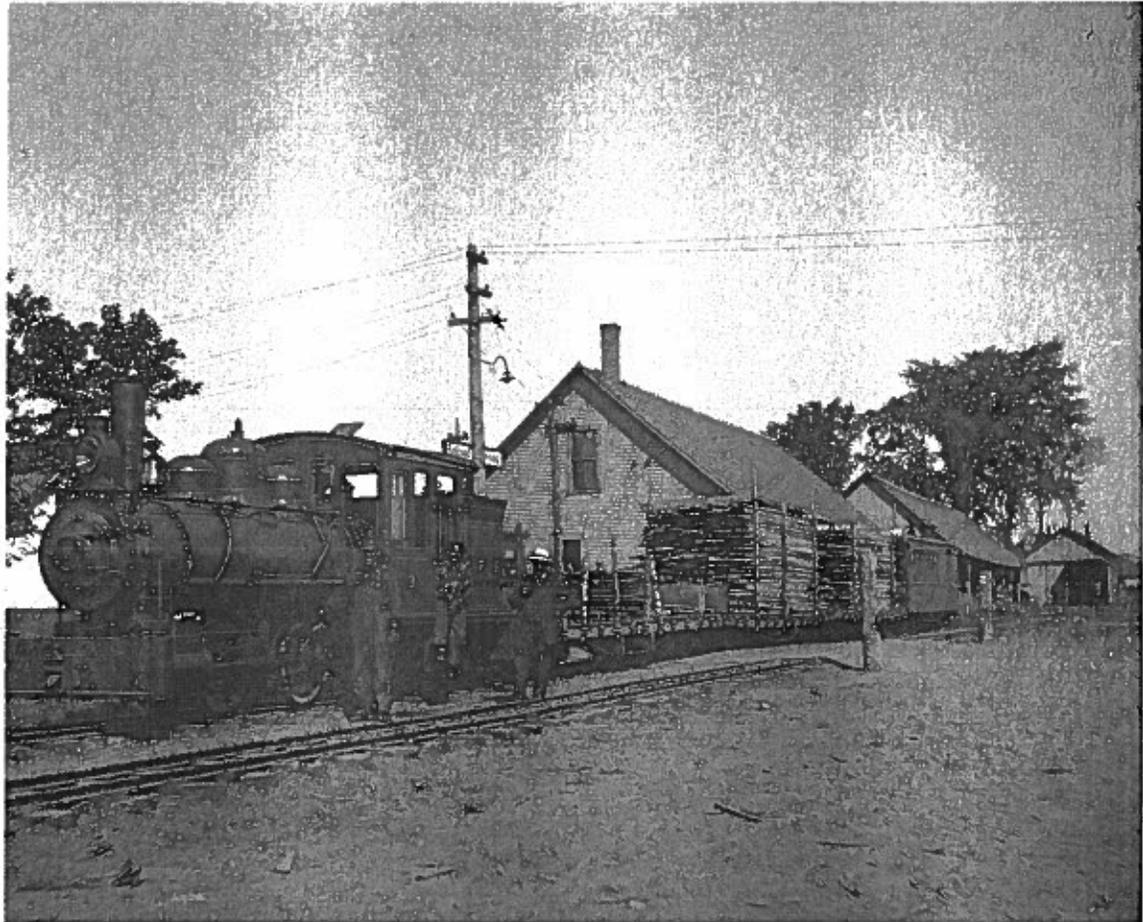


TOWN OF MONSON



Narrow Gauge Railroad and Depot
Engine No. 3

2011-2012 TOWN REPORT



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Dedication



(Left to right) Thomas Adkins, Cindy Turner, Chairperson, Lisa Kelley, Paul Suomi, Milton Anderson,

Also on the board not pictured are Kennard Allen, and Daina Allen.

The Town of Monson is proud to dedicate the 2011 town report to the Town of Monson Planning Board. The purpose of the planning board is to help the municipality balance new development against the traditional character and quality of life in the community. Our planning board is made up of five members and two alternates who each serve a term of five years.

The Planning Board was established June 18, 1973 through a special town meeting. In the following year, the board prepared a municipal building code and shoreland-zoning ordinance for the Town of Monson. In October of 1976 the subdivision ordinance was adopted. Over the years the board has done several ordinances such as the Land Use, Parking/Traffic Ordinance, 911 addressing, and large animal ordinances. The Planning Board has been working on the new Wind and Cell Tower and the Flood Plain Management Ordinances that will be presented to the town at the annual town meeting on March 19, 2012. The Board also approves subdivisions when they are submitted. Their work is time consuming and especially involved because of the constant changes in state regulations.

The Town of Monson would like to say Thanks to all that have served on this board for their hard work and due diligence.

Letter of Transmittal

March 19th, 2012

To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Monson:

A financial and general activities summary of your town government for the year beginning February 1, 2011 and ending January 31, 2012 is located in this Town Report. The following Annual Town Report is reported in compliance with GASB Statement No. 34

The Town ended its' fiscal year January 31, 2012 with a surplus of \$ 567,381.02 which is available to help meet present and future needs of the town.

Reports of S.A.D. 68 activities are contained in a separate report compiled and outlined by our school district.

Reports of Piscataquis County financial activities are contained in a separate report compiled and outlined by the County Commissioners located at the County Offices.

Citizens who desire additional information about their town government should feel free to contact their town officials. You are urged to attend the Annual Town Meeting March 19th 2012 at 6:30 PM at the Monson Elementary School to act on your town's business for fiscal 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie S. Anderson

Town Manager

IMPORTANT

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Before making an assessment, the Assessor will give reasonable notice to all persons liable to taxation in the same municipality to furnish to the assessor true and perfect lists of their estates, not by law exempt from taxation of which they were possessed on the first day of April of the same year.

If any person, after such notice, does not furnish such lists, he is hereby barred of his right to make application to the assessor or county commissioners for any abatement of his taxes, unless he furnishes such lists with this application and satisfies them that he was unable to furnish it at the time appointed.

M.R.S.A. TITLE 36 SECTION 653

Any veteran of the federally recognized wars, who have reached the age of 62 by April first, must apply to the assessor by April first to be eligible for his \$6,000.00 dollar valuation exemption of taxes.

NOTICE

The Assessor hereby gives notice that the Assessor's Agent will be at the Town Office, by appointment, for the purpose stated above. To make an appointment call 997-3641.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 19th 2012

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

6:30 PM in the Monson Community Center

April 1st 2012

Deadline for filing Homestead & Veteran's Exemptions

July 10th 2012

Property & Personal Tax Bills to go out

July 21st 2012

Summer Festival & Alumni Weekend



September 1st 2012

Interest starts on unpaid 2012 property taxes

January 31st 2013

Last date to pay unpaid taxes to not be listed in the Town Report

January 31st Every Year

Dog licenses Due

*They can be done as early as late October, please mark it on your calendar.



TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

Daryl E. Witmer 2012

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor

Douglas F. Nelson, Chair 2012

Mark R. Lewis 2014

Shawn M. Nelson 2013

Town Manager, Road Commissioner, Tax Collector, Town Treasurer

Julie S. Anderson

Town Clerk, Registrar of Voters

Susan M. DeLoia 2012

Town Deputy Clerk, Deputy Registrar

Julie S. Anderson 2012

Director of S.A.D. # 68

Joanne Adkins 2012

Superintendent – Allen Smith

Director of H.A.D. # 4

Susan M. DeLoia 2012

Fire Chief

Eric Melia 2012

Sexton

Dannie Smith 2012

Code Enforcement Officer / Plumbing Inspector Code Enforcement Officer

Brian L. Turner 2012

Town Forest / Fire Warden

Eric Melia 2012

Animal Control Officer

Joseph Guyotte 2012

Sealer of Weights and Measure

Timothy Briggs 2012

Health Officer

Susan Hoovler, FNP

Emergency Management Agency

Local Director - Christine Sargent 2012

Thomas F. Iverson, Jr. - County Director

Monson Utilities District

Roger A. Page, Chair 2015

William Charles 2016

Ed Hoovler 2014

Douglas E. Hewes 2013

Joel Pratt 2016

Administration

Administrator- Julie S. Anderson

Treasurer - Julie S. Anderson

Asst. Administrator – Nancy B. Putnam

Monson Planning Board

Cynthia O. Turner, Chair 2015

Kennard W. Allen 2013

Thomas H. Adkins 2013

Milton Anderson 2012

Lisa Kelley 2014

Associate Members

Paul Suomi 2013

Daina Allen 2016

Board of Appeals

Susan F. Chase	2013
Kim Witham	2013
Joyce E Copeland	2014
Ronnie Vainio	2012
Cindy Ranta	2014

Recreation Committee

Karylyn Lyman	2013
Chris Lyman, Chair	2013
Amy Kelley	2012
Jane Hewes	2012
Sue Darling	2013

Recreation Alternate Members

Robyn E. Rich- Glenn Clawson – Daina Allen

Monson Community Center

JoAnn Adkins	Amy Kelley
Jane Hewes	John Wentworth
Ed Hoovler	Kim Witham
Nancy Putnam	Julie Anderson
Diana Fowles	Molly Poole
Linda Bury	Janet Sawyer

Budget Committee

Alan Melia	William Ranta
George Geiss	Cindi Annis
Thomas Adkins	Rick Clawson
Douglas Nelson	Susan DeLoia
Mark Lewis	Arthur Lowe
Shawn Nelson	Rick Clawson

Budget Committee Continued:

Ronald Vainio

Eric Melia

Jean Lowe

Anita Chambers

Malcolm Melia

Jane Hewes

Ed Hoovler

Downtown Planning Committee

Donald Dunfee

Kim & Michael Witham

Bettinan Stevens

Tom Adkins

Todd Watts

John Wentworth

Joanne Adkins

John Bozin

Comprehensive Plan Committee

Tom Adkins

John Bozin

Kim Witham

Cindy Ranta

State of Maine

House of Representatives

Peter B. Johnson

(207) 695-2109

Home

petejohnson@gwi.net

State Senator

Douglas Thomas (207) 287-1505 Home
firewood@tds.net

U.S. Government

Maine 2nd Congressional District

Michael H. Michaud (207) 942-6935 Bangor
www.house.gov/michaud

Senators

Susan M. Collins (207) 945-0417 Bangor
Olympia J. Snowe (207) 945-0432 Bangor



TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

To the selectmen and citizens of the Town of Monson:

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the annual report for the year ending January 31, 2012.

There are two new people at the town office, Sue Deloia is the Town Clerk and Nancy Putnam is assistant clerk and the secretary for the Monson Utilities District. The position of the town clerk was reduced to a part time position with 35 hours with no benefits, therefore a savings on health insurance. The part time clerk hours were reduced to eighteen hours; nine for the town and nine for the water district. We appreciate your patience during the training process. We are also closed on Wednesdays to the public this gives us the opportunity to catch up on our work with no interruptions.

The 2011 taxes collected were at 91% at the end of the physical year.

We had good participation at our budget meeting this year. The past three years we have kept the budget with no increases. Unfortunately we were unable to keep things at the same level this year due to the cost of heating fuel, equipment fuel, contracts with the different agencies, and fire department equipment. There is a need to replace the shingles and two windows at the town hall this year. There is an increase in the cemeteries account because we are going to put the work out to bid this year. The budget committee created the Town Pavement Reserve Acct. for \$25,000.00 for future paving projects. The county budget assessment is lower this year because of the decrease in valuation for the Town of Monson. It decreased \$3,619.00 from last year with a total of \$86,584.00. S.A.D. #68 has started their budget for this year and will be voted on in June.

During the past year:

The ditching was done on parts of Elliottsville Rd., Water Street and North Guilford Rd. where we have had flooding in the past due to the debris in the ditches. Reconstruction on the road on outer Pleasant Street was done last fall.

An application was submitted to the Appalachian Trail Conservancy for the Town of Monson to become an official trail town. October 2012 the Town of Monson's application was accepted. The celebration for this event will be incorporated with Summer Festival day on July 21, 2012.

The Town of Monson has received a Canopy grant for trees to coincide with the façade work on Main Street.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT CONTINUED:

The Town of Monson was not selected to have the Narrow Gauge Museum. The train and the museum artifacts will be going to Gray.

The grate in the canal was replaced.

The carpet was replaced in the town hall and the signs on the Town Hall repainted and flower boxes replaced.

The community center has three businesses now, Northwoods Computer, Eden Essentials and Thymes and Seasons. We continue with the public suppers and have had several different adult classes and if anyone is interested in teaching classes, please talk to Jane Hewes.

The gym continues to be used for basketball during the winter, walking in the morning, volley ball on Mondays and open basket ball for preteens and teens on Saturday.

Some of the projects that we are planning to do this summer is to continue with the ditching and road maintenance, the façade work will continue, the dam, replace shingles on the town hall.

I would like to take the time to say thank you to Kary Lyman and Sue Darling for the work they did for the town, it was a pleasure working with them and I wish them luck in their new endeavors I also want to say thank you to Sue, Nancy, Rick, Jim and all others that volunteer their time and efforts, for all the work that you do to make this a great place to live.

Julie Anderson

Town Manager

TOWN CLERK REPORT

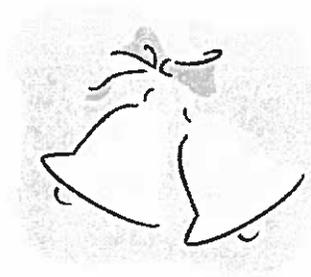
2011

The following is a list of **births, marriages, and deaths** from the clerk's records for the calendar year 2011.

BIRTHS

DATE	SEX	TOWN OF BIRTH
APRIL 6	FEMALE	BANGOR
JULY 19	MALE	BANGOR
JULY 21	FEMALE	BANGOR
OCTOBER 4	MALE	DOVER-FOXCROFT
NOVEMBER 17	FEMALE	DOVER-FOXCROFT





MARRIAGES

GROOM	BRIDE	DATE OF MARRIAGE
JEFFREY H. KILLAM	NICOLE J. BROWN	FEB. 26, 2011
DOUGLAS A. DICKISON	JANE P. SHORE	MAR. 12, 2011
ROBERT R. DUPERRY	REBECCA S. KNOWLTON	MAY 9, 2011
CHARLES E. ANDERSON	REBEKAH L. SANTAGATA	JUNE 24, 2011

DEATHS

NAME	DATE OF DEATH	AGE	PLACE OF DEATH
A. ALTHEA FRENCH	03/13/2011	83	DOVER-FOXCROFT
JEFFREY C. SMITH	03/21/2011	46	MONSON
BENJAMIN J. COBURN	04/14/2011	57	MONSON
DOROTHY M. KNOWLTON	05/08/2011	73	BANGOR
SUSAN N. LECLAIR	06/26/2011	73	DOVER-FOXCROFT
DANIEL F. MOLISEE	06/27/2011	37	MONSON
ROSE A. NELSON	11/03/2011	77	DOVER-FOXCROFT



INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE

Over 70 free Complimentary license will no longer be available. The over 70 lifetime license will be available for a fee of \$8.00.

