

Town of Mount Desert



2008 ANNUAL REPORT

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

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

Y – Yes, this action is required or permitted.

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

M – Majority vote required

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name	Title	Email Address
Michael MacDonald	Manager	manager@mtdesert.org
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Jennifer McWain	Deputy Clerk	jmcwain@mtdesert.org
Margaret Porter	Clerical I	mporter@mtdesert.org
Danielle Goodwin	Clerical II	dgoodwin@mtdesert.org
Kyle Avila	Assessor	assess@mtdesert.org
Kimberly Keene	Code Enforcement	ceo@mtdesert.org
Mike Bender	Fire Chief	firechief@mtdesert.org
James Willis	Police Chief	jwillis@mdpolice.org
Tony Smith	Public Works Director	director@mtdesert.org
Shawn Murphy	Harbor Master	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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Recycling center is located at town garage on Sargeant Drive.
(about 1/2 mile south of intersection with Route 198)

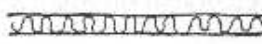
PAPER

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 OFFICIALS

Board of Selectmen

Patrick Smallidge	Vice Chairman	2009
James R. Mooers	Secretary	2010
Jeffrey Smith	Chairman	2010
Jean Bonville		2011
Charles Bucklin		2011

School Board

Gail Marshall		2009
Laura Hendricks		2009
Heather Jones	Chariman	2010
Brian Reilly	Vice Chariman	2010
Charles Wray		2011

School Board Trustees

Edward Bonville		2009
Michael Musetti		2010
George Peckham, Jr.		2011

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Administrative

Michael R. MacDonald	Town Manager
Joelle D. Nolan	Town Clerk
Jennifer McWain	Deputy Clerk
Margaret Porter	Clerical I
Danielle Goodwin	Clerical II
John A. Graves	Director of Finance and Administration
Jennifer McWain	Executive Assistant
Danielle Goodwin	Reception
John A. Graves	Treasurer and Tax Collector
Joelle D. Nolan	Deputy Tax Collector/Treasurer
Margaret Porter	Deputy Tax Collector/Treasurer
Kyle Avila	Assessor
Kimberly Keene	Code Enforcement Officer
Michael Bender	Emergency Management Director
Michael R. MacDonald	Health Officer
Kimberly Keene	Plumbing Inspector
Joelle D. Nolan	Registrar of Voters
Jennifer McWain	Deputy Registrar of Voters

Police Department

James Willis	Police Chief
Kevin Edgecomb	Sargeant
John Wardwell	Police Officer
Leigh Guildford	Police Officer
Travis Frost	Police Officer
Christopher Wharff	Police Officer
Jacob Day	Police Officer
Ed Montague	Part Time Officer
Troy Richardson	Part Time Officer
Jeff Hunter	Part Time Officer
Mike Allen	Part Time Officer
Chris Pitman	Part Time Officer
Ken Mitchell	Part Time Officer
Lorraine Bracy	Dispatcher
Matthew Heel	Dispatcher
Marie Barnes	Dispatcher
Marie Overlock	Dispatcher
Rod O'Conner	Part Time Dispatcher
Laura Snyder	Part Time Dispatcher
Bob Courtot	Part Time Dispatcher
John Shoppe	Part Time Dispatcher

Fire Department

Amile Bacon	Basil Mahaney
Sam Blanchard	Chris Marzolf
Casey Bunker	Mark Middleton
Stuart Burr	Steve Montminy
Luke Damon	Chris Moore
Bobby Dodge	Robert Norwood
Bob Foster	Bob Pyle
Andrew Flanagan	Norris Reddish
David Higgins	Joe Renault
Chase Hobbs	Tony Smith
Tony Hoff	Harvey Stradley
Andy Horner	Kevin Stradley
Kate Joseph	John Sweet
Michael Kelley	Thomas Wallace
Fred Lippucci	Bruce Walton
	John Wheatley

Public Works Department

Tony Smith	Director of Public Works
Kenneth A. Poors	Superintendent
Philip Frost	Highway
Royce Gordon	Highway
Benjamin Jacobs	Highway
Joseph Jacobs	Highway
David Knowlton	Highway
Leon Peasley	Highway
Kevin Stradley	Highway
Michael Pokoney	Refuse Collection
Ryan Dunbar	Refuse Collection
Fred King	Recycling Attendent
Jonathan Merchant	Pollution Control Facility
Chuck Croan	Pollution Control Facility
Edward Montague	Pollution Control Facility
Terry Savage	Pollution Control Facility

Town Office & Parks
Karl Richard

Buildings and Grounds

Harbor Master

Shawn Murphy	Harbor Master
John Lemoine	Deputy Harbor Master

Shellfish Wardens

Kevin Edgecomb	Shellfish Warden
Shawn Murphy	Shellfish Warden
John Lemoine	Shellfish Warden

BOARDS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Board of Assessment Review	James	Bright	2010
Board of Assessment Review	William	Phillips	2009
Board of Assessment Review	Julianna	Reddish	2009
Board of Assessment Review			2008
Board of Assessment Review	John	Doyle	2011
Housing Authority	Alice	Carter	2013
Housing Authority	Dan	Falt	2012
HA Tenant Commissioner	Holly	Manheim	2010
HA Tenant Commissioner	Gloria	Munson	2012
Housing Authority	Wanda	Fernald	2013
Housing Authority	Karol	Hagberg	2014
Housing Authority	Chris	Schleif	2012
Planning Board	Schofield	Andrews III	2010
Planning Board	Patti	Reilly	2009
Planning Board	Joseph	Tracy	2010
Planning Board	James	Clunan	2011
Planning Board	James	Bright	2011
Planning Board	Gerard	Miller	2010
Planning Board		Open	2009
Zoning Board of Appeals	Ernest	Coombs	2011
Zoning Board of Appeals	William	Ferm	2009
Zoning Board of Appeals	George	Lauriat	2009
Zoning Board of Appeals	Thomas	Richardson	2009
Zoning Board of Appeals	Jerome	Suminsby	2010
Zoning Board of Appeals	Kevin	Walls	2010
Zoning Board of Appeals	Harry	Madeira	2011
Committees			
Comprehensive Plan Committee	Samuel	Fox	2009
Comprehensive Plan Committee	Brian	Reilly	2009
Comprehensive Plan Committee	Sydney	Roberts-Rockefeller	2009
Comprehensive Plan Committee	Jerome	Suminsby	2009
Investment Committee	John	Brown	2009
Investment Committee	John	Macauley	2009
Investment Committee	Michael	MacDonald	ex officio
Investment Committee		Open	
Investment Committee	Jerome	Suminsby	2009
Investment Committee	John	Graves	ex officio
Investment Committee	James	Mooers	2009
Marine Management Committee	James	Bright	2010
Marine Management Committee	Edward	Bromage	2010
Marine Management Committee	Jock	Crothers	2010
Marine Management Committee	Tom	Fernald	2010
Marine Management Committee	William	Johnston	2010
Marine Management Committee	Eric	Jones	2009
Marine Management Committee	Story	Litchfield	2010
Marine Management Committee	Christopher	Moore	2009
Marine Management Committee	Shawn	Murphy	0
Marine Management Committee	Doug	Randolph-Foster	2009
Marine Management Committee	Richard	Savage	2009
Marine Management Committee	James	Black	2010
Marine Management Committee	Dana	Haynes	2010

Public Protection Committee	Michael	Bender	
Public Protection Committee	James	Willis	
Public Protection Committee	Anthony	Smith	
Public Protection Committee	Dennis	Shubert	
Public Protection Committee	Shawn	Murphy	
Public Protection Committee	James	Mooers	
Public Protection Committee	Mary Lee	Bayne	
Public Protection Committee	Katherine	Bell	
Public Protection Committee	Marilyn	Damon	
Shellfish Conservation Committee	Jock	Crothers	2010
Shellfish Conservation Committee	Benjamin	Hamor	2010
Shellfish Conservation Committee	Steven	Hamor, Jr.	2010
Shellfish Conservation Committee	Steve	Hamor, Sr.	2010
Shellfish Conservation Committee	Harvey	Heel	2010
Shellfish Conservation Committee	Michael	Kelley	2010
Shellfish Conservation Committee	Scott	Merchant	2010
Shellfish Conservation Committee	Earl	Moore	2010
Shellfish Conservation Committee	Ernest	Smallidge	2009
Shellfish Conservation Committee	Robert	Taylor	2010
Shellfish Conservation Committee	Barry	Thomas	2009
Shellfish Conservation Committee	Tom	Falt	2010
Solid Waste & Recycle Committee	KC	Salter	2009
Solid Waste & Recycle Committee	Michael	Olson	2009
Solid Waste & Recycle Committee	Tony	Smith	2009
Solid Waste & Recycle Committee	Chris	Breedlove	2009
Solid Waste & Recycle Committee	William	Burnett	2009
Solid Waste & Recycle Committee	Melvin	Everly	2009
Solid Waste & Recycle Committee	Mildred	Johnson	2009
Solid Waste & Recycle Committee	Phil	Lichtenstein	2009
Solid Waste & Recycle Committee	Lewis	Moore	2009
Solid Waste & Recycle Committee	Robert	Patterson	2009
Solid Waste & Recycle Committee	Nancy	Turner	2009
Technology Committee	John	Brown	2009
Technology Committee	Brent	Hamor	2009
Technology Committee	Dwight	Lanpher	2009
Technology Committee	Jerome	Suminsby	2009
Traffic Committee	Samuel	Coplon	2009
Traffic Committee	Jean	Fernald	2009
Traffic Committee	Katherine	Fernald	2009
Traffic Committee	Phyllis	Partridge	2009
Traffic Committee	Diane	Young	2009
Traffic Committee	Sydney	Roberts-Rockefeller	2009
Traffic Committee	Anthony	Smith	2009
Traffic Committee	James	Willis	2009

Warrant Committee	Dirck	Bradt	2012
Warrant Committee	Ellen	Brawley	2009
Warrant Committee	Matthew	Bucklin	2012
Warrant Committee	William	Burnett	2011
Warrant Committee	Owen	Craighead Jr	2009
Warrant Committee	Anne	Dalton	2011
Warrant Committee	Robert	Dodge	2009
Warrant Committee	E Pat	Foster	2009
Warrant Committee	Gary	Fountain	2009
Warrant Committee	John	Gannon	2011
Warrant Committee	Gail	Gee	2009
Warrant Committee	Mark	Hamlet	2009
Warrant Committee	Albert	Hamor	2010
Warrant Committee	David	Higgins	2011
Warrant Committee	William	Hodgkins	2009
Warrant Committee	Phil	Lichtenstein	2010
Warrant Committee	Gerard	Miller	2009
Warrant Committee	Norris	Reddish	2010
Warrant Committee	Julianna	Reddish	2009
Warrant Committee	Richard	Savage	2010
Warrant Committee	Michael	Shattow	2010
Warrant Committee	Robert	Shea	2011
Warrant Committee	Seth	Singleton	2010
Warrant Committee	William	Ferm	2009
Warrant Committee	John	Macauley	2009
Warrant Committee	Thomas	Richardson	2009
Water District Trustee	Elsie	Baum	2010
Water District Trustee	Karen	Coombs	2010
Water District Trustee	Alan	Joseph	2009
Water District Trustee	Harry	Madeira	2011
Water District Trustee	Stephen	Zirnkilton	2011

What about the Rural Wastewater Support Program?

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

BOARD OF SELECTMEN CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Board of Selectman would like to express their appreciation to the Town's employees, staff and volunteers whose service enabled Mount Desert to function successfully this year.

We especially commend the exemplary actions of Mount Desert's emergency services personnel and supporters. As we all know our community was plagued with four serious fires in the past year. The coordinated actions of our staff, volunteers, citizens and our help from our neighbors through mutual aid prevented serious situations from becoming true catastrophes. The Board is well aware of the dedication of all who serve our town and place themselves in harm's way. We would also like to express our gratitude to the families who support and sacrifice a part of their home life when family members step up to the plate.

One of the most contentious and public issues facing our town this year was our relationship and place within the newly formed school district. The Board thanks our own School Board. Through their efforts local control, local ownership and local democratic involvement were maintained in our school in the face of threats against all three.

The Board and town staff is working diligently to correct areas of weakness and concern in the business of the town. The concerns and criticisms enumerated in the auditor's management letter have been largely rectified. The work is not yet complete but the town is committed to bringing the entire house in order as soon as possible. Our involvement in bringing high speed internet access to the entire town is continuing. Our stated goal when we first partnered with Red Zone was to provide internet services to as close to one hundred percent of our citizens as humanly possible. We will continue to work toward this goal.

The Board would like to also recognize the infrastructure improvements that have been accomplished this year. Through competitive grants, staff creativity and being ever mindful of tax dollars, we seek to not just maintain but improve the quality of place that is our town. Looking to the year ahead Mount Desert will be completing the reconstruction of the Somesville Treatment Plant, continuing our road improvement projects and improving town services to our citizens and visitors.

Issues such as sewer plant improvement, town owned building rehabilitation, land utilization and harbor renovations are before us. Your participation will enable the town to make wiser decisions. The Board is committed to bringing issues to your attention but more importantly listening to the issues that you bring before us. It is often prudent for those who serve the town to realize that we should frequently take the cotton out of our ears and place it in our mouths. This is a cooperative undertaking and one that we look forward to in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Smith
Patrick Smallidge

Chairmen of the Board



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MOUNT DESERT SCHOOL BOARD

MOUNT DESERT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On behalf of the members of the Mount Desert School Committee, we thank the community for its trust and support of our school. We have had the pleasure of supporting our school and staff in their growth and their desire (and accomplishment) to meet each child's needs while our school continued to experience turbulent times around the school consolidation effort.

This past year, we maintained our support of the RPC (Regional Planning Committee) in their effort to preserve our school structure and system. We were rewarded with the opportunity to become an AOS (Alternative Organizational Structure). While we essentially remain the same, many lessons were learned along the way. Out of that some processes were redefined or new ones created in order to be more efficient and remain current with the times. On another note, we are about to complete our first three-year Teacher Contract in common with the other island towns, and this past fall we began negotiations for another Teacher Contract in common. Five years ago, several Board members from the four island towns and teachers from the schools had the foresight to begin laying the ground work for common contracts within our school union. Since this was not a forced issue, we have amicably been able to negotiate another contract.

With the school consolidation issue behind us, we look forward to focusing on our individual school and offering support to the administration. Our board is made up of five residents: Laura Hendricks, Gail Marshall, Brian Reilly, Charles Wray and I. We meet the first Wednesday of each month and welcome you to attend. Thank you again for your support and trust as we navigate through these financially turbulent times.

Heather Jones, Chair

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

As we transition from a calendar year fiscal year to a July to June fiscal year, part of this report will cover the period of January 2008 through June 2008, our "six month budget" and the remainder will cover the calendar year to December 2008. The six-month period was relatively "quiet" in terms of activity as the Board of Selectmen had directed this six-month budget be a minimum budget, without capital spending, new programs or initiatives. We managed to keep the ship afloat and headed in the right direction until we received our 2007 audit. The audit pointed out some serious flaws in our finances and our Finance Director resigned. Town staff took the Auditor's comments seriously and immediately implemented some of the control measures recommended.

Our new July to June fiscal saw Town staff working diligently to complete the tax commitment and billing process, producing the tax bills with only minimum delay. The new Tax Club process began with all the quirks and problems any new system brings at start up. By November the Tax Club process had become routine.

Summer of 2008 we began a search for a new Finance Director with applicants from all over New England and from as far away as Colorado. John Graves of Brooklin Maine was hired. John worked for the City of San Jose and in 2001 and retired after twenty-six years, He concluded his career as their Conventions Arts and Entertainment Department Fiscal Officer. John joined our Finance Department in September and immediately began working on the issues identified in the Auditor's Management letter. Other significant events of the calendar year include the Northeast Harbor Waterfront renovation project. As Harbor Master Murphy outlines in his report, this project envisions updates to our parking facilities, Harbor Master building, traffic and pedestrian safety and a friendlier greener space near the harbor.

During July our Fire Department was very busy with a major fire on Main Street in Northeast Harbor . As Chief Bender writes in his department report regional cooperation and mutual aid likely prevented a disaster. Congratulations and good job to all the fire crews. Their efforts were recognized by a community sponsored "thank you" barbecue picnic, offering everyone the opportunity to share the impact the fire had on their lives.

The Main Street fire once again proved that people that live and work in Mount Desert really do care. Police Chief Willis' report covers the period of our six-month budget and does not include the details of his department's involvement with the Main Street fire. One of Chief Willis' officers received a citation for bravery for likely saving the life of a resident of one of the buildings involved in the fire. Officer Chris Wharff risked his own life to check a burning building after he was notified that the building was inhabited. Officer Wharff received a citation from the Maine Police Chiefs Association for his actions.

