# Town of Mount Desert



## 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

## DEDICATION

We wish to remember the following friends and family members whose deaths were recorded in our town of the year 2007:

Joseph B. Thomas IV
Estella E. Macrae
Maynard L. Wescott
Bernard L. Holmes
Harold R. Lynk Sr
Lena Ellen Richardson
Gwendolyn A. Hopkins
Harriett F. Jordan
Elizabeth W. Blanchard
C. Eric Kohr
Dwight L. Coombs
Donald G. Smith
Nathan E. Stubbs
Burnham Litchfield
Carolyn B. Liebow
Ruth M. Juretschke
Guy E. Nason
Virginia S. Phelps
Richard G. Garrett
Mervyn E. Manring
Louisa L. Kennedy
Richard A. Gray
Donald B. Straus
Valeria Bolotin
Crosby G. Mills
Joyce M. Wellington
Louise S. Libby
Mabel V. Grover

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

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

Y – Yes, this action is required or permitted.
N – No, this action cannot be taken or is unnecessary.

M – Majority vote required

A – This motion may be made when another motion has the floor.
B – Same rank as motion out of which it arises.
C – Only a prevailing negative vote on this motion may be reconsidered.
D – This motion has the same rank, and is debatable to the same extent, as the motion being reconsidered.
E – Only a person who voted on the prevailing side may make this motion.

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

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

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**TOWN OFFICE**
**21 Sea Street**
**P O Box 248**
**Northeast Harbor, ME 04662**

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

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

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| Tony Smith, Public Works Director | director@mtdesert.org |
| Shawn Murphy, Harbormaster | harbormaster@mtdesert.org |

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

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# RECYCLING INFORMATION

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## YES!

## RECYCLE

**TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT**

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

### PAPER



Newspaper
Magazines
Catalogs & Phone Books




Do not tie in bundles. Keep dry.

### CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

Looks like this: (cross section)



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

### TIN AND ALUMINUM CANS



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

### PLASTIC

#2 plastic only.
Check bottom for this sign:






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

### GLASS



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

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

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

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

### OTHER TIPS

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

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# ELECTED OFFICERS

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|---|---|---|
| SELECTMEN | James R. Mooers | 2010 |
| | Kathleen Branch | 2008 |
| | Ernest Coombs, Chair | 2008 |
| | Patrick Smallidge, VC | 2009 |
| | Jeffrey T. Smith, Sec | 2010 |
| SCHOOL BOARD | Gail Marshall, Chairman | 2009 |
| | Maria Brown | 2009 |
| | Heather Jones | 2010 |
| | Brian Reilly | 2010 |
| | Laurel Robbins | 2008 |
| SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES | Charles Bucklin | 2009 |
| | Michael Musetti | 2010 |
| | George Peckham, Jr. | 2008 |

# APPOINTED OFFICERS

## ADMINISTRATIVE

| | |
|---|---|
| TOWN MANAGER | Michael R. MacDonald |
| TOWN CLERK | Joelle D. Nolan<br>Jennifer McWain, Deputy<br>Margaret Porter, Assitant |
| DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION | Brent Hamor |
| EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT | Jennifer McWain |
| RECEPTION | Danielle Goodwin |
| TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR | Brent Hamor<br>Joelle D. Nolan, Deputy<br>Margaret Porter, Deputy |
| ASSESSOR | Kyle Avila |
| CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER | Kimberly Keene |
| EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR | Michael Bender |
| HEALTH OFFICER | Michael R. MacDonald |
| PLUMBING INSPECTOR | Kimberly Keene<br>Brent Hamor, Deputy |
| REGISTRAR OF VOTERS | Joelle D. Nolan<br>Jennifer McWain, Deputy |

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| CHIEF OF POLICE | James Willis | |
| POLICE SERGEANT | Kevin Edgecomb | |
| POLICE OFFICERS | John Wardwell | Christopher Smith |
| | Leigh Guildford | Travis Frost |
| | Chris Wharff | Jacob Day |
| | Brandon Bonney* | Mike Allen* |
| | Chris Pitman* | Edward Montague* |
| | Jedidiah Philpot* | Troy Richardson* |
| DISPATCHERS | Lorraine Bracy | Matt Heel |
| | Marie Barnes | Rod O'Connor* |
| | Laura Snyder* | Marie Overlock |
| | Jennifer McFarland* | Bob Courtot* |
| | *Part-Time | |
| ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER | Kevin Edgecomb | |

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

## FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS

| | |
|---|---|
| Tom Wallace | Rob Norwood |
| Dave Higgins | Casey Bunker |
| Bruce Walton | Norris Reddish |
| Robin Folger | Stuart Burr |
| Luke Damon | Bobby Dodge |
| Bob Foster | Norman Hawes |
| Thomas "Chase" Hobbs | Tony Hoff |
| Mark Johnson | Mike Kelly |
| Fred Lippucci | Basil Mahaney |
| Christopher Mazolf | Mark Middleton |
| Steve Montminy | Chris Moore |
| Bob Pyle | Joe Renault |
| Tony Smith | Kevin Stradley |
| John Sweet | Mike Sweet |
| John Wheatley | John Littlefield |

# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

| | |
|---|---|
| DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS | Tony Smith |
| SUPERINTENDENT | Kenneth A. Poors |
| HIGHWAY | Joseph Jacobs<br>Philip Frost<br>Benjamin Jacobs<br>David Knowlton<br>Royce Gordon<br>Leon Peasley<br>Martin Slater |
| REFUSE COLLECTION | Michael Pokoney |
| RECYCLING ATTENDANT | Fred King |
| POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY | Jonathan Merchant<br>Chuck Croan<br>Edward Montague<br>Terry Savage |

# TOWN OFFICE & PARKS

| | |
|---|---|
| BUILDINGS & GROUNDS | Karl Richard |

# HARBOR MASTERS

| | |
|---|---|
| HARBOR MASTER | Shawn Murphy |
| DEPUTY HARBOR MASTER | John Lemoine |

# SHELLFISH WARDENS

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|---|---|
| SHELLFISH WARDENS | Kevin Edgecomb<br>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 | 2010 |
| | Darrell Phillips | 2009 |
| | Julianna Reddish-Smith | 2009 |
| MDI HOUSING AUTHORITY | Wanda Fernald | 2012 |
| | Dan Falt | 2012 |
| | Karol Hagberg | 2009 |
| | Alice Carter | 2012 |
| Tenant Commissioners: | Gloria Munson | 2012 |
| | Holly Manheim | 2010 |
| | Christopher Scheif | 2012 |
| PLANNING BOARD | James Clunan, Ch. | 2008 |
| | Patti Reilly, Sec | 2008 |
| | Joseph Tracy | 2010 |
| | Schofield Andrews, III | 2010 |
| | James Bright, VC | 2009 |
| | Gerard Miller, Alt | 2010 |
| ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS | Harry Madeira, Ch | 2008 |
| | William N. Ferm | 2009 |
| | Jane Vris | 2008 |
| | George B. Lauriat | 2009 |
| | Tom Richardson | 2009 |
| | Kevin Walls | 2010 |
| | Edward Bonville | 2008 |

**DID YOU KNOW…Often there are openings on the various boards and committees. If you are interested in serving, call the Town Office, 276-5531 (or go on-line www.mtdesert.org) for an application.**

# COMMITTEES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ACADIA NATIONAL PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION | Paul Richardson, Town Rep. | 2008 |
| COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE | Jerry Suminsby, Chair | 2008 |
| | Robert Collins | 2008 |
| | Samuel Fox | 2008 |
| | Brian Reilly | 2008 |
| | Sydney R. Rockefeller | 2008 |
| INVESTMENT COMMITTEE | Brent Hamor, | ex officio |
| | Michael MacDonald, | ex officio |
| | Jeffrey Smith | ex officio |
| | John M. Brown | 2008 |
| | John MacCauley | 2008 |
| | Jerry Suminsby | 2008 |
| | Michael Silva | 2008 |
| MARINE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE | Dana Haynes, Ch | 2008 |
| | Jim Black | 2008 |
| | Jim Bright | 2009 |
| | Ted Bromage | 2009 |
| | Tom Brown | 2008 |
| | Jock Crothers | 2008 |
| | Tom Fernald | 2008 |
| | Eric Jones | 2009 |
| | William A. Johnston | 2008 |
| | Story Litchfield | 2008 |
| | Rob Liebow | 2009 |
| | Chris Moore | 2009 |
| | Rick Savage, II | 2009 |
| | Doug Randolph-Foster | 2009 |
| | Shawn Murphy | ex officio |
| MOUNT DESERT WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES | Harry Maderia, Ch | 2008 |
| | Elsie Baum | 2010 |
| | Karen Coombs | 2010 |
| | Alan Joseph | 2009 |
| | Stephen Zirnkilton | 2008 |

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|---|---|---|
| SHELLFISH CONSERVATION | Tom Falt, Ch | 2008 |
| | Sherwood Carr | 2008 |
| | Jock Crothers | 2008 |
| | Steve Hamor, Sr. | 2008 |
| | Harvey Heel | 2008 |
| | Scott Merchant | 2008 |
| | Earl Moore | 2008 |
| | Ernest Smallidge | 2009 |
| | Robert Taylor | 2008 |
| | Barry Thomas | 2009 |
| SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE | Tony Smith, Ch | 2008 |
| | Kathy Branch | 2008 (Board liaison) |
| | Melvin Everly | 2008 |
| | Mildred Johnson | 2008 |
| | Philip Lichtenstein | 2008 |
| | Lee Patterson | 2008 |
| | KC Salter | 2008 |
| | Chris Breedlove | 2008 |
| | William Burnett | 2008 |
| TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE | John Brown | 2008 |
| | Dwight Lanpher | 2008 |
| | Brent Hamor | 2008 |
| | Jerome Suminsby | 2008 |
| TRAFFIC COMMITTEE | Kathy Fernald | 2008 |
| | Sam Coplon, Co-Ch | 2008 |
| | Jean G. Fernald | 2008 |
| | Pauline Johnson | 2008 |
| | Phyllis Partridge | 2008 |
| | Sydney R. Rockefeller, Co-Ch | 2008 |
| | Jim Willis | 2008 |
| | Dianne Young | 2008 |
| | Tony Smith | 2008 |

**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 79. 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**



# BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Town of Mount Desert annual town meeting has been held on the first Monday of March for generations. To many of us town meeting signaled the possible end to winter. More often than not however Mother Nature showed us on that very night that winter was not over! This change was recommended by the Board of Selectmen and voted on at the 2007 town meeting. It is our hope that this change will result in increased attendance at the town meeting. The town office staff as usual stepped up to the plate and accomplished a great deal of work to bring this together.

We encourage participation in selectmen's meetings and town meeting. Town meeting form of government is the opportunity for every voter to participate in very important decisions for the future of this town. The Board of Selectmen has spent considerable time in our 2007 meetings trying to insure that this town can decide its own school budget. Taxpayer participation is most important.

The infrastructure of town assets remains a priority. As pointed out in previous years the public works garage is in need of replacement, the town office and police department are in need of more space. Article 3 of the 2008 warrant is a referendum article asking for a bond issue for $6,500,000 this is to update the Somesville wastewater facility. This project will bring the town in compliance with D.E.P. Requirements. The project will also allow for expansion of the collection system which with the population shift to this area of town will be needed.

The Board of Selectmen extends our thanks to the employees of the town and to all the various board and committee members. This town has a long history of volunteers that still exists through the fire department and ambulance service as well as the board and committee members' thank you all.

On a personal note I would like to thank the residents of the town for your support these last six years.

Respectfully Submitted
Ernest Coombs, Chairman

# PLANNING BOARD REPORT

To the Inhabitants and Taxpayers of the Town of Mount Desert:

Summary - The Planning Board has been extraordinarily active in the year since Town Meeting 2007, notably since the summer. With the valuable assistance of a professional planning consultant, and the Code Enforcement Officer, the Board developed proposed revisions to the Land Use Zoning Ordinance (LUZO) that are comprehensive in form, and selectively new in substance. The Board is also proposing a preliminary set of outdoor lighting standards. These proposals will be brought before the voters at Town Meeting in May. There will be no proposed changes to the Subdivision Ordinance. During its deliberations over the LUZO, the Board has benefited from a grant from concerned residents that allowed the Town to hire the planning consultant. Public input at Board eight workshops has been essential and beneficial. In drafting its revisions to the LUZO, the Board faced several tough problems, including slopes and vistas that deserve more thought and public attention than could be mustered in the few months available in the winter; they are on the Board's agenda for the 2009 Town Meeting.

Increased Pace - The Planning Board's additional work since summer has not been brought on by an increase in Conditional Use Applications; in fact, they have dropped off. Rather, public attention to a development at the southernmost corner of Hall Quarry, and the opportunity presented by the grant the Town received from concerned residents have caused the Board's work pace to increase significantly since the summer.

In addition to meeting regularly on the second and fourth Mondays of the month, and conducting on-site inspections, the Board began work on the vexing issues associated with development on so-called "steep slopes," and vistas, including storm water runoff, access by fire protection services, and grade of roads and driveways

Work since summer-

- First, the Board addressed the issue of an emergency moratorium on construction on "steep slopes," and after attempting to formulate such a moratorium and hearing public input at three meetings, the Board agreed that the idea had merit with respect to protecting scenic vistas, but that there was no way to quickly create a fair definition of a "steep slope;" as a result the Board decided to postpone consideration of the matter. Nor was it clear that the Town faced an emergency. Moreover, the issue involved identifying those vistas that matter, and those that do not.
- Second, the Board made a search for a professional planning consultant.
- Third, the Board obtained the voters' approval of using a grant from concerned seasonal residents to pay for the consultant.
- Fourth, with the consultant and the Code Enforcement Officer, we undertook a review of the entire LUZO. Our normal schedule of twice monthly meetings and workshops has more that doubled since the New Year. We have been holding Workshops every week with the Planning Consultant, Richard Rothe, hired with the grant money approved by the Town voters in December.

Public Input- The Board has benefited from public contributions to our deliberations on the proposed steep slopes moratorium in the fall, and at our weekly post-Christmas Workshops with our Consultant

LUZO Overhaul- Important work has been done in the LUZO on simplification of the format of the LUZO, access to back lots, clarification of applicant requirements, codification of longstanding practices, minimum area suitable for development, stormwater runoff, making the Code Enforcement Officer's duties clear and explicit, and removing portions of the LUZO that are redundant or outside the area Board's responsibility. This revision will be presented to the voters at Town Meeting.

Outdoor Lighting Standards- Thanks to a grant available from the Park, the Town has had the benefit of advice from a local expert on outdoor lighting. We are basing our work with him on the established standards in the LUZO, namely, dealing with Nuisances and "Preserving the Town's Character." With these in mind, the Board has agreed that the Town's dark skies are an asset worth preserving. The draft under consideration is also meant to enhance public safety and visibility by preventing the uncontrolled intrusion of artificial lighting into adjacent properties and the natural environment.

Slopes and Vistas- We found that standards concerning so-called "steep slopes and scenic vistas have been excruciatingly difficult to codify in the short two months during which we have had the benefit our planning consultant's services. These will require prolonged study, an inventory, and thorough consultation with the public. We have concluded that we need an inventory of these slopes and vistas throughout the Town, which work we aim to have done in time for the 2009 Town Meeting.

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

Danielle Goodwin assumed the important duties of Recording Secretary, and is now performing them with patience and good cheer.

On behalf of Board Members Jim Bright, Vice Chair, Patti Reilly, Secretary, Joe Tracy, Sandy Andrews, and Jerry Miller, Alternate, this report is respectfully submitted,

Respectfully submitted,
James L. Clunan
Chairman

# WARRANT COMMITTEE REPORT

2007 – 2008 WARRANT COMMITTEE

The Warrant Committee for the 2008 Annual Town Meeting consists of twenty-four residents appointed by the Board of Selectmen for three year terms. The Warrant Committee is the only body of town government which has its recommendation on every article published in the Warrant: we cannot place an Article on the Warrant, but we can record our recommendations to the Voters at Town Meeting on the Articles proposed by the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board, and the School Board. Serving on the Warrant Committee is an opportunity to learn first-hand what is happening in Town Government, to ask questions to learn more, and to provide constructive advice for the future. The hours each member devotes to the Committee are a significant contribution we can each make to our Town, and the collective hours of all the members of our Committee are a tribute to the health and vitality of self-government in Mount Desert. Please consider becoming a member – our effectiveness will be enhanced by your participation on the Committee. Please talk to a member of the Warrant Committee about his or her experience on the Committee, please consider attending one of our meetings to watch us in action or please contact the Town office or the Board of Selectmen to seek appointment.

Members of the Warrant Committee are grouped into six subcommittees, and in those subcommittees, and as a whole, the Committee receives presentations and studies requests for budget articles and the other warrant articles. We have met as a Committee since January on six occasions, plus each subcommittee has also met independently and members of several subcommittees have attended meetings of other town Boards and Committees. We received presentations from the Department heads regarding their budget requests; presentations by the School Board and Administration on the status of their budget requests and by the Planning Board on proposed LUZO changes, including the "re-write", as well as receiving and reviewing written materials and participating in follow-up discussions on other ordinances and articles appearing before the voters on this Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Town Manager Mike MacDonald, Public Works Director Tony Smith, Finance Director Brent Hamor, and other town officials have been in regular attendance at our meetings and provided us with the most recent budget and warrant article information and we appreciate the time and information they have provided. (Please note that this Warrant Committee has done "double duty", having reviewed the Warrant for last December's Town Meeting in six additional meetings, subcommittee meetings, and going through a similar process last fall).

