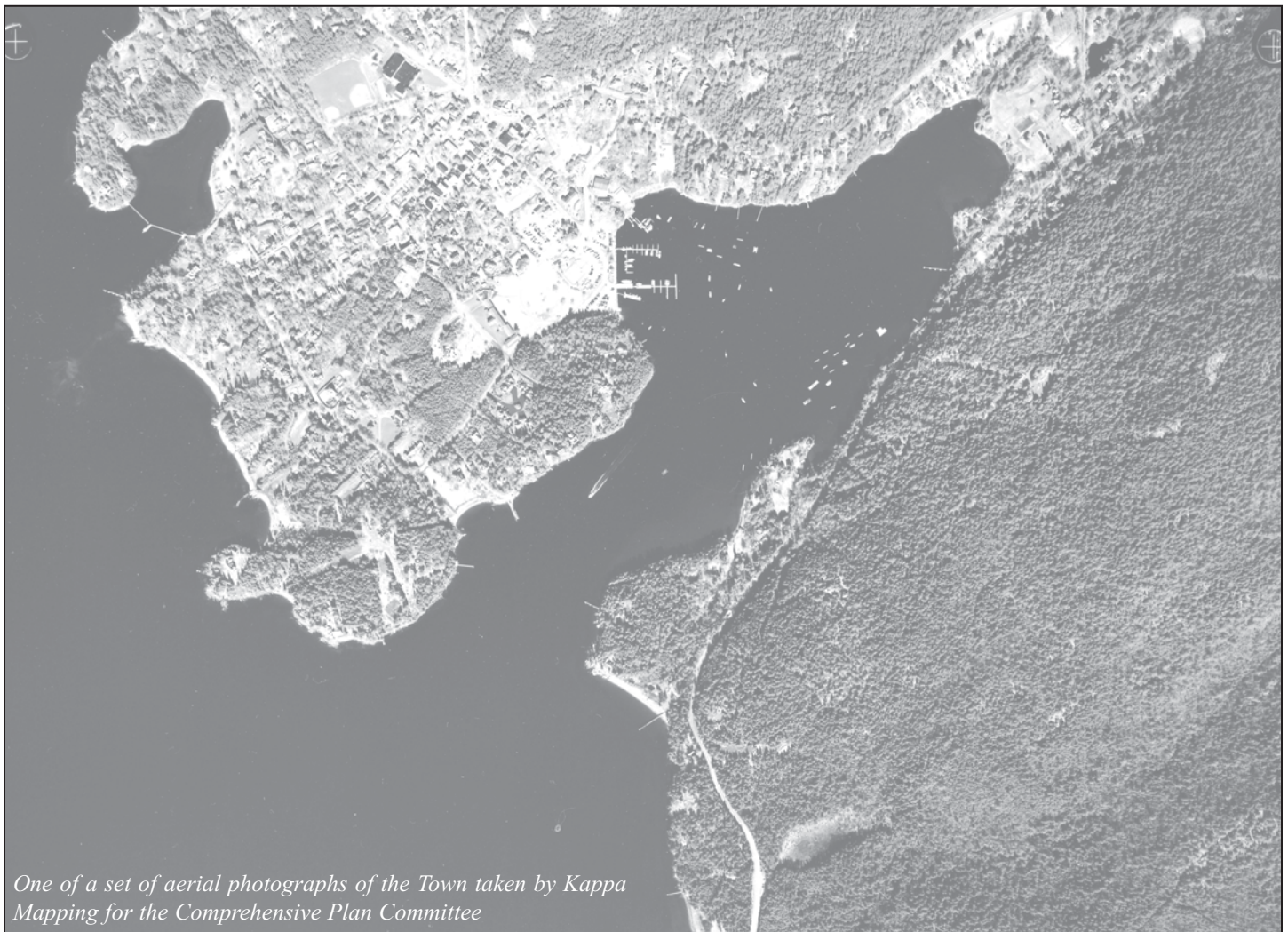
The Comprehensive Plan Committee continues to meet at the Town Hall each Wednesday at 4:00 PM. The final draft is now nearly complete, and after exposure for public review, will then be submitted to the State Planning Office. The revised plan would then be presented for voter approval later in 2007, and/or at the annual town meeting this time next year.

It is our hope that we can continue to receive input and support from a broad representation of our residents, so please do contact me or the other board members with your questions and concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerome Suminsby, Chairman, Comprehensive Planning Committee

### **MOUNT DESERT WATER DISTRICT REPORT**



*One of a set of aerial photographs of the Town taken by Kappa Mapping for the Comprehensive Plan Committee*



The year 2006 marked a year of continuing progress toward bringing your water district into an efficient, first class operation. Perhaps the most noticeable project was the start of installation on 1525 ft., of eight inch water main on Summit Road in Northeast Harbor. The project will be completed in the spring of 2007. Additionally, 200 ft. of four inch main, complete with new hydrant, was installed on Clifton Dock Road. We also installed and replaced several valves throughout town to improve control of our distribution system, which will achieve long term gains for our customers.

After a great deal of study, the Board voted unanimously to initiate action to stop adding fluoride to our water. Recent studies have indicated negative, unintended consequences associated with use of the chemical. Before the Town votes upon this in the spring, we will help to educate the electorate so they may make an informed decision on fluoride removal.

Currently, the District is fighting the DEP's proposed rule for "In Stream Flow and Water Levels Standards". This rule would inhibit our ability to draw water from our ponds! During the year, the District facilitated Amendments to the Restrictive Covenants on the Town's Schoolhouse Ledge Parcel, allowing our water storage tank to be upon their land in Northeast Harbor. We then signed a new lease with the Town. We completed refurbishing the Schoolhouse Ledge and Asticou standpipes.

During the year we inspected the intake at Lower Hadlock Pond assessing data and studying its location to improve the quality of the raw water. The potential for UV treatment of our water is being studied by utilizing the spectrophotometer at the Jackson Laboratory to satisfy the new rule LT2ESWTR.

Our water operators continued their training by attending OSHA and National Incident Management Systems courses. Furthermore, they have the highest levels of Distribution and Treatment licenses.

Respectfully submitted,  
Harry R. Madeira, Chairman

TRUSTEES

Elsie Baum  
Karen Coombs  
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Alan Joseph  
Harry R. Madeira

MANAGEMENT

Paul Slack, Manager  
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## **SUMMER RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION REPORT**

The Summer Residents' Association provides a means of communication between summer residents and Town government and other community leaders on matters of mutual interest or concern. Since the Town began a semi-annual newsletter the SRA distributes it to its roughly 400 members, each of whom owns a seasonal home within the boundaries of the Town.

The business of the SRA is conducted at meetings of the board of directors and of the members. The meetings are held during July and August in the Town's meeting room in Northeast Harbor.

Selectman Rick Savage addressed both meetings on the subject of public sewer funding. He explained that the growth of private residential sewer systems and their cost to homeowners creates the need to reexamine the allocation of maintenance costs between users and non-users. Creation of a municipal sewer district and imposition of a sewer user fee to be recommended by the Sanitation Committee are considered ways to achieve an equitable solution.

Other subjects that were presented to the SRA in 2006 included cable television and internet service for seasonal homes, deer management proposals, early morning construction work concerns, recreational vehicle intrusions

in residential neighborhoods and Town planning. Members have followed the proposal to change the Town's fiscal year and annual meeting date with interest with the hope that the new date will be scheduled in July or August thereby permitting summer residents to attend and participate. The subject of the high school funding formula is also of interest to summer residents because of its property tax implications.