As Public Works Director Smith's report details our Public Works Department was busy with supervising replacement of our Somesville wastewater treatment plant, dealing with the effects of our second five hundred year rain event that washed out Hall Quarry Road and the scheduled paving and street rehabilitation projects. Director Smith's report provides much greater detail on the department's activities.

Our Town Office staff continue to provide an excellent level of service . Many residents and visitors comment on the friendly caring atmosphere and attitude of the staff. Maintaining a high customer service level is the goal of all staff members. Each and every Town of Mount Desert employee recognizes that our residents and taxpayers are our customers and we acknowledge that it is our responsibility to continue to justify the confidence our customers have in us.

I would be remiss in not acknowledging the countless hours our citizen volunteers donate to our community. Our town is a better place because of the dedication of residents working for the betterment of all. Please review the list of names of volunteers on various committees and if you have an opportunity express your thank you for their service. Again, the entire Town of Mount Desert staff thanks you for the opportunity to serve this wonderful community.

Michael MacDonald, Town Manager

FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT

I am delighted to be serving as your Director of Finance. Since joining the Town in September 2008, I am impressed with the management team that Town Manager Mike MacDonald has put together to lead the Town of Mount Desert and the leadership provided by the Board of Selectmen.

When I came on board, the Finance Department was under a dark cloud from a critical audit of its 2007 Operations. The most critical recommendations of the audit centered on timely depositing and accounting for cash receipts, as well as, the loss of a \$14,944 deposit. Other major recommendations addressed the failure to place liens on the uncollected 2006 outstanding taxes, the need to perform monthly reconciliations of bank accounts, payroll deductions, accounts receivable, taxes and liens receivable, state liabilities and timely transfer of funds to and from the investment reserve account.

It should be noted that at the end of 2007, the town was involved in two critical projects that heavily impacted the Finance Department's ability to conduct day-to-day operations. The first was the conversion from a calendar operating year format to a fiscal year format. This required the ending of the accounting year to move from December to June, and resulted in the interim six month budget and fiscal year for 2008. The second was the implementation of a new accounting software system. Both of these projects are, at the best of times, very labor intensive. To have attempted them both at the same time without additional staff was, perhaps, overly ambitious. The 2007 Audit reflects the difficulty staff experienced with both implementing the new systems and maintaining daily operations. This transition is still on-going. At this point, individual staff members have learned how to operate the new system to complete their tasks. We need to develop and put in place new procedures along with appropriate operating manuals to allow for cross training so staff can do one another's duties. I have also found that the department needs formal written fiscal policies and procedures which will have to be developed and put into place along with the desk manuals for the accounting software.

I am happy to report that by the time I was hired, the most critical problems identified in the 2007 Audit had been addressed. The lost deposit was identified, and the individuals who had paid by check that day have been contacted and have, with the exception of two individuals, reissued new checks, so the total loss was limited to about \$1,400. During the last six months of 2007, the town used the cash receipting module of the newly adopted system which required the daily cash receipts be posted to the general ledger in the old system. This was not always done on a timely basis. The problem was resolved with the complete conversion to the new system. Staff now makes daily cash deposits at the bank. Staff also filed liens on the outstanding 2007 taxes to insure their ultimate collection and to protect the town's interest. The Town has a policy

in place to apply tax payments to the oldest outstanding balance, so ultimately the 2006 taxes will be collected as future years are paid. By the time you get this report, the outstanding 2008 property taxes will have been converted to liens, thus insuring their ultimate collection. In addition, Kathi Mahar, who was hired as an interim bookkeeper, was able to bring all of the reconciliations up-to-date. Kathi is a very knowledgeable accountant and has been an invaluable resource to me since assuming the position. Thank you very much, Kathi. The 2008 Audit of Financial Operations dropped most of the findings issued in the 2007 Audit.

Since coming on board, all my energies have been directed to understanding the day-to-day operations of the Department, mastering the intricacies of Maine Property Tax Law, learning the accounting software, and developing and implementing adequate operating controls and practices. We began with those areas I considered most critical in protecting the Town's financial interests, and will continue to work our way down the list in the order of importance. Bank reconciliations have been an area of focus and I am happy to report that they are now being done monthly. The investment reserve accounts have been updated and we have established controls to see that funds are transferred on a timely basis. Staff has begun regular reconciliations of the payroll liabilities and deduction accounts, and the outstanding taxes and tax liens accounts, but we are not yet doing them monthly. Still a goal. We have not yet begun to deal with the accounts receivables or the state liabilities. A whole new approach needs to be developed for these areas and put in place. The problem here is that there just has not been time to do this.

So, we still have a ways to go. Next fiscal year should see successful resolution of the major accounting issues as pointed out in the 2007 Audit and improvements made to the department's operations. Hopefully, the creation written of policies and procedures will have moved beyond the writing of desk manuals, which are critically needed to properly implement the accounting software. Right now, individual staff members know how to do their jobs, but we need to have detailed manuals for cross training purposes to allow others to fill in when any member of the staff is out. Also my knowledge of the position will grow with the second time around. The best part of this job, besides the challenge, is that I am blessed by a wonderful, knowledgeable and willing staff. Everybody on board wants to put this period of turmoil behind us and focus on delivering the best possible service to the citizens of Mount Desert. I understand that implementing new practices and procedures will not always be pretty and may lead to legitimate debate.

2008 OUTSTANDING TAXES

Due to the short year and truncated collection period for the 2008 taxes, I have chosen to show the outstanding tax information as of February 28, 2009 instead of year's end (June 30, 2008). I have chosen to do this, as the 2008 tax commitment was made on March 5, 2008, and the tax bills had only been in the hands of the community for twelve weeks before the close of the fiscal year. At that point, 370 real estate tax accounts had not been paid. Normally, tax bills have been in the hands of the community for at least six months before the outstanding taxes are reported in the Annual Report. As of February 28, 2009, only fifty 2008 property tax accounts were still outstanding. I will resume the practice of showing the outstanding accounts as of year's end in the 2009 Annual Report. At that time, individuals will have had a year's time to settle their

account. It should be noted that as this report goes to press, liens will have been paced against the 2008 accounts over \$10.00 that have not been settled.

2008 OUTSTANDING REAL ESTATE TAXES AS OF FEB. 28, 2009

ANDERSON, FAYELLE H	170.28	LEDDY, THOMAS F	1,874.34
ART'S PLACE LLC	1,255.68	LEDDY, THOMAS F	1,355.58
ATWOOD, ERNEST A HEIRS	72.00	LIBITZKI, EDWARD M	740.34
BIDDLE, GARDINER S	632.70	LORING, MARTHA S **	888.84
BUTLER, JILLAINÉ	1,204.02	MCILHENNY THOMPSON PRTNR	6,346.26
CARTER, CARL C	309.96	MCKEETON, DERF T	7.35
CERVA, BARBARA	1,539.54	MERCHANT, WAYNE **	853.74
CLARK, SCOTT	16.74	PERRY, MARILYN E.	389.34
COLSON, TRASI **	4.13	REEVE, LAWRENCE L TRUSTEE	2,466.18
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DAVIS, BRIAN	660.78	ROBINSON, JIM & JANA	1,061.82
DEBEAUHERNAIS, PETER	385.92	RUDMANN, SALLY V	286.20
DODGE, ROBERT	383.94	RUDMANN, SALLY V	560.88
DODGE, ROBERT L.	379.80	SANNE, ERIC J	66.21
ELLMAN NEIGHBORHOOD, LLC	9.06	SHULTZ, DAVID	23.22
FARNSWORTH, JEFF	19.26	SMALLIDGE, STEPHEN HEIRS	25.38
FOX, PETER	312.66	SMALLIDGE, STEPHEN HEIRS	25.38
HAMOR, EDD B & ASSOC.	273.78	SMALLIDGE, STEPHEN HEIRS.	25.38
HAYNES, BLAINE	870.66	SMALLIDGE, WARREN HEIRS	256.50
HAYNES, BLAINE	555.48	SMITH, STEPHEN S	192.60
HAYNES, STEVEN L	411.48	SOUND HOUSE LLC	261.90
HAYNES, TERRANCE L	76.44	STONE, JOSEF	991.26
HO, JONATHAN R. **	803.88	THOMAS, TIMOTHY J **	325.26
JOHNSTON, JOHN E	1,288.62	VAN ALÉN, JUDITH F **	95.58
LEADBURY, FANNIE HEIRS	72.36	VAN ALÉN, JUDITH F **	1,593.72
LEDDY, THOMAS F	1,201.68	VAN ALÉN, JUDITH F TRUSTEE **	<u>5,318.28</u>

** Taxes have been fully paid after
March 1, 2009

TOTAL 2008 OUTSTANDING
TAXES

38,942.39

2007 OUTSTANDING REAL ESTATE LIENS

ART'S PLACE LLC	4,070.08	HAYNES, BLAINE	3,761.10
BIDDLE, GARDINER S	1,777.25	HAYNES, BLAINE	1,825.21
BUTLER, JILLAINÉ	3,904.46	HAYNES, STEVEN L	844.89
CLARK, SCOTT	97.99	LIBITZKI, EDWARD M	675.97
DAVIS, BRIAN	112.76	PERRY, MARILYN E.	1,292.56
DEBEAUHERNAIS, PETER	1,147.04	RUDMANN, SALLY V	961.89
DODGE, ROBERT	1,503.20	RUDMANN, SALLY V	1,842.52
DODGE, ROBERT	1,275.25	SHULTZ, DAVID	118.77

DODGE, ROBERT L. **	1,261.97	SOUND HOUSE LLC	883.99
FARNSWORTH, JEFF	106.07	STONE, JOSEF	3,222.34
FOX, PETER	867.83	THOMAS, TIMOTHY J **	<u>1,087.12</u>

** Liens have been fully paid after
March 1, 2009

TOTAL 2007 OUTSTANDING
LIENS

32,640.26

2006 OUTSTANDING REAL ESTATE TAXES

ART'S PLACE LLC	1,823.94	HAYNES, BLAINE	1,677.01
CLARK, SCOTT	80.29	PERRY, MARILYN E.	1,272.09
DEBEAUHERNAIS, PETER	1,105.12	RUDMANN, SALLY V	723.07
DODGE, ROBERT **	718.13	RUDMANN, SALLY V	2,588.04
DODGE, ROBERT	368.46	SHULTZ, DAVID	69.34
DODGE, ROBERT L. **	713.16	SOUND HOUSE LLC	212.25
FARNSWORTH, JEFF	123.11	THOMAS, TIMOTHY J **	<u>590.06</u>
HAYNES, BLAINE	3,153.73		

TOTAL 2006 OUTSTANDING
TAXES

15,217.80

** Taxes have been fully paid after
March 1, 2009

2005 OUTSTANDING REAL ESTATE LIENS

CLARK, SCOTT	185.87	PERRY, MARILYN E.	1,355.36
FARNSWORTH, JEFF	178.40	THOMAS, TIMOTHY J **	<u>446.67</u>

TOTAL 2005 OUTSTANDING
TAXES

2,166.30

2004 OUTSTANDING REAL ESTATE TAXES

FARNSWORTH, JEFF	163.63	PERRY, MARILYN E.	<u>569.35</u>
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TOTAL 2004 OUTSTANDING
TAXES

732.98

SUMMARY OF UNCOLLECTED REAL ESTATE TAXES AND LIENS BY YEAR

2008

Real Estate Commitment	3,505,564.24	
Prepayments	9,662.00	
Payments	3,177,728.59	
Abatements	1,726.92	
Refunded Abatements	574.74	
Corrections	<u>8,182.12</u>	
Uncollected 06/30/2008	307,689.87	8.78%

2005

RE Liens due as of		
01/01/2008	3,312.14	
Payments	0.00	
Abatements	0.00	
Refunded Abatements	0.00	
Corrections	<u>0.00</u>	
Uncollected 06/30/2008	3,312.14	100.00%

2007

RE Taxes due as of		
01/01/2008	256,860.88	
Payments	131,225.64	
Abatements	9,220.54	
Refunded Abatements	34,462.63	
Corrections	<u>1,087.08</u>	
Uncollected 06/30/2008	80,864.99	31.48%

2004

RE Liens due as of		
01/01/2008	1,382.33	
Payments	0.00	
Abatements	0.00	
Refunded Abatements	0.00	
Corrections	<u>0.00</u>	
Uncollected 06/30/2008	1,382.33	100.00%

2006

RE Taxes due as of		
01/01/2008	24,150.59	
Payments	669.45	
Abatements	0.00	
Refunded Abatements	0.00	
Corrections	<u>3,707.14</u>	
Uncollected 06/30/2008	19,774.00	81.88%

2003

RE Liens due as of		
01/01/2008	376.03	
Payments	0.00	
Abatements	0.00	
Refunded Abatements	0.00	
Corrections	<u>0.00</u>	
Uncollected 06/30/2008	376.03	100.00%

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

2008

**Personal Property
Commitment**

	6,431.40	
Prepayments	0.00	
Payments	5,413.56	
Abatements	26.82	
Refunded Abatements	0.00	
Corrections	<u>0.00</u>	
Uncollected 06/30/2008	<u>991.02</u>	15.41%

2007

PP Taxes due as of 01/01/2008	426.46
Payments	244.56
Abatements	
Refunded Abatements	
Corrections	<u>-74.90</u>
Uncollected 06/30/2008	<u>256.80</u>

Uncollected as of February 28,
2009

Boucher, Steven	21.60	
Grey Rock Inn	23.40	
Haynes, Blaine	4.86	
Jenkins, Larry	7.20	
Renta Center	2.88	
Total	<u>59.94</u>	

2006

PP Taxes due as of 01/01/2008	465.03	
Payments	57.50	
Abatements		
Refunded Abatements		
Corrections		
Uncollected 06/30/2008	407.53	87.64%

Receivable:

Boucher, Steven	169.80
Haynes, Blaine	38.21
Train Properties	<u>199.52</u>
Total	<u>407.53</u>

2004

PP Taxes due as of 01/01/2008	145.91	
Payments	0.00	
Abatements	0.00	
Refunded Abatements	0.00	
Corrections	<u>0.00</u>	
Uncollected 06/30/2008	<u>145.91</u>	100.00%

Receivable:

Haynes, Blaine	145.91
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Receivable:

Boucher, Steven	64.20
Grey Rock Inn	69.55
Haynes, Blaine	14.44
Jenkins, Larry	21.40
McAlpin, William J	78.65
Rent-Way Inc	<u>8.56</u>
Total	<u>256.80</u>

2005

PP Taxes due as of 01/01/2008	1,661.85
Payments	
Abatements	
Refunded Abatements	
Corrections	
Uncollected 06/30/2008	<u>1,661.85</u>

Receivable:

Frontiervision Partners	1,407.97
Haynes, Blaine	236.31
Train Properties	<u>17.57</u>
Total	<u>1,661.85</u>

TAX ASSESSOR'S REPORT

This report covers the 2008 fiscal year (6-month period at the beginning of 2008), during which our office was busy finalizing abatements from the 2007 tax year, preparing the commitment for the 2008 tax year, and assessing new construction and personal property for the 2009 tax year. There were a large number of inquiries about the local real estate market. Although the volume of sales was down sharply in 2008, those sale prices averaged at or slightly higher (~5%) than the assessed values. The median sale price of existing single family housing sold in 2008 was \$370,000, which is up from \$303,000 in 2007. Sales continue to be monitored closely, and adjustments will be made if warranted.

Three Year Summary of Assessed Values

	2006	2007	2008
Total Land Value	\$331,837,016	\$1,374,257,645	\$1,412,472,500
Total Building Value	\$379,197,000	\$ 603,730,700	\$ 622,875,600
Personal Prop. Value	<u>\$ 3,885,100</u>	<u>\$ 3,562,700</u>	<u>\$ 3,573,000</u>
Total Assessed Value	\$714,919,116	\$1,981,551,045	\$2,038,921,100
2008 Exempt Property			<u>(\$87,812,415)</u>
Total Taxable Value			\$1,951,108,685

The summary reflects a 1.5% decrease in total taxable valuation from \$1,981,551,045 to \$1,951,108,685. The decrease was due to abatements and other corrections that were made to the 2007 assessments, which is common after a revaluation. The 2008 exempt property line represents an updated accounting of all exempt property.

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/>.

Taxpayers who have questions about their assessments can request a review with the assessor. Anyone who 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.

Maine law provides partial, local property tax exemptions to certain veterans and blind persons and qualified, year-round Maine residents (Homestead Exemption). 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 offers 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.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kyle Avila – CMA

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's office started 2008 with a full crew and new software for our day-to-day work. The transition from software that had been in place for many years to "Windows based" was challenging as we learned new ways to do old jobs.