The Town benefits greatly from the dedication of its professional staff and administrative officers, its department heads and employees, and the many volunteers who serve the Town. As a Committee, we have again appreciated an open and candid dialogue with school administrators and Board members. As individuals and as a Committee,

we thank all of those who have appeared before us and provided us with information on the budget and other articles in the Warrant. We particularly want to thank the Northeast Harbor Library for providing us with a place to meet when the Meeting Room was not available on two occasions this spring "budget season".

The impact of the Warrant Committee in the evolution of the Warrant and the development of budgets is significant and we appreciate that our comments and concerns are listened to throughout the fall and winter meetings. The fact that most of the Articles presented to the Town on the Warrant carry the same recommendation from the presenting Board as well as from the Warrant Committee reflects the extent to which we have worked together over the course of the fall and winter to try to reach a consensus on these matters. The fact that there are some Articles on which differences remain is healthy as it demonstrates that we can also "agree to disagree", and our Town Meeting form of government places the wisdom and responsibility for resolving these differences in the voters of our Town at Town Meeting.

We appreciate the privilege of serving the Town. As members of the Warrant Committee, we read the same materials, hear the same presentations, share in our discussions and debates, and, finally, vote together our recommendations on the Articles – a process that "warrants" the respect we have for each other and forms friendships that last beyond Town Meeting. Thank you!

Chair – Bill Ferm
Vice – Chair – Tom Richardson
Secretary – John Macauley

**2008-2009 Warrant Committee Sub-committee list**

Bill Ferm, Chair
Tom Richardson, Vice Chair
John Macauley, Secretary

**Public Transportation & Buildings**
Phil Lichtenstein, Chair
Sherwood Carr
Bobby Dodge
Norris Reddish
Rob Shea
Seth Singleton

**Public Safety**
John Macauley, Chair
Albert Hamor
David Higgins
Julianna Reddish- Smith

**Public Sanitation**
Nick Burnett
Mark Hamlet
Gary Fountain
Rob Shea

**Municipal Administration**
Tom Richardson, Chair
John Gannon
Jerry Miller
Mickey Shattow

**Community Services & Recreation**
Gail Gee
Ann Dalton
Bill Hodgkins

**Public Education**
Ellen Brawley, Chair
Owen Craighead, Jr.
Bill Ferm
Pat Foster

# ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT

The year of 2007 was a very quiet one for the Board. Although there were but four hearings, only three concerned new issues while one involved a remand from Superior Court of an earlier Board decision.

2008 has started off with a fresh Appeal that will be heard in March. However, if history bears a lesson this year will find few Appeals being taken.

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

The Zoning Board of Appeals
William Ferm
George Lauriat
Harry Madeira
Thomas Richardson
Kevin Walls
Edward Bonville

# COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE REPORT

Through the collective efforts of the Comprehensive Plan Committee, the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board and other town boards and staff, we now have a Final Draft of the Town of Mount Desert Comprehensive Plan. On behalf of the Committee, I would like to extend thanks to all for your continued feedback, and for your patience with our ongoing efforts.

In October of 2007 the Selectmen and Comprehensive Plan Committee submitted the Plan to the State Planning Office for an initial review, and received tentative approval pending two minor omissions, along with some helpful suggestions. Having a Comprehensive Plan approved by the State Planning Office provides a legal foundation for our ordinances, and is a requirement if we choose to seek funding from various state and federal programs.

While we had hoped to have presented the plan for voter approval in 2008, the size of the document presents some challenges, and in order to provide broadest exposure to the voters, the Board of Selectmen have opted to seek voter approval at next years town meeting, or possibly by special town meeting.

The Comprehensive Plan may be found on the town's website and the town office, and copies are being circulated at local libraries and will be available at this year's 2008 town meeting. If you have not yet had a chance to read the plan, please make a commitment to do so – and don't be intimidated by the size, much of the text is informative and historical, and hopefully a decent read!

The plan is an advisory document that reflects the desired future of the town as expressed by the many participants, most particularly from the extensive survey we conducted early in the process and from the public forums. A comprehensive plan is intended to guide the selectmen, planning board, and other town committees in their decisions and provide continuity to town policy. Accordingly, the plan is inclusive of a broad range of opinions and ideas, and addresses the varied character and needs of our residents and villages.

There are major sections of the plan: the "Inventory and Analysis" that presents past present and projected conditions, and the "Policy Development" that includes goals and objectives, future land uses, and capital improvement strategy. While hopefully the plan has successfully identified our common ground for the goals and objectives, it is not essential that you support all of the Implementation Strategies; these intentionally provide a range of options for future debate. Any changes to land use ordinances or other ordinances still must be voted on at town meeting after more focused planning and public input. Likewise, any future tax burden for the presented capital improvement strategy requires approval as part of the annual town budget.

Many will note that the revised Comprehensive Plan echoes much our existing plan, but now provides more specific strategies and timelines for addressing the issues facing our community, and means of achieving positive results in the future.

We hope you find the Plan informative and capable of guiding us forward, and please contact me or the other board members with your questions and concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerome Suminsby, Chairman
Comprehensive Planning Committee

# SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING COMMITTEE REPORT

(Meetings are held at the Somesville fire station at 4:30 P.M. on the fourth Thursday of the months of January, March, May, September and November.)

During 2007 and thus far in 2008, the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee conducted two official meetings with a quorum in place. We recently added three new members bringing the total voting membership to 10 with Public Works Director Tony Smith chairing the committee as a non-voting member. Selectman Kathleen Branch of Seal Harbor serves as the liaison between the Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

Some of the issues being discussed or tracked by the Committee include:

- The ongoing contract negotiations with EMR, Inc. by the Acadia Disposal District on behalf of the member towns towards a new five-year solid waste disposal contract. It has been estimated it would take three – five years to implement one of the options evaluated by the ADD in 2006 should the member towns choose that route so, a new contract with EMR is a necessity.

- It was generally agreed to recommend to the Board of Selectmen to eliminate the second collection day of trash in the summer months. The town collects trash twice a week, Monday through Saturday, from mid-June to the week after Labor Day or, approximately for twelve weeks. A crew works on Sunday to dump town-owned dumpsters. At the same time, it was suggested to consider replacing the second trash collection day with curbside collection of recyclables. Cost figures are to be prepared and reviewed by the Committee prior to their taking any formal action.

- It was also generally agreed that the businesses in town should be paying for their own trash collection; that the costs associated with trash collection and disposal are another cost of doing business. The subsidizing of businesses by the rest of the taxpayers was felt to be unfair.

- The Northeast Harbor marina dumpsters were also discussed with no action taken. The concerns raised included the mess and out-of-town trash being dumped at the expense of Town of Mount Desert taxpayers.

- It was stressed that education is the key to getting people to recycle: Chairman Smith said he hopes to be able to access and update the town website himself in the near future; satellite transfer stations (portable on a trailer) were discussed; Member Salter said she will ask the Mount Desert Islander to use solid waste information as a filler when they have available space in the paper; information can be posted in the town newsletter.

- Single stream recycling – putting all recyclables into one container for processing at a central facility – might not be very far off for us. It is anticipated that this method of recycling should increase the amount we recycle, reduce the amount of waste that is disposed of as trash and save us money (avoided costs). It would also make curbside collection of recyclables more efficient.

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. Thank you for your support as we continue to work on your behalf.

Submitted by,
Public Works Director Tony Smith
Committee Chairman

## TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT

During 2007 and thus far in 2008, the Traffic Committee conducted one official meeting with a quorum in place. As in years past, scheduling conflicts among the committee members greatly reduces the number of times we meet and our effectiveness. We presently have seven voting members with Police Chief Jim Willis and me attending as technical advisors.

In an effort to promote greater attendance at our meetings for both members and non-members, we streamlined our meeting schedule. 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.

Submitted by,
Tony Smith, Public Works Director

# TOWN DEPARTMENT REPORTS

# TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Frank Sinatra sang about the years in a song titled "It Was a Very Good Year;" 2007 is still being evaluated and has the potential to be included as a very good year. What is it that helps define 2007 as a good year?

Our 2007 Annual Town Meeting, after considerable public debate voted to approve the Mount Desert Water District's recommendation to remove fluoride from drinking water in Northeast Harbor and Seal Harbor. Although many may disagree with the final decision, the debate and deliberation leading to the decision was part and parcel of our local government democratic process. It is a good thing when reasonable people consider reasonably. The 2007 Town Meeting also concluded licensing agreement with a private property owner in Seal Harbor.

Throughout the year Town staff participated with other island communities and area businesses and healthcare providers to plan and prepare for a panflu epidemic if such an event were to come to our Island. The Board of Selectmen joined with a private business, RedZone Wireless, to expand broadband internet connectivity to areas of the community. The project has provided high speed internet access to sections of previously un-served areas such as Northern Neck, Woods Road, Pretty Marsh, Hall Quarry, and Somesville as well as offering increased options in the villages of Northeast Harbor and Seal Harbor.

In July we implemented our new property values and the tax notices sent to property owners reflected those updated values. Finance Director Hamor worked many long days and weekends with our Assessor's Agent Gary Blanchette to send the tax notices. Much thanks to both for their tireless effort. Our Marine Management Committee began working on a NEH Marina improvement project and after a considerable evaluation period of the seven proposals submitted, selected Civil Engineering Services to work with the committee and community to develop a new design plan for the village green and waterfront area in Northeast Harbor.

Your Town Office building underwent extensive renovations during the summer with a new roof and cedar shingles, the office area saw new carpeting, newly painted walls and ceiling, and furniture for the staff. The Island Housing Trust Ripples Tract project is moving forward, they have raised the necessary funds to begin the infrastructure improvements. Our Planning Board has reviewed and commented on the project and ground breaking for roads and utilities should begin in the spring of 2008.

Kyle Avila was been hired as Assessor to replace long term employee John Brushwein who resigned in May to accept a position with the Town of Lyman. Finally, the Town held a special Town Meeting in December to approve a six-month budget as the Town transitioned to a July 1 – June 30 fiscal year.

The many positives above increase the desirability of the individual villages and the Town as a whole. Our Town Meeting and elected officials deserve a well-earned thank you for providing us with your support as we try to make Mount Desert a town we can become increasingly proud of. Town staff is the fortunate recipient of the countless volunteer hours residents donate that help provide the insight needed to keep the Town headed in the right direction, on an even keel with a fair wind. It has been indeed a very good year, thanks to all.

Michael MacDonald
Town Manager

# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change.
***~Charles Darwin~***

And what a year of change it has been! Beginning in January when I accepted the appointment as Town Clerk and we hired Margaret Porter as Town Office Clerical I, to March and the hiring of Jennifer McWain as Executive Assistant and Deputy Town Clerk, followed by new computer software and office renovations in June, to September when we welcomed Danielle Goodwin on board as Town Office Clerical II, and finally a full staff in November with the hiring of Kyle Avila as assessor.

Along with personnel changes, we took on the monumental task of changing the computer software that we use to do our daily work. Everything from registering vehicles and boats, selling hunt/fish licenses, issuing dog licenses, and accepting tax payments is now processed through the new system. Not only are we able to process our work more efficiently, we are able to provide improved service to the public.

Speaking of improved service, Mount Desert residents may now re-register motor vehicles on-line with the State's Rapid Renewal program. Just click on the Rapid Renewal icon on our web page at www.mtdesert.org for information and "how-to's". Later this year we plan to implement on-line dog licensing – check our web site!

A presidential election year brings its own challenges. We started with a Special Town Meeting December 3, 2007 to approve a six month budget for January – June 2008. Caucuses in February were some of the best attended; now we are in the midst of preparations for the May 5 & 6 Annual Town Meeting, to be followed by a Special Town Meeting/Referendum Vote within 14 days for the sole purpose of validating the elementary school budget. Less than a month later is the Primary Election on June 10, leading ever so quickly to the Presidential Election November 4.

As ever, we the clerical staff, will be here to assist you, the public we serve, with registering, licensing, receipting, voting, and answering your questions. We enjoy our work and hope we make what may be mundane tasks to you as pleasant as possible. We are also the hub and clearing house for all town departments and endeavor to support their efforts to fulfill your needs.

My sincere thanks to Margaret, Jen, and Danielle for accepting the challenges of the past year with graciousness and perseverance. They made the changes we faced almost fun!

| | 2006 | 2007 |
|---|---|---|
| Record of Births | 18 | 14 |
| Record of Marriages | 22 | 32 |
| Record of Deaths | 18 | 24 |
| | | |
| Dog Licenses | 242 | 246 |
| Hunt, Fish Licenses | 256 | 325 |
| Clam Licenses | 35 | 40 |
| | | |
| Passports | 116 | 94 |

Joelle D. Nolan, CCM
Town Clerk

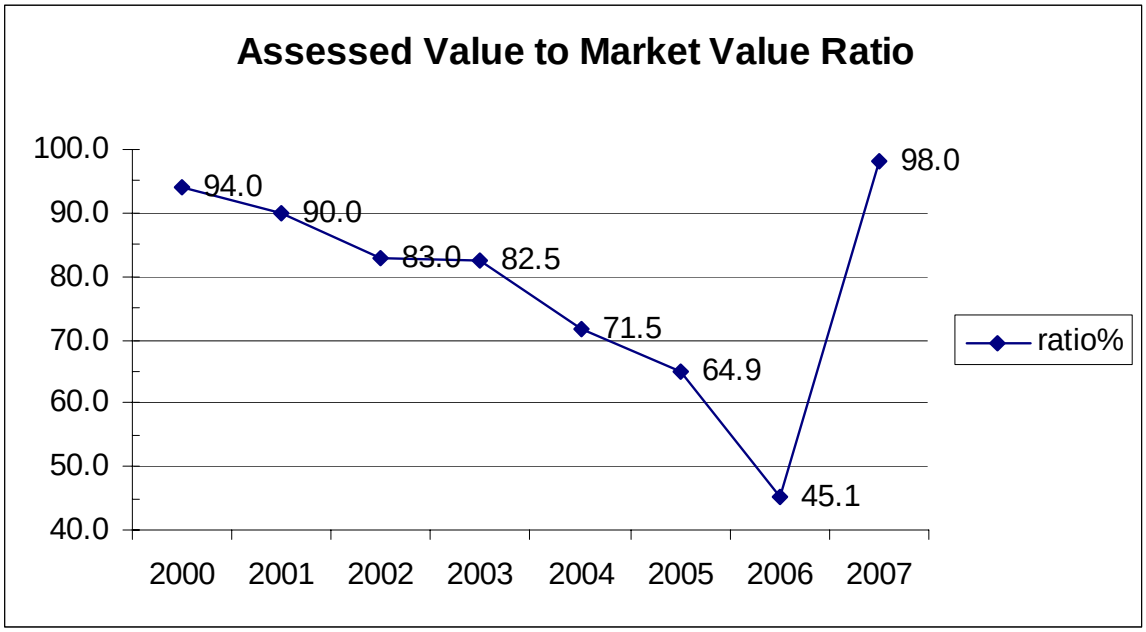
# TAX ASSESSOR

In October of 2007, the Board of Selectmen appointed Kyle Avila as the new full-time tax assessor. Mr. Avila was previously employed by the City of Ellsworth where he has worked as assistant assessor and Geographic Information Services (GIS) coordinator. He brings extensive knowledge of both GIS and the towns recently acquired Vision assessing software program to the job.

*Three Year Summary of Assessed Values*

| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Total Land Value** | **$331,876,200** | **$331,837,016** | **$1,412,472,500** |
| **Total Building Value** | **$367,684,900** | **$379,197,000** | **$ 622,875,600** |
| **Personal Property Value** | **$ 3,900,000** | **$ 3,885,100** | **$ 3,573,000** |
| Total Assessed Value | $703,461,100 | $714,919,116 | $2,038,921,100 |
| **Exemption Value** | | | **($ 87,812,415)** |
| Net Taxable Value | $703,461,100 | $714,919,116 | $1,951,108,685 |

The summary above reflects an increase in total taxable valuation due to the revaluation of real estate implemented in 2007, new construction, and newly subdivided lots. The increase in value reduced the tax rate to $5.35 per $1,000 of assessed value. The reduced tax rate represents a 62% decrease from the previous year's tax rate of $14.15. Analysis of sales occurring in Mt. Desert from June of 2006 through June of 2007 suggested on average, real estate assessments represent 98% of market value. The local real estate market will continue to be closely monitored, and adjustments may be made (up or down) to stay in line with market values.




The assessing office maintains a record of each property within the town. The records contain prior ownership information, building characteristics, selling prices, copies of deeds, tax maps and aerial photographs. The town maintains these records to enable appropriate assessment of property for tax purposes. All of these records are open to the public for their inspection in the office, and are also available for research or review online through the following link: http://www.mtdesert.org

Maine property tax law establishes the tax status date as April 1st every year. All property is assessed as it was situated on that date: ownership of property for tax purposes is also set by the April 1st requirement. If your property is purchased after that date, the tax bill is addressed in the name of the former owner, "care of" (c/o) the new owner. The Tax Collector attempts to mail notices of unpaid taxes to new owners. If however, you do not receive a copy, please contact the Tax Collector. The town issued a one-time 6-month tax bill in March 2008 with a due date in April, as we transition from a calendar tax year to a new fiscal tax year. The new fiscal year of the Town of Mount Desert will be July 1 to June 30 the following year.

Taxpayers that have questions about their assessments can request a review with the assessor. Anyone that would like to file abatement must 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.

