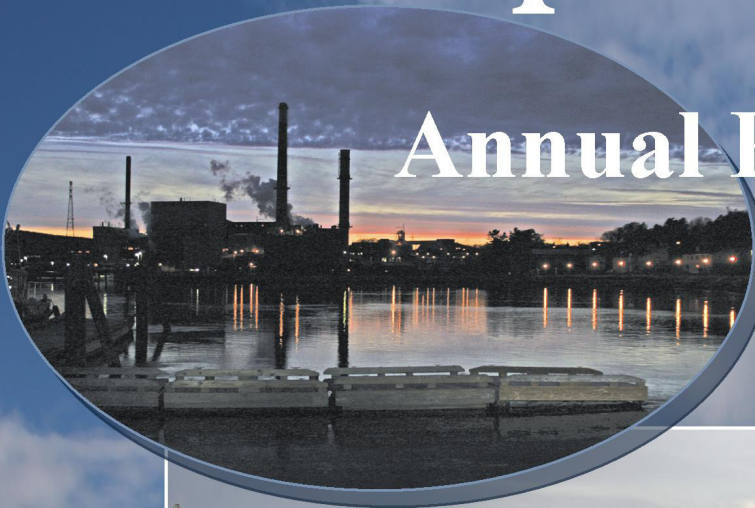


# The Town of Bucksport, Maine

## Annual Report



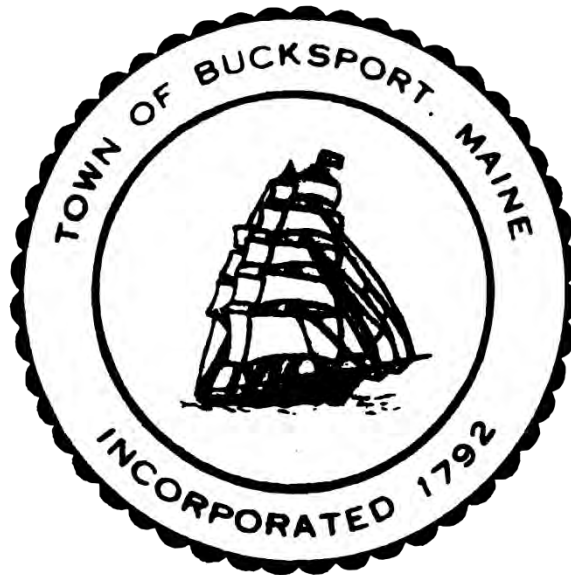
July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012

**TWO HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH ANNUAL TOWN REPORT**

**TOWN OF BUCKSPORT  
MAINE**

**JULY 1, 2011 TO JUNE 30, 2012**

**FORTY YEARS OF COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM OF  
GOVERNMENT**



***“RICH IN HERITAGE, LOOKING TO THE FUTURE”***





## **DEDICATION**

### **Jeffrey G. Robinson, Sr.**

The Town of Bucksport grieves the loss of Jeffrey Robinson, former Mayor and Town Councilor who lost his brief battle with lung cancer on July 16, 2012. We dedicate the report to Jeffery for his years of service to the Town of Bucksport. His presence both on and off the council will be truly missed.

Jeffrey, a caring husband, father, grandfather, and friend to many in the community lost a brief battle to lung cancer on July 16, 2012. Born in Bucksport, he graduated from Bucksport High School in 1960. Jeffrey worked in Bucksport and retired from the Bucksport Water Company (later Aqua Maine) after 32 years of service. Giving back to the community was very important to Jeffrey. He volunteered with many organizations including the Bucksport Booster Club and the Bucksport Area Youth Little League as well as serving on the supervisory committee of the Seaboard Federal Credit Union for ten years and on the executive committee of the Maine Municipal Association for three years.

The experience Jeffrey gained while working for the Bucksport Water Company was very useful as he served on the Board of Directors for the Maine Rural Water Association and the Atlantic States Rural Water Association.

Jeffrey's service to the Town included 20 years on the Bucksport Fire Department. Ten of those years, he did double duty serving on the Bucksport Ambulance Service. He earned the rank of Lieutenant with the fire department and also served as the club treasurer.

Bucksport was honored to not only have Jeffrey as a member of the emergency services staff but he also served for 21 years on the Town Council. Over that time, the other members of the council elected him Mayor nine times. Jeffrey was a strong presence on the council, championing the causes he believed would help Bucksport prosper.

The many successes highlighted in the pages that follow can be largely attributed to the leadership of Jeffrey G. Robinson and the work of the Town Council. It is Jeffrey and his colleagues who allow the staff a blank canvas on which to paint with their expertise, creating a picture celebrating Bucksport's rich heritage while always looking ahead for new challenges and new opportunities.

## **RECOGNITION FOR YEARS OF SERVICE**

### **Roger Raymond**

Roger R. Raymond served as the Town Manager from January 2, 1985 until his official retirement on April 20, 2012. Roger's employment in Bucksport began after serving as town manager, tax collector, and treasurer for the town of Eagle Lake, Maine from 1975 to 1984. When he became Town Manager for the Town of Bucksport, he only intended to stay in the job for ten years.

Roger was an extremely dedicated employee who took his job responsibilities very seriously. He was dedicated to Bucksport and held his employees to the highest of standards for their job performance. His door was open to all. We wish Roger much success, both professional and personal, as he guides Hermon in attaining its economic development goals.

Thank you, Mr. Raymond, for your lasting legacy with the Town of Bucksport and setting the stage for its future success. We wish Roger a productive and happy "retirement"—as he takes on a fresh, new challenge as Town Manager for Hermon, Maine.



Nearly three decades later, he listed among his many career accomplishments the following:

- A new wastewater treatment plant and sewer system, including interceptor and collector sewers
- A beautiful mile-long landscaped walkway that curves along the Penobscot River
- Grant administration and loans resulting in improvements to historic buildings along Main Street
- The building of an \$8 million cash reserve
- The development of five-year rolling capital improvements plans
- Storm drains and street reconstruction with a plan for quality maintenance
- Development of funding packages and management support for the construction of numerous public facilities and infrastructure

## **MILESTONES FOR YEARS OF SERVICE**

### **20 Years of Service**

Kathy Downes, Town Clerk

### **15 Years of Service**

J. Michael Jackson, Wastewater Treatment  
Ryan Knight, Police

## **ELECTED AND APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS**

### **Planning Board**

Marc Curtis	March 31, 2017
John Daniels	March 31, 2013
Gail Hallowell	March 31, 2014
Rosemary Bamford	March 31, 2015
George Hanson	March 31, 2015
Edward Belcher	March 31, 2016
David Grant	March 31, 2016

### **TERMS EXPIRE**

### **Town Council**

Jeffrey Robinson, Sr.	January, 2015
Michael S. Ormsby	January, 2015
Belle A. Ryder	January, 2013
David W. Kee	January, 2013
Byron F. Vinton, III	January, 2013
David G. Keene	January, 2014
Robert A. Howard	January, 2014

### **RSU #25 School Board**

Thomas Foster	January 2015
Melinda K. Stegner	January 2015
Peter Stewart	January 2013
Scott Frasier	January 2014

### **Tax Assessor**

Jef Fitzgerald	March, 2013
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### **Board of Assessment Review**

Daniel See	March 31, 2015
Oliver Jacques	March 31, 2013
Wendy White, Alternate	March 31, 2013
Cathy Hamburger	March 31, 2014

### **Zoning Board of Appeals**

Louis Levasseur	March 31, 2017
Richard Tennant	March 31, 2013
Jeremy Daigle	March 31, 2014
Emery Deabay	March 31, 2015
W Kim Delbridge	March 31, 2016

### **Parks and Recreation Committee**

Richard Sprague	March 31, 2015
Nickey D.S. Wight	March 31, 2015
Patricia Gray	March 31, 2015
Andrew Tyne	March 31, 2013
Sean Geagan	March 31, 2013
Frederick McHale	March 31, 2014
David Winchester	March 31, 2014

**Conservation Commission**

Sadie Alley Ferreira  
John Christopher  
Linda Plourde  
Kathy Downes  
Mary Barker  
Candice Spalding  
Julia Edelbute

**TERMS EXPIRE**

March 31, 2015  
March 31, 2015  
March 31, 2015  
March 31, 2013  
March 31, 2013  
March 31, 2014  
March 31, 2014

**Town Manager, Tax Collector, Treasurer, and Welfare Director**

Michael Brennan

April 23, 2015

**Town Clerk and Registrar of Voters**

Kathy Downes

Indefinite

**Police Chief**

Sean Geagan

Indefinite

**Fire Chief, Director of Emergency Services and Fire Warden**

Craig Bowden

Indefinite

**Recreation Director**

Talbot (Tim) Emery

Indefinite

**Code Enforcement Officer and Plumbing Inspector**

Jeffery Hammond

June 30, 2021

**Sealor of Weights and Measurements**

Robert M. Wiggin

March 31, 2013

**Economic Development Director**

David Milan

Indefinite

**Harbor Master**

David Grant

March 31, 2013

**Public Works Director**

Duane Nadeau

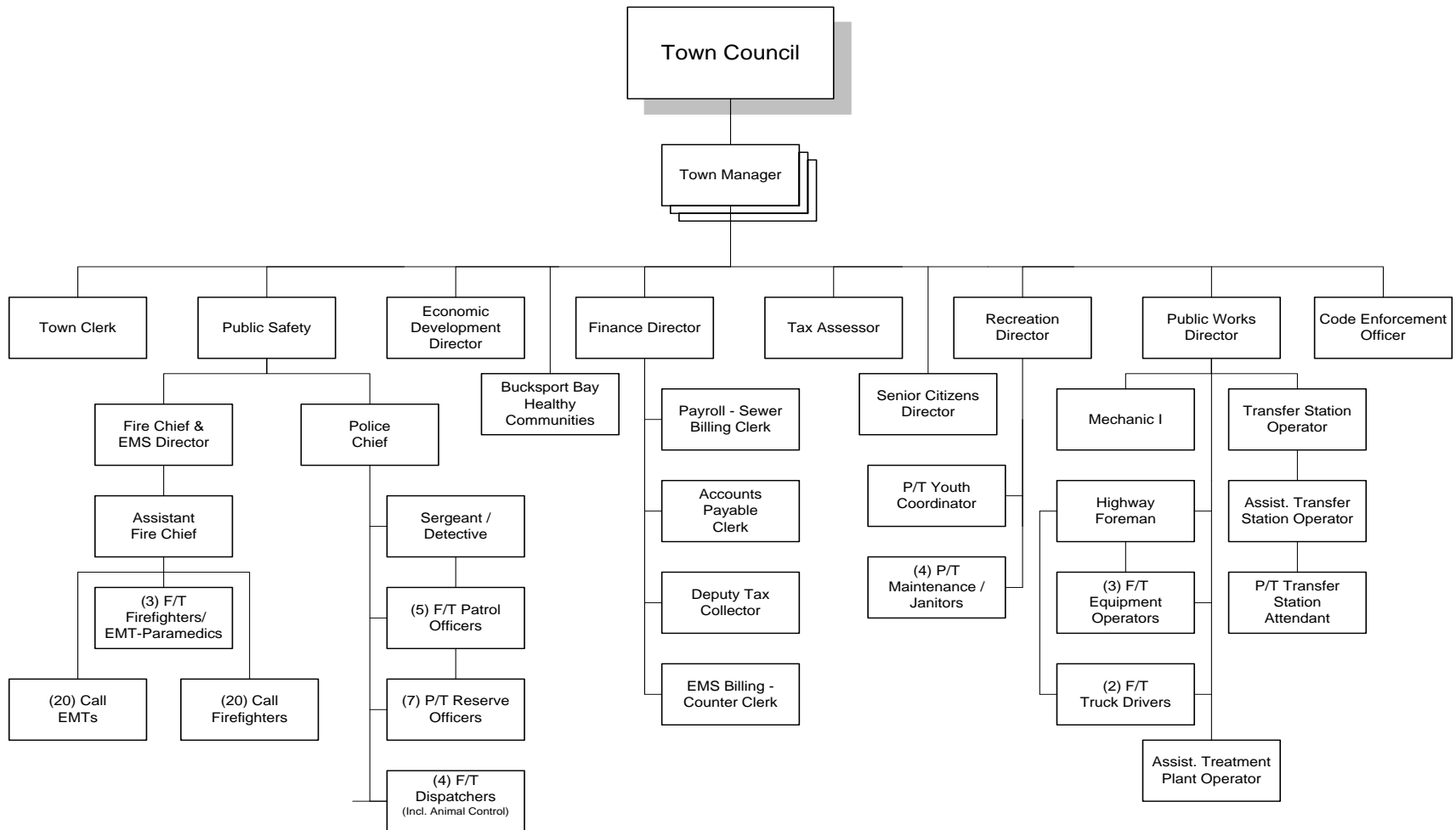
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**Health Officer**

Valerie Sulya

March 31, 2014

# Town of Bucksport





## **REPORT FROM THE TOWN MANAGER**

It is often said that the biggest constant in life is change. That has certainly been the case for the Town government in Bucksport over the past year. In December a new Assessor took office, replacing Carol Oliver who served the Town since 1999. Kathryn Hickson took over as Finance Director in early April. Later that same month, Roger Raymond retired after 27 years as Town Manager. My first day in the position was April 23, 2012.

During his tenure, Mr. Raymond was crucial in sustaining the prosperity of the Bucksport community. Among his many accomplishments, what is perhaps the most widely remembered and his legacy, is the recovery of the waterfront. What was once a rundown eyesore is now a vibrant center for the community to gather. While it took many people to accomplish the reclaiming of the waterfront, Roger led the way and sustained the long term effort to reinvigorate the waters' edge as the center of downtown.

Bucksport is rich in tradition, and has a strong heritage of people working together to improve the community. As someone who is new to Bucksport and Maine, I am amazed at what has been accomplished. Bucksport offers so much, especially for a town of less than 5,000. It is wonderful to come to a town with such a strong tradition in place. The waterfront is just one example. Others include the fine school system, the Alamo Theater, the Bucksport Performing Arts Center, and other cultural opportunities. We have high-quality and affordable housing for all ages, something rare in most communities. These amenities are not enough, and we are always looking for ways to improve. Through efforts to attract new business, and help existing businesses, we have looked to maintain and grow the number of high quality jobs available for residents. As someone formerly from "away," I can tell you the combination of good schools, a strong and diverse community life, and a strong economic base are unusual anywhere. Those of you who have spent years building the Town should be very proud of what you have accomplished.

Looking at the period from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, several major projects were started, progressed, or completed. Perhaps one of the most visible achievements this year is the revitalization of the Jed Prouty. Sitting as an anchor of Main Street for more than two centuries, the building had sat empty in recent years. Working with developers Rhonda and Jake Chambers, the Town helped facilitate a plan to bring life into the old building.

The home, that has provided overnight accommodations for four United States Presidents, served as an assisted living facility in the past. Their plan was to redevelop the building into an assisted living facility once again. Throughout the year, work progressed on the project. By the spring, and despite construction still underway, people began moving in to the home. By the end of June, all 16 beds were filled, and there was a long waiting list for new residents.

Another major project that moved forward this year was the extension of natural gas. Bangor Gas has served the mill for several years. The original idea, when gas came to the Verso Paper Corporation mill was to eventually extend the gas lines into the community and the schools. By extending gas to the schools, this would save taxpayers thousands of dollars each year in heating costs. Bangor Gas and the Town have been working towards extending gas into the community since 1999. At that time, Bangor Gas planned on extending the gas lines beginning in the summer of 2000. Unfortunately, that did not happen. In 2010, serious negotiations began with Bangor Gas to extend the line to the schools. A study by the gas company determined that extending the lines to the schools as well as other customers between the mill and the school was financially viable.

In order to make the project work, Bangor Gas requested the town provide a "Contribution In Aid of Construction" (CIAC) of \$240,000.00 to \$300,000.00. This required approval by the voters. Negotiations continued throughout the spring in preparation for the June referendum. Modifications to the route, as well as some unanticipated costs, put the project in jeopardy. Bangor Gas worked to resolve those issues in hopes to keep the costs low enough to limit the Town contribution to \$300,000.00 or under. The referendum passed easily indicating strong support within the community. As of the end of the year,

Bangor Gas is still working to resolve cost issues in order to make the project feasible. At that time, the plan called for construction to begin in September 2012 with a late fall completion date, allowing the schools and other customers the ability to access natural gas for heating over the winter. In addition to the upfront financial contribution, the Town will consider establishing a Tax Increment Financing District to rebate taxes to Bangor Gas if it is determined to be financially necessary, and can be used to reduce the CIAC. Unfortunately delays in the ability to reach an agreement with Bangor Gas have pushed the project to the spring of 2013.

Improvements on Route 46 have been a long standing need in the area. The Town Council, with help from Senator Rosen and Representative Rosen were able to convince the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) to include funds for the project in the 2012-2013 Biennium Transportation Improvement Plan. Similar to work done on Central Street years earlier, MDOT proposed a partnership with the Town under a Municipal Partnership Agreement to finance repairs to Route 46 within Bucksport. Under the agreement, the Town would contribute 50% of the costs for reconstruction.

For the agreement to move forward, voters would have to approve expending up to \$500,000.00 towards the \$1 million cost of reconstruction. If approved, the development would substantially improve vertical alignment issues and drainage issues in one section and improve horizontal alignment in another area. Both parts of the project would make the roadway much safer. Fortunately, voters approved the project overwhelmingly. Design of the new road will start in the fall, with construction over the summer of 2013.

One of the most controversial changes to take place in Maine and in the Bucksport area is the legal use of fireworks. The Maine Legislature and Governor lifted a ban on fireworks in January, but left their use and sale up to each municipality. In Bucksport, the Council sent the issue to voters in the form of a non-binding referendum. Supporters of a ban on the legal use and sale of fireworks within the town prevailed, indicating to the Council that fireworks were not welcome in Town. In late June, the Council approved an ordinance banning the use and sale of consumer fireworks.

Work on planned improvements to the Silver Lake Boat Landing moved forward in 2012. The Highway Department continued with surface preparation of the proposed parking lots and kayak launch. Application for funding to the Department of Conservation, Boating Facilities Division of the Bureau of Parks & Lands was made in the spring of 2012. The plan was approved by the State, pending grant approval following a site visit in May. Once grant funds are awarded, work to complete the improvements will continue throughout the summer and fall of 2012.