Restructuring our tax year to June – July was another challenge; however a very positive product was the introduction of the tax club. Many taxpayers took advantage of this 10 month payment plan.

2008 was the year of elections. Starting with the Democrat and Republican caucuses in February, we moved on to the first May annual town meeting, followed by a special town meeting to validate the school budget. The June primary was uneventful, but the November presidential election was exciting. Although we did not break attendance records, our 79% voter turn-out was impressive. We also conducted another special town meeting on November 4th; this one to approve the new Alternative Organizational Structure, resulting from state mandated school consolidation.

We continue to expand our on-line services for the convenience of our residents. Along with motor vehicle re-registrations, ATV, snowmobile, and boat re-registrations are available; as are dog license renewals and hunting and fishing licenses. Visit our website at www.mtdesert.org to see how easy it is!

Mid-year brought the on going challenge of being short-staffed. We were very fortunate to have the services of Kathi Mahar to assist with the finance department. Her wealth of municipal government knowledge and warm personality helped make the change easier. Later in the year we were lucky to have office help from one of the town's dispatchers, Marie Overlock. Marie quickly learned how to process registrations and licenses; filing the myriad of paperwork produced each day, and field phone calls. Our citizens appreciated having someone on the front line with the freedom to "meet and greet" the public. We are very grateful of the help from Kathi and Marie, and all of the dispatchers that pitched-in to allow Marie to assist us.

In September we welcomed our new Director of Finance and Administration, John Graves. John is quickly learning the many nuances of small town government and is a welcome addition to our team.

Heartfelt thanks are extended to my immediate co-workers Danielle Goodwin, Jennifer McWain, and Margaret Porter. They are the front-line people that offer you friendly, efficient service and assist me in too many ways to enumerate in this report! Appreciation is also extended to all town departments and employees as we pull together in these difficult economic times to continue offering the best service to our residents.

A look back of the year is a time to assess where we have been and where we are going. It's been another roller-coaster year and our team has learned much. We are very proud of our accomplishments with the new software system and look forward to improving our operations with the ultimate goal of continued excellent customer service.

Joelle D. Nolan, CCM
Town Clerk

Town Clerk Statistical Report

We wish to remember the following friends and family members whose deaths were recorded or noted in our town of the year 2008: Nelda Blaisdell, Madeline (Driscoll) Cobb, Louise Finnemore, Persifor “Perky” Frazer, Christopher Fremont-Smith, Fern Grover, Lester Hartford, Norman Hawes, Marie Jordan, Patricia Kelley, Edna Kelley, Patricia Lavoie, Carmen Murphy, Hope Peckham, Dorothy Richardson, Bayard Roberts, Roger Roberston, Bernice “Bun” Robinson, Norman Sanborn, Gilmore Stanley, William Stratton, Ronald Taylor, Clayton “Jack” Wallace, Marianne Wells, and Marjorie Witte.

	2006	2007	2008
Record of Births	18	14	12
Record of Marriages	22	32	29
Record of Deaths	18	24	16
Dog Licenses	242	246	243
Hunt, Fish Licenses	256	325	229
Clam Licenses	35	40	29
Passports	116	94	59

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector/Plumbing Inspector

2008 Six Month Fiscal Year (January to June)

In 2008, this office issued a total of 98 Building Permits. In 2007, 99 Building Permits were issued for the 6 month time period. A total of 32 permits were in areas regulated by shoreland zoning. There were 58 plumbing permits issued in 2008. Municipal sewer hookup permits issued totaled 09. The office also processed 23 CEO Permits. There was 3 Flood Hazard Development Permit issued.

The Code Enforcement Office collected \$30,628.94 in Building Permits Fees, \$5,957.63 in Plumbing/Septic Permits Fees & \$9,100.00 in Sewer Connection Fees.

The CEO inspected 02 (seasonal) septic tanks and the Town paid \$285.00 for the pumping and disposal of the sludge.

The CEO and Deputy CEO inspected 38 (year round) septic tanks, and the Town paid out \$148,250.00 for the Rural Wastewater Treatment Support Program.

The breakdown of the 2008 building permits is as follows:

single family dwelling units	10
guest houses	01
bunkhouses	01
additions to residences including decks & porches	29
renovations	24
garages	03
sheds, barns, storage, workshops	06
foundations, slabs	03
fences, walls, walkways, bridges	08
piers, docks, ramps, floats	02
signs	06
pool(s)	01
Somesville Treatment Plant Upgrade	01

The breakdown of the 2008 plumbing permits is as follows:

subsurface wastewater disposal systems	12
internal plumbing	46
municipal sewer hookup	09

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Keene
Code Enforcement Officer
Building Inspector
Local Plumbing Inspector

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Department Annual Report for January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008

Greetings,

During 2008 our Police Officers responded to 2,020 incidents. While not all incidents can be attributed to a specific village, when possible we document which village the calls originated from. The results are; Northeast Harbor – 961, Somesville – 404, Seal Harbor – 252, Otter Creek – 96, Pretty Marsh – 95 and Hall Quarry – 68. Included in that total are 115 motor vehicle accidents, 1 of which, tragically, was a fatality. Of the remaining motor vehicle accidents 11 of them involved personal injury and 103 were property damage only. Also included our total numbers of incidents, are reports of 37 thefts, 22 vandalisms, 18 OUI arrests, 15 domestic complaints, 4 assaults and 2 burglaries. We thoroughly investigate each complaint and often resolve them through court action. During 2008 our officers arrested 54 individuals, separately issued 39 criminal summonses, issued 136 traffic tickets for non criminal traffic infractions and issued over 300 parking citations.

Our officers are involved with several community policing projects including TRIAD, a program designed to facilitate relationships and offer services to the elderly members of our community. Through TRIAD we offer unused or unwanted prescription drug disposal. We frequently attend community events with our disposal box and accept items to be disposed of at the police station at any time. On weekends in the winter months, Officers host open gymnasiums for grammar school children, work in the classrooms with teachers when invited to do so and present safety tips for the kids at Halloween.

Our dispatchers provide emergency service dispatching for the police department, fire department and ambulance and also dispatch for the public works crew and school bus drivers. During 2008 we replaced our dispatch recorder, which records all of our radio traffic and all telephone conversations in dispatch. We participated in a Department of Highway Safety grant program through which we obtained two in cruiser camera systems. All three of our cruisers are now equipped with in car audio / video recorders.

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind the town's residents and visitors alike to dial 911 during an emergency. Maine has an enhanced 911 service which allows 911 operators to see a callers address at the time of the call. This service can often get help to you quicker during and emergency. When contacting us through our normal business lines, this service cannot be utilized and sometimes very important information about where you are is not available.

FULL TIME OFFICERS

Chief James Willis
Sargeant Kevin Edgecomb
John Wardwell
Leigh Guildford
Travis Frost
Jacob Day
Christopher Wharff

PART TIME OFFICERS

Ed Montague
Troy Richardson
Jeff Hunter
Mike Allen
Chris Pitman
Ken Mitchell

FULL TIME DISPATCHERS

Lorraine Bracy
Matthew Heel
Marie Barnes
Marie Overlock

PART TIME DISPATCHERS

Rod O'Conner
Laura Snyder
Bob Cortot
John Shoppe

HARBOR MASTER'S REPORT

This past year proved to be a very busy year for us. Despite the economic crisis that everyone is experiencing, the marina's revenue was up. Boaters continued to flock to Northeast Harbor even though fuel prices were through the roof. With marinas up and down the coast showing huge decreases in visiting boaters, we on the other hand did not. This goes to show that Northeast Harbor is still a true destination point for so many boaters. I have been told many times that this harbor is the "Nantucket of the North" with boaters skipping their usual ports of call to make it here. Though this sounds a little far fetched to some, you need to understand that you truly have something special here and many individuals are realizing it and are spreading the word.

The Marine Management Committee was once again extremely busy in 2008 with the proposed Northeast Harbor Waterfront renovation project. Many meetings have been held regarding the fine tuning of the proposed project, including obtaining valuable input from the general public, abutting landowners, and the various users of the facility. Every opinion, positive and negative, that was heard has been taken into consideration during the conceptual design phase of this project. A design has been produced for the restructuring of the waterfront area which has been broken down into three phases.

The next step for the Marine Management committee is to further promote this project, fine tuning some of the changes, along with gathering more public input from you. Ultimately this will make the marina and surrounding waterfront area a more user friendly place for all making necessary improvements to areas concerning safety, commercial and non commercial use, space needs, vehicle traffic, and promoting guidance to the individuals visiting towards the many area businesses within the Town of Mount Desert. This project can only happen with your support. It is the ultimate goal to have this project funded by the marina. Ultimately, this will be a decision placed on you at a future date. This is one of the very few projects that most Town's people can benefit from in one way or another. The Marine Management Committee will have several more public meetings regarding this project and we all hope that you will become involved with this very important and exciting endeavor.

Northeast Harbor has a completely new public float system. This project was accomplished utilizing funds obtained through a federal grant. The aging floating structure was replaced utilizing a new construction design. Instead of using styrofoam for floatation which so many floats are built with, we have incorporated a newly developed float tub for floatation that allows all of the wooden structure to remain out of the water. This gives many more years of use to the floats before they need to be replaced as there are no wooden parts in the water which would allow harmful sea life to bore into. Over the last several years we have slowly switched over to this design when floats are replaced and have seen great benefits from it.

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. I would also like to say thank you to the office staff at the Town office for their help, the marina staff for their hard work, and the other departments that we rely on throughout the year. Without this dedication and willingness to work together, the Town would not be able to operate as it currently does.

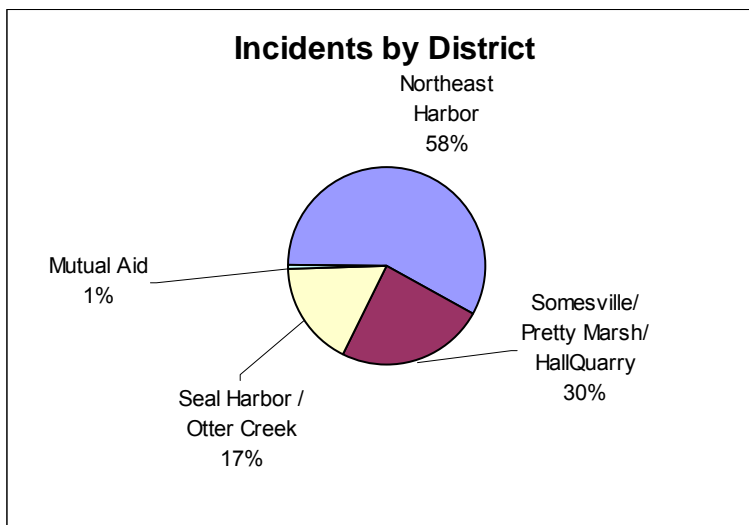
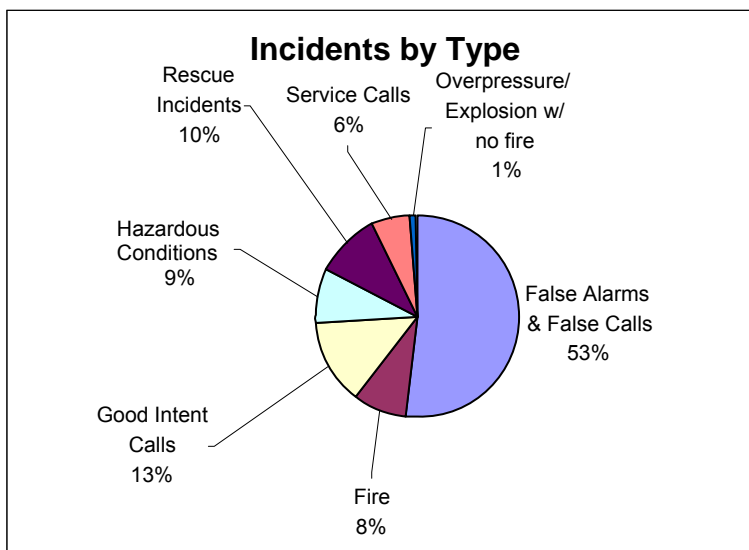
In closing I would like to again say thank you to you, the residents of the Town of Mount Desert, for the continued support of the harbors and marina.

Sincerely,

Shawn Murphy
Harbormaster

MOUNT DESERT FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

2008 Fire Department Report



The Mount Desert Fire Department responded to 179 calls between January and December of 2008, which represents a 10.5% increase over the same period last year. As the chart indicates above, only 9% of the total calls were fire or explosion related, but represented over 3 million dollars in losses or damages. Responding to false and malfunctioning fire alarms continue to be a majority of our calls. The village of Northeast Harbor remains the area with the highest percentage of responses. Average response time of the first due unit was 9:31 minutes. The average turnout per incident is 6 firefighters.

In the early morning hours of July 29, 2008 the village of Northeast Harbor experienced one of the most devastating fires that the Town of Mount Desert has seen in over 40 years. Local firefighters were quickly overwhelmed by the magnitude of the blaze and a request went out to the county for mutual aid assistance. Firefighters from all around the area answered the call and descended upon the downtown area to assist in stopping the inferno that was threatening to consume a greater part of Main Street. At the height of the fire we had 19 Hancock County Fire Departments, including Acadia National Park, 4 EMS services and County Emergency Management officials providing help to our local firefighters. Also on hand were most of the Town's employees including personnel from the Police Dept., Public Works Dept., Harbor Master's Office and the Administration staff assisting in any way they could. But the outpouring of encouragement and appreciation we received from the local community was what was most impressive to all of those involved. From the abundance of food and water donated by the local merchants and residents, to organizing and presenting the recognition picnic afterwards, the support we enjoyed from our friends and neighbors was overwhelming and to those I say "Thank You".

In addition to responding to a wide variety of emergencies, performing fire prevention duties and maintaining our fire trucks and stations, firefighters participate in many hours of training every year. An aggressive training program is necessary in maintaining a high level of readiness and developing skills in others areas besides firefighting. During the past year two MFD firefighters completed the Hancock County Firefighters Association's Firefighter I & II Academy and received their state certification. In June we conducted a weekend boat rescue class which covered topics like close order handling skills, high speed maneuvers, self rescue techniques, search planning and methodology, and recovering persons from the water. Several members traveled to area fire attack schools for additional training in subjects like vehicle extrication, firefighter rescue and emergency vehicle operation. Over 1600 hours of training was accrued for the year, a testament to the dedication of our volunteer staff.

This past year the Board of Selectman approved the ordering of a new ladder truck to replace our 1981 American LaFrance, our current aerial device. Mechanical problems, operating limits and compliance issues have all begun to affect the readiness of this critical piece of apparatus. The importance this truck was demonstrated first hand during the fire on Main Street in July. In fact, the ladder truck was repaired and placed back in service just prior to the fire. Without the use of these aerial master streams the damage from that fire would have no doubt been much greater. Construction of the new ladder should be completed by July of this year with a delivery date shortly thereafter.

Staffing shortages were addressed somewhat with the award of an AmeriCorp grant in the fall. This program is designed to provide rural fire and EMS with the additional manpower and resources they need to respond to emergencies and disasters, help them provide public safety education in their communities, and to assist them in addressing the loss of volunteers by creating customized recruitment and retention plans. For ten months an AmeriCorp members is provided to the host department and all cost associated are shared 50/50. This year's program will run through to the end of September. The additional manpower has been beneficial in both reducing response time and working towards a safe staffing level.

As mentioned above, staffing issues continue to plague the department. Weekdays and weekends are the two areas we often struggle to muster enough crews to respond in a timely manner. Often fire trucks will roll with an inadequate number of firefighters, increasing the risk to the responders and jeopardizing public safety. A changing community, busier than ever lifestyles and increasing regulations are all threatening the very existence

of the volunteer fire service today. If you're up for taking on enormous challenges, responding to emergencies at all hours of the day and night and enjoy working under life-threatening conditions, all for little or no pay, then you're a perfect candidate to become a volunteer firefighter. If this sounds interesting to you then please call, stop by or talk to one of our members. All are welcomed and training will be provided.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael D. Bender, Fire Chief

PUBLIC WORKS ANNUAL REPORT

Under the continued service of Highway Superintendent Ken 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. I want to thank all of my co-workers in the department for a job well done, particularly in the face of another real winter.

The public works department is comprised of 10 divisions employing a total of 16 full-time, one part-time and three seasonal employees. Each division has its own budget that is addressed by you, the voters, in warrant articles at town meeting. The full-time staff includes one heavy equipment operator, four highway division drivers and two solid waste division drivers, two mechanics, one buildings and grounds person, two assistant wastewater treatment operators, one wastewater laboratory technician, a highway and a wastewater superintendent and a director. The part-time employee works 15 hours per week at the recycling center year-around; the three seasonal people work in the summer month's with one each on the two garbage trucks and one with buildings and grounds.

