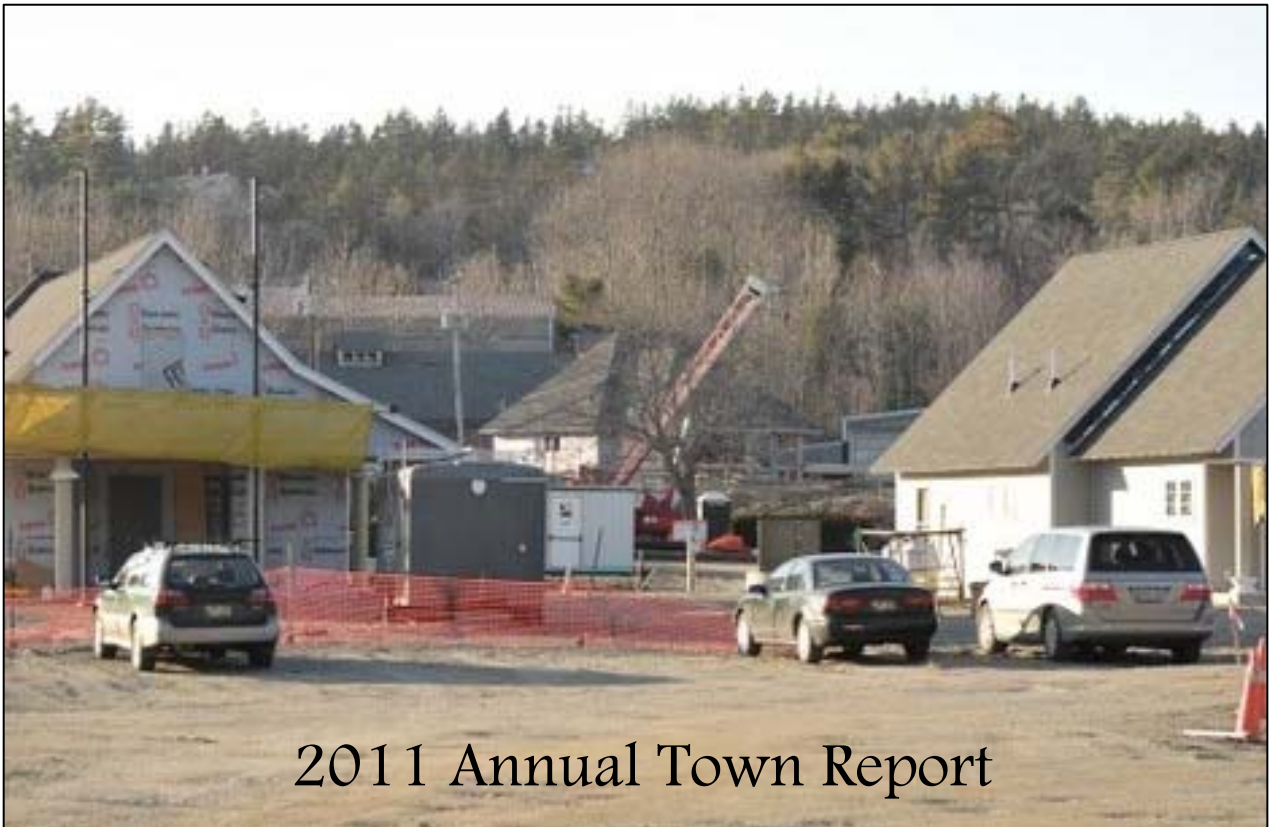
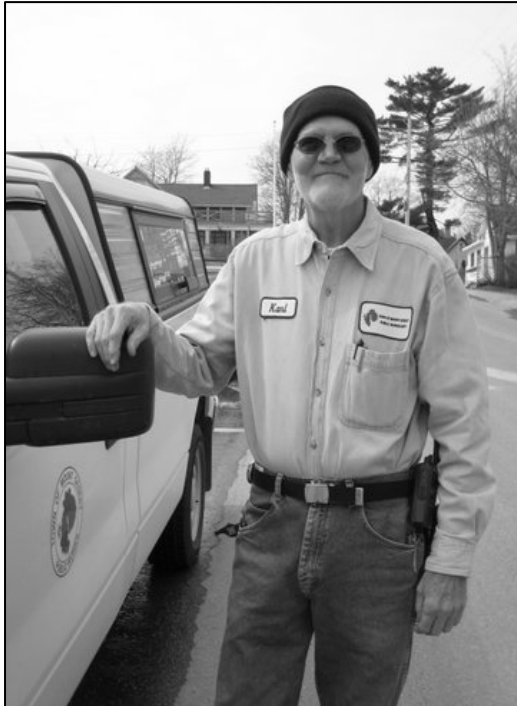


Town of Mount Desert



Dedication

Sumner Rulon-Miller, long time summer resident and recent year round resident, lost his battle with cancer in July of 2011. In his last years, as a local resident, Sumner was very active on Town committees eventually becoming a member of the Board of Selectmen. He was groomed for position on the Board by actively participating on the Town Investment Committee, the Salary Survey Committee, the Public Protection Committee and the Warrant Committee. While serving on these various committees, Sumner attended nearly every BOS meeting, engaging in many discussions. Those of us on the Board, fondly, considered him as our 6th man. In May, 2011, Sumner was thrilled to be elected to the Board of Selectmen only to have his term cut short by his untimely passing. I like to think that at least the 6th man had a chance to start in one game.



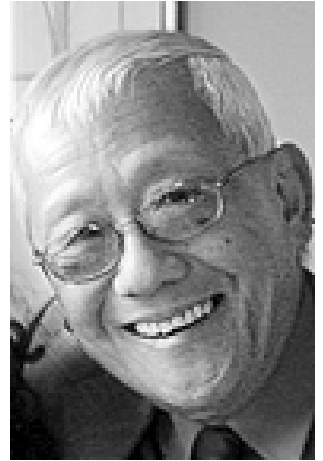
Karl Richard worked for Mount Desert in building maintenance from 2002-2011. Karl could fix most anything that was broken. He was always willing to lend a hand where needed and his friendly nature is greatly missed by both his human and canine friends.

Bob Ho has been a resident of Northeast Harbor since 1975, following years of international public service. He worked with such organizations as CARE, Institute of International Education and the Peace Corps, in locations from Poland to the Philippines.

He was extensively involved in community development and social change at the state level. Among other positions, he served as executive director of Maine Rural Development Council. He also served on many boards and commissions, including a rural family counseling service, a tribal mental health agency and a state commission on poverty among working parents.

Among his awards were S.B.A. Minority Small Business Advocate of the Year and Maine Legislature Joint House-Senate Resolution of Recognition.

Bob was particularly interested in the redevelopment of Northeast Harbor after the devastating downtown fire. Although he was a recent appointee to the town Planning Board, his ability to comprehend and articulate the underlying issues and to suggest a solution will be sorely missed, as will his cheerful demeanor and smile.



Many best remember Dennis as the genial host of the annual Memorial Day services at the Marina Green. Dennis also served on the Town of Mount Desert Investment Committee from 1995-2004. Dennis's financial background coupled with a good measure of "Yankee common sense and frugality" made him a valuable member of this committee. Thank you Dennis for your years of service to Country and Community.

Thank you to all who have contributed reports, dedications, photographs, and technical support to this annual town report.

Jennifer McWain,
Deputy Clerk
Editor



Town of Mount Desert Annual Town Meeting Schedule

Elections

Monday, May 7th at the Somesville Fire Station, Somesville; Town Meeting convenes at 7:50 a.m. - Polls will open at 8:00AM and close at 8:00PM.

Candidates for Elected Offices are:

Selectman – 3 years (1 vacancies) Martha Dudman

School Board – 3 years (2 vacancies) Caroline MacDonald Pryor
 Laura Hendricks

Mount Desert Island School District Trustee – 3 years (1 vacancy) Charles E. Bucklin

Open Floor Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting will reconvene at the Mount Desert Elementary School Auditorium on Joy Road in Northeast Harbor on **Tuesday evening, May 8th at 5:50PM**. At the conclusion of the Annual Town Meeting the Board of Selectmen will have their organization meeting.

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Did you know...?
That the Recycling Center at the Town Garage,
Sargeant Drive, is open dawn to dusk, 7 days a week.

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(Board of Selectmen
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Proposed LUZO Changes for Annual Town Meeting

[Land Use Zoning Ordinance Proposed Changes 2012 \(2/17/12\)](#)
[Building Code Proposed Changes 2012](#)
[Land Use Zoning Ordinance - Wireless Communication Facilities](#)

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 1761, 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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Mount Desert News & Announcements

[Notice of Public Hearing for Proposed Warrant Articles](#)
[Don't forget to change the batteries in the smoke alarm this weekend!](#)
[Board of Selectmen Public Hearing 03/05/12](#)
[Candidate Nomination Papers Available for Annual Town Meeting](#)

Meetings & Event Calendar

Mon, Mar 19, 2012
[Board of Selectmen Meeting](#)
 6:30 PM - Meeting Room, Town Hall, Northe
[Public Hearing for Proposed Warrant Articles](#)
 6:30 PM - Town Hall Meeting Room, Northea


[Online Car & Trailer Registration](#)


[Online Dog Registration](#)

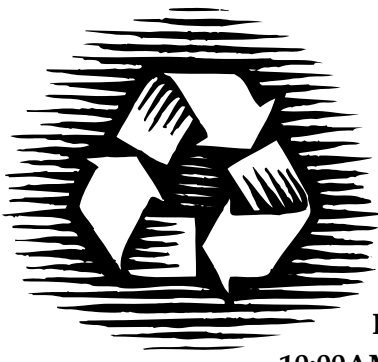

[Online Boat Registration](#)

Mount Desert Municipal Office (207) 276-5531 Fax: (207) 276-3232 21 Sea Street, P.O. Box 248, Northeast Harbor, ME 04662

Hours: Monday - Friday: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Virtual Towns & Schools Website

Follow the links above at www.mtdesert.org



Recycling Information

Town of Mount Desert

New Recycling Program

The Town of Mount Desert will continue to recycle at the Town Garage Recycling Center, 307 Sargeant Drive. Monday through Friday, 7:00AM to 10:00AM, there is a recycling attendant available to assist you. As always the recycling center is open dawn to dusk.

Newspapers and Magazines:

1. Material allowed: Newspapers, advertising flyers, magazines, catalogs, telephone directories with covers, paperback books with no covers, all office paper, and envelopes, including those with windows.
2. Unacceptable materials: Junk mail, brown paper bags and cardboard.

Old Corrugated Cardboard (OCC):

1. Domestic corrugated cardboard, brown Kraft paper bags, boxboard and pizza boxes.
2. Unacceptable materials: Asian cardboard, paperboard, and wax cardboard. **Wax boxes are cause for load rejection.**

Plastics #1 - #7

1. Accepted material: Any plastic numbered 1-7, such as bottles, milk jugs, soap jugs, butter tubs, lids and caps, yogurt and cool whip dishes, 5 gallon pails and kitty litter containers.
2. Bottles should be drained and protected from sun exposure.
3. Unacceptable materials: Styrofoam, paper, metal, glass, trash bags, plastic grocery bags.

Steel Cans - Tin Cans

1. Steel cans with paper on and rinsed out are acceptable.
2. Small quantity of aluminum cans and lids are allowed.

Glass

Clear and colored glass jars and bottles.

If you have any questions, please contact the Town Office at 276-5531. They will be able to answer your questions or direct you to someone who can. Thank you for your participation!!!

Elected Officers

Board of Selectmen

Thomas Richardson	Chairman	2013
James R. Mooers	Vice Chairman	2013
John Macauley	Secretary	2014
Dennis Shubert	Selectman	2014
Martha Dudman	Selectman	2012

School Board

Heather Jones		2013
Brian Reilly	Vice Chairman	2013
Charles Wray	Chairman	2014
Laura Hendricks		2012
Gail Marshall		2012

School Board Trustees

Charles Bucklin		2012
Michael Musetti		2013
James Bright		2014

Town Employees

Administrative

Durlin Lunt, Jr.	Town Manager Road Commissioner General Assistance Administrator Public Health Officer
Joelle D. Nolan	Town Clerk Deputy Tax Collector/Treasurer Registrar of Voters
Jennifer McWain	Deputy Town Clerk Deputy Registrar of Voters
Margaret Porter	Tax Collector Excise Tax Collector
Claire Woolfolk	Clerical I Planning Board Recording Secretary
John A. Graves	Treasurer
Kyle Avila	Assessor Addressing Officer
Kimberly Keene	Code Enforcement Plumbing Inspector Local Building Inspector Deputy General Assistance Administrator

Police Department

James Willis
Kevin Edgecomb

John Wardwell
Leigh Guildford
Travis Frost
Kenneth Mitchell
Ryan Lawson
Ed Montague
Joshua Jordan
Dana Austin
Lorraine Bracy
Marie Overlock
Chad Campbell
Rod O'Conner
Carrie Jones
Angela Box

Police Chief
Police Sargeant
Animal Control Officer
Police Officer (MDEA)
Police Officer
Police Officer
Police Officer
Police Officer
Part Time Officer
Part Time Officer
Part Time Officer
Dispatcher
Dispatcher
Dispatcher
Part Time Dispatcher
Part Time Dispatcher
Part Time Dispatcher

Harbor Master

Shawn Murphy
John Lemoine

Harbor Master
Deputy Harbor Master

Fire Department

Michael Bender

Thomas Wallace
Robert Norwood
David Higgins
John Littlefield
Norris Reddish** 2012 Firefighter of the year/Town of Mt. Desert
Bruce Walton
Amilie Bacon
Samuel Blanchard
Stuart Burr
Bobby Dodge
Andrew Flanagan
Kate Folger
Benjamin Gilley
Andrew Horner
Michael Kelley
Basil Mahaney
Mark Middleton
Steve Montminy
Christopher Moore
Robert Pyle
Joseph Renault
Anthony Smith
Michael Vollmer
Charles West

Fire Chief 11 years
Fire Warden
Emergency Management Director
Assistant Fire Chief 11 years
Captain 11 years
Captain/ Safety Officer 11 years
Lieutenant 11 years
Lieutenant 11 years
Lieutenant 11 years
Career Firefighter 4 years
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Volunteer Firefighter 11 years
Volunteer Firefighter 7 years
Volunteer Firefighter 1 year
Volunteer Firefighter 1 year

Josh Silva
Chapin McFarland

Junior Firefighter
Junior Firefighter

Public Works Department

Tony Smith	Public Works Director
Kenneth A. Poors	Highway Supt
Philip Frost	Highway
Royce Gordon	Highway
Benjamin Jacobs	Highway
Joseph Jacobs	Highway
David Knowlton	Highway
Leon Peasley	Highway
Albert Leeman	Highway
Ryan Dunbar	Refuse Collection
Corey Frost	Refuse Collection
Steven Bernard	Recycling Attendant
Terry Savage	Wastewater Supt
Chuck Croan	Wastewater
Edward Montague	Wastewater
Patrick Smallidge	Wastewater
Michael Walls	Wastewater
Michael Pokoney	Buildings and Grounds

Shellfish Wardens

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

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.

Please contact Code Enforcement Officer Kim Keene for details. The Rural Wastewater Support Program Ordinance can be found on our web site under the "documents" section. Go to www.mtdesert.org

Boards and Committees Appointed by the Board of Selectmen

<u>Board or Committee</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Board of Assessment Review	James	Bright	2013
Board of Assessment Review	Darrell	Phillips	2012
Board of Assessment Review	Julie	Reddish	2012
Board of Assessment Review	Keating	Pepper	2014
Housing Authority	Wanda	Fernald	2013
Housing Authority	Karol	Hagberg	2014
Housing Authority	Alice	Carter	2013
Housing Authority	Dan	Falt	2012
Housing Authority	Chris	Schleif	2012
HA Tenant Commissioner	Linda	Mitchell	2014
HA Tenant Commissioner	Gloria	Munson	2015
Investment Committee	John	Graves	ex officio
Investment Committee	Durlin	Lunt, Jr.	ex officio
Investment Committee	Dennis	Shubert	Selectman
Investment Committee	Jerry	Suminsby	2012
Investment Committee	John	Brown	2012
Investment Committee	Christopher	Willis	2012
Marine Management Committee	James	Bright	2014
Marine Management Committee	Edward	Bromage	2014
Marine Management Committee	Tom	Fernald	2012
Marine Management Committee	Dana	Haynes	2012
Marine Management Committee	William	Johnston	2012
Marine Management Committee	Eric	Jones	2014
Marine Management Committee	Story	Litchfield	2012
Marine Management Committee	Christopher	Moore	2014
Marine Management Committee	Shawn	Murphy	2014
Marine Management Committee	Doug	Randolph-Foster	2014
Marine Management Committee	Richard	Savage	2014
Marine Management Committee	James	Black	2012
Planning Board	Patti	Reilly	2012
Planning Board	Joseph	Tracy	2013
Planning Board	Sandy	Andrews	2013
Planning Board	James	Clunan	2014
Planning Board	Ellen	Brawley	2012
Planning Board, Alternate	Lilian	Andrews	2013
Planning Board, Alternate	Robert	Ho	2014
Revitalization Committee	Katie	Bell	2012
Revitalization Committee	Kathy	Branch	2012
Revitalization Committee	Buddy	Brown	2012
Revitalization Committee	Stephanie	Kelley Reese	2012
Revitalization Committee	Hamilton	Clark	2012
Revitalization Committee	Lanie	Lincoln	2012
Revitalization Committee	Ed	Lipkin	2012
Revitalization Committee	Kathe	McCoy	2012

<u>Board or Committee</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Shellfish Conservation Committee	Steve	Boucher	2013
Shellfish Conservation Committee	Jock	Crothers	2012
Shellfish Conservation Committee	Tom	Falt	2012
Shellfish Conservation Committee	Benjamin	Hamor	2012
Shellfish Conservation Committee	Steven	Hamor, Jr.	2012
Shellfish Conservation Committee	Harvey	Heel	2012
Shellfish Conservation Committee	Michael	Kelley	2012
Shellfish Conservation Committee	Earl	Moore	2012
Shellfish Conservation Committee	Joelle	Nolan	liaison to BOS
Shellfish Conservation Committee	John	Stanley	
Shellfish Conservation Committee	Barry	Thomas	2013
Technology Committee	John	Brown	2012
Technology Committee	Dwight	Lanpher	2012
Technology Committee	Mickey	Shattow	2012
Technology Committee	Jerome	Suminsby	2012
Traffic Committee	Samuel	Coplon	2012
Traffic Committee	Jean	Fernald	2012
Traffic Committee	Kathy	Fernald	2012
Traffic Committee	Phyllis	Partridge	2012
Traffic Committee	Sydney	Roberts-Rockefeller	2012
Traffic Committee	Tony	Smith	2012
Traffic Committee	James	Willis	2012
Traffic Committee	Diane	Young	2012
Warrant Committee	Gordon	Beck	2013
Warrant Committee	Dirck	Bradt	2012
Warrant Committee	Katrina	Carter	2012
Warrant Committee	Owen	Craighead, Jr.	2012
Warrant Committee	Anne	Dalton	2014
Warrant Committee	Robert	Dodge	2012
Warrant Committee	Joanne	Eaton	2013
Warrant Committee	Edward	Ferm	2012
Warrant Committee	William	Ferm	2012
Warrant Committee	E Pat	Foster	2012
Warrant Committee	Gary	Fountain	2012
Warrant Committee	John	Gannon	2012
Warrant Committee	Gail	Gee	2012
Warrant Committee	Kathleen	Graves	2012
Warrant Committee	Mark	Hamlet	2012
Warrant Committee	Albert	Hamor	2013
Warrant Committee	David	Higgins	2014
Warrant Committee	William	Hodgkins	2012
Warrant Committee	Philip	Lichtenstein	2013
Warrant Committee	John	Macauley	2012
Warrant Committee	Jerry	Miller	2012
Warrant Committee	Norris	Reddish	2013
Warrant Committee	Rick	Savage	2013
Warrant Committee	Micky	Shattow	2013
Warrant Committee	Robert	Shea	2014
Warrant Committee	Seth	Singleton	2015

<u>Board or Committee</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Water District Trustee	Elsie	Baum	2013
Water District Trustee	Karen	Coombs	2013
Water District Trustee	Alan	Joseph	2012
Water District Trustee	Harry	Madeira	2014
Water District Trustee	Stephen	Zirnkilton	2014
Zoning Board of Appeals	Ernest	Coombs	2014
Zoning Board of Appeals	William	Ferm	2012
Zoning Board of Appeals	Julianna	Reddish	2012
Zoning Board of Appeals	Edith	Dunham	2012
Zoning Board of Appeals	James	Bright	2012
Zoning Board of Appeals	Jerome	Suminsby	2013
Zoning Board of Appeals	Kevin	Walls	2013
Zoning Board of Appeals	Harry	Madeira	Resigned 8/2011
Zoning Board of Appeals	David	Irvin	Resigned 10/2011
Zoning Board of Appeals	Jed	Lauriat	Resigned 11/2011

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



Junior Firefighter Josh Silva

Board and Committee Meeting Schedule

Board of Selectmen	6:30PM	1 st and 3 rd Monday
Planning Board	6:00PM	2 nd and 4 th Monday
Marine Management Committee	5:30PM	2 nd Tuesday
Shellfish Committee	4:00PM	as needed
Zoning Board of Appeals	6:00PM	as needed
Investment Committee	4:00PM	quarterly
Revitalization Committee	9:30AM	1 st or 2 nd Thursday
Warrant Committee	6:00PM	Tuesdays during budget prep.
School Board – Mount Desert	4:00PM	1 st Wednesday
High School	7:00PM	2 nd Monday

Interested in joining a Board or Committee?

Vacancies often occur due to resignations. If you would like to know about any vacancies, please call the Town Clerk's Office at 276-5531.

All meetings are open to the public, and you are welcome to attend any meeting that interests you. Agendas for meetings are posted in the Town Office, the Northeast Harbor Post Office, Seal Harbor Post Office, Somesville Post Office and the Mount Desert Police Department.

Agendas are also posted on the Town's website, www.mtidesert.org/ If you are interested in receiving meeting agendas, and or announcements via email be sure to subscribe to the email notifications on the Town website front page. Thank you for your interest in the Town!

Did you know...?
That you can ALWAYS vote
absentee ballot? Call the Town Office
for details 276-5531

Mount Desert Now Accepts Credit Card Payments from their Citizens Using the Maine PayPort Service

Residents of Mount Desert Can Now Make Payments in their Municipal Office Using their Credit Card.

The Town of Mount Desert has launched Maine PayPort, a cost-effective way for municipalities to accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express credit card payments over-the-counter. Residents of Mount Desert now join the thousands of other Maine citizens who can make payments with a credit card for items such as parking tickets, registrations, licenses, recreation fees, property taxes and/or other services

Credit card payments are made through a third-party payment processor, Maine PayPort. Each payment made through the service will incur a PayPort fee. **The PayPort fee is a 2.5% (or \$1.00 minimum) portal administration fee which is calculated based on the total transaction amount being made.** All customers will be informed of the PayPort fee amount before their payment is processed.

Individuals and organizations will be able to pay for any service, fee, license, or product using a Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express credit card if that item has been added by a municipal administrator in the municipalities Maine PayPort catalog. While municipal participation in Maine PayPort is optional, the service has now grown to include over two dozen municipalities.

The Maine PayPort Service is provided by InforME. InforME has been processing electronic payments for Maine state and local government since 1999. All private customer data is secured according to the most up-to-date and stringent security standards. InforME is CyberTrust certified the industry gold standard for security, and PCI/DSS compliant.



Did you know that you can re-new your vehicles and trailers on line?

As long as you have a valid registration and your information is up to date, you can re-new on line. You will need your current registration, insurance card, and mileage. Go to the Town website www.mtdesert.org and look for the car icon on the bottom of the front page.

Board of Selectmen Chairman's Report

The Town of Mount Desert operates as efficiently as it does because of its many hard working employees. Our roads are cleared, our properties are safe, our wastewater treatment plants operate well, and our Municipal Office needs are accomplished by a competent and professional staff. The Board wishes to thank all of the Town employees for their dedicated service.