In 2010, the Town Council negotiated an agreement with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to upgrade the Bucksport Wastewater Treatment Facility. Work in this upgrade continued through 2012. This required upgrade is the result of a 2007 decision by the US Environmental Protection Agency to no longer grant a waiver, first approved in 1986, that allowed the Town the option, when necessary, to discharge treated waste at a primary level. Without the waiver, the Town is required to meet secondary treatment standards.

The agreement set forth a preliminary timetable to design, finance, and build a new treatment facility that would meet the new standards. Throughout 2012, Olver Associates, the engineering firm hired to assist in this project, continued working with the staff at the treatment facility to prepare for the new requirements as well as negotiate an Administrative Consent Agreement ("agreement") with DEP. The new "agreement," expected to be approved in early fiscal year 2013, should establish a program and firm timetable for the project. Once this is approved, design work can begin on the new facility. Preliminary projections call for the new treatment plant to go online between 2018 and 2020.

The Town and The Maine Water Company partnered in 2012 to replace an aging water storage tower near Silver Lake Road. The Town applied for and received a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$500,000.00. This will finance approximately 50% of the cost of the project. The remaining costs will be paid by The Maine Water Company. Primary construction of the new tank began in late spring and should be completed by December 2012.

Other projects that were completed or are in progress at the end of 2012 include, improvements to the Bucksport Performing Arts Center; expansion of the Miles Lane Trail system that will connect the trail to the waterfront walkway; development of Phase II of the industrial park; and planning for SASH, a pilot project to improve housing and health services for seniors through cooperative relationships with local and area providers.

Looking forward, we all continue to grow and adjust to the ever constant change. It is not possible to replace the degree of experience and talent the Town lost this year. Rather than look back to the past, we will push onward, taking on new challenges and opportunities that will benefit the residents of Bucksport in the years to come. We will continue to work with Bangor Gas to expand natural gas into the urban area including the schools. Work on the Route 46 reconstruction should be completed by the fall of 2013. Boaters should be able to take advantage of the new boat launch on Silver Lake before the end of 2012. We will also continue to work on the secondary treatment facility as well as pursue opportunities for development in Town including at the industrial park, and the downtown. We are also looking to redevelop the historic Wilson Hall.

One other critical project we hope to develop is the SASH program. This program will help elderly residents remain independent and in their homes longer than otherwise possible. This Pilot project is the first of its' kind in Maine, once more showing Bucksport is at the leading edge in providing quality services for all our residents. In 2012, Bucksport was fortunate to be named one of the first "Business Friendly" communities by the Governor. We hope this distinction will benefit the Town as we move ahead in making Bucksport the "Center of the Known Universe" in all ways.

I am grateful to be one of the newest members of the community and look forward to serving the people of Bucksport for many years.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Brennan



## **REPORT FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR**

I became Bucksport's Finance Director on April 2, 2012. I trained for three weeks with Roger Raymond, former Town Manager, before his official retirement later in April. I also trained for four days with Deborah Fitzpatrick, former Finance Director, who continues to be available for consultation in her new role as Quality Manager for Bucksport's external financial auditors, RHR Smith & Company CPA's.

As a Certified Internal Auditor, I am pleased to report there are solid internal control processes in place and working as intended to provide checks and balances on the stewardship of the town's financial resources. Duties are appropriately segregated and key financial accounts are reconciled on a monthly basis. The financial staff consists of long-standing, dedicated employees who consistently demonstrate their commitment to security and correctness in handling town financial transactions. They are as follows:

Linda Alley	Payroll/Sewer Billing Clerk
Roxann Clapper	Deputy Treasurer/Accounts Payable Clerk
Ann Holmes	Deputy Tax Collector
Jackie Hunt	Deputy Town Clerk/Motor Vehicle Agent/EMS Billing Clerk

The financial staff along with Kathy Downes, Town Clerk, processed 21,178 transactions (including vital statistics) for the year ended June 30, 2012 compared to 21,112 transactions in fiscal 2011.

### **Fiscal Year 2012 General Fund Budget Performance -**

The general fund budget for fiscal 2012 was \$10,898,262. The budget was \$496,436 higher than fiscal 2011, but additional revenue from other sources and less overlay included in the tax commitment kept the mil rate at \$12.52, the same as fiscal 2011.

Fiscal 2012 performance was better than budget resulting in a general fund surplus of \$359,217. This surplus lapsed to the Undesignated Fund Balance at fiscal year-end, bringing the balance to \$8,314,876. Following are the components of the fiscal 2012 surplus:

Beginning Undesignated Fund Balance: 7/1/11	\$ 7,955,659
Fiscal 2012 General Fund Surplus:	
Revenues in excess of budget	358,357
Departmental expenses under budget	375,817
Tax overlay of \$189,163 not spent	166,214
Uses of surplus – included in fiscal 2012 budget to reduce taxes	- 484,055
Additional uses of surplus approved during Fiscal 2012:	
Funding of Bucksport Bay Healthy Communities Coalition	- 16,105
Bangor Gas tax abatement expenses	- 12,294
Expenses associated with tax-acquired properties	- 3,132
Document scanning expenses	- 3,000
Orland's Share of Solid Waste Surplus	- 12,160
Transfers to Waterfront, Recreation, and Animal Shelter Reserves	-10,425
Fiscal 2012 General Fund Surplus	<u>359,217</u>
Ending Undesignated Fund Balance: 6/30/12	<u>\$ 8,314,876</u>

To provide an adequate level of funding in the event of a valuation loss from its largest taxpayer (Verso Paper), Bucksport adopted an Undesignated Fund Balance Policy in May of 2007. The policy calculation requires \$6,648,425 of the Undesignated Fund Balance be held in reserve. After reviewing several investment alternatives, the Finance Committee recommended and the Town Council approved investing reserve in four certificates of deposit when existing certificates matured on September 30, 2012. One fourth of the reserve equaling \$1,662,106 was invested in each certificate. The four certificates have 6-month, 12-month, 18-month, and 24-month maturity dates, respectively. Upon maturity, each certificate will be reinvested for 24 months. This will result in one-fourth of the reserve investment maturing on March 31 and September 30 of each year, enabling review of new interest rates every six months. This



investment strategy is consistent with the Town's Investment Policy requiring safeguarding the funds from loss of principal, accessibility to the funds (liquidity), and earning a rate of return after meeting the safety and liquidity priorities. A similar investment strategy was implemented for capital improvement reserve funds which are also invested in four certificates of deposit with laddered maturity dates.

During fiscal 2012, \$173,731 in undesignated funds and TIF funds were loaned to Chambers Realty, LLC to rehabilitate the Jed Prouty Inn building located at 57 Main Street in Bucksport. Another \$26,269 will be loaned in fiscal 2013 for a total loan of \$200,000. As long as the property is maintained and operated as an assisted living facility and all the terms and conditions of the 15-year loan agreement are met, there will be no payments due from Chambers Realty, LLC. The loan appears on the Town's balance sheet as "Note Receivable – Chambers Realty, LLC" and will be reduced each year by 1/15<sup>th</sup> of \$200,000 amounting to \$13,333, which will be charged to the Undesignated Fund and TIF Fund Balances.

#### **Additions to Fixed Assets**

Vehicles purchased during fiscal 2012 included a 2011 Dodge one-ton truck at \$58,494, a 2011 Ford Crown Victoria police cruiser at \$24,821, and a 2012 International Wheeler and plowing gear at \$134,749. Sewer pump station #1 upgrades were \$50,450 and secondary treatment plant design costs were \$29,615. Fire equipment, storm drain and waterfront improvements, and Miles Lane trail improvements totaled \$109,468 (of which \$99,210 were funded by grants). Improvements to streets and ways totaled \$124,618 and parking lot costs, inclusive of purchase of property, totaled \$77,624. Other fixed asset purchases totaled \$105,418 including improvements to the Silver Lake boat landing, a gas and diesel fuel dispensing system, a fire pump, and cable television broadcasting equipment. A fully-depreciated 1995 dump truck (sold at bid) and web-site development costs with a book value of \$5,126 were deleted from the fixed asset listing. Depreciation of \$1,052,652 was recorded. The listing of capitalized assets and depreciated values (i.e., book values) is used to develop the rolling 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan for asset replacements.

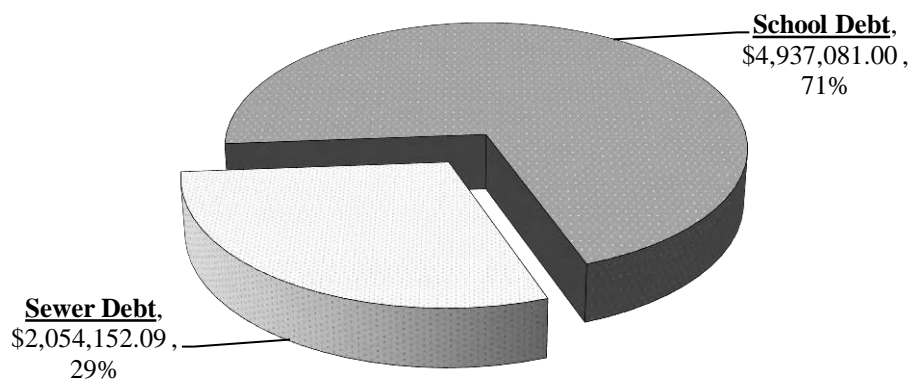
#### **Fiscal Year Sewer (Proprietary) Fund Budget Performance**

The sewer fund budget for fiscal 2012 was \$496,713, funded primarily by user fees. There was a 2% rate increase from \$3.53 per cubic foot to \$3.60 per cubic foot of usage. Fiscal 2012 performance resulted in \$209,839 net income which was used for sewer pump station #1 upgrades of \$50,450, secondary treatment plant design costs of \$29,615, and sewer bond principal payments of \$127,714. The remaining \$2,061 lapsed to Sewer Fund Undesignated Fund Balance at fiscal year end.

#### **Bonded Indebtedness**

At June 30, 2012, the Town had \$6.89 million in bonds outstanding versus \$7.53 million as of June 30, 2011. This decrease resulted from sewer principal payments of \$127,714 and \$515,461 school principal payments that were paid by Rural School Unit ("RSU") #25 during fiscal 2012.

### **Bonded Debt Outstanding**



**Financial Statements:**

The financial transactions of the Town are reported in the condensed version of the fund financial statements located near the end of the Annual Report. The full set of audited financial statements can be viewed electronically by visiting [www.bucksportmaine.gov](http://www.bucksportmaine.gov) and clicking on “Public Records, Maps, & Documents”, “Financial Statements”, and “Fiscal Year 2012”.

**Fiscal Year 2013 - Looking Ahead:**

The general fund budget for fiscal 2013 is \$11,024,873 which is higher than the fiscal 2012 budget by \$126,611 or 1.1%. It includes an increase of \$314,490 in local education appropriation due to a reduction in federal funding to be received by RSU #25. Expenses are supported by property taxes of \$9,774,564 and revenues from other sources, such as excise taxes and State of Maine revenue sharing, of \$2,305,048. The property tax assessment includes \$968,855 in Tax Increment Financing Plan Amount, of which \$721,981 will be returned to the TIF taxpayers (Verso Paper, Ellis & Guerrette, and Leadbetter Realty Trust) and \$246,874 represents the Town’s share. The assessment also includes a .8% overlay of \$85,884. The mil rate is \$12.94, an increase of \$.42 over the \$12.52 mil rate for fiscal 2012.

Verso-Bucksport Energy currently represents more than forty percent of the real estate and personal property value base in Bucksport. Though times are challenging, Verso representatives indicate they remain confident they can weather the storm by increasing efficiency, diversifying the product line, and by producing more “green” electricity in conjunction with Bucksport Energy. The turbine project is expected to be completed within a year.

Expansion of natural gas service in Bucksport would benefit taxpayers by reducing school heating costs. The timing of natural gas service will be a key factor in the development of the fiscal 2014 budget for RSU #25.

**Acknowledgements:**

I wish to thank Roger Raymond for selecting me from the pool of applicants for the Finance Director position and giving me the opportunity to learn and grow with the new Town Manager, new Assessor, existing staff, and Town Councilors. I extend my best wishes to Mr. Raymond in his new role as Hermon’s Town Manager. I also wish Deborah Fitzpatrick success in her new career endeavor and thank her for turning accurate and organized financial records over to me.

I welcome and thank our new Town Manager, Michael Brennan, for his support and unwavering patience as I found my stride in my new position. Michael is a pleasure to work with and I benefit from his municipal career background as well as educational credentials, which include a Master of Public Administration. During his first three months on the job he finished his doctorate and I extend my congratulations and admiration to him on this fine achievement—amid relocating to Bucksport from Iowa, the deadlines of tax commitment and budget approval, and numerous other strategic and operational priorities. I look forward to working with Mr. Brennan to achieve the vision for Bucksport’s future and wish him the very best of success in his new position.

I also welcome the town’s Assessor, Jef Fitzgerald, and thank him for assisting me in learning the tax commitment process. I wish him continued success in his new position.

I thank the Town Council, municipal staff, citizens, Don Houghton of “The Bucksport Enterprise”, the Bucksport Chamber of Commerce, local financial institutions, and countless others for welcoming me to my job. It is clear that everybody here is very proud of Bucksport. This is a vibrant, energetic community. Watching the renovation of the Jed Prouty Inn, where my family enjoyed fine dining in celebration of important events, has been gratifying for me as well as seeing the number of people and their dogs, many from surrounding communities, on the beautiful waterfront walkway throughout the morning, daytime, and evening hours. I enjoy the magnificent view of Fort Knox and the Penobscot Narrows Bridge and Observatory and will forever recall the “magic” of seeing them lit up at night for the first time. I feel privileged to be a part of Bucksport’s future.

Going forward, I want to do the best I can to manage and report on the town's finances, achieve satisfactory external financial audit results, and continue to earn the Town's confidence placed in me. This is a great team to work with and I am glad to be here.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn S. Hickson  
Finance Director



Account Number	Account Name	2009-2010		2009-2010		2010-2011		2010-2011		2011-2012		2012-2013		Increase Decrease	Percent Change	
		Budget	Actual			Budget	Actual			Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget			
<b><u>EXPENDITURES:</u></b>																
50	General Government	\$	1,284,357	\$	1,170,804	\$	1,303,213	\$	1,236,977	\$	1,372,321	\$	1,340,835	\$	(31,486)	-2.29%
51	Protection	\$	1,359,836	\$	1,268,939	\$	1,390,121	\$	1,311,185	\$	1,419,497	\$	1,479,831	\$	60,334	4.25%
52	Street & Ways	\$	861,935	\$	778,089	\$	887,757	\$	869,493	\$	1,034,680	\$	929,815	\$	(104,865)	10.14%
53	Health & Sanitation	\$	413,552	\$	375,038	\$	412,406	\$	374,237	\$	410,008	\$	405,007	\$	(5,001)	-1.22%
54	Com. & Social Agencies	\$	57,602	\$	50,207	\$	57,102	\$	54,451	\$	51,742	\$	56,471	\$	4,729	9.14%
55	Education	\$	5,378,158	\$	7,098,835	\$	5,287,017	\$	5,348,040	\$	5,443,585	\$	5,758,075	\$	314,490	5.78%
56	Recreation & Cultural	\$	223,336	\$	185,856	\$	223,542	\$	189,395	\$	225,110	\$	225,188	\$	78	0.03%
57	Capital Program	\$	566,000	\$	566,000	\$	573,900	\$	545,000	\$	662,700	\$	543,500	\$	(119,200)	17.99%
58	Debt Service	\$	20,772	\$	20,772	\$	15,412	\$	15,412	\$	15,412	\$	15,412	\$	-	0.00%
59	Cemetery	\$	4,120	\$	4,120	\$	4,120	\$	4,120	\$	4,120	\$	4,120	\$	-	0.00%
60	County Tax	\$	230,562	\$	230,562	\$	247,236	\$	247,236	\$	259,087	\$	266,619	\$	7,532	2.91%
64	Overlay	\$	-	\$	4,155	\$	-	\$	67,650	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	n/a
65	TIF	\$	-	\$	699,791	\$	-	\$	668,303	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	n/a
66	Uncategorized Expenses	\$	-	\$	518,077	\$	-	\$	67,297	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	n/a