Summer residents expressed a strong interest in participating in planning the Town's future in terms of affordable housing and maintenance and creation of business and employment opportunities in the Town. Representatives of The Island Housing Trust addressed the SRA Annual Meeting to describe the Trust's goal of preserving the Town's working population and its community. They solicited support from SRA members. The decline in Northeast Harbor's community business and professional services also received comment at the Annual Meeting. The location and history of Northeast Harbor have increased property values but have also contributed to a decline in the number of year round families. The market for local retail shops and services has been substantially reduced and many traditional businesses have closed.

The SRA is available to help community leaders as they identify ways to sustain and enhance the business and civic life of Northeast Harbor and the other villages in the Town. It can focus its members' attention on problems and proposed solutions through its scheduled meetings and communications and encourage their participation in community development activities.

Morris Kellett, President

## **MOUNT DESERT ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT**

Exhibits and speakers' programs at the MDI Historical Society during 2006 highlighted Mount Desert's rich history as an agricultural community and an early center of commerce and trade. The people of Mount Desert worked hard, producing and trading, as farmers, dairymen, quarrymen, blacksmiths, millworkers, merchant seamen and seawomen, storekeepers, carpenters and carvers, weavers, seamstresses and embroiderers. Around them also developed communities of teachers, ministers, librarians, photographers, writers and poets.

In August, hundreds of Mount Desert residents and visitors toured seven of the island's historic barns and farmland, some dating to the late 18th and very early 19th centuries. In the Somesville Museum, the summer and fall exhibit focused on the early agricultural, commercial and social connections among the communities of Pretty Marsh, Beech Hill and Somesville.

Connections – commercial and social – between Mount Desert and outlying islands were also a theme of Historical Society programs. Groups visited and learned fascinating details about the history of Placentia and Pond Islands and their connections to MDI and other island communities.

Throughout the year, many local residents and visitors have sought help in discovering their family histories and ties between families. Our collection of genealogical records is growing fast, with Ralph W. Stanley's recent contribution of family data on more than 35,000 individuals. Elaine Fernald and Patricia Leland-Hanson have also added invaluable data and helped individuals from around the country explore their ancestral connections to the island.

The Historical Society is especially pleased to be building a collection of teaching artifacts and photos which can be taken into the elementary schools and made available to high school students who are conducting research. We are grateful for the Town's support which enables us to make our local history collection accessible to school-children. Helping young people discover and appreciate the island's history, and their connections to it, is one of the most important things we do.

Building a first-class collection of local history is a job that never ends. We welcome contributions of documents, photographs and objects which will help residents and visitors for generations to come celebrate the story of Mount Desert Island and the people who have lived and worked here. We invite members of the community who have historic items to contact us.



In 2007, we'll be opening a new outside exhibit building adjacent to the School House on Sound Drive. This will be a replica of a Farm Stand, and will be used for outdoor exhibits and demonstrations, and for winter storage. Inside the School House there will be a display of the extraordinary Mount Desert Island photographs of W.H. Ballard.

In the Somesville Museum, the 2007 exhibit will focus on how people have made an island living when times were hard and work was scarce. The newly-restored Selectmen's Building will be the site of an exhibit on the historic houses of Somesville and on this small building's role as the seat of Town government until 1911.

We invite the community to stop in to see these exhibits and to learn more about the many programs we offer throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlotte Singleton, Executive Director

## **TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Traffic Committee is scheduled to meet on a monthly basis. As with 2005, we were only able to meet a handful of times due to scheduling conflicts among the committee members. 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.

In an effort to promote greater attendance at our meetings for both members and non-members, we have streamlined our meeting schedule for 2007. As such, we will be meeting at the Somesville fire station at 4:00 P.M. on the second Thursday of the following months: January, March, May, September and November. We will schedule additional meetings on an as-needed basis if issues arise that we need to address. New members are encouraged to join us; the general public is invited to attend our meetings.

Some of the issues that we addressed during the year include the following. We arrived at conclusions for some of the topics; others we did not.

- 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.
  - Reviewed and agreed with the Harbor Committee not to recommend implementation of special parking spaces for commercial dock users near the marina dumpsters at the Northeast Harbor marina.
  - Reviewed Route 198 traffic statistics relative to accident rates and found that the rate is not out of the ordinary.
  - Consideration of speed and traffic volume on Route 102 through Somesville relative to the proposed residential development along that corridor.
  - Various traffic ordinances for the posting of roads.
  - Town landings e.g. Bartlett's Landing, relative to trailers carrying more than one boat and our ordinance.
- The general conclusion was that there are private out-of-town companies using our landings to generate a profit.
- Erection of signage to re-route traffic from the south end of Main Street in Northeast Harbor back to Routes 198 and 3. Signs were erected.

### **Obstructions In the Public Right-of-Way (ROW).**

A potentially confrontational issue that the committee occasionally addresses involves obstructions by trees, shrubs, stone walls or fences owned by property owners that are actually in the public right-of-way that either block visibility or create traffic hazards. Following are three questions I posed to our Maine Municipal Association legal people and their responses regarding trees and shrubs.

**Question 1:** How do we address an obstruction owned by private individuals that is in the Town ROW?

**Answer:** If the obstruction is in the traveled portion of the right of way (e.g. protrudes over the road or sidewalk), you may, after notifying the abutter, remove it and then bring a suit to recover the cost of removing the obstruction. Of course if this involves simply trimming a hedge, a suit to recover reimbursement of removal costs likely will not be necessary or prudent.

**Question 2:** If the obstruction is on private property yet impacts the public right-of-way, what do we do?

**Answer:** If the obstruction were in the untraveled portion of the right of way (e.g. on the shoulder of the road - note, it is not "private property" if it is within the town's right of way), then you would first ask the abutter to remedy the obstruction, and then seek a court order for the person to remove the obstruction. You should not use self-help to remove it.

**Question 3:** What do we do if the base of a tree or shrub is on private property but overhangs or protrudes into our ROW and creates an obstruction?

**Answer:** The first step is again to ask the abutter to trim or move the obstruction. If this fails, and the portions of the tree or branch that intrude into the public way pose a safety hazard, then the Town may trim the branches or remove the portion of root that cause the safety hazard. The decision to do so and the reasons behind the action should be documented, and advance notice provided to the owner of the tree or shrub. In a situation where the potential harm to the public is low or nonexistent, then a court order should be sought before removing the obstruction.

Reiterating, new members to the committee are encouraged and are welcome; the general public is invited to attend our meetings. Thank you all for your support.

Tony Smith  
Public Works Director

## **SEAL HARBOR VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY REPORT**

When I first moved from the Northeast Harbor side of Harbor Brook to the shores of Seal Harbor, I reckoned that due to the contribution of land, shoreline and pathways given to Seal Harbor through the generosity of the Rockefeller Family, and other benefactors, this wonderfully described community was self sustaining as if guided by an invisible hand.

Since becoming a board member, and now president, of the Seal Harbor Village Improvement Society, I have learned that what we all enjoy, thanks to those benefactors, is an organic ongoing project. It is our charge to improve, and make more useful our beautiful village center and beach, and all the connecting pathways. We have monuments, trails, parking lots and even a comfort station to take care of. The extraordinary effort of our Manager, who has been with us for over 20 years, keeps everything running smoothly.

The "invisible hand" has costs, which are enumerated in our annual budget. To keep the balance and preserve our heritage for generations to come as a community, we must remember that our work is not self-sustaining but requires additional support each year to maintain and grow this resource.

Many of us and our guests use these resources regularly, and they remain free for all to enjoy. A day at the beach or green and a walk through our vistas and the gardens of our properties are very special. The Town Grant that we receive is essential in the maintenance of these properties and facilities.