Maine law provides partial, local property tax exemptions to certain veterans and blind persons and qualified, year-round Maine residents (Homestead). The deadline for making application for exemptions is April 1st. Applications and additional information about these exemptions is available from the Assessor's Office. In addition, the State of Maine administers a Property Tax and Rent Refund Program for qualifying Maine Residents. For information regarding this program, call 1-800-773-7895.

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.

The assessing office is responsible for issuing E-911 compliant addresses. The Town of Mount Desert uses this numbering system to ensure the safety of its citizens, and to help provide a timely response to emergency calls. We would like to remind our citizens that each building ***and*** driveway must be clearly marked with their assigned E-911 address. Failure to do so could cost vital minutes in an emergency.

If you have any questions, please call the Assessor's Office at (207) 276-5531. Business hours are Monday thru Friday from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kyle Avila – CMA

# FINANCE DEPARTMENT

We have had an exciting, hectic and gratifying year in the administrative and finance department this year. We have gone though some difficult times and substantial changes including the departure of three staff members, two were long time employees, who will be missed. We were fortunate however to be able to hire highly qualified experienced replacements, I hope Bar Harbor and Ellsworth are as fortunate replacing their employees.

During 2007 we started the process of changing from a calendar year to a fiscal year, July thru June. We also started the implementation of new financial software to help us improve our efficiency and services to the community. We will finish both processes and work the abnormalities out in 2008. During the change there have been some setbacks encountered and errors made, but nothing we could not resolve and overcome. Overall things are proceeding well and will be back to normal in 2009. I want to thank my fellow co-workers for their tireless help, tolerance and continued support throughout the year.

This has been a year of change for the citizens and tax payers of the community as well. You had your first experience as to the effect of the revaluation with the 2007 tax bills. You received a six month tax bill early in 2008 as a result of the fiscal year change. There was and is a lot of controversy and uncertainty with the State over school reorganization and funding. It truly was a year of change. I would like to take this opportunity to offer my deepest gratitude to all of you for your patience and understanding of the changes we have made here in the town office and your continued support of the community.

Brent Hamor
Finance Director

# 2007 OUTSTANDING TAXES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ** | Acadia Corporation | 1,349.81 |
| ** | Andrews Debra S | 1,069.46 |
| | Art's Place Llc | 3,732.16 |
| | Barreto, Rodney L | 1,335.90 |
| | Berry, Fred W Et Als | 3,174.16 |
| | Bianchi, Ralph A. Trustee | 118.96 |
| | Biddle, Gardiner S | 1,880.53 |
| * | Blanchard, Elizabeth W. Le | 872.36 |
| | Bohacik, Jevon | 95.23 |
| | Bowden, Frances | 111.28 |
| | Bromage, Edward S | 1.84 |
| ** | Burden, Ordway P. | 273.32 |
| | Butler, Jillaine | 3,578.62 |
| ** | Carroll, William J | 1,545.62 |
| ** | Carroll, William Je | 678.38 |
| | Carter, Carl C | 921.27 |
| ** | Cerva, Barbara | 19.32 |
| | Clark, Scott | 49.76 |
| | Colson, Trasi | 1,067.86 |
| ** | David R. Macdonald Trustee | 203.84 |
| * | Davis, Brian | 1,963.99 |
| ** | Deangelis, Mikel R | 14.66 |
| ** | Deangelis, Mikel R | 3.99 |
| ** | Deangelis, Mikel R | 3.99 |
| | Debeauhernais, Peter | 1,147.04 |
| ** | Deluca, Margaret A | 1,394.21 |
| ** | Delvecchio, Angela S. | 281.18 |
| | Desfosses, Kim L | 290.44 |
| ** | Good, Terry L | 1,741.96 |
| ** | Gott, Timothy H | 31.58 |
| | Grace, William R, M.D. | 16,633.15 |
| * | Grason, C Gus | 977.24 |
| ** | Hall Quarry Granite Corp. | 11,221.63 |
| | Hamor, Edd B & Assoc. | 813.74 |
| | Haynes, Blaine | 3,445.72 |
| | Haynes, Blaine | 1,651.01 |
| | Haynes, Steven L | 1,123.46 |
| | Haynes, Terrance L | 906.48 |
| ** | Horton, Kim P | 3,048.43 |
| | Johnston, John E | 3,830.06 |
| ** | Jones, Robert B Jr | 17.90 |
| ** | Keep, Courtney G. | 1,668.13 |
| ** | Kritikos, Christos N. Trustee | 17,383.22 |
| ** | Leddy, Thomas F | 3,571.66 |
| ** | Leddy, Thomas F | 5,570.96 |
| ** | Leddy, Thomas F | 4,029.08 |
| | Libitzki, Edward M | 2,200.46 |
| | Loring, Martha S | 2,641.83 |
| | Loutit, James F.R. Douglas M. | 1,889.62 |
| ** | Lovejoy, Jason | 1,579.32 |
| ** | Mallinckrodt, Catherine | 3,332.39 |
| ** | Maniatis, Thomas | 11.09 |
| | Marshall, Robert P | 2.67 |
| ** | Mccue, Gertrude | 10,370.98 |
| * | Mercer, Kyle R | 1,988.06 |
| ** | Meyer, John H Jr | 6.22 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ** | Dickey, S Whitney | 7,433.83 | ** | Minctons, Wilfred | 1,066.79 |
| | Dodge, Robert | 1,352.48 | ** | Peabody, Swetzoff 1/2 Int | 12,677.89 |
| | Dodge, Robert | 1,141.16 | | Perry, Marilyn E. | 1,157.21 |
| | Dodge, Robert Jr | 1,193.02 | | Phelps, Virginia S Trustee | 137.41 |
| | Dodge, Robert L. | 1,128.85 | ** | Pretty Marsh Community Corp. | 2,087.04 |
| ** | Driftwood, Llc | 3,202.46 | ** | Pusey, Anne Woodward | 3,583.96 |
| | Driscoll, Joanne | 597.59 | | Reed, Deborah J; Lawson, Barbara | 552.12 |
| | Dulong, Cheryl M. | 1,173.79 | | Reed, Deborah J; Miller, Diane | 1,282.95 |
| ** | Echo Lake Owners Association | 767.19 | | Reeve Maine Realty Trust | 20,392.59 |
| | Eckert, James D | 1,150.78 | | Reeve, Lawrence L Trustee | 7,330.04 |
| | Elliman Neighborhood, Llc | 1,545.62 | ** | Romer, Hildreth | 219.89 |
| | Erickson, Susan L | 57.48 | | Rosenthal, Nadia | 2,376.47 |
| ** | Everlating Images, Inc | 804.64 | | Rudmann, Sally V | 850.65 |
| | Farnsworth, Jeff | 57.25 | | Rudmann, Sally V | 1,667.06 |
| ** | Fitzgerald, Joan Trustee | 50.82 | | Sargent, Walter Heirs | 786.45 |
| ** | Ford, Alfred B | 14.19 | | Shaw, Brian D | 1,143.30 |
| | Fox, Peter | 763.45 | | Shultz, David | 69.02 |
| | Foyle, Patrick J | 1,746.24 | | Smallidge, Helen Et Als | 140.17 |
| ** | Fulk, Robert V Jr | 2,794.31 | * | Smith, Stephen | 358.45 |
| ** | Fulk, Robert V., Jr. | 3,055.39 | ** | Smith, Stephen S | 572.45 |
| ** | Soucie-Grindle, Rhonda Lee (L/E) | 1,730.73 | * | Van Alen, Judith F Trustee | 15,807.11 |
| | Sound House Llc | 778.43 | | Wade, David P., Iii | 890.40 |
| | Stone, Josef | 2,946.25 | | Watson, Jason J | 19.27 |
| ** | The Outpost Holding Company, Llc | 3,031.85 | | Williams, John M | 49.06 |
| | Thomas, Timothy J | 5,993.07 | ** | Wilmerding, Marsha M | 6,915.95 |
| | Thomas, Timothy J | 966.75 | | Windy Willows Partners | 259.80 |
| | Tyrconnell Assoc Ltd (1/2) | 522.84 | | | |

* Partial payment received after books closed

** Full payment received after books closed

Total 2007 Outstanding Taxes $ 256,517.89

**2007 Real Estate Tax Payment Summary as of 04/01/2008**

| Type | Outstanding | | Collected | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Commitment | 10,584,937.00 | | | |
| P - Payment | 10,445,443.15 | | 10445443.15 | |
| Y - Prepayment | 8,514.68 | | 8514.68 | |
| Subtotal | 130,979.17 | | 10453957.83 | |
| A - Abatement | -174,117.90 | | 174,117.90 | |
| R - Refunded Abatement | 134,010.55 | | -134,010.55 | |
| C - Correction | -24,750.20 | | -24750.20 | |
| **Total** | **115,622.02** | **1.09%** | **10469314.98** | **98.91%** |

# 2007 OUTSTANDING PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| APOLLO GALILEO USA PARTNERSHIP | 9.63 | JENKINS, LARRY | 21.40 |
| BOTTLING GROUP, LLC | 31.03 | MCALPIN, WILLIAM J | 78.65 |
| BOUCHER, STEVEN | 64.20 | REIFF, WILLIAM | 35.85 |
| GRAVES, KEITH | 8.03 | RENT-WAY INC | 8.56 |
| GREY ROCK INN | 69.55 | WATSON, JASON | 1.65 |
| HAYNES, BLAINE | 14.44 | | |
| | | Total 2007 Outstanding Taxes | 342.99 |

**2007 Personal Property Tax Payment Summary as of 04/01/2008**

| Type | Outstanding | | Collected | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Commitment | 19,135.49 | | | |
| P - Payment | -18,717.06 | | 18,717.06 | |
| Subtotal | 418.43 | | 18,717.06 | |
| A - Abatement | -75.44 | | 75.44 | |
| **Total** | **342.99** | **1.79%** | **18792.50** | **98.21%** |

# 12/31/2007 SUMMARY OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2007 | Tax Commitment | 10,604,072.49 | 2005 | Tax Liens | 19,432.32 | |
| | Collections | 10,216,543.07 | | Collections | 16,120.15 | |
| | Abatements | 130,510.17 | | Uncollected 12/31/2007 | $ 3,312.14 | |
| | Uncollected 12/31/2007 | $ 256,860.88 | | | | |
| | | | | Tax Liens | | |
| | | | 2005 | Outstanding: | | * |
| 2006 | Outstanding Taxes | 129,102.44 | | Clark, Scott & Robyn | 130.18 | |
| | Collections | 104,951.85 | | Colson, Trasi & Robert | 936.73 | |
| | Uncollected 12/31/2007 | $ 24,150.59 | | Farnsworth, Jeff | 123.11 | |
| | | | | Haynes, Blaine | 295.35 | |
| 2006 | Taxes Receivable: | | | Perry, Marilyn | 1,236.71 | |
| | Art's Place Llc | 1,823.94 | | Thomas, Timothy | 590.06 | |
| | Biddle, Gardiner S | 1,487.17 | | | $ 3,312.14 | |
| | Bowden, Frances | 100.46 | | | | |
| | Clark, Scott | 130.18 | 2004 | Taxes | 145.91 | |
| | Colson, Trasi | 936.73 | | Collections | 0.00 | |
| | Debeauhernais, Peter | 1,105.12 | | Uncollected | $ 145.91 | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | 12/31/2007 | | |
| | Dodge, Robert | | 1,059.84 | | | | |
| | Dodge, Robert | | 755.61 | 2004 | Taxes Receivable: | | |
| | Dodge, Robert L. | | 713.16 | | Haynes Mower Shop | | 145.91 |
| | Driscoll, Joanne | | 568.83 | | | $ | 145.91 |
| | Dulong, Cheryl M. | | 880.13 | | | | |
| | Farnsworth, Jeff | | 123.11 | 2004 | Tax Liens | | 4004.51 |
| | Haynes, Blaine | | 3,260.16 | | Collections | | 2,622.18 |
| | Haynes, Blaine | | 2,002.23 | | Uncollected | | |
| | | | | | 12/31/2007 | $ | 1,382.33 |
| | Perry, Marilyn E. | | 1,272.09 | | | | |
| | Pusey, Anne Woodward | | 3,707.30 | | Tax Liens | | |
| ** | | | | 2004 | Outstanding: | | * |
| | Rudmann, Sally V | | 723.07 | | Perry, Marilyn *** | | 1,263.14 |
| | Rudmann, Sally V | | 2,588.04 | | Farnsworth, Jeff *** | | 119.19 |
| | Shultz, David | | 69.34 | | | $ | 1,382.33 |
| | Sound House Llc | | 212.25 | | | | |
| | Stone, Josef | | 41.77 | 2003 | Tax Liens | | 1,093.50 |
| | Thomas, Timothy J | | 590.06 | | Collections | | 717.47 |
| | | | | | Uncollected | | |
| | | $ | 24,150.59 | | 12/31/2007 | $ | 376.03 |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | Tax Liens | | |
| 2005 | Taxes | | 1817.50 | 2003 | Outstanding | | * |
| | Collections | | 155.65 | | Marilyn Perry *** | | 376.03 |
| | Uncollected 12/31/2007 | $ | 1,661.85 | | | $ | 376.03 |
| | | | | | | | |
| 2005 | Taxes Receivable: | | | | | | |
| | Frontervision | | 1,407.97 | | | | |
| | Haynes Mower Shop | | 236.31 | | | | |
| | Train Properties | | 17.57 | | | | |
| | | $ | 1,817.50 | | | | |

* Liens matured - properties
now owned by Town.
** Paid after books closed
*** Installment Agreement

# TRIAL BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 2007

| DESCRIPTION | DEBIT | CREDIT |
|---|---|---|
| Tax Acquired Property | 1,595.17 | |
| Expenditure Control | 9,290,626.29 | |
| Taxes Receivable - 2004 | 145.91 | |
| Taxes Receivable - 2005 | 1,817.50 | |
| Taxes Receivable - 2006 | 823.03 | |
| Taxes Receivable - 2007 | 252,109.41 | |
| Taxes Receivable - 2008 | -5,899.37 | |
| Tax Liens - 2005 | 4,792.00 | |
| Tax Liens - 2006 | 23,062.56 | |
| Cash | 5,387,139.60 | |
| Petty Cash | 800.00 | |
| Investments | 3,286,501.28 | |
| Trust Fund Investments | 0.00 | |
| Accts. Receivable | 17,668.70 | |
| Debt Fund | 10,337,854.16 | |
| Revenue Control | | 12,878,842.32 |
| Encumbered Funds | | 0.00 |
| Police/Outside Detail | | 3,072.50 |
| Due To/From Shore & Hbr Grants | | 40,500.00 |
| Due To/From MMA Grants | | 350.00 |
| Due To/From Police Grants | | 344.67 |
| Due To/From MDEA | | 3,179.29 |
| Due To/From Hancock Cnty | | 4,207.82 |
| Summit/Ripples/SH Sidwlk Bond | | 208,418.75 |
| Sewer Bond Issue | | 109,645.99 |
| Accounts Payable | | 26,282.44 |
| Deferred Tax Revenues | | 173,930.43 |
| Safety Equipment Grant | | 3,157.00 |
| Due To Cap Projects/Marina | | 311,568.89 |
| State Withholding | | 1,870.20 |
| Soc Sec Withholding | | 0.10 |
| Income Protection | | -221.30 |
| American Family Ins. | | 1,471.86 |
| Mmeht Insurance | | -17.56 |
| AFLAC/Pre-Tax | | -2,787.89 |
| Aflac/Urm | | 4,629.78 |
| Icma Retirement | | 100.32 |
| Mmeht Dental | | -1.76 |
| Elementary School | | -1,127,809.28 |
| Capital Land Acquisition | | 184,202.79 |
| Cap Gains Reserve Acct | | 1,001,662.06 |
| Dog Welfare - | | 82.66 |
| Assessing/Code Enfor CEA | | 1,057.38 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Shellfish Cons Program | | 8,214.38 |
| Capital Improvement Reserve | | 1,224,121.12 |
| Surplus | | 100,000.00 |
| Radio Reserve | | 30,822.60 |
| Water Infiltrn Of Sewers - CIA | | 124,849.51 |
| Pollution Cntrl Equip - CEA | | 26,023.17 |
| Town Office Bldg - CIA | | 60,123.34 |
| Office Equip Reserve | | 3,876.09 |
| Seal Hbr Dock CIA | | 37,290.47 |
| Fire Equip Fund - CEA | | 404,107.62 |
| Bartlett Dock Deck CIA | | 28,291.69 |
| Neh Landing - CIA | | 149,626.08 |
| Seal Hbr Bait House - CIA | | 3,265.40 |
| Refuse Truck - CEA | | 118,479.82 |
| Public Works Equip Fund - CEA | | 208,607.38 |
| Town Road Fund - CIA | | 96,326.86 |
| Wastewater Bond Repayment Rsrv | | 1,679,587.89 |
| S.H.Marina:Access Rd | | 136,802.40 |
| Horace & Mary Reynolds Scholar | | -1,052.00 |
| Frank K. Stanley Trust | | 0.00 |
| Cemetery Trusts | | 0.00 |
| Clearing Account | | -1,995.00 |
| State Fees - Moses | | -37.70 |
| State Plumb Fees | | 601.00 |
| State Bmv Fees | | -4,495.50 |
| State Dog Fees Due | | 6.00 |
| Bonds Payable | | 10,337,854.16 |
| **TOTALS** | **28,599,036.24** | **28,599,036.24** |

# DEBT FUND

| Bond | Principal | Interest | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1996 A SERIES SRF | $ 367,497.00 | $ 28,362.15 | $ 395,859.15 |
| 2003 WW SRF LOAN #2003FR | $ 642,857.16 | $ 35,807.16 | $ 678,664.32 |
| 2004 WW SRF LOAN #2003FFRS | $ 3,740,000.00 | $ 594,156.74 | $ 4,334,156.74 |
| 2006 Mount Desert - 2006B | $ 1,125,000.00 | $ 73,812.18 | $ 1,198,812.18 |
| 2002 SERIES C BOND | $ 4,462,500.00 | $ 1,794,966.88 | $ 6,257,466.88 |
| **TOTAL** | **$ 10,337,854.16** | **$ 2,527,105.11** | **$12,864,959.27** |

# CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

In 2007, this office issued a total of 191 Building Permits. This is an increase of 15 from the 176 Building Permits issued in 2006. A total of 69 permits were in areas regulated by shoreland zoning. There were 85 plumbing permits issued in 2007. Municipal sewer hookup permits issued totaled 09. The office also processed 47 CEO Permits, compared to the 41 in the 2006 year. There was 2 Flood Hazard Development Permit issued.

