

Town Of Monson Annual Report



Please bring this report with you to the Town Meeting

In a continuing effort to save Administrative funds, this Town Report was compiled, edited, printed and assembled internally.

The Annual Town Meeting and Election of Municipal officers will be held on Monday March 20th, at the Community Center on 35 Greenville Road.

The meeting will open at 6:30 PM with the election of Moderator.

The following municipal official positions will be voted on:

Selectboard, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor: 1 position /3 year term

HAD #4 Board of Director: 1 position / 3 year term

Planning Board Member: 1 position /5 year term

Gym Committee: 5 positions/ 3 year term

Recreation Committee: 5 positions / 3 year term

Festival Committee: 5 positions / 5 year term

Monson Utilities Board Member: 1 position / 5 year term

For more information, please contact the Town Office at 997-3641

Office Hours: Monday- Closed
Tuesday- 8am – 4 pm
Wednesday- Closed to public or by appointment
Thursday- 8 am- 6pm
Friday- 7:30 am- 3:30 pm



REFERENCE NUMBERS AND DATES TO REMEMBER

Town Manager –Fred J. Krone email: monsontownmgr@myfairpoint.net	997-3641
Town Clerk - Susan M. DeLoia email: monsontownclerk@myfairpoint.net	997-3641
Monson Utilities District - Fred J. Krone- Administrator, Treasurer	997-3641
Brian L.Turner, Operator	997-3287
Nancy E. Putnam- Assistant Administrator	997-3641
Public Works Garage - Rickey Clawson, Highway Foreman	997-3641
Piscataquis County Sheriff's Department	564-3304
Fire Chief and Fire Warden - Eric Melia	279-9002
*Note: Maine law requires burning permits for all outdoor fires	
U.S. Senator for Maine - Susan Collins	945-0417
U.S. Senator for Maine - Angus King	622-8292
2nd District of Maine - Bruce Poliquin	942-0583
Maine House of Representatives - Paul A. Stearns email: Paul.Stearns@legislature.maine.gov	287-4469
State Senator -Paul T. Davis Sr. repdavis@midmain.com 876-4047	287-1505
<p>Selectboard Meeting: Third Wednesday of the month @ 7 PM- Town Hall (downstairs)</p> <p>February 18, 2017: Winter Festival- Snow Roller Day</p> <p>April 1, 2017: Deadline for filing Homestead and Veteran's Exemptions</p> <p>July 14, 2017: Property and Personal Tax Bills to go out</p> <p>July 15, 2017: Summer Festival and Alumni Weekend</p> <p>September 1, 2017: 7% Interest starts on unpaid 2017 property taxes</p> <p>October 2017: Rabies Clinic- For more information call 997-3641</p> <p>December 31, 2017: Dog licenses available and are due each year before Feb. 1</p> <p>*Registrations after January 31, 2017 will be subject to a \$25.00 late fee per State Law</p> <p>January 31, 2018: Last day to pay unpaid taxes before names are listed in the Town Report</p>	

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DEDICATION



Brian L. Turner

Brian Turner has been what is best described a true Monson boy. Brian is a 1964 Monson Academy Graduate and has lived in Monson all but just a few years of his life when he attended Husson College in Bangor where he graduated with a B.A. in business administration in 1968. After graduation Brian attempted to wear a white shirt and a tie working in Old Town. This however was very short lived and soon came home to work with his father and brothers in the forest industry. Brian and his wife Cindy Turner were married in 1967 and have lived in the same house on Willimantic Road since 1970.

In 1992 Brian was hired to fill the position of Road Foreman. For 18 years Brian worked for the Town Highway Department, sanding roads, moving snow, maintaining town equipment, and learning every detail of the town roads for summer and winter operations. In 2010 Brian Retired from the Town, but is still working for the town as the Water Operator, Sewer Operator, Code Enforcement Officer, and Licensed Plumbing inspector.

I had the pleasure of knowing and working with Brian as my time as Town Manager. Brian became a trusted friend and is always willing to be the first one to stand up and volunteer to help whenever needed. In 2015 Brian was brought out of retirement to help the highway crew preform our first ever in house ditching project, which was a great success in no small part to Brian's vast knowledge. In 2016 without Brian's help we would have not been able to complete the 9.5 miles of paving, miles of ditching, and our crowning achievement of the twin culverts on Steward Road. It is my great honor to dedicate the 2016-2017 Town Report to my Friend Brian L. Turner.

Lucas M. Butler,
Former Town Manager

Boston Post Cane



In 1909, the Boston Post sent ebony canes topped with gold to 700 towns in New England. These canes were presented to the oldest resident in each of the towns. This tradition is still carried on in 207 Maine towns, and Monson is proud to be among that number.

Congratulations to Virginia Day Zimmerman who was presented with the Boston Post Cane in April by Former Town Manager, Lucas Butler.

Letter of Transmittal

March 2, 2017

To the Board of Selectman and Citizens of Monson:

A financial and general activities summary of your town government for the year beginning February 1, 2016 and ending January 31, 2017 is located in this Town Report. The following Annual Town Report is reported in compliance with GASB Statement Number 34.

The Town ended its fiscal year January 31, 2016 with a surplus of \$249,464.67, which is available to help meet present and future needs of the Town.

Reports of R.S.U. #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 in Dover-Foxcroft.

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 to be held **Monday, March 20, 2017 at 6:30pm at the Monson Community Center** to act on your town's business for fiscal year 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fred J. Krone
Town Manager



Town Manager's Report

To the Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Monson, Maine:

It's with great pride that I present the 2017-2018 Town Report. Although it has been a hectic first few months learning the ropes in the midst of budget season and a very snowy winter, I am confident the budget presented helps plan for the long-term while addressing the new bond payment from the Town's paving last year. Below are a few of the highlights of the year.

Town Office

The Town Office is always busy serving people. I am in great debt to both Nancy Putnam and Susan DeLoia the two clerks that make sure that everything from a dog to a car and everything in between are taken care of in a timely efficient manner. Thank you both for all your time and commitment to the Town of Monson.

Tax Collections

Many people took advantage of our 2% discount rate this calendar year. As of January 31, 2017 our collection rate was well over 90%.

Budget

Over the course of January and February, the Budget Committee met over 7 meetings where all aspects of this year's budget were discussed in depth. The budget that has been presented manages our long-term debt while maintaining investments in our town's future.

Road Work

Last year, the Town took out a \$1,000,000 bond to complete the paving of 9 miles of roads throughout Monson. These new roads were a much needed improvement, and the Town continues to plan for additional road renovations. This year, the goal is to remove vegetation to open up roadways for improved sunlight penetration. This will help fight ice buildup during the winter by increasing the amount of sunlight hitting the roadways. Additional projects planned include addressing raised culverts on the North Guilford Road, completing a culvert installation grant along Elliotsville Road, and conducting a comprehensive mapping of the stormwater infrastructure within the town.

Transfer Station

During this year's budget meetings, the new rates developed for the Transfer Station were analyzed for their impact on the expense of this facility. The new rate table adopted by the Budget Committee last year has resulted in the Transfer Station breaking even for the first time. There has been an increase in the amount of cardboard generated by town residents, and the amount of Construction & Demolition debris also continues to increase. Throughout this budget year, the Town will review these increases. It has been noted that the increase in cardboard production is likely due to an increase in online purchases.

Planning Board

The Planning Board held a meeting on January 12, 2017 to discuss the Libra Foundation project at the Community Center. Other matters discussed include the proposed Moratorium on Marijuana Retail and Social Club establishments paralleling the Maine State Law, and reviewing zoning ordinances. Throughout 2017, the Planning Board will be working with the Libra Foundation to address any land use concerns associated with the various projects occurring within the community.

Gym

The gym, this year, has been used on an ongoing basis for basketball and community groups of all types. The American Legion post had a very successful fundraiser this year, and also hosted a BBQ for the community during the Wilderness Walk for Warriors. The winter basketball program has been an amazing success, and the Town looks forward to supporting the Recreation Committee's efforts to engage our community's youth. For this year, given the magnitude of changes occurring at the Community Center resulting from the sale of the building to the Libra Foundation, the Town has decided for a Gym Committee to oversee the long-term maintenance and operation of the building.

Recreation Committee

I would like to thank Dee Adams and Bobbi Crockett for coaching the Monson Slater's Basketball team this year. Dee and Bobbi put in many volunteer hours to achieve this for the youth in Monson. I would ask anyone able and willing to join or consider a donation to the Recreation Committee, to please help. I would also like to thank Dee Adams and Nancy Putnam as well as all the businesses and volunteers who made the 2017 Snow Roller Day festival a fun time for everyone.

Community Center

There have been many challenges with the Community Center. This past year, the Town has been working with the Libra Foundation to support their purchase of the Community Center. The Town voted overwhelmingly at a Special Town Meeting held on December 2, 2016 (70 in favor to 4 opposed) to sell the facility to October Corporation, the land holding company for the Libra Foundation. Site surveys and other site evaluations have been completed, and the Town anticipates the sale of the property to occur before May 2017.

Summer Fest

Last year's Summer Fest proved to be a fun and exciting time for all. With all the new exciting things happening in Monson, I encourage everyone to join us for our planning meetings to make the 2017 Summer Fest the best one yet!

Thank you all!

Fred J. Krone
Town Manager

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

SELECTBOARD, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR (3 YR)

Karl C. Martin Jr., Chair	Term Expires 2018
Brita J. Cronkite	Term Expires 2019
Edward D. Hoovler	Term Expires 2017

ROAD COMMISSIONER, TAX COLLECTOR, TOWN TREASURER, GA ADMINSTRTOR

Fred J. Krone	Term Expires 2017
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TOWN CLERK, REGISTRAR

Susan M. DeLoia	Term Expires 2017
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DEPUTY TOWN CLERK, DEPUTY REGISTRAR

Nancy E. Putnam	Term Expires 2017
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MODERATOR

David Ray Jr.	Term Expires 2017
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS R.S.U. # 68 (3 yr) Stacy Shorey, Superintendent

Richard Wing	Term Expires 2018
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS H.A.D. #4 (3 yr)

Shirleen Vainio	Term Expires 2017
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APPOINTMENTS

Fred J. Krone	Town Manager
Susan M. DeLoia	Registra of Voters
Eric Melia	Fire Chief / Fire Warden
Amanda Melia	Emergency Management Agency Director
Brian Turner	Plumbing Inspector / CEO
Susan Hoovler	Health Officer
Joseph Guyotte	Animal Control Officer
Nicholas Hanson	Sexton-Town of Monson Cemeteries

MONSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Tom Dallamora, Librarian Director
Joanne Tardy, Library Assistant

Trustees

Holly Melia, President	Jeannie Tabor
Patty Brown, Vice President	Frances Turner
Jeanne (Gina) B. Reed, Treasurer	Mary Witmer
Sarah Wentworth, Secretary	

MONSON UTILITIES DISTRICT (5 yr)

James Greenleaf, Chair	Term Expires 2019
William Charles	Term Expires 2021
Vern Darling	Term Expires 2016
Bettinan Stevens	Term Expires 2018
Roger Page	Term Expires 2020

Administration

Administrator/Treasurer- Fred Krone	Assistant Administrator- Nancy Putnam
Operator- Brian Turner	

MONSON PLANNING BOARD (5 yr)

Cynthia Turner, Chair	Term Expires 2020
Kenneth Allen	Term Expires 2018
Thomas Adkins	Term Expires 2018
Milton Anderson	Term Expires 2017
Lisa Kelley	Term Expires 2019

Associate Members

Paul Suomi	Term Expires 2018
Cindy Ranta	Term Expires 2020

BOARD OF APPEALS (5 yr)

Susan Chase	Term Expires 2018
Kim Witham	Term Expires 2018
Joyce Copeland	Term Expires 2019
Ronald Vainio	Term Expires 2017
Cindy Ranta	Term Expires 2019

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Karl Martin Jr.	Holly Melia	Brian Turner	
Brita Cronkite	Mary Witmer	James Greenleaf	
Ed Hoovler	Lucas Butler	Cindy Turner	
Eric Melia	Robert Jarvis	Eric Vainio	
Alan Melia	Tom Adkins	Rick Clawson	
Jeannie Tabor	Gina Reed	John Wentworth	Frances Turner

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS! We want to take this opportunity to **Thank** the many Monson citizens who give so freely of their time and energy to serve on the Town Boards and Committees.