The Board of Selectmen had three vacancies to fill at last May's election. There were two three- year terms and a one-year term. The three-year terms were won by Dennis Shubert of Seal Harbor and John B. Macauley of Otter Creek. The one-year term was won by Sumner Rulon-Miller of Northeast Harbor. Less than three months into his term, Sumner lost his life to illness. He gave much of himself to many boards and committees in the town for many years. Some of us on the Board used to refer to Sumner as the "sixth man" because of his participation at most Board meetings. I like to think that he got a chance to start one game. Martha Dudman was appointed to the Board of Selectmen following the untimely passing of Sumner. Martha has been an active participant on the Board.

John Graves has been the Finance Director for the Town for several years. He has decided to retire this spring, and the Board wishes to thank him for getting us through some tough times. Kathi Mahar has been appointed as the new Treasurer. She was a great help to John for the past couple of years as a part-time assistant. We look forward to having Kathi on the administrative team.

The Town Manager, with the help of a consultant, has been looking into an integrated human resource system to replace the current fragmented processes. As a result, the Board is recommending the purchase of a new cloud-based system (software as a service or SAAS) to integrate all departments. The Munis system is a single software application that organizes and supports accounting, financial reporting, human resource management/payroll, purchasing and accounts payable. Eventually, residents will be able to more easily obtain services from the Town departments, even on line. All initial costs for the new service are in the proposed Municipal Management portion of the budget.

There are several projects in the works and on the horizon. First, the Marina project is in full swing with buildings shaping up and ground work underway. The project is scheduled to be complete in June, 2012 and everything is going well. Next, the voters agreed to spend \$1.5 million on long awaited sidewalk repairs and renovations. Public hearings on specific sections of sidewalk have been held and reconstruction will begin this spring and finish in the fall. At this year's annual Town Meeting, the Board will present a warrant article to ask voters to approve a new addition to the Municipal building. We need to address office space issues for several staff as well as storage of records. If you haven't noticed, we're losing capacity in our meeting room in order to temporarily address these concerns. Two other articles will ask voters to spend money on design and building specs for a new highway garage and upgrades to the Northeast Harbor Wastewater Treatment Plant, both of which are long overdue. The construction projects will hopefully be considered at the Annual Town Meeting in 2013.

Discussions on the 2012 – 2013 budget are ongoing between the Board, department heads and the Warrant Committee. Initial requests were thoughtful and well received. Every effort is being made to keep the Municipal budget as low as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas G. Richardson, Chairman

Mount Desert School Board Report

On behalf of the members of the Mount Desert School Committee, we thank the community for its trust and support of our school. Mount Desert Elementary School (MDES) is thriving and growing. The school is a hub of positive activity and we are fortunate to have a school of dedicated teachers, attentive staff, and strong administration that support the goals of the community, our school and our children.

There are a wide range of programs and activities that are thriving or getting underway at MDES. Most importantly MDES is growing; since the 2006-2007 school year the student body has expanded by 9%. While the administration and school board have been conservative on previous annual budgets, growth of the student body is driving increases in teaching staff needs with concomitant benefits increases. For the projected 2012-2013 school year 92% of the budget increase is a direct result of student body growth. In other areas, the school is hosting excellent parent forums once a month, numeracy and mathematical literacy are a unique and powerful focus of the faculty, standardized test scores remain excellent, and the Parent Teacher Organization is stronger than ever.

MDES is made stronger every year by engaged parents, educators, administrators and members of the public. All of the school board appreciate the input of our community and urge community members to participate and engage in the civic activities of the Town. Our Board is made up of five residents: Laura Hendricks, Heather Jones, Gail Marshall, Brian Reilly, and I. We meet the first Wednesday of each month and welcome you to attend. Thank you again for your support and trust.

Respectfully,
Charles Wray, Chair

Did you know...?

That the Town has a Tax Club, that allows for 10 monthly payments of your real estate taxes. Applications will be enclosed with your tax bill.

Town Manager's Report

In 1630 William Bradford speaking of the founding of the Plymouth Bay Colony said that all great and honorable acts are accomplished with great difficulties and must be both enterprised and overcome with answerable courage. As I begin my third year as Town Manager I am mindful that the coming years are fraught with great challenges as well as great opportunities for our community; exciting and daunting simultaneously.

Sadly we lost through death last year the services of our long time building and grounds worker Karl Richard, newly elected Selectman Sumner Rulon-Miller, Planning Board member Robert Ho, and former investment counselor Dennis Carr. All were dear friends and are greatly missed.

"The Harbor Project will be essentially complete and operable by the end of June. This will include the final surface on the roads, sidewalks and parking areas and the planting of shrubs, grass and trees". For the sake of full disclosure and transparency I must confess that these are not my words, but those of former Town Manager John Harding writing nearly a half century ago for the 1964 Annual Report. This statement holds true for the current project. Thank you Mr. Harding for writing this paragraph for me

This year we commenced a Human Resources project aimed at reconstructing a fragmented and disjointed administrative operation. This is important not only to ensure legal compliance but to ensure efficient and cost effective delivery of Town Services. Thus far we have reorganized the Finance and the Front Office operations separating the positions of Treasurer and Tax Collector to more effectively ensure internal controls. Currently we are reviewing all Town job descriptions that are not covered by collective bargaining agreements to ensure that they are up to date and in alignment with our compensation policy. Such periodic reviews are mandated by our Personnel Policy Manual. We have completed a soft cost analysis of payroll process and our current financial software for best accounting practices and reporting. These activities were undertaken after a Departmental needs analysis to identify issues of concern. The results of this study made crystal clear that we are not currently employing technologies that a Town with a municipal budget of nearly eight million dollars should utilize. Therefore I have budgeted for financial and human resources software selected to accomplish the goals of building and sustaining an administrative structure easily transferrable to the coming generation of Town leaders.

Another high priority is to maintain all Administrative and Public Safety operations at the Town Office. Even though we may refer to the "new Town Office", it is in fact over thirty years old and beginning to show signs of age. The office of the Fire Chief does not meet the standards of the State Fire Marshall and there are storage and office space issues in the Administrative areas. I do not believe that is wise, or necessary, to construct a new building for Public Safety; therefore I am requesting funding to expand the footprint of the current building. I believe that this, and the conversion of the current public rest rooms to police services, will increase the useful life of the Town Office for another generation, or more. The current restrooms will be relocated to the new visitor center at the Marina and that portion of the building will be open on a year round basis.

I would like to thank all of the Town employees and residents for working together in a spirit of cooperation this past year and I look forward to meeting the challenges of the coming year

Durlin Lunt
Town Manager

Selectman Sumner Rulon Miller's dog Henry taking a nap during a meeting in the Town Manager's office.



Summary of Uncollected Real Estate Taxes and Liens by Year

SUMMARY OF UNCOLLECTED REAL ESTATE TAXES, LIENS AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES BY YEAR

TREASURER'S REPORT

OUTSTANDING 2011 TAX LIENS AS OF JUNE 30, 2011

Owner	Original Principal		Owner	Original Principal	
Berry, Fred W, Et Al	3,435.73		Kimball, Daniel M	6,700.42	*
Biddle, Gardner S	2,049.25		Leland, Patricia	1,424.85	
Carter, Carl C	1,003.93		Libitzki, Edward M. & Cheryl G	2,415.37	
Chambers, Mary E.	227.28		Mercer, Kyle R. & Kristen M.	77.93	*
Chambers, Mary E.	199.31		Merchant, Randy A. & Erica I.	56.79	*
Damon, Sherman	1,064.56	*	Michaud, Jerry J. & Jean M.	1,207.93	**
Damon, Sherman	1,055.23	*	Millett, Janet M. Trustee	9,567.61	*
Damon, Sherman	1,142.10	*	Murray-Bumfor, Carole C. Trust	1,670.30	
Dulong, Cheryl M	1,279.10	**	Palandech, Douglas J. & Kathryn	3,723.62	*
Farnsworth, Jeff	147.50	*	Patterson Hill, LLC	794.05	
Fernald, Paul & Brenda	1,707.02		Patterson Hill, LLC	895.49	*
Fisher, Pierrepont M.	1,446.42	*	Patterson Hill, LLC	904.23	*
Gallagher, Corina	919.97		Perry, Marilyn E.	1,146.76	*
Gallagher, Corina	857.01		Radford, Mary Ann, Trustee		
Graves, Kieth			The Radford Living Trust	3,115.55	*
& Graves, Nancy	3,357.50	*	Real Estate investment LLC	46.44	*
Haynes, Blaine	2,819.97	*	Reeve, Lawrence L. Trustee	7,987.68	
Haynes, Blaine	1,816.63	*	Reeve Maint Realty Trust	18,073.44	**
Haynes, Steven L.	1,350.23		Reiff, William C.	3,860.04	*
Higgins, Edward L.	463.49	*	Rosenthal, Nadia		
			& Rosenthal Barbara	2,330.69	*
Irwin, Douglas P.	277.36	*	Smith, Stephen S.	623.81	
Kimball, Daniel M	1,958.30		Thomas, Timothy J.	1,053.48	**
Kimball, Daniel M	6,475.38	*	Wamock, Richard H.	2,092.67	*
Kimball, Daniel M	4,858.14		White, David N.	7,183.73	*

OUTSTANDING 2010 TAX LIENS AS OF JUNE 30, 2011

Biddle, Gardner S	2,056.27	*	Libitzki, Edward M. & Cheryl G	2,406.10	*
Carter, Carl C	1,007.37	*	Patterson Hill, LLC	898.56	*
Dulong, Cheryl M	1,283.49	*	Patterson Hill, LLC	907.33	*
Farnsworth, Jeff	148.01	*	Perry, Marilyn E.	1,133.14	*
Graves, Kieth			Reeve, Lawrence L. Trustee	8,015.08	*
& Graves, Nancy	3,369.01	*	Smith, Stephen S.	625.95	*
Haynes, Blaine	2,819.97	*	Thomas, Timothy J.	722.69	*
Haynes, Steven L.	1,337.31	*	White, David N.	7,190.82	*

OUTSTANDING 2011 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES JUNE 30, 2011

Allen, Tim	26.24		Reiff, William	39.06	*
Graves, Keith	8.75	*	Watson, Jason	2.30	*
Joseph, Alan	3.49	*	Xerox Corporation	18.69	*
Maison Suisse	147.50	*			

2010 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES JUNE 30, 2011

Allen, Tim	26.32		Reiff, Willian	4.09	*
Maison Suisse	148.01				

2009 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES JUNE 30, 2011

Allen, Tim	25.65
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* Total payment received after June 30, 2011

** Partial payment received after June 30, 2011

Tax Assessor's Report

This report covers the 2010-2011 fiscal year (July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011), during which this office was busy analyzing sales data, and assessing new construction and personal property for the new tax year. The volume of sales grew slightly during this period from last year, with 28 qualified sales. The certified ratio of assessed value to market value, on average was 97% of the sale price during this period. The median sale price of existing interior single family housing, sold during this period, was \$306,500, which is up from \$300,000 in F.Y. 2009-2010. Sales continue to be monitored closely, and adjustments made when warranted.

Three Year Summary of Assessed Values

Fiscal Year:	<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>	<u>2010-2011</u>
Total Land Value:	\$1,462,581,000	\$1,481,204,200	\$1,504,372,900
Total Building Value:	\$639,136,500	\$653,900,700	\$674,048,800
Personal Prop. Value:	<u>\$3,969,000</u>	<u>\$4,045,800</u>	<u>\$4,194,700</u>
Total Assessed Value:	\$2,105,686,500	\$2,139,150,700	\$2,182,616,400
Exempt Value:	<u>(\$133,873,430)</u>	<u>(\$156,406,265)</u>	<u>(\$180,956,465)</u>
Total Taxable Value:	\$1,971,813,070	\$1,982,744,435	\$2,001,659,935

This summary reflects a 0.95% increase in total taxable value from \$1,982,744,435 to \$2,001,659,935 between F.Y. 2009-2010 and F.Y. 2010-2011. The total taxable value was used to calculate a tax rate of \$5.83 per \$1,000 of assessed value, which was a 0.3% decrease from the previous tax year. The increase in taxable value was due to 5 newly created parcels, and almost \$20 million in new construction. The increase in exempt value was a result of a continuing review and update in accounting of all exempt property. The total assessed value abated in the 2012-2011 tax year was \$1,678,900, or \$9,788 tax dollars abated. The total in supplemental taxes was \$2,432,200 in assessed value, or \$14,201 tax dollars added.

The assessing office maintains a record of each property within the town. The records contain prior ownership information, building characteristics, sale prices, copies of deeds, tax maps and aerial photographs. The assessing office maintains these records to provide equitable and accurate assessments 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 Town's website: <http://www.mtidesert.org>.

Taxpayers who have questions about their assessments can request a review with the assessor. Anyone who would like to file abatement may do so within 185 days of commitment. Applications are available at the Town Office, or on-line at the Town's website, <http://www.mtidesert.org>.

Maine law provides partial, local property tax relief to certain veterans, blind persons, and qualified year-round Maine residents (Homestead Exemption). The deadline for making application for exemptions is April 1st each year. 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

A full year with a full staff – what a difference! Although there has been some job-shifting and role-tweaking, we have maintained the full complement of staff for the entire 2011 calendar year.

Margaret Porter has taken on the responsibilities of Tax Collector, while maintaining her additional duties as accounts payable clerk, motor vehicle agent, and finance clerk. Jen McWain remains Deputy Town Clerk extraordinaire, while learning the intricacies of payroll and human resources; and Claire Woolfolk helps organize Planning Board matters whilst recording the often extended meetings. Claire also assists with accounts receivable and the wide-ranging office clerical work. My position shifted physically from one end of the office to the other, and I now sit outside the Town Manager's office to better assist him. I've also become the recording secretary to the Board of Selectmen, and I am enjoying being an integral part of the meetings.

The past year also brought sadness as we said good-bye to faithful employee Karl Richards and dedicated Selectman Sumner Rulon-Miller. Both are missed.

Another busy election year is ahead of us. After our Annual Town Meeting May 7 & 8, 2012, we have the June 12th Primary Election which determines each party's nomination of candidates for US Senate and Representative to Congress, and qualified State and County offices. (The Office of President is not included in Primary Elections in Maine; each party's nomination of a presidential candidate was done at party conventions held earlier this Presidential Election year.) We will also conduct a Special Town Meeting Referendum Election June 12th to validate the Mount Desert Elementary School and Mount Desert Island High School budgets. And we end the year with the November 6th Presidential Election. Remember! It's as easy as 1 – 2 – 3 to vote absentee: come into the Town Office and vote right here or take your ballot home; call the Town Office at 276-5531 and we'll mail the ballots to you; or have a family member pick-up and deliver the ballots to you.

Use of the Town's website, www.mtdesert.org, continues to grow each month. Consider using the website to renew your motor vehicle (including trailers), boat, atv, and snowmobile registrations; renew your dog's license (mid-October through January each year); purchase a hunting or fishing license; and apply for an absentee ballot!

We look forward to the coming year, anticipating more exciting changes. In the meantime, we, the clerical staff, are here to serve you, our residents, and we thank you for your support.

Heartfelt thanks go to my immediate teammates Claire, Jen, and Margaret, and to all coworkers for their assistance.

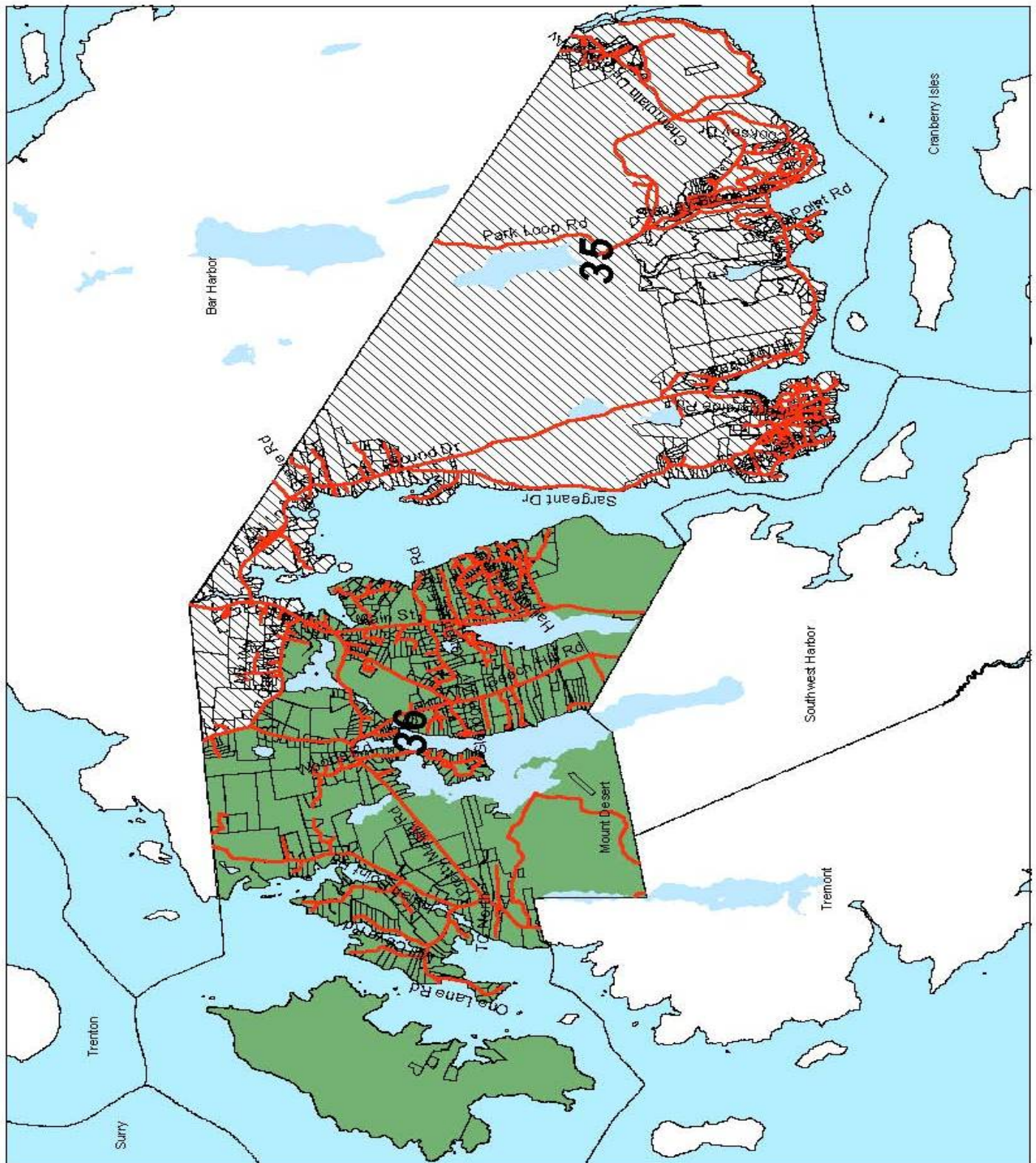
Respectfully submitted,
Joelle D. Nolan
Town Clerk/Registrar of Voters

Did you know...?

That dog licenses are due by January 31st of each year? Beginning February 1, a \$25.00 late fee is applied to the license fee. In some cases, renewals can be done on-line and/or through the mail.



Mount Desert Voting Districts 35 and 36



Code Enforcement Report

(Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector/Plumbing Inspector)

In the calendar year of 2011, this office issued a total of 156 Building Permits. A total of 55 permits were in areas regulated by shoreland zoning. There were 65 plumbing permits issued in 2011. Municipal sewer hookup permits issued totaled 08. The office also processed 28 CEO Permits. There was 4 Flood Hazard Development Permit issued.

The Code Enforcement Office collected \$20,929.14 in Building Permits Fees, \$16,617.75 in Plumbing/Septic Permits Fees & \$17,200.00 in Sewer Connection/Impact Fees.

The CEO inspected 10 (seasonal) septic tanks and the Town paid \$2,310.00 for the pumping and disposal of the sludge.

The CEO and Deputy CEO inspected 35 (year round) septic tanks, and the Town paid out \$161,240.00 for the Rural Wastewater Treatment Support Program.

The breakdown of the 2011 building permits is as follows:

Residential Use	
Single-Family Dwelling Units	08
Guest House	01
Additions to residences including decks & porches	45
Renovations	37
Garages	06
Sheds, Barns & Private Studios	25
Foundations, Slabs	10
Fences, & Walls	08
Piers, Docks, Ramps, & Floats	04
Signs	08
Home Occupation	03
Pool House	01

Commercial Use

Town of Mount Desert – Marina Project

New Visitor Center Building
New Harbor Master Building
New Yacht Center Building

Bella Skin and Body Boutique

Convert second floor of existing Single Family Dwelling into Bella Skin and Body Boutique

Redbird Provisions Restaurant

Expands Restaurant Use within Existing Building

The First, N.A.

Renovated existing commercial space and relocated branch within Northeast Harbor.
Henry R. Abel Co., LLC

Constructs a 100' X 50' one story steel bldg. addition off Building #6.

Mount Desert Yacht Yard, Inc. - Morris Yachts

Change of use from boat/service repair facility to a Marina. Expands existing float system.

Island Housing Trust

SFD - Construct a Single Family Dwelling. This is the 6th house constructed within The Ripples Tract Workforce Housing Development.

Commercial gardens/greenhouse – Seal Harbor

Horticulture Activities (commercial gardens w/ greenhouse) & Seasonal Produce Sales

The breakdown of the 2011 plumbing permits is as follows:

Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Systems	16
Internal Plumbing	49
Municipal Sewer Hookup	08

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Keene
Code Enforcement Officer
Building Inspector
Local Plumbing Inspector

Did you know...?

That the recycling center accepts office paper and 1-7 plastics! You can call 276-5743 for more details.

Police Department Report

Police Department Annual Report for January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011

Greetings,

During calendar year 2011 the Police Department responded to approximately 2,500 incidents. While not all incidents can be attributed to a specific village, when possible we document which village the calls originated from. Call distribution for 2011 is; Northeast Harbor – 1061, Somesville – 540, Seal Harbor – 313, Pretty Marsh – 138 Otter Creek – 82, and Hall Quarry – 104.

Included in the total number of calls above are 119 motor vehicle accidents, 19 involving personal injury. Also included are reports of 311 false burglar alarms, 225 assists to the Northeast Harbor Ambulance, 175 animal complaints, 150 assists to the Fire Department, 70 “911” calls, 38 thefts, 21 noise complaints, 23 domestic complaints, 4 burglaries, 9 OUI arrests, 14 vandalisms, 18 drug offenses, and 4 assaults. During 2011 our officers arrested 34 individuals, issued 111 criminal summonses, 78 traffic tickets for non-criminal traffic infractions, 186 parking citations and issued 322 written warnings for a variety of offenses.

Our agency continues to enjoy good relationships with our emergency service partners in town and with neighboring police departments. We have formal mutual aid agreements with Bar Harbor, Southwest Harbor and Tremont. These agreements allow law enforcement departments in those communities to assist each other during emergencies. Our officers respond to nearly every call the Northeast Harbor Ambulance Service responds to and provide assistance as necessary, often helping carry patients or equipment. We also respond to nearly every fire call the Mount Desert Fire Department receives, at those calls we assist by directing traffic and providing scene security and crowd control.

Our Department is staffed 24/7 with at least one officer on duty at all times as is the dispatch office. Our dispatchers issue burning permits, parking permits, answer general questions about the town and dispatch for police, fire, ems, public works employees and school busses. Our employees are encouraged to become involved with community events and groups, please contact us if you are interested in partnering on a project.

James Willis
Police Chief

Did you know ...?

That the Mount Desert Triad offers “Sand for seniors”

Mount Desert Seniors who are in need of sand for their walkways or stairs are encouraged to call the Mount Desert Police Department at 276-5111 and request a 5 gallon bucket of sand. The sand will be delivered by a Police Officer.