The Code Enforcement Office collected $34,593.24 in Building Permits Fees, $8,398.00 in Plumbing/Septic Permits Fees & $5,980.00 in Sewer Connection Fees.

The CEO inspected 09 (seasonal) septic tanks and the Town paid $1,710.00 for the pumping and disposal of the sludge.

The CEO and Deputy CEO inspected 35 (year round) septic tanks, and the Town paid out $140,916.00 for the Rural Wastewater Treatment Support Program.

The breakdown of the 2006 building permits is as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Single family dwelling units | ----------13 |
| Two-family dwelling units | ----------02 |
| Guest houses | ---------- 01 |
| Bunkhouses | ----------02 |
| Additions to residences including decks & porches | ---------- 85 |
| Renovations | ---------- 36 |
| Garages | ---------- 07 |
| Sheds, barns, storage, workshops | ----------14 |
| Foundations, slabs | ---------- 01 |
| Fences, walls, walkways | ---------- 15 |
| Piers, docks, ramps, floats | ---------- 08 |
| Signs | ---------- 03 |
| Home occupations | ----------04 |

The breakdown of the 2007 plumbing permits is as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Subsurface wastewater disposal systems | ---------- 21 |
| Internal plumbing | ---------- 64 |
| Municipal sewer hookup | ---------- 09 |

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Keene
Code Enforcement Officer
Building Inspector
Local Plumbing Inspector

# POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

During 2007 our police officers responded to and investigated approximately 1,931 complaints or calls for service. Many of them can be attributed to a specific village while others are broader in nature. The tables below are intended to illustrate how they were distributed, by village when possible, and collectively by type. The tables are intended to be summaries; all of the complaints are not represented in the breakdowns because of space constraints.

| **Distribution of Complaints by Village** | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Village** | **#** | **Village** | **#** |
| Northeast Harbor | 852 | Pretty Marsh | 119 |
| Somesville | 420 | Otter Creek | 83 |
| Seal Harbor | 247 | Hall Quarry | 75 |

| **Distribution by Complaint Type (entire town)** | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| False Burglar Alarms | 281 | Animal Complaints | 181 | Motor Vehicle Accidents with Personal Injury | 17 |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents with property damage only | 133 | Information Received from citizens | 144 | Agency Assist to the Northeast Harbor Ambulance Service | 89 |
| Agency Assist to the Fire Dept. | 66 | Disorderly and Noise Complaints | 74 | 911 Hang up Calls | 59 |
| Suspicious Activity | 59 | Thefts / Fraud | 46 | Operating Under the Influence Arrests | 19 |
| Operating w/o license and after suspension | 18 | Well Being Checks | 16 | Criminal Mischief / Vandalism | 14 |
| Alcohol Offenses (under age) | 12 | Bail, Protection Order and Probation Violations | 9 | Gunshots | 9 |
| Domestic (3 with assault charges) | 9 | Drug Offenses | 6 | Simple Assault | 4 |
| Unattended Deaths | 4 | Sex Offender Registrations | 3 | Drug Recognition Evaluations | 3 |
| Peeping Tom | 2 | Stalking | 2 | Gross Sexual Assault | 1 |
| Arson | 1 | Burglary | 1 | Bad Checks | 3 |

Our department currently has one officer assigned to the Maine Drug Enforcement's Hancock County Drug Task Force. He works directly for the MDEA and his day to day activities are supervised by them. We pay the officers base salary, and his replacement officer, who patrols here, is funded through the task force's budget, within the Hancock County budget. This is a successful partnership and I hope to continue with this assignment into the future.

During 2007 Maine's Attorney General, Steven Rowe, came to the Neighborhood House where we held a kickoff event for the Mount Desert Triad, a group organized by Sgt. Kevin Edge comb, for the purpose of bringing together law enforcement, senior community members and the community for the benefit of our senior population.

At that meeting Attorney General Rowe presented Sgt. Edge comb with an award recognizing him as Maine's 2007 Elder Services Officer of the year.

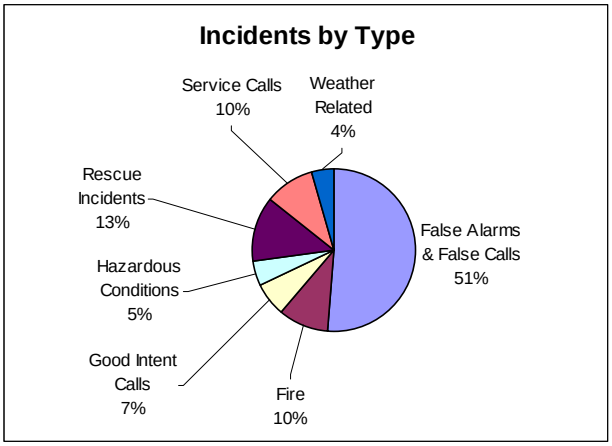
We participated in a grant, along with several other Hancock County law enforcement agencies, which was designed to facilitate better information sharing between our agencies. As a direct result of that participation we received three laptop computers for our cruisers along with 2 years of prepaid wireless service for those computers. We were able to install a mobile communications program in those laptops which allows for direct, secure communications between nearly every police cruiser and or dispatch center in Hancock County. This system also allows us direct access to several other law enforcement agency databases.

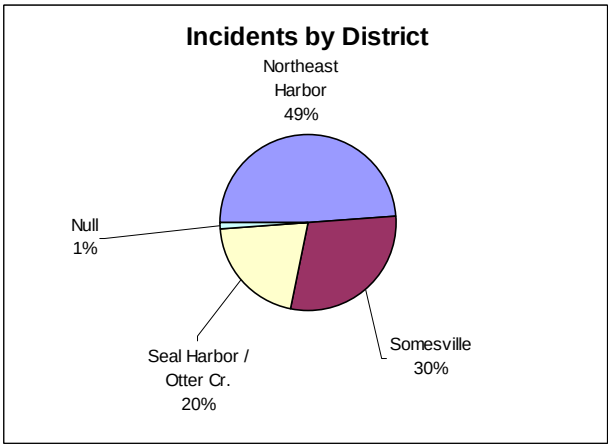
Our dispatch center is staffed 24 hours a day, every day of the year. Our dispatchers are responsible for receiving locally originated 911 emergency calls which are transferred from the Hancock County Regional Communications Center; radio communications with the town's police, fire, ambulance, highway, and school bus personnel as well with outside agencies as needed; issuing burning permits on behalf of the Town's Fire Warden and Fire Chief as well as maintaining certifications to access various criminal justice computer systems. All of our full time dispatchers are certified in Emergency Medical Dispatching, as such they are able to provide first aid advice to callers in need while emergency responders are on the way. In addition to the above, our dispatchers assist other departments of the town with clerical work when time allows.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please feel free to contact us, we look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully submitted,
James Willis
Police Chief

# MOUNT DESERT FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT




2007 proved to be one of our busiest years ever. 162 calls were logged over the 12 month period which was a 22% increase from the previous year. A majority of the calls continue to be responses to activated fire alarms, but we also saw a rise in motor vehicle accidents and service calls. Unlike 2006, we experienced no significant losses

for the year. Other calls for the year included carbon monoxide monitoring, fuel spills, flooded basements, wildland fires, trees down with power lines, and several non-permitted or illegal open burns. There was a total of 663 staff hours spent responding to calls for 2007.

Training continued to consume the majority of the hours spent at the fire house. Three firefighters graduated from the Hancock County Firefighters Association's Fire Academy earlier in the year after completed 160 hours of classroom and drill instruction. Two more are enrolled in this year's academy and are scheduled to graduate this spring. Through out the year several training sessions were held on subjects like vehicle extrication, aerial ladder operations, building construction, water supply, search & rescue and fire pumps. Continued training is essential to maintaining skills and performances necessary to accomplish the functions outlined within our organization's operations. Fire department members also spent many hours conducting truck checks and equipment maintenance at all three fire stations. All in all, firefighters spent 1,997 hours on training and other duties for the year.

Several improvements where made at the Seal Harbor and Somesville fire station during the year.
Both buildings received new fire alarm systems that monitors the entire building for smoke or heat and will alert a 24 hour dispatch of any trouble. At the Somesville fire station, the community room received a facelift with the installation of new ceiling tiles and replacement of the floor tiles. All the sprinkler heads were changed out as well due to a recall on the existing ones. Emergency generators were upgraded so that they will start automatically when power is interrupted, eliminating the need for someone to do this manually.

Our new Air Support Unit was placed in service in May of 2007. The medium-duty GMC chassis and cargo box was purchased through donated funds from the Mount Desert Fire & Rescue Association and replaces the 1987 truck that was bought used in 2001. This apparatus carries our air compressor and storage bottles to provide firefighters with an uninterrupted supply of breathing air to use in hazardous environments.

For 2008 we hope to begin the process of replacing our department's ladder truck. Built in 1981, this truck is entering its 27$^{th}$ year of service and has become unreliable and costly to maintain. Last year it failed to meet the certification standards set forth by the National Fire Protection Associations for aerial ladders. This piece of equipment is critical to ensure the safety of fire department personnel when performing aerial operation at emergency incidents. Construction time of these types of truck usually take 9 to 11 months, so by starting the development of specifications now, we are looking to have a delivery date sometime in early fall of 2009. By that time there would be sufficient funds in the fire truck reserves to cover the purchase.

Staffing shortages have also become an issue as of late. Daytime response during the work week has begun to reach below safe operational levels. This is due in part to a decrease in roster size, employers becoming increasingly reluctant to allow firefighter to leave work for calls and more volunteers working outside the community. Unfortunately, I can only see this problem getting worse as volunteers face increasing demands on their time due to growing training requirements from the fire service while at the same time trying to balance the family obligations of today's two income household. Ultimately, we will need to strengthen the number of firefighters who can respond during the day for the safety of our crews as well as assure that sufficient, adequately trained personnel are available to meet our community needs. One possibility that will be considered will be to supplement the volunteer response with full time staff. This transition from an all-volunteer to a combination department would result in improved response times and guarantee that a truck will arrive in the shortest time possible. In the upcoming months, I hope to apply for a couple of grant programs that are available to provide funding for recruiting and hiring firefighters. These grants are for the departments that struggle on a daily basis to adequately staff local fire stations and respond to calls with the proper numbers. Simply put, when firefighters cannot safely work, they are unable to save lives and property.

It is impossible to place a numeric value on emotions such as respect, gratitude, pride, fear, courage, sacrifice, and relief; yet, this is where I believe the true value of what the Mount Desert Fire Department delivers and represents. These intangible accomplishments, although not statistically reflected in this report, are of far greater

importance than impersonal data that is. Many thanks to all the officers and firefighters for their time, commitment and dedication in protecting the lives, the environment, and the property of the community you serve by providing prompt, skillful, and cost-effective fire protection and life safety services.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael D. Bender, Fire Chief

# HARBOR MASTER'S REPORT

The Harbor Master's office had another exceptional year in 2007. We also welcomed John Lemoine, our new Deputy Harbormaster. John transferred from another Town department and is a welcomed addition to our workforce at the Marina.

Two phases of a three phase electrical upgrade at the marina has been completed. The third phase of this project will be completed during the 2008 season. Once this third phase is done, we will be able to supply more electrical service to visiting boaters.

We have been notified that we were the recipients of one of two $100,000.00 grants being awarded by the State and Federal governments. Our grant application was selected from many submitted throughout the State. The money will be used to purchase new public floats for Northeast Harbor, along with replacing several walkway floats at the marina.

We are very excited to let you all know that we are working on redesigning the shore side of the Northeast Harbor waterfront. CES, Inc has been contracted to supply the Town with a conceptual design which will be used for improving access to the waterfront area, along with making the marina a place for residents to be proud of. There are several areas being considered for this project which include redesigning the parking lots to create more parking, improving and increasing the green space, including an area where you can bring the family and utilize, improving the service provided to the transient and seasonal boater, and increasing office space that is much needed at the marina. With the Harbor Department now operating off of revenue funds that the marina takes in, it also means that no money will be needed through taxation to support this project.

The Marine Management Committee was extremely busy in 2007 with the proposed Northeast Harbor Waterfront project. Several meetings were dedicated to getting this project underway, along with the "normal" harbor management issues. I urge you all to attend some of these public meetings, becoming involved in the issues regarding your harbors.

I would like to thank all the members of the Marine Management Committee for their time and effort that they have put in this year, along with the continued support of the other departments throughout the Town. Without the dedication and willingness to work together, the Town would not be able to operate as it currently does.

In closing I would like to say thank you to you, the residents of the Town of Mount Desert, for your continued support of your harbors and marina.

Respectfully submitted,
Shawn Murphy
Harbormaster

# PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Having changed to a fiscal year from a calendar year, this report actually covers 18-months from January 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Thus far, the transition has been essentially seamless for public works. Under the continued service 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. As such, I want to thank my co-workers in the department for a job well done.

**Building & Grounds and Parks & Cemeteries Division**: Some of the highlights of the aforementioned 18-month time period included improvements at the town office e.g. resetting the granite steps and repointing the stonewall adjacent to the Sea Street entrance; replacing the asphalt roof shingles and cedar wall shingles and constructing rain gutters and downspouts; replacing the carpeting throughout the upstairs and; painting out the upstairs offices. The crew also assisted the fire department with painting and ceiling tile replacement at the Somesville fire station meeting room. They also performed their routine duties, which seem to expand each year, including 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. Once again, A.C. Parsons did a very nice job with the flowers at the town office.

Members of the highway crew coordinated the work involved with the reconstruction of the boat launch at Pond's End. Included in the improvements were the concrete ramp and a combination concrete and paved launch ramp for canoes and kayaks. The existing floats were in very bad shape and will be replaced by news ones constructed by the crew through the winter months. We have had more positive comments on the new construction than negative ones. Some people think that the new boat ramp is at a higher elevation than the old one when, actually, if anything it is a little lower and extends out into the water an additional four feet. The crew did a great job constructing the steel framework out of railroad irons that the precast concrete planks set on. These planks were provided to us at no cost by the Department of Conservation.

**Highways, Bridges and Roads Division**: In January, February and March of 2007 the crew used only one-third of the budgeted snowplowing overtime monies, indicative of the atypical winter we had – a lot of snow-slush-rain storms or, using the new catch phrase, a wintry mix. Moving into December of 2007 we felt pretty confident with the snow overtime budget. This feeling soon disappeared with one of the snowiest Decembers in recent memory eating up the remaining two-thirds of the budget in the one month alone. At one point during the month, to keep our roads open and safe, the crew worked 32 hours straight, 29 hours straight and 26 hours straight. A seasonal employee had been traveling with the plow drivers during the storms to learn the routes. He told me he now has a "real respect for plow truck drivers"; he does not understand how they can go so long under such adverse conditions. Since then, the overtime has been high but the roads have been very well maintained as reflected in a number of positive comments about them and our crew that keeps them that way. Despite the snowfall, commuters continued to tell us that our roads were the safest on the Island. I had various townspeople approach me to express their thanks to the crew for doing such a great job on our roads. One man told me that when he crosses from the Town of Mount Desert into Bar Harbor on the Indian Point Road it is "just like crossing into a third world country".

Some of the projects completed by the highway crew included: coordinating with Lane Construction to reclaim (grind and leave in place) the existing pavement on a portion of the Beech Hill Road and Ripples Road followed

by the construction of the base layer of pavement on these same portions of the roadways; constructing the surface pavement on different sections of the Beech Hill and Ripples Roads; paving a portion of the Parker Farm Road and; coordinating the construction of new sidewalks in Seal Harbor. The crew constructed a great deal of storm water management improvements throughout town including ones in Hall Quarry, on the Oak Hill and Parker Farm Roads in Somesville, on Ripples and Beech Hill Roads in Pretty Marsh and on Rock End Road in Northeast Harbor. The crew also coordinated the work involved with the replacement of our circa 1962-failed subsurface wastewater disposal system. This work was constructed to the point we could use it prior to the onset of winter conditions.

Work anticipated for 2008 includes construction of drainage improvements followed by reclaiming and paving portions of the Beech Hill, the Ripples and the Whitney Farm Roads. Under the Summit Road sewer project budget, Summit and Manchester Roads and Stanley Lane will receive surface pavement. We will be finishing work at the Pond's End boat ramp as well as completing our routine work including traffic line painting, roadway sweeping and ditching.