MONSON SELECTBOARD

In the last year, the Selectboard has dealt with the usual business of the town, plus one, important long-term issue, the hiring of a new town manager and what may be the dawning of a new future for our town.

For the first time in many years, the citizens of Monson approved a one million dollar bond to finance the paving of almost 10 miles of our roads. The paving and associated ditching and culvert work, overseen by former town manager Lucas Butler, will insure the stability and longevity of nearly half of the public ways.

After about two years on the job, Lucas resigned his position as town manager. To replace him, the Board chose Monson resident Fred Krone. We all wish Lucas well and hope that this is the beginning of a long, productive term for Fred as manager.

The most exciting news, though, is the new collaboration between Monson and the Libra Foundation. The foundation has already purchased several local properties and there is a pending agreement for the sale of the Community Center to the foundation. With these properties, the foundation has a vision of establishing Monson as a residential art center and the heart of a revival for Piscataquis County. The Board joins the foundation in working together toward these goals.

We appreciate the support and input of the citizens of Monson. Thank you.

Buddy Martin

Brita Cronkite

Ed Hoovler



Report from the Assessor's desk 2016

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

Taxes, who can say they like them or are looking forward to that tax bill in the mail? Not me for sure however this is one of the things we cannot avoid being a home owner and wonder why. I have had the pleasure to work with the selectman in a lot of towns and they really put a lot of effort into trying to keep your tax bill down. Between school, county and your town's budget it can be a hair pulling experience. I hear questions all the time about peoples appraisal value and the tax value of your home and why the difference. Why does it matter in the end I still have to pay taxes? We would like to have the assessment right on your home so come in and talk with us make an appointment if there is problems with your home that the assessor does not know about it will make a difference in valuing your home. As the assessor we have to put a value on land and home throughout your whole community and this process is done by sales in your community.

I would like to talk about the homestead exemption again this year. Last year the homestead changed from \$10,000 to \$15,000 in reduction of value of your home. This year the exemption has gone up to \$20,000 reduction in value this is great. This is State mandated and does help the residents that qualify for this exemption but as we know the more the exemption the more the mill rate will go up to towns expenses. If you qualify for this exemption it needs to be filed before April first it takes minutes to fill out and easy process to get qualified. First you will have to claim residency in town, live there for a year and you can only claim the homestead exemption in one town. If you think you qualify please let us know we can help you if need for this exemption.

If you are 62 years or older and served in a federally recognized war period you may qualify for the veteran's exemption. If you have a VA paper work that shows you qualify and are under 62 you may also qualify for this exemption. Bring in you DD2 14 or you tax emption code paperwork from your VA office we would be glad to sit down with you and help fill out these exemption forms. The veterans exemption if qualified reduces your tax value \$6,000.

We at Hamlin Associates wish you the best and hope the year brings you many good things.

Respectfully,

Joshua Morin

Joshua Morin, President

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Town Clerk's Office

Proudly serving the towns of Monson, Blanchard and Elliotsville

Welcome to our New Residents ☺, The Town of Monson is pleased to offer its citizens a variety of services and information.

Services available at the Town Office are: tax and assessing information; vital records; genealogy; voter registration and elections; cemetery information; motor vehicle registrations ; Hunting/Fishing licenses; ATV, Boats, snowmobiles registrations; petitions; dog licensing; building permits and ordinance information; copies; faxes; and notary services. Please visit the office, or call 997-3641 with any questions.

2,762 transactions for our Fiscal Year 2016-17.

Monson has a Selectboard/Town Manager/Town Meeting form of Government. The Selectboard hold meetings on the third Wednesday of the month, unless otherwise posted. Meetings are held at the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room downstairs.

Special Town Meetings , Elections, and Notices are posted at the Monson Post Office; Monson Library; Town Office Lobby and our website www.monsonmaine.org

Opportunities for Volunteers in Monson. All Town Boards & Committees consist of volunteers who live in Monson. These volunteers work toward solving complex issues and recommending policy that helps to shape the kind of community in which we live. Monson is fortunate to have many potential volunteers whose skill and technical knowledge can be applied in the Town Government. There are various opportunities available to correspond with the expertise and/or interest of the citizens of Monson. If you are interested in serving on a Town Board or Committee, please stop by the Town Office or call 997-3641.

Real Estate Taxes and Home Owner Information

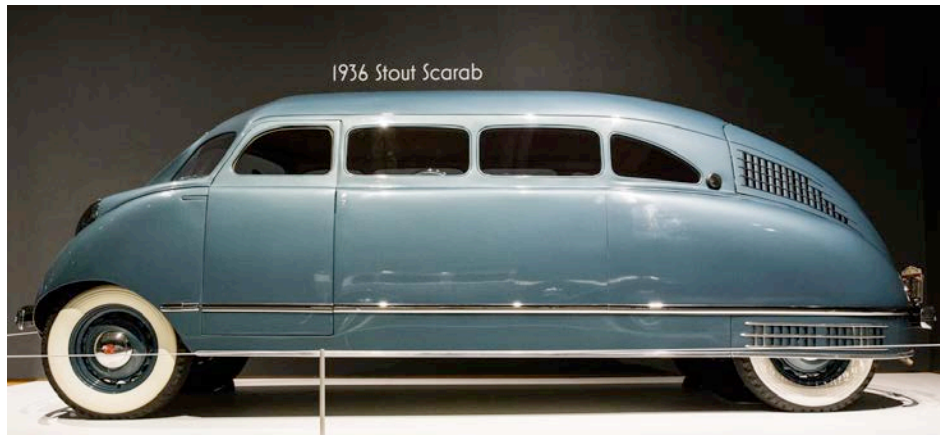
Tax Billing: Tax bills are sent to the owners of record as of April 1st by State law. If you buy property after that date, the bill will be sent to the recorded owner as of April 1st. Therefore, you may not receive a bill until the following year. However, taxes are still due and it is the responsibility of the new owner to obtain tax information from this office or the previous owner. **1,014 Tax bills mailed out for 2016**

MOTOR VEHICLE

For motor vehicle Re-Registrations, you will need your yellow registration form, insurance card and current mileage.

IF you purchased the vehicle from a Maine Licensed Dealer, then you will need the window sticker (if the car is brand new), a Title Application Form (usually blue), a Dealer Certificate (usually green), proof of insurance and the current mileage. Bring all of these items to the Town Office to pay the excise tax.

If you purchased the vehicle in a private sale, then you will need the prior title (if the vehicle is a 1995 or newer) signed by the previous owner listing you as the purchaser, a dated bill of sale that clearly identifies the vehicle, including the vehicle identification number, the seller's name, your name as the purchaser and the sale price, proof of insurance and current mileage.



Total Registrations were **-972**

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

We have been using the State of Maine “MOSES” (Maine Online Sportsman’s Electronic System) for Licenses and Registrations and it has served us well. We now register Non-Resident Snowmobiles, sell Non-Resident Hunting & Fishing Licenses and Non-Resident milfoil stickers for boats. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us during regular office hours.

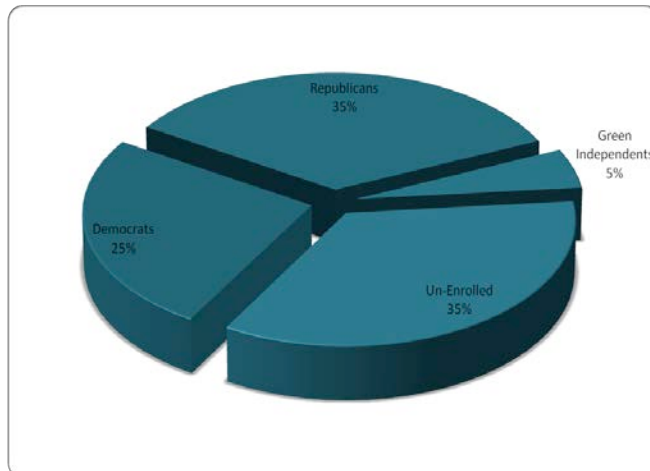


- 118 – Resident Fishing / Hunting Combination licenses - **\$45.00**
- 198- Boat Registrations - **\$21.00-40.00**
- 86- Snowmobile Registrations -**\$46.00**
- 44- ATV Registrations -**\$34.00**

Voter Registrar’s Report

A special Thank You ☺ to Frances Turner, Warden and to our Ballot Clerks; Cindy Turner, George Geis, Lucas Butler, Matt DeLoia, Cindy Ranta , Jeannie Tabor and Diane Dube.

The Towns of Monson, Blanchard and Elliotsville have a total of **565** registered voters. With **474** voters turning out for the November 2016 Election.



DOG LICENSES

When coming in to license your dog, please bring the current Maine certificate of rabies vaccination and documentation if your dog has been neutered or spayed. The annual fee for a dog license is \$11.00 (if not neutered or spayed) and \$6.00 (if neutered or spayed). Dog licenses for 2017 were available October 15, 2016. Effective February 1st of each year, the State mandated late fee for unlicensed dogs is \$25.00 per dog. If you no longer own your dog(s), please notify the town office and we will update our records.



