



Starks Maine Annual Report 2015

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Dedication



Liz Frederic teaching environmental education at Conservation Field Day, Jay, Maine 1997

Elizabeth (Liz) Frederic, February 12, 1941 – January 11, 2015

Our 2015 Annual Report is dedicated to the memory of Liz Frederic and her contributions to the Town of Starks.

Liz was born in Long Island City, New York and grew up in nearby Floral Park. In the late 1960's she moved to Skowhegan, Maine. Liz married Paul Frederic in 1994 and became a resident of Starks. Education was an important value to Liz and she earned four college degrees including two Masters (nutrition – New York University and geography – University of Connecticut). Her career entailed teaching in New York public schools, day care inspector for New York City, office manager, environmental educator for the Maine Association of Conservation Districts and adjunct faculty of geography at the University of Maine – Farmington. At times, she lived and conducted research on environmental and social issues in southern Africa and eastern Asia.

As a Starks citizen Liz served on the comprehensive plan, building, and library committees. She coordinated many educational programs offered at our Community Center and was a founding member of the Starks Book Club. Her grant writing skills were great assets in helping the Town obtain funding to support the Community Center, Library and local learning activities. As a cartographer Liz produced many of the maps for the Starks Comprehensive Plan.

Liz's work and public service have made Starks and the World better places.

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS TERMS

Selectmen - 3 year

Paul Frederic	3-2016
Joseph Hayden	3-2017
Ernest Hilton	3-2018

Assessors - 3 year

Kerry Hebert	3-2016
Joseph Hayden	3-2017
Cathleen Horner	3-2018

Tax Collector - 3 year

Jenn Zweig Hebert	3-2018
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Town Clerk - 3 year

Jenn Zweig Hebert	3-2016
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Registrar of Voters - 2 year

Jenn Zweig Hebert	1-2017
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Treasurer - 3 year

Erin Norton	3-2017
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Planning Board - 5 year

Irene Fenlason	4-2016
Kerry Hebert	5-2017
Jeff Welcome	5-2018
Joe Hartigan	4-2019
Gwen Hilton	4-2020
Ken Lust (Alt.)	4-2020

CEO/Plumbing Inspector - 1 year

Leo Mayo	3-2016
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Fire Chief - 1 year

Steve Rackliff	11-2015
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Town Fire Warden - 1 year

Steve Rackliff	11-2015
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GA Administrator

Jenn Zweig Hebert	3-2016
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Animal Control Officer - 1 year

Terrill Leonard	3-2016
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Health Officer - 3 year

Leo Mayo	5-2017
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Building Superintendent - 1 year

Bill Pressey	3-2016
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Sexton - 1 year

Bill Pressey	3-2016
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Warrant Officer - 3 year

Jerry Brackett	3-2016
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RSU # 9 School Board Director - 3 year

Jenn Zweig Hebert	7-2018
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Appeals Board - 5 year

George Martikke	9-2015
Sara Brusila	9-2016
Carol Coles	9-2017
Maryanne Gawlinski	9-2017
Linwood Locke	9-2019
Jared Norton	9-2019

Budget Committee - 1 year

Carol Coles	3-2016
Maryanne Gawlinski	3-2016
Dave Johnson	3-2016
Ken Lust	3-2016
Jared Norton	3-2016

Water District - 3 year

Jared Norton	Operator
AnnMarie Simone	11-2017
Robin Melancon-Quimby	11-2017
Ashley Hayden	11-2015
Erin Norton	11-2016
Jared Norton	11-2017



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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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Paul R. LePage
GOVERNOR

Dear Citizens of Starks:

Maine has a long tradition of civil participation in both state and local government, and I thank you for being informed and involved citizens.

My vision for Maine is prosperity, not poverty. For this reason, one of my top priorities is the reduction and eventual elimination of the income tax. Some are pushing to raise the minimum wage, but I want Mainers to earn a maximum wage. Reducing the income tax is the biggest and most immediate pay raise for all hard-working Mainers.

Not only does an income tax cut put more money back in your pockets, but it will also attract businesses that can offer good-paying careers to keep our young people here in Maine. It shows the nation that we are serious about wanting people and businesses to come—and stay—in Maine.

Another of my priorities is to lower the cost of student debt in Maine. If young people are struggling with too much student debt, they are unable to afford homes or vehicles. We are now offering programs to help them lower their debt, stay in Maine, begin their careers and start families.

To provide good-paying jobs for our young people, we must also work hard to reduce our energy costs. High energy costs are a major factor in driving out manufacturers, mills and other businesses that need low-cost electricity. I am committed to lowering the cost of energy, not only to attract job creators, but also to allow Maine people to heat and power their homes affordably and effectively.

And finally, we are making progress to address the drug pandemic in our state. It is my most important duty to keep the Maine people safe. While education, treatment and prevention efforts are important, we must get the dealers off the streets. I am pleased the Legislature has finally agreed to fund my proposal for more drug agents to stem the supply of deadly opiates flowing into our communities, but our law enforcement agencies are still understaffed. We must do more.

It is a pleasure serving as your Governor. If ever I can be of assistance to you or if you have any questions or suggestions, I encourage you to contact my office by calling 287-3531 or by visiting our website at www.maine.gov/governor.

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage
Governor



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United States Senate
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Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust the people of our State have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments from 2015.

Growing the economy by encouraging job creation was and remains my top priority. The tax-relief bill signed into law at the close of last year contains three key provisions I authored to help foster job creation and provide small businesses with the certainty they need to invest, grow, and, most important, hire new workers. Another provision I authored that became law last year gives a boost to both Maine's economy and traffic safety. This provision permanently changed the federal law that previously had forced the heaviest trucks onto our country roads and downtown streets, rather than allowing them to use Maine's federal Interstates. In addition, I was glad to help secure another significant award for the University of Maine's deepwater offshore wind initiative, which has the potential to advance an emerging industry and create thousands of good jobs in our state.

Maine's historic contributions to our nation's defense must continue. In 2015, I secured funding toward a much-needed additional Navy destroyer, likely to be built at Bath Iron Works. Modernization projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard that I have long advocated for were also completed, as were projects for the Maine National Guard.

I was also deeply involved in crafting the new education reform law to better empower states and communities in setting educational policy for their students. The law also extends a program I co-authored that provides additional assistance to rural schools, which has greatly benefitted our state. A \$250 tax deduction I authored in 2002 for teachers who spend their own money on classroom supplies was also made permanent last year.

As a result of a scientific evaluation of the nutritional value of potatoes required by a law that I wrote, the wholesome fresh potato finally was included in the federal WIC nutrition program. I also worked on other issues important to Maine's farmers and growers, including research on wild blueberries and pollinating bees.

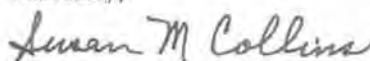
As Chairman of the Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I have made combating veterans' homelessness a priority. This year's housing funding law includes \$60 million for 8,000 new supportive housing vouchers for homeless veterans. Since this program began in 2008, the number of homeless veterans nationwide has dropped by one third. Maine has received nearly 200 vouchers to support homeless veterans.

Last year, I became Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee. My top three priorities for the committee are retirement security, investing more in biomedical research, and fighting fraud and financial abuses targeting our nation's seniors. I advocated for the \$2 billion increase in funding for the National Institutes of Health to advance research on such diseases as diabetes and Alzheimer's. The Senate also unanimously passed my bill to support family caregivers. The Aging Committee's toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for senior citizens to report suspected fraud and receive assistance and has already received more than 1,000 calls.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. As 2015 ended, I cast my 6,072nd consecutive vote, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Starks and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my office in Augusta at (207) 622-8414 or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2016 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

COMMITTEES:
ARMED SERVICES
BUDGET
ENERGY AND
NATURAL RESOURCES
INTELLIGENCE
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Dear Friends of Starks:

It has been a privilege to serve the State of Maine since being sworn into the U.S. Senate.

Much of my time in Washington this past year has been devoted to the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Select Committee on Intelligence. Protecting our homeland and the people of Maine from terrorism and violence remains one of my top priorities. Through my work on the Armed Services Committee, I was able to secure several provisions in the 2016 National Defense Authorization Act that benefit Maine. The legislation authorizes the construction of an additional DDG-51 Arleigh Burke Class Destroyer that could be built at Bath Iron Works and expands the HUBZone program to stimulate economic growth at former military installations like the former Brunswick Naval Air Station.

Returning control to teachers, school districts, and states has also been a primary concern of mine. I am encouraged that the Every Student Succeeds Act has become law. It eliminates the burdensome requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act and ensures access to a quality education for all students. A provision I helped author in the bill will give states the opportunity to pilot the use of their own proficiency-based assessments in lieu of federally-mandated standardized tests. Also included in the bill are several measures I secured to promote local input, fund education technology initiatives, and explore new strategies to increase student access to the internet outside of school.

Communities across Maine have taken bold action to improve their broadband connectivity, and I have been proud to foster federal support for these types of projects. My amendments to the Every Student Succeeds Act will promote the type of work already occurring in Washington County, where students who lack broadband access are able to check out mobile hotspots from their local libraries. Additionally, a bill I co-sponsored, the Community Broadband Act, helped pave the way for the FCC to enact rules protecting the ability of municipalities to invest in better broadband. I am excited by Maine's leadership on this important economic development issue and will continue to support local efforts in this area.

After extensive negotiations, the Senate passed a five-year transportation bill that will increase highway and transit funding in Maine and provide stability to improve our transportation infrastructure. The legislation contains provisions I cosponsored to cut red tape and improve predictability and timeliness by streamlining the federal permitting process for large infrastructure projects. Also incorporated in this bill are my provisions to relieve financial regulations on Maine's community banks and credit unions and to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank, a critical tool that supports communities and small business across the state.

Following my inquiries in the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the National Park Service has announced they will begin exploring strategies to allow park visitors to purchase electronic passes online and will pilot the program at Acadia National Park. These passes would improve access to our nation's most treasured landscapes and would generate resources for years to come. I remain deeply engaged in preserving Maine's natural beauty and strengthening our outdoor recreation economy.

It is with solemn responsibility that I have focused my energy addressing the opioid epidemic in Maine. This work includes convening roundtables with a wide-range of health care and law enforcement professionals to combat addiction; introducing a proposal to safely dispose of excess prescription drugs; cosponsoring a

Senate-passed bill that addresses mothers struggling with addiction and the alarming effect it has on newborns; cosponsoring the TREAT Act, which expands the ability of medical specialists to provide life-saving medication-assisted therapies for patients battling heroin and prescription drug addiction; and calling on the Commander of U.S. Southern Command to increase efforts to stop the flow of heroin at our southern border.

I like to think of Maine as a big small town – and in a small town, the leaders are accessible and eager to listen. In that spirit, I've made it a priority to stay connected with people from all over Maine who e-mail, write, and call with suggestions or questions. If I can ever assist in your interaction with a federal agency, or you have thoughts, concerns, or personal input on a matter that is currently before Congress I hope you will contact me, let me know where you stand, and engage in this critical part of democracy. Please call my toll-free line at **1-800-432-1599** or one of my offices: Augusta (207) 622-8292, 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.

As always, I am honored to represent the people of Maine and look forward to working with you for the betterment of our great state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angus S. King, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Angus S. King, Jr.
United States Senator



Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I am so grateful and thankful that you've selected me to represent you in the Maine Senate. I am honored that you've put your trust in me and I will continue to work tirelessly for the betterment of you and your neighbors, as well as for the great State of Maine. Please let me provide you with a recap of the first session of the 127th Legislature as well as my hopes for the second session, which has just begun.

The most important item on our to-do list is clear: our state needs more jobs at all levels of the pay scale, so it is our responsibility and my solemn promise to work to expand economic opportunity for all Mainers. To this end, my fellow legislators and I accomplished a great deal during the first session of the 127th Legislature.


We passed a biennial budget that ensured that more Maine families received a tax cut, even more than did in the previous "largest tax cut in Maine history" in 2011. This year's budget also stopped taxes on military pensions, so those who have sacrificed for our country can feel welcomed and at home in our state. We also restructured portions of our welfare system, increased funding for nursing homes, and put far more funding towards eliminating waitlists for services for brain-injured and intellectually disabled Mainers.

I'm really looking forward to watching how the significant changes we've already made will better the everyday lives of Mainers. I wanted to serve in Augusta in order to have an impact on the direction of our region and our state. Passing vital legislation (and, sometimes, stopping bad legislation) has remained one of my top priorities.