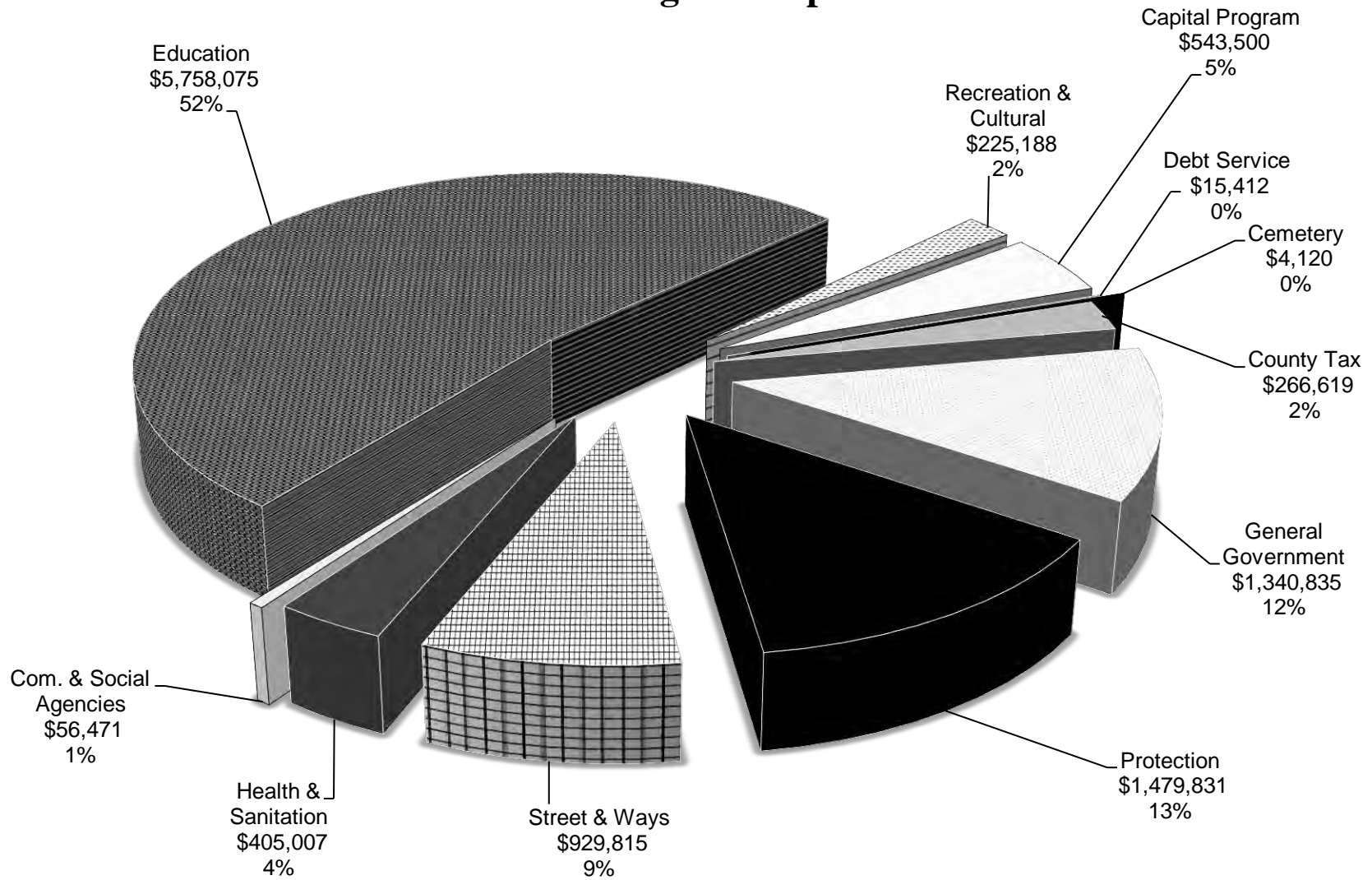
**REVENUES:**

1001	Property Tax School	\$ 5,378,158	\$ 5,378,158	\$ 5,287,017	\$ 5,287,017	\$ 5,287,017	\$ 5,443,585	\$ 5,758,075	\$ 314,490	5.78%
1001	Property Tax Municipal	\$ 2,107,079	\$ 3,330,974	\$ 2,287,862	\$ 3,455,145	\$ 3,455,145	\$ 2,368,166	\$ 2,305,727	\$ (62,439)	-2.64%
1002	Supplemental	\$ -	\$ 11,567	\$ -	\$ 7,738	\$ 7,738	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	n/a
1003	Motor Vehicle Excise	\$ 570,000	\$ 663,456	\$ 575,000	\$ 644,422	\$ 644,422	\$ 575,000	\$ 575,000	\$ -	0.00%
1004	Boat Excise	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,836	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ -	0.00%
1005	Auto Registration Fees	\$ 16,000	\$ 17,763	\$ 16,000	\$ 17,072	\$ 17,072	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ -	0.00%
1006	Recre. Veh. Registration Fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	n/a
1007	Interest on Taxes	\$ 19,000	\$ 32,235	\$ 19,000	\$ 31,925	\$ 31,925	\$ 19,000	\$ 19,000	\$ -	0.00%
1008	Interest on Investment	\$ 100,000	\$ 165,578	\$ 100,000	\$ 150,472	\$ 150,472	\$ 100,000	\$ 50,000	\$ (50,000)	50.00%
1009	Tax Lien Cost	\$ 8,504	\$ 12,276	\$ 9,945	\$ 13,724	\$ 13,724	\$ 9,945	\$ 10,331	\$ 386	3.88%
1010	Town Clerk Revenues	\$ 7,500	\$ 10,905	\$ 7,500	\$ 12,145	\$ 12,145	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ -	0.00%
1011	TIF Revenues	\$ 92,500	\$ 92,500	\$ 100,895	\$ 100,895	\$ 100,895	\$ 151,997	\$ 181,385	\$ 29,388	19.33%
1012	Surplus	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ 333,900	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 484,055	\$ 273,500	\$ (210,555)	43.50%
1013	Miscellaneous Income	\$ 1,000	\$ 12,923	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,315	\$ 2,315	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0.00%
1014	Homestead Reimbursement	\$ 96,082	\$ 96,082	\$ 73,082	\$ 72,814	\$ 72,814	\$ 72,814	\$ 74,952	\$ 2,138	2.94%
1016	BETE Reimbursement	\$ 464,942	\$ 464,976	\$ 455,000	\$ 455,120	\$ 455,120	\$ 496,900	\$ 581,071	\$ 84,171	16.94%
1017	Fee in Lieu of Taxes	\$ -	\$ 10,810	\$ 10,800	\$ 10,810	\$ 10,810	\$ 10,800	\$ 10,800	\$ -	0.00%

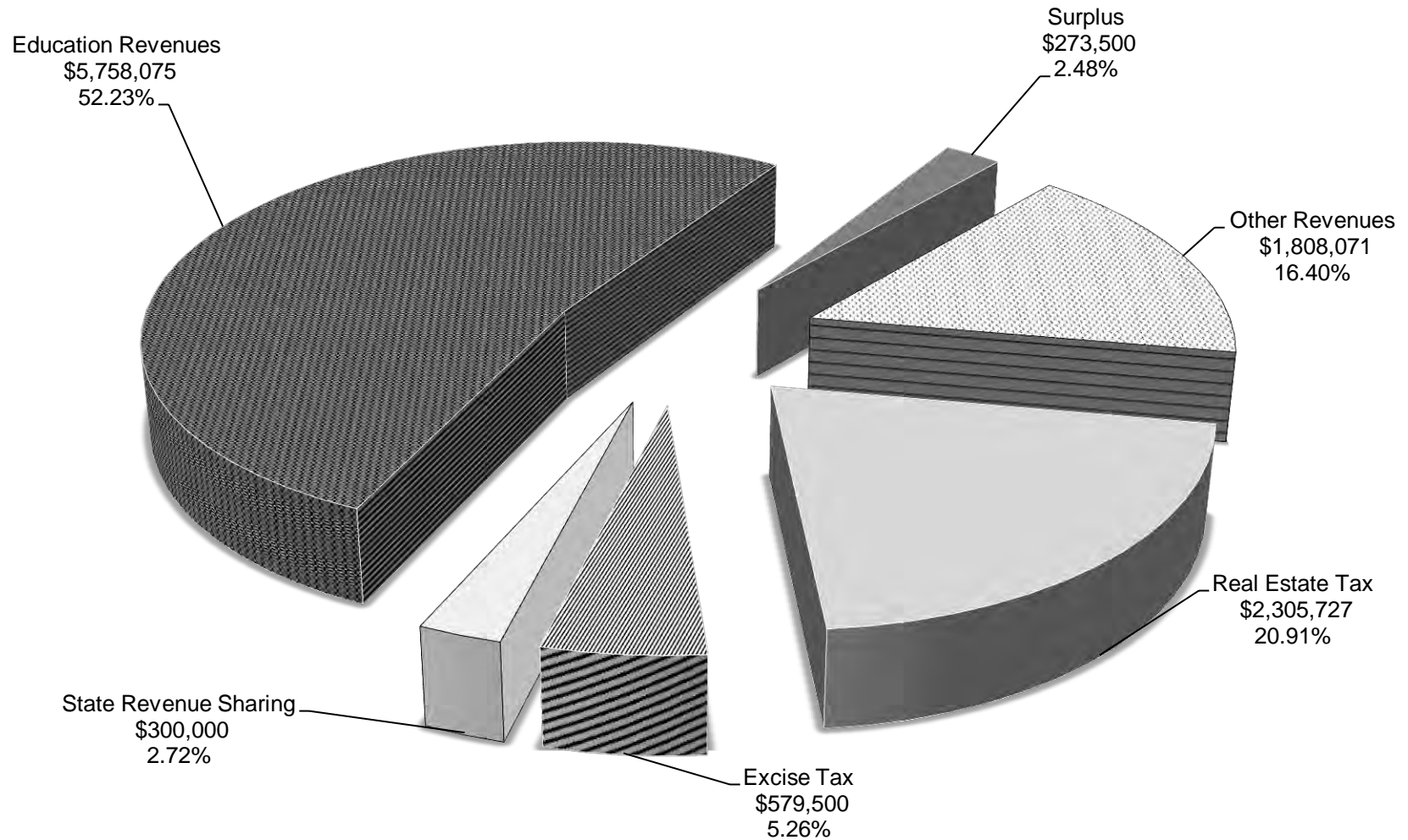


1018	Copy Fees	\$	-	\$	-	\$	355	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	n/a
1201	Planning Board Fees	\$	1,000	\$	3,220	\$	6,895	\$	1,000	\$	1,000	\$	1,000	\$	1,000	0.00%
1202	Code Enforcement Fees	\$	9,000	\$	9,504	\$	8,405	\$	9,000	\$	9,000	\$	9,000	\$	9,000	0.00%
1203	Plumbing Inspect. Fees	\$	3,500	\$	3,008	\$	3,377	\$	2,500	\$	2,500	\$	2,500	\$	2,500	0.00%
1301	General Assistance Reim.	\$	4,000	\$	2,375	\$	2,229	\$	4,000	\$	5,000	\$	5,000	\$	5,000	0.00%
1302	Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$	14,000	\$	23,942	\$	19,822	\$	14,000	\$	14,000	\$	14,000	\$	14,000	0.00%
1303	State Revenue Sharing	\$	435,000	\$	384,870	\$	311,061	\$	300,000	\$	300,000	\$	300,000	\$	300,000	0.00%
1304	Veteran Ex. Reimbursement	\$	2,000	\$	3,361	\$	2,413	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	0.00%
2001	Fire Protection Subsidies	\$	26,340	\$	26,484	\$	28,916	\$	26,628	\$	31,203	\$	30,651	\$	(552)	-1.77%
2002	Ambulance User Fees	\$	189,030	\$	337,542	\$	377,696	\$	193,630	\$	188,205	\$	188,205	\$	188,205	0.00%
2003	Ambulance Subsidies	\$	36,945	\$	37,741	\$	39,608	\$	38,537	\$	40,678	\$	54,626	\$	13,948	34.29%
2004	Non Receipting Collection Rev.	\$	98,075	\$	-	\$	-	\$	98,075	\$	103,500	\$	103,500	\$	-	0.00%
2005	Miscellaneous Fire Revenues	\$	-	\$	2,916	\$	259	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	n/a
2201	Police Revenues	\$	2,000	\$	7,349	\$	5,913	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	0.00%
2203	Animal Control Fees	\$	2,000	\$	5,094	\$	2,943	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	0.00%
2401	Dispatch Subsidies	\$	11,600	\$	11,774	\$	12,068	\$	11,948	\$	12,187	\$	12,030	\$	(157)	-1.29%
3001	Highway Dept. Revenues	\$	1,000	\$	320	\$	2,767	\$	1,000	\$	1,000	\$	1,000	\$	-	0.00%
3003	Highway Block Grant	\$	68,100	\$	67,524	\$	67,524	\$	64,150	\$	64,150	\$	64,150	\$	-	0.00%
4001	Solid Waste Subsidies	\$	86,237	\$	84,306	\$	87,702	\$	89,079	\$	88,897	\$	88,944	\$	47	0.05%
4002	Recycling Revenues	\$	9,500	\$	27,098	\$	41,208	\$	16,000	\$	18,035	\$	24,600	\$	6,565	36.40%
4003	Solid Waste Fees	\$	46,500	\$	62,591	\$	57,842	\$	51,200	\$	51,200	\$	49,720	\$	(1,480)	-2.89%
4004	MCR Revenues	\$	45,000	\$	57,551	\$	54,422	\$	45,000	\$	45,000	\$	45,000	\$	-	0.00%
4005	Budgetary Solid Waste Rev.	\$	65,932	\$	65,932	\$	70,295	\$	70,284	\$	72,929	\$	68,807	\$	(4,122)	-5.65%
4006	Spofford Funds	\$	4,500	\$	4,500	\$	4,500	\$	4,500	\$	4,500	\$	4,500	\$	-	0.00%
4007	Health Advisory Rev.	\$	-	\$	998	\$	650	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	n/a
6001	Educational Revenues	\$	-	\$	1,586,393	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	n/a
6002	Adult Education	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	n/a
7001	Rec. Subsidies	\$	8,297	\$	8,447	\$	8,632	\$	8,546	\$	8,717	\$	8,891	\$	174	2.00%
7002	Recreation Department Rev.	\$	25,587	\$	24,611	\$	28,052	\$	21,883	\$	22,505	\$	21,880	\$	(625)	-2.78%
7003	Soccer Fees	\$	-	\$	1,110	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	n/a
7004	Recreation Facility Rent	\$	8,922	\$	8,916	\$	9,145	\$	9,145	\$	9,374	\$	9,608	\$	234	2.50%
7005	Senior Fitness Activity Fees	\$	800	\$	1,116	\$	1,011	\$	800	\$	1,000	\$	1,000	\$	-	0.00%
7006	Snowmobile Revenues	\$	1,100	\$	1,602	\$	1,536	\$	1,100	\$	1,100	\$	1,100	\$	-	0.00%
7007	Cable TV Revenues	\$	27,000	\$	43,246	\$	46,507	\$	32,000	\$	35,000	\$	40,000	\$	5,000	14.29%
7008	Mooring and Docking Fees	\$	2,000	\$	3,870	\$	3,355	\$	320	\$	320	\$	320	\$	-	0.00%
<b>TOTAL BUDGET REV.</b>		\$	10,400,230	\$	13,215,349	\$	11,574,402	\$	10,401,826	\$	10,898,262	\$	11,024,873	\$	126,611	1.16%
Total School Revenues		\$	-	\$	1,586,393	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	n/a
Total Municipal Rev.		\$	2,914,993	\$	2,919,823	\$	2,832,239	\$	2,826,947	\$	3,086,511	\$	2,961,071	\$	(125,440)	-4.06%
Total Property Taxes		\$	7,485,237	\$	8,709,132	\$	8,742,162	\$	7,574,879	\$	7,811,751	\$	8,063,802	\$	252,051	3.23%

# Town of Bucksport FY 2013 Budgeted Expenditures



## Town of Bucksport FY 2013 Budgeted Revenue



**TOWN OF BUCKSPORT**  
**SEWER OPERATION BUDGET COMPARISON FOR FISCAL YEAR 7-1-2012 TO 6-30-2013**

Account Number	Account Name	2009-2010 Budget	2009-2010 Actual	2010-2011 Budget	2010-2011 Actual	2011-2012 Budget	2012-2013 Budget	Increase Decrease	Percent Change
	<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>								
01	Regular Salaries	\$51,932	\$52,554	\$53,422	\$54,133	\$53,922	\$56,786	\$2,864	5.31%
02	Extra & Overtime	\$2,034	\$1,716	\$2,095	\$498	\$2,095	\$2,225	\$130	6.21%
22	Operator's Expense	\$600	\$190	\$600	\$117	\$600	\$600	\$0	0.00%
25	Employee Benefits	\$18,359	\$18,395	\$18,980	\$18,980	\$19,963	\$18,808	-\$1,155	-5.79%
31	Office Supplies	\$1,600	\$2,886	\$1,600	\$1,796	\$1,950	\$1,950	\$0	0.00%
32	Software Support	\$525	\$504	\$550	\$544	\$625	\$639	\$14	2.24%
33	Postage	\$2,864	\$2,097	\$3,135	\$3,369	\$3,603	\$3,756	\$153	4.25%
37	Plant Supplies	\$10,700	\$3,786	\$10,700	\$3,941	\$10,700	\$10,700	\$0	0.00%
39	Plant Chemicals	\$56,997	\$39,402	\$45,954	\$42,056	\$45,954	\$45,954	\$0	0.00%
41	Equipment Purchase	\$500	\$339	\$500	\$40	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.00%
51	Parts and Repair	\$22,600	\$24,758	\$22,600	\$16,353	\$22,600	\$25,800	\$3,200	14.16%
61	Telephone	\$3,060	\$1,330	\$1,740	\$1,245	\$1,620	\$1,620	\$0	0.00%
71	Fuel Heating	\$6,210	\$1,328	\$6,210	\$4,315	\$4,285	\$4,285	\$0	0.00%
72	Fuel Vehicles	\$2,500	\$1,555	\$2,548	\$2,273	\$2,878	\$2,878	\$0	0.00%
81	Electricity	\$41,100	\$36,714	\$41,725	\$38,869	\$41,725	\$41,725	\$0	0.00%
82	Water	\$1,800	\$1,609	\$1,800	\$1,822	\$1,800	\$2,000	\$200	11.11%
85	Insurance	\$3,800	\$3,400	\$3,800	\$3,000	\$3,800	\$3,800	\$0	0.00%
86	Testing Cost	\$2,350	\$2,437	\$2,500	\$2,184	\$2,710	\$2,710	\$0	0.00%
87	Sludge Site Cost	\$11,150	\$9,744	\$10,820	\$8,500	\$10,820	\$10,820	\$0	0.00%
89	Interest & Debt Cost	\$122,931	\$95,976	\$122,931	\$46,103	\$109,284	\$109,280	-\$4	0.00%
90	Contracted Services	\$72,100	\$69,996	\$77,004	\$77,004	\$79,314	\$81,693	\$2,379	3.00%
92	Audit	\$3,565	\$4,065	\$3,565	\$3,065	\$3,565	\$3,565	\$0	0.00%
93	Reserve	\$5,000	\$1,390	\$31,700	\$8,301	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$0	0.00%
94	Orland Maintenance	\$4,397	\$2,454	\$4,387	\$2,314	\$3,788	\$4,023	\$235	6.20%
95	Contingency	\$10,624	\$6,031	\$6,768	\$5,385	\$47,612	\$47,128	-\$484	-1.02%
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$459,298</b>	<b>\$384,654</b>	<b>\$477,634</b>	<b>\$346,207</b>	<b>\$496,713</b>	<b>\$504,245</b>	<b>\$7,532</b>	<b>1.52%</b>
	<b>REVENUES:</b>								
3510	Users Fees ***	\$435,000	\$473,858	\$448,050	\$502,833	\$457,011	\$466,151	\$9,140	2.00%
3515	Interest on Users Fees	\$0	\$1,024	\$250	\$1,269	\$250	\$250	\$0	0.00%
3520	Entrance Fees	\$100	\$30	\$100	\$90	\$100	\$100	\$0	0.00%
3530	Interest	\$3,000	\$11,653	\$4,000	\$7,681	\$4,000	\$2,000	-\$2,000	-50.00%
3540	Verona Subsidies	\$6,543	\$12,905	\$6,952	\$12,981	\$10,894	\$11,075	\$181	1.66%
3550	Miscellaneous Revenues	\$100	\$8,938	\$3,100	\$6,779	\$3,100	\$3,100	\$0	0.00%
3560	Orland Subsidies	\$9,455	\$17,764	\$10,082	\$19,001	\$16,258	\$16,469	\$211	1.30%
3570	Orland Maintenance	\$3,600	\$4,487	\$3,600	\$3,834	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$0	0.00%
3580	Verona Maintenance	\$1,500	\$1,856	\$1,500	\$1,801	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	0.00%
	<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$459,298</b>	<b>\$532,515</b>	<b>\$477,634</b>	<b>\$556,270</b>	<b>\$496,713</b>	<b>\$504,245</b>	<b>\$7,532</b>	<b>1.52%</b>

\*\*\* Proposed User Rate to increase from \$3.60 per 100 cubic feet (\$64.80) to \$3.67 or to \$66.06 per quarter.