Harbor Master's Report

2011 proved to be more of a challenge to hit our mark this year. We did it in the end, but it takes visiting boaters to do this. Though July is usually a bit slow to start for boaters visiting the area, we did see fewer boats this year traveling through the area than last. This was not only noticed here, but all along the Eastern seaboard. The end of July and all of August proved to be very busy. July was also very slow for mooring rentals.

Few complaints and a lot of positive remarks from boaters regarding the operations of the marina and its staff were heard throughout the summer season.

Seal Harbor, along with Bartlett Landing; have continued to see an increase in use. With this additional use, we do find more trash being left on the floats and piers requiring more attendance to these areas.

The Northeast Harbor Waterfront project is fully under way. The many positive comments have far outweighed the negative ones that have been heard. Boaters call weekly for updates and are excited about visiting this summer with all the updated facilities. Still, the biggest complaints that we hear from the boaters is that the price of fuel continues to rise and there are fewer and fewer places to eat out in town. With the extremely short season that we all have to work with, it is important to remember that the visiting boaters bring a lot of needed revenue to the area. Working together, I believe that we can again attract the boaters that have chosen to go elsewhere, along with ones that have never been here before.

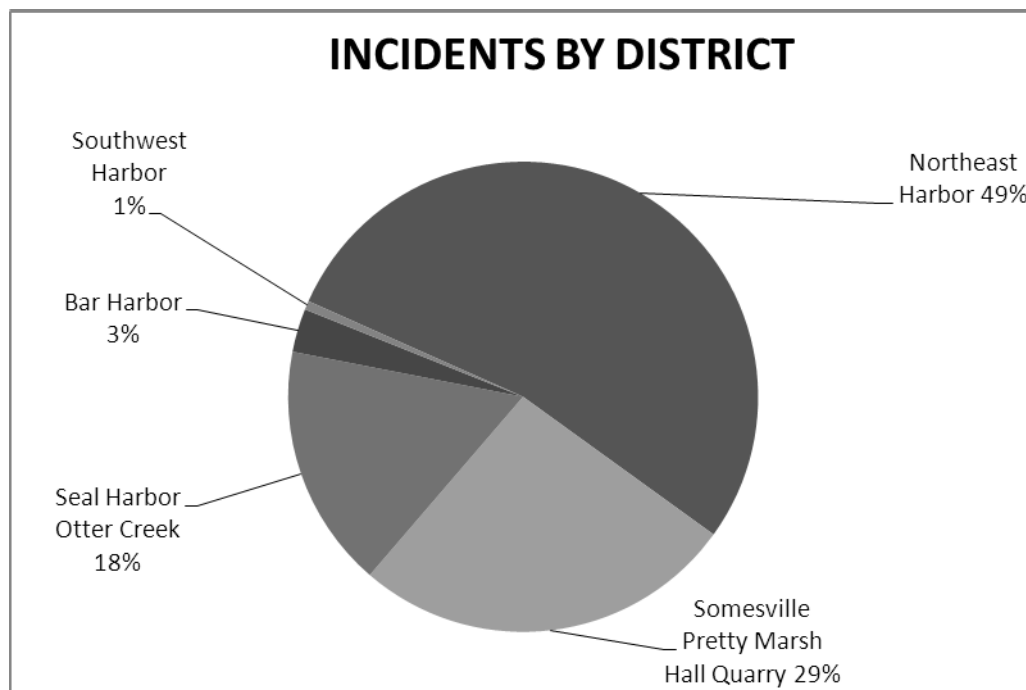
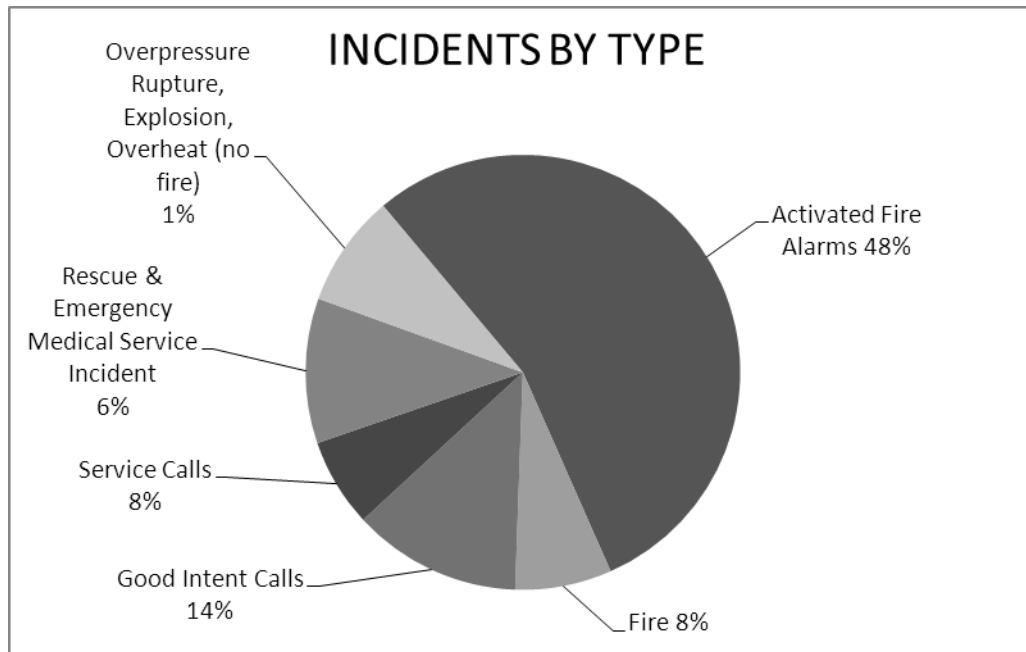
In closing, I wish to thank the many seasonal, recreational, and commercial boaters that we have at the marina, Deputy Harbormaster John Lemoine, the marina staff that performed another outstanding season, the Town office and highway staff for their assistance throughout the year, and last but not least the year round/summer residents of the Town of Mount Desert.

Shawn Murphy
Harbormaster



Mount Desert Fire Department Report

2011 Fire Department Report



It is my pleasure to present to you the 2011 Mount Desert Fire Department Annual Report. The statistical data contained within this report is a testament to the professionalism and dedication of the firefighters and officers on the Department.

This annual report will give the reader a sense of our triumphs and challenges but it will not provide anywhere near the insight into the incredible men and women who volunteer for this department. Our value to the community is measured by the service we can provide, and truly, these are the people who deserve to be recognized for their outstanding contributions to this organization. Once again, the volunteer members of this department have made tremendous strides in the areas of emergency response, training, disaster preparedness, fire and life safety. For those who have an opportunity to read this report I hope it provides a glimpse into the operations of our department.

The department responded to 160 calls for the calendar year of 2011, up slightly from 2010. Estimated fire loss totals for the year was at \$60,000.000. No fire-related injuries or fatalities occurred within this twelve month period. Firefighters responded to coinciding incidents 5 times during the year. Average arrival to the scene of the first unit was 12 minutes and 30 seconds, with the second unit at 15 minutes and 30 seconds. Department members attended over 1100 hours of training and education in 2011. A total of 662 staff hours were spent responding to incidents. Response turnout for the year averaged at 6 firefighters per call. Below is a breakdown of averaged time elapsed before each unit arrives on scene:

Station 1 (Northeast Harbor)	Station 2 (Seal Harbor)	Station 3 (Somesville)
Engine 4 – 5:15 min.	Engine 2 – 12:20	Engine 3 – 8:11 min.
Ladder 1 – 8:08 min.	Air 1 – 2:21	Engine 6 – 8:49 min.
		Tanker 1 – 13:53 min.

The beginning of the year saw the hiring of the department's first full-time firefighter, Amilie Bacon. Amilie was chosen from a pool of our own volunteer firefighters who had applied for the position. Amilie started with the department in 2008, receiving her certification in structural and wildland firefighting in 2009. In 2010 she worked for 10 months at the fire department employed as an AmeriCorps member supporting recruitment and retention programs while providing needed additional resources during the daytime hours. Amilie has also achieved certification as an Emergency Vehicle Operator, Hazardous Materials and Weapons of Mass Destruction Response Technician, Boat and Cold Water Rescue and Emergency Medical Technician-Basic.

Capital improvements continued in 2011 with the replacement of our utility vehicle and the ordering of the new tanker, which is scheduled for delivery sometime in June of this year. This will replace the existing 1988 tanker which has served the department well over the last 24 years. The new truck will be quartered in the Somesville station when placed in service.

Last year was also the introduction of the department's weekend duty officers program. Starting in May and running through until the first weekend in October, fire officers will rotate duty assignments every weekend. This program is in response to a shortage of available personnel on weekends during the summer months.

Often I am asked the question about what it takes to be a volunteer firefighter. There is no single answer to this question except that it takes the type of individual who has the desire to serve and make a difference in their community. Although there are many hours of training and testing that are required today to be a certified structural firefighter, there are also many positions that can be filled at a fire scene that require much less training time. Truck operators, traffic control, water supply, are some of the few critical tasks that need to be filled before most emergency incidents can be mitigated. All of these jobs can be performed by personnel who do not need to be a "Certified Firefighter", which means almost anyone can help. If you think you are interested in helping your local fire department, you can contact me or any fire department member for more information.

Also, if you would like to see what it is all about, anyone is welcomed to attend one of our trainings to watch and ask questions.

At the beginning of this Town Report, you will find a list of all our members followed by their years of service. A majority of those individuals have served as firefighter for many more years than what is noted, most of which continuing to stay on as members after the consolidation of the Northeast Harbor, Seal Harbor, Somesville and Otter Creek fire departments. As you go down through the names looking for those that you may know, please take a minute to realize that what you're looking at is a representation of over 200 years' worth of experience as volunteer firefighters. A testimony of the dedication to outstanding community service they provide. So if you have not already, consider taking a moment to thank one of our volunteer firefighters.

It is my pleasure to serve this community as fire chief. If you have any questions regarding your fire department, please contact me at (207) 276-5111 or via e-mail at firechief@mtdesert.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael D. Bender, Fire Chief



DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO CROSS THIS LINE?

Public Works Department Report

Public Works Department Annual Report: 2-21-12 for Calendar Year 2011

I would like to express my thanks to the good people of the Town of Mount Desert for their support of the Public Works Department. Their confidence and faith in those of us working for them is appreciated. Also deserving of thanks are Town Manager Durlin Lunt, Jr. whose calm demeanor and steady hand at the helm has helped still the waters; the members of the Board of Selectmen and the Warrant Committee - I always feel I have been questioned by the best in preparation for Town Meeting and, Town colleagues, a better group of people I have never worked with. Fortunately, across the board, we don't all think the same. This usually makes for thorough reviews of our work.

Early in 2011 one of our most dedicated public works employees, Karl Richard, lost his short but spirited battle with cancer. Karl worked in Buildings & Grounds and loved his job and the town; his family said those were his two loves. Something good came of his death and the bringing together of family – his two sons, who had heard about each other but had never met finally came face-to-face and, according to each of them, have never looked back. Karl was a good human; never speaking ill of anyone, maybe becoming discouraged when his good intentions were misinterpreted at times but always positive. Much to my chagrin he loved lottery tickets but that is another story. He said he would be watching us “from up there”; I believe he is. He and his work ethic are missed.

Make-up of the Department

The public works department is made up of 10 divisions employing a total of 17 full-time, one part-time and four seasonal employees. Each division has its own budget that is addressed by you, the voters, in two warrant articles at town meeting. One article includes highways, solid waste, buildings & grounds and, parks & cemeteries. The second article includes sewer capital, general sewer operations and maintenance (O&M) and separate budgets for the three wastewater treatment plants (plants) at Northeast Harbor, Seal Harbor and Somesville and the large pump station located in Otter Creek. The staff includes one heavy equipment operator, four highway division drivers and two solid waste division drivers, two mechanics, one buildings and grounds person, three assistant wastewater treatment operators, one wastewater laboratory technician, a highway superintendent, a wastewater superintendent and a director. The part-time employee works 15 hours per week at the recycling center year-around; the four seasonal people work in the summer month's with one each on the two garbage trucks and one with buildings and grounds and one with wastewater.

Under the direction of Highway Superintendent Ken Poors and Wastewater Superintendent Terry Savage, we made improvements to our roadways, kept the grounds looking nice, collected our solid waste in all kinds of weather and, provided license compliant wastewater treatment. I want to thank all of my co-workers in the department for a job well done. Thanks also go the Townspeople who continue to support us by providing us with the necessary equipment and materials to work with, the Board of Selectmen, the Warrant Committee, Town Manager Lunt and the rest of my co-workers throughout the town.

Highways

In 2011, the highway crew dealt with a real winter on one end of the year and an atypical one on the other. As of mid-February, we have only put out approximately 700 cubic yards of road sand. This time last year we had probably spread approximately 2,500 cubic yards. As with last year, the crew has received many compliments on how well they take care of our roads in the winter. We also plowed and sanded sections of Route 198 to assist our emergency personnel in addressing traffic accidents that occurred during and after one of our early 2011 snowstorms.

This year is a bit different in that we are receiving compliments for taking care of some of the State highways too. We have had to do so to be able to safely travel to our own roads and to have the State roads safe for our

school busses and commuters in the morning. State plow trucks used to be called in to plow shortly after we were called. This is no longer the case with a longer and longer lag time before they arrive. This is through no fault of the local MDOT (Maine Department of Transportation) workers; the problem originates in Augusta with the legislature. With the continued cuts of MDOT funding by the State legislature in favor of other State programs, the MDOT's local effectiveness continues to decline. The MDOT used to receive approximately one-third of the overall State budget. They now receive approximately one-tenth of the State budget.

I would like to offer my thanks to Superintendent Poors and the rest of the crew for their good work.

In General: In addition to doing a great, safe job at plowing, the highway crew:

- Filled frost heaves with sand and put cold patch in holes thought to have finally settled back into place after the frost left the ground;
- Put out dumpsters, trash cans, picnic tables, floats and park benches in the Spring and picked them up and put them into storage in the Fall;
- Swept our streets, parking lots and sidewalks with the small and large sweepers; made and erected street signs for both public (green) and private (blue) roads;
- Placed traffic control signs on Route 198 on each side of the road and each side of the entrance to the Parkman Mountain parking lot;
- Cut back bushes on the Otter Creek landing road as requested by a resident;
- Removed brush and tree limbs that posed safety hazards from the sides of our roadways;
- Painted traffic control lines throughout the villages, including some work at night to avoid heavy traffic
- Patched potholes – large and small – throughout town;
- Drained the water lines at the Seal Harbor comfort station and the Village Green in preparation for winter;
- Placed and subsequently removed the sand for the Christmas celebration bonfire adjacent to the museum;
- Constructed and maintained storm water control structures including ditches, cleared debris from culverts, placed stone at ends of culvert to prevent erosion, set out barricades and cones in the roadways when needed due to flooding or debris in the road;
- Repaired a washout on the Indian Point Road;
- In anticipation of rain events, the crew worked Sunday afternoon August 28th into Monday morning to keep the roads passable due to the effects of Hurricane Irene. We were prepared ahead of time having put barricades and cones out through town ready for use and the crew made sure the catch basins in the streets were open and free draining. We received compliments from the public, no complaints. Thank you very much to the crew.
- Replaced an open drainage ditch on Neighborhood Road with a closed drainage system – buried pipe connecting two driveway culverts. Doing so preserves the edge of our pavement that was breaking up due to its close proximity to the ditch and enhanced the abutting property owners landscaping.
- Worked on a ditch along a section of Steamboat Wharf Road to accommodate proper drainage of the road and from behind a stone wall into the road;
- Worked with a local contractor to set a catch basin and pipe on Manchester Road in conjunction with the sidewalk construction approved by voters at the 2011 town meeting;
- Coordinated the grinding, grading and paving of sections of Oak Hill Road, Gray Farm Road, Maple Lane, Rock End Road, Tennis Club Road and the access road to the Seal Harbor WWTP with Lane Construction. This was done after replacing culverts and adding gravel where needed;
- Patched portions of the paved apron to the three fire truck bays at the Northeast Harbor fire station; we will consider reconstructing the apron as part of our FY-13 paving work;
- Paved the edge of a portion of the Hall Quarry Road that had failed due to the shoulder having been washed away and the pavement having been undermined,
- Trimmed and paved a large area in the Gray Cow parking lot,

- In response to last year's request from Seal Harbor residents, Lane Construction paved the sidewalk along the entrance to the former Seal Harbor store. We will paint lines to delineate the sidewalk since it is essentially a swath of new pavement without curbing or other physical characteristics to identify it as a sidewalk;
- Took delivery of a new plow truck to replace the 2001 model scheduled for replacement in conformance with our 10-year replacement schedule;
- As authorized by the voters at the 2011 town meeting, and after many delays, we took delivery of our new sidewalk plow in late December.
- The mechanics, with assistance from the highway crew as needed, worked on the street sweeper and trucks; serviced and repaired school buses, police and fire equipment, harbor equipment as well as our own in public works;
- Constructed metal pieces used to repair/reconstruct portions of the wooden rail fence on Ox Hill, repaired the same fence;
- Constructed an employee entrance walkway on the south side of the dispatch office;
- Stripped, and replaced with new, the old roof shingles off the southerly side of the recycling center and secured some of the plywood sheathing that had curled at the corners. The crew erected very effective staging to provide safety and to work off while they were doing this work;
- Cleaned and organized the bus and highway garages;
- Hauled glass to EMR for recycling;
- Attended the annual public works trade show and workshops in Skowhegan. We rotate through the highway, solid waste and buildings and grounds staff, taking turns attending. We usually send four to six people each year; this year there were four that attended. This year's attendance was especially beneficial due to the three sidewalk tractor vendors we were interested in soliciting bids from being present and all having a tractor available to try out and discuss and;
- Attended training sessions related to their work such as storm water management, trench safety, flagging and safe work zone signage and, with the rest of the public works crew, attended OSHA required training including; Blood borne Pathogens, Emergency Action Plans, Respiratory Protection, Personal Protective Equipment, Confined Space Entry, Hearing Conservation, Chemical Hygiene, Hazard Communications and, Lock Out – Tag Out.

Specific Points: In addition to the great work done by the crew, the highway division addressed:

- The completion of the Steamboat Wharf Road infrastructure improvement project which included infrastructure improvements that included a new pump station and pressure main, new gravity sewer, new storm drains and roadway work. If you have occasion to be in Seal Harbor you might drive down Steamboat Wharf Road and see what you think of the stonework we had placed on the concrete bunker that houses the pump station. The general consensus of the residents is that it blends in very well with the surroundings both aesthetically and from an odor and noise perspective – there are no pervasive odors and no noise disturbances being reported.
- Our insurance provider, Maine Municipal Association (MMA), had their Risk Management loss control specialist conduct site visits of a number of our facilities. In general, we received good marks for this inspection with only four items being identified to be corrected and a recommendation for the town to continue to evaluate replacement of the highway garage.
- We hired a contractor to repair a leak around the chimney in the bus garage carpentry shop in accordance with MMA's Risk Management site inspection and follow-up action plan. We had made repairs to the area ourselves in the past but none that lasted. The company constructed a boot made of high density polyethylene to put around the chimney and secured it to a portion of the roof that still had some structural integrity to it. The entire roof will have to be replaced within the next three to five years. If we are successful in getting approval for a new municipal garage, I will recommend bidding the bus garage roofing as an alternate bid item to take advantage of the economy of scale.
- Per an MDOT inspection, we had a structural evaluation completed of the bridge located on Cemetery Road off Route 102 in Somesville that accesses the cemetery behind the former A.V. Higgins store. The wooden decking and associated nailers that are attached to steel I-beams will have to be replaced.

We are considering doing this work ourselves at a time when traffic volume is low, preferably Spring or Fall.

- Work was successfully completed on the stone retaining wall and partial roadway failure on Steamboat Wharf Road. The failure was identified early in July and, based on professional advice and the accessibility of the area to pedestrians, the reconstruction work was completed in July and August. The work consisted of excavation of the failed area, construction of a concrete retaining wall pinned to the ledge, backfilling with free-draining soils and replacing the large stones that make up the retaining wall. Seasonal and year-round residents, members of the Seal Harbor Yacht Club and others expressed their thanks to the town for addressing the situation so promptly and for getting the work completed so quickly.
- Survey and design is underway on the sidewalk reconstruction project approved by voters at the 2011 town meeting. It is anticipated that the work will be bid as two separate projects, one being for the Somesville area and the other for Northeast Harbor and Seal Harbor. The two projects will be offered for competitive bid in March-April 2012 with work being done in May and June, none in July and August, and then resuming in September 2012. Any work done in May-June will have to be one-hundred percent complete by the end of June – the sidewalks paved and landscaping finished. Gravel sidewalks will not be allowed to be left through the summer.
- We are still working with MDOT to determine the feasibility and obtain funding for the construction of a turn lane on Route 102 at the traffic signal in Somesville. The turn lane would allow traffic from the easterly side of Route 102 to turn onto Route 198 towards Northeast Harbor. If a lane is constructed we will be required to contribute some amount towards the construction costs.
- We have been using a liquid de-icing product for six or seven years in our snow removal operations called Ice-B-Gone. It is an agricultural by-product used to pretreat roads before a snow or ice storm and can be added to the sand-salt mixture as it flows from the truck to enhance its effects. We use the product for both applications. Its use definitely enhances our roadway ice removal capabilities and is much less harmful to the environment than is liquid calcium chloride or road salt. It is approximately 23% magnesium chloride and 20% molasses and is not hazardous to humans as is calcium chloride. Unlike calcium chloride-based salt brine, Ice-B-Gone is effective down to 0-degrees Fahrenheit whereas the brine is only effective down to 20-degrees Fahrenheit. Our three newest plow trucks are set up for its use. We have been investigating the purchase of equipment to store and dispense the product. This equipment will allow us to purchase in bulk and fill the tanks on the plow trucks more efficiently and safely. The Ice-B-Gone has a very long shelf life making storage of any remaining in the tank through the summer a non-issue.

Solid Waste

As with last year, I would like to thank the crew for their efforts last summer and members of the highway crew who filled in for the regular crew from time to time. To the best of my recollection, I did not receive any major complaints of missed collections or misplaced garbage cans. This makes everyone's job that much smoother and efficient. Thanks to the crew.

For the most part, collections were uneventful. However, the snow storms at the start of the year did make for non-routine collections on the affected days. Again, I would like to thank the crew for their efforts. They are typically out in all of the inclement weather we have – assignment of inside work is not an option for garbage collection. Also, trash being placed curbside in plastic bags or in lidless trashcans has resulted in tremendous messes in some areas of town. Birds and other animals get into the trash and strew it up and down the streets. The crew picks up as much of the mess as is reasonable. They leave a note about using trash receptacles for the property owners and provide the addresses of the offenders to the office for follow-up contact. So far, this process seems to work.

Some of the extra things the crew does for our people include:

- Moving a neighborhood dumpster from point A to Point B and back again to Point A after a short period of time. This helps keep the private property it is located on, private. The dumpster is a great help, reducing the number of stops the crew makes;

- Dumping some business and commercial dumpsters more than twice a week in the summer season on an as-notified basis;
- Returning to a location if the person was late in getting their garbage out or if they have just taken up residence for the summer and forgot to tell us.

April Cleanup Week: Thanks go to Highway Superintendent Ken Poors and members of our highway, solid waste and buildings and grounds divisions of public works for conducting a very successful, uneventful cleanup week. As we have always done, we hired 10 temporary helpers, almost all of whom were high school or college students. Thanks go to them as well. The overall volume of materials collected was down this year. The volume of metal goods really dropped off; this is not a surprise based on the reports I received, and my own observations, of some of the loads of metal goods that were hauled out of town prior and during the week for “recycling”. Comparing to prior years, including labor and tipping fees, the costs were:

Year	Approximate Cost
2011	\$23,400
2010	\$26,600
2009	\$29,600
2008	\$27,400

We did find a number of TV’s and computer monitors put out that we were not legally allowed to collect. These are considered universal or e-waste and can be taken to the EMR transfer station on the second Saturday of each month between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM. An alternative to this is to keep the material until the ADD-coordinated annual waste collection day is held, tentatively scheduled for October of each year. More details will follow at a later date.