As you know, more changes are necessary. This year, during the second session of the legislature, we need to make progress towards addressing the cost of energy in this state. There are a number of bills that have been proposed that would change the way our state's energy system works, and I look forward to working hard on legislation that would lower your energy costs. I also believe that working to provide support to areas hard-hit by recent mill closings should be a focus of the 2016 session. Fighting the war on drugs here in Maine will also be a top priority for lawmakers. Several bills have been proposed that will aid officers in combating the drug epidemic.

You have my humble and sincere thanks for allowing me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me at 207-287-1505 or at rodwhittemore@gmail.com if you have comments or questions, or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,


Rodney Whittemore
State Senator



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January 2016

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is an honor to serve you as your State Representative for House District 112. After a challenging first session in 2015, I look forward to starting the second session well rested and energized.

Currently, I serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation. I was very busy on this committee last session in regards to the many important tax reforms that were passed in the 2016/2017 Biennial Budget. One of the more important bills we discussed was the bill that exempted pensions of Maine military retirees, from state taxes. This session we will take up bills that range from educational opportunity tax credits to exempting fishing, forestry, and farming from sales tax on petroleum products.

To do my job well, I will be seeking your opinion regularly and want to hear from you with your thoughts and comments. Please call me anytime at **585-2638** or email at Thomas.Skolfield@legislature.maine.gov to keep me updated on those concerns. If you would like to be added to my email update list, you can do so by emailing me directly with your request.

Thank you again for giving me the honor of serving you in Augusta!

Sincerely,

Thomas Skolfield
State Representative



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OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

March 12, 2016

We offer the following as a report of the work of the Selectmen and a summary of some of the more important happenings in town during 2015:

The year started out with the permit for a new cell tower on Abijah Hill as granted by the Planning Board under appeal. While the Selectmen had previously taken a position in favor of the tower during the planning board's permit process, neither the current Selectmen nor the town as a whole took a position during the appeals, first to the town's Board of Appeals, then to Superior Court, then to the Law Court, preferring instead that the matter be handled entirely by the applicant- Bay Communications- and the neighboring intervener/appellants- Harry and Cindy Brown. On May 5th the state Supreme Judicial Court, the state's highest court, decided the appeal in favor of the applicant. The tower was erected in late- August and is close to being in service if not already so.

In late-July, the Selectmen first promulgated a "Public Road & Right-of-Way Use Ordinance" in response to complaints that traffic was backing up on the Abijah Hill Road at times during concerts and festivals there. The Ordinance requires a permit and \$25 fee for any purposeful closure, obstruction or other exclusive use of a road, especially if it may impact access by emergency service vehicles. The festivals have been largely in compliance. Other applicants less so.

In other work, the public works crew has been reduced such that there are no full-time employees at this point- all employees are part-time, on call, though Bill Pressey works nearly full time throughout the summer and much of the time in the winter. Arranging the staffing in this manner has provided the town with greater efficiency and far more effectiveness than we have had in the past ten or more years. Joe Hayden has been instrumental in this effort and deserves most of the credit for it.

The work done by the road crew consisted of: 1) reconstruction of all or sections of: the Taylor Hill portion of the Mayhew Road, the Pressey Road, the gravel portion of Chicken St., the Emery Road, the Locke Hill Road and the Sawyer's Mills Road. 2) In addition, we engaged a contractor who was able to mechanize the process of road-side brush cutting and accomplished 8 road-side miles on the Wood Hill portion of the River Road, the Emery Road, Chicken St., the Sawyer's Mills Road and the Mayhew Road. The same process will be used next year to hopefully finish up all road-side brush cutting. Brush cutting is important because it allows the sun to get in and thaw roads much sooner and also provides greater visibility and safety to motorists. Most town road rights-of-way are four rods, or 66 feet wide. In places we are cutting the brush back the full width. Please notify us if you want your frontage treated differently.

Our Community Center now has a new exterior paint job, with final brush strokes this past spring, and a new painted steel roof, completed in October. As part of the re-roofing, all five large skylights were removed because of their heat loss, and their interior openings will be finished off this year. We will also move on to replace all the windows and tighten up the exterior doors. Once these projects are done, we'll have the energy efficiency study re-done to see what should be tackled next.

An ongoing issue in town is lack of adequate high-speed (10+MB) (or for that matter, even low speed) internet access. Lack of adequate access is an impediment to the success of our children in school as well as the success of home-based businesses of which we have a number in town. We established an ad hoc committee headed up by Christy & Sam Whitmore to address the issue. Much effort has been expended, and the effort is ongoing. A work in progress.

In April, it became apparent our local recycling operation (which is a joint venture of Anson and Starks) was dysfunctional. We terminated the contract with Three Rivers and have entirely revamped the operation with new staff. There will likely be further developments over coming years, since Anson may pull out of the recycling operation. As it is, due to differing structures in their solid waste programs, Starks produces much more recycling per capita than does Anson.

In newer developments, in anticipation of further development of cell towers, the Planning Board has drafted a new wireless communications facilities ordinance. And with the advent of ever greater legalization of marijuana possession and use, we the Selectmen have proposed an ordinance to institute a 6 month moratorium on marijuana processing facilities and laboratories, etc., to enable the town to better handle whatever permitting might be necessary. Finally, in response to the Law Court's critique of the local appeals process, revisions to the ordinance which governs appeals to the Board of Appeals has been drafted. All three of these ordinances will be voted on by referendum on Friday, March 11th. Make sure you get out to express your opinion on these important matters by voting.

We are also looking for a tenant for the old town office, which most recently has been a store. It was vacated last fall.

Memberships: In addition to their work here in town, the Selectmen represent the town in other respects: Paul is the town's representative to the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG), to First Park in Oakland, and is on the Somerset County budget committee; Joe is the treasurer for the Kennebec Valley Regional Waste Corp (KVRWC) which handles recycling and is on the executive committee for AMS ambulance; Ernie is a board member of the Somerset Economic Development Committee (SEDC) which promotes economic development in Somerset County and handles a number of revolving loan programs for small businesses. The SEDC is currently taking the lead on the internet expansion initiative in southern Somerset County. We are all on the board for AMS ambulance.

Finally, we congratulate Jenn Hebert for being elected Chair of the RSU #9 school board in July. Pretty good for a small town.

We meet the first, third and fifth Mondays of each month at the SCC. We'll be glad to chat with you.

The Starks Board of Selectmen:

Paul Frederic- Chair

Joe Hayden

Ernie Hilton

FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN CLERK

As another busy year wraps up it has once again been a pleasure to serve Starks as Town Clerk!

I'd like to remind you to visit the official Town of Starks website. Check it out at www.starksmc.com - it is packed with an amazing amount of information related to our town. Everything from paying your taxes online, tax maps, the annual town report, town adopted ordinances, to upcoming events is at your fingertips. A special thank you goes to **Christy Whitmore** for her assistance compiling and updating the information featured on the site. Christy also created an official Town of Starks Facebook page which I welcome all to "like" as it has current events and happenings.

Another one of my responsibilities is writing and editing the town newsletter, The Voice of Starks. I'd like to thank **Sam Whitmore** for contributing articles and photos as well as all the other wonderful volunteers who submit articles letting us know of town events and happenings. Much appreciation goes to **Ken Lust, Christy Whitmore, Vicki Stevens** and **Valerie Comstock** for their hours of production assistance.

The Starks Community Center still thrives as the centerpiece of our town. It has a new roof and new paint and is looking great! In August, we received a grant from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation. The grant helped pay for the new metal roof and will pay for new energy efficient windows and other improvements. It continues to be the site of many private and public events. As the clerk, my duties include scheduling, ensuring access, collecting fees and serving on the Building Committee. Owning and maintaining a Community Center is a big responsibility for our small town but it has been a successful endeavor! Building Superintendent, **Bill Pressey's** maintenance, care and cleaning of the building has resulted in a true showpiece! **Danielle Pressey** often helps out with building cleaning and maintenance as well. **THANK YOU BILL AND DANIELLE** for all your hard work! Even with our limited budget Starks has a Community Center that is the envy of many surrounding communities.

Thank you to the Select Board, **Joe, Paul** and **Ernie** for their hard work and dedication to running the town successfully. As always, A *SPECIAL THANK YOU* goes to my office mate **Erin Norton**, as my Deputy she has covered for me when I have been out of the office. We share a similar pride in serving customers. Erin's spirit of teamwork, upbeat attitude and friendship means so much to me!

A fabulous team of experienced Election Workers got me through several elections in 2015. I want to thank the following election workers: **Valerie Comstock, Maryanne Gawlinski, Cathleen Horner, Billie Jo Krebs, Erin Norton, Vicki Stevens, Barbara Vischer** and **Patricia Worpel**

I also want to thank **Jerry Brackett**, Warrant Officer and **Denis Culley** and **Kerry Hebert** for serving as Moderators at the Annual and Special Town Meetings.

Vital records for 2015 were as follows:

<u>Births</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Marriages</u>
5	3	6

The town wide e-mail list continues to be a great way to communicate with citizens quickly and easily. If you haven't given me your e-mail address yet - consider being part of this effective way to be notified of the most current municipal happenings, public events and other important information. Your personal information will not be shared, the messages are sent with the recipient addresses blocked.

Town office hours are **Mondays 10 am-2 pm, Wednesdays 3pm-7pm, and the first Saturday of the month 8 am -11 am**. I understand these limited hours can be frustrating for some - so I am willing to help folks (in a pinch) during off hours. Call me on my home phone (696-3756), cell phone (578-0341) or email me at mthungermaine@gmail.com and I will do my best to accommodate your needs.

I am honored to be working as the Clerk for the Town of Starks. I hope to continue to serve you well. Feel free to be in touch with any suggestions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer A Zweig Hebert

Non Zero Balance on All Accounts

Tax Year: 2015

As of: December 31, 2015

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Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	1	Abbott, Brandi S.	257.80	0.00	257.80
	18	Ames, Peter E.	364.60	0.00	364.60
	19	Anger Jr., Robert K.	835.62	1.21	834.41
	711	Ashby, Deborah	378.00	0.00	378.00
	26	Atwood, John T. & Meader, Twil	171.20	0.00	171.20
	14	Ayotte, Pierre	236.60	0.00	236.60
	496	Ayotte,Pierre	186.00	0.00	186.00
	36	Bastarche, Marie	170.00	3.00	167.00
**	577	Bavolar,James R.	535.10	0.00	535.10
	767	Bellefleur, Brad	128.00	0.00	128.00
	629	Bellefleur, Eileen M.	344.00	0.00	344.00
	324	Bellefleur, Sarah	365.00	0.00	365.00
	46	Belmore, Thomas G.	284.40	0.00	284.40
**	68	Benson,Eric R	1,429.26	0.00	1,429.26
	611	Bessey, Craig J.	1,025.60	50.67	974.93
	60	Boucher, Douglas A.	658.60	7.39	651.21
	471	Brann Jr., David A.	284.40	0.11	284.29
	479	Bucciano Daniel	324.60	0.00	324.60
	293	Cesario, Sonja	309.00	0.00	309.00
	79	Cesario, Sonja P	1,194.00	0.00	1,194.00
	80	Chambers, James S.	838.00	13.37	824.63
	86	Christen, Pamela	1,948.60	0.00	1,948.60
	87	Churchill, Caleb	515.00	0.00	515.00
	416	Clark,Kelly D	591.00	0.04	590.96
	337	Coconis, Michael	1,206.16	600.00	606.16
	98	Colburn, Gary	1,090.40	0.00	1,090.40
	111	Costigan, Julie L.	646.00	0.00	646.00
	756	Cothen, Joshua	8.00	0.00	8.00
*	115	Cowan, Edward	943.80	0.00	943.80
	118	Crockett, Stephen & Diane	677.20	0.00	677.20
	120	Curran, Thomas & Jennifer	261.00	0.00	261.00
	135	De Celle, James	193.40	0.00	193.40
	136	Deming, Roi A.	564.40	0.04	564.36
	138	Denis, Emanuel	272.60	0.00	272.60
	139	Denis, Emanuel T.	32.00	0.00	32.00
	141	Denis, Emanuel T.	261.00	0.00	261.00
	145	Denis, Emanuel T.	266.20	0.00	266.20
	146	Denis, Emanuel T.	428.54	0.00	428.54
	149	Denis, Emanuel T.	257.00	0.00	257.00