## REPORT FROM THE TAX ASSESSOR

The big news in Bucksport Assessing this year is the transition from Carol Oliver to Jef Fitzgerald in mid-December, 2011. The duties of this fiscal year were almost equally split between the two assessors. The changeover was made quite smoothly with Carol coming back to help out during some critical junctures.

### **TAXABLE VALUATION ANALYSIS:**

	<u>4/1/2011</u>	<u>4/1/2012</u>	<u>Change</u>
<b>Land and Buildings</b>	<b>\$431,111,600</b>	<b>\$432,649,900</b>	<b>1,538,300</b>
<b>Personal Property</b>	<b>\$260,637,000</b>	<b>\$272,028,700</b>	<b>11,391,700</b>
<b>Total Taxable Valuation:</b>	<b>\$691,748,600</b>	<b>\$704,678,600</b>	<b>12,930,000</b>

Though there were many relatively small changes in valuation throughout the year, almost all of the \$12,930,000 difference between 2011-12 and 2012-13 taxable valuation can be attributed to the change in real and personal property value at the mill. That increase is the difference between the gains in the new turbine project and the loss of the B2 paper machine asset values. The resulting increase in valuation is mitigated for tax purposes by the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) payment from the Town back to Verso. The new 6.72-acre TIF District was created by the Town to encourage investment in the green energy sector at Verso and spur economic development in Bucksport over a 30-year span.

Even with the ongoing construction at Verso-Bucksport Energy, the town's mil rate rose for the first time since 2002. Though the municipal side of the budget went down, a small increase in the County Tax and the loss of a large government subsidy for RSU 25 required additional tax dollars from Bucksport citizens.

The economic climate and strange real estate market have many people scratching their heads over assessed values. The State of Maine Revenue Service (MRS) rates Bucksport's real estate tax valuations at 101% using a combined study of sales over the past two years. The Certified Ratio is 100%. Those that question that conclusion need to realize that the study only uses "arm's length" transactions as defined by the MRS. Many sub-market transactions such as foreclosures and short sales are not used because they do not provide a reliable indication of fair market value. The State's main goal in conducting the studies is to administer tax relief programs and to fairly distribute revenue sharing. Until a way is determined by the state to factor in sub-market sales, areas that experience a large number of foreclosure sales will appear to be over-valued.

Another aspect of the current economy and lending conditions is the relatively small volume of sales. Bucksport Assessing continues to look closely at market values in our various neighborhoods to maintain equity within the community, but major changes based on minimal data are not advisable. Other progress that Assessing is considering is updating its TRIO Property Assessing Program functions and increasing the presence of information on the town website.

### **Tax Relief:**

You may qualify for one or more of the following programs that are designed to provide a tax break:

- **The Homestead Exemption** reduces the taxable valuation of your principal residence by \$10,000.
- **Veterans** (or their Widows) **Exemption** reduces the taxable valuation of your residence by \$6,000.
- **Blind, Paraplegic** and other **Exemptions** are made available through the Maine Revenue Service.
- **The Maine "Circuit Breaker" Program** refunds property taxes and rent based on household income.

If you have questions or want an application for any of these programs, call 469-7949 or stop in the Office. You may also see more information at <http://www.maine.gov/revenue/propertytax/sidebar/exemptions.htm>.

Respectfully submitted by,

J. E. (Jef) Fitzgerald,  
Tax Assessor

## **REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK**

As the official record keeper for the Town of Bucksport, the duties of the Town Clerk are many and varied. The Town Clerk is responsible for maintaining and ensuring the safekeeping and preservation of town records and vital records. The Clerk is also the keeper of the minutes of all Town Council, boards, and commissions meetings, and is responsible for filing results with the Secretary of State's office. She administers and records the Oath of Office for all appointed and elected officials and issues designated local licenses and permits. Additionally, if you are in need of the services of a Notary Public or Dedimus Justice, please feel free to contact me at 469-7368.

The Clerk also serves as an Agent for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game to issue numerous game and recreational licenses and permits. As you already know, you can purchase all State of Maine game and recreational licenses online through MOSES. However, I continue to urge any and all Snowmobile Licenses be purchased at our Office, as the Town donates all funds from snowmobile registrations to the Snowmobile Club. If you purchase them online through the MOSES system, the Town does not receive the credit.

This year's Municipal Election was held on November 8, 2011 in conjunction with the State General and Referendum Election, and the Regional School Unit #25 Election in conjunction with the State Primary Election was held on June 12, 2012. Both Elections were administered without any problems and I extend a very special thank you to the Town Office staff for their assistance with issuing all those absentee ballots and to the Election Officials whose hard work and dedication to the election process contributed to another very successful election year.

In addition to overseeing elections and maintaining all town records, the Office of Town Clerk processed and/or issued various game and business licenses, vital statistics, numerous inquiries for information, along with genealogy research. I also wish to publicly thank Geraldine Spooner at Buck Memorial Library and Patricia Adams Bucksport genealogist, for all their continued expertise with their genealogy research contribution.

All dogs six months or older are required to be licensed by January 31<sup>st</sup> annually and we encourage you to license your pets before February 1<sup>st</sup> to avoid a late charge. Dog licenses are available each year after October 15<sup>th</sup> at our office or online.

The following is a statistical report of various transactions processed this past year:

### **Licenses Issued:**

Dog Licenses	531	Kennel Licenses	4
Snowmobiles	101	ATV's	245
Boats	374	Lake/River Stickers	378
Fishing Licenses	284	Hunting Licenses	251
Combination Hunting/Fishing Licenses	269	Jr. Hunting Licenses	36
Archery Hunting Licenses	36		

### **Certified Vital Records:**

Death Records	190	Marriage Records	92
Birth Records	237		

### **Vital Records Recorded:**

Burial Permits	85	Death Records	49
Birth Records	36	Marriage Records	37
Marriage Intentions	38		

### **Miscellaneous Records Recorded:**

Business Licenses	33	Miscellaneous Licenses	19
New Business Recordings	8	Oaths Recorded	59

The financial status of the Clerk's Office at the end of the fiscal year is reflected by the audit statements included in the annual report.

As we move forward into another fiscal year, I have been continuously working on the clerk's part of the Town of Bucksport's Website at [www.bucksportmaine.gov](http://www.bucksportmaine.gov), and encourage citizens to visit our website.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at 469-7368 or stop by the town office at any time.

As I have just completed twenty (20) years of service to the Town of Bucksport, I wish to thank the Town Council, previous Town Manager, Roger Raymond, Town Manager, Michael Brennan, Town Department Heads, Deputy Clerk, Jacquelyn Hunt, Town Office Staff, Christopher Grindle for all his technology assistance, and to all town employees for their cooperation and assistance, and last but not least to the citizens of Bucksport for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy L. Downes  
Town Clerk &  
Registrar of Voters



## **REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Throughout the United States, “Economic Development” became the buzzword for the first decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. For every shortcoming in society, Economic Development was the answer to every challenge. But Economic Development is simply defined as attracting investment into the community. Attracting an investment of funding that helps diversify the tax base and attracting an investment of jobs that provide livable wages to local citizens. The ED strategies that we incorporate in Bucksport are always tied to those two simple criteria.

Though the Office of Economic Development doesn’t historically include Community Development activities, they are often times intertwined. During the past year, we were successful in applying for and receiving over \$1,250,000 in state and federal grants. Soon we will have a new water storage tank that will serve the citizens for many many years into the future. A Downtown Façade Program will permit business owners to invest over \$300,000 in building upgrades. New crosswalks will provide pedestrians with safe methods to cross Main Street and US Rte 1. A new boat launch and parking lot on Silver Lake will provide recreational access for all of our citizens. Not only will all of these investments benefit local citizens but they will help us attract new investments into the community as well.

We continue to work with Bangor Gas for the expansion of natural gas service to residential and commercial customers along the route created to serve the RSU 25 properties. Not only will the savings benefit every tax payer by reducing the heating bill at the local schools, but those located along the route will be able to take advantage of our investment as well. The Bucksport Town Council is committed to the natural gas expansion and a July referendum told them that the citizens supported spending tax dollars to help make this expansion a reality.

In 2012, the Town of Bucksport was selected by the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) as one of the first Certified Business Friendly Communities within the State of Maine. This designation was a result of an exhaustive application process and a commitment by the community to think outside of the box and help businesses succeed by offering solutions to the challenges individual Bucksport businesses face. Two examples are: 1.) regular conversations with Verso Paper Company identified their need to train future employees as the average age of their workers will create a large number of retirees within the next five years. We have created a partnership with Eastern Maine Community College, RSU 25 and Verso Paper Company, to develop an Associate Degree Pulp & Paper program that we hope to begin in 2013. 2.) The Town of Bucksport spent almost 7 years trying to identify a developer for the vacant Jed Prouty Tavern & Inn. This year was a very fulfilling year as this property was redeveloped by new owners who have far exceeded our expectations. A 15 year forgivable loan by the town was instrumental in saving this historical building. These are examples of how we have scored our success over the past year.

All of the successes we achieved this year are the result of a lot of hard work and commitment from the Bucksport Economic Development Committee (BEDC). Without their donations of time, leadership and expertise’s, we would simply be a community that is Rich in Heritage. With their commitment, Bucksport is also Looking to the Future. I would like to take this opportunity to thank not only the members of the committee but their families as well, for all of the time devoted to meetings and wisdom needed to make really good decisions.

The BEDC is made up of individuals who are appointed annually by the Bucksport Town Council. This year’s members are:

- ★ Byron Vinton, Chair
- ★ David Kee
- ★ Belle Ryder
- ★ Joel Wardwell
- ★ Jim Boothbay
- ★ Linda Plourde
- ★ Andy Lacher
- ★ Carol Metthe
- ★ Butch Osborne
- ★ John Wardwell
- ★ Jeremy Daigle
- ★ Gene Berry



I would like to thank the Bucksport Town Council, Town Manager, all of the high quality town employees, and the citizens of Bucksport for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Milan  
Economic Development Director



Bucksport Mayor David Keene accepting the certification as a Business Friendly Community from Governor Paul LePage.

## **REPORT FROM THE TOWN CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

### **ISSUED PERMITS**

#### **Building and Land Use: [128 TOTAL]**

Dwellings:	11	Additions:	07
Mobile Homes:	02	Commercial Uses:	11
Outbuildings:	36	Business Signs :	10
Decks/ Porches:	21	Home Based Businesses:	10
Renovations:	06	Outdoor Wood Boilers:	00
Swimming Pools:	02	Miscellaneous:	12

Permits issued for activities in Shoreland Zoning Districts: 9

Permits issued for activities in Flood Hazard Areas: 2

Building Permit Fees Budgeted: \$9,000.00

Building Fees Collects: \$5,910.60

#### **Plumbing Permits: [57 Total]**

Septic Systems:	20	Internal Plumbing:	36
Seasonal Conversion:	01		

Plumbing Permit Fees Budgeted: \$2,500.00

Plumbing Fees Collection: \$5,318.25

(The increase in plumbing permit revenue for this fiscal year reflects the state-imposed increase in permit fees that towns are required to collect. For example, the fee for a septic system permit increased from \$100 to \$250.)

#### **Board of Appeals Activity:**

Administrative Appeals	0
Variance Appeals	0

#### **Land Use Ordinance Amended**

Appendix K of the Bucksport Town Code was amended in late 2011 to add mineral extraction regulations. These regulations provide the Planning Board with additional standards to apply when reviewing a mineral extraction project such as a quarry or gravel pit. Copies of the town's zoning maps were also added in an addendum to Appendix K.

#### **Shoreland Survey Conducted**

During the summer of 2011, a shoreline survey was conducted on Thurston and Moulton Ponds. The survey was conducted by canoe, and photos were taken of each developed shorefront lot. The purpose of the survey was to document shorefront conditions in order to track further development along the shorelines of the town's great ponds. This survey began in 2010.

#### **Malfunctioning Septic System Replaced**

With the help of a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture, a property owner on State Route 46 was able to replace their malfunctioning septic system this spring. The grant was administered through the Rural Development Office in Bangor. Eligibility is based on income. For information on the grant program, property owners are encouraged to call the Bangor Office.

#### **New State Building and Energy Code to be Enforced in Bucksport**

The Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC) will be enforced by the Town of Bucksport beginning July 1, 2012. The code is a collection of national codes and standards for building construction, energy efficiency, ventilation and radon control in residential and commercial buildings. Property owners will be expected to hire independent inspectors to perform the required compliance inspections for building projects. Evidence of compliance must be submitted to the Town before a certificate of occupancy can be issued. Information about the MUBEC was made available to the public during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey C. Hammond

Code Enforcement Officer, Local Plumbing Inspector & Addressing Office

**PUBLIC & PRIVATE STREET NAMES IN THE TOWN OF BUCKSPORT**  
**PUBLIC STREETS ARE IDENTIFIED IN BOLD**

Names identified with an asterisk are streets in neighboring towns. Short sections of these streets provide access to properties located in Bucksport.

1. Acorn Alley	51. Duddy Hollow	98. Main Street	143. Russell Hill Road
2. Allison Lane	52. Eagle Lane	99. Marion Lane	144. S & L Way
3. Ames Way	53. Edison Drive	100. Marsh Road	145. School Street
4. Appalachian Trail	54. Edgewater Lane	101. Mast Hill Road	146. Scott's Lane
5. Archer Way	55. Elm Street	102. McDonald Alley	147. Second Street
6. Arrow Drive	56. Evangel Way	Lane	148. Seekins Street
7. Aspen Lane	57. Evergreen Drive	103. McDonald Street	149. Seminary Road
8. Atherton Way	58. Fararcherelli Lane	104. McGill Road	150. Shore Drive
9. Atwood Lane	59. Federal Street	105. McKinnon Road	151. Silver Lake Road
10. Back Forty Way	60. First Street	106. Mechanic Street	152. Silver Street
11. Bagley Avenue	61. Flanders Way	107. Mercer Lane	153. Small Drive
12. Bald Mountain Road	62. Forest Hill	108. Middle Street	154. Smith Drive
13. Barbour Drive	63. Forsythe Avenue	109. Miles Lane	155. South Road*
14. Bartley Lane	64. Foss Farm Drive	110. Mill Street	156. Spofford Avenue
15. Bayview Avenue	65. Franklin Street	111. Millvale Road	157. Spring Street
16. Beech Lane	66. Gifford Lane	112. Moosehorn Drive	158. Spruce Street
17. Berry Road	67. Grant Lane	113. Morrison Road	159. State Route 46
18. Betts Road*	68. Green Road	114. Moulton Pond	160. Stone House Road
19. Big Log Cabin Rd	69. Gristmill Road	Road	161. Strickland Ridge
20. Bluff Road	70. Gross Point Road*	115. Mountain Side	Road
21. Booth Drive	71. Hancock Pond	Lane	162. Summer Street
22. Braun Place	Road	116. Mt. Olive Heights	163. Third Street
23. Bridge Street	72. Harriman Cove	117. Mt. View Lane	164. Thomas Street
24. Broadway	Road	118. Mylen Drive	165. Thurston Pond
25. Brookview Drive	73. Henderson Road	119. Nason Hollow	Road
26. Buck Street	74. Heritage Park Road	120. Nicholson Avenue	166. Tingley Drive
27. Buckley Lane	75. Hero's Brook Lane	121. Noel Way	167. Town Farm Road
28. Bucksmills Road	76. Hill Side Drive	122. Oak Street	168. Transfer Station
29. Bullfrog Way	77. Hinks Street	123. Old Winter Road	Road
30. Bunker Hill	78. Hog Heaven Lane	124. Orcutt Mountain	169. Tuffs Road
31. Catspaw Lane	79. Hollow Lane	Road	170. Turkey Path
32. Cedar Street	80. Holmes Drive	125. Park Street	171. Twin Oaks Lane
33. Central Street	81. Horseback Way	126. Pasture Pine Road	172. Upper Long Pond
34. Charles Lane	82. Hunk Sawyer Road	127. Patriots Drive	Road
35. Church Road	83. Hurd Hill	128. Peaceful Valley	173. US Route 1
36. Colby Crossing	84. Island View Road	129. Pelletier Lane	174. Violette Way
37. Cole Road	85. Jacob Buck Pond	130. Perry's Landing	175. Ward Drive
38. Coleman Lane	Road	131. Pine Street	176. Waterside Road
39. Connors Road	86. Joan Street	132. Pond Street	177. Wenbelle Drive
40. Corey Path	87. Kenney Drive	133. Poverty Ridge	178. Whitetail Ridge
41. Cotton Hill Road	88. Kimball Drive	Road	179. Wickett Farm Road
42. County Lane	89. Kindred Spirit Way	134. Power Line Road	180. Wights Lane
43. Cross Road	90. Lakeside Drive	135. Race Course Road	181. Wilderness Way
44. CW Lane	91. Lakeview Heights	136. Red Rock Road	182. Williams Pond
45. Dalton Lane	92. Leach Street	137. Ridge Road	Road
46. Deer Run	93. Ledgewood Drive	138. River Road	183. Willins Orchard
47. Donovan Road	94. Lee Street	139. Robin Hood Circle	Road
48. Drakes Lane	95. Lew Gray Drive	140. Rosen's Lane	184. Willis Road
49. Dresser Road	96. Little Brook Lane	141. Ross Lane	185. Woodland Heights
50. Duck Cove Road	97. Loon Landing	142. Royal Ridge Lane	

Please be sure that your street number is clearly displayed so that it is visible from the street. This will aid in the location of your home in the event of an emergency. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated

## **REPORT FROM THE BUCKSPORT PLANNING BOARD**

This past fiscal year has been a very active one with the Board approving twelve applications and assisting with the development of several ordinances. In addition, all Board members participated in a Public Records, Proceedings, and Freedom of Access Workshop. As part of this report the Board wishes to briefly outline its composition, responsibilities and actions to the public.