Major capital expenditures approved for 2008 include approximately $112,000 for a new plow/dump truck to replace our 1998 one and approximately $55,000 for a new sewer jet used in flushing public sewer pipes, culverts, including frozen ones and wastewater treatment structures. This will replace our 1988 model we can no longer get parts for.

Public Works/Municipal Highway Garage: The report generated as a result of our most recent inspection conducted by our Loss Control Managers, MMA Risk Management, made the following recommendation:

"*Lack of Space Hazard & Property Degradation – Recommendation*: The Public Works Garage mechanic and garage bays are too small for the usage. One can't walk around the trucks and there is a lack of space to conduct work. This presents a number of hazards, ranging from possible muscle strains during work operations, to chemical hazards, to life safety hazards. Along with a lack of space, the roof leaks and water comes up into the garage through cracks in the floor. Evaluate continued use of this facility and consider replacement." We are aware of the issues cited above as well as others including, but not limited to, inadequate electrical supply, an aged boiler in use well beyond its design life, non-compliance with ADA, lack of showers and proper restroom facilities. We keep the building looking nice and it is functional, but, it has essentially outlived its circa 1962 construction and lifecycle. In 2008, we will be providing the Board of Selectmen with a concept plan and associated costs of what we think should go into a new facility.

**Solid Waste Division**: Despite the amount of snow we had, the crew did a great job of collecting our municipal solid waste (MSW). The crew again put forth 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. They are not, however, UPS and cannot be expected to be at someone's home or place of business at the same time each week. We ask that you have your solid waste curbside by 7:00 A.M. on your collection day. Recycling at Sargeant Drive continues to keep our attendant busy providing assistance to the people and keeping the area neat and clean. The major capital expenditure approved for 2008 is the purchase of a new 2008 refuse truck body, chassis and packer at a cost of approximately $107,000. This one replaces our 1998 model.

**Wastewater Division**: 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. 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 construction costs associated with such a project. I did not receive a commitment or comment from them for this.

The crew addressed broken force main piping in Manchester Road and sewer backups on Manchester Road and South Shore Drive. They performed routine maintenance and servicing of our facilities which pays off in reduced costs and conformance with our license requirements. One such task involves draining various tanks and pressure washing them. For example, we hire a vacuum truck at a cost of $145 per hour to clean the sludge and extraneous debris from the tanks and depositing it on our sludge drying beds at the Northeast Harbor WWTP. The liquid portion of this material leaches through the beds to a piping network that conveys it to the WW system for further treatment. The solid portion is left in the beds through the winter taking advantage of freeze-drying it to reduce its volume. This material is then removed by an earthwork contractor the following summer and disposed of as inert fill. This year's cost of the cleaning was just under $9,000. The crew also services pumps, grinders, the aeration systems and the chemical feed systems.

Proposed Somesville Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade: Following the aforementioned meeting with DEP, we met with representatives of our wastewater-engineering consultants Olver Associates regarding the proposed upgrade to the Somesville wastewater treatment plant. We asked them to update their recommended improvements and the associated costs they prepared for us in 2000. They did so and provided us with a report in August. The general process configuration of the Somesville plant is similar in design to the original configuration of the Seal Harbor plant prior to its 2004 upgrade. As described by Olver Associates, Somesville will require many of the same capital improvements that were implemented in Seal Harbor. They also looked at closing the Somesville plant and pumping the wastewater to an upgraded Northeast Harbor facility. The estimated costs associated with either option are staggering to say the least but will only increase with time. In brief, an upgrade to the Somesville plant is estimated to cost $6.5 million dollars; the consolidation of the two plants between $15.0 and $17.0 million dollars. The former project is the one we opted for. The technical services budget for the design of the upgrade was approved at the December 2007 town meeting with survey and geotechnical work starting shortly thereafter. It is anticipated we will go to bid by the end of March 2008 and have an actual bid price and construction schedule to present at the May 2008 town meeting.

**Summary**: By all accounts, 2007 – early 2008 was a successful, productive year for the members of the Public Works staff. Many thanks to my colleagues, 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 2008 - 2009. And remember, don't look over your shoulder, something might be gaining on you.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tony Smith, Public Works Director

# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE REPORT

The Emergency Management Office is responsible for carrying out all emergency functions in order to minimize and repair injury and damage resulting from disasters or catastrophes caused by enemy or terrorist attacks, sabotage, riots or other hostile action, or by fire, flood, hurricane or other natural or man-made causes. These functions include, without limitation, firefighting, police, medical and health, emergency welfare, rescue, engineering, public warning and communications services; evacuation of persons from stricken areas; allocation of critical materials in short supply; emergency transportation; and other activities necessary to the preparation of carrying out these duties.

The director of the office is charged with coordinating the activities of all Town departments, organizations and agencies for civil emergency preparedness within the director's jurisdiction and maintaining a liaison with other emergency management and public safety agencies in order to protect life and property.

Late in 2005, the Board of Selectman established "the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the Town's standard for incident management". The purpose of NIMS is to provide a consistent nationwide approach for federal, state, local and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity. In 2006, all department heads and staff that may play a role in an emergency response received training in the NIMS concept and the in basic structure of the Incident Command System.

The Town's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) has been revised to keep to incorporate the recently adopt NIMS. This document will offer guidance to officials in the areas of direction and control, communication, evacuation, resource management, and damage assessment should a disaster strike our area. Copies of the plan should be available in the town office and local libraries for the public to view.

As part of testing the Town's EOP we were involved in a tabletop exercise in February of 2008 in which a pandemic flu outbreak affected our area. In 2006, town officials also participated in a hurricane exercise where a category 3 storm hit the island directly. Both exercises are designed to test the response capabilities of emergency services and identify any weaknesses in the EOP. While those "lessens learned" from both of these scenarios were incorporated into the EOP, this is a living document and must be consistently reviewed and revised when necessary.

Today we face many threats. Terrorism, hurricanes, pandemics, hazardous material releases, power outages, winter storms and wildfires are just a few that can have a tremendous impact on our day to day lives. The Town has taken steps to minimize the effect that these disasters can have on its citizens, but our resources are limited. In the event of a large scale or extended incident, families may be forced to survive on their own for the first few hours or days. The single most important step you can take to prepare your family for any emergency is to create a family disaster plan and to practice that plan periodically. Items that should be included are a communication plan, disaster supply kit, and an evacuation plan. Home emergency kits are available for purchase through the town office. The American Red Cross, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Center for Disease Control can help with valuable information on how to prepare your family disaster plan.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael D. Bender, Emergency Management Director

# EDUCATION

## MOUNT DESERT SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of the members of the Mount Desert Elementary School Board, we want to thank the community for the continued support of our school that all our children enjoy and prosper in. We are lucky to have a school of strong teachers, attentive staff, and solid administration that support the goals of our school and board as well as the aspirations of our children.

This past year has been an extremely dynamic and trying one with the Department of Education and Governor Baldacci's attempt to consolidate schools throughout the State. We have fought hard to maintain what we have. Through the RPC (Regional Planning Committee) we have fought to change the law approved last year. Many of our RPC members are now known to our legislators, the Governor and Commissioner of Education by name and our website, created and managed by Brian Hubbell of Bar Harbor, www.mdischools.net, is bookmarked as the most informational site on the subject of consolidation. To say the least, we have been very proactive. At this moment the RPC, through Senator Damon and the support of Hannah Pingree and others, has introduced legislation to facilitate us in maintaining what we know and cherish of our Union make-up. We still have impediments to face but we hope the biggest challenge will soon be over.

Our board is made up of five residents: Laurel Robbins, Gail Marshall, Heather Jones, Brian Reilly and myself. We meet the 1st Wednesday of the month (as a rule) and welcome you and thank you in advance for your support, both financially and emotionally, as it makes our school the best it can be. It has been our honor to serve.

Mia Thompson Brown, Chair

## MOUNT DESERT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT

**Mount Desert Elementary School Annual Report**
It is hard to believe that it has been 6 years since I became the Principal of Mount Desert Elementary School! I continue to be impressed by the quality of the character of our students, as well as the level of commitment and dedication to the youth of the Town of Mt. Desert that is displayed by both staff and members of the community. I cannot imagine any other community that would support their children and educational system more than all of you do.

**Personnel:**
New staff members for the 2007-2008 school year:
Judith Cullen – K Classroom Teacher
Rebecca Heniser – Grade 3 Classroom Teacher
Abby Allen – Ed Tech
Lindsey Parsons– Ed Tech
Jill Murphy - Secretary

**A sad farewell to:**
Diane Cyr
Jennifer Jones
Toogie McKay
Casey Pedrone

**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. This type of high achievement has qualified us a "High Performing School" by the Department of Education and has earned us a nomination as a nationally recognized Blue Ribbon School. Later this spring we will learn the status of this nomination and should we win this award, I would have the honor of leading a team down to Washington D.C. in the fall to participate in an awards ceremony. Regardless of the outcome, we should all feel honored to have been recognized as a nominee, a tribute to the community's devotion to education.

| | MDES | State |
|---|---|---|
| Math | 75% | 57% |
| Reading | 89% | 65% |
| Science (assessed in grades 4 and 8 only) | 86% | 61% |
| Writing (assessed in grades 5 and 8 only) | 63% | 53% |

**2006-2007 MEA (Maine Educational Assessment) Results**
**Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding the Standards for Grades 3 – 8**

**Budget Proposal:**
For the past three years our student population has stabilized at about 156-160 students, with a current large K class and a large K class projected for 2008-09. Our biggest challenge lies in the difficult economic times that we are currently facing. Recently the state revealed to us that we would suffer a loss of over $61000 in state subsidy. Though I am certain that the taxpayers would rally to raise these additional funds, should we make that request, we feel it is our responsibility to absorb this difference in our budget as a means to show our support for adapting to these leaner times. This proposed budget is the tightest budget I have ever presented and is influenced mostly by personnel salaries/benefits costs along with significant increases in the cost of energy. When you factor in our loss of subsidy money, it is clear that we had to make some difficult choices in regard to cutting back on some of our costs.

**The Final Budget Numbers:**

- 2.02% Budget Increase and an appropriation increase of 7.52%. This translates into an increase of $10.23 in taxes per $100,000 of valuation.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott D. McFarland
Principal
Mount Desert Elementary School

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

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

Budget Development:

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

Facilities:

The capital outlay portion of this budget adheres to the commitment of the trustees that we continue with an ongoing plan of repair/replacement to maintain the infrastructure of the high school. We have completed the renovation project for the gym. It was a major project from top to bottom -- new heating and ventilation, windows, doors, lobby, paint, lights, sound and new wooden bleachers. The senior class of 2007 raised the money to pay the difference in cost for wooden bleachers as opposed to composite. The floor was not replaced but refurbished. The completed project looks wonderful.

CLASS OF 2007

| | # | % |
|---|---|---|
| Post-Secondary Education | | |
| Four Year Colleges | 109 | 66 |
| Two Year Colleges | 25 | 15 |
| Post Graduate Year | 5 | 3 |
| Total | 139 | 84 |
| Employment | 20 | 12 |
| Military Service | 2 | 1 |
| Undecided | 4 | 3 |

TEST RESULTS – Post Secondary Students
CLASS OF 2007 SAT

| Range | Reading | Math | Writing |
|---|---|---|---|
| 700-800 | 6 | 9 | 7 |
| 600-690 | 26 | 30 | 27 |
| 500-590 | 50 | 42 | 46 |
| 400-490 | 37 | 39 | 39 |
| 300-390 | 14 | 12 | 14 |
| 200-290 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Total | 134 | 81% Participation | |

Mean Score
MDIHS
CR 528
M 531
W 530
mid 50% range
CR 450-590
M 450-600
W 450-600

Curriculum Development and Implementation:

We continue to develop and refine our local assessment system. Students are completing common assessments that demonstrate the meeting of standards and these tasks are housed in their portfolios. The Senior Exhibition requirement is now in its third year and continues to be one of the most rewarding accomplishments of our students. It sometimes does not seem so to our students until they have completed it but, once done, they are all very proud of themselves. We are completing our five-year report for NEASC (New England Association of Schools & Colleges) for accreditation. As a faculty, last year's professional development time was spent on reviewing current initiatives -- advisory and portfolio system, as well as exploring new areas of focus. We will be

concentrating on differentiating instruction and assessment, technology and transition in and out of high school. We are always working to ensure that our programs provide the highest quality education for our students.

Student Achievements:

Our students continue to be successful in the classroom and throughout our co-curricular programs as evidenced by the colleges and universities that they attend after graduation, the awards and scholarships they receive each year, and their performance on standardized tests. We are very proud to note that over two-thirds of our students are directly enrolled in at least one of the many co-curricular programs that the high school has to offer and that 81% of our graduates went on to post-secondary educational institutions.

The following provides a brief portrait detailing past-secondary plans of the graduating class of 2007:

Faculty/Staff Recognition:

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

| | |
|---|---|
| Todd West | Social Studies |
| Darcy Stillman | Physical Education |
| Lindsay | Corson Spanish |

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

Sincerely,
Sally A. Leighton, Principal

# SCHOOL UNION 98 REPORT

We are pleased to be able to make this annual report to the towns and communities that make up School Union 98. Because of the support of our communities we are able to meet our students' individual needs with rich and rewarding educational programs. Despite the uncertainty of the times, we remain committed to our work, supporting Union 98 students to develop the academic and practical skills they will need to succeed.

We have had several major changes in our administrative team since last school year. The Cranberry Isles were very fortunate to hire Carol MacCrae as their new principal after Angela Hardy left to pursue a career in higher education. Maria Donahue, our new School Health Coordinator, joined us in March 2007 to lead us in the work of fulfilling the 8 components of school health (healthy school environment, health education, physical education, health services, nutrition services, counseling, psychological and social services, family/community involvement, health promotion for staff). Maria successfully wrote a winning grant that will fund her position in Union 98 through the 2009-2010 school years. She has joined our administrative team and has proved a valuable member.

The Reorganization Planning Committee, including community, municipal and school representation, has been meeting since July to consider viable plans for the consolidation of our schools to meet the requirements of the

new State mandates. The overarching goal of this committee is to respond to the requirements of the law, while preserving the priority of providing the best educational opportunities for our students. The effect of this consolidation has created an overwhelming amount of work for the central office. This has certainly had a ripple effect throughout our schools.

The Administrative Team remains focused on identifying strategies that work to meet the needs of our students. We spend a great deal of time coordinating district programs to facilitate student achievement. The best evidence of this is the goal-setting work that began in the summer of 2004 and continues to this day. We have put great energy into developing our leadership team and working to empower them to work in unison on our long-range goals. These goals have evolved over the past 3 years and are now tied tightly to our mission for schools and are articulated in the Union 98 Educational Framework. Key components of the educational framework are its corresponding priorities. The priorities govern our work at both the union and building levels. All initiatives and resource-based decisions have origins that can be traced back to our common priorities. Though each school in the union has its own strengths and challenges in relation to the priorities that will help us fulfill our mission—we are all on the same pathway and moving with deliberate steps toward them. Please see attached framework.

During the 2006-2007 school year all Union 98 teachers worked to develop a framework of essential questions and enduring understandings for each content area curriculum and grade level. 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. Please refer to the documents on the Union 98 website.

Our new Teacher Induction Program was implemented during the 2006-2007 school year. This program provides beginning teachers without professional certificates with a mentor who they meet with regularly to be advised as they work to obtain professional certificates. We are proceeding to phase-out the New Teacher Leader program. Many of the qualities of the Mentor/Beginning Teacher relationship mirror that of the New Teacher Leader and the Beginning Teacher. Professionally certified teachers will receive support from the principals in the absence of the New Teacher Leader.

The mission of our professional development plan is to foster continuous growth and improvement in all educators' skills and knowledge—both in pedagogy and the content areas. Fostering educators' continuous professional growth alongside keeping them abreast of the federal and state legislative change proves challenging. Nevertheless, 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 skills.

Our Union 98 school communities are finding creative ways to support all children in their learning and teachers in their work. Despite the uncertainty of consolidation talks, 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

# SOLID WASTE COLLECTION POLICY

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

# ACADIA DISPOSAL DISTRICT

P.O. Box 248, Northeast Harbor, Maine 04662 207-276-5743 Fax. 207-276-5742
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Visit us at www.AcadiaDisposalDistrict.org

The **A**cadia **D**isposal **D**istrict is a quasi-municipal, non-profit corporation owned by its member towns: Cranberry Isle, Mount Desert, Southwest Harbor, Tremont, and Trenton, Maine. The ADD coordinates solid-waste disposal and recycling for our towns in an effort to better manage the costs associated with trash disposal, which exceed $2,000,000 annually amongst our towns. Each member town appoints one director, with one vote, to the governing Board of Directors. One of our goals is for the Board members to gain expertise on solid waste issues, thereby assisting in lightening the workload of the Town Managers and Boards of Selectmen.
Contributing to ADD's success are the working relationships we maintain with various entities including EMR, Inc., Gotts Disposal, the Hancock County Planning Commission, MDIHS, the State Planning Office, CES, Inc., Eaton Peabody Attorneys At Law and others. We thank them all for their observations, guidance, time and effort.
ADD activities in 2007 included:

- Continued contract negotiations with EMR, Inc. on behalf of the member towns for new five-year solid waste contracts. Our current contracts expired June 30, 2007 and we are presently operating under contract extensions. CES, Inc. and our attorneys, Eaton Peabody Attorneys At Law, are expertly assisting us with these negotiations.

- Continued consideration of the purchase of EMR, Inc. transfer station site. CES, Inc. completed a Level 1 Environmental Assessment of the site. A Level 2 assessment is on hold until contract negotiations are completed.