Following is a breakdown of the 2011 collection.

Item	2010 Amount	2010 Cost	2011 Amount	2011 Cost	Description
CDD (Construction Demolition Debris)	73 tons	\$9,479	57.88 tons	\$7,593	Sheetrock, furniture, lumber, roofing
Green Wood	128 tons	\$7,243	84.08 tons	\$5,188	Trees, brush, limbs
Metal	23	\$1,797	9.3 tons	\$921	Stoves, roofing, rebar
Freon removal	31 each	\$775	2 each	\$50	Refrigerators, freezers
Inert Fill	0	0	2.58 tons	\$53	Earthen materials
Bulky Waste	0	0	0.51 tons	\$67	Couches, chairs, mattresses
Total tipping fee	-----	\$19,394	-----	\$13,872	-----
Wages - Town staff	1 each	\$5,806		\$6,000	Full-time
Wages- Helpers	1 each	\$4,400		\$3,520	Week only
Total Wages	-----	\$10,206		\$9,520	-----
Total Costs	-----	\$29,600		\$23,392	-----

Ellsworth Recycling

Based on a recommendation from ADD (Acadia Disposal District), we changed from recycling with EMR, Inc. in Southwest Harbor to joining three other ADD in recycling with the City of Ellsworth. This change was very successful; a few bugs were worked out of the change over the first six months of the year with the last six months being relatively routine and uneventful – this is good. More on this in the ADD solid waste report.

Buildings & Grounds and Parks & Cemeteries

In conformance with our policy, one of our refuse truck drivers applied for an in-house transfer from solid waste to the B&G position that was open due to the death of Karl. The new employee has done a great job. He has proceeded with his new duties, asking for direction when he is unsure of what to do in a particular situation. To date he has received many compliments from other employees. He and his summer helper did a great job covering duties located between Seal Harbor and Pretty Marsh. Work tasks included:

- Odd jobs for the staff in the town office; relocating wall hangings; assembling chairs; hanging screen doors, installing air conditioning units; replacing lights;
- Cleaning toilets at the town office, the Seal Harbor fire station, the Somesville fire station and servicing four seasonal rental portable toilets;
- Mowing lawns at the Seal Harbor fire department and playground, in Northeast Harbor around the town office, at the Gray Cow parking lot adjacent to Sea Street and, at the triangle at the end of Main Street; at the Somesville fire station; at Ponds End; at Bartlett's Landing and; at the park in Hall Quarry;
- Cleaning Main Street in Northeast Harbor and starting the sprinkler system at the Joseph T. Musetti, Jr. Veteran's Memorial Park (Veteran's Park) first thing in the morning; watering flowers in the citizen-donated planters on Main Street in Northeast harbor;
- Maintaining dog feces collection stations and;
- Painting the walls in the Somesville fire station meeting room.
- Based on prior year's success, I hope to dedicate one of our summer helpers to the Veteran's Park for the summer. Depending on their work loads, I hope to use staff from public works to assist with the work.

We hope to work with A.C. Parsons to continue to furnish, install and maintain the flowers in the beds adjacent to the police department and the upper level entrances to the town office. We also hope to purchase a second granite park bench to compliment the one already in place at the Veteran's Park.

Tony Smith
Public Works Director

Did you know...?

Documented boat excise is due
January 1st of each year.

Wastewater Report

I long to accomplish some great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish small tasks as if they were great and noble. — *Helen Keller, American social activist, public speaker and author (1880-1968)*

These words by Helen Keller speak of how the wastewater division of the Public Works Department strives every day to keep our environment safe for generations to come, but realize it can only be accomplished with the help of our citizens, and by giving every task, no matter how small, our utmost attention. The wastewater crew is not only working constantly to improve their own knowledge of treatment plant processes, but also how to best take care of the Town's facilities in the most efficient manner possible.

In 2011, the Seal Harbor Library pump station rebuild was completed. The pump station was aged, was inefficient and was very difficult to work on and to obtain parts for. In addition to the wastewater handling capabilities of the pump station, complete with an upgraded alarm system, the design of the rebuild also took into account its exterior physical appearance so it would blend into the residential neighborhood within which it is located. The primary aesthetic feature built into the project was the rock facing put on the exterior walls of the new pump station which essentially matches the foundation of the library and the retaining walls at the old pump station site. For both aesthetic and safety reasons, a railing was installed around the perimeter of the top of the station. The railing helps restrict access to this area as well as enhancing the look of the overall area. The design of the new station also included requirements for very effective sound dampening improvements, requiring the antennae required for the alarm system to be hidden in the trees on the site and improved landscaping to provide additional screening of the pump station.

The pump station alarm system mentioned above automatically notifies wastewater personnel when something has gone wrong so they can respond immediately to an emergency. This system replaced one that counted on the public noticing and reporting a flashing red light to dispatch before personnel were called out to take care of the problem. In some cases, the latter was too late to prevent a violation of our discharge permits. These same alarm systems were installed at four other pump stations throughout the Town; the remaining ones will receive similar upgrades.

When the Northeast Harbor Treatment Plant was upgraded in 1998, the decision was made to only build one clarifier for monetary reasons. The Department of Environmental Protection did not look kindly on this decision but ultimately agreed. The current clarifier and its mechanisms are now 14 years old, and have served us well. Regular maintenance on the drive mechanism and motors has kept them working with little to no problems. As part of our permitting, among other things, we are required to have spare parts on hand. This drive mechanism is not something that a plant would normally have on-hand, primarily due to the price. Instead, plants will have a redundant clarifier, not only in case something should happen to the other, but also to have extra storage capacity available in the event of a serious rain and/or snow melt weather event. Any future upgrade to the facility will likely include a second clarifier, a larger digester to handle the amount of solids being generated and, new pumps with more energy efficient motors and drives. Also, our electrical panels will be moved to a new structure out of day-to-day working space, isolating any chance of exposure to staff members from the 480 volt three-phase power needed to run the facility.

In closing, I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, Public Works Director, Highway and Wastewater staff for helping to keep the wastewater infrastructure in top condition. Most of all I would like to thank all taxpayers for their support, because these upgrades are tasks that are both "great and noble".

Respectfully Submitted,
Terry Savage, Superintendent

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 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.

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.

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.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Voting by Absentee Ballot is as easy as 1 -2- 3!

Vote in the presence of the Town Clerk at the Town Office, 21 Sea Street, Northeast Harbor -or-

Telephone the Town Clerk and find out how a ballot can be mailed to you. -or-

Request an absentee ballot via the Secretary of State’s Election website. Links to this website are available through the Town’s website prior to an election.

Summer Refuse Collection Schedule

SUMMER REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE (beginning mid June thru Labor Day)		
MONDAY & THURSDAY	TUESDAY & FRIDAY	WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY
<u>NORTHEAST HBR</u> COMMERCIAL <i>Abels Lane</i> <i>Asticou</i> <i>*Asticou Hill Trail</i> <i>Asticou Way</i> <i>Butler Rd</i> <i>Delights Rd</i> <i>Fitz Hugh Ln</i> <i>*Fjordstugan Way</i> <i>Fox Lane</i> <i>xx Gatehouse Rd</i> <i>xx Giant Slide Rd</i> <i>xx Hadlock Pond Rd</i> <i>*Highlands Lane</i> <i>xx Kimball Lane</i> <i>Main St</i> <i>Memory Lane</i> <i>Oak Grove Rd</i> <i>Old Firehouse Lane</i> <i>Peabody Dr (Rte 3)</i> <i>Route 3 (Peabody Dr)</i> <i>Route 198 (Sound Dr)</i> <i>Rye Field Lane</i> <i>S & H Lane</i> <i>xx Sargent Brook Rd</i> <i>Sea St</i> <i>Sound Drive (Rte 198)</i> <i>xx Spring Lane</i> <i>xx Squantum Point Rd</i> <i>Stanley Mountain Rd</i> <i>xx SW Valley Rd</i> <i>Thomas Way</i> <i>*Thuya Drive</i> <i>Timber Frame Way</i> <i>*Whales Back Lane</i> <i>*Wheelwright Way</i> <u>SEAL HARBOR</u> <i>xx Allens Way</i> <i>Barr Hill Way</i> <i>Blue Bell Lane</i> <i>Bracy Cove Lane</i> <i>Champlain Dr (Rte 3)</i> <i>xx Clement Way</i> <i>xx Cliffhanger Lane</i> <i>Cooksey Drive</i> <i>Day St</i> <i>Dodge Point Rd</i> <i>Hills Rd</i> <i>Jordan Pond Rd</i> <i>Lower Dunbar</i> <i>Main St</i> <i>McAlpine Farm Rd</i> <i>McKenzies Hill Rd</i> <i>New County Rd</i> <i>xx Ocean View Lane</i> <i>xx Ox Hill Road</i> <i>Peabody Dr (Rte 3)</i> <i>Rock Garden Dr</i> <i>Route 3 (Peabody Dr)</i> <i>Rowland Rd</i> <i>Running Point Way</i> <i>Seaside Lane</i> <i>Steamboat Wharf Rd</i> <i>Upland Rd</i> <i>Upper Dunbar</i> <i>Wetlands Way</i> <i>Whoville Way</i> <i>Wildwood Rd</i>	<u>NORTHEAST HBR</u> COMMERCIAL <i>Lilac Lane</i> <i>Maple Lane</i> <i>Neighborhood Rd</i> <i>*Odyssey Way</i> <i>Cove End Rd</i> <i>*Dead End Rd</i> <i>Farm Lane</i> <i>Forest Lane</i> <i>Gilpatrick Lane</i> <i>Graves Lane</i> <i>Harbor Dr</i> <i>xx Harbor Watch Ln</i> <i>Harborside Rd</i> <i>xx Huntington Lane</i> <i>Huntington Place</i> <i>Huntington Rd</i> <i>Kimball Rd</i> <u>SOMESVILLE</u> COMMERCIAL <i>xx Acadia Pines Ln</i> <i>xx Acorn</i> <i>xx Alder Lane</i> <i>xx Allegiance Ln</i> <i>Altheas Way</i> <i>xx Ashmore Way</i> <i>*Balsam Lane</i> <i>Bartletts Landing Rd</i> <i>Beech Hill Cross Rd</i> <i>Beech Hill Rd</i> <i>Bentley Lane</i> <i>*Blanchard Rd</i> <i>xx Brendun Lane</i> <i>xx Broad Cove Rd</i> <i>Brookside Rd</i> <i>Buttonwood Lane</i> <i>*Cedar Lane</i> <i>xx Cedar Pond Road</i> <i>*Chambers Lane</i> <i>Chauncy Somes Ln</i> <i>xx Chessie Way</i> <i>xx Cider Ridge Rd</i> <i>xx Cliffs Way</i> <i>xx Clubhouse Way</i> <i>Cobbles End</i> <i>Conifer Cove Ln</i> <i>xx Crane Rd</i> <i>Crooked Lane</i> <i>Cyrus Rd</i> <i>Denning Brook Rd</i> <i>Dragonfly Way</i> <i>xx Eagle Ridge Lane</i> <i>*Easy St</i> <i>*Echo Lake Rd</i> <i>*Echo Pines Rd</i> <i>xEcho Wood Rd</i> <i>Farnham Way</i> <i>xx Fawn Lane</i> <i>xx Fern Way</i> <i>xx Glendon Way</i> <i>Golden Road</i> <i>xx Grace Point Lane</i> <i>Grants Hill Rd</i> <i>Gray Farm Rd</i> <i>*Great Neck</i> <i>Hall Quarry Rd</i> <i>Hannibals Way</i> <i>xx Harmony Way</i> <i>Hibbards Hill Rd</i> <i>Hidden Path Way</i> <i>xx Huckleberry Lane</i> <i>Hummingbird Lane</i> <i>Indian Point Rd</i> <i>Jacobs Ridge Rd</i> <i>xx Keewaydin Way</i> <i>xx Kennebec Lane</i> <i>*Kimball Camp Rd</i> <i>Lakeside Rd</i> <i>*Little Echo Lane</i> <i>xx Long Lane</i> <i>xx Loon Lane</i> <i>Lupine Lane</i> <i>*Macomber Pines Rd</i> <i>Main St (Rte 102)</i> <i>Marilyns Way</i> <i>xx Mason Point Rd</i> <i>xx Merchant Way</i> <i>xx Mill Cove Rd</i> <i>Mitchell Rd</i> <i>xx Mountain View Drive</i> <i>xx Mullen Hill Way</i> <i>*Musetti Drive</i> <i>My Way</i> <i>xx Narrows Rd</i> <i>xx Ninfi Lane</i> <i>xx North End Lane</i> <i>Northern Neck Rd</i> <i>xx Northwood Ln</i> <i>Oak Hill Rd</i> <i>*Oak Ridge Rd</i> <i>Ober Mill Rd</i> <i>xx One Lane Rd</i> <i>Orchard Pass</i> <i>Osprey Lane</i> <i>Pantops Lane</i> <i>Parker Farm Rd</i> <i>xx Partridge Way</i> <i>Pasture Farm Way</i> <i>xx Patterson Hill Road</i> <i>Pepper Point Rd</i> <i>Pine Cove Lane</i> <i>xx Pine Ledge Lane</i> <i>xx Pirates Cove Lane</i> <i>Pond Side Lane</i> <i>xx Pondfield Lane</i> <i>*Poplar Lane</i> <i>xx Prays Meadow Rd</i> <i>Pretty Marsh Rd</i> <i>xx Pretty Pond Lane</i> <i>xx Quarrys Edge Rd</i> <i>Retreat A Way</i> <i>xx Richardson Farm Rd</i> <i>Ridgewood Ln</i> <i>Ripples Rd</i> <i>xx Robinson Lane</i> <i>Rocky Rd</i> <i>Route 102 (Main St)</i> <i>xx Sand Point Rd</i> <i>Shipwright Lane</i> <i>Sleepy Hollow Lane</i> <i>*Somes Ridge Rd</i> <i>*Spinnaker Way</i> <i>Summer Haven Way</i> <i>Sundew Lane</i> <i>Sylvinas Lane</i> <i>xx Tamarack Lane</i> <i>TC North</i> <i>xx Tern II Lane</i> <i>xx Timber Ridge Rd</i> <i>Two Pines Rd</i> <i>Vacation Lane</i> <i>Village Park Rd</i> <i>*Vista Way</i> <i>West Ledge Ln</i> <i>Weymouth Way</i> <i>xx W I Pojereno Rd</i> <i>Whitney Farm Rd</i> <i>xx Windham Lane</i> <i>*Woods Rd</i> <i>xx Woodland Path</i> <i>Writer Way</i>	<u>NORTHEAST HBR</u> <i>Birch Way</i> <i>Carter Quarry Road</i> <i>Church Rd</i> <i>Covington Lane</i> <i>xx Frog Pond Road</i> <i>Golf Club Rd</i> <i>xx Indian 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bold italics = Private Roads * = Roads traveled at the discretion of driver after first snowfall or November 1 xx = Private Roads never traveled by garbage trucks, garbage must be brought to nearest traveled road		

Winter Refuse Collection Schedule

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

3/28/2011

MONDAY

NORTHEAST HBR

COMMERCIAL
Birch Way
 Carter Oaury Way
 Church Rd
Covington Ln
xx Frog Pond Road
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 Ledges
 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*
Coming Way
 Cove End Rd
**Dead End Rd*
Delights Rd
Fann Lane
Rye Field 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 Fann Rd
 Peabody Drive
Rock Garden Dr
Running Point Road
Seaside Lane
 Upper Dunbar
 Wildwood Rd

OTTER CREEK

ENTIRE VILLAGE
xx Blackwood's Dr
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

Abels 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
Timber Frame Way
**Whales Back Lane*

SEAL HARBOR

Blue Bell Lane
xx Clement Way
xx Cliffhanger Lane
 Cooksey Drive
 Jordan Pond Rd
 Main St
 McKenzies Hill Rd
 New County Rd
xx Ocean View Lane
xx Ox Hill Way
 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
Jacobs Ridge Rd
Lakeside Rd
Little Echo Lane
xx Mason Point Rd
xx Mountain View Dr
xx North End Lane
Osprey Lane
 Parker Farm Rd
xx Patterson Hill Rd
Rocky Rd
xx Timber Ridge Rd
Two Pines Rd
Village Park Rd
West Ledge Ln
Writer Way

FRIDAY

NORTHEAST HBR

COMMERCIAL

SOMESVILLE

xx Acadia Pines Ln
xx Acorn
xx Alder Lane
xx Allegiance Ln
Altheas Way
xx Ashmore Way
 Bartletts Landing Rd
 Beech Hill Cross Rd
 Beech Hill Rd
Bentley Lane
**Blanchard Rd*
xx Brendun Lane
 Brookside Lane
**Cedar Lane*
xx Cedar Pond Road
**Chambers Lane*
Chauncy Somes Ln
xx Chessie Way
xx Cider Ridge Rd
xx Cliffs Way
xx Clubhouse Way
Cobbles End
xx Crane Rd
Crooked Lane
Cyrus Rd
Dragonfly Way
xx Eagle Ridge Ln
**Easy St*
**Echo Pines Rd*
xx Echo Wood Rd
Famhams Way
xx Fawn Lane
xx Glendon Way
Golden Road
xx Grace Point Ln
 Grants Hill Rd
 Gray Farm Rd
 *Great Neck Rd
 Hall Quarry Rd
Hannibals Way
xx Hamony Way
Hidden Path Way
xx Huckleberry Lane
Hummingbird Lane
 Indian Point Rd
xx Keewaydin Way
xx Kennebec Lane
**Kimball Camp Rd*

Lupine Ln
**Macomber Pines Rd*
**Marilyns Way*
xx Merchant Way
xx Mill Cove Rd
Mitchell Rd
xx Mullen Hill Way
**Musetti Drive*
My Way
xx Narrows Rd
xx Ninfi Lane
xx Northem Neck Rd
Northwood Lane
 Oak Hill Rd
**Oak Ridge Rd*
Ober Mill Rd
xx One Lane Rd
xx Orchard Pass
xx Partridge Way
Pasture Fann Way
xx Patterson Hill Road
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 Quarries Edge Rd
Retreat A Way
xx Richardson Fann Rd
Ridgewood Ln
 Ripples Rd
xx Robinson Lane
xx Sand Point Rd
Shipwright Lane
Sleepy Hollow Lane
**Somes Ridge Rd*
**Spinnaker Way*
Summer Haven Way
Sundew Lane
Sylvinas Lane
xx Tamarack Lane
 TC North
xx Tern II Lane
Vacation Lane
**Vista Way*
Weymouth Way
xx W I Pojereno Rd
 Whitney Farm Rd
xx Windham Lane
**Woods Rd*

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Garbage Pick up Hotline 276-5733

Refuse Collection Holiday Schedule

FY-13: July 2012 - June 2013

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Independence Day: Wednesday, July 4, 2012 - there will be collection.

Labor Day: Monday, September 3, 2012 - there will be collection.

Columbus Day: Monday, October 8, 2012. NO COLLECTION. Monday and Tuesday will be on Tuesday. No change the rest of the week.

Veterans Day: Sunday, November 11, 2012. NO COLLECTION on Monday. Monday and Tuesday will be on Tuesday; No change the rest of the week.

Thanksgiving Week: Thursday, November 22, 2012 – NO COLLECTION and Friday, November 23, 2012 – NO COLLECTION. Monday and Tuesday will be on Monday; Wednesday and Thursday will be on Tuesday; Friday will be on Wednesday.

Christmas Week: Tuesday, December 25, 2012 – NO COLLECTION. Monday and Tuesday will be on Monday. No change the rest of the week.

New Year’s Week: Tuesday, January 1, 2013 – NO COLLECTION. Monday and Tuesday will be on Monday. No change the rest of the week.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Monday, January 21, 2013. Monday and Tuesday will be on Tuesday. No change the rest of the week.

Presidents Day: Monday, February 18, 2013. Monday and Tuesday will be on Tuesday. No change the rest of the week.

Patriot’s Day: Monday, April 15, 2013 - there will be collection.

Memorial Day: Monday, May 27, 2013 – NO COLLECTION. Monday and Tuesday will be on Tuesday. No change the rest of the week.

SPRING CLEAN UP WEEK coincides with school vacation in April of each year. There will be only ONE pick up of your items; please have them out by the side of the road by 7: 00 A.M. on Monday. The following route 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 materials collected.

Please note that your regular household trash will be collected on your regular day.

One truck will collect materials that include small amounts of asphalt shingles, tarpaper, sheet rock, insulation, plastic bags, and other non-wood materials. Total amounts are limited to approximately the size of a pick-up truckload, 8' X 6' X 3.5', approximately six (6) cubic yards.

Another truck will collect a maximum of four tires per residence without wheels (the rubber only) and metal appliances such as stoves, freezers, refrigerators, washing machines, and dryers. The doors must be completely removed from freezers and refrigerators. If they are not, we will not be picked up – we cannot dispose of them if the doors are on them.

Another truck will collect burnable wood waste such as brush and tree limbs and a separate truck will collect lumber and other wooden materials. To be collected, all wood waste must be less than four-feet in length and less than six-inches in diameter. Amounts are limited to approximately the size of a pick-up truckload, 8' X 6' X 3.5', approximately six (6) cubic yards. Stumps will not be collected.

Engine blocks and vehicle motors with bases removed will be collected. They must be free of all fluids.

Another truck will collect bags of leaves.

All materials must be in suitable containers or bundles able to be handled by one person.

Materials that will not be collected include: batteries of any kind, boats, household hazardous waste (HHW) (petroleum products, antifreeze, etc.), universal waste (UW) (TV's, computer components, etc.). HHW and UW should be disposed of at the annual collection day sponsored by the Acadia Disposal District. The schedule will be published at a later date. UW can also be disposed of throughout the year at the transfer station in Southwest Harbor on the second Saturday of the month between the hours of 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM. Should you need it, their phone number is 244-4347.

The cleanup week onsite supervisor will determine what is acceptable and what is not. That person will also determine acceptable load sizes. If you have any questions please call 276-5743, 276-5744 or 276-5531. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Town of Mount Desert Holidays May 2012-April 2013

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Day/Date to be observed</u>
Memorial Day	Monday, May 28, 2012
Independence Day	Wednesday, July 4, 2012
Labor Day	Monday, September 3, 2012
Columbus Day	Monday, October 8, 2012
Veteran's Day	Monday, November 12, 2012
Thanksgiving and	Thursday November 22, 2012 Friday November 23, 2012
Christmas Day	Tuesday, December 25, 2012
New Year's Day	Tuesday, January 1, 2013
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 21, 2013
President's Day	Monday, February 18, 2013
Patriot's Day	Monday, April 15, 2013

THE TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT



RECYCLE PROGRAM

PAPER

YES: Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, telephone books, paperbacks, office paper, all envelopes

NO: Brown paper bags, cardboard

CARDBOARD

YES: Domestic corrugated cardboard, brown paper bags, boxboard, clean pizza boxes.

NO: Asian cardboard, paperboard, waxed cardboard

PLASTICS

YES: Numbers 1 - 7

NO: Styrofoam, trash bags, plastic produce bags

METAL

YES: Clean cans with paper labels, aluminum cans

GLASS

YES: Jars, bottles

Mount Desert Planning Board Report

The Planning Board met on the second and fourth Mondays throughout the year (excluding Thanksgiving and Christmas weekends) with a number of extra workshops to concentrate on Land Use Zoning Ordinance (LUZO) amendments. We heard 27 Conditional Use Applications during 2011. We granted 25 and one was withdrawn. We denied one application. It was appealed to the Zoning Board of Appeals, and sent back to us. We then granted the application with conditions. A Planning Board-approved application to build a cell tower in Pretty Marsh resulted in a remand by the Zoning Board of Appeals. (The application was subsequently approved at a second hearing in January 2012). Among the applications were several for excavation and filling, a few expansions of businesses, several requests for docks, amendments to existing Conditional Use Permits and several fences. We also heard 7 requests for reconstruction or relocation on non-conforming lots. We reviewed 3 subdivision plans, and held public hearings after the initial reviews. All this activity followed 39 separate site visits throughout the town.