Sincerely, Paul Fremont-Smith, President

## **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: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle Y/N answers

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

Are you a legal resident of the Town? Yes No

On which Board or committee would you like to serve? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have experience serving on a Board or Committee for the Town? Yes No

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

## **DOWNEAST HORIZONS**

Downeast Horizons (DEH), founded in 1975, is an organization that assists adults with disabilities to find support for their individual needs and to exercise choices whenever possible that result in growth toward increasing and maintaining independence. DEH has two day programs - one on Route 3 in Bar Harbor and one in Ellsworth. These programs offer activities and educational opportunities that challenge each person to become the best they can become.

All individuals supported by DEH have developmental disabilities including mental retardation, Autism and Asperger Syndrome; some have multiple disabilities including physical handicaps. DEH also operates eight group homes in Hancock County that provide 24 developmentally disabled adults with housing and life skills training; 11 of these residents hold jobs in the community. Seventy-two adults were directly served by DEH in 2006 with indirect service to approximately 216 family members.

DEH works closely with the Maine Department of Health and Human Services as well as with local social service agencies that complement our services and expertise. All of our facilities and programs meet, and in most cases, exceed the state requirements.

Beginning in 1994, the Town of Mount Desert has been an integral supporter of Downeast Horizons. Between 1994 and 2006, the Mount Desert Warrant Committee and the Selectman have generously funded DEH with contributions totaling \$63,303. Mount Desert's last contribution in 2006 was \$5,600, which has been our funding level for the past four years. DEH is requesting the same contribution this year. The cost of serving one adult with developmental disabilities averages approximately \$33,000 annually. Of the 72 people served by our agency, 6 are from the town of Mount Desert and 18 are from Mount Desert Island. DEH employs 73 people, 48 of whom are full-time. The majority of our employees reside on MDI or in the Ellsworth area.

DEH has been an important part of MDI for the past 31 years. With the hiring of Anthony Zambrano in November of 2006, who comes to DEH with 12 years of experience in non-profit, social service management, Downeast Horizons is entering a new era of exciting possibilities and challenges. DEH, which has primarily served adults with disabilities, will soon be serving children diagnosed with Autism and Asperger's Syndrome. This increased service will not only assist Hancock County families who face these challenges, but will increase employment for Hancock County residents. It is estimated that upwards of 50 children and family members from Bar Harbor to Bangor will utilize these services.

DEH is grateful to the town of Mount Desert for its long-time support and respectfully requests a continuation of that support in FY2008.

Respectfully Submitted, Anthony Zambrano

## **MOUNT DESERT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT**

As your Principal of Mount Desert Elementary School I am proud of the staff, students, parents and community members that make up our outstanding family. As a staff we continue to 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. This year we have stepped up our focus on making sure that all students are receiving an optimal education by looking at a variety of assessments and supportive information. Our goal is for every student who needs some academic boosts have an individualized learning plan that best meets their needs.

Personnel:

New staff members for the 2006-2007 school year:

Paula Moody – 2nd Grade Classroom Teacher

Shawn Porter-Hubbard – Ed Tech

Ellen Beattie – Ed Tech  
Jennifer Jones – Ed Tech  
Jan Carroll – Food Assistant  
Leon Sargent – Director of Maintenance and Transportation

A sad farewell to:  
Katie Wegner  
Pat Lavoie  
Rebecca Cross

#### About Our School:

Though MDES continues to strive for a balanced approach to educating the whole student in regards to their academic, physical and emotional well being rather than focusing on test results, state test results do verify on a consistent basis that our school is one of the top schools in the State of Maine. Maine has some of the most ambitious standards in the country and our students consistently rank very well in the state's MEA assessments. In the past the MEA's were proctored to only the 4th and 8th Grader's, but starting last fall we now have state assessments in every grade starting with the 3rd grade and continuing through the 8th grade. With the exception of a couple of results, our students from grades 3 through 8 finished in the top 9% of all of the elementary schools in the state. I have included the test results for your information.

#### 2005-2006 MEA (Maine Educational Assessment) Results

##### Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding the Standards for (Grades 3 – 8)

	MDES	State
Math	71%	52%
Reading	87%	60%
Science (assessed in grades 4 and 8 only)	94%	61%

#### Budget Proposal:

For the past three years our student population has stabilized at about 156 students, which makes us basically a one class per grade level school, yet we still have a fairly 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. I continue to explore ways to reduce staffing when appropriate, for example this year I combined the position of Head Bus Driver and Director of Maintenance into one position as a cost savings measure. You may notice that the town appropriation will be greater this year (8.39%) due to the fact that the interest income from the construction bond money that we have applied towards reducing the appropriation in the past is no longer available.

The Final 3.92% Budget Increase (with debt service) or 5.24% increase (without 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



## **MOUNT DESERT ISLAND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL**

It is a pleasure to share with everyone the following honors, awards and accolades achieved by our students and staff over the 2005-2006 school year. These students have achieved recognition in a wide range of endeavors in academics, sports and the arts. Our Valedictorian was Sean Murphy; the Salutatorian was Iris Meehan. Megan Witham was the recipient of the Mitchell Institute Scholarship. I am proud to say that we had 3 commended students in the National Merit Scholarship Program: Jeremy Cline, Jonathan Gridley and Eric Reid. Kala Clark used her work in promoting legislature for Foster Children as part of her senior exhibition and as a result of this work was chosen as one of 20 recipients of the "20 Below 20" award presented by the Portland Telegram. She was also profiled in a major piece in the paper.

Last year's seniors were the first group who had to do a Senior Exhibition as a graduation requirement. This entailed working with a teacher in a nine week seminar, working with a community based mentor and presenting their work to a panel of 4. Our students rose to this challenge admirably with some outstanding presentations.

We enjoyed amazing performances and pieces in the areas of Art, Drama and Music. The broadcast classes have been successful in placing video on the local access channel 2. This includes sports, news, theater performances and senior exhibitions. Eddie Benson, Nathaniel Lee and Andy Klaver were named All Festival Cast in the Regional Drama Festival. Our entry, Pie in the Sky written by our very own Mark Puglisi, was the Class A winner in the Eastern Regional of the Maine Drama Festival. At the State Drama Festival, Eddie Benson, Katherine Perkins, Declan Murphy and Nathaniel Lee were named All Festival Cast members. Special commendations went to Josh Worden and Josh Sanborn.

Megan Glass received the Congressional District Art Award and Wells Bacon received the Gold Key Award for his art work.

Five vocalists went to All State Chorus: Joe Cough, Advan Satriopandu, Ethan Miller, Josh Howie and Jen Tozier. At the State Jazz Festival our top Jazz Group placed third in the state and our top combo placed second in the state. Hannah Somers-Jones received an Outstanding Musician Award for her flute solo and Fox Schwach received an Outstanding Musician Award for his bass work. Our Symphonic Band was selected to perform for the Maine Music Educators Association State Conference at UMO. We hosted the District VI Jazz Festival 45 groups attended. This huge undertaking was made possible because of the dedication and hard work of the Music Boosters and Dan Granholm. We sent 10 students to the All State Musical Festival in May. All State Band: Chris Harkins, Aaron Rourk, Megan McFarland and Ethan Edmondson. All State Orchestra: Sarah Schaefer.

The MDI Sports accomplishments are also gratifying. We had 276 boys and 245 girls participate in a co-curricular activity. The Girls' Outdoor Track Team was the Hancock County Championship for the third consecutive year were PVC runners-up. We had several individuals earn state championships: Aimee Brooks, Brenna Crothers, Heather Spurling, Susan Falt, Moriah Grover and Danielle Hutchins. In swimming, we had a number of state champions: Sargeant Pepper - 50 Free Style, 400 Free Relay and the 200 Free Relay. Kevin Staples in the 200 Free Style, 200 Relay, 400 Relay; Reid Swanson the 200 Relay; Josh Radford the 200 Relay; Frank Carbone the 500 Free and the 400 Relay; Josh Gilmartin the 400 Relay. In basketball, the Freshmen Boys and Freshmen Girls were the PVC Champions. The JV Boys were the JV Champions.