The Planning Board is composed of seven members appointed by the Town Council. It is responsible for reviewing applications for commercial development, subdivisions and other projects as they relate to site plan review, shoreland zoning and land use ordinances. The Board works closely with the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO), the Ordinance Committee and the Town Council in reviewing ordinances as conditions require. The Board also conducts hearings with respect to new and proposed amendments regarding zoning, subdivisions and site plan ordinances.

Approved applications are listed below as presented to the Bucksport Planning Board. It should be noted that the Planning Board often requires that changes and special conditions be added to projects. A complete review of applications, support documentation and minutes can be reviewed by members of the public at the CEO's office.

### **APPROVED APPLICATIONS**

1. Application from Alfred Sandelli Jr. to amend an approved subdivision plan. The applicant proposes to divide an existing subdivision lot in Kenney Subdivision.
2. Application from Leadbetter Realty Trust for approval of a principle structure at 36 State Route 46, tax map 27, lot 7. The applicant proposes to construct a 4,000 sq. ft. building to house two separate trade businesses.
3. Application from Town of Bucksport for approval of proposed improvements at the Silver Lake Public Boat Launch, Silver Lake Road, tax map 5, lots 9&10. The applicant proposes to construct a truck and trailer parking lot, install a concrete boat ramp with related site improvements and construct a separate canoe and Kayak launch.
4. Application from Erika Milan for approval by special exception for two proposed residential accessory structures at 329 Duck Cove Road, tax map 3, lot 36. The property is located in the Resource Protection Shoreland Overlay District. The structures are to be used for vehicle storage and a shelter for horses.
5. Application from Sea Change Group LLC for approval of a change of use at 90 Heritage Park Road, tax map 3, lot 53. The applicant proposes to occupy an existing commercial building with a research facility for developing and testing alternative fuels.
6. Application from Wardwell Construction & Trucking Corp. for approval of an expansion of the existing mineral extraction operation on property located on Bucksmills Road, and identified on town tax map 15 as lot 15. The applicant proposes to mine stone in an area not to exceed .99 acres. (Planning Board site visit conducted on this application).
7. Application from Carol Metthe for approval of a one-family dwelling to a retail business at 155 US Route 1. The applicant proposes to occupy the building with a gift shop and bakery. The change of use is subject to approval of a Contract Zone for the property, which is identified on tax map 28 as lot 28.
8. Application from Jayne Howard for approval of a Class 2 Vehicle Service business at 1524 River Road, tax map 45, lot 19. The applicant proposes to conduct auto repairs including oil changes, brakes, exhausts, front ends and tune-ups.

9. Application from Laurie Hall for approval to occupy an existing storefront with a place of assembly. The applicant proposes to occupy 86 Main Street, Suite 1, with a church.
10. Application from Ellis and Guerrette for approval to occupy an existing storefront with a place of assembly. The applicant proposes to occupy building at 124 US Route 1, with a restaurant.
11. Application from Maine Water Company for approval to construct a water storage tower at 108 Silver Lake Road, tax map 1, lot 55. The applicant proposes to construct a new and larger tower and remove the old water storage tower.
12. Application from Elaine Morey for approval to occupy an existing storefront with an indoor recreation facility at 81 Main Street, tax map 32, lot 284.

In an effort to assist applicants and expedite the application process the Board has replaced the three separate application forms with a single form. Support documentation will still be required. All request for applications and pertinent information should be directed to Jeffrey Hammond, CEO, at 469-7368 ext. 231 or at [jhammond@bucksportmaine.gov](mailto:jhammond@bucksportmaine.gov).

The public is invited to attend all Planning Board meetings. This year a “Limited Public Forum” item has been added to the agenda to give the public an opportunity to address the Board on matters related to land use or planning in the Town of Bucksport. Regular meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Bucksport Town Office. Additional meetings are scheduled as necessary.

As part of this report the Board has attached a condensed version of the updated Bucksport Zoning Maps. These maps work in concert with the Land Use Ordinance revised and adopted in 2010 and the Mineral Extraction Ordinance adopted in 2012. These maps and ordinances guide the development and use of all land and structures in the Town as they apply to specific areas identified as districts. Copies of the Land Use Ordinance, Mineral Extraction Ordinance and full scale Zoning Maps are available for review at the Town Office.

Respectfully Submitted

Marc S. Curtis, Secretary



## **REPORT FROM THE FIRE CHIEF/ DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Bucksport Fire & Rescue personnel saw increases in both fire and EMS calls this past fiscal year, with the Ambulance Service setting an all-time record for a one month period by responding to 90 calls for the month of March, 2012. In addition to the fine work they perform as emergency responders, our members continued to be busy with activities and projects within the departments and throughout the community.

We want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the passing of one of our retired call-firefighters; Lt. Jeffrey Robinson, Sr. He was a member of our departments for many years as a firefighter and an EMT. Jeff was known for his sense of humor and his compassion to both his colleagues and his patients, as well as for his ability to handle any situation that he faced. We will miss him, but we will never forget his contributions to the department and to the community as a whole.

Our members continue to train in order to respond to the unlimited number of types of calls that we receive. Collectively, they spend hundreds of hours every year training for anything and everything from fires to water rescues and from pediatric emergencies to caring for the elderly. We trained on sports injuries, gunshot wounds, haz-mat responses, overdoses and other things like driver/operator, SCBA and more.

Our responses this past year have included numerous serious situations and our crews have performed at the highest levels. In addition to the "routine calls", we had several fatal or near-fatal accidents, a couple of them requiring over an hour of extrication time due to the amount of damage or the type of situation and we responded to a train derailment in which 4 train-cars ended up over an embankment with 2 of them going into the Penobscot River and spilling clay slurry and latex. One dangerous call that we are seeing an increase in is the number of drug-related issues that we respond to. The addition of "Bath Salts" to the laundry list of other chemicals that people are abusing and overdosing on is creating a scary scenario for our responders and it does not appear as though that will change in the foreseeable future. We are fortunate to be able to work closely with the Police Department and other agencies in responding to these situations.

Some of the projects that our staff has been working on include Fire Prevention and Health & Safety classes for the young and the not-so-young. We taught over 30 classes of Fire Prevention at the schools and held numerous Station Tours. We have also been involved with several fundraisers, including a Valentine's Day event at which we raised several hundred dollars for the Shriner's Burn Foundation. We participated in the "Mock Fatal" at the High School that helps allow students to make the right choice when it comes to some of life's situations and hopefully raises their awareness of the reality of poor decisions. We observed the tenth anniversary of "9-11" with a gathering on the waterfront that was led by Pastor Peter Remick and included several speakers including Sen. Richard Rosen and bagpipe music by David Weeda.

After many years of trying, our Firefighter's Association was able to purchase Bucksport's 1939 Seagraves Fire Truck from a private owner. It is our hope to preserve this piece of the Town's history along with several other original apparatus owned by the association. The Seagraves is the oldest known surviving motorized and driven fire truck from Bucksport's past.

Our departments received a handful of grants totaling several thousand dollars from numerous agencies including the Maine Forest Service, Maine Municipal Association, the National Volunteer Fire Council and others for items ranging from hose and nozzles to batteries and radios, along with funding to help purchase a new motorized-lift stretcher for the frontline ambulance.

In closing, I would like to thank our crews and their families, as well as the crews from the surrounding towns, for the wonderful job they do in providing emergency response to our region. I also want to acknowledge the other Town Employees and citizens that assist and support us in providing a safer community. We would also like to welcome aboard Michael Brennan, the new Town Manager, and to wish him well in his endeavors in leading the Town of Bucksport into the future.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chief Craig Bowden



## **BUCKSPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS**

<b>TYPE OF CALLS</b>	<b>2010-2011</b>	<b>2011-2012</b>	<b>Aid to Other Towns</b>	<b>2010-2011</b>	<b>2011-2012</b>
Structure Fires	17	14	Verona	7	11
Chimney Fires	6	3	Orrington	4	6
Vehicle Fires	2	5	Orland	2	5
Excessive Heat/Explosion	2	0	Other	2	1
Grass/Woods Fires	4	9			
Trash or Illegal Burning	2	3			
Motor Vehicle Accidents	23	15	<b>Aid From Other Towns</b>	<b>2010-2011</b>	<b>2011-2012</b>
Search and Rescue	1	4	Orland	4	13
Fuel/Chemical Spill	1	8	Orrington	3	3
Power Lines	7	4	Other	1	1
Electrical Hazards	4	2			
Service	19	21	<b>Inspections</b>	<b>2010-2011</b>	<b>2011-2012</b>
Permit Checks	5	8	Businesses	52	50
Good Intent	8	8	Dwellings	17	18
False Alarm	22	29	Chimney/Solid Fuel Installations	11	13
<b>TOTAL FIRE CALLS:</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>TOTAL OTHER:</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>81</b>

### **Bucksport Fire and Ambulance Staff**

Chief Craig Bowden	FF/EMT-B	Full Time	Jim Fleming	FF/EMT-P	Reserve
Asst. Chief Michael Denning	FF/EMT-I	Full Time	Greg Forsythe	FF/EMT-B	
Asst. EMS Dir. Chris Connor	FF/EMT-P	Full Time	Dorance Gray	FF/EMT-I	
Capt. Pam Payson	FF/EMT-P	Full Time	Kari Gray	EMT-I	
John Gavelek	FF/EMT-P	Full Time	Capt. Terry Grindle	Firefighter	
Gene Bass	FF/EMT-B	Reserve	Dan Joy	Fire Police	
Steve Bishop	Firefighter		Erik Lauritsen	Firefighter	
Roger Belton	EMT-B		Ryan McGuire	Firefighter	
Jared Bowden	FF/EMT-P	Reserve	Tammy Marston	Firefighter	
Lt. Jamie Bowden	FF/EMT-B	Reserve	Alex Miller	FF/EMT-B	
Mark Bowden	Firefighter		Ray Monreal	FF/EMT-B	
Lt. Richard Bowden	Firefighter		Cathleen Newbegin	EMT-B	
Capt. Steve Bowden	Firefighter		Sam Payson	Firefighter	
Shane Bowden	FF/EMT-B	Reserve	Russ Saunders	Firefighter	
Larry Chambers	Firefighter		Mike Sealy	EMT-I	
Jeff Davis	FF/EMT-B		Kevin Stevens, Jr.	EMT-B	
Capt. Dave Denis	Firefighter		Mike Swazey	Firefighter	
Lisa Drake	FF/EMT-B		Waren Weaver	Firefighter	
Jay Durost	Firefighter				

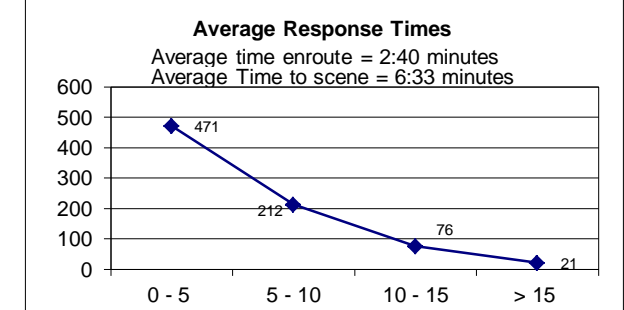
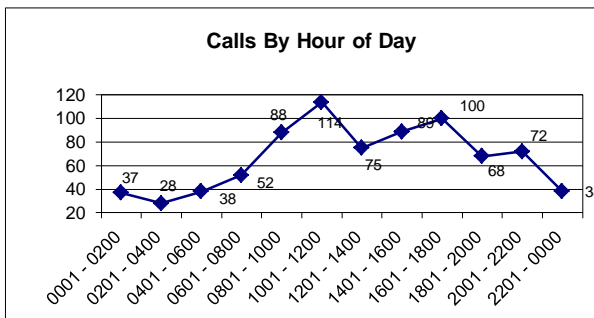
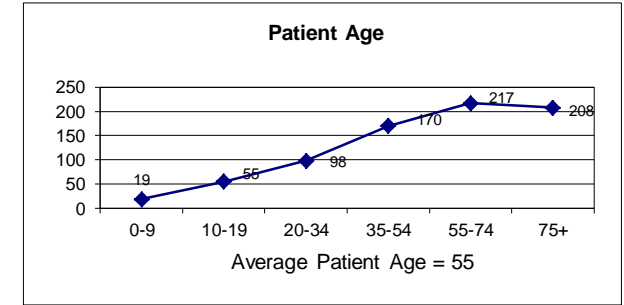
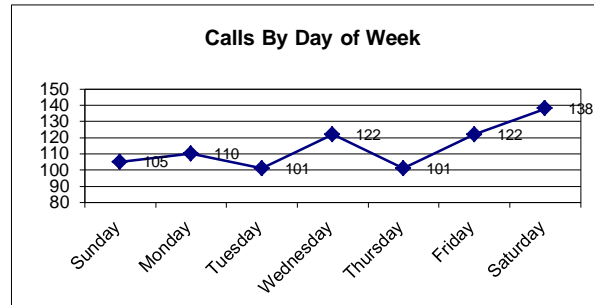
## BUCKSPORT AMBULANCE SERVICE STATISTICS

<u>Provider Impression</u>	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>
Abdominal Pain/Problems	43	46
Allergic Reaction	5	11
Altered Level of Consciousness	14	10
Back Pain (Non-Traumatic)	27	17
Behavioral/Psychiatric Disorder	50	32
Cardiac Arrest	6	7
Chest Pain/Discomfort	45	55
CHF (Congestive Heart Failure)	11	9
Dehydration	15	23
Diabetic Symptoms	22	16
Electrocution	1	0
Epistaxis (Non-Traumatic)	13	7
Fever	32	16
General Malaise	28	18
Headache	13	8
Heat Exhaustion/Stroke	4	1
Hypothermia	1	1
Inhalation Injury (Toxic Gas)	0	0
No Apparent Illness/Injury	36	49
Obvious Death	8	8
Other Abdominal/GI Problem	0	0
Other Cardiovascular Problem	13	12
Other CNS Problem	0	0
Other GU Problems	2	1
Other Illness/Injury	67	59
Pain	10	63
Patient Assist Only	43	25
Poisoning/Drug Ingestion	9	26
Pregnancy/OB Delivery	1	2
Respiratory Distress	54	55
Seizure	19	14
Stroke/CVA	28	13
Substance/Drug Abuse	6	8
Syncope/Fainting	10	11

<u>Provider Impression</u>	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>
Traumatic Injury	104	139
Unconscious	11	15
Weakness	28	33
<b>TOTAL IMPRESSIONS</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>810</b>
<u>Response Disposition</u>	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>
Cancelled	17	21
Dead at Scene	10	9
Patient Refused Care	21	69
Standby Only	11	13
Treated and Released	130	65
Treated, Transferred Care	19	5
Treated, Transported by EMS	571	628
<b>TOTAL DISPOSITIONS</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>810</b>

<u>Response By Unit</u>	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>
Ambulance 1	656	675
Ambulance 2	118	130
Rescue 1	5	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>810</b>

<u>Town</u>	<u># of Runs</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u># of Runs</u>
Bucksport	583	EMMC	383
Orland	178	St. Joseph	105
Verona	40	BHMH	48
Other	9	MCMH	81
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>810</b>	WCGH	9
		Other No Transport	2
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>810</b>



## **REPORT FROM BUCKSPORT POLICE CHIEF**

Police Chief- Sean P. Geagan  
Detective/ Sergeant- David E. Winchester

### **Patrol**

Robert Findlay  
Ryan Knight  
Matthew Cyr  
Daniel Harlan  
Steven Bishop

### **Reserve Patrol**

Daniel Saunders  
Chris Woodman  
Ryan Welch  
Eric Marcel  
Richard Sullivan  
Ernest Fitch

### **Animal Control Officer**

Daniel Joy

The Police Department had a busy year and our numbers in all areas continue to grow each year. Our full-time staffing has stayed the same and we have lost a few of our part-time officers this past year. We will be looking at hiring one or two part-time officers in the coming year in order to keep our part-time roster up to where it should be. With only five full-time patrol officers we depend on our part-time patrol staff a lot to fill vacant shifts. We continue to employ a part-time bicycle officer every summer. This past summer this was Officer Ernie Fitch. I received several positive comments on the job that he did on the waterfront last year. We have also continued with our part-time school resource officer position, Officer Ryan Welch continues to fill this position. This has proven to be a very valuable position and we will continue to work with the school system to keep this position.

I am proud to say that we continue to maintain the goals that were set for the department that we achieved within the first few years of a new administration. It is our goal to continue to do the job we are doing, get better at what we do and to strive to improve upon what we do everyday. The foundation of our department continues to be strong and believes in core values. I believe we have the right personnel that believe in our goals and our department and they will continue to build a sound structure to get the job done and to protect our citizens. Our #1 goal is to continue to make the Town of Bucksport a safe place to live, work and raise a family. I must note that none of this would be possible without the dedicated hard working personnel we have working for us.

Having said this, I would like to take the time to thank the personnel that work for the Police Department. Law Enforcement is a very demanding and stressful career with a lot of responsibility, not all people are cut out for this type of career. The people that the Town of Bucksport has representing them twenty four hours a day seven days a week are top notch people. This also includes our part-time personnel. We depend on these individuals to fill spaces on a split second notice and to make split second decisions and they continue to do well at this. All of our part-time personnel hold full-time jobs in other places and have families and continue to commit to the Police Department and the town when they are in a time of need. Once again gentlemen, I thank you for all you do !!

We continue to be proactive both on and off the job. We have several staff members that work outside of law enforcement with the community in as many ways as possible and as time permits. All of our full-time patrol officers are involved in volunteering in the community in one way or another. This includes: working with the Special Olympics, Coaching all sports, Elder Abuse Prevention, Police in Education programs at all schools, child identification kits, and our gun lock program along with many more. This is a very important part of community policing and we will continue to participate in all of these programs and more for many years to come.