Non Zero Balance on All Accounts

Tax Year: 2015

As of: December 31, 2015

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	150	Denis, Emanuel T.	264.80	0.00	264.80
	152	Depetrillo III, Angelo	409.60	0.00	409.60
	266	DeRosa, Christopher	321.40	0.00	321.40
**	619	Desjardins, Rene L.	455.60	0.00	455.60
	29	Diethelm, Christian N	257.00	0.00	257.00
	455	Donovan, Gregory J.	457.60	0.00	457.60
	167	Dube, Brad A	1,558.00	0.00	1,558.00
	171	Duley, Richard	375.00	0.00	375.00
	172	Duley, Richard	218.00	0.00	218.00
	173	Duley, Richard	425.00	0.00	425.00
	176	Dyke et Al, Darrell A.	983.00	0.00	983.00
	180	Elfahel (Waite), Katrina.	151.80	0.00	151.80
	181	Elfahel (Waite), Katrina.	647.80	0.00	647.80
**	749	Fields Jr., Bruce W.	280.96	0.00	280.96
	461	Flaherty, Paul	1,214.60	4.25	1,210.35
	201	Frederic, Joseph W.	1,581.60	0.00	1,581.60
	205	Friend, Tara M.	862.00	0.00	862.00
	207	Frith, Monica L.	371.40	0.00	371.40
	209	Gaeta, Lorraine A.	625.00	0.00	625.00
	210	Gaeta, Lorraine Ann	380.00	0.00	380.00
	211	Gaeta, Lorraine Ann	2,252.00	0.00	2,252.00
	231	Greenleaf, Scott	398.84	7.08	391.76
	561	Gulnick, Sandra L.	413.62	0.00	413.62
	238	Hall, Leslie E. & Suzanne T.	756.00	0.42	755.58
	240	Hamilton, Thomas H. & Laura J.	133.80	0.60	133.20
	241	Hand, Roger & Carolee	503.40	0.00	503.40
**	245	Harris, Nelson N	307.80	100.00	207.80
	746	Hartigan, David	583.00	0.00	583.00
	747	Hartigan, David	405.00	0.00	405.00
	748	Hartigan, David	405.00	0.00	405.00
	249	Hartigan, Dennis P.	901.20	1.92	899.28
	32	Hartigan, Joseph W.	400.00	0.00	400.00
	703	Hayden, Joseph P.O.	1,293.30	0.00	1,293.30
	735	Hayden, Joseph P.O.	399.00	0.00	399.00
	256	Hayden, Lorraine P.	1,109.80	700.00	409.80
	280	Hogg, Mark E.	707.00	0.00	707.00
	285	Horelick, Estate of, Walter	545.00	0.00	545.00
**	294	Huettner, Barbara H.	1,236.84	0.00	1,236.84
	299	Irvine, Carl H Jr.	335.60	0.00	335.60
	651	Johnson, Kyle W	1,406.24	0.00	1,406.24

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	386	Johnson,Christopher	437.56	0.00	437.56
	673	Keach, Marie A.	484.20	0.00	484.20
	739	Kiger, Nathan A	2,145.68	0.00	2,145.68
	424	Lagin-Nasse, Julianna &	664.80	0.00	664.80
**	339	Larouche, John G.	1,366.36	800.00	566.36
	688	Leahy,Barry F	666.40	0.09	666.31
	345	Leal, Robert J. & Kathleen	268.80	3.03	265.77
	350	Lemay, George E. Jr. & Carlene A	225.40	0.00	225.40
	351	Lemay, George E. Jr. & Carlene A	1,438.40	0.00	1,438.40
	760	Lemay, George E. Jr. and Carlene	2,027.38	0.00	2,027.38
	332	Lessard, Allen R.	385.60	400.00	-14.40
	319	Lewis, Jeremiah D.	424.80	0.00	424.80
	652	Lewis, Jeremiah D.	188.60	0.00	188.60
	357	Libby, Kevin & Mary	376.80	0.00	376.80
	385	Libby, Timothy D,	374.20	0.00	374.20
**	365	Locke Hill Land Trust	575.80	0.00	575.80
**	378	Lundwall, Kathryn T.	743.08	50.01	693.07
	637	Lydon, William	1,325.32	0.00	1,325.32
	368	Mansfield, John Michael	665.52	0.00	665.52
	715	Mansfield, Kelly Jayne	47.82	0.00	47.82
**	389	Martikke, George & Rosalie	563.60	0.00	563.60
*	390	Martikke, George F& Rosalie	1,125.40	0.00	1,125.40
**	404	McLaughlin, Chris	1,360.20	1,000.00	360.20
	405	McPherson, Wayne	190.80	0.00	190.80
	407	Meagher, Brian	3,124.20	0.00	3,124.20
	754	Melancon Inter Vivos Family Tru	352.40	0.00	352.40
*	505	Melancon-Quimby, Robin M.	775.00	0.80	774.20
**	595	Morey ,Shaun	303.20	0.00	303.20
*	429	Newsom, John	458.60	0.00	458.60
	430	Newton, Kirt	1,134.80	0.00	1,134.80
	675	Nichols, Michael A.	821.66	0.00	821.66
	648	Nichols, Sam H.	468.00	0.00	468.00
	435	Noble, Debra J.	327.80	0.00	327.80
*	690	Norton, Erin E.	2,800.60	250.00	2,550.60
	565	Norton,Jared M	292.60	159.60	133.00
	81	O'Conner, Dennis P.	327.00	0.19	326.81
	439	O'Donald, Gale	271.40	0.12	271.28
	442	Olafson Sr., Anders N.	2,422.60	0.00	2,422.60
	448	Oliver, Carla J.	1,616.16	0.00	1,616.16
	759	Oliver, Christopher	28.00	0.00	28.00

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	444	Oliver, Herbert E.	337.00	0.00	337.00
	456	Osgood, Wanda	1,077.04	0.00	1,077.04
	459	Ouellette, Kenneth W.	679.80	454.55	225.25
	465	Patenaude, Alan	303.60	0.00	303.60
	466	Patenaude, Alan	192.00	0.00	192.00
	485	Peters, Bruce	345.00	0.00	345.00
	486	Peters, Bruce	455.00	0.00	455.00
	724	Phillips, Steven A. & Teresa B.	146.50	0.00	146.50
	492	Piche, Bradley M.	664.40	0.00	664.40
	213	Presbytery of Northern New Eng	184.20	0.00	184.20
	762	Prescott, Gerald S.	292.20	0.00	292.20
	499	Pressey, Robert M. & Crystal L.	1,158.40	0.00	1,158.40
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	787.80	0.00	787.80
	502	Quimby, Clifton & Florence	1,826.80	0.00	1,826.80
	197	R. J. Fortier Hydropower, Inc.	678.20	0.00	678.20
	510	Rackliff, Michael A.	612.20	0.00	612.20
	517	Randall, Barbara J.	714.40	0.00	714.40
	704	Randall, Robert M. Sr.	92.40	0.00	92.40
	529	Robbins, Gary L.	1,120.60	0.00	1,120.60
	70	Rosie, Crystal	400.72	0.00	400.72
	538	Russo, Diane M.	405.00	100.00	305.00
	665	Russo, Diane M.	1,264.32	0.00	1,264.32
	765	Sanville, Andrew	365.40	100.00	265.40
**	130	Sanville,Robert Sr	168.00	0.00	168.00
	549	Seamon, Thomas J	236.20	0.00	236.20
	654	Seamon, Thomas J.	228.60	0.00	228.60
	708	Seeley, Donald	192.00	0.00	192.00
	463	Semas Joseph,J	984.60	0.00	984.60
**	553	Shaw, David J.	586.80	0.00	586.80
**	554	Shaw, David J.	525.00	0.00	525.00
**	556	Sheen, Albert & Jada F.	475.00	0.00	475.00
	557	Shepard, Stephen C.	801.00	0.00	801.00
	558	Sherrer, Charles R.	963.00	0.00	963.00
	560	Sherrer, Earskin	231.00	0.30	230.70
**	562	Sherrer, John	241.40	0.00	241.40
**	563	Sherrer,Lucy Geneva	395.00	41.61	353.39
	521	Sours, Shane L.	671.20	0.00	671.20
**	417	Sprague, Richard J.	306.66	4.53	302.13
	579	Staph, Mike	957.00	0.00	957.00
	593	Sterry Earl R. Jr.	509.00	0.00	509.00
**	691	Stevens, Charles L.	599.52	0.00	599.52

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	574	Sweetser, Jeff A.	790.00	0.00	790.00
	722	Swisher, John R.	192.00	200.00	-8.00
**	600	Talbot, Rosemarie	218.00	0.00	218.00
	604	Taylor, Darlene A.	1,504.00	0.00	1,504.00
	606	Taylor, Darlene A.	296.00	0.00	296.00
	605	Taylor, David E.	1,231.64	0.00	1,231.64
	607	Taylor, Justine D	2,071.40	0.00	2,071.40
	615	Thayer, Erika L.	909.00	0.00	909.00
	613	Thayer, James & Elaine	1,172.20	0.00	1,172.20
	617	Theberge, Andre & Patricia	2,678.80	0.00	2,678.80
**	734	Thomas, Jason	2,719.24	0.00	2,719.24
	621	Thurston, Becky J.	227.80	0.00	227.80
	622	Toothaker, Nona L.	761.80	0.00	761.80
**	627	Tracy, Alice C. and Truman G.	70.00	0.00	70.00
**	628	Tracy, Alice C. and Truman G.	430.00	5.40	424.60
	393	Tracy, Howard S.	447.00	450.00	-3.00
	631	Tutt, Dawn	1,290.00	45.70	1,244.30
	635	Urquhart, Pearl J.	544.00	0.00	544.00
	636	Van Tol, Gary	245.40	0.00	245.40
	638	Vessella, David A	1,234.00	0.00	1,234.00
	282	Viant, Jules	431.00	0.00	431.00
	639	Vincent, Edward B.	163.40	0.00	163.40
	467	Whipple, Charles Bruce	1,325.00	0.00	1,325.00
	658	Whipple, Charles Bruce	120.00	0.00	120.00
	659	Whipple, Charles Bruce	1,080.64	0.00	1,080.64
**	660	White, Stephen	510.00	2.13	507.87
	580	Whitmore, Robert	411.60	0.00	411.60
	676	Worthley, Melinda	739.54	0.00	739.54
	677	Worthley, Melinda	149.20	0.00	149.20
	663	Wright, Albert	483.60	0.00	483.60
		Total for 190 Accounts:	128,031.44	5,558.16	122,473.28

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Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	711	Ashby, Deborah	448.63	0.00	448.63
	26	Atwood, John & Twilight, Meader	235.36	0.00	235.36
**	577	Bavolar, James R.	615.32	445.32	170.00
	86	Christen, Pamela	2,066.30	0.00	2,066.30
	87	Churchill, Caleb	425.28	0.00	425.28
	111	Costigan, Julie L.	731.75	0.00	731.75
	118	Crockett, Stephen & Diane	763.93	0.00	763.93
	120	Curran, Thomas & Jennifer	325.91	0.00	325.91
	29	Diethelm, Christian N	321.79	0.00	321.79
	455	Donovan, Gregory J.	537.46	0.00	537.46
	171	Duley, Richard	443.48	0.00	443.48
	172	Duley, Richard	281.56	0.00	281.56
	173	Duley, Richard	495.04	0.00	495.04
	176	Dyke et Al, Darrell A.	273.15	0.00	273.15
	180	Elfahel (Waite), Katrina.	213.29	0.00	213.29
	181	Elfahel (Waite), Katrina.	726.86	0.00	726.86
	205	Friend, Tara M.	961.25	584.18	377.07
	209	Gaeta, Lorraine A.	714.78	0.00	714.78
	210	Gaeta, Lorraine Ann	462.11	0.00	462.11
	211	Gaeta, Lorraine Ann	2,394.73	0.00	2,394.73
	561	Gulnick, Sandra L.	227.51	180.38	47.13
	241	Hand, Roger & Carolee	579.19	0.00	579.19
	285	Horelick, Estate of, Walter	618.79	0.00	618.79
	299	Irvine, Carl H Jr.	404.90	0.00	404.90
	386	Johnson, Christopher	466.74	0.00	466.74
	385	Libby, Timothy D,	444.71	0.00	444.71
	405	McPherson, Wayne	253.51	0.00	253.51
	648	Nichols, Sam H.	548.18	0.00	548.18
	448	Oliver, Carla J.	1,531.33	0.00	1,531.33
	759	Oliver, Christopher	87.68	0.00	87.68
	444	Oliver, Herbert E.	406.35	0.00	406.35
	456	Osgood, Wanda	1,176.27	0.00	1,176.27
	492	Piche, Bradley M.	741.92	0.00	741.92
	499	Pressey, Robert & Mary	1,258.12	0.00	1,258.12
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	871.25	0.00	871.25
	517	Randall, Barbara J.	795.55	0.00	795.55
	529	Robbins, Gary L.	1,212.40	0.00	1,212.40
	70	Rosie, Crystal	472.06	0.00	472.06
	558	Sherrer, Charles R.	1,056.61	0.00	1,056.61
	521	Sours, Shane L.	755.68	0.00	755.68