The MDIHS faculty also received recognition and awards. Technical education teacher, Bruce Munger promoted and organized the Hancock County Trade Show. Charlie Johnson, art teacher, received the MAEP Art Teacher of the Year Award. MDIHS received the Creative Ticket School of Excellence Award for 2006. A presentation was made by Governor Baldacci in Augusta.

Beth Blugerman received an Astor Grant to attend the Government and Politics Advanced Placement Training at St. Johnsbury, VT. She was also the 2006 teacher coordinator for Capitol Town, a cooperative venture between the Watson Institute at Brown University and Kids Consortium. Galen Lowe received an Astor Grant to study photography in Italy. Wendy Lessard and Christiane Cullens, co-authored an article for the Maine Journal of

Education.

As you can see, this past year has been busy, fulfilling and extremely rewarding. We are fortunate to have such dedicated staff and students. Mount Desert High School continues to provide an outstanding program of academics and extra-curricular activities, all made possible by the on-going and incredible support of our communities.

Sincerely,  
Sally A. Leighton, Principal

## **SCHOOL UNION 98 REPORT**

Dear Parents and Friends:

Our primary objective is to remain focused on the policies and practices which we believe make the best educational sense for all students in Union 98.

A major accomplishment during the last school year was the successful negotiation of an island-wide teacher's contract governing five of our schools. In addition, since the agreement was signed last winter, the Swans Island school department has also adopted the salary scale and language of the agreement. This process would not have been successful without the spirit of cooperation shown by the members of all of the school committees and all of the teachers associations. I feel strongly that our new contract has created a greater sense of equity and unity for our teaching staff and lessened the burden of the negotiation process on our elected school officials.

Three new administrators have joined our team and are welcome assets to our Union and their respective school communities. Angela Hardy was hired to fill the one-day per week position of Islesford School Principal as well as the Union 98 Assistant Director of Staff and Student Services position. Her Union 98 duties include assisting the Director of Curriculum and Director of Special Services with the planning and facilitation of professional days for the union's teaching and support staff.

Swans Island was very fortunate to hire Cynthia Niedbala, a long-time summer resident, to lead their school. Dianne Waters left her part-time position as the Islesford principal to take on the full-time principal position at the Tremont Consolidated School.

The Administrative Team remains committed to finding strategies that meet the needs of struggling learners. This year's main goal is to develop personal learning plans for every student who scored in the "does not meet category" of the MEA test given last spring in the areas of reading and math. The impetus for this approach stemmed from the administrative team book study this past summer entitled "Whatever it Takes" dealing with strategies for promoting student success.

There have been many changes to the work of teaching in the past decade in response to state and federal mandates. We have learned a great deal in a short time and we are currently using this unique window of opportunity to reflect on our progress and make necessary adjustments.

We continue to search for ways to develop our skills in designing authentic learning experiences for students and establish curriculum which supports the civic mission of schools. The best learning occurs when students engage in experiences that reveal insights through multiple connections to relevant, real world experiences. Activities that incorporate authentic experiences are not adequate in and of themselves—but only when they have fully integrated a wide and deep array of the intended learning objectives within the curriculum.

We have established common curriculums in science, social studies, mathematics, health, English language arts, physical education and French. Teachers from all of the schools on MDI have worked very hard to bring this goal to fruition. We continue to provide teachers with current resources to support teaching each curriculum according to our curriculum resource cycle. The curriculums are online at [www.u98.k12.me.us/curric/curric](http://www.u98.k12.me.us/curric/curric).

At the high school each learning area is working to document their curriculum units using a common format that is framed by the essential questions of the various courses. Within all curriculum areas and at all grade levels we

are working to develop a framework of essential questions that are meant to stimulate student inquiry - questions that can be reexamined over time. These framing questions can link laterally and vertically between the discrete curriculum objectives of different content areas and engage them in sustained, thought-provoking inquiries, and meaningful performances.

Our outer island schools are working to develop and document their curriculum cycles. Though it is possible to use the Union 98 curriculums as a general frame of reference, the outer island curriculums end up looking very different from the ones used in the schools on MDI due to the unique age and grade groupings of students. These schools are developing theme-based cyclical curriculums that multi-age groups engage with as whole groups. Designing the curriculum this way reduces duplication of content and assists teachers in planning for instruction for a diverse group of children.

We continue to utilize our common staff days for purposes that will have the greatest impact on student progress, and that help teachers and administrators sharpen their understanding of standards-based teaching and learning and deepen their content knowledge. At the high school all teachers have joined action teams to focus on improving differentiated instructional practices, technology integration and the transition of students to and from high school. K-8 common study time for teachers continues to help them share successful techniques and strategies, plan for meaningful instruction, share and develop congruent practices, develop and hone common assessments, share student work, and discuss other aspects of curriculum, instruction and assessment.

Our Union 98 school communities are finding creative ways to support all children in their learning and teachers in their work. We look forward to continuing the good work with these school communities and building an even stronger system of education in all of our Union 98 schools over the upcoming years.

Robert E. Liebow  
Superintendent

Joanne Harriman  
Director of Curriculum  
and Staff Development

Kelley Rush Sanborn  
Director of Special Services

## THE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE REPORT

Since 1905, The Neighborhood House has served as the community center for the town of Mount Desert. The organization provides various educational, cultural and recreational programs for all ages.

A long-standing partnership with the Town means that in many ways, The Neighborhood House serves as the municipal recreation department offering various youth programs, summer camps, community events, adult and senior activities, fitness programs and 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 its commitment to improve and maintain community values and spirit of the town, over the past year, The Neighborhood House has offered:

**Community Fitness Room:** As usual, The

Neighborhood House experienced a tremendously busy fitness room during 2006. Year 'round and summer residents alike utilized the facility seven days per week, 365 days per year. Over 600 individuals have signed up for membership since the fitness room opened just over three years ago. The space has proven to be a successful and much used resource for the citizens of Mount Desert

and has enhanced programming for adults and seniors alike

**Summer Day Camp:** 2006 was a record breaking summer for The Neighborhood House's day camp programs. Every year, more and more families enroll. There were over 160 registrants during the past summer; up 28% over the 2005 season. The camp programs received extremely high remarks from participating families. A formal survey conducted revealed parents and children were pleased with the quality of supervision, range of activities and flexibility of enroll





ment options. Four different camp programs were offered. Scamper Camp (pre-K), Jr. Explorer Camp (entering k through 1st grade), Sr. Explorer Camp (entering 2nd through 4th grade) and Quest Club (entering 5th through 8th grade). All camps focused on providing each child with a safe and healthy camp experience full of fun and adventure.

**Town Pool:** In addition to the summer camps, The Neighborhood House maintained and staffed the town swimming pool over the summer. The facility was open from the beginning of July to the end of August on a daily basis. The pool was in constant use between summer day camps, young swimmers at the Mt. Desert Nursery School and the open swim program during afternoons and weekends.

**Youth Sports:** The Neighborhood House continued to provide youth sports programs through the hard work of numerous volunteers. Soccer, basketball, an open gym program, baseball/softball and tennis programs were offered throughout the year. Well over 100 different youngsters took part in these sports programs.

**Youth Club:** The Neighborhood House Youth Club entered its ninth season in the fall of 2006. The Youth Club provided a safe and fun place for kids to “hang out” after school until 5:00pm and was a much-needed alternative to taking the bus home to an empty house without a parent present. The club offered children fun activities and games on a Monday through Thursday schedule as well as school vacation activities.