To date, the projects of note that we have undertaken and places our money was spent in FY-09 include:

- The \$5.3 million upgrade to the Somesville wastewater treatment facility located off the Parker Farm Road located off Route 102 in Somesville. To date, construction is on track to be completed on schedule in September 2009 and well less than 1-percent over the bid price – very good numbers. Environmentally, like we did in Seal Harbor, we are replacing the chlorine disinfection system with ultraviolet radiation, maintaining chlorine as a backup measure only.
- The wastewater staff constructed a small storage building at the Northeast Harbor wastewater treatment facility to house our chlorination (sodium hypochlorite) and de-chlorination (sodium bisulfate) disinfection chemicals. This building will allow us to purchase and store chemicals more cost-effectively in bulk and reduce the health and safety risks associated with working with the chemicals. We need to use a certain dose of the chemicals to kill any bacteria left in the treated wastewater, chlorination, yet not exceed our allowable chlorine residual limits by adding a de-chlorination agent. The future upgrade to the Northeast Harbor facility includes replacing chlorine with ultraviolet radiation.
- The parking lot at the Northeast Harbor wastewater treatment facility was reconstructed. The facility itself was essentially sited in a swamp in the 1970's, today referred to as a wetland, and, as such, the parking lot was susceptible to damage from freeze-thaw cycles and traffic. Removal of the unstable soils followed by construction of a subsurface drainage layer, a structural "geo-grid" layer, compacted gravel and new pavement should hold us in good stead for years to come.
- Over the last few years, we have gotten away from placing a shim and overlay layer of pavement over cracks, potholes and depressions in the roads – they keep coming back. Instead, we now reclaim - grind, mix and leave in place - the existing pavement and three-four inches of the material under the

pavement. This process removes the pavement deficiencies and establishes a better base, in some cases a new base, for the new pavement. We then place two-inches of base pavement over this area followed by an inch of surface pavement the following year. The end result tends to last much better than just a shim and overlay. It is more expensive this way but is more cost-efficient in the long run. Using this process, we reclaimed and placed base pavement on the northerly end of the Ripples Road and the southerly half of the Whitney Farm Road; we placed surface pavement on the portions of the Beech Hill Road and the Ripples Road we reclaimed and paved last year.

- Working with an area contractor, we constructed storm drain systems in Stanley Lane and at the highway garage located on Sargeant Drive. The latter system should reduce some of the flooding of the building that we experience in heavy rains and snowmelt events – at one point last year, we had two inches of water backed up into the mechanics work bay. We got rid of it via periodic squeegee action out the door.
- The Seal Harbor marina parking lot and access road to it was reconstructed with Spring paving the last item to be completed. Over the years, a number of sinkholes developed that were repaired by filling them with concrete, essentially acting as large plugs. The reconstruction consisted of the removal of two to three feet of existing material over the entire surface followed by construction of underdrain and surface water control structures, a layer of cobbles approximately eight to ten inches in diameter, geotextile, compacted gravel and the yet-to-be-placed pavement. Many thanks to the commercial fishermen and recreational boaters who accommodated our construction schedule.
- Keeping with our ten-year replacement cycle, we purchased a new solid waste packer truck and a new plow truck; replaced our 20-year old sewer jet with a new one, this being used to flush public pipes and clean wastewater structures; purchased a new service truck for wastewater and; purchased an emergency standby generator for the highway garage to replace an inadequate hand-me-down from an upgraded pump station years ago.
- The town office boiler will be replaced once all the materials are delivered to the plumbing and heating contractor. A result of our annual State of Maine boiler inspection gave us two choices – invest money in costly repairs to an old system or replace it. We chose the latter route. We are having a duplex boiler system installed that will be more efficient in heating and more cost-effective to operate.

Building & Grounds and Parks & Cemeteries Divisions: The staff performed their regular 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 for part of the year; providing cleaning, repair and maintenance services to the town office and; mowing lawns.

Highways, Bridges and Roads Division: Some of the projects completed by the highway crew included: coordinating the paving described above with Lane Construction, sweeping the roadways, addressing damage and closed roads resulting from the heavy rain and wind events we had early in the Fall; replacing culverts and constructing ditches; constructing a place for our plow truck to turn around at the southerly end of the Beech Hill Road; constructing paved berms along the sides of some sections of roadways to keep storm water runoff from washing out private property; removing ice flows that develop on the roads and; plowing and sanding our roads and sidewalks as we once again work through a real winter.

Work anticipated for FY-10 includes construction of drainage improvements; reclaiming and paving portions of the Whitney Farm Road, the Oak Hill Road and the Upper Dunbar Road, budget permitting. We also intend to construct the pavement overlay of the southerly end of the Whitney Farm Road and the northerly end of the Ripples Road that were reclaimed and paved with base pavement last year.

Solid Waste Division: Despite the amount of snow we have 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. It is interesting to note the number of people that do not know to have the garbage set out by 7:00 A.M., including long-term residents. When I tell them it is posted in the town report, the newspapers for holidays or the web site a common answer is "I don't read or use them".

Recycling at Sargeant Drive continues to keep our attendant busy providing assistance to the people and keeping the area neat and clean.

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. We did have some violations to our licenses but the reasons for them have been addressed. Crewmembers successfully completed our annual quality assurance-quality control review of our laboratory procedures and a routine DEP inspection. They also performed routine maintenance and servicing of our facilities which pays off in reduced costs and keeps us in general conformance with our license requirements. We had a consultant conduct an audit of the operations and maintenance of our facilities to see if they are being operated to the maximum efficiency and cost-effectively – I want to know if we are getting the best bang for our bucks we have invested over the last few years. The final draft of the report will likely be available in March. We are also in the process of an I&I (inflow and infiltration) study in Northeast Harbor to identify extraneous sources of water into the wastewater causing occasional flooding of our facilities. We hope to do the same in Otter Creek next year.

Summary: So far, FY-09 has been 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 FY-10.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tony Smith, Public Works Director

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION POLICY

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

SPRING CLEAN UP APRIL 20-24, 2009

Spring clean up coincides with school vacation and is April 20th through the 24th, 2009. There will be only **ONE** pick-up of your items, so please have them out by 7:00 A.M. on Monday.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DID YOU KNOW?

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

REFUSE COLLECTION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2009 – 2010

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

Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 2009. NO collection. Monday and Tuesday collection will be on Tuesday.

Independence Day, Friday, July 3, 2009. There WILL BE collection.

Labor Day, Monday, September 7, 2009. There WILL BE collection.

Columbus Day, Monday, October 12, 2009. NO collection. Monday and Tuesday collection will be on Tuesday.

Veteran's Day, Wednesday, November 11, 2009. NO collection. Monday and Tuesday collection will be on Monday, Wednesday collection will be on Tuesday and Thursday & Friday collection will remain the same.

Thanksgiving Week, Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27, 2009. 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, Friday, December 25, 2009. NO collection. Monday and Tuesday collection will be on Monday, Wednesday on Tuesday, Thursday on Wednesday and Friday on Thursday.

New Year's Day, Friday, January 1, 2010. NO collection. Monday and Tuesday collection will be on Monday, Wednesday on Tuesday, Thursday on Wednesday and Friday on Thursday.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday, January 18, 2010. NO collection. Monday and Tuesday collection will be on Tuesday.

Presidents Day, Monday, February 15, 2010. NO collection. Monday and Tuesday collection will be on Tuesday.

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

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

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

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

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

SUMMER REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

WINTER REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

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

MONDAY

NORTHEAST HBR

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

TUESDAY

NORTHEAST HBR

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

SOMESVILLE

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

WEDNESDAY

NORTHEAST HBR

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

SEAL HARBOR

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

OTTER CREEK

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

THURSDAY

NORTHEAST HBR

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

SEAL HARBOR

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

SOMESVILLE

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

FRIDAY

NORTHEAST HBR

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

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

bold italics = Private Roads

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

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

TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT HOLIDAYS 2009

<u>HOLIDAY</u>	<u>DAY/DATE TO BE OBSERVED</u>
New Year's Day	Monday, January 1
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 19
President's Day	Monday, February 16
Patriot's Day	Monday, April 20
Memorial Day	Monday, May 25
Independence Day	Friday, July 3
Labor Day	Monday, September 7
Columbus Day	Monday, October 12
Veteran's Day	Wednesday, November 11
Thanksgiving and	Thursday November 26 Friday November 27
Christmas Day	Friday, December 25

SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Town of Mount Desert provides weekly collections of household trash and bi-weekly collections during the summer months. The Town also provides similar services to all businesses in the Town. The Town's recycling center is located at the Town's Highway Garage located on Sargent Drive. There is an attendant on sight Monday thru Friday 9:00am 12:00: all other times the center is a self-service site.

The committee would like to remind all residents that there is a transfer station in Southwest Harbor operated by EMR. The Town will pay for up to 2,000 pounds of materials delivered to EMR by individuals at no cost to them. The costs are borne by the town. These materials can include, for example, construction materials, white goods, and wood products. Residents can also drop off their household trash, which should be placed in the Mount Desert section, at no charge. Again, the costs are borne by the Town.

The Town's Spring Clean up Week is April 20 -24, during the school spring break. The pick up day is the same as the regular collection of trash. Please look for notices in the paper and on the town web sight for rules and limits.

The town also participates in an annual Household Hazardous Waste and Universal Waste (old TV's, computers, monitors, VCR's, and printers, for example) collection day. Sponsored by the Acadia Disposal District. Last fall collection was one of the largest recorded in Maine. Please look for this year's date

The Committee is exploring bringing single sort recycling to the Sargent Drive recycling center. Single sort makes recycling a very simple process for both collection and handling. The Committee is working with ecomaine, which operates a single sort-processing center in Portland.

Philip Lichtenstein
Chairman

MOUNT DESERT PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board's year compared to past years was relatively quiet. Reflecting the nation's economy, the request for major CUPs (Conditional Use Permits) and subdivisions dropped off considerably. Only one subdivision was approved and, though the permitting process consumed many meetings, it was a good example of the Board, the developer, and the neighbors all working together to achieve a plan that worked to satisfy most everyone's concerns.

The Board introduced a new CUP format for hearings. As we adjust to the new format, the hope is that the permitting process will be less time consuming. The new format will help the Board, both clearly explain its reasoning behind a decision and define the conditions that must be met in order for the CUP to be granted.

The Board continues its work on slopes and scenic vistas. Each Board member was asked to take a section of town and submit a list of five sites that they considered important, as either steep slopes or scenic vistas. The Board next must reach a consensus on the identified locations and with public input decide if the present zoning protects those particular sites. It would be nice to say a decision on steep slopes and scenic vistas would be ready by the 2010 town meeting, but reality says the 2011 meeting will be where new regulations, if they are deemed necessary, would be presented.

A new project for the Board is the State of Maine mandated review of our Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. Overall, the town's LUZO exceeds state minimum standards, but we still must change the wording in some sections to satisfy the state. The end result will be a wordy document that achieves what we already have.

All the Board's work could not be accomplished without the help of Code Enforcement Officer Kim Keene. Thank you Kim. And, on a personal note, I would like to thank Vice Chair Jim Clunan for taking over the chairmanship while I was unable to attend to my duties last fall.

On behalf of the Board members Jim Clunan, Vice Chair; Patti Reilly, Secretary; Joe Tracy, Sandy Andrews, and Jerry Miller, Alternate, this report is respectfully submitted.

Respectfully submitted,
James R. Bright
Chairman

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT

The year of 2008 was relatively quiet one for the Board. Although there were but four hearings, only three concerned new issues. The fourth Appeal was withdrawn prior to coming to a hearing.

2009 has started off with a remand from Superior Court 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.

Harry R. Madeira, Chairman

The Zoning Board of Appeals

William Ferm Thomas Richardson

George Lauriat Jerome Suminsby

Harry Madeira Kevin Walls

Ernest Coombs

Respectfully submitted,
Harry R. Madeira,
Chairman

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE REPORT

Report not available at time of printing

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT

To date in FY-09, the Traffic Committee did not meet. As in years past, this is typically a result of scheduling conflicts among the committee members. We presently have seven voting members; four are required for a quorum to allow us to conduct business. Police Chief Jim Willis and I attend as technical advisors.

Previously, we reduced the number of times each year that we would meet from twelve to five in an effort to promote greater attendance at our meetings for both members and non-members. This did not work. As such, we are considering meeting on an as needed basis if issues arise that we need to address. Regardless of our meeting schedule, new members are encouraged to join us; the general public is invited to attend our meetings.

Submitted by,
Tony Smith, Public Works Director

PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

In August of 2008, the Board of Selectman reactivated the Public Protection Committee (PPC) with a mission statement that charged members to “inventory and present a listing of the Town’s resources and assets necessary to maintain public safety of the citizens, assets, and resources of the Town. The Committee will identify public safety deficiencies and make recommendations for remediation of those deficiencies”. The committee is made up of a balance of municipal employees and volunteers from the private sector. Our first meeting was held in December of 2008 where ground rules were established and achievable objectives set. PPC meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month or when necessary and the general public are always welcomed to attend.

One of the top priorities of government should be to assure for the safety of its citizens. Maintaining a safe and healthy community for residents and visitors alike is as important as keeping our road plowed, schools open and maintaining our public parks. But as neighborhoods evolve and lifestyles change, keeping pace with these demands can become complex and demanding. Unfortunately there is no one size fits all solution. Safety and security require making long-term plans to ensure that we keep pace with our ever changing society. Even in tough budget times, we must remain focused to our mission of protecting life and property.

Currently the PPC is evaluating the existing public safety infrastructure while considering the immediate and future needs of the public safety departments. Several topics have come to the forefront that will need to be examined and prioritized. These include an existing public works garage that jeopardizes the safety of our employees and is in desperate need of replacement. We have a police station that is currently overcrowded and falls short of meeting today’s security obligations. Soon, we will need to reduce our dependency on part-time law enforcement officers by introducing all full-time staff. The fire department is also facing manpower shortages which fail to meet safe and adequate response levels. All of these will be on the table for discussion with the ultimate goal of recommending cost-effective strategies and measures to Board of Selectman that will meet the public safety needs of our community in the years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael D. Bender, Chairman

ACADIA DISPOSAL DISTRICT

Acadia Disposal District (ADD) – 2008

Year 2008 was both productive and challenging for the directors of the ADD:

- We welcomed new member Frenchboro and a new director from Southwest Harbor, Town Manager Robin Bennett. Both additions helped to breathe new life into the ADD as a whole and, specifically, the EMR, Inc. contract negotiations with Ms. Bennett being added to the ADD negotiating team.
- We continued contract negotiations with EMR, Inc. on a new five-year contract. With the assistance of Eaton Peabody Attorneys at Law and CES, Inc., we finalized everything except costs and the recycling option. As of February 20, 2009, these are still under negotiation and we continue to operate under the contract that actually expired June 30, 2007.
- We changed from a calendar to a fiscal year to get on the same schedule as all the member towns except Cranberry Isles. They still use a calendar. This change was done to make our budgeting and reporting more efficient and effective. We prepared and accepted an 18-month budget to facilitate the change. July 1, 2009 will start the beginning of our first fiscal year budget, FY-10.
- Since contract negotiations took up so much of our time and have been so drawn-out, we decided to postpone consideration of a municipal solid waste transfer station and/or recycling center. Once the contract is finalized, we will commence serious evaluations of the options identified in our 2006 study.
- In 1986, the federal government set aside approximately 50-acres of land in Town Hill for an island-wide solid waste facility. Contrary to the impression presented in an article in one of the local newspapers, this land cannot just be turned over to one of the island communities. For various reasons, locating a solid waste facility on this site was deemed not feasible. However, in 1986 the government also committed up to \$350,000 to the development of such a facility. We will be investigating getting these monies for the island town's use upon completion of contract negotiations with EMR. Pursuit of the money was also postponed while Acadia National Park had a bill in Congress.
- We discussed recommending banning newspapers and magazines from the waste stream in much the same way we did cardboard. It was decided to let the local solid waste committees address such issues; we are available to assist in any way we can.
- The household hazardous waste and universal waste collection event held at MDIHS was very successful. The company hired to handle the hazardous waste said they accepted more materials that day than any previous one-day event.

I would like to thank all of the directors and our clerk for their efforts this last year. We continue to have lively, productive discussions and feel that our efforts and the ADD is a benefit to the communities involved.