COMBINATION LICENSE	\$ 44.00
FISHING OR HUNTING INDIVIDUALLY	\$ 27.00

BOAT REGISTRATIONS AS FOLLOWS PLUS FEES

0-10 Horsepower	\$ 21.00
11-50 Horsepower	\$ 26.00
51-115 Horsepower	\$ 32.00
116 and Higher	\$ 40.00
Personal Water Craft	\$ 40.00

SNOWMOBILES \$ 42.00

DOG LICENSES

Dog license fees are as follows:

Male or Female	\$ 11.00
Neuter/Spay	\$ 6.00
Kennel License 1-10 dogs	\$ 42.00
Late fees after Jan. 31 st	\$ 25.00

There is no longer a dog warrant, the state has changed its statutes to reflect the year long \$25.00 late fee.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Town of Monson has a total of 600 registered voters including Elliottsville and Blanchard Plantation. Breakdown as follows:

176 Democrats

186 Republicans

41 Green Independents

197 Un-enrolled

I would like to have townspeople volunteer at the office for the election clerk's position. It's a great way to keep this great freedom alive and help with the process. Thank you to all of the clerks and wardens who have always been there to lend a helping hand.



UNREGISTERED DOG LIST

TRACEY ANDERSON	1 DOG
PAUL BOYNTON	1 DOG
JESSICA GNADE	1 DOG
SAM JOHNSON	2 DOGS
VICKIE WOLFERTZ	1 DOG

BECAUSE IT IS AFTER JANUARY 31ST, 2012, EACH OF THESE DOGS NOW HAS A \$25 LATE FEE ATTACHED TO THE \$6/\$11 REGISTRATION FEE.

DOG LICENSES ARE DUE BY JANUARY 31ST EACH YEAR, PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO AVOID BEING CHARGED THIS FEE

YOU MUST BRING WITH YOU A COPY OF THE CURRENT RABIES CERTIFICATE AS WELL AS NEUTER/SPAY CERTIFICATE AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION

*IF YOU HAVE A NEW DOG BUT IT IS NOT YET REGISTERED, IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE DONE UNTIL IT IS 6 MONTHS OF AGE.





REPORT FROM THE ASSESSOR'S AGENT

It is time once again for the town's annual town meeting and as we all know the prices of everything we buy seems to be going up. One of the most asked questions is if the real estate market is going down how come the price for my home seems to stay the same or go up for tax purposes. We live in northern Maine as you know things in this area are a little different than southern Maine or even the southern states. The market in this area did not take quite a hike as it did everywhere else. The state of Maine sends in a state tax assessor every year and does a sales ratio with the property that sold in the town of Monson. It is through these sales ratio process that tells us what the ratio of the property value is compared to what the price of property is selling for. If this ratio comes above 110% then we would have to bring the property values down.

As you know there is a lot of property in the northern towns that is not selling right now. This property doesn't get included in the sales ratio process it is only the property that sells in your town that makes the market for the town of Monson. We all need a little extra cash in our pockets and would like to see the property values go down there for the taxes will go down on your property. This is not always the case. The town of Monson needs so much money to run off from each year. If we go into your town and start dropping property values this will make the mill rate go up because of the towns budget is the same no matter what your property is being taxed for. If the mill rate goes up but the property values go down then we have the same tax bill. This is not fair but the town needs this money to run on and it comes from the tax bills sent out throughout the town.

Respectfully Submitted by: Joshua Morin Assessor's Agent

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Taxable Real Estate Valuation	\$59,703,890.00
Taxable Personal Property Valuation	<u>\$ 340,500.00</u>
Total Taxable Valuation	\$60,044,390.00
Total Homestead Exemption Valuation	2,205,310.00
Total Valuation Base	\$62,249,700.00

Appropriations:

Municipal Appropriation	\$667,253.00
M. S. A. D. 68 Assessment	\$472,778.51
Piscataquis County Tax	\$ 90,203.00
Overlay	<u>\$36,866.02</u>
Total Appropriations	\$1,267,100.53

Allowable Deductions:

Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$ 30,000.00
Homestead Exemption	\$ 14,169.12
Other Revenue	<u>\$451,361.00</u>
Total Deductions	\$495,530.12

Taxes Committed to Tax Collector **\$771,570.41**

(Appropriations - Allowable Deductions = Taxes Committed)

2011 UNCOLLECTED TAXES	Balance	
NAME	1-31-12	
ANDERSON, ARVID 11	423.41	
ANDERSON, ARVID II	77.49	
ANDERSON, HOLLY L.	506.42	
ARNOLD, RAYMOND E. SR. & SHRON	367.38	
BAKER, DONALD B. JR. & JUDITH	3,192.97	
BISHOP, KENT L.	623.10	
BJORK, RODERICK W.	748.64	
BJORK, RODERICK W.	459.39	
BJORK, RODERICK W.	3.98	
BJORK, SHERRI A.	610.50	
BOYD JR, WILLIAM J. & BRIAN A.	455.53	**
BREWER, RICHARD	283.99	
BREWER, RICHARD	283.99	
BROWN, BRYANT M JR	1,050.60	**
BURY, JOSEPH A.	612.17	
BURY, JOSEPH A. &	1,902.06	
CAREY, JAMES L., SR.	893.72	
CARON, EDWARD A. & SUSAN A.	547.01	*
CATES, DAVID & PAULA	32.90	
CATES, DAVID & PAULA	1,559.73	
CHASE, STEPHEN HAROLD	312.51	
CHURCH, NORA	789.25	

COBURN, VICKI LEE	1,000.50
COLLINS, JAMES L. & PATRICIA D.	424.31
CROOKER, MARION	63.99
DAUPHINEE, CRAIG W. & MISTY LEE	240.82
DICKEY, RAYMOND	355.17
DICKISON, JANE (SHORE)	930.85
DIFRONZO, EUGENE J.	707.41
DUQUETTE, RUSSEL & DOROTHY	145.08
ERICKSON, ANNETTE M Heirs of,	505.39
ERICKSON, HENRY & ANNA	543.68
FARADAY, ALLEN	23.13
FARADAY, ALLEN W.	223.08
FLINT, HAROLD JR	409.79
FROST, ROD A. & JACQUELINE	190.18
GAMER, ROBERT	131.07
GRANT, ERROLL E. JR	857.99
GRANT, PAUL W. & PAMELA J.	622.07
HEWES, DOUGLAS E. & JANE V.	1,118.21 *
JELLISON, STEVE	60.52
JOHNSON, SAM	386.91
JONES, KENNETH & KATHLEEN	454.50
KARAM, CONRAD	140.33
KARAM, CONRAD	215.24
KELLEY, ROCKY L. & SANDRA A.	1,082.36

KESSLER, CATHERINE M.	418.91	
LANE, RICHARD	115.90	
LAROSE, WENDY ANN	950.90	
LEONHARDT, SCOTT	415.83	
LEWIS, JANET KAY	246.85	
MACE, RAYMOND SUTTON JR.	435.74	
MARKERT, PETER	393.21	
MARTIN, ALBERT & MARSHA	563.75	
MCKENNA, DONALD	360.96	
MCLAUGHLIN, LINDA	1,092.64	**
MELIA, ALAN D. & ERIC A.	649.57	
MILLER, BETH BUZZELL	131.07	
MOOERS, PETER	590.33	
MORRISON, DONALD &	1,186.34	
MORSE, JAMES M.	410.96	
NOBLE, DANA	93.03	
O'BRIEN, ROBERT	1,645.57	
PHILBROOK, EDWARD & CHARLENE	430.48	
PHILBROOK, EDWARD G JR	340.01	
PHILBROOK, JEREMY W.	257.13	
PIRIGYI-SZAFASZ, GAYLE LYNN	256.25	**
REYNOLDS, JEFFREY L. & JOAN M.	597.47	
SAVASUK, PAUL B.	835.64	
SBR REALTY LLC	979.56	

SBR REALTY, LLC	41.89
SBR REALTY, LLC	97.02
SHAW, KEITH JR.	902.46
SMITH, DANNIE D.	245.18
SMITH, TIMOTHY C.	465.43
SPENCER, WILLIAM A.	942.68
STEFANILO, JOSEPH J.	218.45
STEVENS, BETTINAN	946.11
STEVENS, BETTINAN	665.50
STEVENS, BRUCE W.	549.72
STEVENS, ELOISE, HEIRS OF	1,114.87
STEVENS, KENT R.	618.47
STEVENS, SUSAN T.	2,400.51
STEVENS, SUSAN T.	1,451.28
STONE, KENNETH M. JR	422.64
STORER, DALYNDA E. & KEVIN L.	1,076.70
STORER, LARRY D. & ROBIN	558.20
TARDY-CONNORS GROUP, LLC	4,798.06
TARDY-CONNORS GROUP, LLC	1,457.19 *
THYNG, JAMES D. &	884.08
TOMER, AMY J. & DANIEL Q.	762.90
TOPEL, KENNETH A. JR.	196.61
TURNER, SARAH	772.67
ULMAN, CARL	748.77

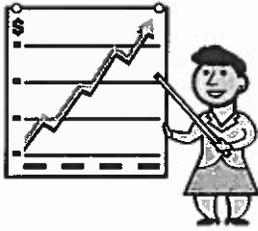
ULMAN, CARL E.	164.22	
VAINIO, CARL E.	269.85	
VAINIO, CARL E.	738.88	
VAINIO, LAURIE	96.38	
VAINIO, LAURIE	528.39	
VAINIO, LAURIE C.	22.49	
VAINIO, LAURIE C.	750.44	
VAINIO, LAURIE C.	15.81	
VILLONE DANIEL J.	919.93	**
VILLONE, DOUGLAS & JUDY	771.43	
VOGEL, MARTIN W.& SHIRLEY S.	5.34	
WOOD, MICHAEL E. & CHERYL J.	421.61	
WYATT, WANDA K. & ADAMS, JOANN	893.24	
WYMAN, RICHARD M.	223.59	
WYMAN, RICHARD M. & MARILYN W.	1,726.08	
YOUNG, LORNA J. & STOVER, ANN &	1,331.39	
TOTAL	\$ 71,183.88	

*PARTIAL PAYMENT AFTER 1-31-2012

** FULL PAYMENT AFTER 1-31-2012

UNCLAIMED PERSONAL PROPERTY

TAXES	\$49,194.36
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REVENUES COLLECTED 2011

February 1, 2011– January 31, 2012

Revenues Collected 2011

Taxes	\$759,010.99
Excise Tax	\$89,255.92
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$45,461.01
Homestead Reimbursement	\$31,129.00
Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$35,445.12
Interest on Taxes	\$8,264.96
Checking Account Interest	\$898.48
Local Road Assistance	\$30,624.00
Veteran's Reimbursement	\$681.00
Snowmobile Refund	\$2,882.56
Appalachian Trail Reimbursement	\$2,696.00
Supplemental Taxes	\$232.67
Maine Community Foundation	\$7,526.00
Agent Fees	\$4,601.23
NSF Check Fees	\$75.00
Clerk Fees	\$1,601.45
Copies/Faxes	\$450.38
Lien Fees	\$3,057.25
Animal Control Late Fees	\$100.00
Fire Contracts	\$24,600.00
General Assistance	\$3,633.82
Gym Rental	\$1,065.00
Community Center	\$36,572.15
Library E rate	\$606.16
Business License	\$30.00
Insurance Workers Comp Reim.	\$16,005.61
Transfer Station	\$42,529.51
Perpetual Care and lot sales, CD Income	\$2,618.88
Municipal Building Rental	\$220.00
Recreation Programs	\$1,925.37
Beautification CD Interest	\$315.08
Monson Health Clinic	\$500.00
CEO Permits	\$3,772.50
Food Cupboard donations	\$334.00
Bridget Burke Memorial	\$75.00
History Books	<u>\$693.00</u>
Total	\$1,159,489.10

SAVINGS AND INVESTMENTS

Perpetual Care CD-Bangor Savings	\$700.00
Monson Food Cupboard	\$13.26
175 TH Anniversary Account	\$2,648.10
Bridget Burke Memorial Fund	\$717.45
C & J Durham Fund	\$8,490.42
Memorial Park	\$197.51
Tennis Court	<u>\$279.60</u>

Total **\$13,046.34**

TRUST FUNDS

Bangor Savings Accts Includes:

School Ad ministerial Fund	\$450.94
Soldiers Monument Fund	\$1,214.43
Chapin Trust Fund	\$9,247.91
Wentworth Trust Fund	\$82.78
Monson Better Health Assoc.	\$8,539.69
Rebecca Julie Crafts Sheridan	\$120.98
James Durham Memorial Rec. Fund	<u>\$4,198.16</u>

Total **\$23,854.89**

PERPETUAL CARE CD'S

Key Bank Investment	\$136,633.78
Bangor Savings-45	\$35,693.59
Bangor Savings-87	\$8,838.93
Bangor Savings-CD-69	\$28,177.86
Camden National-Bill Wentworth Beautification	<u>\$9,744.15</u>

Total **\$219,088.50**

Income from CD's and Savings and Investment **\$7,462.23**



OPERATING EXPENSES 2011

Administration

Budget as Follows 2011

Appropriations	\$49,340.00
Anticipated Revenue	\$26,000.00
Surplus	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
Total	\$85,340.00

Revenue Accounts Used

Boat Excise	\$1,807.70
Clerk Fees	\$1,567.05
Agent Fees / Registrations	\$4,592.23
Real Estate Interest	\$8,116.41
Tree Growth	\$45,461.01
Copies & Faxes	<u>\$ 272.53</u>
Total	\$61,816.93