Total dog registrations were **202** and **1** Kennel License

Did you know your dog licensing fees support:

- Local Animal Control Officers and State Humane Agents
- Investigation of animal cruelty complaints & enforcement of animal welfare laws
- Compliance with rabies vaccination of dogs
- Care for sick and injured stray animals
- Return of lost dogs to their owner

VITAL RECORDS

Please be aware that we can no longer look up a record or get one ready ahead of time as we need to see photo identification of the person requesting the record and prove they have a direct and legitimate interest in the record they are asking for. Certified copies of births, deaths and marriages remain the same as set by the State at \$15 for the first copy and \$6 for each additional copy requested at the same time. Births can be obtained in the town where the birth took place or where the mother resided at the time of the birth. Deaths may be obtained in the town where the death occurred or the town where the deceased was a resident of at the time of their passing. Marriages can only be obtained in the town where the couple was issued their license. Please call with any questions you may have so we may help you prevent any unnecessary trips for missing information. You can find more information about requesting vital records by visiting www.maine.gov. Marriage licenses are available for all qualified parties with photo identification at a cost of \$40 and must be obtained in the town that one of the parties resides, if not the same. We suggest calling ahead to set up a time to appear in our office to complete all the paperwork and to confirm what is needed from you and your partner for necessary paperwork to complete the license. Licenses are valid for 90 days, must be completed in **black ink only** and returned only by the officiant of your ceremony. If the license is not completed in black ink, it will be rejected and a new license must be issued and completed, as per State of Maine Law. The laws concerning Vital Records are always changing, so please call our office with any questions you may have.

8 Births in 2016



Birth Certificates Requests: 17
Death Certificate Requests: 28
Burial Permits: 7
Marriage Licenses/Certificates: 1

A special thank you to Nancy Putnam , Deputy Town Clerk for her dedication, and support throughout the past year.

As always, we appreciate your feedback on how to better serve our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan M. DeLoia
Town Clerk

In Memory of



Joyce Allen
Joyce Brown
Harold Kendall
Kermit Kronholm
Jean Lowe
Mary Melvin
Edward Philbrook Sr.
Jeffrey Saulnier
Betty Stone
Sarah Turner

IMPOPRTANT 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/she is hereby barred or his/her right to make application to the assessor or county commissioners for any abatement of his/her taxes, unless he/she furnishes such lists with this application and satisfies them that he/she 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 has reached the age of 62 by April first, must apply to the assessor by April first to be eligible for his/her \$6,000 dollar valuation exemption of taxes.

M.R.S.A. TITLE 36 SECTION 681-689

Any homeowner who is a legal resident of the State of Maine, who has owned homestead property in Maine for at least the past twelve (12) months and who can declare the homestead as his/her permanent place of residence, is eligible to apply for HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION. Please call the Town Office 997-3641 for an application and information.

NOTICE

The Assessor herby 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



The list of delinquent taxpayers has been intentionally removed. For information on delinquent taxpayers, please contact the Town of Monson Town Offices at (207) 997-3641 or monsontownmgr@myfairpoint.net.

TOWN SAVINGS AND INVESTMENTS

Perpetual Care	1,951.56
Monson Food Cupboard	13.29
175th Anniversary Account	2,651.28
Bridget Burke Memorial Fund	719.01
C & J Durham Fund	5,796.61
Memorial Park	197.99
Tennis Court	280.20

Bangor Savings Accounts include the Following

School Administerial Fund	451.96
Soldiers Monument Fund	1,217.09
Chapin Trust Fund	9,312.39
Wentworth Trust Fund	82.90
Monson Better Health Assoc.	5,591.17
Rebecca Julie Crafts Sheridan	121.22
James Durham Memorial Recreation Fund	4,204.70
Interest Earned since 2015	57.76

INVESTMENTS AND CD'S

Bangor Savings 64	150,197.18
Bangor Savings 45	21,763.12
Bangor Savings 69	27,919.51
Bangor Savings 87	8,860.27
Camden Wentworth CD	8,877.90

REVENUES COLLECTED

08 - Reserve Donations		
006 - Misc. Donations	Cemetery	200.00

10 - Administration

002 - Copies/Fax			215.50
005 - Auto Excise			100,717.42
010 - Boat Excise			2,427.30
015 - Agent Fees			3,751.00
020 - Clerk Fees			1,487.00
025 - Bank Interest			399.72
026 - BGR SAV PERPET. CARE INTEREST			224.12
030 - Town Hall			344.50
031 - LICENSES	BUSINESS		20.00
100 - Real Estate Int.			6,906.74
105 - COSTS			3290.90
200 - Real Estate Taxes			945,108.24
300 - Personal Property Taxes			3,605.65
400 - Veterans Reimbursement			836.00
405 - Tree Growth			40,013.69
415 - Appalachian Trail			2,737.00
420 - Homestead Reimbursement			21,347.00
421 - BETE Reimburse			111.00
500 - State Revenue Sharing			29,110.89
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20 - Animal Control Officer			
005 - Animal Welfare			225.00
010 - Late Fee			125.00
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23 - Cemetery			
105 - Perpetual Care			200.00
106 - Perpetual Care			695.65
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30 - Fire			
050 - County Contract		(18,000)	36,000.00
	2015		
055 - Willimantic Contract			9,000.00
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33 - General Assistance			
010 - State Administration/Blanchard			275.00
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35 - Gym			
005 - Rental			20.00
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37 - Highway			
400 - URIP			27,976.00
401 - Culverts reimbursement			50.00
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37 - Highway CONT'D			
405 - Post Office Plowing			880.00
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46 - Comm. Center			
020 - School Revenue			12,180.39
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55 - Recreation			
020 - Donations to Rec Dept.			0.00
026 - FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL			1,508.40
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70 - Solid Waste			
005 - Permit			2,235.00
010 - Demo			2,582.00

015 - Commercial Hauler	455.00
020 - MSW Collections	27,699.00
025 - MRC Distribution	3,289.78
050 - County Contract	40,000.00
051 - Universal Waste	512.00



**Operating
Expense 2016-
2017
Administration**

Date	2016 Budget	Expended	Unexpended Balance
10 - Administration			
10 - Administration			
01 - Special Purpose			
02 - Lake Hebron Cost Share	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
05 - Clerk Book Restoration	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00
Website	\$2,000.00	\$1,334.00	\$666.00

	\$4,500.00	\$2,534.00	\$1,966.00
05 - Expense			
01 - Advertise	\$350.00	\$175.68	\$174.32
03 - Audit	\$3,600.00	\$68.00	\$3,532.00
10 - Bank Fees	\$150.00	\$137.34	\$12.66
37 - Legal	\$2,500.00	\$3,564.50	-\$1,064.50
40 - Postage	\$1,500.00	\$1,704.57	-\$204.57
41 - Printing	\$250.00	\$377.36	-\$127.36
45 - Registry of Deeds	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
	\$8,400.00	\$6,027.45	\$2,372.55
10 - Supplies			
39 - Office	\$1,300.00	\$1,115.24	\$184.76
	\$1,300.00	\$1,115.24	\$184.76
15 - Training & Travel			
08 -	\$3,500.00	\$2,836.56	\$663.44
Dues/Subscrip/Registrations			
28 - Mileage	\$2,250.00	\$2,196.84	\$53.16
	\$5,750.00	\$5,033.40	\$716.60
25 - Personnel			
50 - Election Expenses	\$625.00	\$726.64	-\$101.64
56 - Elected Officials	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$0.00
58 - Part Time	\$3,000.00	\$2,436.65	\$563.35
65 - Town Clerk	\$28,500.00	\$28,062.28	\$437.72
75 - Town Manager / Tres	\$33,000.00	\$35,522.86	-\$2,522.86
	\$67,225.00	\$68,848.43	-\$1,623.43
30 - Equipment			
19 - New Purchase	\$525.00	\$0.00	\$525.00
	\$525.00	\$577.80	-\$52.80
32 - Building			
26 - Building Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
35 - Contractual			
02 - Cleaning	\$2,500.00	\$1,034.08	\$1,465.92
31 - Service Contracts	\$6,500.00	\$6,461.69	\$38.31
35 - Photo Copier Lease	\$2,000.00	\$1,973.19	\$26.81
	\$11,000.00	\$9,468.96	\$1,531.04
40 - Programs			
10 - Beautification	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
90 - Sports Activities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$98,700.00	\$93,605.28	\$5,094.72

Assessing

Date	2016 Budget	Expended	Unexpended Balance
15 - Assessing			
10 - Administration			
25 - Personnel			
51 - Quarterly Payments	\$12,600.00	\$12,600.00	\$0.00
	\$12,600.00	\$12,600.00	\$0.00
	\$12,600.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00

Animal Control

Date	2016 Budget	Expended	Unexpended Balance
20 - Animal Control Officer			
20 - Animal Control Officer			
05 - Expense			
05 - Vet Fees	\$200.00	\$140.00	\$60.00
	\$200.00	\$140.00	\$60.00
15 - Training & Travel			
28 - Mileage	\$500.00	\$436.00	\$64.00
	\$500.00	\$436.00	\$64.00
25 - Personnel			
55 - Regular	\$500.00	\$295.50	\$204.50
	\$500.00	\$295.00	\$204.50
	\$1,200.00	\$871.00	\$328.50

Cemetery

Date	2016 Budget	Expended	Unexpended Balance
23 - Cemetery			
23 - Cemetery			
25 - Personnel			
58 - Part Time	2,000.00	390.00	1610.00
headstones	2500.00	0	2500.00
	4,500.00	1,225.00	4110.00
24 - General			
33 - Field			
46 - Repairs	12,500.00	916.46	11,583.54
	12,500.00	916.46	11,583.54
35 - Contractual			
60 - Mowing	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
	27,000.00	12,141.46	15,693.54

Fire

Date	2016 Budget	Expended	Unexpended Balance
30 - Fire			
10 - Administration			

05 - Expense			
36 - Medical	\$400.00	\$261.75	\$138.25
	\$400.00	\$261.75	\$138.25
10 - Supplies			
22 - General	\$50.00	\$57.98	-\$7.98
23 - Cascade Fire	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
39 - Office	\$200.00	\$21.98	\$178.02
	\$550.00	\$79.96	\$470.04
15 - Training & Travel			
08 - Dues/Subscrips/Registrations	\$2,500.00	\$1,163.00	\$1,337.00
	\$2,500.00	\$1,163.00	\$1,337.00
25 - Personnel			
52 - First Responder	\$2,500.00	\$173.59	\$2,326.41
60 - Chief	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
61 - Volunteers	\$9,000.00	\$9,315.11	-\$315.11
	\$14,000.00	\$11,988.70	\$2,011.30
27 - Employee Benefits			
26 - Workers Compensation	\$600.00	\$1,348.25	-\$748.25
	\$600.00	\$1,348.25	-\$748.25
30 - Equipment			
19 - New Purchase	\$17,500.00	\$16,400.89	\$1,099.11
20 - Gas & Oil	\$2,500.00	\$1,600.01	\$899.99
30 - Pump Test	\$1,200.00	\$511.90	\$688.10
50 - Reserve	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00
51 - Equip Repair	\$3,600.00	\$4,066.34	-\$466.34
57 - New Radio	\$1,100.00	\$554.00	\$546.00
	\$45,900.00	\$23,133.14	\$22,766.86
32 - Building			
26 - Building Maintenance	\$3,000.00	\$732.83	\$2,267.17
	\$3,000.00	\$732.83	\$2,267.17
	\$66,950.00	\$38,707.63	\$28,242.37

General Assistance

Date	2016 Budget	Expended	Unexpended Balance
33 - General Assistance			
10 - Administration			
08 - General Assistance			
10 - General Assistance	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
50 - Utilities			
27 - Heating	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