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	593	Sterry Earl R. Jr.	567.95	295.69	272.26
**	691	Stevens, Charles L.	683.82	0.00	683.82
	574	Sweetser, Jeff A.	609.65	0.00	609.65
	605	Taylor, David E.	1,328.97	0.00	1,328.97
	607	Taylor, Justine D	1,284.65	0.00	1,284.65
	615	Thayer, Erika L.	996.24	0.00	996.24
	635	Urquhart, Pearl J.	617.76	0.00	617.76
	467	Whipple, Charles Bruce	1,429.94	0.00	1,429.94
	658	Whipple, Charles Bruce	180.49	0.00	180.49
	659	Whipple, Charles Bruce	1,177.92	0.00	1,177.92
		Total for 50 Accounts:	36,224.12	1,505.57	34,718.55

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Tax Year: 2013

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Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	711	Ashby, Deborah	372.75	0.00	372.75
	26	Atwood, John and Twilight, Meader	229.76	0.00	229.76
	118	Crockett, Stephen & Diane	765.15	582.82	182.33
	120	Curran, Thomas & Jennifer	339.31	236.09	103.22
	29	Diethelm, Christian N	335.13	0.00	335.13
	455	Donovan, Gregory J.	535.62	0.00	535.62
	171	Duley, Richard	458.46	149.15	309.31
	181	Elfahel (Waite), Katrina.	727.93	0.00	727.93
	209	Gaeta, Lorraine A.	732.76	0.00	732.76
	210	Gaeta, Lorraine Ann	476.67	0.00	476.67
	211	Gaeta, Lorraine Ann	2,417.72	0.00	2,417.72
*	241	Hand, Roger & Carolee	567.59	0.00	567.59
	285	Horelick, Estate of, Walter	636.16	0.00	636.16
	299	Irvine, Carl H Jr.	401.60	0.00	401.60
	385	Libby, Timothy D,	441.95	33.51	408.44
	405	McPherson, Wayne	255.26	0.00	255.26
	648	Nichols, Sam H.	792.58	0.00	792.58
	444	Oliver, Herbert E.	403.07	0.00	403.07
	456	Osgood, Wanda	1,183.09	462.88	720.21
	492	Piche, Bradley M.	760.97	0.00	760.97
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	874.27	0.00	874.27
*	517	Randall, Barbara J.	797.55	405.41	392.14
*	558	Sherrer, Charles R.	1,079.56	740.29	339.27
	605	Taylor, David E.	1,338.20	415.23	922.97
*	615	Thayer, Timothy	1,007.45	37.69	969.76
	635	Urquhart, Pearl J.	635.11	583.00	52.11
	467	Whipple, Charles Bruce	1,457.95	0.00	1,457.95
	658	Whipple, Charles Bruce	191.92	0.00	191.92
	659	Whipple, Charles Bruce	1,202.53	314.25	888.28
		Total for 29 Accounts:	21,418.07	3,960.32	17,457.75

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Tax Year: 2012

As of: December 31, 2015

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	29	Diethelm, Christian N	357.53	-25.49	383.02
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	948.10	-25.49	973.59
		Total for 2 Accounts:	1,305.63	-50.98	1,356.61

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Tax Year: 2011

As of: December 31, 2015

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	29	Diethelm, Christian N	387.28	-25.49	412.77
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	1,066.08	579.36	486.72
		Total for 2 Accounts:	1,453.36	553.87	899.49

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Tax Year: 2010

As of: December 31, 2015

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	29	Diethelm, Christian N	368.90	-19.11	388.01
		Total for 1 Account:	368.90	-19.11	388.01

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Tax Year: 2009

As of: December 31, 2015

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	29	Diethelm, Christian N	359.01	-18.54	377.55
		Total for 1 Account:	359.01	-18.54	377.55

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Tax Year: 2008

As of: December 31, 2015

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	29	Diethelm, Christian N	135.77	-18.54	154.31
		Total for 1 Account:	\$135.77	-\$18.54	\$154.31

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Treasurer's Report

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Greetings friends! I've just finished up another wonderful year as your Treasurer. Audit is complete and we're excited about the Warrant and this year's budget. Like past years I've included plenty of information for you to mull over before Town Meeting on my Expense, Revenue and other Reports. They can be found just a few pages down from this one.

Several cost areas have come in under budget this year. These unexpended balances can also be found on the Expense Report and are accounted for in article 60 in this year's Town Meeting Warrant, and will help to lower our Town's commitment to taxes.

I successfully completed our audit with RHR Smith. We've established a great working relationship with them, specifically Senior Accountant, Vernice Boyce. She's made herself available to me many times throughout the year, her contributions are substantial.

I'm delighted to report that we didn't have to take out a Tax Anticipated Note for the third year in a row; which further proves the progressive financial direction of our great little town!

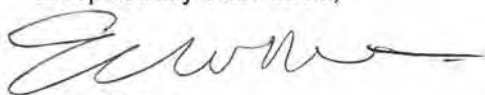
The group that I worked with on the Budget Committee was a great one! Thank you to, **Maryanne Gawlinski, Carol Coles, Dave Johnson & Jared Norton**. Their commitment to this committee and Starks is commendable. We worked late into the night as usual hashing out the budget set before you in the "Articles of Warrant" section of this report. If you're interested in the budget process, and would consider being nominated, please contact me at home or the office.

As always I have to extend a HUGE & gracious thank you to **Jenn Zweig Hebert**, our Town Clerk and Tax Collector for working as my deputy in the collection of delinquent taxes. She works hard for the Town at satisfying all the needs of the public. We're lucky to have such a gem! I lean on her for more things than most people know, and she always makes herself available! **Thank you Jennie for your friendship!!!**

This position is one that evolves with time, and requires more attention from me at different points in the year. I enjoy the work and the people **very much!** I'm looking forward to a few new trainings and any challenges that come my way in 2016!

I hold regular office hours Wednesday evenings from 5pm-7pm. If you ever have questions regarding Town finances, expired tax liens or would like to make special payment arrangements on your taxes, please feel free to reach out. I'm happy to make meet by appointment or to answer your questions.

Respectfully submitted,



Erin Norton

Town of Starks Revenue Summary 2015

Town Citizens Contribution

Vendor	Amount
Tax Principal	\$762,173.00
Tax Interest	\$7,268.82
Excise	\$82,723.00
Building Permits	\$275.00
Building Rental Fees	\$520.00
Agent Fees	\$3,682.10
Total	\$856,641.92

Intergovernmental/Outside Contributions

Vendor	Amount
First Park	\$1,284.47
General Assistance	\$897.50
Homestead Exemption	\$20,781.00
Revenue Sharing	\$39,246.24
Tree Growth	\$10,973.42
URIP	\$28,316.00
Veterans Exemption	\$281.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$2,677.84
Tax Aquired Profit	\$8,987.79
Former Office/Store Lease	\$3,000.00
Total	\$116,445.26

Dedicated Use Accounts Interest & Balances

Account	Interest	Balance
Higgins Trust	\$6,759.92	\$178,025.71
URIP	\$0.00	\$21,879.97
Capital Improvements	\$0.00	\$26,267.70
Re-Valuation	\$0.00	\$41,238.13
Building Improvement Fund	\$0.00	\$24,210.65
Total	\$6,759.92	\$291,622.16

Prepared by Erin Norton

TOWN OF STARKS EXPENSE REPORT 2015

	Article #	Object	Budget	Expended	Balance	% Spent
*	16	Payroll Taxes	\$9,000.00	\$6,312.66	\$2,687.34	70.14%
*	16	Workman's Comp	\$800.00	\$650.10	\$149.90	81.26%
*	16	Mileage	\$2,000.00	\$1,161.28	\$838.72	58.06%
*	16	Training Workshops	\$800.00	\$205.00	\$595.00	25.63%
*	16	Unemployment	\$2,500.00	\$247.20	\$2,252.80	9.89%
*	16	Postage	\$1,500	\$882.03	\$617.97	58.80%
*	16	Books & Subscriptions	\$200.00	\$24.00	\$176.00	12.00%
*	16	Dues	\$3,000.00	\$2,354.00	\$646.00	78.47%
*	16	Community Center Sign	\$1,700.00	\$1,844.09	-\$144.09	108%
*	16	Miscellaneous	\$5,000.00	\$3,641.75	\$1,586.25	72.84%
*	16	Audit	\$5,000.00	\$4,800.00	\$200.00	96.00%
*	16	Trio Renewal/Upgrades	\$5,500.00	\$5,491.36	\$8.64	99.84%
*	16	Legal	\$8,000.00	\$332.50	\$7,667.50	4.16%
*	16	Assessors Map Updates	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	0.00%
*	16	Town Report	\$1,000.00	\$942.00	\$58.00	94.20%
*	16	Ads	\$1,500.00	\$289.56	\$1,210.44	19.30%
*	16	Xerox Lease	\$1,620.00	\$1,228.50	\$391.50	75.83%
*	16	Water Rent	\$3,700.00	\$3,724.06	-\$24.06	100.65%
*	16	KVRWC	\$9,500.00	\$9,575.00	-\$75.00	100.79%
*	16	Large Item Pickup	\$3,500.00	\$4,087.14	-\$587.14	116.78%
*	16	Cemetery Maintenance	\$1,750.00	\$1,525.75	\$224.25	87.19%
*	16	MMA Insurance PCP	\$18,500.00	\$18,641.00	-\$141.00	100.76%
*	16	TAN Interest	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	0.00%
*	16	Voice of Starks	\$700.00	\$738.92	-\$38.92	105.56%
*	17	Former Town Hall	\$700.00	\$662.23	\$37.77	94.60%
*	18	CEO	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
*	19	CEO Legal	\$7,000.00	\$162.75	\$6,837.25	2.33%
*	20	Elections	\$4,500.00	\$2,430.00	\$2,070.00	54.00%
*	21	Assessors	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
*	22	Selectmen	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
*	23	Clerk	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
*	24	Tax Collector	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
*	25	Treasurer	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
*	26	Building Superintendent	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%

*	27	Health Officer	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	0.00%
*	28	Sexton	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	100.00%
*	29	GA overseer	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	100.00%
*	30	Road Foreman Stipend	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	100.00%
*	31	Appeals Board	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	0.00%
*	32	Planning Board	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	0.00%
*	33	Training of outgoing Officers	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	0.00%
*	34	Community Center	\$21,000.00	\$15,303.33	\$5,240.65	72.87%
*	35	Fire Department	\$28,000.00	\$22,890.43	\$5,109.57	81.75%
*	36	Fire Chief Salary	\$3,400.00	\$3,400.00	\$0.00	100.00%
*	37	Animal Control	\$1,000.00	\$560.18	\$439.82	56.02%
*	38	AMS Ambulance	\$9,600.00	\$9,600.00	\$0.00	100.00%
*	39	Road Signs	\$500.00	\$128.10	\$371.90	25.62%
*	40	Street Lights	\$1,200.00	\$1,368.48	\$68.48	114.04%
*	41	Equipment	\$53,000.00	\$45,341.95	\$7,658.05	85.55%
*	42	Garage	\$14,000.00	\$13,497.32	\$502.68	96.41%
*	43	Summer Roads Maintenance	\$50,000.00	\$49,723.45	\$276.55	99.45%
*	44	Winter Roads	\$60,000.00	\$37,352.42	\$22,647.58	62.25%
*	45	Town Dump Maintenance	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	100.00%
*	46	General Assistance	\$5,000.00	\$1,493.38	\$3,506.62	29.87%
*	47	Recreation	\$1,000.00	\$325.00	\$675.00	32.50%
*	48	Plow Truck	\$42,076.00	\$28,716.87	\$13,359.13	68.25%
*	49	Salt Shed	\$9,787.00	\$9,786.48	\$0.52	99.99%
*	STM art #2	River Road Bond	\$31,108.39	\$31,871.38	-\$762.99	102.45%
*	50 assessment	First Park	\$3,318.00	\$4,078.00	-\$760.00	122.91%
*	51	Social Organizations	\$4,460.00	\$4,688.00	-\$228.00	105.11%
	52	Snowmobile Reimbursement	\$278.04	\$278.04	\$0.00	100.00%
	53	Pressey Road LRAP	\$19,000.00	\$16,356.00	\$2,644.00	86.08%
	54	Mayhew Road LRAP	\$18,000.00	\$11,359.74	\$6,640.26	63.11%
	56	Capital Improvements	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00	66.67%
*	2014	Carry Forward on RR Bond	\$0.00	\$8,451.00	-\$8,451.00	100.00%
	Assessment	County Tax	\$98,225.54	\$98,225.54	\$0.00	100.00%
	Assessment	RSU #9	\$326,549.04	\$326,549.04	\$0.00	100.00%
		Totals	\$888,447.42	\$806,365.36	\$97,833.94	90.76%