Expenditures 2011

Special Purpose / Lake Hebron Cost Share	\$1,200.00
Advertisement	\$264.65
Audit	\$3,200.00
Legal	\$41.00
Postage	\$1,496.63
Printing	\$206.57
Office Supplies	\$1,146.39
Miscellaneous Supplies	\$122.15
Bank Fees	\$1,958.41
Dues / Subscriptions	\$2,379.77
Mileage	\$527.57
Elections	\$329.45
Selectmen	\$2,100.00
Part-Time Payroll	\$5,289.36
Secretary Payroll	\$20,686.51
Town Manager Payroll	\$31,849.15
Photo Copy Contract	\$1,595.13
Trio	\$5,088.13
Office Equipment	\$763.00
Registry	\$48.10
Balance to Undesignated Fund	<u>\$5,047.48</u>
Total Expenditures 2011	\$85,339.45

Assessing

Budget as Follows 2011

Anticipated Revenue	<u>\$10,600.00</u>
Total	\$10,600.00

Revenue Accounts Used

Veterans Reimbursement	\$550.00
Real Estate Interest	\$2,410.00
Tree Growth	\$5,000.00
Appalachian Trail	<u>\$2,640.00</u>
Total	\$10,600.00

Expenditures 2011

Hamlin Associates	<u>\$10,600.00</u>
Total Expenditures 2011	\$10,600.00

Animal Control Officer

Budget as Follows 2011

Appropriations	\$700.00
Anticipated Revenue	<u>\$200.00</u>
Total	\$900.00

Expenditures 2011

Personnel Payroll	\$573.25
Mileage	\$305.50
Balance to Undesignated Fund	<u>\$21.25</u>
Total Expenditures 2011	\$900.00

Cemetery

Budget as Follows 2011

Appropriations	\$2,000.00
Anticipated Revenues	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
Total	\$4,000.00

Revenue Accounts Used

Perpetual Care Interest	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
Total	\$2,000.00

Expenditures 2011

Supplies	\$87.04
Balance to Undesignated Fund	<u>\$3,912.96</u>
Total Expenditures 2011	\$4,000.00

Community Health & Welfare

Budget as Follows 2011

Appropriations	\$1,460.00
Anticipated Revenue	<u>\$500.00</u>
Total	\$1,960.00

Revenue Accounts Used

Monson Better Health Trust Fund	\$500.00
Total	\$500.00

Expenditures 2011

Community Health & Counseling	\$100.00
Eastern Area on Aging	\$100.00
Monson Better Health and Trust	\$500.00
Penquis Cap Program	\$400.00
Pine Tree Hospice	\$50.00
American Red Cross	\$50.00
Woman Care Aegis	\$150.00
Southern Piscataquis Chamber	\$160.00
American Legion	<u>\$450.00</u>
Total Expenditures 2011	\$1,960.00

Debt Service

Budget as Follows 2011

Appropriations	\$11,700.00
Overdraft Balance to Undesignated Fund	<u>\$16,254.72</u>
Total	\$27,954.72

Expenditures 2011

Sand/Salt Building Payment	\$16,727.96
North Guilford Road Drainage Project	<u>\$11,226.76</u>
Total Expenditures 2011	\$27,954.72

Fire Department

Budget as Follows 2011

Appropriations	\$10,300.00
Anticipated Revenue	\$10,500.00
Surplus	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
Total	\$30,800.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTINUED:**Revenue Accounts Used**

Fire Contracts	<u>\$10,500.00</u>
Total	\$10,500.00

Expenditures 2011

Medical	\$490.00
Office Supplies	\$505.85
First Responders	\$352.62
Chief Payroll	\$1,400.00
Volunteer Payroll	\$7,487.28
New Equipment	\$6,863.94
Gas & Oil	\$1,800.60
Cascade	\$300.00
Truck Repair	\$2,662.64
Radio Repair	\$113.75
Equipment Repair	\$1,369.70
Dues and Subscriptions	\$1,106.35
Telephone	\$587.97
New Radio	\$1,702.38
Volunteer Fireman Insurance	\$758.37
Balance to Undesignated Fund	<u>\$3,298.55</u>
Total Expenditures 2011	\$30,800.00

Fire Equipment Fund

Carry Forward	\$38,879.00
Anticipated Revenue	<u>14,100.00</u>
Total	\$52,979.00

Expenditures 2011

Balance Forward	<u>\$52,997.00</u>
Total Expenditures 2011	\$52,979.00

General Assistance**Budget as Follows 2011**

Anticipated Revenue	\$300.00
Surplus	\$1,700.00
Undesignated Overdraft Balance	<u>\$3,073.14</u>
Total	\$5,073.14

Expenditures 2011

General Assistance	<u>\$5,073.14</u>
Total Expenditures 2011	\$5,073.14

Gym

Budget as Follows 2011

Surplus	\$6,750.00
Total	\$6,750.00

Expenditures 2011

General Supplies	\$45.68
Gym Repair	\$60.56
Electric	\$895.86
Heating	\$3,485.08
Balance to Undesignated Funds	<u>\$2,262.82</u>
Total Expenditures 2011	\$6,750.00

Gym Building Improvement Fund

Budget as Follows 2011

Appropriations	\$3,000.00
Overdraft Balance to Undesignated Funds	<u>\$42.69</u>
Total	\$3,042.69

Expenditures 2011

New Door	<u>\$3,042.69</u>
Total Expenditures 2011	\$3,042.69

Highway

Budget as Follows 2011

Anticipated Revenue	<u>\$66,700.00</u>
Total	\$66,700.00

Revenue Accounts Used

Excise Tax	<u>\$66,700.00</u>
Total	\$66,700.00

Expenditures 2011

Regular Payroll	\$27,040.00
Part Time Payroll	\$5,867.82
Drug & Alcohol	\$210.45
Mileage	\$1,276.60
Gas & Oil	\$4,815.42
Equipment Repair	\$3,512.46
Truck Repair	\$90.26
Rental	\$271.00

HIGHWAY CONTINUED:

Mowing	\$600.00
Grading	\$1,620.00
New Equipment Purchase	\$185.99
Cold Patch	\$6,460.15
General Supplies	\$713.31
Dues/Subscriptions	\$50.00
Gravel	\$880.50
Street Signs/Striping	\$331.25
Street cleaning	\$1,695.00
Balance to Undesignated Fund	<u>\$11,079.79</u>
Total Expenditures 2011	\$66,700.00

Sidewalk Improvement Fund**Budget as Follows 2011**

Appropriations	\$5,000.00
Carry Forward	<u>\$9,000.00</u>
Total	\$14,000.00
Balance Forward to 2011	\$14,000.00

Highway Equipment Fund**Budget as Follows 2011**

Appropriations	\$5,000.00
Carry Forward	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
Total	\$55,000.00
Balance forward to 2011	\$55,000.00

Town Road Improvement Fund**Budget as Follows 2011**

Anticipated Revenue	\$27,291.00
Carry Forward	<u>\$22,709.00</u>
Total	\$50,000.00

Expenditures 2011

Outer Pleasant Street	\$29,946.10
Supplies for Roadwork	\$4,485.21
N.G. Road, Elliottsville Rd. & Water St. Ditching	\$10,571.00
Balance to Undesignated Funds	<u>\$4,997.69</u>
Total Expenditures 2011	\$50,000.00

PLOWING & SANDING

Budget as Follows 2011

Appropriations	\$44,991.00
Anticipated Revenue	\$16,009.00
Surplus	<u>\$29,850.00</u>
Total	\$90,850.00

Expenditures 2011

Plowing & Sanding Contract	\$68,329.49
Winter Sand	\$12,051.00
Salt	\$6,445.11
Balance to Undesignated Funds	<u>\$4,024.40</u>
Total Expenditures 2011	\$90,850.00

Insurance

Budget as Follows 2011

Surplus	\$30,000.00
Appropriations	<u>\$20,351.00</u>
Total	\$50,351.00

Expenditures 2011

Property / Liability	\$13,123.00
Alternative Ins.	\$1,381.49
Health / Life	\$12,079.48
Social Security / Medicare	\$8,561.25
Retirement	\$54.84
Unemployment	\$3,299.00
Workman's Compensation	\$4,781.00
Balance to Undesignated Fund	<u>\$7,070.94</u>
Total Expenditures 2011	\$50,351.00

Library

Budget as Follows 2011

Surplus	<u>\$1,200.00</u>
Total	\$1,200.00

Expenditures 2011

Telephone	\$546.42
New Equipment	\$158.00
Balance to Undesignated Funds	<u>\$495.58</u>
Total Expenditures 2011	\$1,200.00

Municipal Building

Budget as Follows 2011

Appropriations	<u>\$18,670.00</u>
Total	\$18,670.00

Expenditures 2011

General Supplies	\$265.02
Special Purpose	\$3,499.05
Dues/Subscriptions	\$710.00
Building Maintenance	\$646.85
Cleaning Contract	\$1,820.00
Electric	\$2,541.11
Furnace Contract	\$594.67
Heating	\$4,739.57
Telephone	\$1,067.88
Sewer	\$575.00
Water	\$356.80
Balance to Undesignated Fund	<u>\$1,854.05</u>
Total Expenditures 2011	\$18,670.00

Municipal Programs

Budget as Follows 2011

Appropriations	\$3,464.00
Anticipated Revenue	\$400.00
Balance Forward	<u>\$336.00</u>
Total	\$4,200.00

Expenditures 2011

Improvements	\$344.58
Beautification	\$666.65
Repairs	\$1,915.00
Balance to undesignated funds	<u>\$1,273.77</u>
Total Expenditures 2011	\$4,200.00

MONSON COMMUNITY CENTER

Budget as Follows:

Anticipated Revenue	\$12,205.00
Surplus	\$4,400.00
Balance to overdrawn Undesignated Fund	\$1,593.22
Balance Forward	<u>\$6,995.00</u>
Total	\$25,193.22

Expenditures 2011

Heat	\$10,038.55
Electricity	\$4,623.20
Telephone	\$343.18
Water	\$60.22
Security Deposit	\$325.00
Sign/Striping	\$1,508.44
New Purchase	\$166.00
Maintenance	\$5,742.50
Functions	<u>\$2,386.13</u>
Total Expenditures 2011	\$25,193.22

Planning / Community Development

Budget as Follows 2011

Appropriations	<u>\$500.00</u>
Total	\$500.00

Expenditures 2011

Advertisement	\$56.64
Balance to Undesignated Fund	\$443.36
Total Expenditures 2011	\$500.00

Recreation

Budget as Follows 2011

Appropriations	\$3,311.00
Anticipated Revenue	\$2,500.00
Balance Forward	<u>\$689.00</u>
Total	\$6,500.00

Recreation Continued:

Revenue Accounts Used

Festivals	\$500.00
ME Community Foundation	\$1,500.00
Donations and programs	<u>\$500.00</u>
Total	\$2,500.00

Expenditures 2011

New Equipment Rental	\$320.00
Toilets	\$100.00
Field Improvements	\$64.89
Snow Roller Day	\$635.84
Summer Festival	\$2,607.25
Sports Programs	\$686.43
Balance to Undesignated Fund	<u>\$2,085.59</u>
Total Expenditures 2011	\$6,500.00

Schools

Commitment S.A.D. #68	\$472,777.73
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Expenditures 2011

MSAD #68	\$472,777.73
Balance to Undesignated Fund	
Total Expenditures 2011	\$472,777.73

County Tax

Commitment County Tax	\$90,203.00
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Expenditures 2011

Piscataquis County Tax	\$90,203.00
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Street Lights

Budget as Follows 2011

Appropriations	<u>\$9,000.00</u>
Total	\$9,000.00

Expenditures 2011

Street Lights	\$7,901.25
Balance to Undesignated Fund	<u>\$1,098.75</u>
Total Expenditures 2011	\$9,000.00

Transfer Station

Budget as Follows 2011

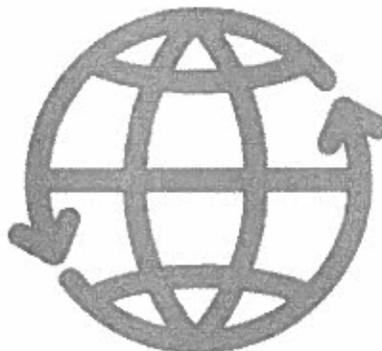
Appropriations	\$25,905.00
Anticipated Revenue	<u>\$40,730.00</u>
Total	\$66,635.00

Revenue Accounts Used

Permit	\$35.00
Demo	\$1,500.00
County Contract	\$16,536.00
MRC Distribution	\$4,000.00
Commercial Hauler	\$700.00
MSW Collections	\$15,000.00
Uni-waste Collections	<u>\$500.00</u>
Total	\$38,271.00

Expenditures 2011

MRC-Dues	\$264.32
PERC	\$18,450.81
Demo Disposal	\$27,154.58
Recycling	\$3,972.98
General Supplies	\$140.00
Subscriptions	\$50.00
License / Fees	\$379.00
Part-Time Payroll	\$6,086.54
Mileage	\$67.60
Universal Waste Removal	\$57.68
Comp Repair	\$70.00
Electric	\$695.67
Phone	\$157.93
Balance to Undesignated Fund	<u>\$9,087.89</u>
Total Expenditures 2011	\$66,635.00



**TOWN OF MONSON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
MARCH 19, 2012**

GREETINGS

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Monson, in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Monson Community Center, in said town, on **Monday the 19th day of March 2012 A.D. at Six thirty O'clock in the evening** then and there to act on the following articles to wit:

- ARTICLE 1*** To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- ARTICLE 2*** To choose a one (1) **Selectman** for a three (3) year term, who will serve as Assessor and Overseer of the Poor and to fix the Board of Selectmen's compensation for the ensuing year at \$2,100.00.
- ARTICLE 3*** To choose one Director of S.A.D #68 for a three (3) year term who will serve as a School Board Director of S.A.D#68.
- ARTICLE 4*** To choose one Director of H.A.D. #4 for a three (3) year term who will serve as a Director of H.A.D. #4.
- ARTICLE 5*** To choose one (1) person for the Planning Board for a term of five (5) years.
- ARTICLE 6*** To choose one (1) person for the Board of Appeals for a term of three (3) years.
- ARTICLE 7*** To choose one (1) person for the Recreation Committee for a term of three (3) years.
- ARTICLE 8*** To choose one (1) person for the Recreation Committee for a term of three (3) years.
- ARTICLE 9*** To see if the Town will transfer local road assistance payments when received from the State of Maine during fiscal year 2012, to the Highway Department Account and to authorize the Road Commissioner to spend a portion, or that entire sum, as they see fit, on paving or other Highway Department expenditures.
- ARTICLE 10*** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint all other necessary officers as needed.