As always I encourage all citizens of the town to call us in your time of need or to stop by the public safety building to see us at anytime, for any reason. We need to work together to achieve the ultimate goal of public safety for the Town of Bucksport.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sean P. Geagan, Chief of Police

**BUCKSPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**Incidents by Type**

<b><u>Incident</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>Incident</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
Robbery	1	Obscene phone calls	1
Assault	29	Accidental or unattended death	4
Burglary	51	Civil matters	51
Theft	90	Criminal trespass/unwanted guest	73
Auto Theft	6	Suicide (actual or attempted)	12
Arson	1	ATL-BOLO (attempt to locate)	91
Forgery & Counterfeiting	4	Littering	7
Fraud (Bad checks etc.)	18	Land use violation	2
Vandalism	69	Juvenile runaway	5
Sex Offenses (other)	3	Motor vehicle misdemeanors	23
Drugs	17	Motor vehicle infractions	115
Driving Under the Influence	19	Motor vehicle permits	40
Liquor Laws	11	Motor vehicle defects	339
Drunkenness	5	Motor vehicle law violations	232
Disorderly Conduct	15	Parking tickets issued	34
Suspicious Person	73	Warnings (criminal)	9
Suspicious Vehicle	52	Warnings (traffic)	920
Suspicious Conditions	130	Miscellaneous	8
Hazardous Conditions	135	Probation violation	4
Family quarrels	53	Street light out report	13
Open doors or windows	37	Checking for weight violations	5
Warrant (arrest & information)	52	Administrative special detail	13
Harassment	50	Tobacco product violation	7
Threats	17	Abandoned 911 call	188
Disabled motor vehicles	63	Concealed fire arms permit	10
Information	393	Parking violation complaint	20
Well being check	100	Passing a stopped school bus	7
Patrol Checks	95	Violation of Bail	21
Summons (Radar)	89	Violation of protection order	19
Accidents (all types)	209	OUI complaints received	12
Lost and Found	168	OUI charges	7
Assist (fire and ambulance)	126	Accident non reportable deer	8
Assist (Law Enforcement Agency)	288	Mentally disturbed person	12
Assist (motorist)	7	Neighbor Quarrels	17
Assist (other)	290	Harassment by telephone	75
Escort	20	Abandoned MV	5
Building check	36	Arrests	115
Disturbance	118		
Alarm response business (all types)	46	<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>7930</b>
Alarm response home (all types)	7		
Alarm response bank (all types)	5	<b><u>Types of Contact</u></b>	
Alarm response school (all types)	2	Arrests	115
Missing person search	8	Summons	589
Animal complaint (dog)	233	Traffic Warnings	1955
Animal complaint (other)	77	Criminal Warnings	554
Animal complaint (Cat)	100	M/V Defects	623
Domestic Assault	17	M/V Accidents	218

## **REPORT FROM BUCKSPORT PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Dispatch Supervisor  
Chief Sean P. Geagan

### **Full-time Dispatchers**

Daniel Joy  
Barbara Cote  
Robert Meacham  
Elizabeth McCann

### **Part-time Dispatchers**

Jamie Bowden  
Daniel Saunders  
Michelle Clement  
Russell Saunders

This year brought with it some changes in personnel. Elizabeth McCann went from the rank of part-time dispatcher to full-time dispatcher. She replaced Russell Saunders who went back to the rank of part-time dispatcher. We would like to welcome Elizabeth to the full time ranks and wish her well in her career. We continue to maintain the staff level at 8 personnel in this department. We have continued to stay at full staff on both the full-time and part-time staff and operations are running well.

I would like to once again thank my dedicated staff, both full-time and part-time. These employees hold one of the biggest responsibilities one could ever hold in a career. They are responsible for the safety of each and every citizen in the town. Everyone's safety starts with them in a time of need and they need to get it right for everything to work out. The communications center continues to be open 24 hours a day 7 days a week and continues to be the lifeline for all of the citizens of this town.

During the past year Bucksport Public Safety Communications handled 50,299 instances of communications. These were in the form of telephone calls, radio transmissions and dealings with people in person. Below is the number of calls taken by the dispatchers by department. These numbers continue to increase each year.

Police	Telephone	# 14884	Fire / Ambulance	Telephone	# 3622
	Radio	# 12412		Radio	# 7190
	In Person	# 10937		In Person	# 1638
Other Depts.	Telephone	# 469			
	Radio	# 391			
	In Person	# 6			

Included in these numbers are contacts from the following towns and departments:

Highway	# 64	Verona	# 693
Orland	# 3375	Waste Water	# 3

The communications center issued 942 fire permits for the fire department this past year and continues to deal with various service requests from other departments around the state. Our in person calls, which people are coming into the public safety building for service, are up for all departments this year.

I would like to once again remind the citizens of the towns of Bucksport, Verona and Orland that the communications center is “**their**” center and is ready to assist them at any time we are needed for any of your emergency needs.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean P. Geagan, Chief of Police

## **REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS**

The 2011 – 2012 fiscal year found the Public Works Department aggressively tackling a diverse series of construction projects and infrastructure maintenance requirements.

The department completed the reconstruction of 400 feet of Russell Hill Road, 800 feet of Bridge Street, 800 feet of Church Road, and 1200 feet of Silver Lake Road. During each projects, the existing asphalt pavement was reclaimed, addition base gravel placed, the road reshaped and a new asphalt driving surface paved over the gravel.

The department continued the upgrading of the Upper Long Pond Road by placing an additional 400 cubic yards of new base gravel.

The ½ mile Miles Lane walking trails extension were completed following the installing of four cross drainage pipes and covering the base gravel with 500 cubic yards of crusher dust stone walking surface.

The town's failing existing 20 year old vehicle fuel distribution system required upgrading to match the number of vehicle fueling demands versus the number of available fueling positions. The old "Keyguard" system was replaced with a computerized "Petro Vend" fuel dispensing system. The new system has no limits on number of vehicles which can be serviced or how the data is reported.

The 2011-2012 winter storm season started on October 30, 2011 and continued until March 29, 2012 with the department responding to 28 events utilizing 885.7 tons of salt and 5516 cubic yards of winter sand. This compares with the previous 2010-2011 season which had 41 events and required 1310 tons of salt and 7494 cubic yards of sand.

During the winter season, department personnel built three replacement town dock floats.

The department's capital improvement program enabled the purchase of a new 12 cubic yard dump/plow truck. This truck replaced a 1999 truck.

The department began the construction of a new Silver Lake boat launch. A half acre site was cleared of trees and 2800 cubic yards of gravel fill was placed to build a base for a 16 space vehicle/boat trailer parking area. The parking area was prepared for pavement and side slopes covered with top soil and hay mulch.

Following the contract removal of the Nason building off of Central Street, the department filled and leveled the old foundation with 200 cubic yards of gravel.

Respectfully Submitted,

Duane R. Nadeau  
Public Works Director





## **REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT, BUCKSPORT WASTEWATER TREATMENT**

Over the last fiscal year the Bucksport Wastewater Treatment Facility processed 102,944,000 gallons of wastewater. This flow is an 11% decrease over the 2010-2011 fiscal years. The Town of Orland contributed 5,517,862 gallons of wastewater, a decrease of 19%. The Town of Verona contributed 3,771,330 gallons of wastewater, a decrease of 12% from the last fiscal year.

Precipitation totals are recorded daily at the Bucksport Wastewater Treatment Facility. From July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 43.08 inches of rainfall and 43.45 inches of snowfall were recorded as compared to 47.71 inches of rainfall and 99.52 inches of snowfall for last fiscal year. Rainfall and snow melt can contribute significantly to the flow received by the treatment facility as there is still a good amount of inflow and infiltration to the sewer system. Infiltration is groundwater that enters through cracks in the sewer lines and inflow is groundwater or storm water that enters through roof drains and sump pumps. These additional flows pose some challenges to the operation of the treatment facility.

453.50 cubic yards of sludge was processed during the fiscal year. This is an increase of 26 cubic yards or a 6% increase overall. Our sludge is now being trucked through Soil Preparation once a year instead of land spreading and is more cost effective at this time.

The Swirl Concentrator (CSO) Facility on Main Street operated once in August 2011, once in May 2012, and twice in June 2012 for a total of 4 times. Total flows through the Vortex totaled 930,000 gallons of effluent treated wastewater being discharged to the Penobscot River a 405% decrease over the last fiscal year. For the most part this is still a learning process with sample locations and pump speeds playing major roles in the performance of this facility and we are gaining history and knowledge every year to better operate this facility.

Station #1 at the base of the Treatment Facility was our main focus; we built a 10x8 building on a cement pad. We then transferred the PLC (Programmable Logic Control), Telemetry Radio (Communication the main radio at plant), VFD's (Variable Frequency Drive), and all Pump controls to this building. This has greatly reduced the confined space entry to the 32 foot deep pump dry well. We then pulled each pump and replaced the impellers with grinding impellers this has eliminated 90% of the Pump flushing as the new impellers now grind up solids instead of plugging pumps. Station # 6 (Broadway) had to have a new pump as the old one lost the windings resulting in failure. A motor that controls the mixing drum on the dewatering press needed to be replaced. All Telemetry Radios needed to be reprogrammed to meet the new FCC narrow banding standards 7 in Bucksport and one in Verona; they have all been relicensed until 2022. Bagley Ave, Spring St, Silver St, and Thomas St had the Sewer mains replaced. We inspected the Sewer interceptor line from the Treatment plant to Station #2 at Hannaford, and from the CSO building to the Town Dock was videoed, flushed and cleaned removing approximately 6 yards of gravel. A new PH meter for the plant was purchased. We purchased a 3 ton trailer to haul our Skid Steer. The Skid steer had a new wiring harness installed. The Engineering Contract for designing Secondary Treatment was awarded to Olver Associates of Winterport. As part of this contract Bill Olver and Annaleis Hafford both grade 5 operators and co-owners gave the treatment facility staff 17 training sessions (34 hrs) on Secondary Treatment training. We also visited 4 different facilities around the state to look at different processes.

We have 3 major chemicals that we use during the year, a polymer for settling sludge is the only chemical used year-round and also the most expensive. We used 1728 gallons, 4.73 gallons per day compared to 1632 gallons, 4.53 gallons per day in 10-11 a 6% increase. Sodium Hypochlorite is used during the summer months (May 15<sup>th</sup> thru September 30<sup>th</sup>) we used 2104 gallons in 11-12 compared to 2325 gallons in 10-11 resulting in an 11% decrease, and Sodium Bisulfite used to dechlorinate before effluent discharge to the river is also just summer months, we used 407 gallons in 11-12 compared to 429 in 10-11 a 5% decrease. These chemicals are more controlled from the changes that we made to our chemical system at the end of 08-09 fiscal years.

In closing, please help keep the environment healthy by not disposing harmful substances into the sewer. Remember that the water we have is all we will ever have and cleaning pollutants from it becomes more costly every day! Protect this resource for future generations.

Respectfully submitted

David Michaud  
Superintendent Maine Water Bucksport Division



## **REPORT FROM THE BUCKSPORT TRANSFER STATION**

The Bucksport transfer station serves the citizens of Bucksport and Orland. The facility provides an opportunity to dispose of household garbage, demolition and wood debris, metal, motor oil, bulky items and mercury added products. The facility is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A fee is assessed for disposal of demolition debris; bulky items; wood; household garbage, if recyclable items are not pulled out. There is also a fee for disposal for mercury added products. A copy of the fee schedule is available at the Town Office or at the transfer station. Any citizen who has paid excise tax in Bucksport may obtain a disposal permit at the transfer station during normal operating hours. There is no fee for the permit. If an excise tax receipt is not available, then a disposal permit may be obtained at the Bucksport Town Office during normal business hours.

During the period 7-1-2011 to 6-30-2012, the Bucksport Transfer Station collected a total of 1,681 tons of waste. This included 93 tons of mixed paper, 109 tons of newsprint and magazines, 173 tons of cardboard, 37 tons of plastic containers, 65 tons of metal, 41 tons of wood, 9 tons of tin cans, and 47 tons of shingles. In addition, the Town collected and shipped 172 tons of demolition material, slightly less than 2 tons of refrigerators, 2,975 linear feet of fluorescent lighting, 130 batteries, 11 propane tanks, and 800 gallons of oil. The town also collected and shipped 485 televisions, 177 monitors, and 795 other electronic units. The Town recovered 19 tons of re-useable items. Recycling efforts generated gross revenues of \$42,111.

Capital improvements during the fiscal year included installing floodlights on the lower level of the transfer station, repaving the rear access road, and the replacement and expansion of the septic disposal field due to the need to hook up the animal shelter to the system as well as the malfunctioning of the existing system.

The recycling program has been very successful over the years. I would like to thank all the citizens of Bucksport for their continued support particularly those who recycle on a regular basis. For every ton of waste that is recycled, taxpayers save on average, fifty dollars. Unfortunately, disposal costs have risen drastically over the last ten years. Efforts to recycle help minimize these increased costs. If you do not recycle, we encourage you to begin.

If you would like information on our recycling program or have any questions about disposing of waste, please contact the transfer station at 469-7496. You may also refer to the informational sheet that follows detailing the Town's recycling program and fee schedule or to the town's website at [www.bucksportmaine.gov](http://www.bucksportmaine.gov).

I would like to extend my appreciation to all the citizens of Bucksport and Orland for your cooperation and the members of the Town Council for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted

Daniel Robinson,  
Transfer Station Operator

## TRANSFER STATION FEES

(N/C = No Charge)

- \* Wood: 1/2 ton pickup load \$15.00
- \* Metal: N/C
- \* Shingles: 1/2 ton pickup load \$35.00
- \* Demo debris: 1/2 ton pickup load \$25.00
- \* Refrigeration, per item: \$12.00 – \$15.00
- \* Rugs (room size) 12x12 \$ 3.00
- \* Mattresses & Springs;
  - Regular and larger: \$ 5.00
  - Twin size: \$ 3.00
- \* Couch: \$10.00
- \* Stuffed Chair: \$ 5.00
- \* Wooden furniture: \$ 5.00
- \* TV's 27" & less (residential) \$ N/C
- \* TV's over 27" (residential) \$ N/C
- \* Computer Monitors (residential) \$ N/C
- \* Commercial TV's & Monitors \$ 6.00
- \* Propane Tanks 20 lbs \$10.00
- >20 lbs \$20.00
- ♦ If it can be given away: N/C
- ♦ If furniture is taken apart and separated (stuffing, cloth, metal, wood): N/C
- ♦ An armful of clean wood or demo debris: N/C

### The Town's cost for disposal is:

Metal	\$7.00 per ton
Wood	\$83.00 per ton
Demo	\$90.00 per ton
Shingles	\$60.00 per ton
Refrigeration	\$12.00 per unit

*For those who do not choose to Substantially Recycle, the cost for bagged garbage disposal is \$.50 per bag up to 30 gal., \$1.00 per bag greater than 30 gal, and when actual weight is known, \$40.00 per ton.*

**SUBSTANTIAL RECYCLING MEANS:**  
Removing the following items from your household garbage EACH VISIT:

Newspaper	Cardboard	Mixed paper
Magazines	Plastics	Tin cans

All recycled items must be free from contaminants such as grease, oil, dirt, food, etc.

UNIVERSAL WASTE IS RECYCLED AT THE TRANSFER STATION. UNIVERSAL WASTE INCLUDES FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS, BALLAST'S, MERCURY THERMOMETERS AND RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES



**Transfer Station Personnel**  
Daniel Robinson, Operator  
Misty Young, Asst. Operator



## BUCKSPORT TRANSFER STATION & RECYCLING CENTER

Transfer Station Road  
(Outer Central Street)  
Bucksport, ME 04416

### HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday - Saturday: 9 am - 5 pm  
Sunday: 9 am - 2 pm  
CLOSED WEDNESDAYS

 **Tel: 469-7496**

This facility services the towns of  
Bucksport and Orland by Permit only

All temporary permits may be obtained at  
the Bucksport Town Office on Main Street  
Tel: 469-7368

[www.bucksportmaine.gov](http://www.bucksportmaine.gov)



# RECYCLABLE MATERIALS



## NEWSPAPER, MAGAZINES, TELEPHONE DIRECTORY AND CATALOGS:

Loosely deposit in yellow container. You may combine all the above items in the same container. Do not bundle or leave in a paper bag. Items should not be contaminated.



## MIXED PAPER:

### **Please, No Trash**

Includes a wide variety of light cardboard boxes such as cereal or cracker boxes, shoe boxes, foreign cardboard, pizza boxes, boxes that toys are sold in, junk mail, office paper, egg cartons. Please remove the waxed paper liner from any container, flatten and dispose of in the designated green #2 baler located on the recycling wall.



## CARDBOARD & BROWN PAPER BAGS:

Only corrugated cardboard and brown grocery bags. Flatten and dispose of in the designated green #1 baler left of the trash hopper.

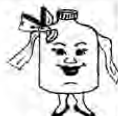
## CLOTHING:

Must be clean and not contaminated with dirt or other substances. Deposit usable clothes in the designated box container.

## LEAVES, GRASS CLIPPINGS & GARDEN

### RESIDUE:

Dispose of in compost pile located behind the transfer station. Please remove all plastic bags and containers. Please stop and see attendant before going down back.



## PLASTICS:

Includes all plastics that have the recycle symbol on the bottom and are labeled 1 through 7. Rinse clean. There is no need to remove labels. Remove all caps and rings. Do Not Include plastic bags, motor oil containers, plastic wrap, styrofoam, or plastic utensils. Dispose of the plastics in the yellow container marked for plastics on recycling wall.

## TIN CANS:



Please rinse clean. There is no need to remove labels. Include covers and rings from other containers. Included aluminum

## **NOTICE TO ALL USERS**

Substantial Recycling means that you separate the required materials EACH time you visit the facility.

items such as foil pie plates, pans or TV dinner containers. No motor cans. Dispose of the cleaned items in garbage can located along the recycling wall.



## METAL ITEMS:

There is no charge for metal items, except for:

Propane Tanks	20 lbs \$10.00
	>20 lbs \$20.00
Refrigerators	\$12.00
Air Conditioners, water coolers, etc.	\$15.00

## ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

Automobile gas tanks unless cut in half, unrinsed containers that contain a hazardous waste, and whole 50 gallon drums.



## MOTOR OIL:

Regular used motor oil ONLY. See Attendant for disposal. Limited to 5 gallons per visit from containers no larger than 2 gallons.

## MOTOR VEHICLE BATTERIES

There is no charge to dispose of m/v batteries. Batteries are to be placed in designated container.



## DEMO DEBRIS:

1/2 ton pick-up load \$25.00 and limited to two loads per household. Includes all painted and stained wood.