* represents undesignated in article 60 of Warrant

Prepared by Erin Norton

Town of Starks Payroll 2015

Selectmen	Total	\$9,000.00
Joe Hayden	\$3,000.00	
Paul Frederic	\$3,000.00	
Ernest Hilton	\$3,000.00	
Elections	Total	\$2,430.00
Valerie Comstock	\$110.00	
Jerry Brackett	\$100.00	
Denis Culley	\$100.00	
Erin Norton	\$495.00	
Vicki Stevens	\$240.00	
Maryanne Gawlinski	\$80.00	
Jennifer Zweig Hebert	\$400.00	
Cathleen Horner	\$285.00	
Billie Jo Krebs	\$250.00	
Barbara Vischer	\$325.00	
Patricia Wurlpel	\$45.00	
Assessors	Total	\$8,000.00
Cathleen Horner	\$2,500.00	
Joseph Hayden	\$2,500.00	
Kerry Hebert	\$3,000.00	
Town Clerk	Total	\$7,000.00
Jennifer Zweig Hebert	\$7,000.00	
Tax Collector	Total	\$10,000.00
Jennifer Zweig Hebert	\$10,000.00	
Treasurer	Total	\$7,000.00
Erin Norton	\$7,000.00	
Building Superintendent	Total	\$6,000.00
William Pressey	\$6,000.00	
Sexton	Total	\$1,500.00
William Pressey	\$1,500.00	
Fire Department Training	Total	\$2,432.00
Carl Irvine	\$48.00	
Scott Sanville	\$20.00	
William Pressey	\$192.00	
Damien Kelly	\$128.00	
Robert Pressey	\$204.00	
Brad Bellefleur	\$44.00	
Heather Willis	\$192.00	
Danielle Pressey	\$104.00	
Steve Rackliff	\$152.00	
Paul Kenerson	\$164.00	

Codey Casey	\$176.00	
Kyle Luther	\$100.00	
Dylan Brooks	\$112.00	
Chad Oliver	\$192.00	
Sean Doherty	\$328.00	
Michael Pease	\$128.00	
Marcie Martin	\$124.00	
John Robbins	\$24.00	
Fire Chief	Total	\$3,000.00
Steve Rackliff	\$3,000.00	
Assistant Fire Chief	Total	\$1,000.00
William Pressey	\$1,000.00	
Fire Department Calls	Total	\$2,352.00
Kerry Hebert	\$24.00	
Carl Irvine	\$272.00	
William Pressey	\$392.00	
Robert Pressey	\$284.00	
Brad Bellefleur	\$40.00	
Heather Willis	\$24.00	
Danielle Pressey	\$336.00	
Steve Rackliff	\$244.00	
Paul Kenerson	\$192.00	
Codey Casey	\$180.00	
Kyle Luther	\$88.00	
Chad Oliver	\$60.00	
Sean Doherty	\$32.00	
Michael Pease	\$24.00	
Marcie Martin	\$16.00	
John Robins	\$120.00	
John Atwood	\$24.00	
Animal Control	Total	\$150.00
Terry Leonard	\$150.00	
Code Enforcement Officer	Total	\$3,000.00
Leo Mayo	\$3,000.00	
Road Foreman Stipend		\$7,500.00
William Pressey	\$500.00	
Joe Hayden	\$7,000.00	
Equipment	Total	\$3,586.00
William Pressey	\$2,779.50	
Danielle Pressey	\$533.00	
David Hupper	\$110.50	
John Robbins	\$58.50	
John Atwood	\$105.00	
Summer Roads	Total	\$20,982.50

William Pressey	\$10,901.25	
Joey Hayden	\$391.00	
William Lynds	\$2,812.50	
Robert Pressey	\$68.00	
Danielle Pressey	\$2,119.00	
John Robbins	\$1,735.50	
John Atwood	\$2,955.25	
Winter Roads	Total	\$13,027.00
Duane Locke	\$1,590.00	
William Pressey	\$4,364.00	
Joey Hayden	\$858.50	
Robert Pressey	\$2,465.00	
Danielle Pressey	\$247.00	
David Hupper	\$3,358.00	
Herbert Oliver	\$144.50	
Garage	Total	\$5,806.00
Duane Locke	\$68.00	
William Pressey	\$3,975.00	
Danielle Pressey	\$520.00	
David Hupper	\$708.50	
John Robbins	\$84.50	
John Atwood	\$450.00	
Large Item Drop Off	Total	\$1,036.75
William Pressey	\$581.25	
John Atwood	\$52.50	
Danielle Pressey	\$403.00	
GA Overseer	Total	\$500.00
Jennifer Zweig Hebert	\$500.00	
Cemetery Maintenance	Total	\$1,176.00
William Pressey	\$204.00	
Danielle Pressey	\$768.00	
John Robbins	\$204.00	
Pressey Road LRAP		\$1,823.50
William Pressey	\$952.50	
William Lynds	\$585.00	
John Robbins	\$260.00	
John Atwood	\$26.00	
Mayhew Road LRAP		\$2,783.50
William Pressey	\$517.50	
William Lynds	\$1,687.50	
John Robbins	\$221.00	
John Atwood	\$357.50	

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Cemetery Trust Balance December 31st 2015

\$10,020.07

Frederic Cemetery	Total Trust	% of Trust	2015 Interest
John W. Higgins	\$5,000.00	79%	\$10.14
Frederic Cemetery Trust	\$157.10	2%	\$0.26
Alice Frederic Fields Trust Fund	\$180.27	3%	\$0.39
Sawyer and Trask Fund	\$334.74	5%	\$0.64
M.D. Frederic Trust Fund	\$100.00	2%	\$0.26
Bertha Waugh Smith-Georgia & Clifford Brann Lot	\$59.37	1%	\$0.13
Glen Frederic Trust Fund	\$500.00	8%	\$1.03
Total	\$6,331.48	64%	\$12.84
Locke Cemetery			
Bertha Waugh Smith-Sampson & Mary Duley Lot	\$59.38	6%	\$0.14
Clarence Norton	\$100.00	9%	\$0.22
Calvin Bryant Fish & Herietta Fish Lot	\$200.00	17%	\$0.40
Arthur Morse Trust Fund	\$350.00	30%	\$0.73
David J. Taylor-Milia Taylor Trust Fund	\$100.00	9%	\$0.22
Artthur Buffington Fund-William Gillis Lot	\$40.00	4%	\$0.10
Robert R Bichols & George Nichols Lot	\$100.00	9%	\$0.22
Frank Sterry Fund- Williamson Lot	\$200.00	17%	\$0.40
Total	\$1,149.38	12%	\$2.41
Tupper or Williamson Cemetery			
Captian Stevenson & George Williamson Lots	\$95.88	18%	\$0.18
Emma J. Frederic Trust Fund	\$139.81	27%	\$0.27
Betsy Wook Trust Fund	\$59.93	11%	\$0.11
Betsy Smith Cemetery Lot Trust Fund	\$79.17	15%	\$0.15
William P. True Fund Lot	\$150.00	29%	\$0.29
Total	\$524.79	5%	\$1.00
Brake Hill Cemetery			
Arthur and Susie Morse Lot	\$200.00	22%	\$0.40
Brake Hill Cemetery Lot	\$608.02	67%	\$1.21
Maude Rankin & Anne Ederly Fund-Lovell Lot	\$100.00	11%	\$0.20
Total	\$908.02	9%	\$1.81
Churchill Cemetery			
Arlin L. & Lucinda Chapman			
Justin O. & Sarah T. Chapman	\$1,000.00	10.00%	\$2.01
Total Trust	\$10,000.00	100.00%	
Issued to Ferderic Cemetery			\$12.84
Issued to Locke Cemetery			\$2.41
Issued to Town of Starks			\$4.82
Transferred to the General Fund on January 19th 2016			\$20.07
Prepared by Erin Norton			

BOARD OF ASSESSORS ANNUAL REPORT for 2015

The Town of Starks Board of Assessors has been meeting weekly at 7 P.M. on Thursdays at the Starks Municipal Office.

We did not do any further factoring to the land or building valuations this year, and are still keeping well within the state requirements of at least a 70% certified ratio.

The Mil rate increased slightly from 19.5 mils for 2014 to 20.0 for 2015, due primarily to increases in County and School assessments.

If you have questions concerning your property maps, or your valuation, please bring these problems to the attention of the board of assessors.

We would like to remind all residents that the Homestead Exemption is still available, and is expected to continue to be a valid program, even if state funding is not received. The Homestead Exemption will be increasing to a base rate of \$15,000 for 2016, and increase to a base rate of \$20,000 for 2017. The base rate is then multiplied by the certified ratio to produce the exemption rate for the Town of Starks. Residents who qualified in past years will be automatically carried forwards for this year. The only people who need to apply this year are new residents, or others who didn't participate last year. If you are eligible for a veteran's exemption or are disabled, please talk to us about the appropriate exemption.

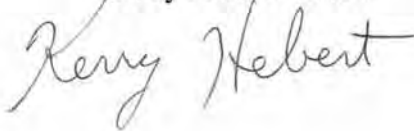
The updating process for the Town's tax maps was completed and the new maps are now available on the town's website, as well as at the town office. We have also updated the tax maps to include property divisions created within the past 2 years and expect to have these changes reprinted shortly after April 1st, 2016. We also have color aerials with tax map overlays at full scale using photography taken in the years 2003 and 2011.

The process of cross referencing all property lots with the new tax maps, tax cards and the commitment book is a lengthy undertaking, and is an ongoing project.

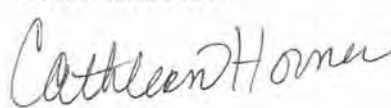
Thank you for your co-operation in working with us to correct problems in the records over the past few years.

Respectfully submitted


Kerry Hebert Chair



Cathleen Horner



Joe Hayden



Starks Board of Assessors

PLANNING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT for 2015

The Starks Planning Board is scheduled to meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 7 PM at the Town Hall, although some meetings have been cancelled if there was no business on the agenda. Meetings are open and the public is encouraged to attend. Any additional meetings, such as work meetings and public hearings are posted as required by law, and notice is placed in one or more local papers.

2015 Subdivisions and Site Review Permits:

A Site Review Permit that was granted to Bay Communications in 2013 for the installation of a Telecommunications Tower on the land of Claire and Mark Nelson on Abijah Hill was appealed to Superior Court. The Superior Court upheld the validity of the permit and the process of the Town of Starks Board of Appeals. The appellate, Harry Brown, appealed to the State Supreme Court. The State Supreme Court issued a decision in 2015 supporting the Town's actions. The tower was constructed during the summer of 2015.

2015 Shoreland Zoning Permits

No Shoreland Zoning Permits were requested during 2015.

2015 Mass Gathering Permits:

No Mass Gathering Application Permits were requested during 2015

2015 Ordinance Updates:

Two ordinances are being brought to the town for adoption by Australian Ballot during the voting on the day prior to the 2016 March Town Meeting.

The first ordinance represents a new Appeals Board Ordinance to provide clarity and guidance for the Appeals Board in their review process. The existing Appeals Board Ordinance was determined to be unclear in some of its procedures, and difficult to administer.

The second ordinance represents a Telecommunications Tower Ordinance for the Town of Starks. This ordinance will provide the town with some meaningful guidelines with which to judge future applications for telecommunications towers.

A Public Hearing was held to present these ordinances on Wed., Jan. 16, 2016 at the Community Center. Copies of these ordinances can be obtained from the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted

Kerry Hebert Chairman

Starks Planning Board



TOWN OF STARKS ANIMAL CONTROL

2015 was the year of the snake in Starks. A very large snake was seen on Locke Hill Rd. a few times but was never caught. It appeared to be either a pet Ball Python or a Boa Constrictor that got loose. Neither snake is able to take a Maine winter.

As always most Animal Control calls were cats or kittens dropped off at farms. One cat was caught and taken to the shelter that later turned out to belong to someone. If I get called for feral cats and catch a cat with a collar I will release it rather than take it to the shelter. If your cat comes up missing and it did not have a collar call me at 240-1799 or the Franklin County Animal Shelter at 778-2638.