During the first part of the year, we worked on getting the state Department of Environmental Protection-approved version of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance ready for town meeting, and held a public hearing to explain these changes to the LUZO and to the Zoning Map.

At the end of the year we embarked on a project to create an Inventory of Scenic Resources for the town. We anticipate working with community groups and interested volunteers on this undertaking, which will take some time. Our first efforts will be to create a map showing those places generally considered to be of scenic importance.

We are hopeful that the willingness of Acadia National Park to work with the island towns and service providers to provide coordinated cell phone service will prove fruitful in the coming year.

Once again, I'd like to thank Code Enforcement Officer Kim Keene, whose cheerful support and understanding of the issues continue to be invaluable.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen T. Brawley, Chairman



Zoning Board of Appeals Report

The Zoning Board of Appeals consists of seven residents of the Town. We are regulated by State laws and cases which have interpreted those laws, Ordinances of the Town, and our own Rules of Procedure. We hear administrative appeals from decisions of the Planning Board and the Code Enforcement Officer, as well as those appeals which are permitted to seek a variance from certain provisions of the Land Use Zoning Ordinance. There are other Ordinances which also give the ZBOA jurisdiction to decide certain appeals or issues.

As a Board, we are committed to serving the Town in a manner that makes us accessible to all residents and we are resolved that those who appear before us feel that they have been treated fairly and with respect. While many of the appeals that come before us may end up in Court, we welcome equally those who appear before us on their own and those who appear with lawyers.

2011 was a year of transition for our Board. Harry Madeira who was appointed to the Board initially in 1984 as an alternate, a full member in 1985, Secretary in 1986, and who became our Chair in 1987, retired this past year after nearly a quarter century of service to the Town. Harry, we salute your years of service on the Board of Appeals, and we hope to maintain the level of dedication and passion you brought with you over those years.

Jed Lauriat resigned from the Board when he re-located outside our Town. Jed had served since his initial appointment in 1991, a remarkable commitment to our Town and we are grateful for the contribution he made throughout his long tenure. His participation will be reflected for years to come.

David Irvin also resigned when he decided to sail off on a new adventure, and while his service on the ZBOA was not long, he leaves behind many years of service to the Town in a number of capacities and he will be missed.

Our Board is now at full strength. Ernest Coombs and Jerry Suminsby have continued their participation through-out the year and we look forward to their continued counsel in future years as well and their years of dedication to the Town offer invaluable insight in our discussions.

Julie Reddish returned to the Board after an absence of a few years and her renewed membership will help us regain some of the experience and knowledge lost when our former members left the Board. New members Jim Bright and Edi Dunham have enthusiastically embraced their roles on the Board and already made notable contributions with their fresh perspectives on the issues, enabled in large part by their own history of volunteerism in our Town and communities.

Our Board is grateful for the dedication of the Planning Board, whose decisions we are often called to review; as always, we appreciate the advice and professionalism of the Town's Code Enforcement Officer, Kim Keene, and the contributions made to our Board by Claire Woolfolk, who acts as our liaison with the Town office and keeps us on track, and Heidi Smallidge, our recording secretary who insists on keeping an accurate account of our proceedings and motions.

I was humbled to be nominated as the Chair of our Board to succeed Harry, and I hope to follow in his footsteps, although in more than one way I probably will never be able to fit in his shoes. There is a learning curve to taking over the responsibilities of this position and whatever contribution I have been able to make so far is due in large part to the wisdom and counsel of the Vice-Chair of the Board, and its current longest-serving member, Kevin Walls. Thank you, Kevin.

William Fern
Chairman

Marine Management Committee Report

The members of the Marine Management Committee are pleased to report that the actual construction and redevelopment of the public facilities for the Northeast Harbor Marina are well underway. This modernization project includes the construction of three new buildings which will be specifically dedicated to accommodate a new Harbormaster Office and work station, a new Visitors Center and Information terminal, and a Yachtsman's building for visiting boating and yachting guest who rent the Town's docking and mooring facilities. These new buildings are all designed for anticipated future growth and incorporate the most up to date design practices for energy efficiency and low maintenance.

This project is the first major modification to the Northeast Harbor public waterfront since 1955. We anticipate that this major investment by the Town has the ability to serve the public's needs for many years to come. The contracted completion date of this project is the first of June, 2012.

During the summer season of 2011, the Town was given a diesel inboard powered boat dedicated to provide a passenger launch and taxi service for visiting yachtsmen who rent our docks and mooring space. Despite a late season start, the launch service has proven to be a most popular and welcomed accommodation for the boating people. By vote of the Marine Management Committee and direction from the Board of Selectmen, this harbor launch service will now be combined with the seasonal mooring rental assignments. Review of our past financial revenue history shows that this expanded service to the yachting guest will pay additional financial and managerial benefits to our Town.

The Marine Management Committee has reviewed all fees and rates for mooring registration and rentals, commercial docking use, fees, and regulations, and made its recommendations for the 2012 year. These recommended rules and regulations for the Town are applied when adopted by the Board of Selectmen.

On behalf of the Marine Management Committee I would like to thank all the members who have dedicated so much time and effort to the successful operation of our Town's harbors and waterfront facilities for both commercial and recreational users.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Savage, Chairman



Shellfish Conservation Committee

Shellfish Conservation Committee

On behalf of the Shellfish Conservation Committee members and the residents of the town of Mount Desert, a sincere thank you is extended to Harvey Heel for his many years of service on this Committee. His insight and commitment will be missed.

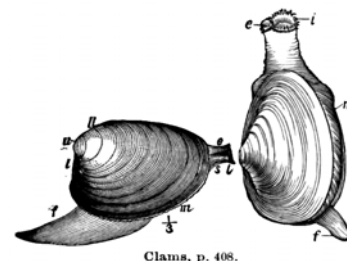
The Committee met several times in 2011. Many of the meetings were attended by Department Of Marine Resources Biologist Hannah Annis who helped guide the Committee in its quest to expand the shellfish licensing. See below for the new guidelines and procedures.

Residents are encouraged to enjoy and support this resource by purchasing a clamming license through the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Falt, Chairman
John Stanley, Vice Chairman

TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT RECREATIONAL SHELLFISH LICENSES NEW POLICIES & PROCEDURES FOR 2012



Resident Recreational Clam Licenses: All licenses sold from October 1, 2011 forward will be valid through December 31, 2012. New licenses will be available May 1, 2012 and will be valid through December 31, 2012. Licenses are for sale at the Mount Desert Town Office, 21 Sea Street, Northeast Harbor. Resident recreational license sales are unlimited for residents and real estate taxpayers of the Town of Mount Desert; the cost is \$30.

Non-Resident Recreational Clam Licenses: Non-residents may request, in person, to be added to a waiting list, on a first come - first served basis, by entry through the Town Office front door at 21, Sea Street, Northeast Harbor. The number of nonresident recreational licenses sold will be no more than 10% of the total number of resident recreational licenses issued; the cost is \$50.00.

Resident & Non-Resident Commercial Clam Licenses: Applications for three resident and two non-resident commercial clam licenses will be available at 8:30 a.m. beginning the first business day of April 2012 (predicted to be Monday, April 2nd) through 2:00 p.m. the last business day of April 2012 (predicted to be Monday, April 30th) on a first come - first served, in person, basis, by entry through the Town Office front door at 21, Sea Street, Northeast Harbor. Winning names will be drawn at 3:00 p.m. on the last business day of April 2012; winners do not need to be present and have 5 business days to purchase the license. Licenses will be effective May 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012; cost of each license is \$150 for resident and \$300 for non-resident.

All flats are open within the Town of Mount Desert for recreational and commercial harvesting of soft shell clams, subject to the Town of Mount Desert Shellfish Conservation Ordinance and Maine Department of Marine Resources rules.

Acadia Disposal District Report

Acadia Disposal District: Town Report 2012 for 2011

In conformance with the interlocal agreements, the Board of Directors consists of one representative per member town. Each director has one vote regardless of the population of the town they represent.

We would like to recognize the service of Pat Biegler who served the ADD and the Town of Southwest Harbor very well as their director on our board of directors. Pat resigned her position as Southwest Harbor's director of public works, hence her appointment as ADD director, to accept employment elsewhere. We offer our thanks and wishes for success to Pat for her professionalism and forward-thinking service to the ADD. Pat also acted as clerk – and we are very grateful – as we continue to attempt to fill that position. Hopefully the town's replacement for Pat will serve as both director and clerk. As many of us know by default, it is the nature of Maine towns to wear many hats.

We encourage anyone with solid waste related questions or comments to contact their local director. They are:

Cranberry Isles:	James Fortune: james@cranberryisles-me.gov
Frenchboro:	Bob Roxby: rroxby@maine.edu
Mount Desert:	Tony Smith, Chairman: director@mtdesert.org
Southwest Harbor:	Vacant
Tremont:	Elliott Spiker, Treasurer: elliott.spiker@gmail.com
Trenton:	Peter Rees: rees909@roadrunner.com
Clerk:	Vacant

Highlights of 2011

A. City of Ellsworth Recycling

Most of our efforts in 2011 focused on making our recycling program with the City of Ellsworth a success. Of the six ADD towns, Cranberry Isles and Southwest Harbor chose to not participate in the Ellsworth agreement and continue recycling with EMR in Southwest Harbor. Year 2011 was our first year in the partnership and there were a few quirks that had to be worked out on each end. Some of these were:

- How to fairly apportion packer truck loads that contained materials from both Tremont and Trenton once the load arrived at the Ellsworth recycling center. It was decided that the packer truck driver would provide estimates per town to the recycling center attendant. To date this has worked well for us.
- Getting the message to residents on our end and the attendants in Ellsworth about load contamination and what to do about it;
- Addressing loads of recyclables that had been contaminated with feces and urine laden kitty litter;
- Scheduling packer truck deliveries to the recycling center to meet their hours of operation;
- Educating our residents on what can and cannot be recycled and the fact that they cannot individually drop materials off at the recycling center. All deliveries are to be bulk in nature from the respective towns;
- Working with Frenchboro on their recycling set-up;
- Providing an ADD-purchased used box trailer to the City to be used for storage of recyclables as they chose to use it.

Advantages of going to Ellsworth:

- Access/gate fee: Ellsworth charges the ADD towns a flat fee of \$26,000 to recycle at their facility. The towns would divide this amount between themselves based on net MSW per town versus gross MSW

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- generated by the four towns. This is the same formula used to allocate the ADD annual operating budget. This fee is similar, though calculated differently, to the access/gate recycling center fee charged by EMR. Ellsworth will use the monies to modify their building and/or their operations or to hire additional staff to handle what we envision as a great increase in the volume of materials recycled. They purchased a new piece of equipment in 2011 to assist the facility attendants.
- Tipping fees: Unlike EMR, Ellsworth does not charge the ADD towns a tipping fee e.g. fee per ton of materials dropped off at the facility. At EMR, a tipping fee in excess of \$51 per ton is charged to drop off materials. Ellsworth does not have such a charge.
- Revenue sharing: Ellsworth pays the ADD towns 75% of all revenue generated from the sale of their recyclables. There is no such revenue sharing with EMR. The 75% is divided between the towns using the same formula as described in the first bullet above.
- Changing to Ellsworth allowed an increase in the types of materials recycled.

Revenue: As shown in the table below, the volume of materials recycled in the first half of 2011 was less than that in the second half of the year. For the first half of the year, the ADD share of the revenue from the sale of 41.10 tons of recyclables was \$4,674.68 which we received as our first revenue payment from Ellsworth. Over the second half of the year our recycling greatly increased to 239.26 tons which resulted in our share of the revenue from their sale being \$18,994.46 which we also received as a revenue payment from Ellsworth. For the entire year, we recycled a total 280.36 tons of materials with resulting revenue of \$23,669.14.

Avoided Costs: As also shown in the table below, and in approximate numbers, these 280.36 tons of recycling represent a savings in tipping fees at EMR and PERC (total fees approximately \$100/ton) of about \$28,035.60. Combining the revenue plus the avoided tipping fees totals \$51,704.74 of savings for 2011. These figures take into account the cost of the service provided us by Ellsworth of \$26,000 and do not show all of the fees associated with roll-off containers, some of the cost of dumpsters and hauling to Ellsworth. All -in-all however, it is a pretty good deal and we are just getting started.

<i>City of Ellsworth Recycling Program Results for 2011</i>								
Town	Jan. 1 to June 30		July 1 to Dec. 31		2011 Totals			
	Tons	Revenue	Tons	Revenue	Tons	Revenue	Avoided*	Balance**
Frenchboro	0	0	0.96	\$48.45	0.96	\$48.45	\$96.00	\$144.45
Mt. Desert	14.3	\$1,625.71	110.07	\$8,330.81	124.37	\$9,956.52	\$12,437.00	\$22,393.52
Tremont	4.1	\$485.52	30.78	\$2,363.23	34.88	\$2,848.75	\$3,488.00	\$6,336.75
Trenton	22.7	\$2,563.45	97.45	\$8,251.97	120.15	\$10,815.42	\$12,014.60	\$22,830.02
Total	41.10	\$4,674.68	239.26	\$18,994.46	280.36	\$23,669.14	\$28,035.60	\$51,704.74

B. HHW & UW Collection Day

A very successful collection day was held on September 24, 2011 at the Mount Desert Island high school (MDIHS). Members of the ADD coordinated the event; the League of Towns once again provided set-up funds and Gott's Disposal provided two roll-off containers to us at no charge to the event. Thank you to both the League and Gott's for their contributions to the success of the event. We had just enough volunteers to help with its success including Jean and Ed Bonville, Phil Lichtenstein and Sydney Rockefeller from Mount Desert; Tom Martin, the director of the Hancock County Planning Commission; Elliott Spiker of Tremont, the ADD treasurer; Peter Rees, ADD director from Trenton and; Gott's Disposal by virtue of their generously donating the use and transportation of two of their roll-off containers. Being allowed the use of the MDIHS parking lot contributed to our success – for all practical purposes, traffic flow is problem free. Our vendors for the respective types of waste collection and disposal were efficient and professional as usual. The efforts of all concerned are greatly appreciated and collectively went a long way towards making the event the success that it was.

One thing we did learn for future collections is to have Islesford, Great Cranberry, Swans Island and Frenchboro arrive at 9:00 AM and then open to the general public at 10:00 AM instead of 9:00 AM as we have traditionally done. The island communities bring their material to us by the truckload having collected it at a central location per community. Having them come in first will allow the vendors to unload and sort the material without having the general public waiting in line behind them.

C. PERC and GAT

Towns that dispose of trash at the trash-to-energy plant in Orrington, aka PERC, are required to send the plant a certain tonnage of trash. This amount is known as the GAT or, Guaranteed Annual Tonnage. If a town does not meet its GAT, it is required to make up the difference in a monetary payment to PERC e.g. a payment of an amount of money per ton shortfall. In 2009, most of the PERC towns fell short of their GAT's due to the state of the economy. PERC opted to not require the towns to pay the penalties since so many towns were affected. It appears the collective GAT for 2010 will not be met either. As a result, the towns that fell short were assessed monetary penalties, said penalties being paid by virtue of the amount being deducted from their quarterly cash distributions.

The four ADD towns referred to collectively as the Mt. Desert/EMR Group of Towns include Mount Desert, Southwest Harbor, Tremont and Trenton. During the annual GAT trading periods three of these towns applied for, and subsequently were approved for, a reduction in their GAT. The changes are shown in the table below and do not necessarily match what was requested. The final say is up to the MRC (Municipal Review Committee) and PERC. The MRC represents the charter communities – share-holder municipal partners in the ownership of PERC – in the operation of PERC on our behalf.

Changes in GAT (tons)			
Town	Former	New	Change
Mount Desert	1,944	1,883	61
Southwest Harbor	2,485	2,274	211
Tremont	1,080	1,056	24
Trenton	1,227	1,227	None
Total	6,736	6,440	296

D. Centralized Information

A volunteer from Trenton continues to compile solid waste and recycling information on a monthly basis per town for us. Thank you very much to him. The information is being entered into a spreadsheet that will be useful as a tracking and planning tool as well as preparing the solid waste reports that must be provided to the State each year. At some point we will have the information available on our website.

E. Student Grant Guidelines

As reported in the past, the ADD established a student grant program for schools located in ADD member towns. The grant must be applied for before implementation of a project and, there is no deadline for our receipt of an application. We do not have a formal application form but the request for a grant must be made to us in writing.

F. Service Learning Committee

We continue to be a member of the regional Service Learning Committee. The Service Learning Committee provides credit to students in grades 7 through 12 who provide or perform services to the schools. We wish to encourage student projects to reduce solid waste both at school and at home. We will be happy to provide consultation to students and teachers on the subject of solid waste and its disposal, and as previously noted, can provide mini-grants in support of student projects to that end.

G. Insurance

ADD purchases volunteer and liability insurance from MMA. We received a check from them in 2011 for \$155 for our not having any claims filed against us.

H. Financial Audit

We successfully passed our required 2011 annual financial audit. The audit continues to be prepared for us by James. W. Wadman, CPA, of Ellsworth.

Future Work

Very briefly, future projects under consideration include:

- Evaluating the possibility of an ADD owned and operated solid waste transfer station and/or recycling facility. Our proven success with the City of Ellsworth might make this idea, to a degree, moot. We would require both legal and technical assistance with this.
- Identifying the interest by Ellsworth in expanding our relationship with them to include garbage in addition to the recycling partnership with them. We would work with City representatives and our legal counsel on this issue.
- Continuing our grant program and involvement in the Service Learning Committee.
- Offering to meet with representatives of the Towns of Cranberry Isles and Southwest Harbor to provide them an overview of our success with the City of Ellsworth.
- Investigating the possibility of obtaining all or a portion of the monies identified by Congress in 1986 for the development of an on-island solid waste transfer station. The 1986 legislation by Congress called for funding assistance related to the development of a solid waste transfer station as “the lesser of (1) \$350,000, or (2) 50 per centum of the cost of such construction.” We would work with our legal counsel on this issue.

Summary

In summary, the Board of Directors of the ADD would like to encourage all residents and taxpayers in our member towns to become active in learning about solid waste issues. We particularly encourage our municipal officials and officers to do so. Our meetings are open to the general public and are usually held at 9:30 A.M. on the third Thursday of the month in the Somesville fire station meeting room.



Town of Mount Desert Housing Authority Report

Mount Desert Island and Ellsworth Housing Authorities

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Terrance J. Kelley
Executive Director
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Annual Report

Town of Mount Desert Housing Authority

The Town of Mount Desert Housing Authority provided housing for eighteen (18) elderly and disabled families during 2011. The eighteen (18) one bedroom apartments at Maple Lane Apartments have been fully occupied and there is a waiting list of individuals desiring to become tenants.

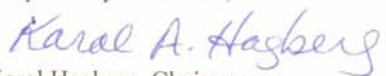
Regionally, the MDI & Ellsworth Housing Authorities assisted three hundred and seventy-seven families with rent and utilities in an amount of \$2,148,309.00 for f/y/e 9/30/11.

Payment in lieu of taxes for 2011 \$3462.48

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

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

Respectfully submitted,


Karol Hagberg, Chairperson
Town of Mount Desert Housing Authority



Mount Desert Chamber of Commerce Report

The Mount Desert Chamber of Commerce represents not only its “member” businesses and organizations, but also our community as a whole. We are particularly mindful of this as we begin an exciting new chapter in our organization’s history. Starting this spring, the Town of Mount Desert, for the first time, will have a true “Visitor Center.” The Mount Desert Chamber of Commerce is very much looking forward to staffing and handling the day-to-day operation of the Visitor Center, and utilizing it to promote commerce and tourism, as well as a means to educate visitors about our town, and what makes it so unique.

Thanks to the fact that the new Visitor Center will be prominent, easily accessible, and located next to Island Explorer bus stop, we are anticipating a tremendous amount of foot traffic that had previously gone uncaptured. In turn, this increased foot traffic will allow us the opportunity to inform visitors about various shopping, cultural, recreational, and educational opportunities within our community, as well as the chance to answer their questions and provide general information. In the long term, we believe strongly that this will result in increased, extended, and/or return visitation to our community.

Staffing and handling day-to-day operations of this prominent new Visitor Center also allows us an opportunity not just to display promotional materials from our membership, but the chance to display an array of items which can be used to promote our community amongst visitors as well. From artwork, to maps, historic items, etc., we believe the Visitor Center will provide a tremendous opportunity to showcase our community.

For 2012, the Mt. Desert Chamber also intends to staff the Visitor Center for “extended hours” throughout the season. Other plans include the implementation of a volunteer program to provide folks with a vast knowledge of our community and willingness to share with others, the chance to do so. I highly encourage anyone with a good sense of our town’s history, or who is simply proud to call it home and wants to share that enthusiasm with others, to contact me about his unique new program.

As in the past, the Mt. Desert Chamber has requested an appropriation to assist with our general operating budget, and for 2012 funding to “outfit” the public portion of the new building so that it can serve its intended purpose as a Visitor Center. We are thankful and appreciative of the support shown by the Town and its residents for many years now. It is our goal to maximize this tremendous new opportunity for our entire community, and to do so, your continued support is critical.

Respectfully Submitted,
Matt Hart
President, Mt. Desert Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber building being demolished in 2011.



Northeast Harbor Ambulance Service Report

As the 2012 spring fast approaches, the Northeast Harbor Ambulance Service is the beneficiary of training and retraining. We have 4 new Basic EMT's, with more to follow. Margaret Houghton is being sponsored by the Service in the EMT Paramedic class which began last fall. A long and rigorous course, Margaret is making us proud...and, will join Paramedics Jim Wilmerding, Basil Mahaney and three other associate Paramedics, in serving our Island communities.

We provide regular retraining opportunities for our EMT's, sponsoring training in Bangor, Rockland and Augusta. We also sponsor local classes. In April we will host a 2-day Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support course, in May Life Flight will bring down its training module for classes, and we will set up training at Camp Beech Cliff in June.

We also continue to update equipment. We have replaced our Lifepak 12's with Lifepak 15's, thereby improving our ability to monitor patient needs. They have now been paired to our computer reporting systems to allow for faster, and more detailed patient information for receiving hospitals.

We continue our yearly outreach programs:

- An Annual Road Race & Walk (a fundraiser)
- Blood drives for the Red Cross
- Free CPR classes
- In-house Emergency Medical Scholarships
- Assisting island schools with flu shots
- A scholarship to an MDI High School graduate entering Emergency Medicine, preferably

Proudly serving the people of Mount Desert and the Cranberry Isles since 1938, we are a private, incorporated, not-for-profit 501© (3). With two state-of-the-art ambulances, we provide the Town of Mount Desert's Emergency Medical Services and Fire Rehab, in exchange for a bay, office and dispatch, without having to ask for taxpayer monies. A volunteer service, the Northeast Harbor Ambulance Service depends on, and is grateful for, the generous support of local and summer residents. A volunteer service is the way small, rural villages can receive the best Emergency Medical Service and create "Community", as neighbors help neighbors.

Joanne R. Eaton, Service Chief





Northeast Harbor Library Report

The Northeast Harbor Library is in transition and we are looking towards our future with excitement and enthusiasm. Bob Pyle, Library Director for almost 40 years, retired in October. The new Library Director, Brook Ewing Minner, started work in the fall. While this transition has meant a number of changes within the Library, we have continued to provide high-quality services for the community of Mount Desert, both in our role as public library and as school library for the Mount Desert Elementary School. Here are some highlights from 2011:

- 53,489 items were borrowed from the Library during 2011. This includes books and audio books for children and adults, films, CDs, and magazines.
- 230 e-books and audio books were downloaded, using Northeast Harbor Library cards, through the Maine Info Net Download Library.
- Our 7 public computers were used over 4,000 times by visitors to the Library. While we do not track use of our wireless Internet access, it continues to be a very popular option for residents and visitors alike. The Library now offers 2 laptop computers and 2 iPads for use within the building. We allow patrons to check out our Nook and Kindle e-readers.
- On average, the Library recorded approximately 3,000 visits by patrons per month. In August 2011, this number was over 5,000.
- In 2011, we hosted 41 adult programs that were attended by 1,288 people. We hosted 201 children's programs (including weekly on-going programs such as story time) that were attended by approximately 1,992 children.
- Our meeting rooms were used 66 times in 2011 by educational, municipal and other groups.
- Our archival collection, which also houses Town records, was used by scholars, authors and visitors throughout the year.
- MARVEL, Maine's Virtual Library, allows our patrons access to 75 databases that contain full-text articles from newspapers, magazines, journals and more.
- Our scholarship program, funded entirely by donations and an endowment, awarded 60 scholarships of \$1,700 each to students from Mount Desert and the Cranberry Isles.
- In 2011, 529 individuals and foundations generously donated to the Northeast Harbor Library.