- ARTICLE 11** To see if the Town will vote to have the 2012 taxes committed by July 1, 2012: that they be due and payable on that date; that all taxes paid within thirty (30) days of the bills postmark, receive a 2% discount, and all taxes unpaid as of September 1st, 2012 be subject to a 7%* interest rate. **(Maximum allowed by State Law)*
- ARTICLE 12** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute and deliver a quit-claim deed for such property.
- ARTICLE 13** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell and to dispose of any surplus Town owned personal property under \$500.00 in value, on such terms as they deem advisable according to the laws of the State of Maine, and to dedicate any revenue generated from such sales to the Town's surplus fund.
- ARTICLE 14** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer unexpended balances to accounts that may overdraft.
- ARTICLE 15** To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A., Section 506 will authorize the Tax Collector and Town Treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed and to pay no interest thereon.
- ARTICLE 16** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed 2/12th of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the Fiscal 2013 annual budget during the period from February 1st 2013 to March Annual Town Meeting 2013
- ARTICLE 17** To see if the Town will vote to accept the funds received from any insurance claims or equipment charges and allow said funds to be returned to the account in which the expenditure was made to cover loss.
- ARTICLE 18** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the state snowmobile reimbursement funds to the Narrow Gauge Riders Snowmobile Club.
(Budget Committee / Selectmen Recommend)
- ARTICLE 19** To see if the Town will vote to accept any gifts, unanticipated donations or pass through funds that may be provided by individual(s), business associations, charitable groups, or other organizations, which have not been listed in any of the previous articles, if the Selectpersons determine that the gifts, donations, or pass through funds and their purposes are in the best interest of the Town.

ARTICLE 20 To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend **\$85,025.00** for the **Administration Department**.

Appropriations	\$49,025.00
Anticipated Revenue	\$26,000.00
Surplus	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
Total	\$85,025.00

(Budget Committee / Selectmen Recommend)

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ARTICLE 21 To see if the Town will vote to raise, and authorize the Officers to spend **\$10,920.00** for the **Assessing Department**.

Anticipated Revenue	<u>\$10,920.00</u>
Total	\$10,920.00

(Budget Committee / Selectmen Recommend)

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ARTICLE 22 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend **\$900.00** for the **Animal Control Officer**.

Appropriations	<u>\$900.00</u>
Total	\$900.00

(Budget Committee / Selectmen Recommend)

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ARTICLE 23 To see if the Town will vote to raise, and authorize the Officers to spend **\$14,500.00** for the **Cemetery**.

Appropriations	\$9,100.00
Surplus	\$3,900.00
Anticipated Revenue	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
Total	\$14,500.00

(Budget Committee / Selectmen Recommend)

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ARTICLE 24 To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend **\$40,100.00** for the **Fire Department**.

Appropriation	\$9,900.00
Anticipated Revenue	\$27,000.00
Surplus	<u>\$3,200.00</u>
Total	\$40,100.00

(Budget Committee / Selectmen Recommend)

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ARTICLE 25 To see if the Town will vote to raise, and authorize the Officers to spend **\$62,997.00** for the **Fire Equipment Fund**.

Appropriation	\$10,000.00
Balance Forward	<u>\$52,997.00</u>
Total	\$62,997.00

(Budget Committee/Selectmen Recommend)
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ARTICLE 26 To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend **\$7,150.00** for the **Municipal Gym**.

Appropriations	\$5,150.00
Surplus	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
Total	\$7,150.00

(Budget Committee / Selectmen Recommend)
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ARTICLE 27 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Officers to spend **\$500.00** for the **Municipal Gym Building Improvement Fund**.

Appropriations	<u>\$500.00</u>
Total	\$500.00

(Budget Committee / Selectmen Recommend)
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ARTICLE 28 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend **\$3,000.00** for the **General Assistance**.

Anticipated Revenue	\$300.00
Surplus	<u>\$2,700.00</u>
Totals	\$3,000.00

(Budget Committee / Selectmen Recommend)
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ARTICLE 29 To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend **\$11,300.00** for the **North Guilford Road Project Debt Service**.

Appropriations	<u>\$11,300.00</u>
Total	\$11,300.00

(Budget Committee / Selectmen Recommend) Page
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ARTICLE 30 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend **\$1,200.00** for the **Library**.

Appropriations	\$700.00
Surplus	<u>\$500.00</u>
Total	\$1,200.00

(Budget Committee / Selectmen Recommend)
Page 46

ARTICLE 31 To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend **\$60,900.00** for the **Highway Department**.

Anticipated Revenue	<u>\$60,900.00</u>
Total	\$60,900.00

(Budget Committee / Selectmen Recommend)
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ARTICLE 32 To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate and authorize the Officers to Spend **\$98,549.00** for **Winter Plowing and Sanding**.

Appropriations	\$45,949.00
Anticipated Revenue	\$19,100.00
Surplus	<u>\$33,500.00</u>
Total	\$98,549.00

Budget Committee/Selectmen Recommend
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ARTICLE 33 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Officers to spend **\$15,000.00** for the **Sidewalk Improvement Fund**.

Appropriation	\$1,000.00
Balance Forward	<u>\$14,000.00</u>
Total	\$15,000.00

(Budget Committee / Selectmen Recommend)
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ARTICLE 34 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Officers to spend **\$50,000.00** for the **Town Road Improvement Fund**

Anticipated Revenues	\$15,000.00
Surplus	\$5,000.00
Revenues	<u>\$30,000.00</u>
Total	\$50,000.00

(Budget Committee / Selectmen Recommend)
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ARTICLE 35 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Officers to spend **\$65,000.00** for the **Town Equipment Fund**

Appropriations	\$10,000.00
Balance Forward	<u>\$55,000.00</u>
Total	\$65,000.00

(Budget Committee / Selectmen Recommend).

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ARTICLE 36 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorized the Officers to spend **\$25,000.00** for the **Town Pavement Account**

Appropriations	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
Total	\$25,000.00

(Budget Committee/Selectmen Recommend)

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ARTICLE 37 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend **\$42,733.00** for the **Town Insurance.**

Appropriations	\$29,233.00
Surplus	<u>\$13,500.00</u>
Totals	\$42,733.00

(Budget Committee / Selectmen Recommend)

Page 46

ARTICLE 38 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Officers to spend **\$4,110.00** for the **Municipal Programs.**

Appropriations	\$2,910.00
Surplus	<u>\$1,200.00</u>
Totals	\$4,110.00

(Budget Committee / Selectmen Recommend)

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ARTICLE 39 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend **\$14,155.00** for the **Municipal Building.**

Appropriations	\$12,355.00
Surplus	<u>\$1,800.00</u>
Totals	\$14,155.00

(Budget Committee / Selectmen Recommend)

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ARTICLE 40 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend **\$11,500.00** for **Municipal Building Improvement Fund.**

Appropriations	<u>\$11,500.00</u>
Totals	\$11,500.00

(Budget Committee/Selectmen Recommend)
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ARTICLE 41 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend **\$250.00** for the **Planning/Community Development Department**.

Appropriations	<u>\$250.00</u>
Total	\$250.00

(Budget Committee / Selectmen Recommend)
Page 47

ARTICLE 42 To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend **\$4,500.00** for the **Recreation Committee**.

Appropriations	\$1,000.00
Anticipated Revenue	\$1,500.00
Balance Forward	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
Total	\$4,500.00

(Budget Committee / Selectmen Recommend)
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ARTICLE 43 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend **\$9,000.00** for the **Street Lights**.

Appropriations	\$7,800.00
Surplus	<u>\$1,200.00</u>
Total	\$9,000.00

(Budget Committee / Selectmen Recommend)
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ARTICLE 44 To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend **\$1,960.00** for the **Community Health & Welfare Account**.

Appropriations	\$1,460.00
Anticipated Revenue	<u>\$500.00</u>
Total	\$1,960.00

(Budget Committee / Selectmen Recommend)
Page 42

ARTICLE 45 To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend **\$67,035.00** for the **Transfer Station**.

Appropriations	\$16,005.00
Anticipated Revenues	\$42,030.00
Surplus	<u>\$9,000.00</u>
Total	\$67,035.00

(Budget Committee / Selectmen Recommend)
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ARTICLE 46 To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend **\$25,900.00** for the **Monson Community Center**

Anticipated Revenues	\$10,906.07
Balance Forward	<u>\$ 14,993.93</u>
Total	\$25,900.00

(Budget Committee/Selectmen Recommend)
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ARTICLE 47 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town to dispose of public property on such terms as they deem advisable.

ARTICLE 48 To see if the Town will vote to accept the total of \$700.00 for perpetual care from the sale of the cemetery lots as follows:

Lake Road Cemetery: Karl Poole Section G Lot 37
Lake Road Cemetery: David Cole Section G Lot 39 & 40

ARTICLE 49 "Shall an ordinance entitled 'Floodplain Management Ordinance' be enacted?"
Note: An attested copy of the full text of the 'Flood Plain Management Ordinance' is available at the Town Clerks office and will be available at the town meeting.

ARTICLE 50 "Shall an ordinance entitled 'Wind/Cell Tower Ordinance' be enacted?"
Note: An attested copy of the full text of the 'Flood Plain Management Ordinance' is available at the town clerks office and will be available at the town meeting

ARTICLE 51 To see if the town will vote to amend the Former Moosehead Tax Increment Financing agreement and to authorize the selectmen to spend the TIF funds on the allowable uses that are stated in the TIF District.

ARTICLE 52 To see if the town will vote to increase the levy limit to \$232,067.88 established for the Town of Monson by state law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the following articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy.

The Registrar will be open regular office hours, Monday, March 19th, 2012 for the purpose of correcting the list of Voters. You must be a registered voter of the town to vote at the town meeting.

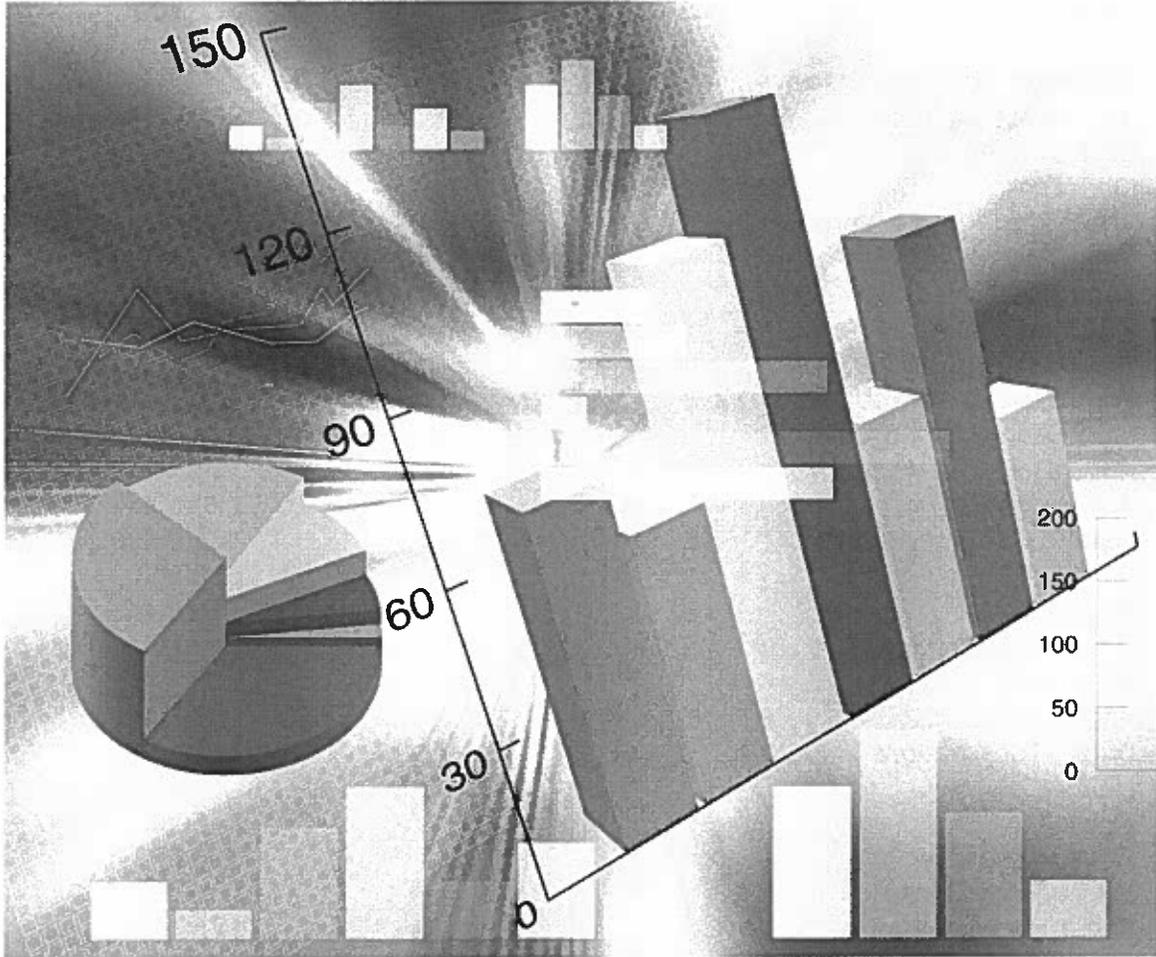
Given under our hands this day 1st of March A.D. 2012

S/Douglas F. Nelson
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S/Mark R. Lewis
Mark R. Lewis

S/Shawn M. Nelson
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OPERATING ACCOUNTS 2012 RECONCILIATION OF BUDGET & WARRANT



**THE FOLLOWING PAGES ARE THE NEW 2012-2013 BUDGET FOR
THE TOWN OF MONSON**

Administration

Art. 20

Budget as Follows 2012

Appropriations	\$49,025.00
Anticipated Revenue	\$26,000.00
Surplus	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
Total	\$85,025.00

Revenue Accounts Used

Real Estate Interest	\$4,900.00
Boat Excise	\$1,200.00
Clerk Fees	\$900.00
Agent Fees / Registrations	\$3,600.00
Tree Growth	\$15,000.00
Copies & Faxes	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
Total	\$26,000.00