I had a few calls for dogs running loose and most were claimed at the Franklin County Shelter. Remember that if your dog runs loose and I get called it will cost \$10 a day to get it back from the Shelter. If it keeps happening and I have to give out a summons the fine can be up to \$250 plus court costs. If you neglect to get a license for your dog the fine can be up to \$100 plus court costs.

There was not one incident of rabies found in Starks this year. As always, if you see a domestic animal exhibiting abnormal behavior call me at 240-1799. If you see a wild animal exhibiting abnormal behavior call 474-5430 and ask for a Game Warden to contact you.

As always I urge people to put a collar on your dog and put your phone number on it. That way you will get it a call and avoid having it taken to the Animal Shelter if it is found running loose. Most of the time if your number is on the collar you will get the call rather than me. That saves you money and saves the town of Starks money.

Once again, please keep in mind that I am not a full time ACO and have other obligations. If you don't hear back from me in a timely manner you can call Somerset Dispatch at 474-6386 and ask them to call Pam Graf. She is the back-up ACO and is usually able to get right on it if I can't.

Starks Animal Control Officer



Terry Leonard

Important Phone Numbers

Animal Control Officer Terry Leonard 240-1799

Franklin County Animal Shelter 778-2638

Skowhegan Animal Shelter 474-6493

Waterville Animal Shelter 873-2430

Animal Poison Control Center (888) 426-4435

Somerset County Dispatch 474-6386

2015 LPI/CEO Report

There were thirteen plumbing permits issued; eight complete septic systems; five internal plumbing and inspections for compliance.

Site inspections and issuance of eleven permits for construction included residences; garages; additions to existing structures; out buildings; barns; camp placement; and a cell tower.

Enforcement letters and verbal requests to citizens concerning nuisance yards; trash; and zoning were issued.

Please remember that before you start any construction you should contact the Code Enforcement Officer to see what is required.

The Code Officer hours are the first and third Wednesdays 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Leo Mayo

BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

The Community Center is in good shape. The addition of the new roof is completed and leaves only a couple of areas that need to be painted because of new trim. I will complete when weather allows.

The new floor in gym from 2 years ago has held nicely and should be good for years to come.

As I write this on the first day of February, the heating system is operating well with only routine maintenance performed thus far.

There are new and exciting events and improvements to benefit all, especially our young, ongoing.

I will not elaborate on all the goings on that happen at your Community Center as you will find this info elsewhere in your town report. All of this is possible because of the dedicated volunteers that serve on various committees and groups to make our town the community that it is.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Pressey

SEXTON REPORT

Town maintained cemeteries are in reasonably good condition.

The fences at Brake Hill and Greenleaf are in need of repair. The Brake Hill fence would be costly to repair to original condition as it is a metal ornate fence. Replacement with a post and chain type fencing or post and wire may be an option.

Because of damage caused by falling trees, frost, animals, etc.; every spring seems to reveal newly damaged stones. There are always stones that need to be straightened. As I have decided not to continue on as sexton and will have no involvement as a town appointee, I would like to personally suggest that the town look into establishing an account for necessary repairs and work toward completing them.

A new fence was installed at Didson Meadow last summer and looks great. Thanks Danielle and John. More work of this nature is needed and I truly believe the upkeep of the final resting place of those who built and served this community is a reflection of the community as a whole.

I would like to thank all that have helped over the past couple of years to improve the condition of our cemeteries and I hope that future caretakers have the support of our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Pressey

STARKS FIRE DEPARTMENT

2015 CALLS AS RECEIVED THRU SOMERSET COMMUNICATIONS

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS - 10

TREES ON LINES/FIRE - 4

TREES IN ROADWAY - 4

ASSIST AMS - 2

GRASS/FOREST FIRE - 2

STRUCTURE FIRE - 1

VEHICLE FIRE - 1

ASSIST ANSON FIRE - 1

AIRCRAFT DOWN - 1

Much progress has been made this year in your fire department.

Regular trainings have continued and improvements made to existing equipment and procedures.

You will see a request for an increase in operating budget for 2016. This will cover the anticipated increase in the payroll and to purchase protective clothing. This gear is required by law and is needed as we now have a roster of 17 men and women who have volunteered to risk their lives in service to your community.

You will also notice a request for funds to replace the existing 1968

International brush truck. We would like to, with your approval, purchase a newer model used 4x4 truck that we can outfit to use as a brush truck and as a first response vehicle or purchase a used truck already outfitted as such. This truck, along with the forestry/tanker that we received from Maine Forest Service, will allow access to fires and other emergencies to the majority of properties spread throughout the woods of town, even in mud season. Also, we were dispatched to 10 motor vehicle accidents in 2015. These varied from minor to fatal in nature. Our 1999 GMC (Engine 92) is used in response to these calls. A lighter, more responsive, better adapted truck could be used in most of these calls and increase the longevity of Engine 92 (a very expensive truck to replace) for years to come. We ask for your support in this project.

On a personal note, I want to let you know that I have decided to resign as your Chief, effective March 1st, 2016. As my personal businesses grow, I do not feel I have the time to fulfill the duties of Chief. I want to say thanks to the citizens of Starks for their support and a very special thanks to the women and men of Starks Fire. I will continue to serve on the department. Until such time as a permanent Chief is appointed, Deputy Chief Bill Pressey will serve as Acting Chief.

Sincerely,

Steve Rackliff

Chief, Starks Fire

2016

Kennebec Valley Regional Waste Corp Calendar



Route Designations

Route 1 -Anson - Done on the 1st & 3rd Mondays

Route 2 -Anson Village - Done on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

Route 3 -Starks and South West Anson - Done on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays

Month	Route 1	Route 2	Route 3
January	4th & 18th	12th & 26th	14th & 28th
February	1st & 15th	9th & 23rd	11th & 25th
March	7th & 21st	8th & 22nd	10th & 24th
April	4th & 18th	12th & 26th	14th & 28th
May	2nd & 16th	10th & 24th	12th & 26th
June	6th & 20th	14th & 28th	9th & 23rd
July	4th & 18th	12th & 26th	14th & 28th
August	1st & 15th	9th & 23rd	11th & 25th
September	5th & 19th	13th & 27th	8th & 22nd
October	3rd & 17th	11th & 25th	13th & 27th
November	7th & 21st	8th & 22nd	10th & 24th
December	5th & 19th	13th & 27th	8th & 22nd

Please Note

Makeup day for Thanksgiving is Friday, November 25th

Cancellations due to weather will not be made up

See reverse for sorting and preparation regulations

For more information on routes and cancelations call 207-431-5471

Anson/Madison & Starks Ambulance Service

P.O. Box 277
Madison, Maine 04950
(207) 696-5332

Dear good Citizens of Starks, another year has passed. The Ambulance Service responded to 1678 total calls in 2015. 39 or 2.5% originating in Starks. We were able to provide another year of service without raising the cost to tax payers. The number one reason for ambulance calls this year was for breathing problems. There are many reasons for breathing problems, with COPD and Pneumonia being at the top. Fluid retention, Heart problems, Asthma, Colds, Flu, Allergies and Anxiety are some of the more common issues that can also bring on serious breathing problems. So when should you call an Ambulance for breathing problems? If you experience shortness of breath suddenly all at once, this could be a symptom for a pulmonary embolism or a pneumothorax, both very serious life threatening problems. Also if the SOB is accompanied by chest pain, fainting or nausea this could be a serious heart problem. If the SOB is gradual over a few days and continues to worsen or if you're regular breathing medications do not give you the relief they usually do. Or you find yourself unable to do your usual activities. If you experience any breathing problems that interfere with your normal ability to function or alarm you call 911, do not wait as these symptoms rarely go away on their own.

I hope you all have a Great year!
George Demchak Director



Starks Food Cupboard
A program of East Parish Housing Ministry, Inc.

Annual Report

2015 was another successful year for our Food Cupboard. We had approximately 7 new residents added to the families we serve. Because of donations, we were able to make 42 Thanksgiving baskets.

We would like to thank all of the local gardeners that donated produce, as well as the citizens of Starks at Town Meeting for their continued support and generosity. The \$900 raised in March is a substantial help and greatly appreciated. Although the Federal surplus is getting smaller with each quarterly delivery, we were still able to meet the needs of all the Starks residents we serve. We'd like to extend a big Thank You in appreciation of our volunteers for the time they spend each month packing boxes, unloading trucks and stocking shelves after deliveries. We couldn't do it without you!

The Starks Food Cupboard is open on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from
10:00am – 12:00pm

In the event of a school cancelation we're closed but will re-open the day following the storm.
For emergency requests please call 696-4337 or 399-3137.

Thank you for your continued support!

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Kimball, Coordinator

Income

Beginning Balance.....	\$180.85
Town of Starks.....	\$900.00
FEMA.....	\$1,614.00
Miscellaneous Donations.....	\$450.00
Total Income.....	\$3,144.85

Expenses

Hannaford, Wal-Mart, Misc.....	\$459.00
Save-A-Lot.....	\$1,614.93
Bob's Cash Fuel.....	\$685.00
Total.....	\$2,758.93

Ending Balance 12/31/2015...\$385.00

Budget Committee
Annual Report for 2015

The Budget Committee meets as needed throughout the year upon the request of the Board of Selectmen.

The Budget Committee works with the Board of Selectmen on the various issues related to current town expenses as well as planning for upcoming expenditures.

The five-member committee is elected each year at the Starks Town Meeting and is advisory only and is not charged with final decisions. All such decisions are the responsibility of the Board of Selectmen.

Members of the 2015 Budget Committee:

- Maryanne Gawlinski
- Dave Johnson
- Ken Lust
- Jared Norton
- Carol Coles

In our work with the Board of Selectmen we refer often to the Starks Comprehensive Plan and its recommendations as a guide. It is a goal of this committee that decisions recommended and made now are in the best fiscal interest of our town's present and its future.

The Budget Committee meets with the Selectmen and the Board of Assessors in the fall to plan/estimate the current revenue sources and likely expenses, including the school costs. In addition, the committee also meets in January of each year to review the town budget and make recommendations for the upcoming year.

Some of the items that were discussed by the committee this year were the successful (\$50,000) grant application to the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation that funded the new roof at the Community Building and other necessary repairs to the physical plant. The committee approved continuing an annual large item drop off, researched options related to our recycling process/efforts as changes are happening with the other participating towns, and there was ongoing discussion about how to fund capital improvements for our town roads.

Starks benefits from citizen participation on its boards and we hope that others will consider serving on town boards and committees.

Respectfully submitted by Committee Member Carol Coles on behalf of the Starks Budget Committee

Community Center Building Committee
Annual Report for 2015

Members of this committee are volunteers who are appointed by the Starks Board of Selectmen to make recommendations related to the functioning of the Building.

Current members include:

- Paul Frederic
- Maryanne Gawlinski
- Jenn Zweig Hebert
- John Hull
- Nancy Lagin
- Linda LaRose
- Ken Lust
- Erin Norton
- Jared Norton
- Carol Coles

This year we had significant financial help from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation. Sam Whitmore graciously and expertly served as lead grant writer working with Gwen Hilton, Linda Larose, Bill Pressey and me to create a successful proposal to the foundation for capital improvements to the Community Building. The \$50,000 that was received will assure that our library remains the safe and secure resource we have all come to depend upon. It will no longer have ceiling leaks.

The beautiful new strong standing seam roof was partially funded (\$17,000) by the grant with the remainder of the cost covered by Community Building Improvement fund. Grant funded work is continuing with interior ceiling repairs and insulation, better seals around the exterior doors and replacement of failed windows in our ongoing effort to improve the energy efficiency of the building in alignment with the energy audit's recommendations.

We remind everyone that the Library in our Community Building is amazing. There is something for everyone on its shelves; from children's picture books, to do-it-yourself manuals to the latest fiction. Come visit! Events, such as the well-attended annual Christmas Celebration would be impossible without this building.

Bill Pressey, our Building Superintendent has been of significant help, not just by keeping the Building clean, but also by suggesting cost effective solutions to problems. A big thank you is due to Bill from the Committee.

Starks benefits from citizen participation on its boards and we hope that others will consider serving. This committee meets the second Thursday of every other month (odd-numbered months) at 7pm at the Community Building. We welcome anyone who would like to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Riemer Coles, Chairperson
Community Center Building Committee

STARKS TOWN LIBRARY
2015 ANNUAL REPORT

The Library Committee and volunteers have been busy in 2015 promoting a number of activities throughout the year.