The 2011 operating budget for the Library was \$396,497 and we ended the year with a deficit of just over \$11,000. However, due to various cost saving measures, the 2012 budget has a surplus of about \$1800. We are committed to keeping our costs down while maintaining our services. In 2011, approximately 5% of our funding came from the Town of Mount Desert. As a private, non-profit organization, the balance of our income comes from donations, grants, gifts from foundations and income from our endowment.

The Northeast Harbor Library employs 3 full-time librarians, 1 full-time business manager, 2 part-time adult services librarians and 1 part-time cataloger. We also employ a part-time custodian/maintenance person. The Library is open 46 hours per week September-June and 50 hours/week in July and August. The Library has numerous active volunteers who do everything from handling the recycling to repairing books. We are governed by a volunteer Board that consists of 30 people.

Looking towards 2012, the Northeast Harbor Library has many exciting programs and events planned. In addition to our on-going children's programs, we have a new LEGO club, a children's book club and the first ever Northeast Harbor Library sleepover! For adults, the library is planning a series of hands-on crafting workshops, a foreign affairs lecture series, a film series, a facilitated book club and more. Whether you are looking for a quiet place to read or think or an engaging event to meet your neighbors and have some fun, the Northeast Harbor Library has it all. It is certain to be an exciting year at the Library and we could not do it without the support we kindly receive from this community. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,



Brook Ewing Minner
Library Director

The Northeast Harbor Library is a non-profit corporation operating under a board of trustees and serving as both a public library for the community and as a school library for Mount Desert Elementary School. It is located at 1 Joy Road in Northeast Harbor, where our recently completed building is fully handi-capped accessible and has ample space to house the library's collection of books, archives, videos, DVD's, music CD's, books on tape, books on CD and periodicals. Funds for library operations come chiefly from private donations and endowment income. We anticipate expenditures of roughly \$420,000 in 2010, less than ten percent of which we hope will be appropriated by the municipality in May.

Somesville Library Association Report

The Somesville Library Association appears never to change, but in reality we continue to evolve and grow, and we have just completed a very satisfactory year. Although we are open only ten hours per week (thirteen during the summer), our circulation figures and the number of patrons we have assisted are consistent and noteworthy: 1361 adult patrons checked out 1243 books, and children checked out 885 books. Many hundreds more used the Library's computer access to check the Internet and e-mail during business hours and also when we are closed (using our Wi-Fi capability), asked reference questions, and were offered assistance of one sort or another. We held successful children's programs that encouraged families new to the area to join those already established, to celebrate words, reading and the joy of books. We also participated in The Big Read of *Huck Finn*, where we offered a moderated discussion of Mark Twain's classic work.

The Trustee's most significant undertaking of the past year was implementing a plan to rebuild the retaining wall on the north side of our historic building, which was in imminent danger of collapse. We are pleased to report that John W. Goodwin, Jr. completed the project on time, on budget, and with a minimum of disruption. With this repair we trust our building will withstand the ocean's inexorable pressure for another hundred years. While annual reports look back, we must also look forward to face our need of a new roof, a new furnace, much-needed paint, and extensive and long-deferred lawn renovation.

We are in many ways the public face of the Village, and we take seriously our scenic, cultural and professional responsibilities. The face of Somesville may change with time but the Library remains the center of the community, offering broad services and a public meeting room to civic groups in the village, and to all individuals in the larger island community. We could not continue to be such a visible and viable presence without the much-needed help and support of our many patrons and visitors, volunteers, and the financial support of the Town of Mount Desert. We are grateful for the support we receive from many different quarters.

Thomas V. Lange, Librarian



Seal Harbor Library Report

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. We also have magazines; DVD's and books on CD available to borrow. High speed internet access is available to patrons who bring their own computer.

Every Wednesday morning the library offers a popular story time program that attracts children from many neighboring communities. Average attendance is 12-16 children, and programs include singing, dancing and storytelling. This past summer we offered four special story time activities- A pirate treasure hunt on the beach and programs on gardening, fairy houses and trains. Our summer events average 15-30 children.

Each August we hold an annual book sale and fair on the village green and this past year we also held an art show at the library. These summer programs were our main fundraisers.

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 continued to organize and catalog our historic collection. Volunteers have also scanned most of the historic photographs in our collection and the images are available to view at www.sealharborlibrary.me. With the help of a dedicated volunteer we have also been working on accessioning all of the books in our collection.

From September to June the library is open from 9 am to noon Saturday mornings. With the help of many volunteers our July and August hours expand to Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 9 am to noon, Thursday 3pm to 6 pm.

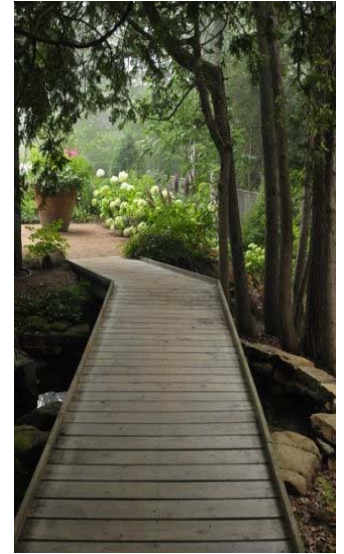
Did you know...?
That you can "subscribe to news"
and receive notices of Meetings and
Public Announcement's when they
are posted on the Town's website.

Visit the front page of the Town's
website. www.mtdesert.org

Mount Desert Land and Garden Preserve Report

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

The Mount Desert Land and Garden Preserve, formerly known as The Island Foundation, has been reporting to the town annually since 2000 when it replaced the Town as the overseer of all properties now known as Thuya Garden and Asticou Terraces. This exchange of ownership was the result of a vote taken at a special town meeting and a decree by the Maine Probate Court that dissolved all of the Joseph H. Curtis trusts that left his lands and other property in trust to the year-round and summer residents of Mount Desert upon his death in 1928. The Island Foundation, a nonprofit corporation established in 1971 by David and Peggy Rockefeller as a future repository for some of their Maine land holdings, was already the owner and operator of the Asticou Azalea Garden given by the Town to the organization in 1972. The history of the Garden Preserve is richly entwined with the history of the Town of Mount Desert, and it is for this reason that we continue to report to our residents in the town's Annual Report.



The mission of the Land and Garden Preserve is to “preserve, for public enjoyment, the aesthetic and spiritual heritage of certain horticultural and natural landscapes on Mount Desert Island.” The landscapes currently include the Thuya Garden and surrounding lands and the Asticou Azalea Garden; in the future they will include the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Garden. We are committed to preserving these unique historic properties in perpetuity, and we are a public charity that relies entirely on contributions from our friends, neighbors, and visitors and revenues from permanent endowments. We are also committed to maintaining a close and cooperative relationship with the community of Mount Desert, to collaborate with other nonprofits and town agencies that serve the villages, and to continue to be recognized as an important historical, horticultural and environmental asset of Mount Desert Island.

We had a wonderful year in 2011. Visitation at both gardens is increasing, the development of the western side of the Asticou Pond is progressing, and several garden areas at Thuya Garden were renovated. In looking forward to the coming season, please save July 3rd for another evening lantern stroll in the Azalea Garden, and we encourage everybody to visit and enjoy the gardens often. We are very thankful to all of our donors, volunteers and staff for making the fulfillment of our mission possible, and we are grateful to the town for letting us briefly explain our relationship to the town in the pages of this report. For more information on our history, please visit Thuya Lodge from late June through September, visit our website www.gardenpreserve.org, or pick up a copy of *Two Island Gardens*, a history of the Thuya and Azalea gardens written by Letitia S. Baldwin and published by the Garden Preserve in 2008.

Mount Desert Water District Report

The calendar year of 2011 for the District was perhaps the most exciting one yet. Probably the most important project was the sale of some of our land to the Maine Coast Heritage Trust for Acadia National Park. The funds generated from this sale, much of our watershed, which the District could do nothing with, allows funding for many much needed infrastructure improvement without the necessity of additional rate increases. Also, during the year the 100 year old water main, mostly along Millbrook Road was cleaned, basically rebuilt at a fraction of the cost of replacement, and will have great impact toward improving the water quality in Northeast Harbor.

Several expensive, badly needed, improvements were made In the Northeast treatment plant. These included several electrical items, and improvements that lead to the elimination of lead and copper in the water. Further, in cooperation with the State Department of Transportation, there was installed new a water main in the Stanley Brook Bridge; replacement of some 220 feet of water main along Peabody Drive. The District also developed an emergency water main connection plan for joining Seal Harbor and Northeast Harbor should this ever become necessary.

In the area of finance, a 10 year pro forma Profit and Loss and Capital Expense plan was developed to meet State and Federal mandated plant expenditures as well as the ability to meet annual operating costs. The District's terms and conditions were revised and will be receiving approval by the state Public Utilities Commission, directly. A comprehensive Federal Emergency Management Agency Action Plan was developed.

The District, forever under the watchful eyes of the Drinking Water Program and other State and Federal agencies, underwent a surprise inspection by the Department of Labor which resulted in the creation our Standard Procedures as part of our Operations Handbook.

In conformance with mandated regulations, letters were sent to all customers requesting voluntary compliance of installing proper backflow devices for their homes. This becomes a mandatory order in a short period of time.

Respectfully submitted,
Harry R. Madeira, Chairman



Summer Residents Association of the Town of Mount Desert Report

The SRA continued to be an active organization in 2011, and we expect this to continue in 2012. Our annual meeting in the Neighborhood house last August, 2011 attracted over 100 attendees and included meaningful dialogue with the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager. Our membership at year-end 2011 stands at slightly under 400. More information on our mission and past meetings can be accessed on the Town website under Committees. Below is a listing of our Board of Directors for the year ending August, 2012.

SRA Board of Directors

Ham Clark, President
Kathe Gates McCoy, Vice President
Charles Merriman, Treasurer
Callie Brauer, Secretary
Jan Russell, Nominating
Elaine Lincoln, Membership
Jamie Clark
Leslie Fogg
Temple Grassi
Donald Graves
Ed Lipkin
R. Anderson Pew
Tony Robinson
Rick Wheeler

Did you know...?

That there is one telephone number to call for leaving a message when garbage has not been picked up: 276-5733.

Revitalization Committee Report

This Committee continued to be a very active forum in 2011 subsequent to the delivery of our report of findings to the Select board in April, 2011. At present (Feb., 2012), we recently received **approval** from the Urban Land Institute (ULI) in Boston to conduct a Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) in Northeast Harbor in June, 2012 to address revitalization issues in this village. A full copy of the TAP application is attached.

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Technical Assistance Panel Application

FINAL – Approved, 1/30/12

Please provide the following information and submit to ULI Boston

Applicant Organization: Town of Mt. Desert (Hancock County, Maine) Revitalization Committee)

Date: January 30, 2012

Contact Person: P. Hamilton (“Ham”) Clark, III

Title: Revitalization Committee Chair

Please attach the following:

1. Statement of the problem/issue.

Provide a brief description of the major problems or issues that you wish the Panel to address. Include a brief history and current status of the project/study area/issue.

The Town of Mount Desert (TMD) is a Township that cuts across the middle of Mt. Desert Island, and it is comprised of six small villages. The largest of these is Northeast Harbor where the Town office is located. TMD has a year-round resident population of 2070, but is also home to a vibrant and affluent summer resident community who swell the Town’s population in the months from June – October to over 7500. Over the years, these summer residents, who contribute 75% of the Town’s tax revenue base, have purchased much of the land in and around Northeast Harbor. While these seasonal residents greatly support the economy when they are on the island, the local economy all but dries up for eight months of the year. In addition, the year-round population has gradually migrated to the more rural parts of the Town where there is more affordable housing.

While our Committee acknowledges that these dynamics are not altogether different from many “summer” communities in New England, the impact of these economic and demographic changes to Northeast Harbor in particular have become very acute in recent years. There are now at least four vacant lots on Main Street, the result of separate fires several years ago, and it has become increasingly difficult to attract any new businesses to this village due to the extreme market seasonality. Among the year-round businesses in Northeast Harbor, the local market, the hardware store, and the gas station / variety store barely have enough customers to warrant them staying open but for several hours a day in the long off-season months.

There are a number of large year-round employers on Mount Desert Island (such as the Jackson Labs, MDI Hospital, College of the Atlantic, MD Biological Labs, to name a few), but most of their employees now commute to their jobs from off of the island due to the lack of affordable and market rate housing on the Island. These large employers are aware of this problem, and we believe they would be willing partners with the Town of Mount Desert to help plan for attractive, mixed housing communities in the Town, perhaps even in close proximity to Northeast Harbor.

Our Committee made a series of recommendations to TMD's Board of Selectmen in April, 2011 (attached), which pointed out the need to engage outside counsel with expertise in revitalization "best practices." We have since come to the conclusion that some form of a public/private partnership with financial clout is needed to address these issues, and we are seeking input from the ULI as to the structure and approach this partnership should have.

2. Sponsor information

Please describe (1) the type of and major business activity of the sponsoring organization; (2) what role the sponsor plays in the particular issue(s) suggested for the Panel; and (3) include a brief history of important projects/activities that recently have taken place or are planned or under consideration.

(1) - The Revitalization Committee was formed in September, 2010 as a partnership between the Summer Residents Association and members of the year round population to address perceived economic issues in the Town and to foster a closer working relationship between the two groups.

(2) - Included in this Committee's primary recommendations to the TMD Board of Selectmen in April, 2011 was the call for an engagement of a TAP from ULI. After much discussion and education about the ULI, this approach was formally agreed by the Selectmen at their meeting in September, 2011. Budget funding was also approved by the Town to cover the costs of the TAP.

(3) - There is a \$2.2M capital project underway in the Town to improve the land-based features of the Town's marina in Northeast Harbor, which was funded by the Town via \$2.0M in bonded indebtedness. This project is scheduled for completion in June, 2012. The Revitalization Committee has recommended that the Town leverage this project further upon its completion by seeking out private partners to develop additional commercial businesses in the immediate vicinity of the marina and to link this area more closely with Main St.

3. Questions and issues to be addressed by the Panel

List the major questions/issues to be evaluated by the Panel. Be as specific as possible. Please organize questions/issues by major topic, such as (1) market issues; (2) planning and design issues; (3) feasibility and financing issues; (4) management and implementation issues; and so on.

(Q1)- What types of tactical strategies could be appropriate for the Town and community leaders to consider to encourage and enable new business investments in the Main Street commercial district of Northeast Harbor ? ... And what uses are appropriate for developing the vacant lots on Main Street?

(Q2) – What strategies can be used to enable existing local businesses to attain and maintain profitability given the high seasonality of the local economy (e.g. marketing efforts, signage, volunteer pledges to 'buy local,' changes to land use ordinances, etc.)?

(Q3) – What opportunities could be considered for better utilization of the public and private space next to the new marina, and how can this area be better connected to the Main St. commercial district? Should the Town consider the creation of an independent Public-Private Planning Committee to act as an "action agent" in this regard?

(Q4) – What initiatives could be undertaken to attract and enable more affordable housing in and around Northeast Harbor? What role can or should private funding (philanthropy, property tax surcharge, etc.) play in enabling a growing and economically sustainable year round community in and around Northeast Harbor?

(Q5) - How best can the larger on-island employers (such as Jackson Labs) be engaged in enabling

affordable housing solutions for their employees in Northeast Harbor and the Town of Mount Desert?

(Q6) - Should the Town consider opening up public (or private) land for housing development in and around Northeast Harbor? What are possible public-private partnerships and opportunities for collaborations in this regard? How would such a partnership be funded and how would it work with the Town?

4. Sponsor responsibilities - planning and logistics

Please identify the individuals who will be responsible for working with ULI Boston to prepare background and briefing documents; organizing and scheduling interviews; conducting a project/area tour; providing physical facilities for panel work sessions and presentation; and providing general logistical support. Also identify to extent known the key people whom you believe can contribute to the panel's understanding of issues. Please provide name, organization and title, telephone and fax numbers for all individuals listed.

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TBD; Director, Human Resources, Jackson Labs

(Other members of the Revitalization Committee, but probably not contributors)

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Kathy Branch
Buddy Brown
Katie Bell**

5. Fee arrangement

In December 2011, ULI Boston instituted a \$5,000 fee for the TAP program. This fee helps underwrite the overhead costs and staff time that is associated with the TAPs. Additional costs include the report writer's fee (\$1,500), transportation costs for the panelists (mileage to and from the TAP), lunch, briefing material and other logistical costs. The panelists donate all of their time preparing for the TAP, the day of the TAP and contributing to the final report, a \$30,000 - \$40,000 value.

Our Committee understands and agrees to all the fee arrangement, as delineated above, including lodging for panel members. Also, to facilitate more efficient time utilization, the sponsor agrees to pay for round trip air transportation from Boston (or other New England cities) to Bar Harbor, ME. [Note: to avoid higher ticketing costs, the sponsor requests that these tickets be purchased as soon as possible after the TAP application is approved and the dates confirmed]

6. General Panel Schedule

The schedule (TBD) represents the general format and timing of the Panel process. The schedule is subject to change depending on the issues involved in the assignment.

Note: we have set aside the dates June 3rd and June 4th for the TAP, with a report of findings from ULI-Boston scheduled for Monday evening at the Town of Mt. Desert Board of Selectmen's Meeting (time TBD).



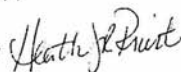
State Representative Elise Flemings



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TO: Town of Mount Desert
Municipal Officers
Editor, Annual Report

FROM: Heather J.R. Priest 
Clerk of the House

DATE: January 2012

Many municipal annual reports include the category of "Representative to Legislature" at the conclusion of the listing of Municipal Officers.

In the belief you may want to aid citizens to more readily contact their House member, we are hopeful that you will include the following information in the Municipal Officers section:

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Dear Mount Desert Residents,

It is my honor and pleasure to serve as your State Representative. As the Legislature slogs through the second regular session I will be working hard to be a voice for this community. My position on the Marine Resources Committee has been a good place to air the concerns of many Mount Desert residents. New leadership at the Department of Marine Resources should bring new energy needed to move forward with resource management that better balances sustainability and harvesting and also puts more emphasis on maximizing the economic gains for harvesters.

Health care costs are still breaking budgets in homes and businesses as well as all levels of government. No easy solutions are in sight but I will keep working at this issue.

Another challenge will be passing bills that allow for business growth while protecting the environment. One of my priorities is to make sure we can be 'green' both financially and environmentally. For example, water quality is critical for shellfish harvesters and tourism, two big economic drivers in this community. Our worldwide reputation for quality products and quality of life must be protected and enhanced so we have a stable economic base to build on. My position on the Marine Resources Committee puts me in the middle of that debate.

Another important policy area for me is education. While I am not on the Education Committee, my School Board experience has helped me stay involved in their work and I will continue to do so as our session goes on.

Please contact me if I can be of any help or if you want to discuss or testify on any legislation. My email is wkumiega36@gmail.com, my cellphone is 207-479-5459 for voice or text message.

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Dear Mount Desert residents and friends,

These days I'm as frustrated as anyone with the partisan gridlock in Washington. Even the most routine congressional functions, such as passing budgets, are caught up in irresponsible political games. One way to stop this is a bill I am pushing that would make sure members of Congress wouldn't get paid if they fail to pass budget and appropriation bills on time. It is time for Congress to get serious and show some common sense.

Yet, despite congressional dysfunction, I'm pleased to report progress on a number of initiatives important to Maine. Last year, Congress passed the Small Business Jobs Act, which included my amendment to ensure Maine small business lending agencies qualified for funding under the bill. As a result, Maine received \$13.2 million last September to support small business development. Since a requirement of the funding was to match every federal dollar with 10 additional dollars, that one investment is expected to spur \$132 million in small business lending in our state.

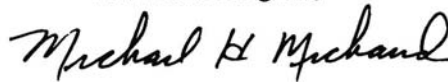
My work in support of our nation's veterans continues to be very important to me. Last October, the House passed a measure I authored to ensure that severely disabled and elderly veterans are able to get the care they need at Maine's state veterans' homes. I'm pleased that it passed unanimously in the House, and I'm hopeful the Senate acts on it soon.

We still have much work to do to create jobs and grow our national and state economies. Last year, I visited many Maine manufacturers and received a tremendous amount of valuable feedback. After these visits, and having heard back from over 85 Maine companies that filled out an online survey I created, it was made clear to me that legislative action is needed at the federal level to do more to boost our manufacturers and the positive impact they have on our economy.

My highest priority has always been ensuring that Mainers receive timely and quality constituent services. Whether you have a specific concern with a federal agency or need help connecting to resources, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at my Bangor office at 207-942-6935. I also encourage you to visit my website (www.house.gov/michaud), where you can email me, sign up for email updates, and connect with me on Facebook and Twitter.

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

With warmest regards,



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Senator Brian Langley



Annual Report to the Town of Mount Desert

A Message from Senator Brian D. Langley

January 2012

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me to work for the citizens of Mount Desert and our region. Representing your interests during the past year in the Maine Senate has been truly rewarding and an experience that I will never regret. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be your voice in Augusta.

When the new majority took their oath of office last December, we promised to move Maine in a new direction and to make our state more prosperous and affordable to all Mainers. Lawmakers also faced dire budget projections of a billion dollar shortfall. Many doubted we could attain anything substantive with the obstacles before us. Instead of looking at quick fix solutions to the problems before us, we met our challenges head on by rolling up our sleeves and working together. Over the months that ensued, the Legislature approved a number of significant reform measures to our health insurance market, tax policies, and state regulations.

Looking back at the results of the First Regular Session, I believe legislators made significant strides in addressing Maine's most pressing needs during extremely difficult times. We did so while avoiding a government shutdown and the polarizing situations that occurred in other states. Leadership made the decision early on in the session that we would insist on a two-thirds budget and we would create a culture of inclusion, respect, and consensus. We increased state funding to local schools by \$65 million, brought solvency to the retiree pension system, insisted on more transparency and accountability at the Maine Turnpike Authority, and paid back our local hospitals millions of dollars that had been owed to them for years. We worked hard to deliver the changes we promised, and we succeeded.

Though important progress has been made, lawmakers have a great deal of work ahead them when they return to Augusta in January. The most daunting task will be addressing a staggering \$120 million shortfall within the Department of Health and Human Services and its MaineCare program. In terms of all spending, MaineCare accounts for 32 percent of the state budget and enrollment is expected to grow at more than three times the rate of our revenues over the next four years. Difficult structural changes to the MaineCare program must be made soon; but I am confident that if we continue to work together as we did last year, we can return MaineCare back to a sustainable and quality system that protects Maine's most at-risk citizens.

Again, thank you for entrusting me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me if you ever need my help in navigating the state bureaucracy. I can be reached in Augusta at 287-1505, in Ellsworth at 667-0625, or by e-mail at SenBrian.Langley@legislature.maine.gov.

Sincerely,

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Dear Friends,

As we begin a new year, I welcome this opportunity to share some of my recent work for the people of our great state.

The economy and jobs remain my highest priorities. More efficient transportation is essential to our economic growth. After a years-long, hard-fought battle, I successfully pushed through Congress a bill I wrote to allow the heaviest trucks to travel on Maine's federal interstates, instead of forcing them to use our secondary roads and downtown streets. This will make our streets safer, reduce fuel consumption, and allow our businesses to be more competitive. I was pleased to have the support of many Maine groups, from the Maine State Police and the Parent-Teacher Association to the Maine Motor Transport Association and many others that helped me advocate for this sensible change.