**Community Events:** The Neighborhood House provided the community with various events during the 2006 calendar year. New during the past year, movie nights and two “Beans & Bingo” community dinners were added. Additionally, the center hosted such annual events as the Chili Challenge, concerts, the Teddy Bear Picnic, summer Bike Parade, ice cream socials, Family Valentine Dance, the vaudeville-style performance by The Odd Company as well as “The Grinch” by Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers (both presentations in partnership with the NEH Library) and the chilling Community Halloween Party & Haunted House, to name a few. For 2007, the organization will be offering even more community events for all ages.

**Local Group Support:** Aside from collaborating closely with multiple area non-profits in an effort to increase partnership and quality programming, The Neighborhood House also provided a home for numerous area groups. 2006 saw the usual community events, banquets and celebrations as well as family celebrations such as wedding receptions, birthday parties and the like. Moreover, the center offered a space for local organizations to meet and hold events. From housing local Boy and Girl Scout troops, to the Acadia Senior College, to the Mount Desert Festival of Chamber Music, The Neighborhood House provided a space for over 30 area groups during 2006.

Certainly the Neighborhood House remains and will continue to be an enduring part of life in the town of Mount Desert just as it has for the past 101 years.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne-Marie DeRevere, Executive Director





## ACADIAN LITTLE LEAGUE

During the past year, Acadian Little League served approximately 50 children from Mount Desert, along with dozens of other youth from around MDI. As a participant in District I Little League, children were not only able to focus on developing their own skills, but also were able to learn the invaluable lessons that go along with being part of a team. Players from Mount Desert not only competed and played with their peers from around MDI, but all over Hancock County as well.

Acadian Little League benefits greatly from the numerous dedicated volunteers from Mount Desert, which also illustrates that it is not just a positive opportunity for children, but families as well. A wonderful bi-product of the program has been that after participating as children, many former participants return as adults to serve as coaches, umpires, or even just to cheer their kids from the sideline.

Past funding from the Town of Mount Desert has assisted with the high but necessary costs of items such as insurance for players, as well as beneficial programs such as clinics for umpires, first-aid training, and equipment upgraded, all of which contribute to the overall positive experience of players and their families.

Matt Hart

## TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT HOUSING AUTHORITY REPORT

The Town of Mount Desert Housing Authority provided housing for eighteen (18) elderly and disabled families during 2006. 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 \$248,439.59. This reduces the number of families that would normally be requesting assistance from the town.

Payment in lieu of taxes for 2006: \$2,264.64

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@emdi-ha.org](mailto:terry.kelley@emdi-ha.org).

Respectfully submitted,  
Karol Hagberg, Chairperson  
Town of Mount Desert Housing Authority

## MOUNT DESERT NURSING ASSOCIATION REPORT

Patient visit statistics for July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006:

July 2005	146 visits	January 2006	139 visits
August 2005	169 visits	February 2006	128 visits
September 2005	204 visits	March 2006	160 visits
October 2005	181visits	April 2006	127 visits
November 2005	184 visits	May 2006	149 visits

December 2005

140 visits

June 2006

152 visits

Total – 1880 visits

Number of individuals served: 292

Since its inception in 1949, the Mount Desert Nursing Association has strived to provide this community with a unique service that relies totally on the generosity of the community it serves. As a self-supporting entity we are completely independent of third party reimbursement and as such are not bound by their rules as to who is eligible for nursing care. Support for the agency is derived mainly by private contributions from residents and organizations, nominal patient fees and an allotment from the Town of Mount Desert. Our patients may be referred by a hospital, nursing home, physicians office or they may self refer. We provide maternal/child visits; health education information, social 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 121 referrals to approximately 35 outside agencies which serves as an example of the community support available and the care manager aspect of the nurse's role. We gave 125 flu vaccines to home bound patients, residents at the Maple Lane Apartments as well as two public flu shot clinics. The Nurses 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 helped our patients and community members with transition to Medicare Part D. The Northeast Harbor Ambulance was summoned 4 times and we provided phlebotomy to total of 53 times as well as welcoming 3 new babies to our community.

As part of our quality improvement program we have continued quarterly patient record reviews of 29 active and inactive charts. The Program & Personnel 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 February 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 73 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 SALT Task Force, Island Connections, Healthy Aging Task Force, The Maternal Child Health Advisory Board at Downeast Health as well as at meetings for Hospice of Hancock County and Discharge Planning at local Hospitals and Rehab Centers.

Our Community Outreach this past year has included speakers such as Lawyer Julie Mallett-Legal Services of the Elderly, Irene Green-Murphy LCSW, Penny Curtis – Fitness Instructor, Peter Loiseau-Internationally known weight loss success as well as Abby Chapel Luncheon BP screenings, Southwest Harbor/Maine Coast Memorial Hospital Health Fair, Holiday and Great Grains Healthy cooking classes, and 2 general Health Assessment Day's. Our Monday, Wednesday, Friday Town Trotters walking group continues and we encourage more community participation. In October we chartered a "TOPS" group "Take off Pounds Sensibly" an international non profit weight loss organization recognized by medical experts as an excellent support group for healthy weight loss and maintenance. MDNA has begun partnering with the Beth C. Wright Cancer Research Center to provide prosthetic fittings for post mastectomy patients and we look forward to more opportunities to bring their programming to Mt. Desert. Due to the generosity of one of our patients we were able to purchase a portable Coagu Check S machine that allows the nurses to test blood coagulation levels by finger stick in home, producing an immediate lab result to forward to the M.D. Laura Hendricks R.N. mental health nurse practitioner has oriented with us and will provide valuable expertise to meet our patients needs and provide nursing staff with up to date strategies. Dr. Julian Kuffler became our medical director this year and we thank him for his insight, guidance and

responsiveness.

Our staff includes:

Dianne McMullan, RN –Nurse Director, Community Health Nurse  
Emma Lansing, RN - Assistant Community Health Nurse  
Karol Hagberg, RN - Per Diem  
Ida Smallidge, RN - Per Diem  
Susan Christie, RN – Per Diem  
Laura Hendricks, RN – Per Diem  
Carol Revak - Office Manager

The Mount 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 26 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  
Dr. Samuel Fox  
Ruth Fraley\*  
Mary Glass, R.N.  
Kate Harrington  
Lydia Kimball

Paula Knudsen, R.N.  
Jean Lunt  
Constance Madeira\*  
Sandra Modeen  
Joelle Nolan  
Karen Pinkham  
Linda Pomerleau  
Gail Reiber

Patricia Scull\*  
Geddes Simpson  
Priscilla Smith  
Geraldine Sweet  
Ann Strohacker  
Jean Taylor  
Dr. Mary Telsey  
\* Lifetime Member

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 Mount Desert.

In closing I thank the Board of Directors and the town of Mount Desert for their continued support for MDNA. I recently read a quote from the Dean of Health Sciences at Florida Gulf Coast University.

When asked about the future of health care she stated “The insurance companies chose the tune and well all learn to dance to it.” By keeping the Nursing Association private and independent we can say “ the patient chooses the tune and we dance with them.”

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

## HOSPICE OF HANCOCK COUNTY

To the residents of the Town of Mount Desert: Thank you for your support of Hospice of Hancock County during the past year!