- January: Presentation on "*Family Engineering*" by two winners of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Parents and children discovered the fun of engineering through hands-on activities created for the whole family – using materials easily found in the home.
- February: Presentation of "*Maine's Amazing Animals*" by L.C.Bates Museum. Also, celebrated Groundhog Day with a Groundhog's Day story and activity making clay groundhogs
- April: Presentation on "*Bats of the World*" by Chewonki Traveling Natural History Programs
- June: Presentation on "*Maine's Prehistoric Tools ~ Native American Stone Tools*" by L.C. Bates Museum.
- July: SummerKids program which included stories and many activities on Wednesday afternoons during July.
- October: Halloween celebration where we were visited by ghosts, goblins, out of space creatures, and pretty princesses, but we were ready for them with free books and bags of treats.
- December: To end the year, we again held the Starks Community Holiday Celebration. Many children, teens and adults participated. And, of course, there was a visit from Santa.

There were also additional events throughout the year including "*Fun With Food*" activities presented by FoodCorps, a nationwide team of Americorps Leaders; book sales and giveaways; art activities (including making windsocks, clay figures and beads, Christmas decorations; and painting murals).

Our library book collection is plentiful with books for all ages including fiction and non-fiction. We had over a hundred people use the library last year with many of them visiting several times a month. Stop by any time, browse through our collection and borrow a book. Anyone is free to borrow the books from two to four weeks.

Our hours mirror the Town Office hours and on the 1st Saturday of each month we support "Mug Up" – selection of coffee, tea, hot chocolate, treats and pleasant conversation.

The Library Committee would especially like to thank all the people in the community who have volunteered and supported us over the past few years.

Library Committee: Maryanne Gawlinski, Nancy Lagin, and Linda LaRose



2015 SEEdS Report

Greetings from the Starks **E**nrichment and **E**ducation Society. Our mission is to provide enrichment through encouragement of the visual and performing arts, environmental awareness, development and operation of the Starks Town Library, support of the Historical Society, and "Friends of Our Fathers" groups. We seek to provide development of health and exercise related programs, and such other means as generally support the education, enrichment and health of the adults and children of Starks and the surrounding areas.

SEEdS members would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to several generous donors, and to an anonymous donation of \$5,000. **THANK YOU!** Due to these donations, SEEdS members will not be offering 2016 Fedco seeds as a fundraiser this year. Seeds from prior years will still be available at town meeting, and in the town office for \$1 per packet.

2015 Citizen of the Year was awarded to Kerry and Jenn Hebert at the 6th Annual Pumpkin Festival. Kerry Hebert works hard for Starks as the chair of the Starks Board of Assessors, Chair of the Starks Planning Board and in the past he's been a volunteer firefighter and selectmen. Jenn Hebert's dedications to our town are shown in her untold hours working as Chair of the RSU #9 School Board, Starks Town Clerk and Tax Collector and the Treasurer of SEEdS. Thank you Kerry and Jenn for all you do for Starks and its citizens.

Some to the activities sponsored by SEEdS in 2015 were a contra dance, the Starks annual Christmas party, snow tubing at Eaton Mountain, Paper Planes and Pizza, SummerKids, Starks Annual Pumpkin Festival, a trip to Roy's Water Park and Free Yoga classes at the Community Center.

Volunteers and new members are very welcome at any of our events. Starks residency is not required. Volunteers are the heart of our organization, allowing SEEdS to organize these events for our children and citizens.

Be on the lookout for emails from our town clerk for dates and times of meetings and events. Everyone is welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene S. Taylor, 2015 SEEdS. Chair

Update on Starks Comprehensive Plan

On November 6, 2012 the voters of Starks adopted a revised the Town's Comprehensive Plan. This report is a list of accomplishments related to the recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan.

Improved Communications – Town of Starks website, newsletter, e-mail information network, Wi-Fi and public computer access at Community Center and community bulletin board, Three - Ring- Binder (dark fiber) routed through Starks, Broadband Committee appointed by Selectmen to work on improving internet service town-wide.

Tax Maps – Updated and digitized (available on website)

Historic Preservation - Ongoing digitizing of Town records.

Education - Changed school districts (RSU#59 to RSU#9), SEEdS scholarships, education programs organized by SEEdS, the Starks Library, Summer Kids, and Move More Kids.

Recreation – SEEdS received 28 acres of land next to the Community Center to be used for education and recreation, James Murphy Trail at the Community Center was improved, and playground upgraded.

Property Appearance – Some properties are being better maintained and a few are still of concern.

Economy - Agricultural Commission appointed (inactive), old town office leased for store (empty since October, 2015), business inventory and survey completed, internet needs survey is ongoing.

Community Center – School became property of Town, town office moved to building, many improvements made to structure, War Monument moved to Community Center.

Fire Department – Roster has expanded from about 4 to more than 15, training is extensive and equipment is better maintained.

Roads and Bridges - New bridges have been built on Sawyers Mills Road and Mayhew Road, sections of Chicken Street, Locke Hill Road and River Road were repaved, and many projects have been completed on unpaved roads.

Cemeteries – care is improved, Friends of Our Fathers (a local group formed to help care for our cemeteries) is doing a very nice job as a supplement to the regular town crew.

Equipment – Upgrades/replacements have been made as needed and maintenance of our investment is ongoing.

Administration - Road Foreman position remains unfilled, there are no fulltime people in Public Works, and this arrangement seems to work well at the present time.

Ordinances - Wireless Communications, Appeals, and Marijuana-related Facilities Moratorium ordinances are to be voted on March 11, 2016.

Grants – Starks has been awarded over \$300,000 (federal, state and private sources) in grant money to help pay for many of the accomplishments listed above. Thanks for all the support!

Comprehensive Plan Committee Members,

Paul Frederic and Gwen Hilton


Mt. Blue Regional School District - (RSU #9)

It has been an honor to once again serve as Starks representative on the Mt. Blue Regional School District Board of Directors. In July, I was elected Chair of the Board which has added many additional duties to my schedule. There are many challenges facing Mt. Blue Regional School District as we go into 2016. Two of our largest concerns are presenting a budget that passes at the polls this coming summer and providing a proper education to all of the students regardless of their needs. Last summer, the initial budget presented did not pass district wide. A second budget which contained further cuts passed. Starks voters voted to approve the budget both times. I am proud that our town places a high value on education and understands the hard work and careful planning that goes into presenting a budget. As we move forward, the focus of the district and board will be trying to reduce costs and provide a quality education. We invested in a Day Treatment Program that meets regulations to qualify for Medicare reimbursement for our students with some of the greatest needs. This will help offset the high cost as well as provide the proper services needed for our most at risk children. The district has also implemented an International Student Program which will bring in tuition funds to the district as well as increase the diversity of experiences for students at Mt. Blue Campus.

The time spent on the Board of Directors has proven to be both challenging and rewarding. I am continually impressed with the quality and dedication of the faculty and staff that make up RSU #9.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our town and school district. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or ideas.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer A Zweig Hebert

Articles of Warrant

Greetings, in the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Starks; qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Starks Community Center, 57 Anson Road, in the said Town of Starks on Friday, March 11th, 2016, from noon until 8 PM. The Annual Town Meeting will be held the following day, Saturday, March 12th, 2016 beginning at 9 AM at the Starks Community Center, 57 Anson Road in said Town of Starks.

Article #1

To choose a moderator to preside over said meeting.

Article #2

To choose by Australian ballot all Town Officers for the current year.

Article #3

To see if the Town will vote to apply available excise taxes, interest, and lien charges toward the 2016 budget.

Article #4

To elect five budget committee members from the floor.

Article #5

To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the annual budget in each budget category of the 2017 annual budget during the period from January 1st, 2017 to the 2017 Annual Town Meeting.

Article #6

To see if the Town will vote to make taxes due and payable upon the date of commitment

Article #7

To set the rate of interest to be charged on unpaid taxes, after the date set in the preceding article. Recommended interest @ 7.00%, to accrue beginning 60 days from the date of commitment.

Article #8

To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of 2016 taxes from January 1st, 2016 to the 2016 date of commitment.

Article #9

To see if the Town, in accordance with Title 36 M.R.S.A. § 506, will vote that if a taxpayer pays an amount in excess of their final assessment it shall be refunded in the amount of the overpayment.

Article #10

To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real-estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes; to thereon advertise and accept sealed bids only; and to execute the appropriate deeds for such property.

Article #11

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to apply for a tax anticipation note, but only if necessary for operating expenses.

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Article #12

To see if the Town will vote to apply lien cost revenue to the lien cost expense account.

Article #13

To see if the Town will vote to apply overlay to cover abatements.

Article #14

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend up to \$3,000 from surplus, to pay for unanticipated expenses and emergencies.

Article #15

To see if the Town will vote to apply all revenues from Community Center donations and any lease revenue from the former Town Office to the Building Improvement Fund.

Article #16

To see if the Town will vote to apply all revenues from the sale of tax acquired property to lower the commitment.

Article #17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, \$87,670 for General Administration and additional administrative expenses for the current year.

Object	Taxation/Requested
Payroll Taxes	\$9,000
Workman's Comp	\$800
Mileage	\$2000
Training Workshops	\$800
Annual Drug Testing Fee	\$350
Unemployment	\$2,500
Postage	\$1,500
Books & Subscriptions	\$200
Dues	\$3,000
Miscellaneous	\$5,000
Audit	\$5,300
Trio Renewal/Upgrades	\$6,000
Legal	\$8,000
Town Report	\$1,000
Ads	\$1,500
Xerox Lease	\$1,620
Water Rent	\$3,700
KVRWC	\$9,500
Large Item Pickup	\$4,100
Cemetery Maintenance	\$1,750
MMA Insurance	\$19,000
TAN Interest	\$350
Voice of Starks	\$700
Total	\$87,670

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #18

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate from taxation \$3,000 for Town Hall operating expenses at the former Town Hall Building.

Object	Taxation/Requested
Former Town Hall Building	\$3,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #19

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay the Code Enforcement Officer, in addition to allowing the LPI to retain his portion of the collected fees for plumbing permits in the Town's name.

Object	2014 Budget	Taxation/Requested
CEO	\$3,000	\$3,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #20

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation \$7,000 for the legal expenses of Code Enforcement.

Object	Taxation/Requested
CEO Legal	\$7,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #21

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$550 for Deputy Clerk in the instance that the incumbent Clerk is opposed in an election.

Object	Taxation/Requested
Deputy Clerk	\$550

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #22

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,500 for Elections for the current year.

Object	Taxation/Requested
Elections	\$4,500

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #23

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Assessor's salaries for the current year.

Object	2015 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Assessor Chair	\$3,000	\$3,000
Assessor	\$2,500	\$2,500
Assessor	\$2,500	\$2,500

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #24

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Selectmen's salaries for the current year.

Object	2015 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Selectman Chair	\$3,000	\$3,000
Selectman	\$3,000	\$3,000
Selectman	\$3,000	\$3,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #25

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Clerk's salary for the current year.

Object	2015 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Town Clerk	\$7,000	\$7,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #26

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Tax Collector's salary for the current year.

Object	2015 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Tax Collector	\$10,000	\$10,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #27

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Treasurer's salary for the current year.

Object	2015 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Treasurer	\$7,000	\$7,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #28

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Building Superintendent's salary for the current year.

Object	2015 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Building Superintendent	\$6,000	\$6,000

Recommended by Selectmen, Budget Committee and Building Committee

Article #29

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Health Officer's stipend and expenses for the current year.

Object	2015 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Health Officer	\$1,800	\$1,800

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #30

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Sexton's salary for the current year.

Object	2015 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Sexton	\$1,500	\$1,500

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #31

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, \$500 for the position of General Assistance Overseer for the current year.

Object	2015 Budget	Taxation/Requested
GA Overseer	\$500	\$500

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #32

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, \$500 for the Appeals Board for the current year.

Object	Taxation/Requested
Appeals Board	\$500

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #33

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, \$500 for the Planning Board for the current year.

Object	Taxation/Requested
Planning Board	\$500

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #34

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, \$500 for the training of an incoming elected official by the outgoing officer. This applies only to Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Treasurer's positions.

Object	Taxation/Requested
Training of Officers	\$500

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #35

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, \$7,500 for a Road Foreman Stipend payable at the discretion of the Selectmen.

Object	2015 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Road Foreman Stipend	\$7,500	\$7,500

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #36

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, \$20,000 for the Community Center in the current year.

Object	2015 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Community Center Operating Expenses	\$21,000	20,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #37

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the Comprehensive Plan fund balance of \$3,963.39 from the Comprehensive Plan to map updates & printing in the current year.

Object	Appropriation
Map Updates	\$3,963.39

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #38

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, \$33,300 for the Fire Department for the current year.

Object	2015 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Fire Department	\$28,000	\$33,300

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #39

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Chief's Salary for the current year.