Sincerely,
Tony Smith, Chairman, ADD
Public Works Director, Town of Mount Desert

TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT HOUSING AUTHORITY REPORT

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

MOUNT DESERT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT



The Mount Desert Chamber of Commerce would like to extend our appreciation to the residents of the Town of Mount Desert for the investment you make in our organization. We strive to become a more value added chamber for our member businesses 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 continues to be a robust advocate for our six unique villages.

The Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Town of Mount Desert provides information and referrals to over 4000 visitors on behalf of our members. The chamber assisted in the organization of the town Christmas festival; provides, supervises and maintains public restrooms and showers including handicap facilities, tennis courts and offers wireless internet service for the marina. The chamber also partners with other local organizations holding community events. We hosted the Island Connections annual summer picnic for seniors and those with disabilities, the first time it was held in Northeast Harbor. The chamber helped secure the Declaration of Disaster and subsequent SBA low interest loans offered to the businesses affected by the Northeast Harbor Main Street fire. We continually represent our members at local, regional and statewide tourism meetings and conferences.

Several projects are planned this year such as additional equipment for extended high speed wireless internet service for the marina and several repairs to the Yachtsmen's building. We have a new welcome sign for Northeast Harbor and have plans for a raised flower bed at its base.

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

GREAT HARBOR MARITIME MUSEUM REPORT

2008 was a very busy year for the Museum. Starting with our very popular exhibit Small Boats In The Great Harbor, the museum started off with a bang. Bringing together six diverse small crafts from the Mount Desert Island area, visitors got a chance to examine an 1860's wherry built by the Northeast Harbor Asa Smallidge family, and a stunning 1910 lifeboat from A. Atwater Kent's 225' yacht Alondra. We also exhibited fourteen

antique engines; inboard and outboard, fascinating for a special kind of person! We continue to receive donations to the collection, including five boat models from Duane Muzzy, a friend in Florida who now makes models of local boats that he very generously donates to the museum.

2008 was also the start of what promises to be an exciting and extensive renovation project on the building. After sixty years of service, we removed the antiquated overhead doors. We are very proud of our new doors, which replicate, almost identically, the original ones which were in place from 1917 until 1948. In the coming months, we will continue to address the building's facade, repairing the windows, trim, and other decorative elements, and when resources allow, we will continue onto the sides and back of the building, repairing where possible and replicating where necessary.

All of our community was shocked and saddened when The Colonel's Deli caught fire on July 29th, claiming three Main Street buildings by the end of the day. The museum, being in the old firehouse, resumed some of her old duties and served as a breakfast facility early in the morning, a firefighters "rehab" facility during the day, and later a home base for those who stayed overnight, providing dinners and breakfasts.

In the days and weeks that followed, the museum also became the repository for the artifacts that were salvaged from the lost buildings. The museum was very lucky to have the dedication of Acadia National Park's Sawtelle Resource Center's expertise and Madeline Shattow and Noelle Reilly, museum employees, hard work at very hard drying, cleaning, and preserving the remnants of the fire. The museum is very gratified to all who contributed clothes to the victims and money to the Museum's Fire Fund set up that day.

Once again, in January, the Museum led in volunteering when the restaurant, The Tan Turtle Tavern burned down. Although snow banks prevented the building from being used during the fire, the pieces salvaged from The Tan Turtle were put in the museum for safekeeping.

The museum continues to engage children in several ways. The Learn To Look/Look To Learn program, in its thirteenth year, ferries local children (the Neighborhood House Explorers) with Artists-In-Residence to islands to make art, explore and have fun. Many of the NHH Counselors were campers when they first experienced Learn To Look. Happily the Maine Community Foundation gave us a grant last summer which is a tangible show of support. We participate in Arts Week at the Elementary School in April by teaching a workshop, with the Scamper campers and Nursery School's Day Care at the museum with nautical related book-reading and art-making on a weekly basis.

Summer 09 is evolving with the addition of the new models from Duane Muzzy on display and with The Evolution of Morris Yachts (working title). With the untimely death of its founder Tom, we will explore and celebrate its history through Chuck Paine's upcoming book written on his experience designing boats for MY, his family's, and boatworker's memories, and a myriad of photographs and boat models.

We are very grateful for your support and look forward to seeing you, your children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren in our walls, which we hope will be renovated with all our help, large or small, in the next years.

Respectfully, Great Harbor Maritime Museum Board of Directors

NORTHEAST HARBOR AMBULANCE SERVICE REPORT

2008 was a whirlwind year for the Northeast Harbor Ambulance Service. In June, with the help of some kind and generous friends, the Service was able to bring on line a second, state-of-the-art

ambulance. This required detailed planning and the ordering of equipment to make both “rigs”, as closely as possible, duplicates in equipment and supplies. We had to enlarge our supplies storage, revise our inspection schedule and bring on and train additional drivers. But, it has allowed us to expand the special service we can provide our patients, and increase our ALS back-up capabilities.

Then, at the end of July, during the NEH Main Street fire, the unthinkable happened...our Lead Paramedic, Jim Wilmerding, was seriously injured while performing Fire Rehab. Many stepped forward to help the Service through this tough and trying time, with special thanks to John Doyle, Basil Mahaney, Margaret Blank, Gibbs McCullagh and Mark Middleton. Although it was a slow and cautious recovery, Jim is back on the ambulance, has resumed his Lead Paramedic duties and is teaching some of our monthly workshops. What a relief to have him well, and his expertise and intense caring back on board!

Emergency Medical Services are constantly changing. This year has brought electronic run reporting, many new protocols including on-board CPAP, improved cardiac monitoring regulations, more and varied meds to better serve our patients. To meet the needs of training for our EMT's, we have increased our in-house training, sent groups to Bangor and Rockland for classes, and continue to use on-line classes. To meet our expanding training and administrative needs, we are renting a suite of offices at the NEH Medical Center. We are setting up on-line training there, and will have an Emergency Medical lending library for our EMT's. We continue with our informational presentations on First Aid, Heart & Stroke, and other medical workshops for local groups and clubs. Associate Paramedic, Basil Mahaney, has taught CPR and AED classes for MD Fire, Police & Dispatch personnel, our EMTs and drivers, and members of the general public. The Medical Center is proving to be a terrific facility for our varied Public Outreach Programs.

The excitement and enthusiasm in our Service has brought on 3 new members...a second Associate Paramedic, a member currently enrolled in the EMT Basic class and a new driver. We have received 3 additional requests for membership...and are always looking for people interested in serving and caring for others, day or night. Our current Roster of EMTs and Drivers consists of: 1 Lead Paramedic, 2 Associate Paramedics, 4 Intermediates (another 2 in training), 10 Basics (another in training & 2 in National Registry testing)...and, 7 trained, AVOC licensed, Drivers. Our EMTs continue to provide the highest quality emergency medical care and services to the Town of Mount Desert and surrounding areas.

With a steady hand, Service President, Douglass “Scamp” Gray, Jr., continues to lead us through this expansion. Under our contract with the Town of Mount Desert, we provide Emergency Medical Services to the residents and visitors of the Town, and Firefighter Rehabilitation, at no cost to the Town, in exchange for dispatching services, the use of an office, and a truck bay with electrical hook-up. The Service continues to rely on donations to support the training and retraining of, and supplies and equipment for, our EMTs, through our Annual Appeal Letter. Our 2009 fundraising endeavors include in May, the William Stewart Tulip Tour and in August, our Annual Road Race. These are exciting times for the Service, and we thank the Selectmen and our many friends for their support.

Joanne B. Robbins, Service Chief

NORTHEAST HARBOR LIBRARY REPORT

The Northeast Harbor Library is a non-profit corporation operated by a board of trustees 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, provides a broad range exhibitions and programs for people of all ages, and provides a significant scholarship program for students from the Town of Mount Desert. Ninety percent of annual funding is derived from private donations and endowment income. Currently this is augmented by a town appropriation of \$10,000.00 and a school appropriation of \$24,000.00 supporting current budgeted expenditures of approximately \$450,000.

In July's annual meeting, Gunnar Hansen was elected to succeed Moorhead Kennedy as Chairman of the board of Trustees, and Martha Dudman was elected as Vice-chairman. James J. Russell continues as Secretary and David T. Burr as Treasurer. Other members of the Executive Committee are Harry R. Neilson III, O.P. Jackson Jr., and Dorothy Clunan.

The Library opened on December 17, 2007 in the new library building at 1 Joy Road, and it was dedicated in August of 2008. This new facility is fully handicapped accessible and has ample shelving to house the library's collection of books, archives, videos, DVD's, music CD's, books on tape and books on CD. During our first year of operation in this new facility we have seen growth in the use of our space and collections. In 2008 the Library circulated 37,013 items of which 12,910 were children's items. This is a growth of 63% over 2007 and 10% over 2005 -- the last year in the old building. During the year the Library sponsored 146 events with a total attendance of 3,350 adults and children, and we also sponsored five exhibitions. In the Archive area, our resources were used in one film and many personal searches for information about local history. The eight computers available for use by the general public were used 6,213 times. Wireless access is available inside the library and directly outside the library. More than 52 periodical databases are available through Marvel, a free statewide program, where residents may access magazine, journal and newspaper articles either here at the Library or by using a user name and password from home computer. In 2008 our meeting rooms were used 53 times by outside civic, non-profit and school organizations.

A budget is a guessing game, made more so when budgeting for a new building and services. In 2008, the Library anticipated a deficit of \$19,520 for income versus the related expenditures needed to operate the new building. The actual accounting shows that we went over budget by \$240, resulting in a deficit of \$19,759. As the economy slid further down at the end of the year, the private donations we received decreased as our expenditures continued to rise. With the help of our investment firm, we were able to capture some additional interest income.

For the 2009 budget, the Library expects the deficit to grow to \$35,484. Through active grant writing and carefully thought-out fundraising strategies, we are doing all we can to increase income to offset the higher expenditures we anticipate for 2009. The increase in expenditures is, in part, a direct result of the increased use of library services.

Capital Campaign pledge payments continued to come in as we reached the end of 2008, with only \$14,500 remaining to come in 2009. All capital campaign proceeds are now dedicated to the operating endowment.

For the 2008/2009 school year, the Scholarship Program awarded 62 students grants of \$1,500 each for a total of \$93,000. All funds raised by the Scholarship Committee went directly to funding student scholarships.

The archival collection continues to grow in its climate-controlled room. A considerable number of municipal documents, for which the old building had no space, are being brought for deposit and will need to be cataloged for organized access, and we are appealing to the voters for financial assistance with storing, organizing and

preserving them. Likewise, other organizations and many individuals have brought significant materials. The archival collection now comprises somewhere between twelve and fourteen thousand items.

As of January 1, 2009 the library is open at 9AM, giving people an extra hour each day to use our services. Our schedule for 2009 is as follows: during the fall, winter and spring, Monday 9-5, Tuesday 9-5, Wednesday 9-7, Thursday 9-5, Friday 9-5 and Saturday 9-1. During the summer the library is open additional hours on Saturday, 9-5. Beginning in March 2009 the library will have downloadable books available from our website.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Mount Desert for giving themselves a library second to none, the trustees for leading it and the staff for their dedication. And we warmly invite everyone to come and tour!

Respectfully submitted

Robert R. Pyle
Director

Anna C. Carr
Director of Library Operations

SOMESVILLE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION REPORT

Report not available at time of printing

SEAL HARBOR LIBRARY

Built in 1891, the Seal Harbor Library has long served as a focal point of both the year round and seasonal community. The library's collection includes current bestsellers, fiction, non-fiction, large-print, children's and local interest books. The library has magazines and high speed internet access is available to patrons who bring their own computer. This past year a number of DVDs and videos were donated by our patrons. In all, over 1100 items were borrowed by patrons from all parts of MDI in 2008.

Twice a month the library offers a popular story-time program that attracts children from Seal Harbor as well as many neighboring communities. During the summer we sponsor four special story-time activities- past events have included Wabanaki Songs and Stories, Colonial Games on the Village Green, Festival of the Fairies and a Pirate Treasure Hunt on the Beach. During the rest of the year programs are held after school and involve stories, songs and a craft.

Each August the library holds an annual book sale and fair on the village green and this past year the library also held its biennial art show.

The library has long been recognized in the village of Seal Harbor as the repository for local history items. During the past year we have been slowly organizing the historic materials in the library into our first archive. As funds allow we hope to catalog and properly store our historic collection.

The library's work to winterize the building continues. Most recently sheetrock was installed underneath the building and this past fall a gas stove insert for our fireplace was donated by a patron.

From September to June the library is open the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 3:30-5:30 pm and every Saturday from 9 am- noon. With the help of many volunteers our July and August hours expand to Monday – Saturday, 9 am – noon.

MOUNT DESERT WATER DISTRICT REPORT

The year 2008 found the Water District continuing their progress of installing new mains to replace the ancient ones. They also retro fitted hydrants with standardized threads to insure ease of use in Northeast Harbor. The annual report from the State Drinking Water Program yielded good reports as well as the 3 year sanitary inspection.

However, new Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule looms on the horizon which will be quite expensive and must be in place by 2014. Fortunately, we received gratuitously from the Jackson Laboratory, a spectrophotometer which will be most helpful in complying with this mandate.

In the area of modernization the District installed a new order/billing system. We also installed new control valves to enhance the ability to cope with main breaks to minimize customer downtime. Four main breaks were experienced, the most difficult being one just above Seal Harbor Beach. The District began mapping our infrastructure using GIS orientation and Delorme's XMap program.

We experienced numerous fires this year that tested our "readiness to serve" capabilities. We supplied 683k gallons to the Colonels fire. The volunteer fire department did an excellent job.

Other important chores attacked and completed were the installation of a blow off on the Jordan Pond Road to improve water quality for our Seal Harbor customers. We also regraded our Northeast Harbor Plant driveway, lowering culverts and relocating our power poles to insure our power supply.

Needless to say, there were many other improvements and upgrades that took place during the year. Our management, actually your management, the ultimate owners of the District, continues to work tirelessly to bring to our customers the best quality of water available at the most reasonable cost. This becomes more difficult as time passes and the various governmental agencies promulgate more and more unfunded mandates.

Respectfully submitted, Harry R. Madeira, Chairman

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MOUNT DESERT LAND & GARDEN PRESERVE

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

It was a milestone year for the Asticou Azalea and Thuya Gardens --the 50th anniversary year of their creation. With the publication of two books on their histories and several celebratory public events, the focus of the year has been to honor the late Northeast Harbor resident Charles K. Savage (1903-1979) for his vision, creativity and skill in designing and building the two gardens in the late 1950s. We also honored the many people who helped him with this task, too numerous to name here, but well documented in a two volume publication, Two Island Gardens, written by Letitia S. Baldwin. The books are available for sale on our web site (www.gardenpreserve.org), at local bookstores, island libraries and in the gardens.

A slide presentation on the two gardens, co-sponsored with the Mount Desert Historical Society, was held in May to mark the opening of an exhibit of the landscape and design legacy of Charles K. Savage, co-sponsored with the Northeast Harbor Library. Many former employees and supporters of the gardens were able to join in and share in the memories. Two public events, a July late evening stroll lit with Japanese style lanterns at the Asticou Azalea Garden and an August afternoon tea concert with jazz harpist Liza Rey at the Thuya Garden, were applauded and enjoyed by many in celebration of the gardens' jubilee year.

Dredging of the Azalea Garden pond and initial landscape and berm construction was completed in 2008. Collection and placement of stone for the development of a new path on the western shore of the pond was completed in the fall of 2008 in preparation for the final phase of transforming the garden path extension and adding new plantings this spring.

None of this would be possible without support from our many generous donors, the commitment of our talented staff, and the resources, energy and foresight of members of the Preserve's committees and Board of Directors. Many thanks to the supportive town and island community for another year of appreciation of the beauty and serenity of our local landscapes.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Plenty, Executive Director



SUMMER RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION REPORT

Annual Report for 2008

The Summer Residents' Association (SRA) provides a means of communication between summer residents and Town government and other community leaders on matters of mutual interest.

During the winter season newsletters are sent to SRA members. These mailings are devoted to newsworthy items of interest about the town and the island of Mount Desert. Often, many local items have a substantial element of Maine state involvement – education comes to mind.

Each July and August, SRA members attend meetings centered on all manner of issues centered on the town of Mount Desert. Town officials and selectmen are regular speakers. Other residents appear to outline the role of their non-government organizations. These elected officials and others bring information about civic and commercial activities in the region. Almost without fail, the question and answer periods are the highlight of each presentation.

In the summer of 2008 there excellent talks about school consolidation, zoning regulation changes, the new Northeast Harbor Library, and plans for updating the harbor in Northeast Harbor. The audience was truly excited by the harbor project. The committee has been refining their plans this winter and we hope for an update appearance at a Summer Residents session in the summer of 2009. Certainly the maritime committee members are to be saluted for their devotion of time and energy to this important project.