\$3,000.00 \$0.00 \$3,000.00

Gym

Date	2016 Budget	Expended	Unexpended Balance
35 - Gym			
10 - Administration			
10 - Supplies			
22 - General	\$250.00	\$172.10	\$77.90
	\$250.00	\$172.10	\$77.90
30 - Equipment			
49 - Gym Repairs	\$500.00	\$73.00	\$427.00
	\$500.00	\$73.00	\$427.00
32 - Building			
26 - Building Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
49 - Building Improvements	\$500.00	\$5,126.40	-\$4,626.40
	\$500.00	\$5,126.40	-\$4,626.40
50 - Utilities			
13 - Electric	\$1,250.00	\$1,063.27	\$186.73
27 - Heating	\$10,000.00	\$5,791.36	\$4,208.64
	\$11,250.00	\$6,854.63	\$4,395.37
	\$12,500.00	\$12,226.13	\$273.87

Highway

Date	2016 Budget	Expended	Unexpended Balance
37 - Highway			
37 - Highway			
01 - Special Purpose			
01 - Paving	\$145,332.00	\$94,140.07	\$51,191.93
50 - Reserve	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00
	\$160,332.00	\$94,140.07	\$66,191.93
05 - Expense			
35 - Laboratory	\$250.00	\$175.00	\$75.00
	\$250.00	\$175.00	\$75.00
10 - Supplies			

03 - Cold Patch	\$5,500.00	\$4,847.55	\$652.45
05 - Culverts	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
22 - General	\$1,000.00	\$1,413.47	-\$413.47
25 - Gravel	\$3,500.00	\$595.50	\$2,904.50
41 - Winter Sand	\$18,000.00	\$15,600.00	\$2,400.00
45 - Salt	\$15,000.00	\$13,801.95	\$1,198.05
46 - Signs & Striping	\$1,000.00	\$614.08	306.02
	\$45,000.00	36,872.55	\$8,047.55
15 - Training & Travel			
08 -	\$400.00	\$255.00	\$145.00
Dues/Subscrips/Registrations			
28 - Mileage	\$1,800.00	1270.65	\$490.15
	\$2,200.00	1,525.65	\$635.15
25 - Personnel			
40 - Tree Removal	\$1,000.00	\$207.89	\$792.11
45 - Side Walk Labor / Machine	\$3,500.00	\$5,540.76	-\$2,040.76
55 - Regular	\$30,500.00	\$30,533.60	-\$33.60
58 - Part Time	\$4,000.00	\$2,361.45	\$1,638.55
85 - Snow Plow	\$100,000.00	\$79,879.96	\$20,120.04
	\$139,000.00	\$118,523.66	\$20,476.34
30 - Equipment			
19 - New Purchase	\$1,000.00	\$987.82	\$12.18
20 - Gas & Oil	\$4,500.00	\$3,485.11	\$1,014.89
45 - Highway Equipment Repair	\$4,500.00	\$2,593.36	\$1,906.64
46 - Truck Repairs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
47 - Rental	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
50 - Reserve	\$100,000.00	\$32,167.00	\$67,833.00
	\$110,750.00	\$39,233.29	\$71,516.71
35 - Contractual			
60 - Mowing	\$1,700.00	\$0.00	\$1,700.00
62 - Grading spring fall	\$4,500.00	\$6,986.00	-\$2,486.00
	\$6,200.00	\$6,986.00	-\$786.00
37 - Roads			
26 - Improvements	\$105,000.00	\$105,734.93	-\$734.93
	\$105,000.00	\$105,734.93	-\$734.93
	\$568,732.00	\$403,310.25	\$165,421.75

Insurance

Date	2016 Budget	Expended	Unexpended Balance
40 - Insurance			
10 - Administration			
20 - Insurance			
24 - Property & Liability	\$16,000.00	\$13,939.00	\$2,061.00
	\$16,000.00	\$13,939.00	\$2,061.00
27 - Employee Benefits			
25 - Health & Life	\$9,000.00	\$6,331.35	\$2,668.65
26 - Workers Compensation	\$7,500.00	\$2,289.20	\$5,210.80
27 - Social Security/Medicare	\$9,000.00	\$10,730.29	-\$1,730.29
28 - Retirement	\$3,500.00	\$5,720.53	-\$2,220.53

29 - Unemployment	\$3,500.00	\$1,877.40	\$1,622.60
	\$32,500.00	\$26,948.77	\$5,551.23
	\$48,500.00	\$40,887.77	\$7,612.23

Library

Date	2016 Budget	Expended	Unexpended Balance
43 - Library			
10 - Administration			
15 - Training & Travel			
08 - Dues/Subscripts/Registrations	\$475.00	\$100.00	\$375.00
	\$475.00	\$100.00	\$375.00
25 - Personnel			
58 - Part Time	\$475.00	\$240.00	\$235.00
	\$475.00	\$240.00	\$235.00
30 - Equipment			
19 - New Purchase	\$1,000.00	\$964.71	\$35.29
	\$1,000.00	\$964.71	\$35.29
	\$1,950.00	\$1,304.71	\$645.29

Municipal Building

Date	2016 Budget	Expended	Unexpended Balance
45 - Municipal Building			
10 - Administration			
15 - Training & Travel			
08 - Dues/Subscripts/Registrations	\$730.00	\$0.00	\$730.00
	\$730.00	\$1,500.00	-\$770.00
30 - Equipment			
43 - Municipal Building New Equipment	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
32 - Building			

26 - Building Maintenance	\$1,500.00	\$617.76	\$882.24
49 - Building Improvements	\$3,000.00	\$3,135.60	-\$135.60
	\$4,500.00	\$3,753.36	\$746.64
35 - Contractual			
02 - Cleaning	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
50 - Utilities			
13 - Electric	\$2,600.00	\$2,463.39	\$136.61
26 - Furnace Contract	\$200.00	\$202.77	-\$2.77
27 - Heating	\$6,300.00	\$4,197.93	\$2,102.07
32 - Telephone	\$3,300.00	\$2,504.80	\$795.20
33 - Sewer	\$760.00	\$768.28	-\$8.28
34 - Water	\$275.00	\$249.16	\$25.84
	\$13,435.00	\$10,386.33	\$3,048.67
	\$19,015.00	\$15,639.69	\$3,375.31

Community Center

Date	2016 Budget	Expended	Unexpended Balance
46 - Comm. Center			
10 - Programs			
01 - Special Purpose			
03 - At Visitor Center	\$126.00	\$0.00	\$126.00
04 - Community Center MCF monies	\$771.00	\$0.00	\$771.00
	\$897.00	\$0.00	\$897.00
05 - Expense			
34 - Security Deposits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10 - Supplies			
99 - Miscellaneous	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
15 - Training & Travel			
08 - Dues/Subscripits/Registrations	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$80.00
	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$80.00
32 - Building			
26 - Building Maintenance	\$1,000.00	\$1,727.74	-\$727.74
	\$1,000.00	\$1,727.74	-\$727.74
40 - Programs			
16 - Functions	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
50 - Utilities			
13 - Electric	\$7,000.00	\$6,844.09	\$155.91
27 - Heating	\$19,000.00	\$17,920.67	\$1,079.33
34 - Water	\$850.00	\$1,291.00	-\$441.00
	\$26,850.00	\$26,055.76	\$794.24
	\$29,127.00	\$27,783.50	\$1,343.50

Municipal Programs

Unexpended

Date	2016 Budget	Expended	Balance
47 - Municipal Programs			
10 - Administration			
40 - Programs			
10 - Beautification	\$400.00	\$367.84	\$32.16
16 - Functions	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
	\$600.00	\$367.84	\$232.16

Planning

Date	2016 Budget	Expended	Unexpended Balance
53 - Planning			
10 - Administration			
05 - Expense			
01 - Advertise	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00

Recreation

Date	2016 Budget	Expended	Unexpended Balance
55 - Recreation			
10 - Administration			
30 - Equipment			
99 - Rental Port Toilets	\$500.00	\$275.00	\$225.00
	\$500.00	\$275.00	\$225.00
33 - Field			
26 - Improvements	\$200.00	\$127.74	\$72.26
	\$200.00	\$127.74	\$72.26
40 - Programs			
50 - Festival/Snow Roller Day	\$500.00	\$248.19	\$251.81
52 - Festival/Summer	\$3,200.00	\$3,451.87	-\$251.87
90 - Sports Activities	\$600.00	\$475.18	\$124.82
	\$4,300.00	\$4,175.24	\$124.76
	\$5,000.00	\$4,577.98	\$422.02

Street Lights

Date	2016 Budget	Expended	Unexpended Balance
62 - Street/Traffic Lights			
10 - Administration			
50 - Utilities			
14 - St/Traffic light	\$8,200.00	\$7,420.79	\$779.21
	\$8,200.00	\$7,420.79	\$779.21

Health and Welfare

Date	2016 Budget	Expended	Unexpended Balance
65 - Health & Welfare			
60 - Social Services			
65 - Donations			
60 - Community Health & Counseling	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
61 - Eastern Area on Aging	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
62 - Piscataquis Chamber of Commerce	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$0.00
63 - Monson Better Health	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
65 - Penquis Community Action	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
66 - Pine Tree Hospice	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
67 - American Legion	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$0.00
68 - American Red Cross	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
69 - Womancare Aegis	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
	\$1,975.00	\$1,975.00	\$0.00

Solid Waste

Date	2016 Budget	Expended	Unexpended Balance
70 - Solid Waste			
10 - Administration			
05 - Expense			
35 - Laboratory	\$1,200.00	\$330.00	\$870.00
90 - Municipal Review Committee	\$300.00	\$283.72	\$16.28
95 - PERC	\$25,000.00	\$20,830.56	\$4,169.44
96 - Recycle	\$5,500.00	\$3,050.17	\$2,449.83
98 - Demo Disposal	\$30,500.00	\$36,796.01	-\$6,296.01
	\$62,500.00	\$61,290.46	\$1,209.54
10 - Supplies			
22 - General	\$1,000.00	\$4.00	\$996.00
	\$1,000.00	\$4.00	\$996.00
15 - Training & Travel			
08 -	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Dues/Subscripits/Registrations			
28 - Mileage	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
38 - Licenses & Fees	\$450.00	\$423.00	\$27.00
	\$650.00	\$423.00	\$227.00
25 - Personnel			
58 - Part Time	\$6,300.00	\$6,229.28	\$70.72
	\$6,300.00	\$6,229.28	\$70.72
30 - Equipment			
19 - New Purchase	\$300.00	\$170.00	\$130.00
35 - Universal Waste Removal	\$150.00	\$63.00	\$87.00
51 - Equip Repair	\$800.00	\$100.00	\$700.00
	\$1,250.00	\$333.00	\$917.00
32 - Building			
26 - Building Maintenance	\$100.00	\$184.60	-\$84.60
	\$100.00	\$184.60	-\$84.60

50 - Utilities			
13 - Electric	\$1,100.00	\$779.38	\$320.62
32 - Telephone	\$125.00	\$225.26	-\$100.26
	\$1,225.00	\$1,004.64	\$220.36
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	\$73,025.00	\$69,468.98	\$3,556.02