- Initiated discussions and a preliminary agreement with the Town of Bar Harbor concerning the Town Hill tract of land set aside by Federal legislation for a waste transfer station for all island towns and the associated Federal funding. We look forward to working with the Town of Bar Harbor on this and other issues.

- Conducted another successful regional household hazardous waste and universal waste collection day. Thanks go to all the volunteers, the MDIHS for hosting us and the three contractors we worked with – EPI, Uniwaste and Gotts Disposal, the latter donating the use of roll-off containers and the truck and driver to deliver and haul them off at no cost to the ADD.

The ADD is in the process of changing its fiscal year to conform to that of four of the five member towns. In order to accomplish this change in our fiscal year, the ADD adopted an 18-month budget to cover the period from January 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & UNIVERSAL WASTE

Policy Banning Corrugated Cardboard from the Solid Waste Stream

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

1. Our town is a member of the ADD together with Cranberry Isles, Tremont, Trenton and Southwest Harbor. The purpose of the ADD "is to provide for the cost-effective, environmentally friendly, efficient and lawful management, disposal and recycling of waste materials".

2. **WHAT IS OCC?** It is typically cardboard boxes, colored or otherwise, that do not have a yellowish color to them. This color is a sign that the material has been recycled once is no longer acceptable for processing. Cereal and pizza boxes are not OCC.

3. If someone puts trash out in a cardboard box, the garbage collection crew has been instructed to dump the trash in the garbage truck and put the cardboard box back on the ground if it is clean. Otherwise it will go in the truck as trash.

4. Ideally, we would like clean, dry OCC. Clean means e.g. no grease, oil, or food waste on it. It can have labels and tape. A limited amount of contamination is allowed.

5. OCC that is damp is acceptable. If it has been out in the rain but will still hold its shape when picked up, it is acceptable; saturated OCC is not.

6. Dumpsters are not required but recommended for businesses.

7. Please flatten cardboard boxes. This will increase our efficiency and allow you to put more in your dumpsters.

8. **WHAT TO DO WITH IT – BUSINESS:** The Town will collect OCC from businesses on Mondays and Wednesdays. This schedule is subject to change based on demand and our resources. It is the responsibility of the business owner to keep the OCC in an acceptable condition. We will continue to rely on the garbage collection crew to help us make this effort successful. To wet or not to wet, contaminated or clean, will be a judgment call made by them. The dryer the better – if it weighs less it will cost us less to drop it off at the EMR transfer station in Southwest Harbor or the recycling center in Bangor.

9. **WHAT TO DO WITH IT – RESIDENTIAL:** We presently have dumpsters labeled "Cardboard Only" at the north end of the Somesville fire station, in the Seal Harbor parking lot and adjacent to the marina dumpsters in Northeast Harbor. Early in 2005 we had trouble with people leaving regular garbage beside or piled on top of these dumpsters. Of late, this has not been a significant problem. People can

continue to use the Sargeant Drive recycling facility. We will **not** be conducting residential curbside collection for OCC.

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

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

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

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

14. **$$DOLLARS$$**: 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.

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

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

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

# SOLID WASTE COLLECTION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2008 - 2009

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 21st through the 25th, 2008. 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.

New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1, 2008. NO collection. Monday and Tuesday collection will be on Monday.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday, January 21, 2008. NO collection. Monday and Tuesday collection will be on Tuesday.

Presidents Day, Monday, February 18, 2008. NO collection. Monday and Tuesday collection will be on Tuesday.

Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, 2008. NO collection. Monday and Tuesday collection will be on Tuesday.

Independence Day, Friday, July 4, 2008. There WILL BE collection.

Labor Day, Monday, September 1, 2008. There WILL BE collection.

Columbus Day, Monday, October 13, 2008. NO collection. Monday and Tuesday collection will be on Tuesday.

Veteran's Day, Tuesday, November 11, 2008. NO collection. Monday and Tuesday collection will be on Monday.

Thanksgiving Week, Thursday and Friday, November 27th and 28th, 2008. Monday & Tuesday will be on Monday; Wednesday & Thursday will be on Tuesday and Friday will be on Wednesday. NO collection on Thursday or Friday.

Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25, 2008. NO collection. Monday and Tuesday will be collected on Monday; Wednesday collected on Tuesday; Thursday collected on Wednesday and; Friday collected on Friday.

New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1, 2009. NO collection. Monday and Tuesday will be collected on Monday; Wednesday collected on Tuesday; Thursday collected on Wednesday and; Friday collected on Friday.

# SUMMER REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

**SUMMER REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE (beginning mid June thru Labor Day)** 6/13/2006

## 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***
***xxSargent 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***
***xxAlder Lane***
***xx Allegiance Ln***
****Balsam Lane***
Bartletts Landing Rd
Beech Hill Cross Rd
Beech Hill Rd
***Bentley Lane***
****Blanchard Rd***
***xxBrendun Lane***
***xx Broad Cove Rd***
Brookside Rd
***Buttonwood Lane***
***Cedar Lane***
****Chambers Lane***
***Chauncy Somes Ln***
***xx Cider Ridge Rd***
***xxCliffs 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***
***xxFern 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 W I Pojereno Rd***
Whitney Farm Rd
***xx Windham Lane***
****Woods Rd***
***xxWoodland 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

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# WINTER REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

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

## MONDAY

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

## TUESDAY

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

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

## WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

## THURSDAY

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

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

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

## FRIDAY

**NORTHEAST HBR**
COMMERCIAL

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

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

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# CULTURE AND RECREATION

## NORTHEAST HARBOR LIBRARY REPORT

The Northeast Harbor Library is a non-profit corporation operated by a board of trustees. It serves as a full service community library for the Towns of Mount Desert and Cranberry Isles and as the school library for Mount Desert Elementary School. The Library also manages a special collection of local and Maine archives, and provides 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 support 2007 budgeted expenditures of $345,650.00.

For most of 2007 the Library operated from temporary locations; the basement of the Neighborhood House, a classroom in Mount Desert Elementary School and offices behind the Pine Tree Market, and thanks are due these gracious hosts. On October 15 the Library closed in order to move to our new home at 1 Joy Road in Northeast Harbor. With the help of over 33 volunteers we were ready to resume Library services on December 17th. In 2007 the Library circulated 22,571 books and other media of which 5,271 were children's items. During this year the Library sponsored 53 events with a total attendance of 965 adults and children and three exhibits. In the Archive area our resources were contributed to one book, 5 magazine or newspaper articles and our photos were used by 3 cinematographers in their films.

This year we write the Northeast Harbor Library's annual report to the town from stunningly handsome and efficient new quarters. As the doors open each morning, the new building warmly welcomes the people of all ages it is here to serve. Its rooms showcase the literature and heritage our community values, and its spacious interior links the library's past, present and future in the heart of the community.

The new building is fully accessible and has ample shelf space to display all of the books, videos, DVD's, music cd's, books on tape and on compact disk in our collection. We have 7 computers that are available for public use and wireless access is available for use with properly equipped laptop computers in all areas of the building and immediately outside. Over 51 periodical databases are available through Marvel, a free statewide program. In Marvel residents may access magazine, journal and newspaper articles either here at the Library or by using a user name and password on their home computers. The Library also has meeting space available for school, civic and non-profit groups.

Hundreds of people have contributed and many people have striven long and hard to bring this new library and the bright future it promises first into focus and then into reality. Their work is now a fresh chapter in a one-hundred-and-sixteen year history. You are the community for whom the library now exists. Its future will be yours to enjoy, to develop, and to support.

Robert R. Pyle
Director

Anna Carr
Director of Library Operations

## SOMESVILLE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION REPORT

The Somesville Library Association continues its good work as the visual, cultural and social center of the village. Our knowledgeable staff continues to make available current and classic fiction works, children's books, and books about Maine and by Maine authors, non-fiction and biographies to all users

from Mount Desert Island and beyond. Although we are only open ten hours per week, we consistently circulate books in significant numbers to both year-round and seasonal visitors. We offer high-speed and wireless Internet access, which can be accessed anywhere on the property, at any time of day or night. Our Librarian can help locate out-of-print books you may wish to purchase, and is knowledgeable about old and rare books and autographs.

The lovely library building is increasingly being used by a variety of groups looking for a quiet meeting place, and we encourage those who are interested in scheduling use of the large back room to call during Library hours: Wednesdays from 1-6 and Saturdays from 9-2.

We are especially grateful to the Town of Mt. Desert for its continuing financial support, which helps us reach our annual budget goals. Volunteers from the community are our most valuable assets, and their steadfast work on the collections is also very much appreciated. We further remind the community to enjoy our annual fund-raising events early in August: our Blueberry Festival and used book sale. Donations of used books and blueberry-related items are gratefully accepted at any time.

Thomas V. Lange, Librarian

# THE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE REPORT

the neighborhood house

*The mission of The Neighborhood House is, "…to serve as the community center for the year-round and summer residents of the town of Mount Desert. The center, along with its programs, is dedicated to the maintenance and improvement of the community values and spirit of the town. The programs shall not focus on any age group or income bracket within our community; we will provide equally for all."*

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

**Youth Programs:** The Neighborhood House operates multiple programs for the young people of our town. There is an after school program that has been in existence for ten years; youth sports such as tennis, soccer, basketball and baseball/softball run by a dedicated group of volunteer parents; four summer camp programs that are full to capacity (over 175 campers registered for 2007); open gym and open swim programs depending upon the time of year; and an intensive basketball camp for those of high school age.

**Adult & Senior Programs:** Programming for adults is an area in which The Neighborhood House continues to expand. There is the popular fitness room along with indoor cycling and yoga classes; all on a year-round basis. In fact, volunteer indoor cycling instructors have been added for increased classes. An Active Older Adults group meets twice per week (which prompted the start of regular Bunco games), personal training sessions are available by appointment and instructors offer karate, fencing and Pilate's dependent upon the season.



**Community Events:** On a regular basis, The Neighborhood House hosts large community events for all ages to enjoy. The annual Chili Challenge has become a much anticipated event every January; movies are shown on our big screen; Bingo Dinners have become a big hit and a "Pet Patrol" is organized as part of the Memorial Day parade in town. Furthermore, for the past number of summers The Neighborhood House has partnered with the Northeast Harbor Library to host a drama performance followed by a reception on the lawn; there's the annual Bike Parade (which grew to over 200 people in 2007!), visits from the Easter Bunny, Teddy Bear Picnics and ice cream socials; a Halloween party and haunted house that grows each year and includes food and games on the lawn and in the Great Hall; and a holiday performance of "The Grinch" from Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers in conjunction with the library and elementary school.

A full crowd at The Neighborhood House's annual Chili Challenge this past January.



A recent Bingo Dinner at The Neighborhood House. Community dinners and events are very popular and well attended.

**Local Group Support:** The Neighborhood House prides itself on close collaboration with a number of groups and organizations throughout our community. Space in the building is available and well used by groups such as the Acadia Senior College, Acadia Community Theater, Mount Desert Festival of Chamber Music, Acadia Friends, a Boy Scout troop and The Mount Desert Nursing Association. Additionally, the building is open to and used by all for weddings, anniversaries, birthdays and other private functions. Most weekends are full with such events. The Great Hall is also the ideal space for the abundance of art shows, auctions, concerts, lectures, and the like.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Anne-Marie DeRevere, Executive Director

# SEAL HARBOR VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY REPORT

President's Report to the Town of Mt Desert

Seal Harbor is home to me both as a year round resident and as a summer visitor. My hope and plan is to have it be home to my children and grandchildren.

I have never quite taken for granted the beauty of our village due to my family's long involvement with the VIS. What Larry Taylor does and who pays for it, how the town supports us and we the town, these

have always been things of which I heard talk and was vaguely aware. Suddenly, however, I find that I am president of the VIS and charged with tasks for which I feel ill prepared.

I take comfort from the knowledge that this is a special community and that I am not alone in facing this challenge. Both the community of the town and the community of the village feel and share a responsibility to the work that goes on ubiquitously, year in, year out, during the summer and the whole year round.

Much of the work might appear to have happened naturally to one driving through on a quiet Sunday; the wild roses cut low to permit the best view of the harbor, the gulley cleared of scrub and brambles that would make it an impassable rather than a pleasing glade, the fountain and the flag pole, night lit now thanks to combined efforts with the Seal Harbor Old Timers. These things and countless others are due to the benefice of our many contributing villagers and the support of the town itself, which recognizes the work we do and so generously supports it.

Thanks to all for your support in the past and for the support I know we can count on in this coming year.

Edith Dunham
President
Seal Harbor Village Improvement Society

# PUBLIC AGENCIES

## GREAT HARBOR MARITIME MUSEUM REPORT

The Great Harbor Maritime Museum, 124 Main Street, had a successful season with Madeline (Maddie) Shattow, a student at Mount Desert Island High School, being the most consistent presence at the front "fountain," with Sarah Schaefer filling in when she went College hunting, and Ellie Roberts working in August. Ellie's parents very generously supported the additional employee.

Maddie will be with us again this season and once we are owners of the building (with Town constraints) you will see some positive changes to the design of the façade. In the next few years we plan to comply not only with the Selectmen's conditions, but also with Historic Preservation guidelines. The most important challenge is renovating the building to the standards that the Town set for us after a March '07 Town meeting vote to "sell" the building to the museum.

Lawyers are still deciding the exact wording for the terms of the sales agreement. We are working towards the verbally agreed upon terms with the selectmen as the legal terminology is being finalized.

The upcoming exhibit is "Small Boats" made possible by donations of an Augie Neilson sailboat, an MDI, and loans of a Morris canoe, Salisbury dinghy, and an Old Town canoe. Remarkable boat models made by Duane Muzzy, who is creating local boats for us and who has become an important friend adds craftsmanship and history to the exhibit. David Longmaid's widow Dale has donated 11 paintings to us, some of which will be framed and exhibited this summer.

"Learn To Look/Look To Learn," a museum program in it's tenth year, mostly coordinated with the Neighborhood House's Scamper Camp in the past, is becoming part of the larger "Leave No Kid Inside" program started by Acadia National Park's new imitative and a larger State of Maine imitative, "Take ME outside."

# MOUNT DESERT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

The Mount Desert Chamber of Commerce had some significant changes this year. New officers on the Board of Directors were elected with Sally Black and Matt Hart serving as President and Vice President, respectively. Lisa Parsons continued as Treasurer and Sue Spoelhof as Secretary. John Lawrence became the new Executive Director.

Our vision is to become a more value added chamber for our members and our community. In addition to being an information center, Acadia National Park pass center, and highly praised Yachtsmen's facility providing services and comfort to our many seagoing guests, the chamber is striving to be a strong advocate for our six unique villages.

Use of the tennis courts is now free to town residents and workers and we encourage everyone to come on down and enjoy our beautiful harbor, get some exercise and have fun. We are fostering more community service and volunteerism, an example being our successful food drive for the Bar Harbor Food Pantry and teaming up with other non-profit organizations such as Island Connections and the Neighborhood House.

Our new handicap accessible restroom and shower built by our fine local craftsmen was completed last summer and utilized several times by very appreciative visitors with disabilities.

We are requesting a 2 part appropriation for 2008 for a total of $7450. $5450 will support approximately 12% of our operating budget. One goal this year will be the purchase of additional wireless internet transmission equipment for the marina as our initial attempt last summer did not deliver a strong enough signal to the mariners in most parts of the harbor. $2000 will assist in the replacement of the Yachtsmen's building water heater with a more efficient, environmentally friendly tankless unit and repair of the water heater closet floor.

Despite the frigid temperatures, a brave crowd came out to enjoy the Christmas festival that is organized and funded by the chamber each year. Many local businesses donated raffle prizes for which we are very grateful. We also appreciate the generous efforts of the Mount Desert Fire Department for providing ground transportation for Santa and Mrs. Claus and bonfire management as well as the Police Department for traffic control.

The town's financial assistance is essential to our organization's mission of improving the experience of visitors to our beautiful area and the quality of life for our residents.

Regards,
John Lawrence
Executive Director

# NORTHEAST HARBOR AMBULANCE SERVICE REPORT

The Northeast Harbor Ambulance Service, Inc.

After 37 years of dedicated service to the Northeast Harbor Ambulance Service, founding Service Chief and EMT-Intermediate, Albert Hamor, and his wife, Carol Hamor, EMT-Intermediate with 28 years of service, decided to retire this year. Their tireless efforts and long involvement made NEH Ambulance Service what it is today. The Service and community extends its sincere appreciation for their extensive professional and personal contributions.

Under the experienced and steady leadership of Service President, Douglass "Scamp" Gray, Jr. ,new members came forward and assumed leadership positions. And the membership continues to provide the highest quality emergency medical care and services to the Town of Mount Desert and surrounding areas. We renegotiated a three-year contract with the Town of Mount Desert in November...to continue to provide Emergency Medical Services to residents and visitors of the Town, and firefighter rehabilitation, at no charge to the Town, in exchange for Dispatching services and the use of an office and truck bay with electrical hookup.

Over this past year, our membership, number of trained drivers, and roster of trained EMS technicians, has grown. We are now 17 Emergency Medical Technicians: 2 Paramedics, 2 Intermediates , and 13 Basics...we have 2 Basics EMT's in the Intermediate course, who hope will be on-line as licensed Intermediates this summer. Interest in going through the rigorous training required to become an EMT is exciting to the Service, and bodes well for our future, and our ability to provide the best of treatment and transport for persons who are ill or injured.