I converse by email and phone during the off-season with many people who are on the island or feel connected with MDI. Many of these are kept abreast by articles in the Bar Harbor Times or Mount Desert Islander. Of course, they also gather news from other summer residents. Beyond that, I am frequently struck by how many summer residents reveal up-to-the-minute information gained from year-round residents. I think this form of sharing speaks well for the neighborly accord between year-round and summer folks – and the future success of the town we love.

Clement McGillicuddy,
President

Senator Dennis S. Damon

State Representative Hannah Pingree

State Representative Elise Flemings

MESSAGE TO THE CITIZENS OF MOUNT DESERT

Dear Neighbors,

It is my honor to serve as your State Representative during the 124th session of the Maine State Legislature. I am dedicated to serving you with all my energy, intellect and dedication.

Many challenges confront us in 2009. As with many other states, Maine is facing significant budgetary revenue reductions because of the economic crisis. Today, more than ever, it is important that we continue to make government as efficient as possible while preserving important services, infrastructure, and investments to ensure the strength of our communities now and in the future.

As a member of the Taxation Committee, I am committed to working with my legislative colleagues to reduce the tax burden on Mainers while assuring we have the resources to invest in our future prosperity. The global economic instability is hitting the people of Maine hard, compelling us now more than ever to create a tax structure that is reliable, that benefits individuals and businesses, and that encourages people to live and invest in Maine. I will continue to listen to the needs of my constituents and others across the state on these and other issues, and to work hard to bring about real, meaningful solutions.

Despite our many financial challenges, this year and the next present great opportunities. In addition to the two-year budget, we are working on energy policy to increase building efficiency and alternative energy, while reducing our dependence on foreign oil. We are also focusing on expanding access to affordable health care, improving education, supporting small businesses, and promoting job growth.

I deeply value hearing from each of you, whether you have a concern or question, an idea, or information to share. By talking together and exchanging ideas, we can find the best solutions at home and in Augusta for the challenges we face, and we can guide public policy to benefit our community and other communities across Maine.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns or if you need any assistance. I can be reached by email at elsie.flemings@gmail.com or by phone either at home/cell (669-2073) or at the State Capital (287-1430).

Once again, I am honored to serve you and I pledge my devotion to the work ahead.

Sincerely,



Elsbeth "Elsie" Flemings
State Representative

U. S. Senator Susan Collins

U. S. Representative Michael Michaud

MOUNT DESERT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT

What a year it has been for MDES. In the fall our school was recognized as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, the only K-8 school in Maine that received this distinction. In addition our food services program received a great deal of both national and local attention for the wonderful services it provides to the students of MDES. For those of you who missed it, go to <http://www.marthastewart.com/article/mount-desert-elementary-school> to view the segment that was aired nationally about our food services program.

I continue to be honored as your school leader, thrilled to be a part of such an incredible school system and grateful for such a supportive community. I look forward to many more years at your service.

Personnel:

Though we had no new staff member additions this year, we do bid a sad farewell to Louise Piquette who is retiring after a long career of serving students. Louise has been an instrumental role in the lives of our students and so we wish Louise the best of luck and will miss her dearly. Thank you Louise for all that you have done for our students! We also want to bid a fond farewell to Lindsey Parsons who worked for us as an Ed Tech and has left to go back to graduate school. Lindsey did an outstanding job for us during her tenure at MDES.

About Our School:

MDES continues to strive for a balanced approach to educating the whole student in regards to their academic, physical and emotional well being. Though our mission is more than achieving high 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 level of high achievement has qualified us a “High Performing School” by the Department of Education and has earned us a the distinction as a nationally recognized Blue Ribbon School. Additionally, comparative studies indicate that Maine standards are actually some of the highest standards in the country, which translates into the fact that our students are actually outperforming many of the students across the country. Despite these accolades, we are constantly striving for ways that will make our school even stronger and will allow us to meet the needs of all our students.

2007-2008 MEA (Maine Educational Assessment) Results

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

	MDES	State
Math	65%	58%
Reading	80%	68%
Science (assessed in grades 4 and 8 only)	83%	62%
Writing (assessed in grades 5 and 8 only)	75%	43%

Budget Proposal:

For the past three years our student population has stabilized at about 156-160 students. For the 2009-10 school year, we will be losing a large 8th grade group while gaining a small Kindergarten group so we expect to see our population drop by about 20 students or so. This change is reflected in our budget by a reduction of one full time teacher and an additional Ed Tech position. Our biggest challenge lies in the difficult economic times that we are currently facing. This proposed budget is the tightest budget I have ever presented and is influenced mostly by personnel salaries/benefits costs. Clearly we are facing dire times that warrant appropriate measures.

The Final Budget Numbers:

1.18% Budget Increase and an appropriation increase of 1.56%. This translates into a **DECREASE** of \$1.39 in taxes per \$100,000 of valuation.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott D. McFarland
Principal
Mount Desert Elementary School

MT. DESERT ISLAND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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, increased fuel costs, the maintenance of the current enrollment levels and funds to properly maintain the facilities.

Facilities:

The Trustees spent many hours and much energy working with Harriman Associates to completely renovate the gym which had not had any major work since 1967. We have a new heating and ventilation system, a new electrical system and a refurbished floor. We have new bleachers and thanks to the seniors who fundraised to make up the difference in cost, we have new wooden bleachers, not composite.

Curriculum Development and Implementation:

We continue to develop our curriculum and align it with the Maine Learning Results (MLR), now modified and called Parameters of Essential Instruction (PEIs). Our students are completing common assessments based on these standards and our seniors are successfully completing their Senior Exhibitions. We are extremely proud of the seriousness and enthusiasm with which they are meeting these requirements.

As we work to complete recommendations made by the New England Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges (NEASC), we continue with our advisory system, interdisciplinary classes and technology. Each grade now has laptops and we attempt to provide professional development for our staff so that the benefit is maximized. We continue to use our early release and late start days to review current initiatives and look ahead to ensure that our program provides 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 79% 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 2008:

Class of 2008		
	#	%
Post Secondary Education		
Four Year Colleges	85	61
Two Year Colleges	25	18
Post Graduate year	0	0
Total	110	79
Employment	17	12
Military Service	0	0
Undecided	13	9

Test Results – Post Secondary students Class of 2008				
SAT				
Range	Reading	Math	Writing	Mean Score
700-800	5	8	3	MDIHS
600-690	15	20	16	CR 513
500-590	34	34	38	M 516
400-490	37	26	31	W 512
300-390	10	16	18	Mid 50% range
200-290	5	2	0	CR 450-590
				M 440-590
Total	106	76% Participation		W 420-570

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.

Kathryn Balteff	Special Services
Christine Daggett	Ed Tech
Robyn Lessard	Ed Tech

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

School Union 98 Annual Report of Administrators 2008

We are pleased to present this annual report to our Union 98 towns and communities. With your support we continue to meet our students' individual needs with rich and rewarding educational programs. Despite the uncertainty that the state's reorganization plan has created, we have been able to remain committed to our work. As evidenced by the outcomes and priorities articulated in our Educational Framework we continue to develop the academic and practical skills students will need for successful futures.

In the formation of our Alternative Organization Structure (AOS), we welcome Trenton Elementary School into our cohort. Trenton has long been one of our educational partners sending many of its students to Mount Desert Island High School. We all look forward to working with the Trenton school community and anticipate that the transition will present all involved with both opportunities and challenges.

Union 98 continues to retain and attract talented professionals. Our faculty is innovative, responsive and works diligently to carry out "Our Vision for Schools." Our administrative team welcomed Gail Keith as the new Swan's Island principal. Her skills and insights have added great value to our administrative team. We will be losing a valued colleague at the end of this school year; Sally Leighton will be retiring after many years of service in education. A broad based search committee has been formed and has begun the process of attracting and hiring for this important position.

The Union 98 Teacher Induction Program is in its 3rd year of providing consistent weekly support to teachers who are new to the profession or taking on the challenge of a new grade level or subject area. The success of the program is a credit to the expertise of the trained mentors and to the Induction Program Advisory Council. Our program is used as a model by the Department of Education as other school systems work toward implementing this new state requirement.

Our administrative team continues to work on refining our coordinated vision for our schools. This manifests in our Union 98 Educational Framework that is an elaboration of our vision and mission for schools. This document guides our work and provides us with a beacon for making decisions about priorities and programs.

In the realm of curriculum (U98 Priority #2), our teacher teams worked on realigning the existing curriculum to the revised Maine Learning Results that became law in October 2007. Though these adjustments have been made explicit in our curriculum documents, the translation to actual instruction continues. Adjustments to our enduring understandings, essential questions, units, and objectives are all a natural result when a shift like this occurs.

We continue to strive to use assessments to meaningfully provide appropriate and timely instruction to all of our students (U98 Priority #1). The assessments are chosen for their reliability and usefulness in the classroom. In the past it has been difficult for us to access and manage multiple assessment results in a comprehensive manner. Pearson Inform, our new data management tool, allows us to use the information that we put into Power School to produce reports that include multiple points of data for individuals and groups of students. We can create graphs and charts—predefined or customized—that will make it easier for us to target assistance, measure progress, and inform decisions.

Developing students' awareness of the opportunities that exist within their community is a core part of our mission (U98 Priority #3). Students are exposed to work that develops a sense of responsibility. Service

Learning provides one opportunity for students to engage in this kind of work. This teaching method allows students to interact with their classmates and engage with teachers and community members around real-world situations.

We have long recognized the benefits of working together to achieve our goals. We have made a commitment to improve the conditions to facilitate our own self-renewal through collaboration (U98 Priority #4). This will become increasingly important as our structure changes and we welcome new partners. Nurturing and modeling trust, leadership, professionalism and open communication are the first steps toward building a system of collaborative relationships and reciprocal learning. In many ways, this idea is revolutionary and we approach it with great curiosity and enthusiasm. Our ultimate goal is to invent a better way—to create conditions where we will all “continue to learn, and support the learning of others” (Learning By Heart, Barth, 2001, p. 13).

We are looking forward to putting the school reorganization era behind us and returning full time to our most important task, which is leading our schools. Post-reorganization we can approach this job with renewed energy and enthusiasm. Though the challenges of our new AOS structure seem daunting, we are committed to using the flexibility built into this new system to help us find positive solutions to our mutual challenges. We have the opportunity to explore new pathways to provide sustainable school structures that meet the needs of ALL students in our shared educational community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert E. Liebow
Superintendent

Joanne Harriman
Director of Curriculum

Kelley Sanborn
Director of Special Services

MOUNT DESERT NURSING ASSOCIATION REPORT

Community Health Nurse's Annual Town Report

Executive Nurse Director's Annual Town Report--2007-2008

To: Town of Mt. Desert
FROM: Anne Napier, Ed.D., RN, APRN, and Executive Nurse Director
RE: Annual Report

Patient visit statistics for July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008:

July 2007	159 visits	January 2008	123 visits
August 2007	169 visits	February 2008	118 visits
September 2007	147 visits	March 2008	112 visits
October 2007	234 visits	April 2008	172 visits
November 2007	164 visits	May 2008	141 visits
December 2007	122 visits	June 2007	137 visits

Total – 1798 visits

Number of individuals served: 276

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 health and wellness education and health screenings.

The Nursing Association is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, is staffed by two Registered Nurses, an Executive Nurse Director, who is also a Registered Nurse, and an Administrative Assistant, and is licensed by the State of Maine.

With the continuing increase in the elderly population now and projected into the future the need for our services increases every day. 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 more than 56 referrals to approximately 14 outside agencies which serve as an example of the community support available and the care manager aspect of the nurse’s role. We gave 85 flu vaccines to home bound patients, and residents at the Maple Lane Apartments as well as holding two public flu shot clinics. Our 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. In just a two-month period this past year our nurses made 556 phone calls on behalf of our patients. The Northeast Harbor Ambulance was summoned 7 times and we provided phlebotomy a total of 43 times as well as welcoming 4 new babies to our community. Our sympathies were extended to the families and friends of eight of our patients who passed on.

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

Our loan closet continues to serve the Town of Mount Desert with durable medical equipment. Over 56 individuals have accessed our inventory for 117 items of durable medical equipment this past year saving hundreds of consumer dollars in insurance claims. And from July 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008, we have already loaned medical equipment to 86 individuals. This past year we have expanded our loan closet recipients to include all residents of Mount Desert Island.

MDNA is represented on the Healthy Aging Task Force, Healthy Acadia, 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 of Southwest Harbor-Tremont Nursing Services, Hospice of Hancock County, and Discharge Planning at local Hospitals and Rehab Centers.

Our Community Outreach this past year has included speakers such as Legal Service for the Elderly on Advanced Directives; 2 Health Assessment Days; bi-monthly Abby Chapel Luncheon Blood Pressure checks, 3 cooking classes – “Fats of Life”, “Healthy Fast Meals”, “Food Safety and Economy Cooking Class; weekly TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) support meetings, and the Southwest Harbor and MDI Hospital Health Fairs.

Our staff includes: Anne Napier, Ed.D., RN, APRN RN –Nurse Director,
Theo Hinckley, RN, Community Health Nurse

Emma Lansing, RN - Community Health Nurse
Karol Hagberg, RN - Per Diem Community Health Nurse
Kathy Frank, RN - Per Diem Community Health Nurse
Susan Christie, RN – Per Diem Community Health Nurse
Kim Horton, RN, MSN – Per Diem Community Health Nurse
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. Potential patients may self-refer or be referred by families, friends or medical and health care providers.

We are very fortunate to have a dedicated Board of Directors consisting of 27 individuals who meet as a full Board six (6) times a year, an Executive Committee which meets in the 6 off-months of the year, and an annual meeting open to the public in July.

Our Board consists of the following members:

Joelle Nolan - President
Mary Jennings Telsey—Vice President
Karen Pinkham—Secretary
Pricilla Smith—Treasurer

Mary Lee Bayne	Laura Hendricks, RN	Betsy Roberts
Kathy Branch	Kathryn Keif	Kent Schmidt
Robert Falt	Lydia Kimball	Patricia Scull (life member)
Wanda Fernald, RN	Julian Kuffler, MD	Geddes Simpson
Samuel Fox, MD	Connie Madeira (life member)	Geraldine Sweet
Ruth Fraley (life member)	Sandra Modeen	Mary Telsey, MD
Mary Glass, RN	Jan Moore	Allyson Wallace
Kate Harrington	Linda Pomerleau	Stockton Smith

Approximately one quarter of our patient visits are charitable or “no charge” visits. Another third are at the lower end of our sliding fee scale. We are proud to be able to say we deny no one nursing services based on their ability to pay. Donations and town funding allow us to provide accessible, cost-effective and quality nursing services to both year-round and summer residents of Mount Desert. Without your generosity we would not be able to keep our fee schedule low and provide access to affordable professional nursing care to the all residents of the Town of Mt. Desert. All funds received from the Town of Mount Desert are used for provision of direct patient care visits and patient care management services by our nurses to town residents.

Many national and state health agencies assert 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. In the 115 years since the birth of the Visiting Nurse model, the number of home care/community nursing agencies have increased from seven (7) to more than 25,000 and continue to grow rapidly. Private pay home care programs have begun to proliferate in response to this increasing need, a need so great it will severely test this nation to provide nursing services to those who must look to others for their care and protection. Very few of these Home Health Care agencies can claim to be **independent**, patient-, family- and community-centered and non-insurance based, rather than business-driven, organizations. In the Mission Statement and philosophy of the Mount Desert Nursing Association—it is the patient, their family and the community that is of the most importance. We anticipate that in 2009 there will be an even greater need and demand for our nursing services by Mount Desert residents. It is the generosity of our donors, and the support

from the Town of Mount Desert, that allows the Mount Desert Nursing Association to provide accessible, cost-effective, quality nursing care to all residents of Mount Desert, whether year-round or summer residents.

In closing I thank the Board of Directors and the residents and the Town of Mt. Desert for their foresight and continued support for the Mount Desert Nursing Association.

It is my privilege and pleasure to have recently been invited by the MDNA Board of Directors to assume a leadership role at the Nursing Association, to continue the fine work of the gifted nurses and women who were my predecessors, and to facilitate the excellent care provided to Town of Mount Desert residents by the Mount Desert Nursing Association's current Community Health Nurses, Emma Lansing, RN, and Theo Hinckley, RN.

IN 2009 THE MOUNT DESERT NURSING ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF PROVIDING CONTINUOUS COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICES TO THE TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT!

The Staff and Board of Directors wish to submit this report with thanks to all who support our agency.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne H. Napier

Anne Napier, Ed.D., RN, APRN-BC, Executive Nurse Director

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

HOSPICE OF HANCOCK COUNTY

To the residents of the Town of Mount Desert:

Thank you very much for your support for Hospice of Hancock County over the past year!