Proposed Expenditures 2012

Lake Hebron Cost Share	\$1,200.00
Advertisement	\$250.00
Audit	\$3,200.00
Legal	\$350.00
Postage	\$1,500.00
Printing	\$250.00
Office Supplies	\$1,200.00
Bank Fees	\$1,500.00
Registry Fees	\$75.00
Dues / Subscriptions	\$550.00
MMA	\$1,600.00
Mileage	\$750.00
Election Expense	\$800.00
Selectmen Expense	\$2,100.00
Part-Time Payroll	\$5,800.00
Secretary Payroll	\$24,500.00
Town Manager Payroll	\$32,000.00
New Equipment	\$500.00
Photo Copy Contract	\$1,700.00
Trio	\$5,050.00
Misc	<u>\$150.00</u>
Total Proposed Expenditures 2012	\$85,025.00

Assessing

Art. 21

Budget as Follows 2012

Anticipated Revenue	<u>\$10,920.00</u>
Total	\$10,920.00

Assessing Continued:

Revenue Accounts Used

Veterans Reimbursement	\$500.00
Real Estate Interest	\$2,280.00
Tree Growth	\$5,500.00
Appalachian Trail	<u>\$2,640.00</u>
Total	\$10,920.00

Proposed Expenditures 2012

Hamlin Associates	<u>\$10,920.00</u>
Total Proposed Expenditures 2012	\$10,920.00

Animal Control Officer

Art. 22

Budget as Follows 2012

Appropriations	\$900.00
Total	\$900.00

Proposed Expenditures 2012

Personnel Payroll	\$600.00
Mileage	<u>\$300.00</u>
Total Proposed Expenditures 2012	\$900.00

Cemetery

Art. 23

Budget as Follows 2012

Appropriations	\$9,100.00
Anticipated Revenue	\$1,500.00
Surplus	<u>\$3,900.00</u>
Total	\$14,500.00

Revenue Accounts Used

Perpetual Care Interest	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
Total	\$1,500.00

Proposed Expenditures 2012

Cemetery Labor	\$10,500.00
New Equipment Fund	\$500.00
Field Repairs	\$400.00
Building	\$3,000.00
Supplies	<u>\$100.00</u>
Total Proposed Expenditures 2012	\$14,500.00

Community Health & Welfare

Art. 44

Budget as Follows 2012

Appropriations	\$1,460.00
Anticipated Revenue	<u>\$500.00</u>
Total	\$1,960.00

Revenue Accounts Used

Monson Better Health Trust Fund	<u>\$500.00</u>
Total	\$500.00

Proposed Expenditures 2012

CHCS	\$100.00
Eastern Area on Aging	\$100.00
Monson Better Health and Trust	\$500.00
Penquis Cap Program	\$400.00
Pine Tree Hospice	\$50.00
American Red Cross	\$50.00
Woman Aegis	\$150.00
American Legion	\$450.00
Southern Piscataquis Chamber	<u>\$160.00</u>
Total Proposed Expenditures 2012	\$1,960.00

Debt Service

Art. 29

Budget as Follows 2012

Appropriations	<u>\$11,300.00</u>
Total	\$11,300.00

Proposed Expenditures 2012

North Guilford Road Drainage Project	<u>\$11,300.00</u>
Total proposed Expenditures 2012	\$11,300.00

Fire Department

Art. 24

Budget as Follows 2012

Appropriations	\$9,900.00
Anticipated Revenue	\$27,000.00
Surplus	<u>\$3,200.00</u>
Total	\$40,100.00

Revenue Accounts Used

Willimantic Contract	\$9,000.00
County Contract	<u>\$18,000.00</u>
Total	\$27,000.00

Fire Department Continued:

Proposed Expenditures 2012

Gas & Oil	\$2,200.00
Truck Repair	\$3,000.00
Radio Repair	\$150.00
Office Supplies	\$300.00
Chief Payroll	\$1,400.00
Volunteer Payroll	\$8,000.00
Medical	\$400.00
School/Training	\$2,000.00
New Equipment	\$16,000.00
Cascade	\$350.00
Telephone	\$600.00
New Radio	\$1,500.00
Dues and Subscriptions	\$400.00
Equipment Repair	\$1,200.00
First Responders	\$1,000.00
Pump Test	\$800.00
Volunteer Fireman Insurance	<u>\$800.00</u>
Total Proposed Expenditures 2012	\$40,100.00

Fire Department Equipment Fund

Art. 25

Appropriations	\$10,000.00
Balance Forward	<u>\$52,997.00</u>
Total	\$62,997.00

General Assistance

Art. 28

Budget as Follows 2012

Anticipated Revenue	\$300.00
Surplus	<u>\$2,700.00</u>
Totals	\$3,000.00

Proposed Expenditures 2012

General Assistance	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
Total Proposed Expenditures 2012	\$3,000.00

GYM

Art. 26

Budget as Follows 2012

Appropriations	\$5,150.00
Surplus	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
Total	\$7,150.00

Proposed Expenditures 2012

General Supplies	\$150.00
Gym Repair	\$1,000.00
Electric	\$1,000.00
Heating	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
Total Proposed Expenditures 2012	\$7,150.00

Municipal Gym Building Improvement Fund

Art. 26

Appropriations	\$500.00
Total	\$500.00

Proposed Expenditures 2012

Building Improvements	\$500.00
Total Proposed Expenditures 2012	\$500.00

Highway Operational Account

Art. 31

Budget as Follows 2012

Anticipated Revenue	<u>\$60,900.00</u>
Total	\$60,900.00

Revenue Accounts Used

Excise Tax	<u>\$60,900.00</u>
Total	\$60,900.00

Proposed Expenditures 2012

Regular Payroll	\$28,000.00
Part Time Payroll	\$2,000.00
Mileage	\$1,300.00
Registration/Class	\$250.00
Gas & Oil	\$6,000.00
Equipment Hire/Rental	\$400.00
Equipment Repair	\$4,000.00
Grading	\$3,000.00
Mowing	\$1,700.00
Drug and Alcohol Testing	\$250.00
New Equipment	\$800.00

HIGHWAY OPERATION ACCOUNT CONTINUED

Cold Patch	\$6,000.00
Culverts	\$1,500.00
General Supplies	\$700.00
Gravel	\$1,700.00
Street Signs	\$600.00
Tree Removal	\$1,000.00
Sidewalk sweeping	<u>\$1,700.00</u>
Total Proposed Expenditures 2012	\$60,900.00

Highways Plowing Contracts**Art. 32****Budget as Follows:**

Appropriations	\$45,949.00
Anticipated Revenue	\$19,100.00
Surplus	<u>\$33,500.00</u>
	\$98,549.00

Revenue Accounts Used

Excise Tax	\$19,100.00
Total	\$19,100.00

Proposed Expenditures 2012

Plowing and Sanding	\$71,549.00
Winter Sand	\$18,000.00
Salt	\$8,000.00
Fuel Charge	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Total	\$98,549.00

Town Road Improvement Fund**Art. 34****Budget as Follows 2012**

Appropriations	\$15,000.00
Anticipated Revenues	\$30,000.00
Surplus	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
Total	\$50,000.00

Proposed Expenditures 2012

Town Road Improvement	\$50,000.00
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Highway Department Reserve Account**Art. 35****Budget as Follows 2012**

Highway Equipment Fund Carry Forward	\$55,000.00
Appropriations	\$10,000.00
Sidewalk Fund Carry Forward	\$14,000.00

Appropriations	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Total	\$80,000.00

Town Paving Reserve Account

Art. 36	
Budget as Follows 2012	
Appropriations	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
Total	\$25,000.00

Insurance

Art. 37	
Budget as Follows 2012	
Appropriations	\$29,233.00
Surplus	<u>\$13,500.00</u>
Total	\$42,733.00

Proposed Expenditures 2012	
Property / Liability	\$14,400.00
Health / Life	\$8,906.00
Social Security / Medicare	\$9,700.00
Unemployment	\$3,605.00
Workman's Compensation	\$4,412.00
Alternative Insurance	\$1,500.00
Maine State Retirement	<u>\$200.00</u>
Total Proposed Expenditures 2012	\$42,733.00

Library

Art. 30	
Budget as Follows 2012	
Appropriations	<u>\$1,200.00</u>
Total	\$1,200.00

Proposed Expenditures 2012	
Part-Time payroll	\$515.00
Utilities / Fax Line	\$610.00
Equipment Repair	<u>\$75.00</u>
Total Proposed Expenditures 2012	\$1,200.00

Municipal Building

Art. 39	
Budget as Follows 2012	
Appropriations	\$12,355.00
Surplus	<u>\$1,800.00</u>
Total	\$14,155.00

Proposed Expenditures 2012

General Supplies	\$225.00
Building Maintenance	\$1,000.00
Cleaning Contract	\$2,250.00
MUNICIPAL BUILDING CONTINUED:	
Electric	\$3,000.00
Heating	\$4,800.00
Telephone	\$620.00
Internet	\$480.00
Sewer	\$575.00
Water	\$320.00
License Fees	\$710.00
Furnace Cleaning	<u>\$175.00</u>
Total Proposed Expenditures 2012	\$14,155.00

Municipal Building Improvements

Art. 40

Budget as Follows 2012

Appropriations	<u>\$11,500.00</u>
Total	\$11,500.00

Proposed Expenditures 2012

Building Improvements	<u>\$11,500.00</u>
Total	\$11,500.00

Municipal Programs

Art. 38

Budget as Follows 2012

Appropriations	\$2,910.00
Surplus	<u>\$1,200.00</u>
Total	\$4,110.00

Proposed Expenditures 2012

Flowers for barrels	\$300.00
Lake Hebron Dam Repairs	\$2,200.00
Pump House Repairs	\$600.00
Christmas wreaths	\$420.00
Electric Plugs on Poles	\$440.00
Christmas Lights	<u>\$150.00</u>
Total Proposed Expenditures 2012	\$4,110.00

Planning / Community Development

Art. 41

Budget as Follows 2012

Appropriations	<u>\$250.00</u>
Total	\$250.00

Proposed Expenditures 2012

Planning	<u>\$250.00</u>
Total Proposed Expenditures 2012	\$250.00

Recreation

Art. 42

Budget as Follows 2012

Appropriations	\$1,000.00
Anticipated Revenue	\$1,500.00
Surplus	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
Total	\$4,500.00

Revenue Accounts Used

ME Community Foundation	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
Total	\$1,500.00

Proposed Expenditures 2012

New Equipment	\$100.00
Equipment Rental	\$500.00
Facility Repair	\$100.00
Snow Roller Day	\$900.00
Summer Festival	\$2,700.00
Programs	<u>\$200.00</u>
Total Proposed Expenditures 2012	\$4,500.00

Monson Community Center

Art. 46

Budget as Follows 2012

Anticipated Revenues	\$10,906.07
Balance Forward	<u>\$14,993.93</u>
Total	\$25,900.00

Revenues Accounts Used

Rental Income	\$8,100.00
Functions	<u>\$7,100.00</u>
Total	\$15,200.00

Proposed Expenditures 2012

Heat	\$11,000.00
Electricity	\$4,700.00
Maintenance	\$2,000.00
Advertising	\$1,000.00
Roof Repair	\$4,000.00
Furnace Repair	\$1,000.00

Non Profit Status	\$1,000.00
Locks	\$500.00
Signage	\$500.00
Postage	<u>\$200.00</u>
Total	\$25,900.00

Street Lights

Art. 43	
Budget as Follows 2012	
Appropriations	\$7,800.00
Surplus	<u>\$1,200.00</u>
Total	\$9,000.00

Proposed Expenditures 2012	
Street Lights	<u>\$9,000.00</u>
Total	\$9,000.00

Transfer Station

Art. 45	
Budget as Follows 2012	
Appropriations	\$16,005.00
Anticipated Revenue	\$42,030.00
Surplus	<u>\$9,000.00</u>
Total Proposed Expenditures 2012	\$67,035.00

Revenue Accounts Used	
Permit	\$20.00
Demo	\$1,510.00
County Contract	\$18,700.00
MRC Distribution	\$5,000.00
Commercial Hauler	\$400.00
MSW Collections	\$16,000.00
Uniwaste Collections	<u>\$400.00</u>
Total	\$42,030.00

Proposed Expenditures 2012	
PERC	\$22,270.00
Demo Disposal	\$29,500.00
Recycling	\$4,500.00
General Supplies	\$100.00
License / Fees	\$400.00
Part-Time Payroll	\$6,300.00
Mileage	\$100.00
MRC - Dues	\$300.00
Universal Waste Removal	\$150.00
Employee Certification	\$100.00
Equipment Repair	\$400.00

New Equipment	\$500.00
Building Maintenance / Repair	\$100.00
Electric	\$815.00
Pad for Burn Pile	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
Total Proposed Expenditures 2012	\$67,035.00

2011 MONSON UTILITIES DISTRICT REPORT

FROM THE DESK OF THE UTILITIES CLERK:

As of December 31, 2011, the past due amount for both water and sewer was \$1,572.14, and includes:

- \$759.54 being paid under payment arrangement plans
- \$417.34 total of liens
- \$395.26 past due payments.

As a reminder, utility bills are due within 30 days of mailing. If you believe you will have a problem paying your utility bill, please contact us so that we may assist you in setting up a monthly payment arrangement. The following is a list of additional charges that could be added to delinquent accounts:

- 12% interest accrues on balances over 30 days past due;
- \$10.00 Collection Trip Fee if the District Operator is sent to shut off the water for non-payment, but a payment arrangement is made;
- \$30.00 Reconnection Fee if the water is shut off;
- \$36.00 for filing a Lien Certificate, plus any certified mail fees;
- \$26.00 Meter Repair

Please note that if you want your water shut off and billing to stop, you must contact us at the town office so we may process a work order. To stop billing, your water must be shut off at the curb stop, not just inside your residence. For winter shut off, we ask that you arrange the shut off service with the town office prior to November 1st otherwise the service will be provided at the discretion of the District Operator.

On August 12, 2011, a compliance inspection was done on our wastewater treatment system by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, which resulted in a satisfactory report.

The installation of water lines for the Phase III Water Project has been completed. New pipes were put in on Forest Avenue, Garage Street and Pleasant Street. A new well was drilled on Homer Hill to be used as another source of drinking water. The well is 200 feet deep and pumps approximately 100 gallons of water per minute. Our next project is to construct a new building on Homer Hill to replace the old wooden structure. This will include a new chlorination system and the replacement of the old pumps and will complete the water project. Thank you for all for your patience during the past three years during the construction process. If you have any problems with your water please do not hesitate to contact the town office.