I was also successful in my efforts to prevent the federal government from limiting certain vegetables, including Maine's potatoes, in school meal programs. Nationwide this ill-conceived proposal would have cost our schools, the states, and families an estimated \$6.8 billion over five years. I built support from both sides of the aisle and from across the country to ensure that schools maintain the flexibility they need to serve students healthy and affordable meals. This proposed rule was a prime example of excessive Washington regulation.

In my effort to protect jobs, I also introduced bipartisan legislation to ensure that the proposed EPA regulations known as the "Boiler MACT" rules protect the environment and public health without jeopardizing jobs in our state, particularly in the forest products industry. I also continued to help advance the development of deep water, off-shore wind energy at the University of Maine, which has the potential to provide clean energy and to create thousands of new jobs.

On the Armed Services Committee, I worked to secure funding for shipbuilding at Bath Iron Works, submarine overhauls at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, and the manufacturing of aircraft engines at Pratt and Whitney, as well as to strengthen the 101st Air Refueling Wing in Bangor and the Maine Military Authority in Limestone. The new defense funding bill also includes my amendment to expedite the claims of veterans with



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Dear Friends:

I want to thank you for the opportunity to extend my warm greetings to the people of Mount Desert, and take just a moment to offer a few thoughts about the past year as we look ahead to the year to come. Indisputably, as we continue to face historic challenges as a nation, as a state, and as individual towns and cities, our economy remains of paramount concern, and justifiably so, as we are still plagued by the worst economic downturn since World War II. Indeed, as countless Mainers have conveyed to me in roundtable discussions and on Main Street tours, the crushing job creation drought that too many have endured for far too long must not become the new normal.

Thankfully, there are steps that Congress and the Administration can take right now to expand our private sector. We can best unleash the genius and innovation that have made our country the most exceptional in human history, I believe, by addressing the following three pro-growth pillars, consisting of a balanced budget amendment, regulatory reform, and tax code overhaul, all of which I have championed in the Senate.

It is long past time that Congress bridge the partisan divide and unite around a pro-growth jobs agenda to pass a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution just as Maine and 48 other states already have, to end the regulatory rampage in Washington that has hamstrung our economy, and to overhaul the far-too-complicated, unwieldy tax code. American taxpayers expend 7.6 billion hours and spend \$140 billion – or one percent of GDP – just struggling to comply with tax filing requirements – and that burden must end.

The fundamental question is, what kind of country do we want America to be? Mainers, like all Americans, are rightly frustrated and angry that we have an expansionist government and a record accumulation of debt, and yet they don't see any positive difference in their own lives. I share that frustration and anger. And I hope you will work with me to forge a brighter future worthy of the greatest nation on Earth, bearing in mind as we move forward that economic and homeland security cannot be mutually exclusive. In that light, we remember today – and every day – the extraordinary service and sacrifice of our brave servicemen and women in Iraq, Afghanistan, and around the world who comprise the finest defense force on the planet.

Please be assured, I will continue to work tirelessly on behalf of the people of Maine and America. I encourage you to visit my Senate website at www.snowe.senate.gov for additional details on how you can join with me in these efforts, obtain helpful government information, and share any concerns or legislative input you may have. You may also visit with members of my staff at my Regional Office located at 202 Harlow Street, Suite 214 in Bangor or by calling 945-0432 or toll free in Maine at 1-800-432-1599.

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Mount Desert Elementary School Report

Once again it is my pleasure to present to the fine folks of the town of Mt. Desert a snap shot of the “State of our School”. Though we have the reputation for excellence, we continue to monitor our progress and look for ways to become even better as a school. Academically we continue to implement the essential standards that are derived from the national common core standards. Our staff is dedicated to making learning meaningful to our students by linking all lessons to these standards so that they clearly understand what they are learning and why. As a school we continue to balance the focus on the core academic areas with the rich experiences that our arts, music and athletics have to offer our students. With the pressure of high stakes testing, we never want to reach a point in which we lose sight of the value that all of these experiences have to offer our students in the whole education of the child.

State Assessment

This is the third year for the new state assessment (NECAPS – New England Common Assessment Program). This is the same assessment currently used by Vermont, New Hampshire and Rhode Island. The state will continue to use the MEA for its science assessments for the short term. Though we are pleased with these results, our mission is to continue ensure that all students reach their learning potential.

	MDES	State
Math	86%	63%
Reading	90%	72%
Writing (Grades 5 and 8)	72%	45%

**2011-2012 NECAP Results
Percent of Students Meeting
or Exceeding the Standards
for Grades 3 – 8**

Budget Proposal:

This year’s budget represents the largest increase in the appropriation in at least 6 years. The major reason for this increase is the unanticipated addition of a second kindergarten teacher due to a last minute addition of new students that warranted this move. This affects the appropriation in two ways, by reducing the amount of carryover and by increasing the overall budget. However on the bright side, it represents the fact that our school population is growing and we are now the second largest elementary school on the island next to Bar Harbor. I continue to be committed to balancing the fiscal needs of the community with that of providing a top-notch quality education for our children and so I thank you for your trust, your support and for the on-going commitment to our children and community.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott D. McFarland
Principal
Mount Desert Elementary School

Mount Desert Island Regional High School Report

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

Mount Desert Island High School continues to be in an exciting time of growth and transition. The core values, beliefs, and learning expectations that grew out of our self-study in 1999-2000 have continued to grow, evolve, and inform our practice. We have many initiatives going forward because the process of educational change is complex. The key strategies for that unite the efforts below are the move toward being standards-based, values driven, and student centered.

Essential Standards

The Essential Standards work is the key strategy that undergirds the efforts below, creating a viable and guaranteed curriculum. Essential Standards describe the knowledge and skill that we want every student to learn and know. They are standards for knowledge that lasts beyond school, is useful across different settings, and prepares students for the next stages of their life.

Our curriculum is continuously aligned with the Maine Learning Results (MLR) also known as the Parameters of Essential Instruction (PEIs). Maine has recently adopted a new Common Core in Math and Language Arts (adopted by 43 states). Our students are completing common assessments based on these standards, courses are focused on these standards, and our seniors are successfully completing their Senior Exhibitions.

A standards-based system is one in which credit toward graduation is organized more around demonstrating mastery of defined standards. A standards-based system is one that will help us to focus our teaching, learning, assessment, reporting, graduation requirements, and support on what kids actually need to know and do, in order to give us more flexibility in meeting their needs. These standards are based on the belief (supported by research) that the vast majority of students can achieve to high standards, given the right support.

Starting in August of 2010, our learning areas met to examine “What are the essential standards of my content area/grade level?” While we have a successful program of school wide learning results, common assessments, rubrics, and graduation requirements, we are reviewing these once again K-12 to drill down to the most essential and to align them across our entire system of K-12 schools.

Essential standards are in varying levels of development in the core academic areas. By October of 2013, we plan to have completed Essential Standards across the core academic learning areas and required electives and to have begun revisions of Common Assessments in at least grade 9 to reflect these new expectations.

NEASC Standards Committees

In October 2013, MDIHS will present its 10-year accreditation self-study to a visiting committee from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). Starting at least a year early for our accreditation process, we have begun to collect information on our mission and practices. Using the NEASC framework, we have created ongoing committees that will monitor our practices in the seven core areas of school life. This information continues to be collected on an accessible website <https://sites.google.com/site/mdihsneasc/>. A steering committee guided the initial process for launching 7 Self-Study Committees (NEASC Standard Committees) last spring. These NEASC Standards Committees each have co-chairs and there are two NEASC co-chairs for the entire process (Kate Meyer and Ian Braun). We strongly encourage members of the community to contact the school and join these committees. Drafting of the accreditation report will take place during 2012-13.

Core Values

One central requirement of the NEASC process is the review of the Core Values and Beliefs as a school community. All of our activities as a school should be in service of our Core Values and Essential Standards. At MDIHS, these are stated in our Mission Statement, Guiding Principles, and Standards. The Core Values Standards Committee plays an important role. Their task is to review the Core Values, Beliefs, and Learning Expectations that undergird our work. Over the past twelve months, this committee has gathered feedback on our existing Mission Statement and Guiding Principles as well as input on the values and language that are most important to our community. They have gathered this information through surveys, Student Advisories, postings at the Senior Exhibition Festival, during Parent-Teacher Conferences, at the Faculty Retreat, and in other meetings with parents, faculty, and students. This spring, based on their work, a group will begin drafting our updated Mission Statement and Guiding Principles

Continuous Improvement Priority School under NCLB

Last year, MDIHS was identified for its first year as a Continuous Improvement Priority School (CIPS). We are now in our second year under that status and expect to continue there in spite of our test scores. MDIHS was not identified because of low-test scores. MDIHS consistently scores among the top schools and above the state average on all topics and for all groups. We were identified because the law requires schools to annually increase the percentage of students meeting the standard on SAT Reasoning Test. Schools are also required to make annual progress on 4-year graduation rates. Progress in achieving that goal is described as “adequate yearly progress” (AYP). The state calculates AYP for schools as a whole and for identified groups on participation in the state assessment, reading SAT scores, math SAT scores, and graduation rates. As a result, there are 84 ways to fail to make AYP.

SAT Critical Reading Percent Meeting or Exceeding Standard				
	All Students MDIHS	All Student State	Low SES MDIHS	Low SES State
2007-08	62%	48%	44%	32%
2008-09	59%	49%	56%	34%
2009-10	58%	48%	35%	31%
2010-11	56%	50%	54%	33%
Average	59%	49%	47%	32%

SAT Mathematics Percent Meeting or Exceeding Standard				
	All Students MDIHS	All Student State	Low SES MDIHS	Low SES State
2007-08	53%	41%	42%	31%
2008-09	53%	42%	52%	33%
2009-10	58%	46%	35%	28%
2010-11	53%	49%	50%	30%
Average	54%	43%	45%	30%

NCLB Report Card 4-Year Graduation Rate		
	MDIHS	State
2007-08	91%	84%
2008-09	83%	80%
2009-10	91%	84%
2010-11	83%	80%
Average	87%	82%

The CIPS funding for professional development provided MDIHS with an opportunity to combine and expand the self-study process in order to transform the culture and practices of the school. Our goal is to combine and align our improvement efforts. This self-study has begun to tie together

the (New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) standards, our Essential Curriculum Standards, and inspiration from Coalition of Essential Schools (CES).

Study Groups

The CIPS funding supported a substantial expansion of the data collection, analysis, and reflection, so that we can substantially transform our practice.

All faculty serve on a Study Group. In June we met as a faculty to reflect on our practices and priorities for school improvement as initially identified by the NEASC Standard Committees. This information was then carried to a three-day summer retreat in June open to all school staff. At the retreat, we identified four priority areas for improvement. These were achievement of boys, graduation pathways, flexible scheduling, and school culture. We added to these the key improvement areas of school wide literacy and numeracy to form 6 Study Groups. These are separate from the NEASC Standards Committees. We have formed Study Groups to review data, do research, visit schools, and gain training in each of these areas. In the areas of numeracy and literacy, we plan to work with consultants to gain ongoing coaching/support in these areas.

We plan to carry this effort forward in the current year, studying identified priority areas (school wide literacy, school wide numeracy, achievement of boys, graduation pathways, flexible scheduling, and school culture) and tightening our processes for targeting and supporting student achievement (Achievement Team) and for implementing, monitoring and evaluating the support system (Continuous Improvement Team).

The four study groups identified at the summer retreat each has roughly a \$2000 budget that is being used for release time, travel, conferences, books, materials, and supplies. Each of those groups has been reporting on their progress to the entire staff and each is scheduled to present their findings and ideas at an upcoming faculty meeting. The numeracy and literacy groups have larger budgets \$8000-10000 and are working with consultants to look at both school wide practices and instructional practices within the ELA and Math Learning Areas.

Budget Development:

This report represents the proposed budget for the high school for the upcoming school year. For the past three years, budget development has been a particular challenge. Falling revenues from the state have combined with increasing costs in areas such as fuel, insurance, and long-term maintenance. We have cut positions and trimmed expenses to make up the difference, resulting in a budget-to-budget reduction in 2010-11 (-0.84%) and an increase 2011-12 (2.47%).

Last year, we were able to move the High School Annual Meeting to April, in order to allow us to make revisions later in the year based on more accurate information about revenues and expenses. As a result, we were able to reduce our budget request from an estimated 2.97% increase to 1.95%. As this budget includes an \$80,000 bus purchase from reserves our actual increase in expenses is closer to 1% this year.

Facilities:

Our Trustees Maintenance and Improvement Plan was revised this year to accelerate the replacement of our two original boilers. The two new Viessmann boilers were installed at a cost of \$350,000. These new high efficiency boilers should help us to realize a more comfortable building along with energy savings. We have also explored the installation of a solar water pre-heating system to reduce our energy footprint.

On our theater stage this past summer, we were able to remove unnecessary walls and doors in order to create wings. This should significantly enhance our ability to move sets and props around the stage. These

improvements were thanks to the Black Rose Theater Fund, started by the friends and family of Ashleigh Littlefield.

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 68% 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 80% of our graduates went on to post-secondary educational institutions. The following provides a brief portrait detailing post-secondary plans of the graduating class of 2011:

Class of 2011	#	%
Post-Secondary Education		
Four Year Colleges	84	70
Two Year Colleges	18	15
Post Graduate year	0	0
Total	102	85
Employment	10	8
Military Service	1	1
Undecided	7	6

Test Results – Post Secondary students Class of 2011 SAT				
Range	Reading	Math	Writing	Mean Score
700-800	9	7	7	MDIHS
600-690	19	19	16	CR 543
500-590	26	36	32	M 547
400-490	25	18	25	W 540
300-390	4	3	4	Mid 50% range
200-290	1	1	0	CR 620-460
				M 610-500
Total	84	100% Participation	W	620-480

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. This year we

Farewell

We offer thanks to the following individuals who left the school last year. We appreciate all that they brought to the school and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

Pam Norwood	Technology Specialist	Wendy Lessard	English Teacher
John Rosenfeld	Math Teacher	Susan Vafiades-Diaz	English Teacher
Richard Bracy	Custodian	Maggie Masella	Custodian
Barbara Logue	Nurse Practitioner	Marie Doyle	Secretary
Linda Koehler	Teacher of the Deaf		

Welcome

We are so please to have had the following individuals join our team. They bring new ideas and enthusiasm to our strong community.

Keith Eaton	English Teacher	Justin Buchanan	Math Teacher
Matt Lawson	History Teacher	Margaret Haberman	Special Services
Amber Charron	Special Services	Tami Willis	Baby Room Ed Tech
Jeff Zaman	TV and Ed Tech	Brian O'Connell	Special Services
Chris O'Donnell	Special Services	Carolyn Liebow	Special Services
Joel Linscott	Custodian	Kert Clark	Custodian
John Garcia	Custodian	Linda Crowell	Nurse Practitioner
Karen Shields	Secretary		

Student Teachers

MDIHS is also pleased to welcome to the profession the student teachers and interns who have been student-educators with us this year.

Elana Strout	Social Studies / Kate Goupee
Ruth Poland	Science / Jen Shanholzer
Katy Leighton	Physical Education / Mark Shields
Anne Dalton	Guidance

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 (mjanger@mdirss.org) 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,

Dr. Matthew Garrity-Janger
MDIHS Principal



Cooper Blanchard

Mount Desert Island Regional School System AOS 91 Report

It is with enthusiasm and pride that we write this annual report to showcase our accomplishments and challenges we have faced over the last year in the Mount Desert Island Regional School System.

Our Vision

We continue to hold our vision out in front to guide all of our work. As district leaders we believe one of our chief responsibilities is to help everyone in our school system understand the implications of our vision for students. This document is at the heart of the work we are doing in clarifying our essential standards, assessment and communication tools, response to intervention, As well as our approach to differentiated instruction and service-learning. This vision, which clarifies our core values and the focus areas of the day, has served as a centerpiece for district-wide and school improvement planning since fall, 2006 and it will continue to do so as we move forward.

OUR CORE VALUES

Success for each student through experiences that foster:

- ★Service, Leadership, Citizenship
- ★Technology Readiness
- ★Academic Development
- ★Resiliency, Health, Wellness, and Creativity
- ★Social and Character Development

presented in an environment that stresses equity, rigor, and personalization.

Administrative Leadership Work

We are committed to helping all of our administrators become better leaders--and that includes ourselves. We recognize that we have a great team in place, with strong individual members and we have been able to accomplish a lot because of our collective strength. That said, we also recognize that we can become stronger through intentional, meaningful work to develop the instructional leadership capacity of everyone on our team. We recognize that, as leaders, we often don't take time to reflect deeply on our own growth needs, nor do we make intentional plans to improve in these areas. Principals are the leaders who must supervise and evaluate instruction at their school. To do this well, they need to possess knowledge and competency with the tools that will help them make improvements in this regard. Taking this into account, we are using a portion of time this year in our regular meetings to work on developing the individual and overall leadership capacity of our entire administrative team. Gordon A. Donaldson, Jr. Ed.D. Professor Emeritus of Education, from the University of Maine is working with us to facilitate this vital work.

Consolidation discussions involving the Tremont Consolidated and Pemetic Schools:

Discussions are continuing between the citizens of Tremont and Southwest Harbor around the feasibility and potential educational and cost-saving benefits of combining the two schools to some degree or another. Plans now call for a non-binding referendum question to be posed to the residents of both towns at the ballot box next spring to gauge the sentiment about whether we should move forward with continuing to gather information and making additional presentations regarding the possible models for change.

Curriculum and Instruction:

We believe that the best way for our students to succeed is through the combined efforts of the school, parents, and child. We also believe that sharing the specific learning goals with parents and then regularly reporting children's progress is an important first step in helping children to be successful in school.

With that in mind, over the last year and a half, MDIRSS has developed a list of essential standards from the list of state standards to guide teacher instruction in our schools. We define essential standards as those that are vital, central, and necessary for our students to learn during their school experience in order to be prepared for successful futures. The essential standards in the core content areas of math, English, science, social studies, and health were finalized (always a working draft, though) in June 2011. Over the summer, teams of teachers worked together to clarify the meaning of the standards and post the clarifications on our curriculum website. The essential standards are now (fall 2011) at the heart of our teachers' units of study.

With that said, we want to stress that this is a learning year for all of us (students, teachers, administrators, school committees, parents, and others) as we work with the essential standards to improve student achievement. We anticipate that we will make adjustments along the way as we encounter new ideas and new solutions, and we encourage folks at all levels to offer their feedback and insights along the way. We have plans for a parent forum later in January to help parents learn more about the teaching and learning process with our essential standards.

Coordinated School Health Program:

MDIRSS successfully applied for and was awarded a renewal of the competitive Healthy Maine Partnership grant to fund our CSHP for another five years. MDIRSS schools continue working to improve the nutrition of school lunch and breakfast programs, and to increase the amount of time for supervised physical activity for students during the day. Many of our schools have been participating in Farm to School efforts to incorporate locally grown foods, including produce from several of our own school gardens, into school lunch. Other highlights include programming and equipment for each school designed to get kids moving, walk/run clubs at four schools, and an increased focus on bullying prevention education efforts.

Staff Development:

As always we strive to tailor the three district professional days in our school calendar to build teachers' and principals' understanding of how curriculum, instruction, and assessment can work together to help us achieve our MDIRSS vision for students. On our opening day in 2010, teachers learned about essential standards and were given an opportunity to reflect and give feedback on which standards from our curriculum they believed should rise to this level. Curriculum teams met through the fall months to consider the feedback and make decisions about the essentials. During the January 2011 professional day, K-8 teachers and principals attended a training to learn how to unpack or decode the implicit and explicit meaning embedded in the standards, and then met in their common study groups to begin that work. In the K-8 schools, the 2010-11 professional development work focused on developing teachers and administrators understanding of the essentials standards.

At the high school level, professional development days focused on preparing for the NEASC self-study this year. This has allowed high school staff to create focused work groups to look specifically at literacy, numeracy and alternate pathways to graduation.

Special Services:

There are several things that we would like to highlight in the Special Services realm this year. Our Special Education and Title I programs have benefited from a two year influx of federal stimulus funding. The greatest impact of the use of these funds has been in the areas of professional development for staff and the acquisition of assistive technology and instructional resources for improving instruction.

The most significant recent change in the Special Services department is the addition of a school social worker and a teacher to serve our English Language Learners (ELL). Edith DuBois, our social worker, continues to be a tremendous resource to school staff and students in crisis. She has been instrumental in clarifying the role and protocol for school funding of counseling services. Edith is also providing ongoing support to our guidance counselors and facilitating their work during professional days. We are now better able to respond quickly to crisis situations, provide counseling support more flexibly, create group opportunities and follow up with referrals to community-based-services.

If we truly want ALL students to meet the high standards that we have articulated in our district, our efforts must support the students whose unique needs require flexible instruction and/or targeted intervention. To intervene most effectively, our schools must be more systematic in using the pieces that are already in place to produce an expanded and refined process. This requires coordination within each school to respond and intervene in ways that are the heart of the RTI (Response to Intervention) process.

Special Education Reserve:

Last year we continued to discuss and work out the details of a combined special education reserve for our schools. This reserve would provide a short-term financial safety net for schools who could stand to be devastated by a high-cost out of district placement. The next step takes the proposal to the voters next spring. We hope that the benefits of this collaborative approach will be clear to our constituents and allow for this necessary safety net to meet the needs of our most disabled students.

New Administrative Staff:

We welcome Heather Webster and Ian Braun to our administrative team. Heather is the new principal of the Swan's Island School. Ian has stepped into the district role of Assessment Coordinator. We are very fortunate to be able to hire these school leaders. The integrity and energy that they bring to our team helps us to look at our challenges in new ways and bring new strengths to our collective work.

We believe it is a great time to be working in education! Our schools and teachers are engaged with good work transitioning from a factory educational model to a success-for-all model. This is a slow and difficult process, but one that we lead with confidence and pride knowing that it is the right path to ensure students' successful futures.

Robert Liebow
Superintendent

Joanne Harriman
Assistant Superintendent

Kelley Sanborn
Director of Special Services



Mount Desert Nursing Association Report

MOUNT DESERT NURSING ASSOCIATION Executive Nurse Director's Annual Report--2011

TO: Town of Mount Desert
FROM: Anne Napier, Ed.D., RN, APRN-BC, Executive Nurse Director
RE: Fiscal Year July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011

Patient visit statistics for July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011

July 2010	128 visits	January 2011	93 visits
August 2010	123 visits	February 2011	107 visits
September 2010	126 visits	March 2011	107 visits
October 2010	184 visits	April 2011	99 visits
November 2010	101 visits	May 2011	124 visits
December 2010	103 visits	June 2011	127 visits

Total –1422 visits

Reflected in those visits are 131 new patient visits, and 260 visits which were No Charge visits.

The Mt. Desert Nursing Association is a private, non profit community health agency licensed by the State of Maine that receives no third party reimbursement and is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. 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 education and health screenings.

In the past year, MDNA has had 28 admissions, and 32 discharges including 3 deaths. MDNA nurses have called the ambulance 6 times on behalf of patients. A total of 185 patient visits were made to the office. This number does not include all the visits from persons borrowing Loan Closet Equipment. The Loan Closet provided 210 pieces of durable medical equipment to MDI residents. Most of this equipment is returned within a few weeks or months, and then needs to be cleaned and restocked into the basement.

In addition to regular patient care visits, the nursing staff spends many hours conferencing with health care professionals, individuals, and families by phone. In the past year our RNs, have made approximately 2645 follow-up phone calls to families, physicians, clinics, labs, and other health care providers, to manage the care of our patients, and to make referrals, all of which are to facilitate our patients' well-being. These calls and consultations represent the care manager aspect of our nurses' service to patients. MDNA patients continue to age, becoming more frail, with more chronic health problems, which require increased skills, knowledge and an increase in the amount of time needed for each nurse visit, and many more contacts and calls from our office and staff on their behalf. Beside our usual home care visits we gave 77 flu vaccine shots at our Fall Flu Shot clinic, and to home bound patients, and residents at the Maple Lane Apartments. Our Registered Nurses have continued to visit our patients at local hospitals and our former patients at nursing homes. In addition, we provide a variety of services at the office for persons who come in needing them—BP checks, dressing changes, evaluations and referrals, information, teaching, family support, and educational materials.