During Fiscal Year 2005-2006, Hospice of Hancock County provided patient care support and comfort to 130 residents of Hancock County who were living at the end of life and their families, including seven residents of the Town of Mount Desert, promoting quality living for every day of each person's life. Patient care services include one-on-one support to individuals in the form of companionship, advocacy, errands, and transportation, as well as respite support for caregivers. In addition, 358 individuals of all ages received support through our Caring Hearts Bereavement Program, including nine residents of Mount Desert. Our bereavement support services include home visits, one-on-one support, support groups, crisis response and skill development programs in schools and

n-service trainings for community organizations. This past August, HOHC sponsored the second annual Caring Hearts Day Camp for families and children dealing with the loss of a loved one, held at Camp Beech Cliff, which served more than 35 people. Healthy resolution of grief is difficult and important work, for which support is essential.

As you may know, HOHC has been providing non-medical volunteer hospice support to residents of Hancock County and their families for over 25 years. Our services are delivered free of charge to our neighbors, and we do not receive any funding from state or local entities. Our services are provided by a well-trained corps of volunteers (90 Patient Care and 24 Bereavement) which helps keep our costs down; though as you know, the costs for all aspects of organizational operations do continue to rise. That is why your support is so important in the provision of these vital services.

Hospice is here for all Hancock County residents. Those whom we serve are extremely grateful for our support, as we are for yours. Thank you.

Jody Wolford-Tucker  
Executive Director  
Hospice of Hancock County

## COMMUNITY HEALTH AND COUNSELING SERVICES REPORT

The roots of Community Health and Counseling Services (CHCS) run deep, 123 years deep. Founded in 1883, CHCS has helped tens of thousands of people with great need through community health services. This year CHCS served 8,092 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 FY06, 4 children and 4 adults from the Town of Mount Desert received 71 visits for mental health services from CHCS. This represents 9.52% of the services provided on Mount Desert Island. Also, 7 individuals received 63 home health visits. This represents 22.58% 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...*

*Motor vehicle, trailers, boats, ATV's, and snowmobiles can be registered through the mail – call the Town Office to find out how easy it is!*

## TREATMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM BENEFITS

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

**Important! 2007 proposed amendments include September 30th tanks pumped deadline and December 1st taxes paid deadline.**

Location of Property: Tax Map \_\_\_\_\_ Lot \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address/Village: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

## ISLAND HOUSING TRUST REPORT

In November 2005, the voters of the Town of Mount Desert donated a 10-acre parcel of land to Island Housing Trust, a private, non-profit organization committed to addressing the lack of housing affordable to Mount Desert Island's working individuals and families. The so-called Ripples Hill tract is the site of a proposed 19-unit development of energy-efficient single-family houses. Following several months of altering and refining plans for the development, which will be located on the Beech Hill Road in Somesville, the project is approaching final stages of the planning board approval process. If the current schedule holds, work on the development's infrastructure will begin this spring. The first group of houses should be completed early this fall.

The houses to be built in the development are based on a prototype house designed by Southwest Harbor architect John Gordon. The 1,368-square foot, two-story house that will be built at Ripples Hill is based on the house design that won the Maine State Housing Authorities' Mainstream Green Home Design Contest in 2006. The 19 houses will be closely clustered on a portion of the 10 acres, with the bulk of the parcel devoted to open space.

As of this writing, our recruiting efforts have resulted in the pre-qualification of 12 individuals or families as potential residents in the development. Recruiting efforts are continuing in hopes of pre-qualifying enough individuals and families to occupy all of the houses that are proposed to be built in the development.

IHT's board and staff also have been refining deed restrictions, covenants and other documents that will ensure long-term affordability of the Ripples Hill houses so that they remain affordable to individuals and families who work on MDI.

In addition to the Ripples Hill development, Island Housing Trust continues to pursue other initiatives that will help to address the affordable housing challenges for MDI's workforce, particularly those involving acquisition of existing housing that can be made permanently affordable.

On behalf of IHT's Board of Directors, I wish to thank the residents of Mount Desert for their continued support of our efforts.

Hook Wheeler, President, IHT Board of Directors

<b>HOLIDAY</b>	<b>DAY/DATE</b>
New Year's Day	Monday, January 1
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 15
President's Day	Monday, February 19
Patriot's Day* *	Monday, April 16
Memorial Day	Monday, May 28
Independence Day	Wednesday, July 4
Labor Day	Monday, September 3
Columbus Day	Monday, October 8
Veteran's Day	Friday, November 9
Thanksgiving	Thursday November 22 and Friday November 23
Christmas Day	Tuesday, December 25

\*\* non-union employees and represented employees of administration and dispatch



# AUDIT

**TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT  
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2006**

**Exhibit C  
Page 1 of 2**

<i>Assets</i>	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Town Reserves</i>	<i>School Fund</i>	<i>Summit / Ripples SH Sidewalk Project</i>	<i>Other Governmental Funds</i>	<i>Total Governmental Funds</i>
Cash and Equivalents	4,911,289					4,911,289
Investments		3,170,353			9,358	3,179,711
Receivables						
Taxes	167,953					167,953
Tax Liens	24,426					24,426
Other	24,859					24,859
Due from Other Funds	152	1,329,472	1,658,912	1,280,589	121,039	4,390,164
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>5,128,679</b>	<b>4,499,825</b>	<b>1,658,912</b>	<b>1,280,589</b>	<b>130,397</b>	<b>12,698,402</b>
 <i>Liabilities and Net Assets</i>						
Liabilities						
Accounts Payable	44,207				374	44,581
Retainage Payable				12,651	28,043	40,694
Prepaid Taxes	600					600
Deferred Property Taxes	173,930					173,930
Deferred Revenue - Other	1,357					1,357
Due to Other Funds	4,714,081				100	4,714,181
Due to Other Governments	2,404					2,404
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>4,936,579</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,651</b>	<b>28,517</b>	<b>4,977,747</b>
 <i>Fund Balances</i>						
Reserved For:						
Encumbrances	92,100					92,100
Construction				1,267,938	85,562	1,353,500
Endowments					7,582	7,582
Unreserved						
Designated for Subsequent Years' Expenditures		4,499,825				4,499,825
Undesignated	100,000		1,658,912	-	8,736	1,767,648
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>192,100</b>	<b>4,499,825</b>	<b>1,658,912</b>	<b>1,267,938</b>	<b>101,880</b>	<b>7,720,655</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b>5,128,679</b>	<b>4,499,825</b>	<b>1,658,912</b>	<b>1,280,589</b>	<b>130,397</b>	<b>12,698,402</b>

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

**TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT**  
**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES**  
**AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006**

**Exhibit D**  
**Page 1 of 2**

	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Town Reserves</i>	<i>School Fund</i>	<i>Summit / Ripples SH Sidewalk Project</i>	<i>Other Governmental Funds</i>	<i>Total Governmental Funds</i>
<b>Revenues</b>						
Taxes	10,627,610					10,627,610
Intergovernmental Revenues	393,705				78,491	472,196
Charges for Services	140,329					140,329
Miscellaneous	217,523	359,513	439,679		6,467	1,023,182
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>11,379,167</b>	<b>359,513</b>	<b>439,679</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>84,958</b>	<b>12,263,317</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>						
General Government	741,638					741,638
Public Safety	724,459					724,459
Public Works Department	1,226,857					1,226,857
Compliance and Mandates	380,524					380,524
Other Services	47,550					47,550
Village Associations	43,700					43,700
Recreation	83,365					83,365
Rural Wastewater Support	125,528					125,528
Wastewater Capital and Debt	909,813					909,813
Wastewater Treatment	469,328					469,328
Debt Service	9,782					9,782
Personnel	700,846					700,846
White Tail Deer Committee	782					782
Assessments	2,798,692					2,798,692
Education Programs			2,935,506			2,935,506
Capital Outlay		407,207		390,832	468,263	1,266,302
Other					329	329
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>8,262,864</b>	<b>407,207</b>	<b>2,935,506</b>	<b>390,832</b>	<b>468,592</b>	<b>12,465,001</b>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	3,116,303	(47,694)	(2,495,827)	(390,832)	(383,634)	(201,684)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Bond Proceeds				1,250,000	50,941	1,300,941
Transfers from Other Funds	611,819	1,218,645	2,642,620	408,770	400,649	5,282,503
Transfers to Other Funds	(4,302,190)	(672,850)			(234,842)	(5,209,882)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>(3,690,371)</b>	<b>545,795</b>	<b>2,642,620</b>	<b>1,658,770</b>	<b>216,748</b>	<b>1,373,562</b>
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures	(574,068)	498,101	146,793	1,267,938	(166,886)	1,171,878
Fund Balance - July 1	766,168	4,001,724	1,512,119	-	268,766	6,548,777
<b>Fund Balance - June 30</b>	<b>192,100</b>	<b>4,499,825</b>	<b>1,658,912</b>	<b>1,267,938</b>	<b>101,880</b>	<b>7,720,655</b>