MONSON UTILITES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Roger Page, Chair
Doug Hewes
Ed Hoovler
Joel Pratt
William Charles

WATER OPERATORS

Brian Turner
Larry LeRoy

Administrator
Julie Anderson

Utilities Clerk
Nancy Putnam

MONSON UTILITIES DISTRICT

OPERATING EXPENSES & INCOME REPORT

JANUARY 1, 2011 – DECEMBER 31, 2011

	EXPENSES	
	WATER	SEWER
ADMINISTRATION		
Secretary Payroll	\$1815.32	\$1815.31
Treasurer Payroll	\$300.00	\$300.00
Operator Payroll	\$2400.00	\$2400.00
Meter Reader Payroll	\$200.00	\$0.00
Mileage	\$162.20	\$23.80
Classes	\$470.00	\$0.00
Dues & Subscriptions	\$617.57	\$0.00
MRWA Fees	\$625.00	\$0.00
MMA Fees	\$287.50	\$287.50
FICA	\$295.53	\$295.52
Medicare	\$69.14	\$69.14
Registry of Deeds / Liens	\$0.00	\$95.00
Unemployment	<u>\$104.07</u>	<u>\$104.06</u>
Total Administration Expense	\$7,346.33	\$5,390.33
 MISCELLANEOUS		
Water Testing	\$662.00	\$0.00
Audit	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00
Postage	\$204.40	\$204.40
Chemicals	<u>\$492.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Miscellaneous Expense	\$2,408.40	\$1,254.40
 EQUIPMENT		
Equipment	\$554.74	\$554.74
New Equipment	<u>\$716.11</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Equipment Expense	\$1,270.85	\$554.74
 SUPPLIES		
General	\$43.13	\$43.13
Office	<u>\$35.47</u>	<u>\$35.47</u>
Total Supply Expense	\$78.60	\$78.60
 CONTRACTUAL		
Trio Contract	\$829.66	\$829.67
Mowing	\$0.00	\$21.00
Plumbing	\$616.58	\$303.00
Septic Pumping	\$0.00	\$2,020.00

Sewer General	\$0.00	\$5,779.35
Water	\$1,543.86	\$0.00

CONTRACTUAL CONTINUED:

Reservoir	<u>\$360.43</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Contractual Expense	\$3,350.63	\$8,953.02

UTILITIES

Electric - Water	\$3,254.82	\$0.00
Electric - Sewer	\$0.00	\$2,068.40
Heat - Water	<u>\$720.74</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Utilities Expense	\$3,975.56	\$2,068.40

INSURANCE

Property & Casualty	\$1,366.00	\$1,366.00
Workman's Compensation	<u>\$250.00</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>
Total Insurance Expense	\$1,616.00	\$1,616.00

DEBT SERVICE

USDA Loan	\$8,450.00	\$3,370.00
Water Project	\$7,978.00	
Savings Account	<u>\$798.00</u>	
Total Debt Service	\$17,226.00	\$3,370.00

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$37,259.77 **\$23,272.91**

INCOME

INCOME

Water Payments	\$43,644.20	\$0.00
Sewer Payments	\$0.00	\$17,022.07
Interest	\$169.08	\$56.36
Lien Revenue	\$12.81	\$38.43
Lake Hebron Cost Sharing	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1200.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$43,826.09	\$18,316.86

BEGINNING BALANCE AS OF 1/1/2011

\$89,014.27

**USDA RESERVE CD
INTEREST**

**\$12,297.01
\$372.63**

**TOWN OF MONSON
2011
ANNUAL REPORT
MONSON PLANNING BOARD**

The Monson Planning Board:

Cynthia Turner, Chairperson	-2015
Lisa Kelley	-2014
Kennard Allen	-2013
Thomas Adkins	-2013
Milton Anderson	-2012
Associates:	
Paul Suomi	-2013
Daina Allen	-2016

The Planning Board met 6 times during the year 2011. We discussed a review for a possible subdivision. The Board worked on a proposed Wind/Cell Tower Ordinance which the people of Monson will be asked to enact in an article on the Town Warrant.

The Board also reviewed a Floodplain Management Ordinance that the state mandated that we update. This will be another article that the Planning Board will ask the voters to enact.

Mr. Ken Woodbury of the Piscataquis Economic Development, asked the Planning Board Chairperson to sign a letter stating that a grant he was writing to develop a trail from the Appalachian Trail to significant water falls, had no inconsistencies with our Land Use Ordinance. Those water falls were Goodell Falls on Goodell Brook located off the Elliottsville road.

Cynthia Turner

MONSON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & FIRST RESPONDERS

ANNUAL REPORT

2011

To The Citizens Of Monson:

Our calls seem to be primarily in the First Responder category yet again this year. The members had 105 documented calls and/or training during the fiscal year.

We are a volunteer service and commend those that take time away from their families to commit and serve our community. We are very fortunate.

We have obtained a thermal imaging camera as an important piece of apparatus for the department. This allows the members to search for people within a structure fire or to locate hot spots within walls that may be a potential danger.

Our annual Christmas effort turnout was better than in previous years. The children truly enjoy talking with Santa. A big thank you to Santa and Bett Stevens for your generosity.

The new rescue unit #454 is proving to be a huge asset for our department.

In closing, we again would like to remind all residents of the areas we serve to POST YOUR HOUSE NUMBERS in such a manner that they can be seen from both directions day and night. We cannot help you if we cannot find you! A huge THANK YOU to the residents of Monson and the surrounding communities for your support during the past year.

REMEMBER TO DIAL 911 FOR ALL EMERGENCIES!

Respectfully Submitted,

Officers and Members

Monson Volunteer Fire Department



MONSON CENTER
FOR
COMMUNITY AND COMMERCE

This spring will begin the third year in the existence of Monson Center, the third year since we lost our school and had to create a new use for the former Monson elementary School. How far have we come? Where are we now? What is our vision for the future?

In 2009 came the decision to close the school. The building was empty, its fate uncertain. Acting on faith, in 2010 the citizens of Monson granted \$8,800 to a small group of visionaries to attempt to find new, sustainable uses for the building. Public suppers, the first tenant, the first concert soon followed.

Then, in 2011 the town once again decided to support the effort with a grant of \$4,400. With that support and the work of many, many volunteers, Monson Center seem to really come to life. There are now three tenants: Northwoods Computer Service, Eden Hill Essentials and Thymes & Seasons. There is a new, professional, attractive sign. Critical repairs have been made to the building and a new color scheme graces the entrance hall and main room. The public suppers, continue, with the March supper making two full years of this joyful community event. Classes are in session: watercolors, cooking, crafts, women's and children's health. Concerts are scheduled.

In 2012, the development will continue with upgrades to the electrical system, additional classes and activities, cooperative ventures with the Recreation and Gym Committees and the ongoing effort to bring more commercial and community activity to the Center. We hope to have our federal 501 (c) (3) non-profit status this year to aid in funding the larger plans for the building and the grounds.

Happily, in 2012, we will not ask the citizens of Monson for any further tax-based support. Monson Center can survive and grow, can continue to bring vitality and hope to Monson with the efforts of volunteers and the participation of all of us by patronizing our businesses and activities.

ANNUAL REPORT 2011

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

In the year 2011, a total of 13 permits were issued.

New Homes - 3
Camp- 1
Garages- 4
Sheds- 3
Decks- 2



LICENSED PLUMBING INSPECTOR

There were 15 plumbing permits issued.
Septic system permits—11
Internal permits—4

Permit Cost:
Up to 500 sq. feet \$30.00
500 sq. feet to 999 sq. feet \$40.00
1000 sq. feet to 1999 sq. feet \$50.00
.10/sq. foot over 2000 sq. feet

Notice: There is a penalty of four times the cost of the permit , if the permit is issued after the fact.

**Respectfully submitted
Brian L. Turner
C.E.O. & L.P.I.
Town of Monson**

Local Sealer of Weights & Measures Monson 2011

Starting in January, the test weights and fuel pump test cans were taken to Augusta for the yearly calibration tests. In the middle of April, I picked up the equipment and attended a meeting with State Sealers for updates on new devices.

I was sworn in at the town office in April. And in June, 8 pumps and 5 scales were tested and found to be in good working order and within the state tolerances.

Respectfully Submitted,

Local Sealer, Tim Briggs
Phone 924-7562



2011 RECREATION REPORT

JANUARY - Monson Recreation is still moving along at a good clip. In 2011 we had a very busy basketball season - coach Jim Crockett and Anna Whitney (assistant coach) did a great job keeping our kids going with 2 practices a week and making sure they all were at their games ready to go. Basketball season lasts all of January and February and there is a basketball game every weekend during which we play Guilford, Greenville, Dexter and Dover-Foxcroft several times. Monson Rec. wants to **thank** our volunteer referees Jeff Reynolds, Chris & Lindsey Reynolds, Joel Pratt, Eric Melia, Chris Lyman, Terry Gaudette and also Rebekah Reynolds for her assistance in the concession stand, for all their time. Without these individuals Monson would not have a basketball season or team - which I might add always plays with a great deal of 'HEART'. We are smaller in numbers than the other teams but we come ready to play. A thank-you to the parents who come out and support their children - your presence represents your support of your children and our sports programs.

FEBRUARY - we have our yearly Snowroller Festival which the town always looks forward to. There was plenty of snow and cold in 2011. As a matter of fact, it was so cold and windy on Lake Hebron that we had to cancel our bonfire at the end of the day! Our SNOWMEISTER winners in 2011 were as follows: Boys 7yrs. & under - Josiah Lackey, Girls 7 & under - Ana Smit, Boys 8 - 13 years - Max Santagata, Girls 8 - 13 years - Rebekah Reynolds, the 14 & over category; Gabe Hutchinson and Brittany Allan.

The winners of the **Photo Contest** on 2011 Snowroller Day were - **Nature** - Jade Grenier 'Sunset' - **People** - (a tie) : Lisa Anderson 'Pretty in Pink' and Lindsey Reynolds 'Girl with a Kitty' - **Animals** - Lisa Anderson 'Bailey' - **Black & White** - Lisa Anderson - 'Ben'. We had a great turnout and we look forward to next year. The winners of our **Chili Contest** on that day was Melinda Wentworth - **Judges Choice** as well as **People's Choice** - delicious Melinda. The chili is served for our lunch on that day and is a great success, so every year we look forward to more choices. Thank you folks for your participation in this Snowroller tradition.

Some other events on that day of course, are our winter games for 'young and old' (thanks to our festival game leader Pastor David Ray) - the Snowmobile Poker Run (thank-you Monson Snowmobile Club) and the new Cribbage Tournament thanks to Ed Hoovler. These events grow larger every year, as do the number of people interested in them.

Snowroller Day always is a nice winter's break in Monson, Maine

SPRING - brings Baseball season with coach Crockett and Anna W. at the helm. In 2011 we had both a softball team and 5 & 6 grade league team. Another great season with many fans coming down to the field to support our kids. Another thank-you to our grounds-keeper Dannie Smith, Tim Anderson and Greg Hall and to our league president Doug Kane. Special thanks to our sponsors; Monson Slate, Carl Vainio, Sheldon Slate, John Tatko, and A.E. Robinsons employees. We welcome you all to come to a game some nice spring afternoon- you will not be disappointed- great fun watching our Monson kids play the "all American" sport.

SUMMER - brings our annual Summer Festival. Right to the point this year. Winners of the AM 2011 Triathlon were - Jack Daly - men's single; Payton Schiff - women's 1st place and the 1st place team was Aaron Suomi, Sue Killam and Jeff Killam. Great job folks.

The '**Anything Floats' race'** winners; 1st place individual 'The Beach Dream'; family category 1st place went to 'Uncle Sam' as well as MOST CREATIVE; adult 1st place went to 'Monson Cruise Line' which also won the 'MOST COMICAL' float. This is a terrific event on the lake and it is always great fun to watch and participate in - see you all in 2012.

Summerfest was bigger and better this year due to all the businesses offering up SPECIALS and live musical entertainment for the day. Downtown Monson was a lively scene. Thanks to Spring Creek BBQ, Lakeshore House & Café, Lake Hebron Artisans shop, Monson General store and A.E. Robinson's - thanks so much for your support folks.

WINTER - in December the gym is used by the LAKE HEBRON ARTISANS for their Kris Kringle Christmas fair. The Recreation Comm. encourages anyone interested in using the gym to please feel free to call us. It has a wonderful stage with great potential.

The gym is a great resource to this town and the recreation committee encourages new ideas to keep it busy. It would be wonderful to have volunteers come forth during the children's vacation weeks (Dec. break, Feb. vac. & April vac.) with activities to do or to supervise an hour or more of game time in the gym. Please keep this in mind folks.

The Monson Recreation dept. wishes to THANK our town office CREW for the 2011 season - Julie A., Sue D., and Kary L. - you sure get the job done.

Do come and enjoy our recreational events throughout the year.
THANK-YOU. THE MONSON RECREATION COMMITTEE

RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2011 REPORT



MONSON PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

2011 – 2012

To the Town of Monson:

This year has been a busy one in the Monson Library. We have completed the update which began last year with the addition of a new computer station and circulation desk. This year we were able to replace the carpeting which gave us a welcoming new look.

We have three computers that are available for use and are also equipped with wireless internet accessibility for laptops and mobile devices.

The library is fortunate to continue to be open three days a week. Our ongoing programs included a book group which meets on the third Monday of each month. It has been very successful with eight regular participants. Some favorites were: Molokai and Cutting for Stone. Discussions are lively and interesting and the selection for the subsequent month is chosen at the meeting. New members are encouraged, and all are welcome.

Amy Kelley, once again offered a children's summer reading and craft program. The sessions were held one day per week for a month. Approximately ten kids participated and a good time was had by all.

The collection added fifty-two new adult books this past year. Other books and or CD's were donated by Mary Nelson, Sandra Nickerson, and Jemma Gascoine. These contributions are greatly appreciated!

In addition to our own collection, we are able to obtain a greater variety of selections via the inter-library loan system. We have access to both the Thompson Free Library in Dover-Foxcroft and the Bangor Public Library.

During the summer months our patronage swells from the influx of Appalachian Trail hikers and summer visitors to the area. These patrons avail themselves particularly of the computers and the wireless internet service.