The Service continues to rely on donations to support the training and retraining of, and supplies and equipment for, our EMT's. We have set up the Health Stream on-line training program to supplement the skill drill classes on a year-long schedule. Our members continue to attend workshops in our EMS northeast region. 2008 will see a new, state-of-the-art ambulance come on line. For all these things, we rely on the generous support of Friends and Residents to our annual Appeal Letter. These are exciting times for the Service, and we thank the Selectmen and our many friends for their support.

Joanne B Robbins

Joanne B. Robbins, Service Chief

The Northeast Harbor Ambulance Service

# MOUNT DESERT WATER DISTRICT REPORT

## MOUNT DESERT WATER DISTRICT
## 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

During 2007 the District personnel continued their never ending program of attempting to bring the ancient District up to modern standards. In addition they spent an inordinate amount of time and energy complying with the State and Federal unfunded mandates.

Probably foremost in these endeavors was the installation of new water mains in various locations in both Northeast Harbor and Seal Harbor. In addition several new instruments were incorporatec in the two treatment plants to safeguard the quality of the water supplied to the two villages. Giant strides have been made in this direction.

One large step forward was the elimination of fluoride from the treatment stream following a lengthy study and endless hours of investigating the pros and cons from governmental entities. Since the original mandate to include fluoride was voted on by all the Townspeople, the removal likewise was required to be voted upon by the entire Town.

One major improvement that was affected during the year was the rebuilding of the ancient Lower Hadlock Pond dam in Northeast Harbor. In the same area a Patriots' Day storm raised havoc with our access road and the power line supplying much needed power to our NEH treatment plant. With help of a Federal government grant we were able to make long desired improvements to both the road and power line thus assuring more reliable electric power and access.

Many more improvements and upgrades, too numerous to mention here were affected in a constant effort by the District personnel to bring our customers, the ultimate owners of the District, reliable, safe, and pure drinking water. The management is to be congratulated for their dedicated work in maintaining our high standards of water quality

Respectfully submitted,
Harry R. Madeira, Chairman

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| Alan Joseph | Steve Montminy |
| Harry Madeira | Bonnie Mohr |

# 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 inception of the Town's semi-annual newsletter the SRA distributes it to its roughly 400 members, nearly all of whom own a seasonal home within the boundaries of the Town.

Upon returning to their winter homes, seasonal residents typically resume regular jobs. They also have work travel and along with a host community activities. It is not easy for seasonal residents to keep current with events in Maine. Newspapers don't bring forth the full nuance of happenings within the community. Seasonal people don't all the news and opinions that come from regular contact with friends and neighbors on the island.

The Association newsletters are an attempt to bridge the information gap experienced by summer residents. The meetings held in July and August present many of the significant issues in the Town of Mount Desert and the island.

On two meetings in the summer of 2007 Town manager Michael MacDonald presented reviews of the project to revaluate property values. There were questions about procedures by which taxpayers may appeal for reexamination of their assessments. People generally sought assurance that property assessments were impartial and fair.

The change in the town's fiscal year was outlined by Board of Selectman Chairman Coombs. The fiscal year is being pushed back six months and the town meeting is being moved back from early March to early May. Placing the fiscal date at September 1st would have permitted summer residents to attend the annual meeting in July.

The school consolidation issue primarily affects year-round residents, but strikes a sympathetic chord with summer people. Home rule is a responsive and often most economical form of administration. The political gyrations to date in this skirmish have exhibited a see-saw nature.

Also mentioned prominently were: drinking water quality, the new sewer fee system and the extension of the RedZone wireless network. One can readily see that questions of interest to summer residents are much the same as for year-round residents.

The SRA wants to assist its members in learning about affairs in the Town of Mount Desert. They want very much to discuss in depth the issues that community leaders and citizens are challenged by in their effort to sustain and enhance the business and civic life of Northeast Harbor and the other villages in the Town.

Clement McGillicuddy,
President

# LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

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January 2008

Dear Citizens of Mount Desert:

As we mark the beginning of 2008, I welcome this opportunity to share some of the work I've done during the past year representing Maine in the United States Senate.

Maine plays a critical role in our national security through the men and women who serve in our active duty forces and our National Guard and Reserves and through the skilled employees who work at our defense businesses and installations. As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I successfully supported the vital work at Bath Iron Works, Pratt & Whitney, the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, and the Defense Finance and Accounting Center, as well as at smaller companies like Hodgdon Yachts and Global Research Technologies.

On the Senate Homeland Security Committee, I have worked to better protect our nation against the threat of terrorist attacks and to strengthen the federal partnership with our emergency managers and first responders in responding to natural disasters. The disruption of terrorist plots last year and the improved federal response to natural disasters, such as the Patriots' Day storm here in Maine and the wildfires in California, demonstrate that these efforts are producing real results. Building on our past successful efforts to reform the intelligence community and to increase security at our nation's seaports and chemical facilities, I worked with Senator Joe Lieberman again, to gain approval of a new law further strengthening our homeland security.

With so many pressing needs in this country, we cannot afford to see taxpayers' dollars lost to waste, fraud, and abuse. Working with the Inspectors General, I have written a bipartisan bill to reform wasteful government contracting practices. The Senate approved this bill in November, and I hope it will become law later this year.

Congress last year passed several bills that I advocated to improve health care, expand aid for education, and protect our environment. These include increased funding for the program to expand access to dental services in rural communities, additional funding for diabetes research, and an extension of a tax deduction for teachers. As a member of the Special Committee on Aging, I worked to create a Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease and introduced a bipartisan bill to block cuts in home health care.

Record-high energy costs are imposing a tremendous burden on our low-income families, truckers, and small businesses. With a bipartisan coalition of Senators, including Olympia Snowe, I fought for increased funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). We secured a $700 million increase over last-year's level and will continue to press for additional funding. I also have called upon the Department of Energy to stop buying oil for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve until prices moderate. There is no compelling justification for the Department to take oil off the market at a time when prices are sky high and consumers are struggling to heat their homes and fill their gas tanks.

We need to embrace the goal of energy independence to reduce our reliance on imported oil by developing bio fuels, such as cellulosic ethanol, by increasing fuel efficiency standards for vehicles, and by supporting research into better technology. The new energy law takes significant steps in the right direction.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the great State of Maine. If ever I may be of assistance to you, please do contact my Bangor office at 945-0417.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Collins

Susan M. Collins

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It continues to be my honor to represent you, the citizens of Mount Desert in Augusta. We have accomplished much during the 1st Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature, but there is still much to be done. The 2nd Regular Session is well underway and we have much to accomplish before adjournment.

Five years ago, when I was first sworn into office as State Senator, we faced a $1.2 billion dollar budget gap, and our financial reserves were gone. Today, we have built our reserves to almost $160 million dollars, and no longer rely on borrowing to keep government open. We have invested more than $1 billion new State dollars in local education. All of this has been accomplished without raising the sales tax or income tax. And we have made real efforts to lower the property tax.

Taxpayers have asked the Maine Legislature for more K-12 education aid. Many years ago, the Legislature mentioned it intended to pay 55% of the cost of K-12 Education. The 123rd Legislature has met that goal of funding 55 % of K-12 Education costs. To put it into perspective, our current state budget more than doubles the amount of funding provided to K-12 education since 1990 – from $609 million then to $1.2 billion now. Unfortunately, the 55% does not mean every community will get half its school costs paid by the state. The 'non-receiving' schools, like so many on the coast including us in Hancock County, will not see the results of the additional state spending for education. Fully 82% of our $6.3 billion biennial budget goes to support education, health and human services. That doesn't leave much for us to invest in the rest of Maine's future. We must improve that. I hope we can.

During my time in the senate the number of state employees has decreased by more than 600 jobs. We have merged two major State departments. Accounting and administrative functions in all State departments has been centralized. In just the first two years, this has saved $11.5 million dollars. Change has come and we have a leaner, more efficient state government. I am continuing to support government efficiencies while investing in Maine's future.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at the State House toll free at 1-800-423-6900 or 287-1515.

Sincerely,

Senator Dennis S. Damon
Maine Senate – District 23

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# Congress of the United States
## House of Representatives
### Washington, DC 20515

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank the people of Maine's Second Congressional District for the opportunity to serve you in the United States House of Representatives. It is a great honor for me to represent the hard working men and women of Maine in Congress.

We've made progress for Maine people. Working with community groups, town leaders, economic development experts, and many others, I was able to pass my Northern Border Regional Commission bill in the House. This bill would bring much needed federal dollars to the state for economic development purposes. Such an investment would help create jobs, slow outmigration, and strengthen our communities. I will continue to work with members of our Congressional Delegation to ensure that it becomes law.

In Maine, many of our friends and neighbors are veterans. As Chairman of the Veterans Affairs Health Subcommittee, I have worked to make health care more accessible, increase the overall spending for the Department of Veteran's Affairs, increase reimbursement for veterans who have to travel great distances and assist veterans suffering from traumatic brain injury. In the coming year, I will continue to work hard for our veterans to make sure that the federal government lives up to the promises made to them.

I also remain committed to providing quality constituent services and with long distances to travel, it is sometimes difficult for people to reach one of my regional offices. That is why my staff will continue to hold office hours in various communities throughout the District on a regular basis.

If my office may ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at my Bangor office at 207-942-6935 or by emailing me through my web page at www.house.gov/michaud. While on my website, I also encourage you to sign up for occasional e-mail updates on the various issues facing Congress that are important to Mainers.

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

With warmest regards,

Michael H. Michaud
Member of Congress

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Maine House of Representatives
Rep. Hannah Pingree

Dear Neighbors: March 2008

The Second Session of the 123rd Legislature is underway and shaping up to be one of the more difficult in recent years. With state and national economic challenges, state revenues are down and the budget will have to be re-balanced as the state faces a $200 million shortfall. Unlike the federal government, the State of Maine is constitutionally required to have a balanced budget each year — much like your community or family.

On top of the Maine budget shortfall, the federal government has just announced a rule change in Medicaid which will reduce services for children, the elderly, and the disabled. In total, the federal change will eliminate more than $140 million in program funds for Maine which were slated to go to both state and local governments. And at the same time, as a recession looms, lay-offs are announced, and oil prices are at record highs, there is a need to protect the most vulnerable — whether it is the elderly who want to stay in their homes or families struggling to buy heating oil.

At the state level, we have been focused on streamlining state government for the past several years, with major reforms to better manage health care dollars, and reorganize state agencies. Both jobs and programs have been reduced, the legislative and department budgets have been cut, and we'll continue to find ways to more efficiently manage programs with less state funds. But, on top of these jobs and efficiencies, there are also real cuts proposed in the Governor's budget that impact programs and people. As of this writing, the legislature is weighing proposed cuts to foster parents, doctors, the mentally ill, family planning, and a merger of the Marine Resources Department with other natural resource agencies, and more. None of the budget decisions in front of us are easy ones, like the decisions you make about your local budget at town meeting each year. I always appreciate your input as we face these difficult choices.

Other major challenges in front of us this session include an effort to reform our individual health insurance market to help stabilize skyrocketing rates for many people who buy insurance in Maine, as well as efforts to continue to cover the uninsured. Energy issues, from reducing costs to supplementing the LIHEAP program to encouraging green power and green jobs will also be front and center this session. In addition, making the school consolidation law passed last session more flexible and ensuring greater local control and a 'union' school model is one of my top goals. I share your concern for the future of our community schools, and will continue to fight to ensure our small rural schools survive.

Finally, I will continue to work with island and coastal communities on the important and unique issues we face. From my long-term fight for high speed internet access in rural areas to working for more flexibility in federal fishing rules to funding for affordable housing — my focus will continue to be the island and coastal communities we love.

Working for and with the citizens of Mt. Desert on these important issues is an honor and I am proud to be your state representative. Special thanks to those of you who have taken the time to share your views with me. Stay in touch!

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me in Augusta at 287-1430 or via e-mail at hannah@pingree.com.

My Best,

Hannah Pingree
State Representative

# MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTITIVES

## REPORT TO THE CITIZENS OF MOUNT DESERT

As my final term comes to a close I want to thank the citizens of Mount Desert Island for the opportunity to serve you, our island communities, and the state of Maine.

Over the past eight years, my Natural Resources Committee room has hosted hearings on a wide variety of bills aiming to protect our children's health and public drinking water supplies; conserve clam flats and migratory shore birds; and rehabilitate historic buildings and restore our precarious climate, among other priorities. One sub-committee assignment gave me the chance to improve Maine's Right to Know law, for which the Maine Press Association honored me. Another sub-committee crafted an Affordable House Tax Increment Financing program that has, to date, helped finance 600 rental and owner occupied moderate income housing units for senior citizens and working families across the state.

Through these and other projects I have had the privilege to work with devoted legislative colleagues and staff, dedicated business and civic leaders, and engaged constituents. Teamwork, a commitment to the common good, and optimism about the future is more prevalent at the State House than the media may portray. For example, in my committee over 90 percent of the votes on bills were unanimous. The most significant bills that I worked on succeeded because of bipartisan effort. Of course, sharing the district with three outstanding legislators – my friends Jill, Hannah, and Dennis – made my service all the more enjoyable.

Attracting and expanding businesses, preparing a skilled workforce, and keeping and attracting talented young people in Maine are mutually supportive goals. Attractive, affordable housing choices, strong schools and an inviting environment will shape Maine's future economic future. In my "retired" life, as a volunteer, I will continue working on these goals here on MDI and across the state. In this regard, I applaud the efforts of MDI Tomorrow and the Island Housing Trust as they advance this and other goals to strengthen our communities.

Public service is challenging and rewarding. I cherish the new friends I have made in the Capitol and here at home. I appreciate hearing from those of you who have requested my assistance with problems confronting your family or business and appreciate your perspectives on state priorities.

I can still be contacted at home at 288-8930, or at the State House on weekdays at 1-800-423-2900. You can reach me by e-mail at kjeffman@roa.ecu.

Best wishes for a lovely spring.

Jeff Kaffman

# MOUNT DESERT ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

Offering Town residents many opportunities to learn about their history is one of the most important jobs of the MDI Historical Society. During 2007, our programs and exhibits, field trips and walking tours, and our expanded activities in local elementary schools have given many local residents the chance to hear about or see firsthand how events or people have shaped MDI's history. Particularly popular among Town residents during the summer and fall was the "Sardines and Champagne" exhibit in The Old School House, featuring 80 photos by W. H. Ballard of "the working life and the high life" on MDI.

This school year, children in the Town of Mount Desert have been enthusiastic about the first "trunk exhibits" of historical items which have been brought into their classrooms. The early development of these traveling exhibits had received generous support from the Town in the past. In the fall, classes of elementary children from all over the island visited the sites of the island's earliest industries and homes in walking tours of early Somesville.

The Old School House on Sound Drive has been in use year-round for classes for children and adults, speakers programs, and exhibits combining historical objects with the work of local artists. Researchers in genealogy and other aspects of local history have relied on our School House archives and library for their projects.

Exhibits during 2007 in the Selectmen's Building and the Somesville Museum showed the work of local cobblers and illustrated how islanders have found creative ways to earn a living year-round.

The MDI Historical Society also serves seasonal visitors and short-term tourists with many activities that give them an up-close look at island history. They sign up for field trips, walking tours of the granite quarries, visits inside historic homes, and for conversations about the early settlements and the fishing, farming, quarrying and boatbuilding so important to the island's economy. At the Heirloom Garden beside the Somesville Museum, they delight in seeing, and photographing, flowers and herbs as well as the arched bridge and the Selectmen's Building.

Donations of important items in Mount Desert's history to the Historical Society are welcomed, and 2007 brought many contributions of records from early businesses and families and letters and other personal documents that tell of daily life and work, hardships and good times. We continue to build our photographic collection, including photos of contemporary scenes and people so that there will be a permanent record of this era for future generations.

We are also adding to the written record of island history with the annual publication of Chebacco – *The Magazine of the MDI Historical Society*. The 2008 issue will include articles on the Masons, Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and other fraternal groups that flourished in the Town of Mount Desert; teenager Jim Grant's work with "the carriage trade" in Northeast Harbor; the story of John S. Kennedy, a little-known philanthropist who made a crucial gift to Acadia National Park; the history of the village of Center; memories of The Fire of '47; and the Winter Industries work of Robert Lindsay and Nathalie Smallidge of Northeast Harbor.

In the coming year, Town support will help with new trunk exhibits for children that will focus on fishing, quarrying and small businesses. Our museum exhibits in 2008 will include a history/mystery "challenge" in the Somesville Museum ("What Was That Thing Used For?") and a look at life in cottages and cabins ("What Buildings Tell Us about the People Who Live in Them"). The cobbler's shop will

again be open in the Selectmen's Building, and the farm stand at the School House will feature tools powered by wind, water or animals

We will also be offering educational programs for all ages on Seal Harbor history, the "great controversies" on MDI (school consolidation, deer control, Park boundaries and others), a workshop on family genealogy and a class on MDI's geology. Our annual Strawberry Festival will take place on Tuesday, July 8.

*Membership in the Historical Society is open to everyone, and all residents of Mount Desert are invited to our educational programs and exhibits.* Please join us for lively, entertaining and very informative conversations and first-hand experiences in Mount Desert history. *History is fun for all ages!*

Charlotte Singleton
Executive Director

# DOWNEAST HORIZONS REPORT

Downeast Horizons

People Helping People

Downeast Horizons (DEH), founded in 1975, is an organization that assists adults and children with disabilities to find support for their individual needs and to exercise choices whenever possible that result in growth toward increasing and maintaining independence. All individuals supported by DEH have developmental disabilities including mental retardation; Autism and Asperger Syndrome; Down Syndrome; and some have multiple disabilities including physical handicaps.