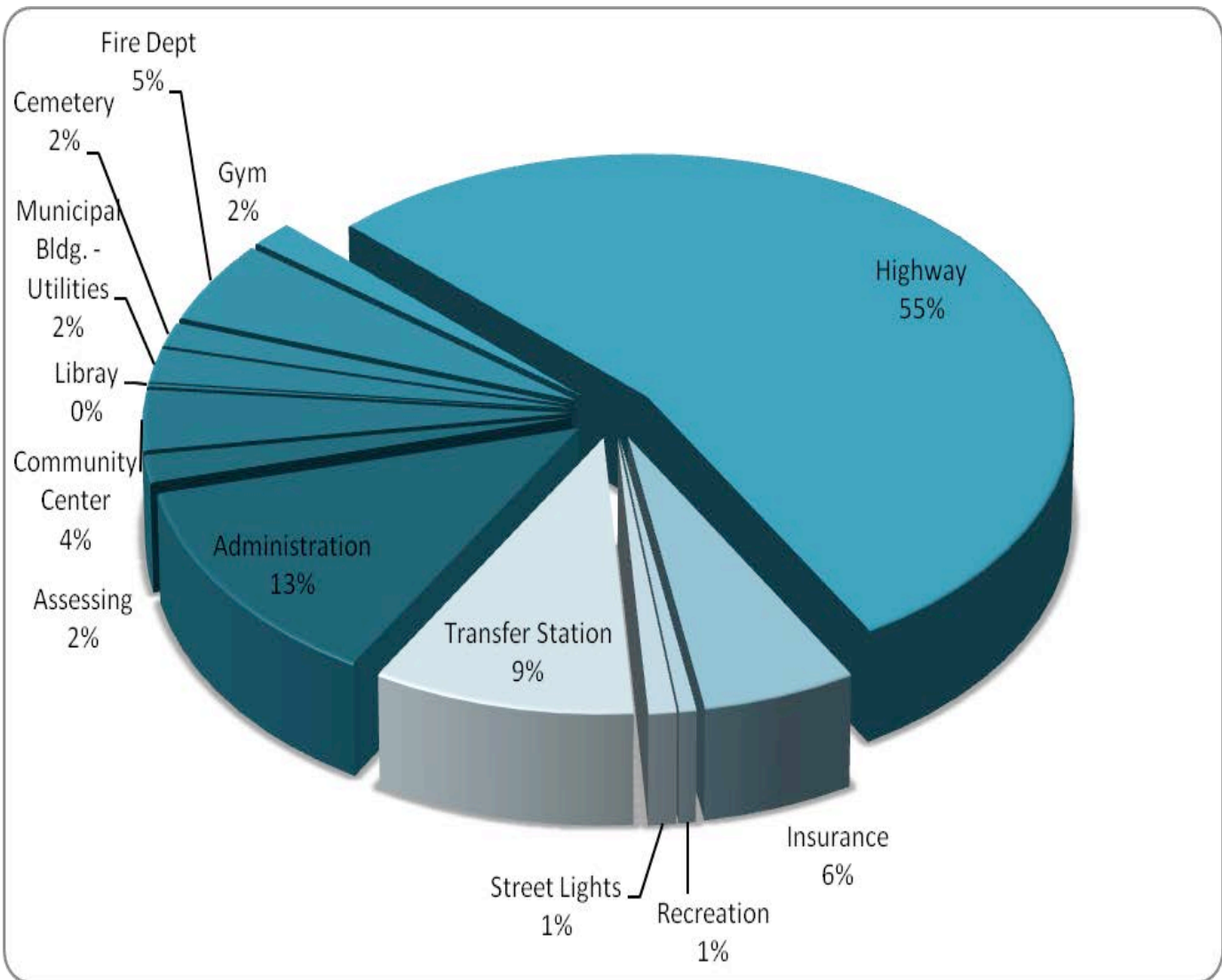
County Tax

Date	2016 Budget	Expended	Unexpended Balance
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85 - County Tax			
10 - Administration			
40 - Programs			
41 - Piscataquis County Tax	\$89,038.00	\$89,038.00	\$0.00
	\$89,038.00	\$89,038.00	\$0.00

Overlay

Date	2016 Budget	Expended	Unexpended Balance
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90 - Overlay & TIF			
10 - Administration			
40 - Programs			
42 - Overlay	\$42,000.25	\$13,757.48	\$28,242.77
	\$42,000.25	\$13,757.48	\$28,242.77

OPERATING COSTS FISCAL YEAR 2016-17



**OPERATING ACCOUNTS
2017 - 2018
RECONCILIATION OF
BUDGET**

BUDGET COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS

Proposed 2017

Administration

10 - Administration

10 - Administration

01 - Special Purpose

02 - Lake Hebron Cost Share

\$2,400.00

05 - Clerk Book Restoration

\$1,300.00

Website

\$2,000.00

\$5,700.00

05 - Expense

01 - Advertise

\$350.00

03 - Audit

\$7,200.00

10 - Bank Fees

\$150.00

37 - Legal

\$1,000.00

40 - Postage

\$1,750.00

41 - Printing

\$250.00

45 - Registry of Deeds

\$50.00

\$10,750.00

10 - Supplies

39 - Office

\$1,300.00

\$1,300.00

15 - Training & Travel

08 - Dues/Subscrips/Registrations

\$3,500.00

28 - Mileage

\$2,250.00

\$5,750.00

25 - Personnel

50 - Election Expenses

\$625.00

56 - Elected Officials

\$2,100.00

58 - Part Time

\$3,000.00

65 - Secretary / Clerk

\$29,250.00

75 - Town Manager / Tres

\$35,000.00

\$69,975.00

30 - Equipment

19 - New Purchase

\$600.00

\$600.00

32 - Building

26 - Building Maintenance

\$0.00

\$0.00

35 - Contractual

02 - Cleaning

\$1,750.00

31 - Service Contracts	\$6,600.00
35 - Photo Copier Lease	\$2,000.00
	\$10,350.00

40 - Programs	
10 - Beautification	\$400.00
90 - Sports Activities	\$0.00
	\$400.00

Total Administration: \$104,825.00

Proposed 2017

Assessing

15 - Assessing	
10 - Administration	
25 - Personnel	
51 - Quarterly Payments	\$12,600.00
	\$12,600.00

Total Assessing: \$12,600.00

Proposed 2017

Animal Control Officer

20 - Animal Control Officer	
20 - Animal Control Officer	
05 - Expense	
05 - Vet Fees	\$200.00
	\$200.00
15 - Training & Travel	
28 - Mileage	\$500.00
	\$500.00
25 - Personnel	
55 - Regular	\$500.00
	\$500.00

Total Animal Control: \$1,200.00

Proposed 2017

Cemetery	
23 - Cemetery	
23 - Cemetery	
25 - Personnel	
58 - Part Time	\$2,000.00
headstones	\$2,500.00
	\$4,500.00
24 - General	
33 - Field	
46 - Repairs	\$12,500.00
	\$12,500.00
35 - Contractual	
60 - Mowing	\$10,000.00
	\$10,000.00
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Total Cemetery:	\$27,000.00

Proposed 2017

Fire Department	
30 - Fire	
10 - Administration	
05 - Expense	
36 - Medical	\$400.00
	\$400.00
10 - Supplies	
22 - General	\$60.00
23 - Cascade Fire	\$300.00
39 - Office	\$200.00
	\$560.00
15 - Training & Travel	
08 - Dues/Subscrips/Registrations	\$2,500.00
	\$2,500.00
25 - Personnel	
52 - First Responder	\$2,500.00
60 - Chief	\$2,500.00
61 - Volunteers	\$10,000.00
	\$15,000.00

27 - Employee Benefits		
26 - Workers Compensation		\$1,500.00
		\$1,500.00
30 - Equipment		
19 - New Purchase		\$17,500.00
20 - Gas & Oil		\$2,500.00
30 - Pump Test		\$1,200.00
50 - Reserve		\$30,000.00
51 - Equip Repair		\$4,000.00
57 - New Radio		\$1,100.00
		\$56,300.00
32 - Building		
26 - Building Maintenance		\$3,000.00
		\$3,000.00

Total Fire Department: \$79,260.00

Proposed 2017

General Assistance

33 - General Assistance		
10 - Administration		
08 - General Assistance		
10 - General Assistance		\$3,000.00
		\$3,000.00
50 - Utilities		
27 - Heating		

Total General Assistance: \$3,000.00

Proposed 2017

Gym

35 - Gym		
10 - Administration		
10 - Supplies		
22 - General		\$500.00

30 - Equipment	\$500.00
49 - Gym Repairs	\$500.00
	\$500.00
32 - Building	
26 - Building Maintenance	
49 - Building Improvements	\$2,000.00
	\$2,000.00
50 - Utilities	
13 - Electric	\$3,500.00
27 - Heating	\$12,000.00
	\$15,500.00

Total Gym: \$18,500.00

Proposed 2017

Highway Department

37 - Highway

37 - Highway

01 - Special Purpose

 01 - Capital Reserve

\$51,191.93

 50 -

Reserve Sidewalk

\$15,000.00

 51 - Bond Payment

\$128,950.86

\$195,142.79

05 - Expense

 35 - Laboratory

\$250.00

\$250.00

10 - Supplies

 03 - Cold Patch

\$5,500.00

 05 - Culverts

\$0.00

 22 - General

\$1,000.00

 25 - Gravel

\$3,500.00

 41 - Winter Sand

\$23,000.00

 45 - Salt

\$15,000.00

 46 - Signs & Striping

\$1,000.00

\$49,000.00

15 - Training & Travel

 08 - Dues/Subscripits/Registrations

\$400.00

 28 - Mileage

\$500.00

\$900.00

25 - Personnel

 40 - Tree Removal

\$1,000.00

45 - SideWalk Labor / Machine	\$3,500.00
55 - Regular	\$31,200.00
58 - Part Time	\$7,000.00
85 - Snow Plow	\$102,000.00
	\$144,700.00
30 - Equipment	
19 - New Purchase	\$1,000.00
20 - Gas & Oil	\$4,500.00
45 - Highway Equipment Repair	\$4,500.00
47 - Rental	\$1,000.00
50 - Reserve	\$80,000.00
	\$91,000.00
35 - Contractual	
60 - Mowing	\$1,700.00
62 - Grading spring fall	\$3,000.00
	\$4,700.00
37 - Roads	
26 - Improvements	\$50,000.00
	\$50,000.00

Total Highway: \$535,692.79

Proposed 2017

Insurances

40 - Insurance	
10 - Administration	
20 - Insurance	
24 - Property & Liability	\$16,000.00
	\$16,000.00
27 - Employee Benefits	
25 - Health & Life	\$9,000.00
26 - Workers Compensation	\$7,500.00
27 - Social Security/Medicare	\$11,000.00
28 - Retirement	\$6,000.00
29 - Unemployment	\$3,500.00
	\$37,000.00
Total Insurance	\$53,000.00

Proposed 2017

Library

43 - Library

10 - Administration

15 - Training & Travel

08 - Dues/Subscripits/Registrations

\$400.00

\$400.00

25 - Personnel

58 - Part Time

\$7,595.00

\$7,595.00

30 - Equipment

19 - New Purchase

\$1,000.00

\$1,000.00

Total Library:

\$8,995.00

Proposed 2017

Municipal Building

45 - Municipal Building

10 - Administration

15 - Training & Travel

08 - Dues/Subscripits/Registrations

\$700.00

\$700.00

30 - Equipment

43 - Municipal Building New Equipment

\$350.00

\$350.00

32 - Building

26 - Building Maintenance

\$1,250.00

49 - Building Improvements

\$2,000.00

\$3,250.00

35 - Contractual

02 - Cleaning

\$750.00

\$750.00

50 - Utilities

13 - Electric

\$2,600.00

26 - Furnace Contract

\$200.00

27 - Heating

\$6,300.00

32 - Telephone	\$3,300.00
33 - Sewer	\$775.00
34 - Water	\$275.00
	\$13,450.00

Total Municipal Building: \$18,500.00

Proposed 2017

Community Center

46 - Comm. Center

10 - Programs

01 - Special Purpose	
03 - At Visitor Center	\$126.00
04 - Community Center MCF monies	\$771.00
	\$897.00
05 - Expense	
34 - Security Deposits	\$0.00
	\$0.00
10 - Supplies	
99 - Miscellaneous	\$200.00
	\$200.00
15 - Training & Travel	
08 - Dues/Subscripits/Registrations	\$80.00
	\$80.00
32 - Building	
26 - Building Maintenance	\$1,000.00
	\$1,000.00
40 - Programs	
16 - Functions	\$100.00
	\$100.00
50 - Utilities	
13 - Electric	\$3,500.00
27 - Heating	\$9,500.00
34 - Water	\$425.00
	\$13,425.00

Total Community Center: \$15,702.00

Proposed 2017

Municipal Programs

47 - Municipal Programs

10 - Administration

40 - Programs	
10 - Beautification	\$400.00
16 - Functions	\$200.00
	\$600.00

Total Municipal Programs: \$600.00

Proposed 2017

Planning Department

53 - Planning	
10 - Administration	
05 - Expense	
01 - Advertise	\$250.00
	\$250.00

Total Planning: \$250.00

Proposed 2017

Recreation Department

55 - Recreation	
10 - Administration	
30 - Equipment	
99 - Rental Port Toilets	\$700.00
01 - Float Repair	\$500.00
	\$1,200.00
33 - Field	
26 - Improvements	\$200.00
	\$200.00
40 - Programs	
50 - Festival/Snow Roller Day	\$400.00
52 - Festival/Summer	\$3,500.00
90 - Sports Activities	\$750.00
	\$4,650.00

Total Recreation: \$6,050.00

Proposed 2017

Street Lights

62 - Street/Traffic Lights	
10 - Administration	

50 - Utilities	
14 - St/Traffic	\$7,700.00
	\$7,700.00

Total Street Lights:	\$7,700.00
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Proposed 2017

Health & Welfare

65 - Health & Welfare

60 - Social Services

65 - Donations	
60 - Community Health & Counseling	\$100.00
61 - Eastern Area on Aging	\$100.00
62 - Piscataquis Chamber of Commerce	\$175.00
63 - Monson Better Health	\$500.00
65 - Penquis Community Action	\$400.00
66 - Pine Tree Hospice	\$50.00
67 - American Legion	\$450.00
68 - American Red Cross	\$50.00
69 - Womancare Aegis	\$150.00
	\$1,975.00

Total Health & Welfare:	\$1,975.00
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Proposed 2017

Solid Waste Department

70 - Solid Waste

10 - Administration

05 - Expense

35 - Laboratory	\$1,200.00
90 - Municipal Review Committee	\$300.00
95 - PERC	\$22,000.00
96 - Recycle	\$7,000.00
98 - Demo Disposal	\$38,000.00
	\$68,500.00
10 - Supplies	
22 - General	\$500.00
	\$500.00
15 - Training & Travel	
08 - Dues/Subscripts/Registrations	\$100.00
28 - Mileage	\$100.00
38 - Licenses & Fees	\$450.00
	\$650.00
25 - Personnel	
58 - Part Time	\$6,500.00
	\$6,500.00
30 - Equipment	
19 - New Purchase	\$300.00
35 - Universal Waste Removal	\$150.00
51 - Equip Repair	\$800.00
	\$1,250.00
32 - Building	
26 - Building Maintenance	\$200.00
	\$200.00
50 - Utilities	
13 - Electric	\$1,100.00
32 - Telephone	\$250.00
	\$1,350.00

Total Solid Waste: \$78,950.00

Proposed 2017

County Tax

85 - County Tax
10 - Administration

40 - Programs	
41 - Piscataquis County Tax	\$86,214.00
	\$86,214.00

Total County Tax: \$86,214.00

Proposed 2017

Overlay & TIF

90 - Overlay & TIF	
10 - administration	
40 - Programs	
42 - Overlay	\$40,000.00
	\$40,000.00

Total Overlay & TIF: \$40,000.00

Proposed 2017

Rainy Day Fund

99 - Rainy Day Fund	
10 - Administration	
40 - Projects	\$15,000.00
	\$15,000.00

Rainy Day Fund: \$15,000.00

**2016
MONSON UTILITIES DISTRICT REPORT**

FROM THE DESK OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

As of December 31, 2016, the past due amount for both water and sewer was \$933.28, and includes:

\$ 805.55 being paid under payment arrangement plans
\$ 127.74 past due payments

Please note that if you need to have your water turned on or off, you must contact the town office so that 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 and will depend on whether snow or ice cover will allow access to the curb stop.

In recent years, our regular water testing showed high levels of copper in some of our samples. The Monson Utilities District has adjusted the use of our wells to decrease the acidity in our water which has been successful. Our next water sample testing for copper will be in June 2017 and we expect to see the copper at acceptable levels. In addition, we take perimeter testing for copper every 3 months.

The Monson Water District is required to test for various contaminants throughout the year and the testing is monitored by the Maine Drinking Water Program. You can be assured that your water is safe to drink. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding your drinking water.

**MONSON UTILITIES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Roger Page
Bettinan Stevens
Vern Darling
William Charles

ADMINISTRATOR

Fred Krone

ASST. ADMINISTRATOR

Nancy Putnam

WATER OPERATOR

Brian Turner

Account		To Date
10 MUD		
	R E V E N U E S	
	01 REVENUE	1,360.79
	02 NSF REVENUE	13.00
	05 SALES TAX	404.21
	44 lien	-57.00
	55 interest	230.92
	66 lien rev	38.35
	90 ANT WTR RV	38,067.05
	95 ANT SWR REV	22,500.98
	Revenue Total	62,558.30
	E X P E N S E S	
		16,008.68
10 Admin	01 SEC PAY	6,421.28
	02 TREASURER	600.00
	03 OPERATOR	5,400.00
	04 METER READ	180.00
	05 MILEAGE	0.00
	06 CLASSES	380.56
	07 DUES/SUBCRIB	868.71
	08 MRWA FEES	345.00
	09 MMA FEES	600.00
	10 FICA	798.65
	11 MEDICARE	186.87
	12 REGISTRY	38.00
	13 UNEMPLOYMENT	189.61
	16 Operator 3	0.00
	18 OPERATOR 2	0.00
20 Expenses		5,542.72
	01 WATER TEST	1,869.00
	02 AUDIT	2,700.00

03	POSTAGE	607.76
05	ADVER	38.87
06	CHEMICALS	327.09
25	Equipment	1,239.33
01	Equip. Repai	206.19
02	NEW EQUIP	1,033.14
30	Supplies	650.85
01	GENERAL	26.40
02	OFFICE	624.45
35	Contractual	8,898.83
01	TRIO CON	2,147.81
02	MOWING	540.00
03	PLUM	327.60
04	SEPTIC PUMP	4,750.00
05	SEWER	1,133.42
06	WATER	0.00
40	Utilities	6,096.10
01	ELECTRIC-WAT	2,384.06
02	ELEC. SEWER	2,370.74
03	Heat-Water	1,341.30
45	INSURANCE	3,283.50
01	WORK COMP	281.00
02	PROP & CAS	3,002.50
03	Volunteer IN	0.00
50	DEBT SERVICE	20,646.00
01	USDA LOAN	11,870.00
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02	WATER PRO	7,978.00
03	SINKING FUND	798.00
		62,366.01
		192.29

MONSON FIRE DEPARTMENT INCIDENTS 2017



TOTAL DISPATCH CALLS 160

Structure Fires - 3

Chimney Fires-3

Medical-76

Car Accidents-18

Mutual Aid-7

Wilderness Rescue-4

Wild Fires-7

Other-42

The law of “No burning without a permit in hand” has saved the State and Towns a lot of unnecessary fire calls. Our policy of “No burning before 5 pm” with the exception of rainy days and when there’s snow on the ground (with a permit), is working.

Many thanks to our dedicated officers, fire fighters and their families who volunteer their time, training and efforts to our volunteer Fire Department.

**TOWN OF MONSON
PLANNING BOARD
ANNUAL REPORT
2016**

CYNTHIA TURNER, CHAIRPERSON	TERM EXPIRES 2020
LISA KELLEY	TERM EXPIRES 2019
THOMAS ADKINS	TERM EXPIRES 2018
KENNARD ALLEN	TERM EXPIRES 2018
MILTON ANDERSON	TERM EXPIRES 2017

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

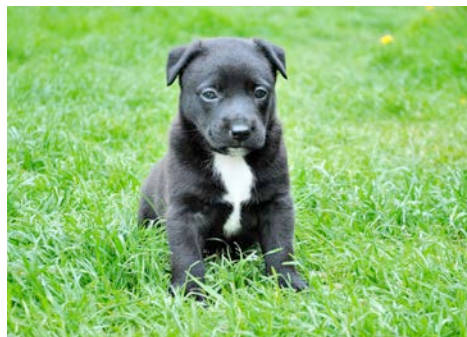
CINDY RANTA	TERM EXPIRES 2020
PAUL SUOMI	TERM EXPIRES 2018

During the year 2016, the Monson Planning Board did not have a meeting.

We expect the year 2017 to be very active with the Libra Foundation making improvements to our community.

We expect to update our Comprehensive Plan, to update the Land Use Ordinance as requests are needed for further development for our community and we will be working on the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance to enact State mandated changes as needed.

**Respectively submitted
Cynthia Turner**



ANNUAL REPORT CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

In 2016 **18** permits were issued: 3 Garages, 6 Sheds, 4 Homes and 5 Decks

LICENSED PLUMBING INSPECTOR

There were **10** plumbing permits issued. 6 Septic system permits and 4 Internal permits

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.**



Transfer Station Hours Attendant: Jim Bohrer
Wed. 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Sat. 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Annual Permits **\$5.00**

Proceeds go directly to offset costs of the Transfer Station . Permit allows free access to the following... Wood burn pile, Universal Waste, Metal Dumpster, Recycle Shack & Waste oil.