Thanks to Ann Huff for providing back-up when a substitute is needed. Special thanks and appreciation goes to library assistant, Frances Erickson who works on Wednesday afternoon, and Sue Killam who donates both time and counsel.

Trustees for 2011 were:

Sue Killam	Patricia Brown	Mary Witmer
Diana Krauss	Jeanne Tabor	Rachel Page

It has been a pleasure to serve you once more as your librarian.

Respectfully Submitted,
Van D. Wentworth

TRANSFER STATION 2011

Transfer Station Hours

Weds. 3:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Sat. 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Attendant: Jim Bohrer

Universal Waste Fees

Monitors (TV & PC)	\$5.00
Lamps	\$1.00
Batteries	No Charge
Ballasts	\$1.00/ Unit
Mercury Cont. Device	\$1.00/ Device

Household Trash:

How much does it cost per bag? \$1.00

In 2011, Monson had 214.05 tons of municipal solid waste removed from the transfer station and hauled away by PERC. In 2010 we had 222.86 tons.

The more you recycle, the less trash you have to pay for.

Recycling:

In Monson we are able to recycle glass, metal, plastics, newspaper, mail, corrugated cardboard.

In 2011 Monson did a stellar job at recycling!

In 2011 we recycled 40,340 lbs of plastics, cardboard, newspaper, metals, glass, and metal cans. This is down from 44,580 lbs in 2010.

We also had 13.59 tons of iron picked up for a credit of \$2,034.34 In 2010 we had 16.72 tons.

Demolition:

For residents the first pick-up load is free, and then \$10.00 for each additional load thereafter. Non-residents fee is \$10.00 per load.

In 2011 we had 196.90 tons of demo hauled away from our transfer station. In 2010 we removed 198.02 tons

HISTORICAL SOCIETY YEARLY REPORT

The Monson Historical Society members were very active during 2011 and received visitors at the Museum from many areas of the United States. Two hundred and eighty one hours were logged in to the volunteer book but I'm sure many, many more hours were either underestimated or not written in at all. Without this band of dedicated volunteers and the support of our members nationwide, we wouldn't be able to accomplish all we had done to preserve Monsons history.

One of the major projects for 2011 was documenting Civil War veterans from Monson and the surrounding area of Blanchard, Elliotsville and Willimantic. A list of veterans was published in the first newsletter of the year and several members came forward and "adopted" a family member so we could send for their records from the National Archives. Dot Mitchell Simmons allowed us to get records for Alfonzo Cook and Rueben Pray. Kaye Roberts Sakahara provided packets from both Harrison and Richard Davis and Lorinda Tripp allows us to send for John Tripps records. All of these men had huge packets of document concerning their service and pension following the war. If you would be interested in helping us with this project or have information please contact Estella Bennett at 876-3073 or email embweb@myfiarpoint.net

Mickey Anderson and Estella Bennett are also in the process of gathering information about the Monson and surrounding areas veterans of the Korean War. If you are a veteran or had a family member who served during that era, please contact either Mickey or Estella.

We have also participated in the Façade Grant through the town and look forward to having the buildings exterior looking much nicer for the summer of 2012.

We published a calendar for 2012 which sold out, but other new items for sale in the gift shop is a Christmas ornament featuring the Monson snow roller or \$6.00 and a new publication Pictorial History of the Monson Railroad by Gary Kohler which sells for \$29.95. Contact Estella at the above address to receive either of these items.

Unfortunately with the good always come some sad and for us was the loss of four of our most supportive members. Althea French, George Rongner, Andy Jacobson and Rose Nelson were always great members and friends of the Monson Historical Society and we will all miss their encouragement and support.

We look forward to the upcoming year and hope to see you all at the Museum in 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,

Estella Bennett



HISTORICAL DEMOGRAPHICS

We are now 190 years old!!

State: Maine

County: Piscataquis

Close cities: Abbot, Shirley, Dexter, Greenville, Guilford, Dover-Foxcroft, Sangerville, Sebec, Cambridge

Monson Population: 2010 Census Estimate (Totals are not complete yet)
Total 686

Male: 336 (50.7%)

Female: 330 (49.3%)

295 Households 179 Families

Population Density 14.1 people per sq. mile

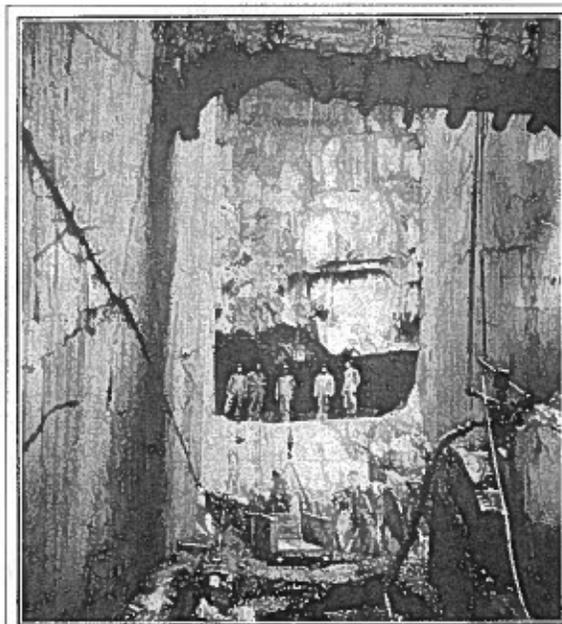
Monson Elevation: 850 feet above sea level

Incorporated in February 8th, 1822

First town meeting was April 22, 1822

Land Area: 47.1 square miles

Median Household Income: \$33,062 (2000)



J. LOWER QUARRY OF PORTLAND-MONSON SLATE CO., MONSON, ME.
Showing internal walls of jointed quartzite kept in place by steel and concrete brace and slate pillar (in background). This has flat joints and has been tunneled 30 feet to the next opening.

In 1912 three companies were operating quarries in the township of Monson. The Monson Maine Slate Co. was operating two quarries east-southeast of its Pond quarry; the Maine Slate Co. of Monson its Mathews quarry, about 3 1/2 miles west northwest of the village; and the Portland-Monson Slate Co. four narrow openings about a mile south of the village.



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Mayo Regional Hospital received two major awards in 2011, on the state and national levels, in recognition of the outstanding quality of care provided to its patients.

In July, Maine Gov. Paul LePage presented an award designating Mayo as a preferred provider of healthcare services for state employees. The recognition by the State Employee Health Commission ranked Mayo as one of only five hospitals in the state who consistently deliver superior healthcare to patients.

In September, Mayo was named one of the Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals in America by the National Rural Health Association. Mayo was honored for its dedication to quality improvement, service excellence and financial strength.

Mayo expanded its inpatient hospitalist service during the year, doubling the number of physicians providing full-time care for inpatients from two to four, and adopting a 24/7 staffing model. Internist Tom Murray, M.D., who started the hospitalist service in 1997, was joined by three new physicians in the program: Alan Irwin, D.O., Zaher Oueida, M.D. and Ioannis Karakalpakis, M.D.

Jeffrey Cole, D.O. was recruited as a general surgeon for Mayo Surgical Associates, and also gave that practice new capabilities by offering a full line of cosmetic surgery procedures. Henry Jao, M.D., who had previously worked at Mayo Orthopaedics, rejoined that office in order to help meet the demand for orthopaedic surgery in the community.

Marjorie Snyder, M.D., was recruited as the new adult psychiatrist for Mayo's Psychiatry and Counseling Program.

Two members of Mayo's medical staff took on new roles during the year, both at Dover-Foxcroft Family Medicine. George Kousaie, M.D. closed his private practice and joined DFFM, and internist Elizabeth Dennis, D.O. moved from the hospitalist service to primary care.

Other additions to the medical staff were David Flaherty, PA-C, who joined the Emergency Department, and Nicole Kane, FNP, now with Mayo Orthopaedics.

Great progress was made on the project to install electronic health record (EHR) systems in Mayo's physician practice locations, the Emergency Department and hospital inpatient areas. This work, started in 2010, was completed in the ED, inpatient areas and primary care physician offices. The work will conclude in 2012 with EHR installation in specialty physician practices.

Ralph Gabarro, Mayo's President and CEO since 1997, announced his intention to retire on Oct. 31, 2012. The HAD 4 Board of Directors began a search process to select Gabarro's successor.

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Small Business
Subcommittee on Business Oversight
Chairman
Subcommittee on International Trade

Dear Monson residents and friends,

Maine continues to face many challenges. As I travel across our state, I am inspired by stories of innovation and entrepreneurship, yet there is much more we need to do to improve our economy and create jobs.

That is why I am working so hard to improve our nation's trade policies and ensure that Mainers are competing on a level playing field. I was especially pleased that the International Trade Commission found in favor of U.S. paper manufacturers and their workers who filed a petition against Chinese and Indonesian companies that illegally dumped subsidized paper into our market. I worked hard to support this petition, and the tariffs that now apply to these imports will help keep Maine companies competitive and allow them to create and retain good paying jobs.

Our state is also making important strides in developing the types of jobs and economic opportunities that can only be done here in Maine. For example, when Eastport partnered with a U.S.-based company to act as an embarkation port for 500 dairy heifers heading to Turkey, congressional efforts were able to help cut through red tape and bureaucratic challenges. Moreover, the entire bipartisan congressional delegation has successfully urged the federal permitting agency to begin the process for a long-term certification of the Port of Eastport as a livestock exportation facility.

To that end, I sponsored and helped pass into law last year the "America COMPETES Act," which will create jobs through innovative technology loan guarantees for small and mid-sized manufacturers. I was pleased that two amendments I offered also made it into the final bill ensuring that when implementing the bill federal agencies work together to prioritize the needs of small businesses and that those communities most hurt by our trade agreements will be given special consideration. There are too many small businesses that are struggling to survive, and we must listen to these independent owners when they tell us what they need to grow and create jobs.

However, my biggest commitment is to quality constituent services. Please do not hesitate to contact me at my Bangor office at 207-942-6935 or by emailing me through my website at www.house.gov/michaud. While on my website, I also encourage you to sign up for occasional e-mail updates on issues important to Mainers and to join me on Facebook or Twitter.

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

With warmest regards,

Michael H. Michaud
Member of Congress

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Annual Report to the Town of Monson
A Message from Senator Douglas A. Thomas

January 2012

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

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

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

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

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

Again, thank you for entrusting me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me if you ever need my help in navigating the state bureaucracy. I can be reached in Augusta at 287-1505, in Ripley at 277-3017, or by e-mail at firewood@tds.net.

Sincerely,

Senator Douglas A. Thomas
Senate District 27



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January 2012

Dear Friends & Neighbors:

As the Second Regular Session of the 125th Maine State Legislature convenes, I would like to thank you for granting me the opportunity to serve Monson, and all of District 27, in the Maine House of Representatives.

The First Regular Session of the Legislature was a busy one, as lawmakers faced many difficult issues and decisions. I believe you will be pleased with the accomplishments achieved by the Legislature so far. My colleagues and I were able to pass important legislation with strong bipartisan support. These initiatives included tax reform, a budget passed with near unanimous support, regulatory reform, welfare reform, and pension reform. Such efforts will set the tone for the upcoming session as we continue our work toward restoring good governing principles to state government.

Education issues were also a significant part of the First Regular Session. Maine is now the 41st state to allow public charter schools. Though more flexible than traditional public schools in terms of governance structures, class schedules, and hiring practices, public charter schools are still accountable to federal requirements and state assessments. Additionally, several provisions of the Essential Programs and Services (EPS) Funding Act have been amended to more equitably allocate state funds that are appropriated for essential programs and services. These changes were implemented with the aim of providing more state assistance to rural school districts. As a member of the Education Committee, I was pleased to see the hard work that lawmakers put into improving Maine's education system.

I encourage you to visit the Legislature's website at <http://www.maine.gov/legis> for up-to-date bill status information, public hearing dates, and roll call votes on legislation. If you would like to sign up to receive my weekly e-newsletter, please send an e-mail to rumridge27@gmail.com. In addition, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or e-mail to share any questions, concerns, or thoughts that you may have. It is with your input that I am best able to represent you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter B. Johnson".

Peter B. Johnson
State Representative

OLYMPIA J. SNOWE
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Dear Friends:

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

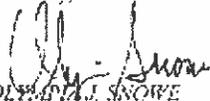
Thankfully, there are steps that Congress and the Administration can take right now to expand our private sector. We can best unleash the genius and innovation that have made our country the most exceptional in human history. I believe, by addressing the following three pro-growth pillars, consisting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

It is long past time that Congress bridge the partisan divide and unite around a pro-growth jobs agenda to pass a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution just as Maine and 48 other states already have, to end the regulatory rampage in Washington that has hamstringed our economy, and to overhaul the far-too-complicated, unworkable tax code. American taxpayers spend 7.6 billion hours and spend \$120 billion – or one percent of GDP – just struggling to comply with tax filing requirements – and that burden must end.

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

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

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This discussion and analysis of the Town of Monson's financial performance provides and overview of the Town's financial activities for the year ended January 31, 2012.

Financial Highlights

The Town's net assets total \$1,134,513.76 and are stated in compliance with GASB 34.

- **The Town's Unencumbered General Fund Balance is \$567,381.02 in 2010 compared to \$529,555.95 in 2010.**
- **Total cost of all the Town's programs was \$ 1,143,542.19 in 2011 compared to \$1,029,428.44 for 2010.**
During the year the town had revenues from assessments and other program revenue was \$ 1,184,822.25 2011 compared to \$1,029,428.44 in 2010.
- **The Single Largest Town Expenditure this in fiscal 2011 was Schools \$472,778.51 compared to \$448,814.00 for 2010**

Using this Annual Report

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the Town as a whole and present a longer term view of the Town Finances. Fund financial statements also report the Town's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements also report the Town's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements, along with reporting the Town's most significant funds. The remaining statements provide financial information about activities for which the Town acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of those outside of the government.

Reporting the Town as a Whole

One of the most important questions asked about the Town's finances is, "Is the Town as a whole better or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The State of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities report information about the Town as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer the question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid. These two statements report the Town's net assets and changes in them. You can think of the Town's net assets – the difference between assets and liabilities – as one way to measure the Town's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the town's net assets are an indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deterioration. You will need to consider other non financial factors, such as changes in the assessment tax base and the condition of Town's capital assets to assess the overall health of the Town.