***DEH provides the following supports and services:***

**Day Programs**
DEH has three day programs located in Bar Harbor on Route 3, Ellsworth on Union Street, and Deer Isle/Stonington in the Methodist Church. Activities include self-care and self-management skills; physical fitness; behavior management; sensory, motor, and psychological needs; interpersonal skills to cultivate supportive personal, family, work, and community relationships; and opportunities for participation in activities to promote social and community engagement.

**Evening Program**
DEH has one evening program located in Ellsworth. This program was developed to address schedule needs of program participants who had jobs or other day time commitments. Activities include self-care and self-management skills; physical fitness; behavior management; sensory, motor, and psychological needs; interpersonal skills to cultivate supportive personal, family, work, and community relationships; and opportunities for participation in activities to promote social and community engagement.

**Community Supports**
Individualized direct support is provided to individuals with the goal of increasing and maintaining social and community participation as well as maintaining and developing skills that support their health and well being.

**Residential Services**
We provide direct support to individuals in a residential setting. A team of trained Direct Service Professionals are provided to individuals to assist with activities that contribute to the person's health and well-being including eating, bathing, dressing, mobility, personal hygiene, and other activities of daily living.

**Employment Supports**
DEH provides supports to promote integrated, competitive employment for an individual. Direct support is provided to the person towards maintaining productivity and employment.

No clients, at present are paying any fees for services at Downeast Horizons. The Maine Department of Health and Human Services provides client-specific funding for each client (a combination of federal and state funds). However, due to recent discussions at the state level regarding cuts, there is a 4 percent reduction scheduled in current funding. The average cost to serve each DEH client is $35,714. For clients living in our group homes, that cost is more than double. We currently provide services to 6 clients from the town of Mount Desert and 18 from Mount Desert Island.

The $5,600 generously given by the citizens of Mount Desert in 2007 assisted in paying for safety/health building maintenance and repairs; staff training; and client motivation activities. In 2008, DEH will continue to target funds from the towns and individuals for these items.

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

# ACADIAN LITTLE LEAGUE REPORT

The Acadian Little League (ALL) has given children from Mount Desert the opportunity to participate in organized baseball and softball programs approximately 20 years. From children as young as seven who learn the fundamentals of the game, as well as teamwork and good sportsmanship, all the way up to skilled players as old as 17, ALL has served hundreds if not thousands of children over the years. The small yet generous subsidy from the Town of Mount Desert assists with the purchase of baseball and softball equipment, umpire and coaching training sessions, first-aid materials and training, as well as various fees associated with membership within Little League of America.

Participation in ALL not only grants participants the opportunity to learn the game of baseball of softball as part of a team, but it also gives children from Mount Desert the chance to play with and against players from surrounding communities as well, helping to promote friendships that would otherwise might not occur until high school, if at all. The same even goes for parents in the stands who are able to meet parents of young athletes from surrounding communities.

In addition to player participation, each season dozens of adults participate in the ALL by generously donating their time as volunteer coaches, assistants, and umpires, amongst other things. Thus, ALL not only benefits young baseball and softball players, but in many instances it is an activity that entire

families participate in as well. For these reasons, the Acadian Little League would like to ask for the continued financial support of the Town of Mount Desert.

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of the ALL Board of Directors,

Matt Hart

# AMERCIAN RED CROSS REPORT

The American Red Cross improves the quality of human life, enhances self-reliance and concern for others, and helps people avoid, prepare for and cope with emergencies. The Town of Mount Desert and Town residents have long been partners with your local Pine Tree Chapter of the American Red Cross. Together, we are saving lives.

Last year, the Pine Tree Chapter of the American Red Cross provided services to 53 citizens of the Town of Mount Desert. Every Town resident is eligible to make use of all Chapter services. Even though the Town of Mount Desert was fortunate enough to experience no house fires or other disasters needing Red Cross disaster services last year, those 53 town residents used other Pine Tree Chapter programs. The generous $500 municipal gift provided to the Chapter by the Town last year (and also for many previous years) helped the Chapter provide four important programs.

Disaster and Emergency Services (20% of Town funds to be on 24-hour standby) – food, clothing, shelter, medication replacement and emotional support to Mainers facing an unexpected house fire, flood, storm damage or other natural or man-made disaster; Armed Forces Emergency Services (25 % of Town funds for services to Town residents) – helping connect and serve more than 750 families of soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and Maine National Guard members and their loved ones in times of emergency including 6 from Mount Desert; Health and Safety Education and Training (45% of Town funds for services to Town residents) – First Aid, CPR, Life Saving, Water Safety and other programs to more than 10,000 Mainers, including 47 from Mount Desert; and Preparation Planning and Services (10% of Town funds for planning, exercises and materials) – to communities and local agencies, including the Hancock County Emergency Management Agency, to prepare for earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, storms, power outages, pandemic, toxic spills and other emergencies.

Town of Mount Desert support helps the Pine Tree Chapter of the American Red Cross provide critical services to people who live in Mount Desert. Other nearby communities support services for their residents throughout Hancock County. The Chapter receives no money from the national office of American Red Cross, federal government, state of Maine, or Hancock County.

The Board of Directors, volunteers and staff of the Pine Tree Chapter are grateful to the Town of Mount Desert and the many Town residents who so generously support the local disaster chapter of the American Red Cross.

# ISLAND CONNECTIONS REPORT

Island Connections works to help Senior Citizens and those with disabilities live independently while enjoying a strong quality of life. Our tag line "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" describes our approach. Volunteers Island wide provides the kind of assistance one neighbor routinely gives another: A ride to the doctor's office; delivery of a hot meal from the Community Kitchen; a telephone reassurance call.

A paid staff of two coordinates over 150 volunteers. In 2007 eighty Mount Desert residents received services over the course of the year. 27 residents received rides on 865 occasions. We work closely with the Mount Desert Nursing Service.

Thank you residents of Mount Desert for your continuing support of Island Connections! If you'd like to volunteer or know of someone who could use our services, please call our office at 288-4457.

# MOUNT DESERT NURSING ASSOCIATION REPORT

## Community Health Nurse's Annual Town Report

**MOUNT DESERT NURSING ASSOCIATION**
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Patient visit statistics for July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007:

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| July 2006 | 180 visits | January 2007 | 156 visits |
| August 2006 | 201 visits | February 2007 | 144 visits |
| September 2006 | 172 visits | March 2007 | 202 visits |
| October 2006 | 280 visits | April 2007 | 133 visits |
| November 2006 | 242 visits | May 2007 | 180 visits |
| December 2006 | 148 visits | June 2007 | 144 visits |

Total – 2182 visits
Number of individuals served: 292

The Mt. Desert Nursing Association is a private, non profit community health agency that receives no third party reimbursement. We offer home health care to those without insurance or with needs that are not covered by insurance. Sources of support come from fund drives, a town stipend, an endowment and a modest sliding fee scale. Patients determine what they feel they can afford and no one is denied services based on their ability to pay. We also offer office based nursing care, maintain a free "loan closet" of durable medical equipment and we sponsor free community education and health screenings.

The Nursing Association is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, staffed by two registered nurses and an administrative assistant and is licensed by the State of Maine.

With the increase in the elderly population now and projected into the future the need for our services increases everyday. The State of Maine ranks highest in the number of elderly in the nation with Hancock County first in the state and with Mount Desert Island specifically recognized as having the most elderly in the county. Our patient census and number of visits increase each year and the need for funds to increase staffing and maintain a viable and credible organization is essential. Every day we turn the light on is an act of faith.

We have made over 80 referrals to approximately 16 outside agencies which serves as an example of the community support available and the care manager aspect of the nurse's role. We gave 149 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. The Northeast Harbor Ambulance was summoned 7 times and we provided phlebotomy a total of 78 times as well as welcoming 3 new babies to our community.

Our quality improvement program has continued quarterly patient record reviews of active and inactive charts. The Program & Personnel Committee completes an annual review of nursing policies and procedures. In February the Nursing Association passed the State Licensing evaluation with 100% compliance.

Our loan closet continues to serve the community with durable medical equipment. Over 88 individuals have accessed our inventory this past year saving hundreds of consumer dollars in insurance claims.

MDNA is represented on the Healthy Aging Task Force, Island Connections, The Maternal Child Health Advisory Board at Downeast Health, Mt. Desert Triad, PAN Flu working group, MDI Hospital wound committee, 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 Dr. Beatrice Szantyr, Lyme Disease expert; Irene Greene-Murphy LCSW, "Cognitive Behavioral Therapy"; Christy Suvlu RN, Women's Health Practitioner on Menopause Before, During & After; 3 Health Assessment Days, Abby Chapel Luncheon Blood Pressure checks, 3 cooking classes – "Fats of Life", "Healthy Fast Meals", "Gluten Free Cooking", weekly TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meetings with a guest appearance by Peter Loiselle and the Southwest Harbor and MDI Hospital Health Fairs.

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
Kim Horton, RN – Per Diem
Holly Cozzi-Burr, RN – Per Diem
Patti Billings – Administrative Assistant

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

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

Our Board consists of the following:

Joelle Nolan - President
Ann Strohacker - Vice President
Michael Silva - Treasurer
Karen Pinkham – Secretary

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| Anne-Marie DeRevere | Paula Knudsen, R.N. | Patricia Scull (lifetime member) |
| Robert Falt | Dr. Julian Kuffler | Geddes Simpson |
| Dr. Samuel Fox | Connie Madeira (lifetime member) | Priscilla Smith |
| Ruth Fraley (lifetime member) | Sally Merchant | Geraldine Sweet |
| Mary Glass, R.N. | Sandra Modeen | Jean Taylor |
| Kate Harrington | Linda Pomerleau | Dr. Mary Telsey |
| Lydia Kimball | Kent Schmidt | |

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

It has been said that Home Care will soon be the center of all health care in America. We need look no further than the 78 million Baby Boomers who will need such services to live independently in their own homes. Private pay home care programs have begun to proliferate in response to this need, a need so great it will severely test this nation to provide care to those who must look to others for their care and protection. To quote Miss Lucy Barker R.N. in her annual report of 1956 "Public Health Nurses will always be needed to protect the vulnerable".

In closing I thank the Board of Directors and the town of Mt. Desert for their foresight and continued support for MDNA

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

# HOSPICE OF HANCOCK COUNTY REPORT

To the residents of the Town of Mount Desert:

Thank you for your support for Hospice of Hancock County during the past year! We count on our partnerships with neighbors like you who make our volunteer hospice service possible.

During the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Hospice of Hancock County was here to receive requests for patient care support and comfort for 155 residents of Hancock County who were living at the end of life and their families, including eight (8) residents of the Town our 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, Hospice of Hancock County's *Caring Hearts Bereavement Program* provided over 1400 gestures of support to individuals of all ages, including seven (7) 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 in-service training for community organizations. In 2007, HOHC sponsored the third annual *Caring Hearts Day Camp* for families and children dealing with the loss of a loved one, which served forty-five (45) people. Managing grief in healthy ways 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 since 1980. 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 (98 Patient Care and 29 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.

# MOUNT DESERT LAND AND GARDEN PRESERVE REPORT

## (Asticou Azalea Garden, Thuya Garden and Lodge and Asticou Terraces)

The blaze orange fencing, heavy equipment, and towering dike at the Asticou Azalea Garden pond have undoubtedly been a source of discussion and speculation around the coffee pot this past winter. Some may recall similar happenings twenty-five years ago when the pond was last dredged and Nelson Sennett feared his backhoe was lost forever in the pond's soft underbelly. Periodic dredging of the pond is needed to remove silt and sedimentation that would eventually turn the clear, reflective waters into a bog-like environment inhabited by aquatic flora if left to the natural process of eutrophication. Unlike in 1983, the spoils of dredging can't be randomly used around town to fill gullies or enhance garden beds with its rich nutrients. But they can and will be used on site to create natural looking contours sloping down to the pond that will serve as beds for new plantings along the western border of the garden and as sound barriers shielding the interior of the garden from traffic noise. It will take time to complete the garden plan, and we ask for your patience as Mary Roper and her crew of talented gardeners develop the landscape into a beautiful expansion of the garden over the next several seasons.

Thuya Garden and Asticou Terraces undertook two significant projects in 2007. The first was the repaving of Thuya Drive that has resulted in a greatly improved and safer road, and the second was the completion of a conservation assessment and cultural landscape assessment of the Thuya Lodge and surrounding lands. Both the Azalea and Thuya Gardens are very grateful to the many generous donors who made all of these projects possible.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Charles K. Savage's work designing and building the Asticou Azalea and Thuya Gardens. The Land & Garden Preserve will commemorate the anniversary with the publication of two books on the histories of the two gardens. Celebration events are also planned including an exhibit of the "Island Design Legacy of Charles K. Savage" at the Northeast Harbor Library, the reenactment of an evening lantern stroll in the Azalea Garden in July, and jazz harp music by Liza Rey Butler in Thuya Garden in August.

More information about these community events and other news of the gardens can be found on our webpage: www.gardenpreserve.com

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Plenty, Executive Director

# HOUSING AUTHORITY REPORT

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**Annual Report**

**Town of Mount Desert Housing Authority**

The Town of Mount Desert Housing Authority provided housing for eighteen (18) elderly and disabled families during 2007. 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 $250,223.00. This reduces the number of families that would normally be requesting assistance from the town.

Payment in lieu of taxes for 2007 $3,817.51

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 second Monday 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@emdlha.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Karol A. Hagberg

Karol Hagberg, Chairperson
Town of Mount Desert Housing Authority

## TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT HOLIDAYS 2008

| HOLIDAY | DAY/DATE TO BE OBSERVED |
|---|---|
| New Year's Day | Tuesday, January 1 |
| Martin Luther King Day | Monday, January 21 |
| President's Day | Monday, February 18 |
| Patriot's Day** | Monday, April 21 |
| Memorial Day | Monday, May 26 |
| Independence Day | Friday, July 4 |
| Labor Day | Monday, September 1 |
| Columbus Day | Monday, October 13 |
| Veteran's Day | Wednesday, November 11 |
| Thanksgiving<br>and | Thursday November 27<br>Friday November 28 |
| Christmas Day | Thursday, December 25 |

# REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT TO VOLUNTEER BOARD OR COMMITTEE

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

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: Home _____

_____ Work _____

Fax - _____ E-mail: _____

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

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

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

If yes, please describe your experience: _____

_____

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

_____

What about this appointment interests you? _____

_____

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

_____

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

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

# APPLICATION FOR RURAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM BENEFITS

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

***Location of Property***: Tax Map _____ Lot ____

**All property taxes must be paid no later than December 1st of the benefit year.**

***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):

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_____

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

**Town of Mount Desert**
**Application Procedure**

## 5.0 Application Procedure

**5.1** Application required: Applications for benefits under this ordinance must be made in writing, on forms to be prescribed by the LPI's office. Forms for this purpose shall be made available through the LPI's office, the Treasurer's office, and as an enclosure or attachment to the annual Town report.

**5.2** Application deadline: All initial applications for benefit payments under this ordinance must be received by the Town no later than April 30th to be considered for payment of benefits during that year. Initial applications received after May 1st shall be considered for approval, with approved payments to begin during the next fiscal year following the application date.

**5.3** Information required:

A. An initial application under this section must include a copy of the State subsurface wastewater permit and installer's construction data with respect to the system concerned. This requirement may be waived by the Town's LPI, if the information concerned is already on file with the Town at the time of the application, or if the applicant complies with (B) below.

B. For any private wastewater treatment system constructed or installed more than four (4) years prior to the application date, the application must include a copy of a recent (less than four years old) inspection report by a LPI or other qualified professional. This requirement may be waived by the Town's LPI, if the information concerned is already on file with the Town at the time of the application.

**5.4** Processing and approval: Initial applications shall be reviewed by the Town LPI, who shall determine and note on the application whether the applicant qualifies as defined in this ordinance.

The LPI shall approve only those applications for which the application information or the Inspector's personal inspection demonstrates that the residence concerned is located in the rural area, the applicant qualifies for the Maine Resident Homestead Exemption Program as determined by the Tax Assessor, and the system concerned has been constructed or installed and is functioning in accordance with the State plumbing code and all other applicable code and permit requirements.

Following final approval by the Town LPI, a list of approved applicants shall be forwarded to the Town Treasurer for payment of the appropriate benefit amount.

**5.5** Subsequent Years: An approved application shall remain in force unless the Town LPI determines that the original applicant or property is no longer eligible for the benefit payment due to title transfer; change of residency; change in use; extension of the Town's public wastewater treatment system; failure to maintain the private wastewater treatment in compliance with applicable codes and permits; failure to provide inspection reports; or other causes. The LPI shall prepare and annually review list of previously qualified applicants to determine their continuing eligibility.

In addition, as a condition of continuing eligibility, approved applicants shall provide the LPI with a report of inspection of the system concerned by a LPI or other qualified inspector, at least once every four years. An applicant shall not be eligible to receive a benefit payment for any year in which the information or reports required under this section has not been provided. If the applicant requests the LPI to perform inspection of the system, the following shall be required:

A. The applicant shall notify the LPI that the tank will be pumped 24 hours prior to pumping.

B. The applicant shall be responsible for uncovering all ports on the top of the tank(s) for inspection.

C. The tank shall not be covered until it has been inspected by the LPI.

# AUDIT

Reserve 13 pages for audit

To be supplied at a later date