## CLEAN WOOD:

Includes brush, trees no larger than 6" diameter, lumber no longer than 8' in length. Limited to two loads per household. NO painted or stained wood.



## ASPHALT SHINGLES:

Shingles must be free of wood and paper. Limited to two pickup loads per household. No asbestos shingles will be accepted.





No Cost

## WE NOW RECYCLE ELECTRONIC DEVICES

No Cost



No Cost



Complete Computer



Mouse



Towers



Scanners

Televisions



Keyboard



Computer Speakers



Printers

In the past, no one thought of recycling computers and other electronics. But these days engineers have taken notice that electronics usually contain a wealth of valuable materials. Plus, recycling almost always means lower net carbon emissions that would normally be emitted while manufacturing a new product.

Finally, electronics are made with a sizable amount of lead, cadmium, brominated fire retardants and plastics that can leach toxic breakdown products — that's stuff no one wants in their water supply! Recycling electronics is good for the environment and our local communities.



LEVENGER BOMBER JACKET MESSENGER \*USED/GOOD\*

**If you have any questions about whether your electronic device can be recycled at the Bucksport Transfer Station, feel free to contact us at 469- 7496.**

Nationally, approximately 2.8 billion pounds (1.4 million tons) of electronic equipment were recycled in 2006, including 65 million units of computer equipment (CPUs, monitors, and printers). The electronics recycling process yielded 1.3 billion pounds of recyclable materials, more than half of which were metals. Consumer electronics alone are now considered to be approaching more than 3 million tons generated annually.

*(Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc. [www.isri.org](http://www.isri.org))*



Fax Machines



VCR Cameras & Play-



DVD Recorders & Players



Gaming Systems



Digital Clocks



All Receivers,  
Radios WITHOUT  
speakers



## **REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

The 2011-2012 School year has been a year of continued progress toward our efforts to meet the goals established by the RSU 25 Strategic Plan. It has been three years since we wrote and published the goals developed through the future search process and I am pleased to report we have made significant progress on the goals outlined in the plan.

All of our schools are showing improvement in their academic progress measures and our continued efforts in this area will pay dividends as we move forward. The educational landscape is continuing to be shaped at both the State and Federal levels with significant changes with Maine's adoption of the Common Core Learning Standards for both English Language Arts and Mathematics, and soon to be followed by Science and Social Studies. A significant change in Maine Law now requires student graduation be based on meeting the defined learning standards. I am pleased to report; RSU 25 is positioned to meet this expectation and has already started on the work necessary to meet this change in the law. Consistent with both the new law and the RSU 25 strategic plan we continue to refine and align our curriculum to meet the new expectations as well as shifting our practices to a performance based system.

We are fortunate to be able to deliver our educational programming in facilities that are well maintained and through the realization of our facilities and maintenance capital improvement plan these facilities will provide service to the community for years to come. The transition to natural gas remains a goal that will improve our energy efficiency and reduces the cost of heating our buildings. In the near future, our capital improvement plan identifies the high school façade and the Miles Lane roof as priority projects that will be addressed. Through the coming year, the school board and its sub-committees will develop a plan to address both the facility needs as well as a financial plan to address the repairs.

We continue to benefit from the collaborations that have been established over the past few years, and we are working to expand the opportunities the school district has to work with our municipal partners, local businesses, and non-profits. These partnerships support the needs of all involved and have a direct benefit to the entire community.

As we move forward into the next fiscal year I am confident that our efforts have improved and will continue to improve the educational opportunities available to the students and families of the school district. I look forward to working closely with the Town Council, Town Manager, community members, and the RSU School Board to make the school system the best we can for the students and citizens of Bucksport.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Boothby  
Superintendent of Schools

<b>2011-2012 Enrollment</b>		
Jewett School	PK-1	180
Miles Lane	1-4	294
Bucksport Middle School	5-8	309
Bucksport High School	9-12	360
District Total	PK-12	1143

## **REPORT FROM BUCKSPORT PARKS AND RECREATION**

Bucksport Parks & Recreation had another successful year due to the many individuals who volunteered their time to the area youth. Volunteers play a major role in the success of the numerous recreation programs. The majority of the youth sport programs have their president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Some of the presidents are: Dan Saunders-Little League, Melanie Findlay-Football, Richard Sprague & Scott Frazier-Youth Soccer, Laurie Dorr and Jessaca Kennedy-Softball and also Stephan Donnell played a major role in the youth basketball program. I would like to extend special thanks to all the volunteers.

The capital improvements consisted of building a new dugout and storage building at the Reggie Ginn Field, repainting Ian's Playground and also the dugouts at the baseball field. For safety reasons a higher fence was placed in front of home and visitor's dugouts and an 8' fence was placed between the baseball field and Ian's playground. Upon Council approval a fence will be placed to surround Ian's Playground. The Miles Lane #3 field was over-seeded, aerated, fertilized, and top dressed.

Challenging Choices, the after school and summer programs for youth continues to serve many youth. Parental concern over cost and the slack economy is still an issue. Challenging Choices offered activities such as Art Camp, scrap booking, Chinese Cooking, Sewing, jewelry making, field trips, Rape Aggression Defense, Archery, Fencing, Red Cross Babysitting, Lego Robotics, Leadership, Hip Hop Dance, Forensics, Kayaking/Canoeing, Wilderness Survival/Overnight Camping, Guitar, Music Drama Camp, Cheering and also several exercise activities such as volleyball, ping pong, badminton, Wii, and Dodge ball and monthly school dances for grades 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>.

Bucksport Parks & Recreation continues to sponsor the Bucksport Youth Diversion program in collaboration with Bucksport Police Department, Hancock County District Attorney, and Maine Juvenile Community Corrections Department. Last March a Memorandum of Understanding was signed with Hancock County Sheriff's Department and Maine State Police. The Diversion program will now service youth summonsed by these two agencies for youth summonsed in Penobscot, Orland, Verona Island, and Castine. Originally youth had to be summonsed in Bucksport. This program is part of the new and innovative "Diversion to Assets" program with Communities for Children and Youth, and the Maine Department of Corrections. Funding comes from a grant from Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

The Diversion program provides a second chance for youth under the age of 21 who are summonsed for a first time alcohol, marijuana, tobacco or some misdemeanor offenses. From July 1, 2011 until June 30, 2012, 26 youth were referred to the program. Of these 26 youth, all were eligible as they did not have any prior offenses. One youth chose not to enroll in the program. Of the 26 youth referred, 20 successfully completed the program and five were terminated due to re-offending. The referral numbers continue to rise each year but this year we had exactly the same number of referrals. According to Department of Corrections, our recidivism (re-offending) rate is only 3%.

Some of the many programs offered by the Recreation Department are: Football for grades 1-6, Basketball for grades Kindergarten -8<sup>th</sup>, Soccer for grades K-6, Baseball for ages 5-16, Volleyball for ages 12 through adult, Softball ages 9-18, Swim lessons for ages 3 and older, Ice skating, Dance classes for ages 3 and up, Yoga, Cheerleading for ages 4 -12, Field Trips, Dances, Tour du Lac Road Race.

Many thanks to Mike Brennan and the Town Council for their continued support in maintaining the many recreational facilities of our community. I would like to also thank Ron Gross, Clayton Burgess, Sr., Suze Fitzgerald, Barb Ames, Chuck McGinty, Jeff Snowman, Chris Grindle, Kim Alley, Danny Carter, Mary Jane Bush, Duane Nadeau, Town employees, RSU 25 and the various community volunteers for their hard work and involvement in the many recreational activities available in Bucksport.

Tim Emery  
Recreation Director

Barb Ames  
Youth Program Coordinator

## **REPORT FROM BUCKSPORT BAY HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COALITION**

In the last year Healthy Communities volunteers worked to sustain the organization for the long-term by establishing Bucksport Bay Healthy Communities Coalition as a private non-profit corporation. This action allows the coalition to receive funding from a broader array of donors and funding partners. As a positive result of this action the coalition was successful in securing funding from United Way of Eastern Maine.

Bucksport Bay Healthy Communities Coalition volunteers continued their important work on implementing strategies and recommendations from the Bucksport Bay Community Health Improvement Plan. Progress was made in the following health priority areas:

### **Cardiovascular Health**

The **2012 Get Fit – Let's Go Program** engaged 101 individuals in 12 teams who lost a total of 677 pounds and increased physical activity levels by 2,907 hours over the course of nine weeks. The **5-2-1-0 – Let's Go Program** was launched at the Bucksport High School, Bucksport Middle School, Miles Lane and Jewett Schools; Bucksport Area Child Care Center; Bucksport Head Start; and Bucksport Family Medicine. The **Wellness Guide Program** trained 23 community volunteers who can assist their co-workers, neighbors, friends and family with finding the information they need to improve their health and wellness.

### **Childhood Literacy**

The coalition's Early Childhood Network and Bucksport Area Child Care Center established **First Book —Bucksport Bay**, a program that gives new books to children in need to increase their access to books and improved literacy. To date, the group has engaged 10 local businesses as sponsors and raised \$6,220.00. With these donations First Book—Bucksport Bay has distributed 2,590 books to children in need in Bucksport and the surrounding towns. The **2012 Children's Fair** attracted 145 children and adults to explore the many opportunities to learn through nature. Fair organizers received outstanding evaluations by the parents and guardians who attended.

### **Housing and Service Needs of Older Adults**

Senior Resource Committee members continued their community education campaign at community forums, public hearings, site visits, and town council meetings on the need for long-term residential services for older adults. The **Jed Prouty Residential Care Home** was opened in January, 2012. A broad coalition of organizations have joined Senior Resource and Provider Network members to establish a pilot project, **Support and Services at Home (SASH)**, in the Bucksport Bay area. This project coordinates services so that older adults can remain safely in their home. Thanks to the volunteer efforts of Linda Smith and Esther Landry 28 area residents participated in **Matter of Balance** training in the last year. The **Healthy Living Planning Guide & Directory** was revised by Danielle Carey, an MSW graduate student. This planning guide will be used in an upcoming program that will encourage older adults to plan for their needs as they age to remain as independent as possible.

### **Personal Violence Campaign**

The coalition's Provider Network members developed and initiated a social marketing **Campaign to Prevent and Reduce Personal Violence**. The **Bingham Program Foundation** donated **\$3,500** to support this campaign, which focuses on reducing bullying at school, incidents of domestic violence, and elder abuse.

### **Substance Abuse**

Bucksport Police Department offered several **Drug Take Back Programs** to reduce the amount of unused or expired prescription drugs in homes. Such medications create a public health and safety concern because they are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. On December 1, 2011 RSU 25 and the Bucksport Bay Healthy Communities Coalition sponsored a **Community Forum on the Dangers of Bath Salts**. Nearly 100 citizens attended the forum to hear a panel of speakers that included Chief Sean Geagan, Bucksport Police Department; Dr. Daniel Reinke, Medical Director of Maine Coast Memorial Hospital Emergency Room; Agent Chris Thornton, Maine Drug Enforcement Agency; and Christene Berg, Licensed Alcohol & Drug Counselor. The coalition coordinated planning efforts with Healthy Acadia to provide **Responsible Beverage Server Training** to businesses that sell or serve alcohol.

### Transportation

During the 2011-2012 fiscal year the coalition provided **C.A.R.E. with call coordination services**. Coalition staff and volunteers triaged 241 calls for assistance that primarily involved transportation.

None of these accomplishments and programs would be possible without our very dedicated Healthy Communities volunteers and partner organizations. Much gratitude is extended to the Bucksport Town Council, Michael Brennan, Jim Boothby, RSU 25 staff, Tim Emery, Bonnie Kline, Kathy Downes, Town Office Staff, Kathryn Hickson, Chief Sean Geagan, Chief Craig Bowden, Peter Remick, Barb Ames, Chris Grindle, and Bucksport High School's Make a Difference Team for assisting our coalition in making progress toward our goals.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Bailey  
Jim Boothby  
Robin Bray  
Mary Jane Bush  
Mary Cuskelly  
Dawn Elaine Danforth

Tim Emery  
Lesla Gross  
Tom Gaffney  
Betty Gray  
Jean Grindle  
Arline Reed

Arline Lamarche  
Carol Potter  
Ron Pyle  
Linda Smith  
Valerie Sulya  
Byron Vinton



**SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING 2011 - 2012 TAX LIENS**  
**As Of 6/30/2012**

ADAMS, JEREMY J	18.22
AGL INC	5,392.36
AGL INC	305.49
ALLEN, TIMOTHY H	609.24
ALLISON, MICHAEL A	821.31
ANTHONY, KEITH	408.15
APPLEBY, CHRISTY	272.93
BAILEY, FRANK A	595.95
BENNETT, RUTH M	1,214.44
BERNIER, DANIEL A	946.51
BIRES, MICHELE L	1,590.04
BLOOMER, KENNETH R	649.79
BROWN, TIMOTHY A	410.68
BURPEE, MICHAEL & MARCUS	969.05
BURPEE, MICHAEL & MARCUS	378.10
CAHOON, ANN D, DEVISEES	381.86
CALVI-GAUDET, DEBRA	234.12
CARUSOE, DAVID R	761.22
CASSADY, JAMES	1,125.34
CATION, NANCY W	993.46
CENTANNI, PAMELA	292.97
CHADBOURNE, KEVIN M	1,240.10
CHASE, HAROLD H JR	236.63
CIRILLO, JANE E	469.50
CIRILLO, JANE E	1,191.90
COHEE, ALTHEA	371.84
COLEMAN, NATHANIEL L	359.95
COTE, PAMELA S	229.12
COUSINS, GLEN	142.73
COVENANT COMM LAND TRUST	192.81
CRAIG, CAROLYN M, (heirs of)	359.32
CYR, MATTHEW W	1,238.23
DALE HENDERSON LOGGING INC	1,139.32
DANKEL, NANCY J	439.45
DAVIS, KIRK L	1,393.48
DAVIS, KIRK L	1,129.13
DRESSER, K. BENJAMIN	189.05
DRESSER, KENNETH B II	58.84
EASTMAN, SHELDON F	1,511.16
EASTMAN, SHELDON F	1,374.70
EMERY, MATTHEW I	1,287.06
EQUITY TRUST CO, CUSTODIAN	1,801.63
FINDLAY, RYAN SCOTT	875.23
FREEMAN, THOMAS	86.39
FRENCH, KEITH	649.79
GAUVIN, PAUL R	277.29
GEROW, MAUREEN L	883.91
GRANT, JAMES, PARTY IN POSSESSION	313.00
GRANT, MARK W	246.74
GRAY'S CONSTRUCTION, INC	1,458.58
GROSS, TONY W	100.16

GRUNWALD, MARION R	870.76
HALLOWELL, GAIL E	1,328.37
HALLOWELL, GAIL E	1,052.93
HARLOW, DANA F	877.65
HARRIMAN, ROBERTA A	723.66
HASENBANK, DAVID	404.22
HENDERSON, DALE H	811.30
HENDERSON, HERBERT	295.47
HENDERSON, HERBERT	194.06
HENDERSON, HERBERT	214.09
HEROUX, GEORGE J	653.54
HOKE, GEORGE DEAN	686.10
HOKE, KATHRYN A	2,362.52
HOLYOKE, JESSE	50.64
HOLYOKE, JESSE	51.90
HOLYOKE, JESSE	50.61
HOME INC	1,372.19
HOME, INC	752.45
HOVEY, MELODY (HEIRS)	1,124.30
HOWARD, DARRELL (DEVISEES)	732.42
HURD, ALLEN	229.92
HUTCHINSON, RAYMOND S	128.96
IRVING, EDNA B	135.22
IRVING, EDNA B	82.63
JEROME, TIMOTHY	83.11
JEROME, TIMOTHY	1,245.74
JEROME, TIMOTHY	318.01
JEROME, TIMOTHY	331.78
JEWETT, DONALD R	112.68
JOHNSON, BRIAN	923.98
JONES, TIMOTHY D	473.06
JULE, MICHELLE L	72.62
KEENE, DENISE LESLIE	359.32
KEENE, DENISE LESLIE	470.75
KELLEHER, JAMES PAUL	392.63
KENNEY, DEBORAH	400.64
KISAMITAKIS, DINO	919.47
LEBEL, DAVID	2,025.74
LEEMAN, BRIAN C	2,057.04
LOCKE, ARLINE F	578.42
LOWELL, ANTHONY JAMES SR	339.29
MAINE CENTRAL R.R.	215.34
MAINE CENTRAL R.R.	2,998.54
MAINE CENTRAL R.R.	3,146.28
MANNING, BRIAN	850.11
MARTIN, VINCENT	46.11
MASTERS GROUP 2010, LLC	771.23
MCCLELLAN, THOMAS L	1,606.32
MCDUNNAH, MICHAEL G; KATHLEEN P TC	370.59
MCLELLAN, KEVIN L	1,017.88
MERRITT, ERIC	3,432.98
MERRITT, ERIC	841.34
MID OHIO SECURITIES CORPORATION	2,328.72
MILLER, DOROTHY C	115.18
MILLS, FRED	933.99
MINOT, SAMUEL	334.90



MORTON, EUGENE	1,076.46
NASON, DENNIS E	642.90
NEWMAN, ROBERT	1,304.58
NORWOOD, RALPH E	803.78
OAK LEAF REALTY, INC	881.41
OAK LEAF REALTY, INC	355.57
OAK LEAF REALTY, INC	355.57
OAK LEAF REALTY, INC	355.57
OBRIEN, PHILIP SR(HEIRS)	271.68
ODONNELL, GORDON PETER SR	330.53
ODONNELL, SHELLY LYNN	301.73
OHAN, MARYFAITH	406.90
PACHECO, MARIA	50.86
PAIGE, ETOSHA	313.00
PITMAN, CHRISTOPHER	146.48
RAINEY, JAMES	2,189.75
RAINEY, JULIE B	1,307.09
RANZONI, JOSEPH D	1,001.60
RICHARDSON, MERRILL P JR (HEIRS)	736.18
ROI, COREY D	130.21
ROSS, EDWARD	479.52
RYDER, RICHARD	1,258.03
SANBORN, PAULINE(HEIRS)	95.19
SANDELLI, ALFRED J JR	579.68
SANDELLI, ALFRED J JR	769.98
SANDELLI, ALFRED J JR	176.53
SANDELLI, ALFRED J, JR	906.45
SCHANNON, BARBARA S	888.92
SCHINCK, M C	411.91
SCOTT, STEPHEN L	272.94
SHEEHAN, MICHAEL	2,167.21
SHEEHAN, MICHAEL	519.58
SHOREY, WILLIAM K JR	104.10
SKILLIN, DONALD	1,224.46
SKILLIN, DONALD JR.	137.72
SMITH, CURT W	1,225.71
SMITH, NORMAN	2,949.71
SMITH, STUART	2,314.95
SMITH-WILLIAMS, BONITA	1,083.46
SNOW, JOYCE (LIFE ESTATE)	133.96
ST FRANCIS COMM, INC	1,468.60
ST PETER, STEPHEN J.	694.60
STEGNER, CHARLES R	1,769.08
STEGNER, CHARLES R	344.30
STOVALL, MARK L	1,712.74
SUTHERLAND, VERNE L;DWAYNE C TC	91.39
SUTHERLAND, WESLEY J	430.69
SUTHERLAND, WESLEY J	130.21
TARDIFF, JONATHAN L	355.57
TAYLOR, WAYNE J	415.66
THIBODEAU, GLORIA J	510.31
TOCCI, ROBERT (SR)	1,149.34
TOZIER, JUDI	172.66
UNION RIVER INVESTMENTS, LLC	10,444.18
UPTA ME ASSETS LLC	113.93
UPTA ME ASSETS LLC	48.83