Household Trash	Up to 33 Gallon Bag	\$ 2.00
	Over 33 Gallons	\$ 4.00
Demolition	Per Yard	\$10.00
	Monitors (TV & PC)	\$ 5.00
	Lamps and Batteries	No Charge

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

Recycling Transport costs

2016	39,810 lbs.	\$4,575.72
2015	36,680 lbs.	\$3,813.10
2014	38,220 lbs	\$4,959.70

Demolition transport costs Disposal Fee Tax \$466.11

2016	146.37 tons	\$35,077.93
2015	143.81 tons	\$23,279.17
2014	234.69 tons	\$31,061.92

Household waste transport costs

2016	188.12 tons	\$14,669.01
2015	226.97 tons	\$17,808.50
2014	232.40 tons	\$17,859.12

Metal/Iron Credit

2016	-988.85
2015	-\$1116.20
2014	-\$1149.00



**MONSON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
FINANCIAL REPORT**

Cash on Hand 2/2/16		\$9,039.16
Income from 2/2/15 to 2/2/16		
Maine Community Foundation (Wentworth & Durham Accts)	\$4,034.00	
Donations	562.27	
Book Sales	260.36	
E-Rate	507.02	
Rose & Samuel Rudman Grant	1,000.00	
Other:	<u>140.00</u>	
		\$6,503.65
Expenses from 2/2/15 to 2/2/16		
Insurance	604.00	
Book Purchases	130.18	
Library Coverage	5,690.00	
Rudman Grant Book Purchases	994.11	
Snow Removal	105.00	
Misc: State Filing & PO Box	134.00	
Office Supplies	<u>435.66</u>	
		\$8,092.95
Net change from 2/2/16 to 2/2/17		(\$1,589.30)
Checkbook Balance 2/2/16		\$ 7,449.86
Cash on Hand 2/2/17 Bank Statement Balances:		
Money Market Fund		\$21,058.76
Certificate of Deposit		4,756.33

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne B. Reed, Treasurer

MONSON PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT
2016

For a small, one-room town library, the Monson Public Library packs a big punch. Many new items were added to the shelves this year – books, DVDs, audio CDs, music CDs, and jig-saw puzzles. The library has 10 magazine subscriptions, with additional offerings available when donated. Receipt of a grant from the Rose and Samuel Rudman Library Trust, a trust established to help libraries better serve communities in Maine with a population of less than 10,000, increased our collection by 106 books. There were also many donations by individuals, as well as from the Thompson Free Library in Dover-Foxcroft to whom we are grateful for their continued support. Weeded items and duplicate donations went toward used book sales in July and December. A bake sale table this year at the Kris Kringle's Market also helped raise additional funds.

With ongoing internet accessibility both inside and outside of the library building, our computers saw a lot of use and our seasonal hikers (as well as our locals) had service available in the library yard at any hour.

On July 30th, the library hosted a talk by author Lauri Anderson, a Monson native, who entertained a large crowd at the Historical Society with stories about his life and works. On October 15th, family, friends, townspeople, and library board members gathered at the library to dedicate its newly erected library sign to Van Durham Wentworth, long-time Monson resident and former library director, who had volunteered her time running the library for five decades. Thank you again to Van for her major contribution and to all who worked on the design, construction, and installation of the library's new sign.

The library donated 17 children's books to the Nan-Xing Elementary School in Taiwan. The school is located in the countryside and has only about 120 students. Since schools there have difficulty finding quality English books because of cost and copyright issues, both students and teachers were thrilled.

There have been some staff changes over the past year. Jeannie Tabor retired and Tom Dallamora came on board as the new library consultant. We thank Jeannie for her deep commitment to the library and for service "above and beyond the call of duty." She introduced the technology needed to bring the library into the 21st century and computerized our collection. We are fortunate to have her continued participation with her membership on the Board of Trustees. Thank you to the Board of Trustees for volunteering their time and talents to keep the library functioning at its best. We welcome our newest board member, Frances Turner, a long-time Monson resident and library supporter. We extend our thanks to our library assistant, Joanne Tardy, for her ongoing contribution.

Library hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12:30 – 4:30. The Monthly Book Club continues to meet on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM and new members are always welcome. We had a phone system installed this year and our number is 207-997-3676. Our email address is monsonmelibrary@gmail.com. Many thanks are due to Rick Wing for volunteering his expertise to create and set up a web page for the library at www.monsonmelibrary.com

As always, thank you, Monson, for your continued support of your library.

Respectfully submitted,
Monson Public Library

Monson Historical Society 2016 in Review

2016 saw a continuation of the work begun over the last four years. With the painting and upgrading of the outside of the building and the museum area completed, this year we were able to paint and upgrade the entry way and hall. Vern Darling completed this in time for summer opening.

Considerable work has been done organizing the collections and cataloging them. We received a grant to purchase special software and related computer hardware used for that purpose and began documenting our collection this summer. We also have begun a project to transcribe all cemetery records as we have had considerable requests for that information.

During Summerfest in July, we hosted a presentation by local author, Roger Guay. Roger wrote "A Good Man with a Dog" which outlines his 25 years of work as a game warden. The presentation was extremely well attended and very much appreciated.

In August, the MHS hosted a meeting of about 75 people from the Maine Old Cemetery Association at the Community Center with speaker Tim Underhill who is Director of the National Slate Association. He gave a presentation on the formation of slate and showed several examples of slate gravestones. This was followed by cemetery and museum tours.

We also hosted members of the National Narrow Gauge Railroad Association in September as about 60 members came to Monson from their week long convention in Augusta. Cliff Olson and Dick Marshall had much of their Monson Railroad memorabilia on display in the museum and, along with others gave tours at the old Station as well as the track path and quarries. Many also visited Sheldon Slate where John Tatko gave a tour and discussed current operations.

Again this past summer, thanks to all the volunteers (especially Rachael LaPointe, Marie Welsh and Ann Huff who covered all Wednesdays) the museum was open each Wednesday and Saturday. We had many visitors who were very impressed with the museum and contacts from several people who were researching family history information that we were able to assist.

Our membership has again increased to nearly 200 members including more than 30 Lifetime members who continue to be generous with both time and money.

The Historical Society publishes a newsletter 3 times a year (available in print form or by e-mail) and we encourage all to support the Monson Historical Society by becoming a member or renewing their memberships. Our meetings are held April through October on the third Friday of each month at 6:00 PM at the museum. All members are welcome to attend these meetings. Memberships are available by sending an annual fee of \$10.00 or a Life Membership fee of \$125 to Glenn Poole, 167 Johnson Mill Rd. Orrington, ME 04474. Thank you for your interest and support as we look forward to 2016. You can also join by dropping by the Monson Town Office or the MHS Museum.

HISTORICAL DEMOGRAPHICS

We are now 195 years old !!

- **LOCATION:** The Town of Monson is located in the southwest portion of Piscataquis County, 45:17:13N 69:30:06W, at an elevation of 850 feet.
- **GEOGRAPHY:** The town covers 47.1 square miles of rolling hills, with the majority of the land being forested. It is situated along Routes 6 and 15, eight miles north of Abbot Village, and approximately midway between Guilford and Greenville. Some 100 (hiking) miles northeast of the town is the famed Mount Katahdin, the northeast terminus of the 2015-mile Appalachian Trail. Bangor, Maine, is an approximately one and one-half hour drive southeast, on Route 15.
- **INCORPORATION:** Monson, Maine, was incorporated as a town February 8, 1822. The land was a grant from the Legislature of Massachusetts to Hebron and Monson Academy, with a provision that a certain number of settlers should become residents of this township within a specified time. Monson Academy offered a grant of 100 acres to actual settlers.
- **COMMUNITY CHARACTER AND HISTORY:** Monson was for many years a slate-mining town, and an important part of Monson history is a related Scandinavian immigration to Monson in the late 1800s. A Finnish Hall is located just south of town on Route 15. An old Swedish Lutheran Church (today the AIIA Institute) is currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- **COMMUNITY DISTINCTIVE:** The famed Appalachian Trail crosses Maine Route 15 just a few miles north of town at what is known as The Ledges. Monson is therefore the last town that northbound hikers encounter before embarking on the One-Hundred Mile Wilderness, or the first town southbound hikers encounter after completing the One-Hundred Mile Wilderness. The 100-Mile Wilderness is a remote stretch of trail situated between Monson and Mt. Katahdin in Baxter State Park. Hundreds of AT hikers enjoy a refreshing visit in Monson each hiking season to stock up on supplies, get a shower, enjoy a home-cooked meal, nurse a blister, and pick up their mail at the Monson Post Office. A number of facilities offer hikers a friendly and hospitable place to spend the night.
- **POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS:** The population of Monson at the time of the 2010 Census reading was 686 people.
- **COUNTY SEAT:** The Piscataquis County Courthouse and County Commissioners' office is located in Dover-Foxcroft, approximately 20 miles southeast of Monson.
- **HOSPITALS:** The nearest hospitals are located in Greenville and Dover-Foxcroft.
- **SCHOOLS:** Monson is a part of Maine School Administrative District (MSAD) #68. An Elementary school, SeDoMoCha Middle School (6-8) and [Foxcroft Academy \(9-12\)](#) are all located in Dover-Foxcroft.
- **INDUSTRY:** Residents are employed in actual woods operations, or in nearby wood and textile mills. A significant number run small businesses of their own, including lodging facilities for Appalachian Trail hikers passing through town - last supply point south of the 100-Mile Wilderness leading to Mt. Katahdin.

OTHER LOCAL FEATURES, FACTS, & HISTORY

- A moose horn, attached to a post by one of the earliest settlers, guided newcomers over the spotted trail to Monson. This site, located a few miles south of town on Route 15, was later named "The Moosehorns", and remains today as a local landmark.
 - The first church building between Bangor and the Canadian border was erected in Monson in 1831, and was dedicated as a Congregational Church. The original building burned. The Monson Community Church on Main Street (comprising the old Congregational and Baptist buildings) today stands on the same location.
 - Monson Academy opened its doors in the fall of 1847 with 106 pupils in attendance.
 - Slate was discovered in 1870. The Monson Maine Slate Company was the first quarry to open, and continued to operate until 1943. The Portland-Monson Slate Company was organized later and today, under the name Sheldon Slate Company, continues to produce some of the finest black slate in the world. The grave markers of both John F. Kennedy and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis in Arlington Cemetery are made of black slate from Monson, Maine, and were also engraved here.
 - A narrow gauge railroad was once owned by the Monson Maine Slate Company in this community, its primary purpose being to transport slate to Monson Junction. The train carried passengers, mail and freight for many years.
 - The kicksled was introduced to Monson by Mr. Gust Johnson, a Swedish blacksmith. His product was an immediate success. This became a unique and extremely popular sport in town, it being a great thrill to fly downhill and over icy lakes on a kicksled. Unfortunately, plowed and sanded roads retired this delightful pastime.
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January 2017

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It has been an incredible honor and privilege to represent you in The House of Representatives during the 127th Maine Legislature. In the 128th I will serve as the ranking House Republican on the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Our state has critical issues requiring thoughtful action. I look forward to working with legislators from either side of the aisle to create policies and find solutions to these issues that will be of benefit to the citizens and towns of Piscataquis County. Often times removing a rule or law has a more positive impact than creating one.