As part of our quality improvement program MDNA has continued quarterly patient record reviews of active and inactive charts, and has maintained 100% compliance throughout the year. In February, our license was again renewed by the State Licensing Bureau of the State of Maine.

MDNA is represented on the Healthy Acadia “Healthy Aging” and “Access to Care” Task Forces, and Asthma Project, Island Connections, Mt. Desert TRIAD, Pan Flu Working Group, and MDI Non-profit Association.

Our Community Outreach this past year has included a Flu Shot Clinic; Cane Clinics; Abby Chapel Luncheon Blood Pressure checks; TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) support meetings, and our island-wide durable medical equipment Loan Closet use. This past school year we worked closely with MDES and three of their students, as well as being interviewed by two other students during their class on “Occupations”. We also participated in Acadia Family Center’s “Hike for Mike” events, and supplied a course monitor for the MDI Marathon. Two MDNA Newsletters were sent to all year-round and summer residents of the Town of Mount Desert.

This year the Mount Desert Nursing Association celebrated its 62rd year of providing nursing services and community health programs to the residents of the Town of Mount Desert. There have been many changes during those years, but the underlying concept remains--of providing care to patients in their homes, allowing them to continue as long as possible with the best achievable health and lifestyle, and supporting healthy life styles through community health education.

The current population of the Town of Mount Desert is made up of approximately 2000 year-round residents, and somewhere between 6000-8000 seasonal residents. The average number of patient visits made weekly by our RNs is 35-43. The average length of a visit is 45 minutes to an hour, with some visits lasting as much as 2 hours. In the 62-year history of the Mount Desert Nursing Association, Registered Nurses have provided 88,215 visits to patients who were, or are, residents of the Town of Mount Desert.

Our staff includes:

Outgoing Exec. Nurse Director Anne Napier, Ed.D., RN, APRN; Incoming Nurse Director Theo Hinckley, RN Community Health Nurse Emma Lansing, RN; Administrative Assistant Patti Billings
Per Diem Community Health Nurses: Joyce Anderson, Kathy Frank, Karol Hagberg, Sara Some

Our Board of Directors includes the following members:

President: Wanda Fernald; Vice President: Joelle Nolan; Secretary: Carol Pye; Treasurer: Elizabeth Roberts;

Board Members: Martha Bucklin, Marilyn Damon, Ralph Erickson RN, Sue Erickson, Richard Fuerst, Mary Glass RN, Laura Hendricks APRN, Lydia F. Kimball, Julian Kuffler MD, Janet Moore, Kent Schmidt, Ann Strohacker; Lifetime Members: Ruth Fraley, Connie Madeira, Patricia Scull

The Staff and Board of Directors wish to submit this report with thanks to all who support our agency. It has been an honor, a challenge and a delight to have been the Executive Nurse Director of the Mount Desert Nursing Association for the past three years. My sincere thanks to the Board of Directors and to the Town of Mount Desert for this opportunity. I will miss you all.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne

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

Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County Report



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~ Volunteer Service Since 1980 ~

February 23, 2012

To the residents of the Town of Mount Desert:

Thank you, once again, for your support for Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County! We couldn't do what we do without the support of the communities in which we serve. Our volunteers come from their communities and serve their neighbors. This opens doors for us to be able to reach those in need of our care. Having the support of the town in which our volunteers, patients and clients live illustrates the partnership that exists between us and those we serve. We recognize the importance of this dynamic relationship and appreciate the support provided to us by the Town of Mount Desert.

To highlight what your town's support helps make possible, we are pleased to report the following Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County services:

- Free Patient Care Support for those living at the end of life and their loved ones - to 148 patients during the 2010-2011 fiscal year, including 7 in Mt. Desert;
- Free Bereavement Support to those who are grieving the loss of a loved one - with over 1100 gestures of support provided during the same time period, including support to 8 residents of Mt. Desert;
- Building relationships with colleagues throughout the community including medical and other service providers, business leaders, school personnel and local church members strengthens our programs and extends our reach;
- Continuation of our Evensong hospice singers, who provide the gift of comfort to those living at the end of life through bedside music; and
- Growth of our equipment lending program. Rarely a day passes without someone benefiting from receipt of free equipment passed from one family to another through our hospice house.

If you have any questions about our services or how your contribution supports our programs, please call us at 667-2531. Thank you for your support. We look forward to continuing to work with you to provide these essential services to the residents of Mt. Desert.

Sincerely,

Jody Welford-Tucker, Ph.D.
Executive Director



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 its activities and by 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. The Youth Club is an after school program that has been in existence for fourteen years. Our 15-passenger bus allows us to provide free transportation from the elementary school to The Neighborhood House each afternoon for the program. There are also youth sports such as soccer, basketball and baseball/softball run by a dedicated group of volunteers; four summer camp programs that are popular with year-round and seasonal families alike; open gym and open swim programs depending upon the time of year; and an intensive basketball camp for those of high school age. Fencing as well as ballet and tap dance classes are also offered each week by private instructors.

Adult & Senior Programs: The community fitness room continues to be a popular draw for residents. In fact, there were more memberships in 2011 than ever before. Our Active Older Adults group, Zumba, yoga and indoor cycling are also offered multiple times during the week. The "Lunch Bunch" program continues on and the new "Community Café" became a hit in the fall of 2011. The program offers lunch on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month and is managed by a loyal group of volunteers. The Café offers a place for residents of all ages to come and gather while sharing lunch; it has been a nice social "boost" during a typically very quiet time of year.

Community Events: Regularly, 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 Father-Daughter Valentine Dance draws a crowd from all over the island filling the Great Hall. Community dinners are a hit with townspeople of all ages. The Memorial Day BBQ on the town green attracts nearly 400 people. 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. During the summer of 2011 two such performances were presented. There's the annual Bike Parade, Teddy Bear Picnic, the Halloween party and the yearly performance of "The Grinch" by Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers in conjunction with the library and elementary school.

Local Group Support: The Neighborhood House prides itself on close collaboration with a number of groups and organizations throughout our community; in 2011 over 75 used the building. Space is available and well used by groups such as the Acadia Senior College, Acadia Community Theater, Mount Desert Festival of Chamber Music, Acadia Friends, Girl Scouts and local garden clubs to name a few. Additionally, the building is open to and used by all for weddings, anniversaries, birthdays and other private functions. Most weekends are full with such events. The Great Hall is also the ideal space for the abundance of art shows, auctions, concerts, lectures, and the like.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Anne-Marie Hart, Executive Director



Mount Desert Island Historical Society Report

The mission of the Mount Desert Island Historical Society is to preserve, interpret, and promote the history of Mount Desert Island. To carry out our mission we:

- 1. Collect and preserve the artifacts and archives of the Island.*
- 2. Build a better community by promoting an understanding of our history and by working collaboratively with other community organizations.*
- 3. Educate through engaging programs, exhibits, publications, objects, and documents that bring history alive for many audiences.*

One way to truly appreciate life on Mount Desert is to know its history - to understand that the landscape around us wears only the thinnest veil of the present, one of many it has worn over time. Only when we realize the history of this place can we truly appreciate its beauty. The Mount Desert Island Historical Society works not only to preserve records and artifacts, but also to learn and teach about our history.

The Mount Desert Island Historical Society has enjoyed an eventful year. Here is a brief list of our accomplishments. In 2011, we:

1. Organized a year of programs called *Celebrate!250* which began with a chowder supper and variety show and ended with a bean supper both which filled the high school auditorium to capacity.
2. Produced an original documentary film of Island history called *Dancing at the Mill: Two Centuries of Life on Mount Desert Island*.
3. Published Volume XII of our annual history magazine *Chebacco* which featured essays on the mystery of Mount Desert's Civil War soldier John Gilley, the history of the Saint Sauveur settlement, a challenge to the founding myth of the first colonists, and a survey of Island history titled, "History Builds Community".
4. Grew by leaps and bounds, adding seven new board members, and increasing membership by 25 percent, to 437 historical society members. We also more than tripled our followers on Facebook from 100 to 350!
5. Conserved and cataloged the collected architectural drawings of Robert Patterson and Fred L. Savage, added ultraviolet light protection to the windows of the Old School House, and expanded our digital collections to include the 1808 Salem Towne Jr. Esq. map of Mount Desert Island. We also added (through the kindness of Rick Savage) a digital set of Civil War-era letters that includes over 200 pages of correspondence between Emily Manchester Savage and her husband Augustus C. Savage.
6. Hosted senior learners through Road Scholars and Acadia Senior College, and third graders who attended reenactments of a typical school day in 1894. We also supported scholars from MDI High School, College of the Atlantic, Acadia National Park, and the University of Maine, who produced historical research on climate and landscape history, the scientific records of the 19th century Champlain Society, and a biographical study of Charles Eliot.
7. Created a variety of exhibits, including *Mystery Photographs*, *Mount Desert in the Civil War*, *250 Years*, *250 Treasures*, and *Children's Art* from 3rd through 6th graders in Carol Shutt's classes at Mount Desert Elementary School. We also loaned historical materials to the Northeast Harbor Library, the Abbe Museum, and the Great Harbor Maritime Museum for their exhibits.
8. Reached out to the community with programs such as the keynote address at Acadia National Park's in-service training session and articles published in the *Mount Desert Islander* and *Bar Harbor Times* on the John Gilley story and an essay by Jack Russell titled, "History Builds Community". We also conducted walking tours of Somesville and Seal Harbor and held our annual Strawberry Festival.

9. Increased the insurance coverage on our properties to \$410,000 and inspected and recharged our fire suppression system. We also hired an administrative assistant, Deb DeForest, who manages our bookkeeping and correspondence, enabling us to extend our educational outreach programs.

None of this work would be possible without the generous support of the community of Mount Desert, whose citizens founded the Society in 1931 and have continued to support it through the years. For all those who have helped us, we are very grateful.

In 2012, we will publish Volume XIII of *Chebacco*. This issue will focus on women's history and will feature articles on the Women of Mount Desert in the Civil War, Francis Parkman's arguments against women's suffrage, among many more. At the Somesville Museum, we will provide Wi-Fi service and will install two webcams, along with an exciting new exhibit on the underwater archaeology of shipwrecks near Mount Desert Island.

We have requested the town's support to add a digital workstation at the Old School House. This would enable more volunteers to work on digitizing our collections, making them available to people here in Mount Desert and researchers around the world. We are asking for \$1,500 to fund this project. We would be very grateful for your support.

I will close with an invitation for you to keep up with the latest MDI Historical Society news on Facebook or at our website www.mdihistory.org, where in a couple of clicks you can purchase a copy of our video, *Dancing at the Mill*, or support our work by becoming a member of the society.

With sincere thanks for your generosity and support,

Tim Garrity
Executive Director
Mount Desert Island Historical Society



Captions:

1. Volunteers serve up delicious food at the annual Strawberry Festival
2. Maude March and third graders reenact an 1894 school day at the Sound Schoolhouse
3. Abraham Somes tells how he founded the community of Somesville in 1761
4. Carol Shutt and a student discuss the Children's Art show
5. Charles Somes Richardson describes life at the old Richardson homestead on Beech Hill
6. Steve Haynes shows a group of Road Scholars how to split a big piece of granite.

Seal Harbor Village Improvement Society

The Seal Harbor Village Improvement Society has been taking care of all the public property in Seal Harbor since 1900 including the Seal Harbor Village Green, the beach, public restrooms, a playground, other small parks, and several miles of hiking trails all enjoyed by the public. The membership of the organization includes a mix of summer residents and year round residents. We have a dedicated worker and manager, Larry Taylor, who has been with us for more than 25 years.

We own and maintain a truck, a tractor, a mower, and other equipment necessary for the maintenance of the Seal Harbor beach and grounds as well as the Village Green. A new rake, for cleaning seaweed from the beach, was purchased this winter to replace the old one and will be in service next summer.

This year Larry has continued the major renovation and extension of the West side Little Long Pond Trail. It is now possible to hike all the way around the shore of the pond. Blow downs have been cleaned up on the Harbor Brook trail and it has been widened in many areas. The trail is in the best condition that it has been in for a long time.

On the Jordan Stream trail several bridges have already been rebuilt. Two new large bridges have been started and Larry hopes to finish them before spring.

The VIS also sponsors a community barbeque each summer providing an opportunity all to get together and enjoy good food, music and games on the Village Green.

We raise about \$60,000 every year to pay for our operations. The town gives us a yearly grant of \$26,700 to help, and we have a small income from our endowment.

Thank you for your support!

Edith Dunham
President



The Great Harbor Maritime Museum

The Great Harbor Maritime Museum's 2011 theme was collaboration. This collaboration began in 2010, when the museum started participating in the planning process of the Celebrate!250 festivities, and continued throughout the year. The museum was very excited to be involved with Celebrate!250, a joint project of all the Island's museums and historical societies celebrating 250 years of permanent European settlement on Mount Desert Island. Like many other island museums and historical societies, Celebrate!250 became the basis of our primary exhibit as well as several special events.

Our exhibit, *Sails and Rails, Wheels and Keels*, focused on the history of transportation on Mount Desert Island over the past 250 years. Using artifacts from our own collection as well as pieces borrowed from other cultural organizations, we created a popular show that drew a very large audience. The museum also partnered with the Northeast Harbor Library during the summer and co-hosted two walking tours of Main Street, Northeast Harbor as a part of our Celebrate!250 activities.

In the spring the museum hosted Acadia Senior College's annual art exhibit, bringing many people into the building to enjoy the work of local artists. Participants in four workshops accompanying the two-month exhibition created "Mr. and Ms. MDI," two life-sized figures covered with images and symbols of Island life and history as a part of the Celebrate!250 festivities. Mr. and Ms. MDI later made many appearances at events throughout the year where countless people posed in their faces.

Each Thursday the museum played a central role in the Late Thursday Nights in Northeast Harbor, a collaborative project of the Main Street businesses. Starting with free ice cream followed by musicians playing on the museum's new stone apron, the evenings were filled with children dancing, adults singing along, and everyone having a good time. In an effort to attract additional people, the museum invited individuals with antique cars to display them each Thursday evening. More than twenty cars showed up including a few from the Seal Cove Auto Museum, which brought the oldest car of the summer: a 1911 Knox. We look forward to continuing this effort in 2012. If you have a car you'd like to put on display for one of these evenings, please contact the museum.

In July the museum took campers from the Neighborhood House to Great Cranberry Island as a part of its "Learn to Look, Look to Learn" program, now in its fifteenth year. From the beach at Spurling Cove the campers enjoyed and painted the view of Mount Desert Island's mountains, made gnome houses in the woods, and found lots of crabs under the seaweed. In August, the group also enjoyed a trip to Bear Island Lighthouse, a special treat.

Plans for 2012 include continuing the our building renovation as well as organizing and digitizing our collection records, many of which are still on the original index cards dating back to the early 1980s. We are also working on an exhibit looking at coasting schooners and chronicling one of the last sail-powered colliers to deliver coal to Branscom's Coal Wharf in Northeast Harbor during World War II. Over the winter Duane Muzzy, a friend in Florida, has built another boat model for the museum. This model, a 1963 Island-built lobsterboat, is his tenth model for the museum and will be on display this summer along with others he has constructed and donated to the museum.

Looking ahead, we feel optimistic about the future. With strengthened collaborations within the community, the preservation of Mount Desert Island's history looks very bright. We hope you will be a part of this effort! Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you at the museum!

Sydney Roberts Rockefeller
Carl E. Kelley II
Co-Chairs





American Red Cross Report

AMERICAN RED CROSS – PINE TREE CHAPTER REPORT TO TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT: PROGRAMS PROVIDED IN FISCAL YEAR 2011

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The American Red Cross helps people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies and natural or man-made disasters. The Town of Mount Desert and Town residents have been partners with your local Pine Tree Chapter of the American Red Cross for 93 years. Together, we are saving lives.

In the past fiscal year, the Pine Tree Chapter of the American Red Cross provided services to 24 Town of Mount Desert residents. Every Town resident is eligible to make use of all Red Cross services. The Red Cross assisted 6 residents with emergency military communications and trained 18 residents to save lives.

Disaster and Emergency Services 0% of Town funds for 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. Though no residents needed these services last year, the Red Cross was and is ready to provide assistance when needed.

Service to the Armed Forces 21% of Town funds for services with a value of \$225 to connect and serve military families in times of family emergencies to six Town families.

Health and Safety Education and Training 64% of Town funds for services with a value of \$900 for subsidized First Aid, CPR, Lifesaving, Water Safety, Babysitter Safety and other programs to 18 Town residents.

Preparation Planning and Services 15% of Town funds for planning, exercises and materials to prepare for storms, flooding, hurricanes, earthquakes, 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 and “safety net” services to people who live in Mount Desert. All local disaster and emergency services provided by the Red Cross are free, and funded by local donors like the Town. Funds provided by Mount Desert in the coming year will stay in Mount Desert. They will be used first for local disaster response, then for Service to the Armed Forces, and then for Health and Safety and Preparation services. Other nearby communities support services for their residents – your neighbors – throughout Hancock County. The Chapter receives no money from the federal government, state of Maine, Hancock County, or the national office of American Red Cross.

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. All of us look forward to serving you when you need us, any hour of any day.

Island Connections Report

Island Connections Neighbors Helping Neighbors



Our Mission

Island Connections seeks to provide free services to seniors, elderly and people with disabilities on Mount Desert Island and the surrounding islands that will enable them to live independently and with a strong quality of life.

Island Connections provides free services to elderly and disabled residents of Mount Desert Island and the surrounding islands, to help them live independently, with a strong quality of life.

Services include:

Transportation to medical, dental, and other appointments; rides to and deliveries from drug stores, grocery stores, food pantries, delivery of meals to homes three days a week; rides to the Straus Center – Adult Day Program, and community centers (Neighborhood House, YMCA, and libraries).

Friend-to-Friend visits and telephone CareCalls where volunteers offer company and conversation for our elderly Neighbors.

Social Events such as lunches, picnics, movies, bingo, school plays and the Acadia Repertory Theatre offer our Neighbors a chance to get out of the house, have fun, enjoy each other's company and help with loneliness and depression.

We have the ability to transport wheelchair bound residents with our wheelchair accessible minivan.

During the past 12 months, Island Connections provided 3820 appointment trips, 597 Meals on Wheels runs (over 7000 meals), organized and collaborated on events attended by 800 people, arranged approximately 50 telephone CareCalls and 192 Friend-to-Friend visits.

As MDI's population ages, Island Connections is getting more requests than ever. Often it's just a short drive to a health care appointment or grocery store and back. Island Connections matches Neighbors' requests with drivers' availability and geographic preferences. In addition to your financial support, offering your time as a volunteer driver is equally valued.

When working families and friends are unable to provide transportation to the doctor, grocery store or pharmacy, Island Connections will.

We thank the people of the Town of Mount Desert for your support.

John Lawrence
Director

Eastern Area Agency on Aging Report

Eastern Area Agency on Aging is a nonprofit 501(c) 3 and is the best source of information, options and services for seniors, adults living with disabilities and caregivers. The town of Mt. Desert, through its designation of \$500 to Eastern Area Agency on Aging helps the agency achieve its goal of reaching every senior and disabled person who needs support in the Mt. Desert area.

Eastern Area Agency on Aging provides seniors in Mount Desert with services valued at \$8,168.19, most of which were free of charge. These important services, which have a positive impact on the older citizens of Mount Desert, are as follows:

The Nutrition Program, through Meals on Wheels, delivered hot meals to seniors that, valued at \$6,788.95 to 10 home-bound residents. Malnutrition is a problem for older adults who are unable to cook or even physically unable to stand and prepare a meal. These elders are not able to leave their homes without assistance and have no one to make a meal for them. The Meals on Wheels volunteer provides a “well-check” when delivering the meal and a small bit of companionship for a couple of minutes. The Nutrition Program provides balanced meals, links Mount Desert seniors to supportive services and decreases social isolation.

EAAA’s assistance with accessing benefits can save seniors money and may reduce the chances that they will need General Assistance from their towns. EAAA staff worked with 32 Mount Desert seniors providing them information and help with such matters as: MaineCare, Medicare and other insurances, Social Security, food stamps, low cost drug cards, tax and rent refund applications, housing, assisted living, home based care and caregiving services. These services are valued at \$1,441.20.

Since 1973 Eastern Area Agency on Aging has provided services in four counties: Hancock, Penobscot, Piscataquis and Washington. These services help our elderly remain independent, feel financially secure, be well nourished, have access to health care and make informed decisions on benefits such as the Medicare prescription drug program, known as Medicare part D.

EAAA’s Community Services Specialists help Eastern’s clients save hundreds of thousands of dollars across eastern Maine every year. These savings are the direct result of staff assisting seniors in applying for programs and services for which they did not know they were eligible.

For example, the Medicare Savings Program can help low-income Medicare beneficiaries save their Medicare premium which is \$110.50 per month as well as assist them with prescription drug costs. These savings can make the difference between having enough food, filling the oil tank and using prescriptions as intended as opposed to splitting the pills to make them last longer. The Agency provides staff available five days a week who are available to answer calls from your seniors. They are a valuable source for information and resources that seniors desperately need as they manage the many challenges that affect them as they age.

As services for the elderly continue to find themselves on the chopping block of budget cuts, your donation will be more vital than ever to ensure that Eastern Area Agency on Aging can continue to provide services and resources that your elder constituents so desperately need.

Despite the economic down turn, it is Eastern Area Agency on Aging’s goal to ensure that all of its clients have the basic necessities of life.

Bar Harbor Food Pantry Report

To the residents of Mount Desert,

The Bar Harbor Food Pantry has had another successful year. During 2011 we were able to assist an average of 127 families each month by providing a large box of non-perishable foods, refrigerated and frozen foods, vouchers to Hannaford for things like produce and meat and other household items as they are available to us. We continue to order food items in bulk such as whole grains, beans and dried fruit to ensure healthy choices on our shelves and promote home cooking. We also get many donations of fresh produce to give out during the summer and fall. We look forward this year to creating a produce section in the pantry to better organize the growing donations coming in each year.

The BHFP Board has made a concerted effort this year to raise awareness about our organization and the actual cost to run it year after year. The food on our shelves is mostly purchased through the Good Shepherd Food Bank and it comes in as quickly as it goes out. We had 2 successful fundraisers last year as well as sending our annual appeal to supporting community members. We also sent a separate letter to over 250 local businesses asking their support as well, encouraging them to share the bounty that many of them see each year. This received an excellent response.

In 2011, the BHFP served over 1500 households, more than 200 of those visits were from Mount Desert residents. We rely on the town appropriations to help with our annual food budget which exceeded \$55,000 last year, and we continue to work hard to keep our shelves stocked throughout the year. We are grateful to Mount Desert for the assistance over the years and hope that with your continued support, the Bar Harbor Food Pantry will remain a strong organization, able to serve our neighbors who turn to us for help.

Thank you,
Kate Maginn Sebelin
Executive 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 and ***return to the:***
Town Clerk, PO Box 248/21 Sea St, Northeast Harbor ME 04662.

Name: _____ Date: _____
Street
Address: _____ Phone: Home _____
Mail
Address: _____ Work _____
E-mail: _____ Cell _____

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

Appointment(s) requested: _____

If you have previously served on any Boards or Committees in the Town of Mount Desert, please describe your experience: _____

Are there other background experiences or skills that you feel would contribute to this appointment?

Why are you interested in this appointment? _____

What are your goals for this Board or Committee? _____

Do you have conflicts with meeting times or group assignments? _____

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 Monday - Friday

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Non-Emergency	276-5111
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Town Garage	276-5744
Garbage Hotline	276-5733
Wastewater Treatment Plant	276-5738
Northeast Harbor Marina	276-5737
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Karl Richard's garden in
front of the Town Office

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