In the Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities, the Town's activities are classified solely as governmental activities:

- *(Governmental activities – Most of the Town's basic services are reported here, including supporting education services, operation and maintenance, and administration. Assessments to taxpayers in the Town, charges for services and state and federal grants finance most of these activities.)*

Reporting the Town's Most Significant Funds

The fund financial statements provide detail information about the most significant funds – not the Town as a whole. The Town uses only one kind of fund – governmental funds.

Town of Monson, Maine
Statement of Net Assets
January 31, 2012

		Governmental Funds
ASSETS		
	Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 439,672.20
	Investments	218,106.03
	Taxes receivable	120,378.24
	Tax liens receivable	29,795.80
	Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	391,870.39
	Non-depreciable capital assets	31,000.00
	Total Assets	\$ 1,230,822.66
LIABILITIES		
	Prepaid property taxes	\$ 3,046.58
	Non-current liabilities:	
	Due within one year	11,000.00
	Total Liabilities	\$ 14,046.58
NET ASSETS		
	Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 411,870.39
	Restricted	67,650.99
	Unrestricted	737,254.70
	TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 1,216,776.08

Town of Monson, Maine
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended January 31, 2012

	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets				
	Expenses	Program Revenues		Primary Government	
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Total
Governmental activities:					
General government	\$ 211,469.48	\$ 6,609.41	\$ -	\$ (204,860.07)	\$ (204,860.07)
Public safety	43,278.70	39,498.50	-	(3,780.20)	(3,780.20)
Public works	195,349.37	-	30,624.00	(164,725.37)	(164,725.37)
Health and sanitation	57,547.11	25,737.45	-	(31,809.66)	(31,809.66)
Social services	5,073.14	-	3,633.82	(1,439.32)	(1,439.32)
Leisure services	12,648.70	-	582.56	(12,066.14)	(12,066.14)
Interest expense	843.81	-	-	(843.81)	(843.81)
Special appropriations	562,980.73	-	-	(562,980.73)	(562,980.73)
Unclassified	27,240.24	-	-	(27,240.24)	(27,240.24)
Depreciation	44,416.60	-	-	(44,416.60)	(44,416.60)
Total Government Activities	\$ 1,160,847.88	\$ 71,845.36	\$ 34,840.38	\$ (1,054,162.14)	\$ (1,054,162.14)
Total Primary Government	\$ 1,160,847.88	\$ 71,845.36	\$ 34,840.38	\$ (1,054,162.14)	\$ (1,054,162.14)
General revenues:					
Property taxes, levied for general purposes				\$ 749,560.73	\$ 749,560.73
Motor vehicle excise taxes				87,122.29	87,122.29
Interest and lien fees				8,635.70	8,635.70
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs					
Homestead exemption				31,129.00	31,129.00
Tree growth				45,461.01	45,461.01
State revenue sharing				35,445.12	35,445.12
Other				470,902.16	470,902.16
Unrestricted investment earnings				1,253.02	1,253.02
Miscellaneous revenues				92,482.02	92,482.02
Transfer to MUD				(400,532.75)	(400,532.75)
Total general revenues and transfers				\$ 1,121,458.30	\$ 1,121,458.30
Changes in net assets				\$ 67,296.16	\$ 67,296.16
Net assets - beginning				1,134,513.76	1,134,513.76
Prior Period Adjustment (See footnote # 7)				(14,966.16)	(14,966.16)
Net Assets, beginning -restated				1,149,479.92	1,149,479.92
Net assets - ending				\$ 1,216,776.08	\$ 1,216,776.08

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Town of Monson, Maine
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
January 31, 2012

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 403,719.78	\$ 35,952.42	\$ 439,672.20
Investments	136,633.78	81,472.25	218,106.03
Taxes receivable, net of allowance	120,378.24	-	120,378.24
Tax liens receivable	29,795.80	-	29,795.80
Total assets	\$ 690,527.60	\$ 117,424.67	\$ 807,952.27
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Prepaid property taxes	\$ 3,046.58	-	\$ 3,046.58
Accounts payable	-	-	-
Due to Monson Utility District	-	-	-
Wages payable	-	-	-
Deferred property taxes	120,100.00	-	120,100.00
Total liabilities	\$ 123,146.58	\$ -	\$ 123,146.58
Fund balances:			
Non-spendable	\$ -	\$ 67,650.99	\$ 67,650.99
Assigned	296,148.42	-	296,148.42
Unassigned	271,232.60	49,773.68	321,006.28
Total fund balances	567,381.02	117,424.67	\$ 684,805.69
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 690,527.60	\$ 117,424.67	
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets (Stmt. 1) are different because:			
Depreciable and non-depreciable capital assets as reported in Stmt. 1			422,870.39
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, as reported on Stmt. 1			(11,000.00)
Deferred property taxes not reported on Stmt. 1			120,100.00
Net assets of governmental activities			\$ 1,216,776.08

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Town of Monson, Maine
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds
to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended January 31, 2012

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (Statement 4)	\$	102,101.85
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (Stmnt. 2) are different due to the following items:		
Depreciation expense recorded on statement of activities, yet not required to be recorded as expenditure on governmental funds		(44,416.60)
Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets. More specifically, this represents the net amount of principal reduction in debt service made during the fiscal year.		27,110.91
Revenues in the Statement of Activities (Stmnt 2) that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. More specifically, this amount represents the change in deferred property taxes.		(17,500.00)
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Changes in net assets of governmental activities (see Stmt. 2)	\$	67,296.16

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Town of Monson, Maine
General Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Year Ended January 31, 2012

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget- Positive (negative)
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ 771,570.41	\$ 771,570.41	\$ 767,060.73	\$ (4,509.68)
Excise taxes	80,000.00	80,000.00	87,122.29	7,122.29
Intergovernmental revenue	94,469.12	94,469.12	156,777.67	62,308.55
Charges for services	36,900.00	36,900.00	71,845.36	34,945.36
Investment income	-	-	898.48	898.48
Interest and lien fees	-	-	8,635.70	8,635.70
Other revenues	90,244.00	90,244.00	92,482.02	2,238.02
Total revenues	\$ 1,073,183.53	\$ 1,073,183.53	\$ 1,184,822.25	\$ 111,638.72
EXPENDITURES				
General government	\$ 187,366.00	\$ 187,366.00	\$ 211,469.48	\$ (24,103.48)
Public safety	45,800.00	45,800.00	43,278.70	2,521.30
Public works	203,841.00	203,841.00	195,349.37	8,491.63
Health and sanitation	66,635.00	66,635.00	57,547.11	9,087.89
Social services	2,000.00	2,000.00	5,073.14	(3,073.14)
Leisure services	17,450.00	17,450.00	12,648.70	4,801.30
Debt service	11,700.00	11,700.00	27,954.72	(16,254.72)
Special appropriations	562,981.51	562,981.51	562,980.73	0.78
Unclassified	29,560.00	29,560.00	27,240.24	2,319.76
Total expenditures	\$ 1,127,333.51	\$ 1,127,333.51	\$ 1,143,542.19	\$ (16,208.68)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	\$ (54,149.98)	\$ (54,149.98)	\$ 41,280.06	\$ 127,847.40
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Operating transfers in	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating transfers (out)	-	-	(3,454.99)	(3,454.99)
Received from CDBG grant	-	-	461,000.00	461,000.00
Transfer of CDBG grant to MUD	-	-	(400,532.75)	(400,532.75)
Total other financing sources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57,012.26	\$ 57,012.26
Net changes in fund balances	\$ (54,149.98)	\$ (54,149.98)	\$ 98,292.32	
Fund balances - beginning			469,088.70	
Fund balances - ending			\$ 567,381.02	

Schedule 2

Town of Monson, Maine
 Combining Balance Sheet - All Other Non-Major Governmental Funds
 January 31, 2012

	Permanent Funds	Total Other Governmental Funds
ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 35,952.42	\$ 35,952.42
Investments	81,472.25	81,472.25
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 117,424.67	\$ 117,424.67
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE:		
Fund Balance:		
Non-spendable	\$ 67,650.99	\$ 67,650.99
Unassigned	49,773.68	49,773.68
Total fund balance	\$ 117,424.67	\$ 117,424.67
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 117,424.67	\$ 117,424.67

Schedule 3

Town of Monson, Maine
 Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
 All Other Non-Major Governmental Funds
 For the Year Ended January 31, 2012

	Permanent Funds	Total Other Governmental Funds
REVENUES:		
Interest Income	\$ 354.54	\$ 354.54
Total revenues	<u>\$ 354.54</u>	<u>\$ 354.54</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 354.54</u>	<u>\$ 354.54</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) OF FUNDS:		
Transfers (to) General Fund	\$ -	\$ -
Transfers from General Fund	3,454.99	3,454.99
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>\$ 3,454.99</u>	<u>\$ 3,454.99</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	<u>\$ 3,809.53</u>	<u>\$ 3,809.53</u>
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>113,615.14</u>	<u>113,615.14</u>
FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 117,424.67</u>	<u>\$ 117,424.67</u>

Town of Monson, Maine
 Schedule of Property Valuation, Assessment and Appropriations
 General Fund
 For the Year Ended January 31, 2012

Assessed Valuation	
Real estate valuation	\$ 59,703,890.00
Personal property valuation	<u>340,500.00</u>
Total valuation	<u>\$ 60,044,390.00</u>
Tax Commitment	
Tax assessment at \$12.90 per thousand	<u>\$ 771,570.41</u>
Reconciliation of Commitment with Appropriation	
Current year tax commitment, as above	\$ 771,570.41
Estimated revenues	313,818.12
Appropriated from fund balance	<u>78,811.00</u>
Appropriations per original budget	<u>\$ 1,164,199.53</u>
Overlay	<u>(36,866.02)</u>
Total appropriations	<u>\$ 1,127,333.51</u>

Schedule 5

Town of Monson, Maine
Schedule of Taxes and Tax Liens Receivable
General Fund
January 31, 2012

Taxes receivable		
Real property	\$ 71,183.88	
Personal property	<u>49,194.36</u>	
		\$ 120,378.24
Tax liens receivable		
2010	\$ 29,195.23	
2009	<u>600.57</u>	
		<u>29,795.80</u>
Total taxes and tax liens receivable, net		<u>\$ 150,174.04</u>

Town of Monson, Maine
 Schedule of Departmental Operations
 For the Year Ended January 31, 2012

Schedule 6

	Balance 2/1/2011	Appropriations	Total Available	Expenditures	Balances Lapsed Carried	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Administration	\$ -	\$ 85,340.00	\$ 85,340.00	\$ 78,399.70	\$ 6,940.30	\$ -
Municipal building	-	18,670.00	18,670.00	12,417.72	6,252.28	-
Town hall improvements	13,588.73	-	13,588.73	-	-	13,588.73
Insurance	-	50,351.00	50,351.00	43,280.06	7,070.94	-
Planning board	-	18,205.00	18,205.00	21,652.68	(3,447.68)	-
Municipal programs	-	4,200.00	4,200.00	45,119.32	(40,919.32)	-
Assessing	-	10,600.00	10,600.00	10,600.00	-	-
Total	13,588.73	187,366.00	200,954.73	211,469.48	(24,103.48)	13,588.73
PUBLIC SAFETY						
Animal control	-	900.00	900.00	878.75	21.25	-
Fire department	-	30,800.00	30,800.00	42,399.95	(11,599.95)	-
Fire department equipment	34,766.82	14,100.00	48,866.82	-	-	48,866.82
Total	34,766.82	45,800.00	80,566.82	43,278.70	(11,578.70)	48,866.82
PUBLIC WORKS						
Town road improvements	69,414.88	27,291.00	96,705.88	27,291.00	-	69,414.88
Highway equipment fund	48,699.93	5,000.00	53,699.93	-	-	53,699.93
Sidewalks	-	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	-
Winter plow sand	-	90,850.00	90,850.00	-	90,850.00	-
Highway department	-	66,700.00	66,700.00	160,157.12	(93,457.12)	-
Street lights	-	9,000.00	9,000.00	7,901.25	1,098.75	-
Total	118,114.81	203,841.00	321,955.81	195,349.37	3,491.63	123,114.81
HEALTH AND SANITATION						
Monson solid waste	-	66,635.00	66,635.00	57,547.11	9,087.89	-
Total	-	66,635.00	66,635.00	57,547.11	9,087.89	-

Town of Monson, Maine
 Schedule of Departmental Operations
 For the Year Ended January 31, 2012

Schedule 6
 Page 2

	Balance 2/1/2011	Appropriations	Total Available	Expenditures	Balances Lapsed	Carried
SOCIAL SERVICES						
General assistance	4,527.98	2,000.00	6,527.98	5,073.14	-	1,454.84
Total	4,527.98	2,000.00	6,527.98	5,073.14	-	1,454.84
LEISURE SERVICES						
Summer/winter recreation	5,471.54	6,500.00	11,971.54	4,414.41	-	7,557.13
Monson library	5,811.53	1,200.00	7,011.53	704.42	-	6,307.11
Monson gym	10,465.69	9,750.00	20,215.69	7,529.87	-	12,685.82
Parks	61.49	-	61.49	-	-	61.49
Total	21,810.25	17,450.00	39,260.25	12,648.70	-	26,611.55
DEBT SERVICE						
Principal and interest	-	11,700.00	11,700.00	27,954.72	(16,254.72)	-
Total	-	11,700.00	11,700.00	27,954.72	(16,254.72)	-

Town of Monson, Maine
 Schedule of Departmental Operations
 For the Year Ended January 31, 2012

Schedule 6
 Page 3

	Balance 2/1/2011	Appropriations	Total Available	Expenditures	Balances	
					Lapsed	Carried
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS						
County tax	-	90,203.00	90,203.00	90,203.00	-	-
Education	-	472,778.51	472,778.51	472,777.73	0.78	-
Total	-	562,981.51	562,981.51	562,980.73	0.78	-
UNCLASSIFIED						
TIF financing plan	9,990.33	-	9,990.33	-	-	9,990.33
School building	-	23,600.00	23,600.00	25,043.20	(1,443.20)	-
Social organizations	-	1,960.00	1,960.00	1,960.00	-	-
Charities	-	-	-	150.00	(150.00)	-
Cemeteries	-	4,000.00	4,000.00	87.04	3,912.96	-
Total	9,990.33	29,560.00	39,550.33	27,240.24	2,319.76	9,990.33
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 202,798.92	\$ 1,127,333.51	\$ 1,330,132.43	\$ 1,143,542.19	\$ (37,036.84)	\$ 223,627.08

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