One of the most rewarding components of the job is being able to help constituents when they get bogged down attempting to navigate the bureaucracy of various government programs and agencies. Feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance in any way. The best way to contact me is via e-mail, at paul.stearns@legislature.maine.gov, or by **cell phone** which is **207-343-2615**. I do a weekly State News Update via e-mail which many people find to be useful for learning about state issues that affect their personal and business lives. I would love to add you to the newsletter list, and of course you may unsubscribe at any time.

I have established a presence on Facebook to further enhance communication efforts. If you are a user of Facebook, feel free to follow "Representative Paul Stearns," and "like" the page in order to receive timely updates.

Thank you again for allowing me the honor of representing you in Augusta!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul A. Stearns". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paul A. Stearns
State Representative



Paul A. Stearns

Representative to the Legislature

Term Expires: December 5, 2018

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Representing: District 119 - Abbot, Beaver Cove, Bowerbank, Greenville, Guilford, Monson, Parkman, Sangerville, Sebec, Shirley, Willimantic plus the unorganized territories of Blanchard Township, Northeast Piscataquis (including Barnard and Elliottsville Townships) and Northwest Piscataquis

Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (Ranking Minority Member)

Party: Republican

Legal Residence: Guilford

Seat in House Chamber: 105

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Please include this information in your municipal annual report to aid residents in contacting their State Representative. Thank you. Robert B. Hunt, Clerk of the House.

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Dear Friends of Monson,

Since being sworn into the Senate in 2013, I have made it my mission to address at the federal level the most important issues facing our great state. Working closely with my colleagues in the Maine Congressional Delegation, we've been able to successfully secure a number of legislative victories that support our state's economy, our rich traditions, and the hardworking people I am proud to represent.

In an increasingly polarized Congress, my goal as an Independent is to put partisanship aside, build consensus and further common-sense solutions to address the needs of the American people. To this end, I have co-founded the Former Governors Caucus, a group of former state executives who are frustrated with legislative gridlock and eager to find bipartisan solutions. And as always, I aim to bridge the partisan divide by hosting barbeque dinners in Washington with colleagues ranging from Ted Cruz to Elizabeth Warren. If you know a person's children, then you see them as a mother or father and not a rival vote, and working to further personal dialogue and build relationships can lay the foundation for successful legislation.

One of the accomplishments of which I am most proud is the legislative victory that protects our college students and their families from an expensive hike in student loan interest rates. In 2013, as students faced a significant spike in interest rates that would have taken thousands of dollars out of their pockets, I brought together colleagues from across the political spectrum to broker compromise legislation called the Bipartisan Student Loan Certainty Act. Thanks to this bill, students will save \$50 billion over the next 10 years by lowering their interest rates, which means that a student in Maine will now save between \$3,000 and \$6,000 over the life of their loan.

Being an Independent in the Senate has allowed me to make calls and vote on policies that are best for Maine, but it has also made it possible to play key roles in finding simple solutions and legislative fixes that make good commonsense to both parties. Of course, much of what we do in the Senate doesn't happen on the Senate floor, or even in committee. Instead, it involves working across all levels of government to ensure the State of Maine receives attention and support from the federal government.

Take, for example, the opioid and heroin epidemic devastating communities across our state. While Congress has passed legislative solutions aimed at expanding access to medical treatment, I've also pressed for other changes that can be accomplished more quickly and make a more immediate difference in Maine. For example, I successfully urged the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to increase the number of patients to whom a doctor can provide medication-assisted treatment, and in 2015 brought the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy to Brewer to meet directly with Mainers and hear their stories. I've also engaged law enforcement – including the Drug Enforcement Agency – to crack down on the production of opioids and work to limit their diversion. Together, Senator Collins and I helped pass the Northern Border Security Review Act to combat drug and human trafficking along our border with Canada.

While the opioid epidemic is certainly our biggest public health crisis, job loss in Maine is still our number one economic problem and that's why we need to focus on bringing good paying jobs back to Maine and protecting the ones we still have. As a member of the Armed Services Committee, I teamed up with Senator Collins and Representative Poliquin to successfully secure a provision in the defense bill that can help domestic shoe manufacturers like New Balance. The three of us also worked together with the Department of Commerce to establish an Economic Development Assessment Team, known as an EDAT, to assist Maine's forest industry in the wake of several mill closures. We have an incredible spirit of innovation and ingenuity in Maine and I believe finding ways to invest in that spirit will reignite Maine's forest products sector and our economy. Part of our economic path forward must also include expanding access to high-speed broadband, which can help connect our businesses and communities to information and economic opportunities.

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As a member of the Senate Armed Services and Intelligence Committees, I work to keep Maine and our nation safe. Part of that important work means continuing to work for funding for the construction of Navy ships that will be used to protect American interests across the globe. We all know that “Bath Built is Best Built,” which is why I’ve fought to authorize funding for Navy ships built at BIW. The best way to preserve peace is by deterring war through unassailable strength, and to do that we must support our shipbuilders and our brave service members and invest in our military. I strive to meet this solemn responsibility every day as a member of these committees, which is why I hardly ever miss a hearing and take great care in overseeing the agencies sworn to keep us safe. Armed Services Chairman John McCain called me “one of the most serious and hard-working members” of the Committee, and that’s a humbling compliment from a true American hero.

As always, please call or write me with thoughts or concerns with matters currently before Congress, or if you need assistance navigating a federal agency. As a public servant, it is critical to me to listen and learn from you, which is why staying connected with people from all over our beautiful state remains a top priority for my work in the Senate. Please call my toll-free line at 1-800-432-1599 or one my offices: Augusta: (207)622-8292, Bangor: (207)945-8000, Presque Isle (207)764-5124, Scarborough (207)883-1588, or Washington, D.C. (202)224-5344. You can also write me on our website at www.king.senate.gov/contact. It is an honor and a privilege serving the people of Maine in the Senate, and I look forward to working with you in our search for a more perfect Union.

Sincerely,



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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Let me begin by thanking you for the honor of serving you in the Maine Senate. I am humbled that you have put your trust in me to represent your interests and can assure you I will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf. Please let me provide you with a recap of the 127th Legislature, as well as my hopes for the upcoming 128th Legislature, which convenes in December.

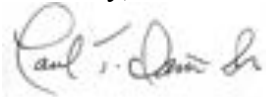
Last year, we continued the work of reforming our state's welfare system and achieved the long sought-after goal of banning the purchase of alcohol, tobacco and lottery tickets with welfare benefits. While there is more work to be done in reforming our welfare system, I believe these efforts will help to deter such abuse of the system and help ensure that benefits are going to those who truly need them.

Another accomplishment of the last session was the passage of tax relief for commercial agriculture, aquaculture, and wood harvesting businesses that employ so many of our fellow Mainers. We were also successful in conforming Maine's tax code to the federal code, making permanent tax cuts meant to stimulate job creation in Maine.

I was pleased to have played a part supporting tax relief efforts in my previous term, and am hopeful we can build on that momentum to enact further relief during the coming session. It is clear that we must continue to do all we can to attract more jobs to our state and you have my promise to continue advocating for proposals which will expand economic opportunity for all Mainers.

You have my sincere thanks for allowing me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me at 287-1505 or sendavis@myottmail.com if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,

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Paul T. Davis, Sr.
State Senator, District 4

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Mayo Regional Hospital HIGHLIGHTS

2016 Annual Report from HAD 4

September 30 ended another year of progress here at Mayo Regional Hospital. We have made changes in many areas to improve the care our patient's receive. If I could describe our year with only two words, they would be **Safety and Access.**

Patient Safety is always a priority, especially in healthcare. But this year we have been particularly proud of the strides we have made in embedding a safety culture in our organization. Patient Safety is the first item discussed at every meeting, at every level of the organization, including the Board and Medical Staff.

We have instituted Patient Safety Huddles, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. These huddles are a place for Department Leaders and Supervisors to report potential safety concerns to the CEO or Patient Safety Officer in real time so that action plans can be put in place and resources properly allocated.



Kyrsten Sutton, MD

NEW PROVIDERS

- Randhir Francis, MD
Orthopedics
- William Rice, MD
Orthopedics
- John Daggett, MD
Internal Medicine
- Kristen Wagner, MD
Family Practice/OB/C-section

KEY STATISTICS FOR 2016

- Admissions = 1,270
- Total Patient Days = 4,692
- Births = 137
- Average Daily Census = 12.7
- Surgeries = 1,287
- Radiology = 20,619
- Labs = 124,794
- PT/OT Visits = 27,475
- Physician Office Visits = 49,441
- ED Visits = 11,523
- Ambulance = 3,825
- Employees = 395

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Together, We're Better.

We survey the safety culture each year and have seen slow and steady improvements over the past two years. This means employees feel they have the support of management to bring safety concerns to our attention and we will follow through to correct them.

We have also invested in resources for staff and patient safety. One major change this year is the addition of a Security Guard position at night. We contract with Securitas for this service and it is to assist the staff with building security as well as with aggressive or potentially violent patients. This has been well received.

One of the biggest investments we are making to improve patient safety is our construction project. The project will re-locate the SCU rooms to the Medical Surgical Unit, therefore giving those nurse's more peer resources. It will also re-locate the Oncology infusion unit to the second floor of the hospital, giving those patients immediate access to back-up nursing care, an MD and the pharmacist. The projects will be complete by May and will represent a \$2.2 million investment.

Access to care is another major focus of our Board and Leadership team. We have made some great strides this year.

All of our primary care sites have added open access (same day) visits. So if you wake up in the morning and don't feel well, you should be able to get an appointment that day, and avoid going to the ER.

Our psychiatry and counseling center has added more nurses and nurse practitioners. This is in a conscious effort to allow them to see more patients and greatly reduce the wait times for psychiatric care.

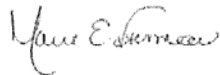
Our Business office has created a new Financial Assistance Policy. This is well advertised throughout the hospital and is designed to efficiently help those who need assistance in paying for the healthcare. Last year Mayo assisted the region by approximate \$3million in free services.

Mayo Regional Hospital continues to recruit providers that best meet specific community needs. The following new providers will join our team in 2017 to further enhance access to healthcare in our region.

Randhir Francis MD-Orthopedics
William Rice MD-Orthopedics
Dr. John Daggett-Internal Medicine
Dr. Kristen Wagner- Family Practice/OB/C-section

And we continue to recruit!

Just a brief update on what is happening at Mayo. *Partnering for healthier communities, one person at a time.*



Marie Vienneau BSN, FACHE

In 2016, Mayo Regional Hospital was named a Top Hospital for the first time. Widely acknowledged as one of the most prestigious distinctions a hospital can receive in the U.S., the recognition showcases Mayo Regional Hospital's commitment to patient safety and quality.

The selection of Top Hospitals is based on the results of the 2016 Leapfrog Hospital Survey. Performance across many areas of hospital care is considered in establishing the qualifications for the award, including infection rates, maternity care, and a hospital's ability to prevent medication errors.



For questions or further information please contact: Marie Vienneau, President & CEO: 564-4251

2016-2017 AUDIT OF TOWN FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

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