HOHC has been providing non-medical volunteer hospice support to residents of Hancock County and their families for 28 years. Our services are delivered free of charge to those living at the end of life and their loved ones, and we do not receive any funding from state or federal entities. Our services are provided by a well-trained corps of volunteers (100 Patient Care and 30 Bereavement) who give unselfishly in the compassionate care of their neighbors. The availability of independent volunteer hospice services is a partnership that depends on the financial support of the community. That is why we consider the residents of the towns which support us to be partners in this service.

In the past year, Hospice of Hancock County provided:

- Patient care support and comfort to 141 residents of Hancock County who were living at the end of life and their families, including 7 residents of Mt. Desert;
- Over 3700 hours of patient care service, representing a value of over \$55,000;
- Over 1100 gestures of bereavement support through our *Caring Hearts Bereavement Program*, including services to 6 Mt. Desert residents;

- Our fourth annual *Caring Hearts Day Camp* for families and children dealing with the loss of a loved one, serving more than 30 people;
- A new service to patients, the *Evensong* hospice singers, who have offered the gift of harmony and peace in the homes of 18 patients. This service is being well-received by patients and families. One patient for whom Evensong sang had this to say about this unique gift "...you sang with your heart, your smiles spoke of your love..." Please help us continue to grow these volunteer services.

Hospice of Hancock County is here for all our neighbors who are living at the end of life and their loved ones. Those whom we serve are extremely grateful for our support, as we are for yours.

Thank you again!

Sincerely,



Jody Wolford-Tucker
Executive Director

THE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE REPORT



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 eleven 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 2008); open gym and open swim programs depending upon the time of year; and an intensive basketball camp for those of high school age.



Pictured: Art projects are just some of the activities that take place during school vacation programs at The Neighborhood House.

Adult & Senior Programs: There is the popular community fitness room along with indoor cycling and yoga classes; all on a year-round basis. An Active Older Adults group meets twice per week and personal training sessions are available by appointment. Instructors offer karate and fencing on a weekly basis and Pilates and Zumba classes are held during the summer season. Beginning in the fall of 2009, The Neighborhood House will begin offering cultural and education field trips for adults and seniors with a 15-passenger activity bus purchased through private donations.

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 each January. The latest Father-Daughter Valentine Dance had over 140 attendees. Bingo Dinners have become a big hit as well as the Comfort Food Cook-Off. In 2008 a successful BBQ was hosted by The Neighborhood House on the Town Green as part of the Memorial Day activities. 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 wine and punch reception. There's the annual Bike Parade, visits from the Easter Bunny, Teddy Bear Picnics, ice cream socials, huge Halloween party and the yearly performance of "The Grinch" by Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers in conjunction with the library and elementary school.



Pictured: Dads and daughters dance the night away at the annual Father-Daughter Valentine Dance.

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, Boy Scout Troop #96 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.



Pictured: Neighborhood House board members and volunteers help to grill hamburgers and hot dogs under the tent at the Memorial Day BBQ on the Town Green.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne-Marie DeRevere, Executive Director

MOUNT DESERT ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

Mount Desert Island Historical Society

Mount Desert Island Historical Society promotes the study and understanding of this island and its people and of history's relevance today. Throughout our programs and exhibits during a very busy 2008, we have tried to demonstrate the connections between events and trends in island history and the challenges and decisions that islanders face today.

Helping children understand history has been a priority in many of our activities. Walking tours of Somesville for Mount Desert schoolchildren helped them discover why settlers chose to come to this island, how they managed to earn a living and feed their large families, and how villages change over more than two centuries. Children from all MDI's elementary schools now come to The Old School House for the experience of a rigorous school day in 1894. Trunk exhibits of historical objects are also taken into classrooms to give children hands-on experience in examining, discussing and writing about island history.

In spring 2009, we begin "History Kids," a new monthly after-school activity for elementary children. There will be opportunities to learn new skills – math, logic, arts and physical coordination - through play with a large collection of historical toys and games that has been given to the Society. "History Kids" will also go on field trips to discover island villages.

Exhibits this year in four Historical Society buildings combined displays of rare historical objects and photographs with the imaginative work of local artists. First, there was "Lost and Found" in The Old School House, an entertaining exhibit of found objects that became art. This was followed by the very amusing "Shoe Show." In June an exhibit opened to show some of the many different types of homes found on MDI, from farm house to log cabin, summer cottages and a glass house.

In the Somesville Museum, the 2008 exhibit of local history was combined with a quiz on mysterious historical objects and their uses. Many visitors spent a long time trying to figure out what these objects were. The Selectmen's Building was again outfitted as a cobbler's shop, one of the small building's early uses.

The new Louisa Conrad Garden joined the lush Heirloom Garden on the grounds of the Somesville Museum. Thousands of visitors stopped to enjoy the plants and views from early spring to late fall.

At our frequent programs, the subjects varied from the reminiscences of women who fish for a living to the stories of historic churches and the villages they have served, how to do genealogy, what it's like to dive for a living, and the geologic history of MDI. Guided tours of Seal Harbor cottages and clubs and field trips to Gott's Island were oversubscribed.

Membership in the MDI Historical Society is open to all, and is very affordable. One of the benefits of membership is a free copy of the annual history magazine, *Chebacco*, with stories of people and events that have shaped island history. For more information about what is on the calendar for 2009 and how you could be involved, please give us a call or come by The Old School House.

Charlotte Singleton
Executive Director

SEAL HARBOR VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY REPORT

In 1900 the Seal Harbor VIS was created to ensure the « general comfort and welfare » of the village of Seal Harbor. They provided trash collection, street sprinkling and sweeping, they tested milk for bacteria, planted trees, and maintained the paths through the woods. In 1901 they stopped the removal of sand from the beach for commercial purposes. Although the town has taken over many of the major roles of the VIS over the years, we are still the stewards of all town-owned property in Seal Harbor. In 1909 the VIS gave the fountain to the village to mark its centennial. Last year, the Seal Harbor Old Timers restored the fountain to its original condition to celebrate Seal Harbor's 200th year, and we are raising money to restore the little Beatrix Farrand garden above the beach.

I would like to thank our caretaker, Larry Taylor, for his 25 years of splendid work for our village. We are very lucky to have him. I would also like to thank the individual supporters of the VIS who provide us with two-thirds of our operating expenses, and the citizens of Mount Desert who have generously dedicated the funds which are necessary to carry on our work.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith Dunham

President

ACADIAN LITTLE LEAGUE

The Acadian Little League (ALL) has given children from Mount Desert the opportunity to participate in organized baseball and softball programs over the last several decades. 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 or 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

AMERICAN RED CROSS REPORT

AMERICAN RED CROSS – PINE TREE CHAPTER REPORT TO TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT – PROGRAMS PROVIDED IN 2008

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.

In the past year, the Pine Tree Chapter of the American Red Cross provided services to 71 citizens of the Town of Mount Desert. Every Town resident is eligible to make use of all Chapter services. The Chapter assisted 24 victims of the July Main Street fire, and since then has responded to two local house fire disasters and helped five other Town of Mt. Desert residents who are not included in this total. Another 47 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 (70% of Town funds) – food, clothing, shelter, medication replacement and emotional support to hundreds of Mainers facing an unexpected house fire, flood, storm damage or other natural or man-made disaster, including 24 from Mount Desert; Armed Forces Emergency Services (10% of Town funds for services to Town residents) – helping connect and serve military families in times of family emergencies – to more than 750 soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and Maine National Guard members and their loved ones, including 4 from Mount Desert; Health and Safety Education and Training (15% of Town funds for services to Town residents) – including subsidized First Aid, CPR, Life Saving, Water Safety and other programs – to more than 10,000 Mainers, including 43 from Mount Desert; and Preparation Planning and Services (5% 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 – your neighbors – 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.

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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. We currently provide services to 6 clients from the town of Mount Desert and 18 from Mount Desert Island.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Downeast Horizons (DEH) takes great pride in the quality of its care and service to the developmentally disabled. Our reputation as a premier service provider in Hancock County is stable and growing. Currently DEH serves 83 developmentally disabled adults at its community supports facilities in Ellsworth and Bar Harbor and at its eight assisted living homes. Recently, DEH expanded its adult services to include Community Supports Services in Deer Isle and Bangor. Between 2006 and 2008, the number of developmentally disabled adults served by DEH has increased by 40 percent. Over the past two years, two new and exciting programs have been instituted: Children's Services and a Community Supports Evening Program.

For the first time in its 34 year history, DEH launched a children's program in the spring of 2007, serving children aged 3 to 21 with diagnoses of Autism Spectrum Disorders and Mental Retardation. Currently, 24 children from Hancock and Penobscot counties are served by this program. DEH, working with the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, will continue to develop this program through increased marketing, public relations and public education.

Our Evening Program, one of few in Hancock County, was initiated in 2007 and has become a great success: 9 adults currently attend these evening social and educational sessions at our Ellsworth Center from 2 to 7pm weekdays. The added evening hours are enjoyed not only by clients but also by family members of developmentally disabled adults who can now utilize these hours for work or recreation.

FACILITIES

Downeast Horizons' two community supports facilities in Bar Harbor and Ellsworth, as well as its eight assisted living homes throughout Hancock County have been in great need of care and maintenance for some time now. Thanks to the generous support of our donors, over the past two years, significant repairs to the MDI facility have occurred, including the conversion of our 1976 oil heating system to a modern ultra-energy-efficient gas system. During this same period, DEH invested a tremendous amount of resources into maintaining and upgrading its eight residential sites. Over the next two years, the administration and staff will continue to focus on property maintenance, safety, and long-term energy efficiency.

STAFF TRAINING

Downeast Horizons is also committing significant time and energy in making sure our staff is the best service providers they can be in the field of developmental disability care. Over the past two years, DEH has instituted in-house training for First Aid, CPR, MANDT and a 40-hour Direct Service Training. Over the next two years, DEH will expand and hone its training programs and encourage continuing education for all employees.

The \$5,600 generously given by the citizens of Mount Desert in 2008 assisted in paying for safety/health building maintenance and repairs; staff training; and client motivation activities. In 2009, 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 FY2009.

ISLAND CONNECTIONS



Approaching its twelfth year of service to the Town of Mount Desert; Island Connections seeks to revitalize existing programs to continue meeting the comprehensive needs of senior, elderly and disabled citizens. (our neighbors)

Island Connections has gone through a challenging transition period this year. The former Executive Director left in April and the time between the re-hiring of another Executive Director was very challenging. It was the volunteers, (120), the backbone of Island Connections; with their dedication and kindness to our neighbors that allowed us to continue growing in a negative period of our organization's life.

Island Connections has provided programs/services to **82** residents of Mount Desert in 2008. Island Connections signature Transportation Program serves to connect our neighbors to the medical and social services to which they are entitled. The ride count for Mount Desert neighbors is approximately 900. One of Mount Desert's neighbors was transported to Ellsworth to the Dialysis Center 3 times a week all year, with two volunteers each trip, (1 taking and 1 returning) equaling 320 + trips. Mount Desert neighbors used our services multiple times. Meals were delivered each weekday from the Community Kitchen in Bar Harbor to individual homes & the Maple Lane Apartments. 12 to 15 individual meals were delivered daily in the Mount Desert community. Some received multiple services such as; CareCall, our telephone reassurance program, Friendly Visits, and a variety of educational and social events.

The goal for 2009 is to continue providing the services described above during this financially difficult time in our lives, and to revitalize and introduce new programs to further enrich the lives of our neighbors living in the Town of Mount Desert. Our wish is to ensure and facilitate the quality of life which they, as a vulnerable population sector, are entitled to achieve and maintain.

Island Connections is the organizational hub to which our neighbors can turn to for help with comprehensive needs.

Sincerely,

Sue Olson

Sue Olson, Executive Director

EASTERN AREA AGENCY ON AGING

The ways Eastern Area Agency on Aging serves seniors in Mount Desert

Eastern Area Agency on Aging, (EAAA) incorporated in 1973 and has been the best source of information, options and services for seniors and their families ever since.

For decades, EAAA has served the residents of eastern Maine living in Hancock, Washington, Penobscot and Piscataquis counties and is continually committed to providing quality services and programs to all of its clients. But that goal cannot be met without adequate funding.

“We depend on the support of municipalities to help with the costs of serving their residents,” said Noëlle Merrill, executive director at Eastern Area Agency on Aging. “Mount Desert has shown appreciation of our efforts and we are grateful.”

Last year, Eastern Area Agency on Aging provided services valued at \$5,743.14 to 19 seniors in Mount Desert. These services helped elderly citizens remain independent, feel financially secure, be well nourished, and have access to health care and to make informed decisions on benefits, including Medicare part D, the prescription drug program.

Meals for ME, the nutrition program of EAAA, served 631 hot noontime meals to seven homebound residents of Mount Desert who otherwise might not have had a nutritious meal. To qualify for Meals for ME home delivery, a senior must be unable to leave his or her home without assistance, be unable to prepare a meal and have no one available to one to his or her meal. Tea and toast would be the lunch for most of these homebound residents were it not for the home delivery program.

Community dining rooms are also a part of the Meals for ME program and encourage socialization and interactions which can prevent depression and isolation. Meals for ME served 142 meals to 2 Mount Desert seniors at the Meals for ME community dining rooms. The total value of these meals came to \$4,966.33 for the year. But Meals for ME not only provided nutritious meals, it also linked Mount Desert seniors to supportive services.

EAAA also has a Community Services Consultant, Kim Childs, covering Hancock county. Kim worked with 16 Mount Desert seniors last year, many of whom were also part of the Meals for ME program. She provided them with information and help in matters such as: MaineCare, Medicare and other insurances, Social Security, food stamps, low cost drug cards, tax and rent refund applications, housing, assisted living and home based care. These services are valued at \$776.81. The savings that the seniors experienced were the direct result of our staff’s assistance.

“Many seniors have no idea what benefits are available to them,” said Merrill. “Consequently, they don’t apply and even those that do understand the benefits often need assistance with the forms. Hundreds of dollars can be saved each year. This year, those savings will be even more necessary for residents because of the rapidly increasing cost of food and prescription drugs and unstable energy expenses.”

Most of the services provided by the Eastern Area Agency on Aging are free of charge which is why outside funding is so vital.

The generosity of the town of Mount Desert in funding Eastern Area Agency on Aging demonstrates compassion for its elderly citizens.

BAR HARBOR FOOD PANTRY

Dear Mount Desert Residents,

The Bar Harbor Food Pantry has had another year of growth. We have seen a tremendous increase in families using our service. From October-December we had close to 75 new families sign up, which is 1/5 of our regular annual enrollment. Fortunately, we live in a very generous and giving community, and also saw an increase in donations, food drives and volunteer help making our 2008 year of service another success for us.

We have begun putting together plans for a couple of different fundraisers for this year. One of them, a Chef's Gala in the spring, and we plan to have a table set up at COA's Earth Day celebration (selling something yet to be decided). We also will be participating in this year's July 4th ball field sales. We feel these are not only great ways to raise money, but also to raise awareness of the hunger problem going on and to let people know that we are here.

We request funds from all of the surrounding towns, including Trenton, to help support the pantry and the residents from the many different towns we serve. Funds received from Mount Desert will be used to purchase food for our shelves. This past year we spent \$46,000 on operations, and are expecting that number to be higher this year due to the increase in families. We hope that you all will approve our request for \$500 to assist us in fulfilling our mission, to help families in need by way of food.

Thank you,
Kate Maginn
Food Pantry Director

Resident Request for Appointment to Volunteer Board or Committee

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

Name: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____ Phone: Home _____
_____ Work _____
Fax - _____ E-mail: _____

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

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

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

If Yes, please describe your experience: _____

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

What about this appointment interests you? _____

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

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

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

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

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

Location of Property: Tax Map _____ Lot _____

Street Address/Village: _____

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● **IMPORTANT!!!** 2009 proposed
● amendments include November 15th
● tanks pumped deadline and
● December 1 taxes paid deadline.
● Check with Code Enforcement Officer
● Keene.
●

Capacity of Tank(s) in Gallons: _____ **Date of Last Pumping:** _____

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

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

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

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

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

Owner's Mailing Address: _____

Owner's Phone #: _____

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

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

December 29, 2008

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Mount Desert, Maine as of and for the six months ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Mount Desert, Maine's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Mount Desert, Maine as of June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the six months then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3-6 and 34, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

James W. Wadman, C.P.A.

James W. Wadman, C.P.A.

TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

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	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Town Reserves</i>	<i>School Fund</i>	<i>Other Governmental Funds</i>	<i>Total Governmental Funds</i>
Revenues					
Taxes	3,722,311				3,722,311
Intergovernmental Revenues	114,157			40,987	155,144
Charges for Services	55,241				55,241
Miscellaneous	121,615	(193,180)	306,632	44,182	279,249
Total Revenues	4,013,324	(193,180)	306,632	85,169	4,211,945
Expenditures					
General Government	378,644				378,644
Public Safety	634,431				634,431
Public Works Department	864,620				864,620
Recreation	685				685
Rural Wastewater Support	(580)				(580)
Wastewater Capital and Debt	364,184				364,184
Wastewater Treatment	305,031				305,031
Debt Service	22,375				22,375
Assessments	1,112,418				1,112,418
Education Programs			1,460,454		1,460,454
Capital Outlay		203,290		27,787	231,077
Other				18,208	18,208
Total Expenditures	3,681,808	203,290	1,460,454	45,995	5,391,547
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	331,516	(396,470)	(1,153,822)	39,174	(1,179,602)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Transfers from Other Funds	85,297	249,357	-	-	334,654
Transfers to Other Funds	(249,357)	-		(35,297)	(284,654)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(164,060)	249,357	-	(35,297)	50,000
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures	167,456	(147,113)	(1,153,822)	3,877	(1,129,602)
Fund Balance - January 1	822,393	5,657,270	1,561,885	274,401	8,315,949
Fund Balance - June 30	989,849	5,510,157	408,063	278,278	7,186,347

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TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

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Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (1,129,602)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures while governmental activities report depreciation expense to allocate those expenditures over the life of the assets:

Capital asset purchases capitalized	284,515
Depreciation expense	(418,768)
	<u>(134,253)</u>

Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds:

Deferred Taxes	122,420
	<u>122,420</u>

Bond proceeds proved current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets:

Capital lease obligation principal payments	7,743
General obligation bond principal payments	
	<u>7,743</u>

Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:

Transfers to fiduciary and proprietary funds	54,728
Accrued salaries	(35,189)
Accrued compensated absences	(33,384)
	<u>(13,845)</u>

Change in net assets of governmental activities	<u>(1,147,537)</u>
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TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

Exhibit J

	<i>Original Budget</i>	<i>Final Budget</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</i>
Revenues				
Taxes	3,792,996	3,792,996	3,722,311	(70,685)
Intergovernmental Revenues	28,913	28,913	114,157	85,244
Charges for Services	33,950	33,950	55,241	21,291
Miscellaneous	62,050	62,050	121,615	59,565
Total Revenues	<u>3,917,909</u>	<u>3,917,909</u>	<u>4,013,324</u>	<u>95,415</u>
Expenditures (Net of Departmental Revenues)				
General Government	488,923	488,923	425,685	63,238
Public Safety	673,144	673,144	628,326	44,818
Public Works	1,057,592	1,057,592	967,344	90,248
Recreation	1,500	1,500	685	815
Rural Wastewater Support			(580)	580
Wastewater Capital and Debt	433,610	433,610	379,558	54,052
Wastewater Treatment	392,974	392,974	313,453	79,521
Debt Service	22,375	22,375	22,375	-
Assessments	1,158,088	1,158,088	1,112,418	45,670
Total Expenditures	<u>4,228,206</u>	<u>4,228,206</u>	<u>3,849,264</u>	<u>378,942</u>
Excess Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>(310,297)</u>	<u>(310,297)</u>	<u>164,060</u>	<u>474,357</u>
Other Financing Sources				
Transfers from Other Funds	85,297	85,297	85,297	-
Transfer to Capital Improvement Reserve			(249,357)	(249,357)
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>85,297</u>	<u>85,297</u>	<u>(164,060)</u>	<u>(249,357)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	<u>(225,000)</u>	<u>(225,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>225,000</u>
Beginning Fund Balances - Budgetary Basis			<u>500,000</u>	
Ending Fund Balances - Budgetary Basis			<u>500,000</u>	
Adjustments to Conform to GAAP:				
Elimination of Encumbrances			<u>489,849</u>	
Ending Fund Balances - GAAP Basis			<u>989,849</u>	

TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2008

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	<i>General</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Summit / Ripples</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Assets</i>	<i>Fund</i>	<i>Reserves</i>	<i>Fund</i>	<i>SH Sidewalk</i>	<i>Governmental</i>	<i>Governmental</i>
				<i>Project</i>	<i>Funds</i>	<i>Funds</i>
Cash and Equivalents	2,212,749			10,374		2,223,123
Investments		5,463,355			9,959	5,473,314
Receivables						
Taxes	411,794					411,794
Tax Liens	5,070					5,070
Other	110,444					110,444
Due from Other Funds	192,347	46,802	408,063	170,282	123,745	941,239
Total Assets	2,932,404	5,510,157	408,063	180,656	133,704	9,164,984
Liabilities and Net Assets						
Liabilities						
Accounts Payable	335,003				623	335,626
Retainage Payable				35,459		35,459
Prepaid Taxes	15,363					15,363
Deferred Property Taxes	215,688					215,688
Due to Other Governments	12,746					12,746
Due to Other Funds	1,363,755					1,363,755
Total Liabilities	1,942,555	-	-	35,459	623	1,978,637
Fund Balances						
Reserved For:						
Encumbrances	489,849					489,849
Construction				145,197	81,603	226,800
Endowments					7,707	7,707
Unreserved						
Designated for Subsequent						
Years' Expenditures		5,510,157				5,510,157
Undesignated	500,000		408,063	-	43,771	951,834
Total Fund Balances	989,849	5,510,157	408,063	145,197	133,081	7,186,347
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	2,932,404	5,510,157	408,063	180,656	133,704	9,164,984

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

TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2008

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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets are different because:

Total Fund Balance	7,186,347
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds, net of accumulated depreciation of \$13,648,973	23,699,390
Certain long-term assets are not available to pay for current fund liabilities and, therefore, are deferred in the funds:	
Deferred Taxes	215,688
Certain long-term liabilities are not due and payable from current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:	
Bonds Payable	(10,337,854)
Accrued Compensated Absences	(61,614)
Accrued Salaries	(41,057)
Capital Leases Payable	(75,291)
Transfers to Fiduciary and Proprietary Funds	422,516
	<hr/> (10,093,300) <hr/>
Net Assets of Governmental Activities	<hr/> 21,008,125 <hr/>

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

TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT*Exhibit F***STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS****PROPRIETARY FUNDS****FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

	<i>Proprietary Fund</i>
	<i>Marina Fund</i>
Operating Revenues:	
NEH Marina	216,898
Moorings	50,331
Miscellaneous Revenues	10,622
Marina Concessions	377
Total Operating Revenues:	<u>278,228</u>
Operating Expenditures:	
NEH Marina	124,957
Seal Harbor Marina	3,031
Bartlett Narrows Harbor	1,510
Depreciation	19,897
Administration	24,084
Plowing	6,000
Sewer Charges	2,225
Parking Lot Repairs	2,000
Trash Removal and Disposal	8,541
Total Operating Expenditures	<u>192,245</u>
Net Operating Income	<u>85,983</u>
<i>Net Income (Loss) before contributions and transfers</i>	85,983
Transfer from Other Funds	
Transfer to Other Funds	<u>(50,000)</u>
<i>Change in Net Assets</i>	35,983
<i>Total Net Assets - Beginning</i>	<u>1,157,129</u>
<i>Total Net Assets - Ending</i>	<u><u>1,193,112</u></u>
Net change in fund balances - total business funds	35,983
Amounts reported for business activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:	
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in business funds:	
Transfers to fiduciary and proprietary funds	(55,880)
Accrued salaries	(5,110)
Accrued compensated absences	(5,271)
	<u>(66,261)</u>
Change in net assets of business activities	<u><u>(30,278)</u></u>

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

TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT

GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL REVENUES

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

Exhibit A-1

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	<i>Estimated</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Over (Under) Budget</i>
Taxes			
Property	3,511,996	3,389,576	(122,420)
Supplemental Taxes		38,161	38,161
Motor Vehicle Excise	255,000	262,654	7,654
Boat Excise	20,500	24,967	4,467
Interest on Taxes	5,500	6,953	1,453
	<u>3,792,996</u>	<u>3,722,311</u>	<u>(70,685)</u>
Intergovernmental Revenues			
Acadia National Park		17,701	17,701
ANP Otter Creek Treatment Plant		45,606	45,606
Road Assistance	22,000	22,434	434
General Assistance		418	418
Homestead Reimbursement	6,913	6,913	-
ANP Seal Harbor Sewer		14,402	14,402
Fuel Tax Refund		4,529	4,529
FEMA Grant		1,512	1,512
Veterans Exemption		642	642
	<u>28,913</u>	<u>114,157</u>	<u>85,244</u>
Charges for Services			
Police Department	1,950	3,246	1,296
Sewers		200	200
Recycling	1,500	6,597	5,097
Paid Parking	2,015	2,620	605
Planning and Zoning	22,650	32,790	10,140
Town Clerk	3,335	4,137	802
Tax Collection	2,500	5,651	3,151
	<u>33,950</u>	<u>55,241</u>	<u>21,291</u>

TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL REVENUES
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

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	<i>Estimated</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Over (Under) Budget</i>
Miscellaneous			
Solid Waste Performance Credit	20,000	16,317	(3,683)
Interest on Investments	37,050	73,835	36,785
Insurance Dividends/Refunds	5,000	5,664	664
Other		25,799	25,799
	<u>62,050</u>	<u>121,615</u>	<u>59,565</u>
Transfers and Other Sources			
NEH Marina	50,000	50,000	-
Municipal Revenue Sharing	35,297	35,297	-
	<u>85,297</u>	<u>85,297</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>4,003,206</u>	<u>4,098,621</u>	<u>95,415</u>
Fund Balance Used to Reduce Tax Rate	<u>225,000</u>		
Total Revenues and Use of Fund Balance	<u><u>4,228,206</u></u>		

TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT

GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

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	<i>Encumbered from 2007</i>	<i>Appropriation</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Encumbered to 2009</i>	<i>(Over) Under Budget</i>
General Government					
Governing Body/Legislative	1,500	36,760	10,681	20,000	7,579
Municipal Management		202,832	165,131		37,701
Town Clerk/Registrar/Elections	1,500	41,279	38,405	2,250	2,124
Finance/Treasury		60,460	58,374		2,086
Assessment/Revaluations		75,110	45,969	21,312	7,829
Code Enforcement	21,669	55,292	46,983	28,148	1,830
Employee Benefits		17,190	13,101		4,089
	24,669	488,923	378,644	71,710	63,238
Public Safety					
Police Department	7,605	287,384	264,379	1,500	29,110
Fire Department		114,804	112,564		2,240
Communications		133,206	120,596		12,610
Emergency Management		1,000	142		858
Fire Hydrant Rental		136,750	136,750		-
	7,605	673,144	634,431	1,500	44,818
Public Works Department					
Highways, Streets and Roads		701,316	579,045	77,862	44,409
Waste Collection and Disposal		245,053	185,821	25,658	33,574
Buildings & Grounds	10,000	97,513	88,320	12,704	6,489
Parks and Cemeteries	14,687	13,710	11,434	11,187	5,776
	24,687	1,057,592	864,620	127,411	90,248
Health and Welfare - General Assistance		1,500	685		815
Rural Wastewater Support			(580)		580
Wastewater Capital and Debt					
NEH Recon Yard	30,948		801	30,147	-
Replace DEEP Station	193,000			193,000	-
Sewer Design Work		400,000	329,774	16,175	54,051
Return Pumps	5,284			5,284	-
NEH Electrical Upgrade	36,200			36,200	-
Interest on Bonds		33,610	33,609		1
	265,432	433,610	364,184	280,806	54,052

TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT

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GENERAL FUND

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STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	<i>Encumbered from 2007</i>	<i>Appropriation</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Encumbered to 2009</i>	<i>(Over) Under Budget</i>
Wastewater Treatment					
Sewer Treatment		228,846	163,059	8,422	57,365
Northeast Harbor Plant		59,538	56,509		3,029
Somesville Plant		27,050	29,983		(2,933)
Seal Harbor Plant		57,790	44,584		13,206
Otter Creek Plant		19,750	10,896		8,854
		392,974	305,031	8,422	79,521
Debt Service					
Interest on Bonds/Notes		22,375	22,375		-
		22,375	22,375		-
Assessments					
MDI High School		1,072,759	1,072,759		-
County Tax					-
Overlay		85,329	39,659		45,670
		1,158,088	1,112,418		45,670
Totals	322,393	4,228,206	3,681,808	489,849	378,942

TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT

Exhibit A-3

GENERAL FUND

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN UNRESERVED - UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

Unreserved Fund Balance, January 1	500,000	
Unreserved Fund Balance, June 30	<u>500,000</u>	
Increase		<u><u>-</u></u>

Analysis of Change

Additions

Budget Summary

Revenue Surplus - Exhibit A-1	95,415	
Unexpended Balance of Appropriations - Exhibit A-2	<u>378,942</u>	

Budget Surplus		<u>474,357</u>
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Deductions

Beginning Fund Balance Used to Reduce Tax Rate		(225,000)
Fund Balance Transferred to Capital Improvement Reserve per Vote		<u>(249,357)</u>

Increase		<u><u>-</u></u>
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**TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT
ALL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2008**

Exhibit B-1

Assets	Municipal Revenue Sharing	Elementary School Department	Town Reserve Funds	Planning Grant	Shellfish Fund	Total
Investments			5,463,355			5,463,355
Due from Other Funds	7,971	408,063	46,802	26,412	7,759	497,007
Total Assets	7,971	408,063	5,510,157	26,412	7,759	5,960,362
Fund Balances						
Liabilities and Net Assets						
Liabilities						
Due to Other Funds						0
Total Liabilities			-			-
Fund Balances						
Unreserved						
Designated for Subsequent Years' Expenditures			5,510,157			5,510,157
Undesignated	7,971	408,063		26,412	7,759	450,205
Total Fund Balances	7,971	408,063	5,510,157	26,412	7,759	5,960,362
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	7,971	408,063	5,510,157	26,412	7,759	5,960,362

TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT
ALL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	Municipal Revenue Sharing	Elementary School Department	Town Reserve Funds	Planning Grant	Shellfish Fund	Total
Revenues						
Intergovernmental Revenues	40,987					40,987
Local Sources		306,632	52,548	44,000	80	403,260
Fair Value Increase (Decrease)			(245,728)			(245,728)
Total Revenues	40,987	306,632	(193,180)	44,000	80	198,519
Expenditures						
Education		1,460,454				1,460,454
Capital Outlay			199,707			199,707
Other			3,583	17,588	535	21,706
Total Expenditures		1,460,454	203,290	17,588	535	1,681,867
Excess of Revenues Over (Under)						
Expenditures	40,987	(1,153,822)	(396,470)	26,412	(455)	(1,483,348)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Transfers from Other Funds			249,357			249,357
Transfers to Other Funds	(35,297)					(35,297)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(35,297)	-	249,357			214,060
Excess of Revenues and Other						
Financing Sources Over (Under)	5,690	(1,153,822)	(147,113)	26,412	(455)	(1,269,288)
Expenditures and Other Uses						
Fund Balance - January 1	2,281	1,561,885	5,657,270		8,214	7,229,650
Fund Balance - June 30	7,971	408,063	5,510,157	26,412	7,759	5,960,362

**TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT
RESERVE FUNDS
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

Exhibit B-3

	<i>Balance January 1</i>	<i>Transfers In</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Expenditures/ Transfers</i>	<i>Balance June 30</i>
Capital Improvement Funds					
Town Roads	95,933		1,085		97,018
Wastewater	124,339		1,406		125,745
Pollution Control Equipment	25,916		294		26,210
Northeast Harbor Marina	149,000		1,649	(13,599)	137,050
Seal Harbor Bait House	3,252		37		3,289
Town Office Building	59,877		677		60,554
Land Acquisition	183,449		2,075		185,524
Capital Improvement	1,351,484	249,357	15,236	(20,018)	1,596,059
Bartlett Narrows Dock	28,176		319		28,495
Seal Harbor Dock	37,138		412	(3,128)	34,422
Seal Harbor Marina Road	136,238		1,540	(455)	137,323
Wastewater Bond Repayment	1,672,337		18,916		1,691,253
Capital Equipment Funds					
Public Works	207,754		2,196	(59,405)	150,545
Fire	402,453		4,552		407,005
Refuse	117,996		1,060	(106,684)	12,372
Assessor's Car	1,053		12		1,065
Communications Radio	30,696		348		31,044
Others					
Dog Welfare	(197)		733		536
Sub-Total	4,626,894	249,357	52,547	(203,289)	4,725,509
General (Fair Value Changes)	1,030,376		(245,728)		784,648
Total	5,657,270	249,357	(193,181)	(203,289)	5,510,157