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**TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS**  
**PROPRIETARY FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006**

**Exhibit F**

	<b><i>Proprietary Fund Types Marina Fund</i></b>
Operating Revenues:	
NEH Marina	555,156
Moorings	55,540
SHIP Grant	12,500
Marina Concessions	2,770
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Total Operating Revenues:	625,966
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Operating Expenditures:	
NEH Marina	231,789
Seal Harbor Marina	11,605
Bartlett Narrows Harbor	792
Somes Harbor	529
Depreciation	20,168
Administration	33,534
Personnel	40,437
Compliance	657
Sewer Charges	15,763
Parking Lot Repairs	16,000
Trash Removal and Disposal	26,880
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Total Operating Expenditures	398,154
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Net Operating Income	227,812
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<b><i>Net Income (Loss) before contributions and transfers</i></b>	227,812
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Transfer from Reserves	31,151
Transfer to General Fund	(44,022)
Transfers to Reserves	(59,750)
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<b><i>Change in Net Assets</i></b>	155,191
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<b><i>Total Net Assets - Beginning</i></b>	853,951
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<b><i>Total Net Assets - Ending</i></b>	<b>1,009,142</b>
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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, 2006**

**Exhibit J**

	<i>Original Budget</i>	<i>Final Budget</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</i>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Taxes	10,686,959	10,686,959	10,627,610	(59,349)
Intergovernmental Revenues	196,545	196,545	393,705	197,160
Charges for Services	581,057	108,057	140,329	32,272
Miscellaneous	163,325	163,325	217,523	54,198
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>11,627,886</b>	<b>11,154,886</b>	<b>11,379,167</b>	<b>224,281</b>
<b>Expenditures (Net of Departmental Revenues)</b>				
General Government	704,627	670,621	639,483	31,138
Public Safety	763,638	761,742	703,259	58,483
Public Works	1,428,028	1,371,268	1,224,357	146,911
Compliance and Mandates	356,830	356,173	323,535	32,638
Other Services	47,550	47,550	47,550	-
Village Associations	43,700	43,700	43,700	-
Recreation	90,747	90,747	83,365	7,382
Rural Wastewater Support	150,000	150,000	125,528	24,472
Wastewater Capital and Debt	1,357,107	807,107	589,238	217,869
Wastewater Treatment	584,412	567,163	469,328	97,835
Marina	264,357			-
Debt Service	22,445	22,445	9,782	12,663
Personnel	739,294	678,991	700,846	(21,855)
White Tail Deer Committee	1,000	1,000	782	218
Southwest Harbor Animal Shelter	500			-
Assessments	2,819,416	2,819,416	2,798,692	20,724
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>9,373,651</b>	<b>8,387,923</b>	<b>7,759,445</b>	<b>628,478</b>
<b>Excess Revenues Over Expenditures</b>	<b>2,254,235</b>	<b>2,766,963</b>	<b>3,619,722</b>	<b>852,759</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>				
Transfers from Other Funds	607,162	614,684	611,819	(2,865)
Transfer to Credit Reserve			(849,894)	(849,894)
Transfers to Other Funds	(2,861,397)	(3,381,647)	(3,381,647)	-
<b>Total Other Financing Sources</b>	<b>(2,254,235)</b>	<b>(2,766,963)</b>	<b>(3,619,722)</b>	<b>(852,759)</b>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Beginning Fund Balances - Budgetary Basis</b>			<b>100,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balances - Budgetary Basis</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>
<b>Adjustments to Conform to GAAP:</b>				
Elimination of Encumbrances			92,100	
<b>Ending Fund Balances - GAAP Basis</b>			<b>192,100</b>	



**TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL REVENUES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006**

**Exhibit A-1**  
**Page 1 of 2**

	<i>Estimated</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Over (Under) Budget</i>
Taxes			
Property	10,116,105	9,993,304	(122,801)
Supplemental Taxes	52,854	52,930	76
Motor Vehicle Excise	480,000	530,475	50,475
Boat Excise	27,000	33,457	6,457
Interest on Taxes	11,000	17,444	6,444
	<u>10,686,959</u>	<u>10,627,610</u>	<u>(59,349)</u>
Intergovernmental Revenues			
Acadia National Park	22,500	23,095	595
Acadia National Park WWTP Upgrade	41,793	255,000	213,207
Otter Creek Treatment Plant	30,000	30,000	-
Road Assistance	45,804	44,305	(1,499)
Tree Growth	4,000		(4,000)
General Assistance	2,000	546	(1,454)
Homestead Reimbursement	24,248	24,180	(68)
ANP Jordan Pond House	25,000	15,174	(9,826)
Snowmobile Refund	400	572	172
Veterans Exemption	800	833	33
	<u>196,545</u>	<u>393,705</u>	<u>197,160</u>
Charges for Services			
Police Department	5,000	9,875	4,875
Highways	2,500		(2,500)
Sewers	557	50	(507)
Solid Waste	1,000	4,696	3,696
Paid Parking	45,000	51,505	6,505
Planning and Zoning	38,000	54,289	16,289
Town Clerk	6,000	8,724	2,724
Tax Collection	10,000	11,190	1,190
	<u>108,057</u>	<u>140,329</u>	<u>32,272</u>

**TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL REVENUES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006**

**Exhibit A-1**  
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	<i>Estimated</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Over (Under) Budget</i>
Miscellaneous			
Surplus Property and Equipment	5,000	3,983	(1,017)
Solid Waste Performance Credit	42,725	27,239	(15,486)
Interest on Investments	95,000	142,383	47,383
Interest on Temporary Loans	15,000	5,478	(9,522)
Insurance Dividends/Refunds	1,000	8,732	7,732
Maple Lane Apartments	3,600	2,265	(1,335)
Donations	1,000	600	(400)
Other		26,843	26,843
	<u>163,325</u>	<u>217,523</u>	<u>54,198</u>
Transfers and Other Sources			
Credit Reserve	482,928	482,928	-
NEH Marina	44,022	44,022	-
Municipal Revenue Sharing	87,734	84,869	(2,865)
	<u>614,684</u>	<u>611,819</u>	<u>(2,865)</u>
<b>Total Revenues and Transfers</b>	<b><u>11,769,570</u></b>	<b><u>11,990,986</u></b>	<b><u>221,416</u></b>

**TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006**

**Exhibit A-2**  
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	<i>Encumbered from 2005</i>	<i>Appropriation</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Encumbered to 2007</i>	<i>(Over) Under Budget</i>
General Government					
Elected Officials		8,770	7,848		922
Administration		264,704	250,451		14,253
Assessor/CEO	158,604	70,790	205,389	22,187	1,818
Tax Collector/Treasurer		65,807	65,819		(12)
CEO/Assessor Assistant	11,481	75,878	66,674	10,754	9,931
Buildings and Grounds		131,714	95,641	34,989	1,084
Town Clerk/Registrar		52,958	49,816		3,142
	170,085	670,621	741,638	67,930	31,138
Public Safety					
Police Department	3,500	394,762	355,807	1,681	40,774
Fire Department	36,870	196,578	212,106	16,744	4,598
Communications		170,402	156,546	745	13,111
	40,370	761,742	724,459	19,170	58,483
Public Works Department					
Highways, Streets and Roads		956,102	845,785		110,317
Waste Collection and Disposal	2,500	374,995	349,232		28,263
Parks and Cemeteries		40,171	31,840		8,331
	2,500	1,371,268	1,226,857	0	146,911
Compliance/Mandates	61,989	356,173	380,524	5,000	32,638
Other Services		47,550	47,550		
Village Associations		43,700	43,700		
Recreation		90,747	83,365		7,382
Rural Wastewater Support		150,000	125,528		24,472
Wastewater Capital and Debt	320,575	807,107	909,813		217,869
Wastewater Treatment					
Sewer Treatment		324,788	247,118		77,670
Northeast Harbor Plant		97,025	89,345		7,680
Somesville Plant		46,100	32,985		13,115
Seal Harbor Plant		59,900	67,108		(7,208)
Otter Creek Plant		39,350	32,772		6,578
		567,163	469,328		97,835

## TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT

## GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES  
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Debt Service					
Interest on Temporary Notes		15,000	8,270		6,730
Interest on Bonds/Notes		5,945			5,945
Legal Expense		1,500	1,512		(12)
		22,445	9,782		12,663
Personnel					
Unemployment Compensation		7,500	3,083		4,417
Maine State Retirement		20,241	15,408		4,833
Actuary Administration		1,000	1,000		-
ICMA Retirement		26,843	26,238		605
Section 125 Admin Expenses		750	366		384
Workers Compensation		62,801	76,181		(13,380)
Social Security/Medicare		121,997	115,860		6,137
Medical Insurance		432,289	458,880		(26,591)
Life/Accident Insurance		630	530		100
Recruit Expenses		4,000	3,300		700
Salary Adjustments-Non Union		940			940
		678,991	700,846		(21,855)
White Tail Deer Committee		1,000	782		218
Assessments					
MDI High School		2,006,343	2,006,343		-
County Tax		789,443	789,443		-
Overlay		23,630	2,906		20,724
		2,819,416	2,798,692		20,724
Operating Transfers Out					
Elementary School		2,492,647	2,492,647		-
Sewer Treatment Project	70,649	330,000	400,649		-
Summit / Ripples / SH Sidewalk Project		250,000	250,000		-
Reserve Funds					
Town Roads Reserve		25,000	25,000		-
Public Works Equipment Reserve		59,000	59,000		-
Refuse Equipment Reserve		20,000	20,000		-
Wastewater Equipment Reserve		5,000	5,000		-
Fire Equipment Reserve		100,000	100,000		-
Town Office Building Reserve		20,000	20,000		-
Seal Harbor Marina Road Reserve		20,000	20,000		-
Wastewater Reserve		50,000	50,000		-
Communications Reserve		10,000	10,000		-
	70,649	3,381,647	3,452,296		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>666,168</b>	<b>11,769,570</b>	<b>11,715,160</b>	<b>92,100</b>	<b>628,478</b>

**TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT  
GENERAL FUND**

**Exhibit A-3**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN UNRESERVED - UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006**

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

***Analysis of Change***

Additions		
Budget Summary		
Revenue Surplus - Exhibit A-1	221,416	
Unexpended Balance of		
Appropriations - Exhibit A-2	<u>628,478</u>	
Budget Surplus		<u>849,894</u>
Deductions		
Fund Balance Transferred to		
Credit Reserve per Vote		<u>(849,894)</u>
<b>Increase</b>		<b><u><u>0</u></u></b>



**TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT  
ALL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET  
DECEMBER 31, 2006**

**Exhibit B-1**

<i>Assets</i>	<i>Elementary School Department</i>	<i>Town Reserve Funds</i>	<i>Shellfish Fund</i>	<i>Total</i>
Investments		3,170,353		3,170,353
Due from Other Funds	1,658,912	1,329,472	7,434	2,995,818
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,658,912</b>	<b>4,499,825</b>	<b>7,434</b>	<b>6,166,171</b>
<b><i>Fund Balances</i></b>				
Fund Balances				
Unreserved				
Designated for Subsequent Years' Expenditures		4,499,825		4,499,825
Undesignated	1,658,912		7,434	1,666,346
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>1,658,912</b>	<b>4,499,825</b>	<b>7,434</b>	<b>6,166,171</b>

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**TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT  
RESERVE FUNDS  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006**

**Exhibit B-3**

	<b>Balance January 1</b>	<b>Transfers In</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenditures/ Transfers</b>	<b>Balance December 31</b>
Capital Improvement Funds					
Town Roads	61,895	25,000	1,253		88,148
Wastewater	50,000	50,000	1,009	30,000	71,009
Pollution Control Equipment	10,000	5,000	216		15,216
Northeast Harbor Marina	124,110	49,500	2,269	16,245	159,634
Seal Harbor Bait House	2,115	500	38		2,653
Town Office Building	52,055	20,000	946	8,083	64,918
Land Acquisition	174,887		2,522		177,409
Credit Reserve	1,868,673	849,895	19,544	486,554	2,251,558
Bartlett Narrows Dock	17,500	4,750	321		22,571
Summit Sewer	158,771			158,771	-
Seal Harbor Dock	25,551	5,000	441		30,992
Seal Harbor Marina Road	95,000	20,000	1,658		116,658
Capital Equipment Funds					
Public Works	80,330	59,000	2,009		141,339
Fire	432,523	100,000	59,780	356,896	235,407
Refuse	73,073	20,000	1,342		94,415
Assessor's Car	1,004		14		1,018
Office Equipment	9,331		111	5,709	3,733
Communications Radio	24,324	10,000	281	14,767	19,838
Others					
Dog Welfare	2,636		2,044	3,033	1,647
Sub-Total	3,263,778	1,218,645	95,798	1,080,058	3,498,163
General (Fair Value Changes)	737,946		263,716		1,001,662
Total	4,001,724	1,218,645	359,514	1,080,058	4,499,825

**TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT  
ALL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006**

**Exhibit B-2**

	<b>Municipal Revenue Sharing</b>	<b>Elementary School Department</b>	<b>Town Reserve Funds</b>	<b>Shellfish Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>
Revenues					
Intergovernmental Revenues	78,491				78,491
Local Sources		439,679	95,797	1,040	536,516
Fair Value Increase (Decrease)			263,716		263,716
Total Revenues	78,491	439,679	359,513	1,040	878,723
Expenditures					
Education		2,935,506			2,935,506
Capital Outlay			404,174		404,174
Other			3,033	91	3,124
Total Expenditures		2,935,506	407,207	91	3,342,804
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	78,491	(2,495,827)	(47,694)	949	(2,464,081)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Transfers from Other Funds		2,642,620	1,218,645		3,861,265
Transfers to Other Funds	(84,869)		(672,850)		(757,719)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(84,869)	2,642,620	545,795		3,103,546
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(6,378)	146,793	498,101	949	639,465
Fund Balance - January 1	6,378	1,512,119	4,001,724	6,485	5,526,706
<b>Fund Balance - December 31</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,658,912</b>	<b>4,499,825</b>	<b>7,434</b>	<b>6,166,171</b>



2006 Arts Week Finale at Mount Desert Elementary School.