VALERIO, DARLENE A	1,827.92
VEILLEUX, COLLEEN	523.75
WALLS, DELORES	106.52
WARREN, BAYARD K	883.91
WARREN, CAROLE J (HEIRS)	768.30
WATSON, GARY A	1,101.76
WESTON, DWAYNE A	845.81
WESTON, DWAYNE A	1,109.27
WHITE, SARAH	145.23
WILLETTE, PHILIP N (HEIRS OF)	996.59
WINCHESTER, FAITH	340.54
WINCHESTER, WADE & MELISSA	728.39
WINTERS, PAUL (HEIRS)	65.10
WITHAM, CANDICE	1,138.07
WITHAM, CANDICE	1,508.66
WITHAM,CANDICE L	370.59
WOOD, CYNTHIA L (TRUSTEE)	594.70
WOOD, CYNTHIA L (TRUSTEE)	415.66
WOOD, CYNTHIA L (TRUSTEE)	780.62
WOOD, CYNTHIA L (TRUSTEE)	128.95
WOOD, EDMUND	795.18
WOODARD, KELLEY J	28.34
WOODARD, KELLEY J	281.70
WOODBIDGE, GAIL	319.26
WOODBIDGE, ROGER	1,035.40
WOODBIDGE, ROGER	602.21
WRIGHT, WAYNE W	193.43
YORK, TINA	1,374.70
ZACHARY, JOHN J	507.06
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>155,749.54</b>

**SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING 2010 – 2011 TAX LIENS**  
**As Of 6/30/2012**

AGL INC	5,392.36
AGL INC	305.49
ATWOOD, PAMELA S	299.50
BENNETT, RUTH M	1,214.44
BUONOPANE, JOHN	752.45
BURPEE, MICHAEL & MARCUS	128.41
CAHOON, ANN D, HEIRS OF	258.83
CARUSOE, DAVID R	238.06
CENTANNI, PAMELA	236.13
CHASE, HAROLD H JR	236.63
COHEE, ALTHEA	371.84
COUSINS, GLEN	142.73
DAVIS, KIRK L	1,089.43
EASTMAN, SHELDON F	1,511.16
EASTMAN, SHELDON F	1,374.70
EMERY, MATTHEW I	1,287.06
FREEMAN, THOMAS	86.39
FRENCH, KEITH	496.25
GEROW, HERBERT M SR	883.91
GRAY'S CONSTRUCTION, INC	1,458.58
HALLOWELL, GAIL E	1,462.34
HARLOW, DANA F	877.65
HARRIMAN, ROBERTA A	361.83
HOKE, GEORGE DEAN	686.10
HOKE, KATHRYN A	2,362.52
HOVEY, MELODY (HEIRS)	1,124.30
HOWARD, DARRELL (DEVISEES)	667.76
JEROME, TIMOTHY	284.20
JEROME, TIMOTHY	1,517.42
JEROME, TIMOTHY	318.01
JEROME, TIMOTHY	331.78
JOHNSON, BRIAN	31.74
MAINE CENTRAL R.R.	107.67
MAINE CENTRAL R.R.	1,499.27
MAINE CENTRAL R.R.	1,573.14
MANNING, BRIAN	850.11
MCDUNNAH, MICHAEL G; KATHLEEN P TC	370.59
MCLELLAN, KEVIN L	1,017.88
MOTTA, KELLI A	469.50
MOTTA, KELLI A	1,191.90
NORWOOD, RALPH E	803.78
OBRIEN, PHILIP SR(HEIRS)	271.68
ODONNELL, SHELLY LYNN	301.73
PAIGE, ETOSHA	156.50
PITMAN, CHRISTOPHER	146.48
RAINEY, JULIE B	1,307.09
RANZONI, JOSEPH D	1,001.60
RICHARDSON, MERRILL P JR (HEIRS)	736.18
ROSS, EDWARD	419.03
SANDELLI, ALFRED J JR	289.84
SANDELLI, ALFRED J JR	384.99

SANDELLI, ALFRED J JR	78.26
SANDELLI, ALFRED J, JR	453.22
SANDELLI, ROBERTA F	385.61
SKILLIN, DONALD	944.81
SMITH, STUART	2,314.95
SNOW, JOYCE (LIFE ESTATE)	133.96
STOVALL, MARK L	657.29
TARDIFF, JONATHAN L	355.49
TAYLOR, WAYNE J	415.66
UPTA ME ASSETS LLC	113.93
UPTA ME ASSETS LLC	48.83
VALERIO, DARLENE A	953.12
WATSON, GARY A	1,101.76
WESTON, DWAYNE A	554.63
WHITE, SARAH	145.23
WILLETTE, PHILIP N (HEIRS OF)	996.59
WINTERS, PAUL (HEIRS)	65.10
WOODARD, KELLEY J	528.34
WOODARD, KELLEY J	281.70
WOODBIDGE, GAIL	319.26
WOODBIDGE, ROGER	1,035.40
WOODBIDGE, ROGER	602.21
ZACHARY, JOHN J	507.06
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>53,681.37</b>

**SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES**  
**As Of 6/30/2012**

**2010 - 2011**

WILSON'S EXPRESS TIRE AND LUBE	250
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 250</b>

**2011 – 2012**

UNION RIVER BOAT, INC	613.48
WILSON'S EXPRESS TIRE AND LUBE	313.00
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 926.48</b>

**SCHEDULE OF TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY**

**As Of 6/30/12**

FREEMAN, THOMAS	86.39
HALLOWELL, GAIL E	763.09
HALLOWELL, GAIL E	1,472.35
WILLETTE, PHILIP N (HEIRS OF)	842.99
WINTERS, PAUL (HEIRS OF)	<u>1,219.06</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,383.88</b>

### **MUNICIPAL AUDIT NOTE**

Because of the length of the municipal audit, only a portion of the audit has been printed in this report. The Table of Contents, Management's Discussion and Analysis and Notes to the Financial Statements have been left out. Citizens wishing to obtain a complete copy of the audit may do so by contacting the Bucksport Town Office during normal business hours. The full set of audited financial statements can be viewed electronically by visiting [www.bucksportmaine.gov](http://www.bucksportmaine.gov) and clicking on "Public Records, Maps, & Documents", "Financial Statements", and "Fiscal Year 2012".





*Proven Expertise and Integrity*

August 9, 2012

Town Council  
Town of Bucksport  
Bucksport, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Bucksport and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Bucksport as of and for the year ended June 30, 2012. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2012 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, is available for inspection at the Town Office.

Included herein are:

Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Budget to Actual - General Fund	Schedule 1
Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds	Statement C
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds	Statement E
Combining Balance Sheet – Non Major Governmental Funds	Schedule D
Combining Schedule of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Non Major Governmental Funds	Schedule E

*RHR Smith & Company*

Certified Public Accountants

## TOWN OF BUCKSPORT, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – BUDGETARY BASIS  
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final	Amounts	Positive (Negative)
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1	\$ 9,316,919	\$ 9,316,919	\$ 9,316,919	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Property taxes	8,660,693	8,660,693	8,657,533	(3,160)
Excise taxes	579,500	579,500	663,294	83,794
Intergovernmental	1,145,380	1,887,648	1,883,897	(3,751)
Charges for services	587,068	587,068	781,413	194,345
Interest on taxes	19,000	19,000	26,194	7,194
Interest income	100,000	100,000	137,018	37,018
Miscellaneous	175,842	175,842	191,583	15,741
Transfers from funds	4,500	4,500	4,500	-
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>20,588,902</u>	<u>21,331,170</u>	<u>21,662,351</u>	<u>331,181</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	1,372,312	1,372,312	1,241,002	131,310
Protection	1,419,497	1,419,497	1,328,644	90,853
Public works	1,034,680	1,034,680	951,358	83,322
Health and sanitation	410,008	420,955	369,494	51,461
Community and social agencies	51,742	67,847	65,373	2,474
Education	5,435,585	6,303,414	5,443,585	859,829
Recreation	219,058	219,058	191,713	27,345
Cemeteries	4,120	4,120	4,120	-
County tax	259,087	259,087	259,087	-
Tax Increment Financing Agreement	668,613	966,119	677,434	288,685
Unclassified	189,163	204,590	38,376	166,214
Debt service:				
Principal	-	515,461	515,461	-
Interest	-	226,807	226,807	-
Transfers to other funds	692,173	705,598	697,598	8,000
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>11,756,038</u>	<u>13,719,545</u>	<u>12,010,052</u>	<u>1,709,493</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$ 8,832,864</u>	<u>\$ 7,611,625</u>	<u>\$ 9,652,299</u>	<u>\$ 2,040,674</u>
Utilization of assigned fund balance	\$ -	\$ 1,176,282	\$ -	\$ (1,176,282)
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	484,055	529,012	-	(529,012)
	<u>\$ 484,055</u>	<u>\$ 1,705,294</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (1,705,294)</u>

See accompanying independent auditors' report.

## TOWN OF BUCKSPORT, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2012

	General Fund	All Nonmajor Funds	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,184,003	\$ 68,304	\$ 4,252,307
Investments	7,515,421	78,278	7,593,699
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	1,177	-	1,177
Liens	208,212	-	208,212
Other	149,403	89,764	239,167
Due from other funds	56	2,077,031	2,077,087
Inventory	45,362	-	45,362
Prepaid and other assets	270	-	270
Loans receivable	173,731	-	173,731
Tax acquired property	4,384	-	4,384
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 12,282,019</b>	<b>\$ 2,313,377</b>	<b>\$ 14,595,396</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>			
<b>Liabilities:</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 100,455	\$ 800	\$ 101,255
Accrued payroll and related items	16,976	-	16,976
Due to other governments	7,213	-	7,213
Prepaid taxes	6,153	-	6,153
Due to other funds	2,338,793	56	2,338,849
Deferred tax revenues	160,130	-	160,130
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>2,629,720</b>	<b>856</b>	<b>2,630,576</b>
<b>Fund Balances:</b>			
Nonspendable	50,016	63,223	113,239
Restricted	465,436	254,076	719,512
Committed	447,231	1,524,658	1,971,889
Assigned	871,989	470,620	1,342,609
Unassigned	7,817,627	(56)	7,817,571
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>9,652,299</b>	<b>2,312,521</b>	<b>11,964,820</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 12,282,019</b>	<b>\$ 2,313,377</b>	<b>\$ 14,595,396</b>

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## TOWN OF BUCKSPORT, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

	General Fund	All Nonmajor Funds	Totals Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes	\$ 8,657,533	\$ -	\$ 8,657,533
Excise taxes	663,294	-	663,294
Intergovernmental	1,883,897	185,664	2,069,561
Charges for services	781,413	-	781,413
Miscellaneous revenues	354,795	98,786	453,581
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>12,340,932</u>	<u>284,450</u>	<u>12,625,382</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	1,241,002	65,217	1,306,219
Protection	1,328,644	28,579	1,357,223
Public works	951,358	33,563	984,921
Health and sanitation	369,494	160	369,654
Community and social agencies	65,373	104,900	170,273
Education	5,443,585	-	5,443,585
Environment & housing	-	-	-
Recreation	191,713	6,873	198,586
Cemeteries	4,120	625	4,745
Tax Increment Financing Agreement	677,434	-	677,434
County tax	259,087	-	259,087
Unclassified	38,376	-	38,376
Debt Service:			-
Principal	515,461	-	515,461
Interest	226,807	-	226,807
Capital outlay	-	645,194	645,194
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>11,312,454</u>	<u>885,111</u>	<u>12,197,565</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>1,028,478</u>	<u>(600,661)</u>	<u>427,817</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Operating transfers in	4,500	684,596	689,096
Operating transfers (out)	(697,598)	(5,820)	(703,418)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(693,098)</u>	<u>678,776</u>	<u>(14,322)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	335,380	78,115	413,495
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	<u>9,316,919</u>	<u>2,234,406</u>	<u>11,551,325</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 9,652,299</u>	<u>\$ 2,312,521</u>	<u>\$ 11,964,820</u>

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## TOWN OF BUCKSPORT, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2012

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Project Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 68,304	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 68,304
Investments	53,461	-	24,817	78,278
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	89,764	-	-	89,764
Due from other funds	357,167	1,618,636	101,228	2,077,031
Total assets	<u>\$ 568,696</u>	<u>\$ 1,618,636</u>	<u>\$ 126,045</u>	<u>\$ 2,313,377</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts payable	\$ 800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 800
Due to other funds	56	-	-	56
Total liabilities	<u>856</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>856</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>				
Nonspendable	-	-	63,223	63,223
Restricted	254,076	-	-	254,076
Committed	-	1,524,658	-	1,524,658
Assigned	313,820	93,978	62,822	470,620
Unassigned	(56)	-	-	(56)
Total fund balances	<u>567,840</u>	<u>1,618,636</u>	<u>126,045</u>	<u>2,312,521</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 568,696</u>	<u>\$ 1,618,636</u>	<u>\$ 126,045</u>	<u>\$ 2,313,377</u>

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## TOWN OF BUCKSPORT, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCE – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Project Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	\$ 185,664	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 185,664
Interest, net of unrealized gains/(losses)	7,619	27,793	778	36,190
Donations	28,788	-	-	28,788
Other	13,362	20,446	-	33,808
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>235,433</u>	<u>48,239</u>	<u>778</u>	<u>284,450</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General Government	65,217	-	-	65,217
Protection	12,048	16,531	-	28,579
Public Works	6,370	27,193	-	33,563
Health and Sanitation	160	-	-	160
Human Services	104,900	-	-	104,900
Culture & Recreation	3,222	3,651	-	6,873
Cemeteries	-	-	625	625
Capital Outlay	99,210	545,984	-	645,194
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>291,127</u>	<u>593,359</u>	<u>625</u>	<u>885,111</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(55,694)</u>	<u>(545,120)</u>	<u>153</u>	<u>(600,661)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Operating Transfers In	8,471	676,125	-	684,596
Operating Transfers (Out)	(1,320)	-	(4,500)	(5,820)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>7,151</u>	<u>676,125</u>	<u>(4,500)</u>	<u>678,776</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(48,543)	131,005	(4,347)	78,115
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	<u>616,383</u>	<u>1,487,631</u>	<u>130,392</u>	<u>2,234,406</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 567,840</u>	<u>\$ 1,618,636</u>	<u>\$ 126,045</u>	<u>\$ 2,312,521</u>

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**Annual Report to Bucksport**  
A Message from Senator Richard Rosen

October 2012

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

This last Session, legislators were faced with many difficult decisions. Lawmakers passed welfare reforms, worked to reduce the cost of health insurance, decreased our unfunded liability for the state pension system, and reformed our state regulatory system to encourage businesses to invest and expand in Maine.

Having been appointed to serve as the Senate Chairman of the Appropriations Committee at the beginning of the Session, I am proud of the work the Committee has completed to bring Maine's Medicaid program under financial control. The Committee worked very hard to make sure that changes to the state's Medicaid system strike a thoughtful balance that honors our responsibility to the poor and disabled as well as the taxpayer. By prioritizing where the money will be spent, we preserved funding for vital services such as assisted living facilities, medical coverage for low-income elderly and those with disabilities, and the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

While the Legislature dealt with some very contentious issues, the most dramatic improvements resulted from working together in a bipartisan fashion. Difficult decisions were made in an atmosphere of respect and consensus building. As a result, Maine citizens will see increased aid to education and more open access to your local and state government.

You have graciously elected me to serve as your Representative and then Senator seven times. This year Maine's term-limits law prevents me from running for re-election. I want to thank you for allowing me to serve you in the Legislature and for the privilege of representing the citizens of Bucksport, my hometown and the community where I have operated our business and where Kim and I have raised our children. It has been a wonderful experience I will never forget.

Again, thank you for entrusting me to represent you in Augusta these last fourteen years. Please feel free to contact me if you ever need my help in navigating the state bureaucracy. I would be happy to help in any way that I can.

Sincerely,

Richard Rosen  
Maine State Senator





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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It has been the highlight of my working life, to serve the residents of Bucksport during the past eight years in the Maine Legislature. Being your voice at the State House is an honor and a duty I take seriously. My focus has always been to keep you well-informed of legislative matters and making myself available to address your questions and concerns.

Again this session, I have been asked to serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. Our committee has jurisdiction over everything from the Department of Motor Vehicles to highway safety. We certainly face challenges as we seek to lower spending while working to maintain our roads and ensure the people of Maine that their daily commutes to work, school and play are safe and enjoyable.

As I work here in the legislature, some of my priorities include: repair of route 15 and route 46, increasing state funds to operate our local schools and reducing the overall tax burden on Bucksport citizens.

The most important priority I have is to support the local community by representing your needs and concerns. Please call with comments and suggestions as your input is always welcome and is necessary to help me better represent you. Please feel free to contact me at home, 469-3779, or in Augusta, 287-1440. If you prefer writing, my mailing address is P.O. Box 877, Bucksport, ME 04416; and my e-mail address is [kurlykim40@aol.com](mailto:kurlykim40@aol.com).

Sincerely,

Kimberley C. Rosen  
State Representative

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#### **Ambulance Service Director**

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Miles Lane School .....	469-6666
Middle School .....	469-6647
Adult Education .....	469-2129

**Office Hours at Your Municipal Office Are:**

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