Object	2015 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Fire Chief	\$3,400	\$3,400

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #40

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, \$1,000 for the Animal Control Officer and expenses for the current year.

Object	Taxation/Requested
Animal Control	\$1,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #41

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, \$9,600 for the Anson Madison Starks Ambulance Service for the current year.

Organization	Taxation/Requested
AMS Ambulance	\$9,600

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #42

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, \$500 for road signs in the current year.

Object	Taxation/Requested
Road signs	\$500

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #43

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, \$1,400 for the Town's Street Lights in the current year.

Object	Taxation/Requested
Street Lights	\$1,400

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #44

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, \$53,000 for Equipment Maintenance in the current year.

Object	Taxation/Requested
Equipment	\$53,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #45

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, \$14,000 for the Town Garage in the current year.

Object	Taxation/Requested
Garage	\$14,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #46

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, \$50,000 for Summer Roads Maintenance in the current year.

Object	Taxation/Requested
Summer Roads Maintenance	\$50,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #47

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, \$50,000 for Winter Roads in the current year.

Object	2015 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Winter Roads	\$60,000	\$50,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #48

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, \$300 for the maintenance of the Starks Town Dump in the current year.

Object	Taxation Requested
Town Dump	\$300

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #49

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, \$4,000 for General Assistance, and to apply all GA reimbursements from the State to the GA account.

Object	Taxation/Requested
General Assistance	\$4,000
GA Reimbursements 2015	\$897.50

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #50

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, \$1,000 for Recreation in the current year.

Object	Taxation/Requested
Recreation	\$1,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #51

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the remaining fund balance from the Sand and Salt Shed (\$7,053.62 and raise and appropriate from taxation, \$9,946.38 for a new Fire Department Brush Truck.

Object	Appropriations	Taxation/Requested	Total
Brush Truck	\$7,053.62	\$9,946.38	\$17,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #52

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, \$9,787 for the Salt Shed as a Capital Expense in the current year.

Object	Taxation/Requested
Salt Shed	\$9,787

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #53

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, \$31,109 for the River Road Bond in the current year.

Object	Taxation/Requested
River Road Bond	\$31,109

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #54

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, \$4,500 for First Park

Object	Taxation/Requested
First Park	\$4,500

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #55

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation for Social Organizations in the current year.

Organization	Requested	Taxation/Recommended
Starks Food Cupboard	\$900	\$900
Franklin County Animal Shelter	\$1,280	\$1,280
Family Violence	\$400	\$100
Madison Public Library	\$350	\$350
Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$400	\$400
Memorial Day Fund	\$100	\$100
Maine Public Broadcasting Network	\$200	\$100
KVCAP Transportation	\$200	\$200
Hospice Volunteers	\$300	\$300
Community Health and Counseling	\$100	\$100
Crisis and Counseling	\$665	\$308
American Red Cross	\$250	\$250
Life Flight Foundation	\$640	\$0
Total	\$5,785	\$4,388

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #56

To see if the Town will vote to forward the snowmobile reimbursement from the State of Maine, to the Anson-North Anson Snowmobile Club for maintaining the trails in Starks.

Object	Total
Snowmobile Reimbursement 2016	\$364.10

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #57

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, \$40,000 for the Capital Improvement Fund. (This request amount is just below the former plow truck payment that was paid off in October 2015).

Object	Taxation/Requested
Capital Improvements	\$40,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Capital Improvement Account Balance December 31 st , 2015	\$41,268.25
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Article #58

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from surplus, \$10,000 to Building Improvement Fund (BIF).

Object	Surplus	Total
BIF	\$10,000	\$10,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #59

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, \$10,000 and appropriate from surplus, \$10,000 to create a new Capital Roads account.

Object	Taxation/Requested	Surplus	Total
Capital Roads Account	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$20,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #60

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated funds \$83,549.68 to lower the tax commitment.

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

The amount requested in this article represents all the remaining balances from Articles 1-64 at the 2015 Annual Town Meeting, and can be found in detail on the Treasurers Expense Report toward the front of this book. Note: Applicable article numbers are indicated with an asterisk in the column to the left.

(Surplus) Undesignated Fund Balance December 31 st , 2015	\$407,199.94
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Article #61

To see what action the Town wishes to take, if any, with respect to the former Town Office at 10 Locke Hill Road.

Article #62

To see if the Town will vote to accept the category of State Funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature and apply the funds to lower the commitment.

Maine Municipal Revenue Sharing
State Aid to Education (including federal pass through funds and property tax relief)
Public Library State Aid
Tree Growth Reimbursements
General Assistance Funds
Veterans Exemption Funds
Homestead Exemption Funds
FEMA Reimbursements
Civil Emergency Funds (Emergency Management Assistance)
State and Federal Grants
Any Other Funds or Gifts

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #63

To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Starks by State law to the extent statutorily allowed in the event the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the so-called LD 1 property tax levy limit.

Article #64

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of assets with an estimated value of \$500 or less without having to place legal ads, the details of these assets to be emailed to an available email list and posted inside and outside the Town Office for bids. This does not include tax acquired property.

Article #65

To see if the Town will vote to close the books on December 31, 2016.

Article #66

To see if the Town wishes to hold the next Annual Town Meeting on March 10th and 11th 2017.

Given under our hands at the Starks Town Office this 15th day of February 2016

Paul Frederic, Selectman Chair

Joseph Hayden, Selectman

Ernest Hilton, Selectman

A true copy of the warrant

Attest:

Jennifer A Zweig Hebert, Clerk of Starks

Warrant Officer's Return:

By virtue of the herein warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Starks to be assembled at the time and place, and for the purpose therein named by posting attested copies of the warrant in four (4) conspicuous places within said town, the 15th day of February, 2016. The Starks Town Office inside and out, the Town Garage and the Food Cupboard.

Jerry Brackett, Warrant Officer



Proven Expertise and Integrity

February 4, 2016

Board of Selectmen
Town of Starks
Starks, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Starks, Maine and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Starks, Maine as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015. The following schedules have been excerpted from the 2015 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town. Included herein are:

Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds	Statement C
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds	Statement E
Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Budgetary Basis – Budget and Actual – General Fund	Schedule 1
Schedule of Departmental Operations – General Fund	Schedule A
Combining Balance Sheet – Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule B
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule C

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TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2015

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds	
			2015	2014
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 554,308	\$ -	\$ 554,308	\$ 460,942
Investments	-	10,019	10,019	10,020
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):				
Taxes	122,202	-	122,202	135,915
Liens	47,358	-	47,358	44,472
Other	-	-	-	10
Tax acquired property	2,749	-	2,749	3,493
Prepaid expenses	-	-	-	816
Due from other funds	-	173,194	173,194	80,954
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 726,617	\$ 183,213	\$ 909,830	\$ 736,622
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ 2,350
Accrued expenses	4,915	-	4,915	4,179
Due to other governments	861	-	861	861
Due to other funds	173,194	-	173,194	80,954
TOTAL LIABILITIES	179,170	-	179,170	88,344
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Prepaid taxes	412	-	412	94
Advanced payment of LRAP funding	-	14,158	14,158	13,761
Deferred tax revenues	131,835	-	131,835	140,951
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	132,247	14,158	146,405	154,806
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	2,749	-	2,749	4,309
Restricted	-	71,216	71,216	38,940
Committed	8,000	97,839	105,839	98,771
Assigned	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	404,451	-	404,451	351,452
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	415,200	169,055	584,255	493,472
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 726,617	\$ 183,213	\$ 909,830	\$ 736,622

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TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Totals Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 762,173	\$ -	\$ 762,173
Excise	82,723	-	82,723
Intergovernmental revenues	73,741	27,919	101,660
Charges for services	11,569	-	11,569
Miscellaneous revenues	25,658	56,187	81,845
TOTAL REVENUES	955,864	84,106	1,039,970
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	132,585	-	132,585
Public safety	39,839	-	39,839
Public works	158,035	-	158,035
Community service	17,621	-	17,621
Education	326,549	-	326,549
County tax	98,226	-	98,226
Unclassified	12,385	1,491	13,876
Debt service:			
Principal	69,080	-	69,080
Interest	2,110	-	2,110
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	856,430	92,757	949,187
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	99,434	(8,651)	90,783
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	5	40,000	40,005
Transfers (out)	(40,000)	(5)	(40,005)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(39,995)	39,995	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	59,439	31,344	90,783
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	355,761	137,711	493,472
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 415,200	\$ 169,055	\$ 584,255

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TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – BUDGETARY BASIS
BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final	Amounts	Positive (Negative)
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1	\$ 355,761	\$ 355,761	\$ 355,761	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	752,960	752,960	762,173	9,213
Excise taxes	82,000	82,000	82,723	723
Intergovernmental revenues:				
State revenue sharing	36,000	36,000	39,246	3,246
Homestead exemption	19,951	19,951	20,781	830
Local Road Assistance	37,000	37,000	-	(37,000)
Tree growth	10,900	10,900	10,973	73
Other Income	2,559	2,559	2,741	182
Interest income	6,760	6,760	6,760	-
Charges for services	-	6,985	11,569	4,584
Miscellaneous revenues	10,500	10,500	18,898	8,398
Transfers from other funds	-	-	5	5
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>1,314,391</u>	<u>1,321,376</u>	<u>1,311,630</u>	<u>(9,746)</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	164,620	166,480	132,585	33,895
Public safety	43,800	43,800	39,839	3,961
Public works	177,300	177,300	158,035	19,265
Community service	35,500	35,500	17,621	17,879
Education	326,549	326,549	326,549	-
County tax	98,226	98,226	98,226	-
Unclassified	95,408	100,533	12,385	88,148
Debt service:				
Principal	69,080	69,080	69,080	-
Interest	13,891	13,891	2,110	11,781
Transfers to other funds	40,000	40,000	40,000	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>1,064,374</u>	<u>1,071,359</u>	<u>896,430</u>	<u>174,929</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	\$ 250,017	\$ 250,017	\$ 415,200	\$ 165,183
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	<u>\$ 80,204</u>	<u>\$ 80,204</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (80,204)</u>

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TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

SCHEDULE A

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
General government -					
Administration	\$ 90,120	-	\$ 90,120	\$ 68,470	\$ 21,650
Town hall operating	700	-	700	662	38
Code enforcement officer	10,000	-	10,000	3,163	6,837
Elections	4,500	-	4,500	2,430	2,070
Plumbing inspector	-	1,860	1,860	1,860	-
Assessors	8,000	-	8,000	8,000	-
Selectmen	9,000	-	9,000	9,000	-
Town clerk	7,000	-	7,000	7,000	-
Tax collector	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-
Treasurer	7,000	-	7,000	7,000	-
Janitor	6,000	-	6,000	6,000	-
Health officer	1,800	-	1,800	-	1,800
Sexton	1,500	-	1,500	1,500	-
Appeals board	500	-	500	-	500
Planning board	500	-	500	-	500
Outgoing officer to train incoming	500	-	500	-	500
Road foreman stipend	7,500	-	7,500	7,500	-
	164,620	1,860	166,480	132,585	33,895
Public safety -					
Fire department	28,000	-	28,000	24,782	3,218
Fire chief	3,400	-	3,400	3,400	-
Animal control	1,000	-	1,000	560	440
AMS service	9,600	-	9,600	9,600	-
Road signs	500	-	500	128	372
Street lights	1,300	-	1,300	1,369	(69)
	43,800	-	43,800	39,839	3,961

TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
Public works -					
Equipment	53,000	-	53,000	45,342	7,658
Garage	14,000	-	14,000	13,497	503
Summer roads	50,000	-	50,000	49,724	276
Winter roads	60,000	-	60,000	40,721	19,279
River Road paving	-	-	-	8,451	(8,451)
Closure of the Starks dump	300	-	300	300	-
	177,300	-	177,300	158,035	19,265
General assistance -					
Community center	5,500	-	5,500	1,993	3,507
Madison recreation	29,000	-	29,000	15,303	13,697
	1,000	-	1,000	325	675
	35,500	-	35,500	17,621	17,879
Debt service -					
Principal	69,080	-	69,080	69,080	-
Interest	13,891	-	13,891	2,110	11,781
	82,971	-	82,971	71,190	11,781
County tax	98,226	-	98,226	98,226	-
Education -					
RSU #9	326,549	-	326,549	326,549	-
	326,549	-	326,549	326,549	-

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
Unclassified -					
First Park	3,318	-	3,318	3,318	-
Social services	4,460	-	4,460	4,460	-
Snowmobile	278	-	278	278	-
Contingency	3,000	-	3,000	988	2,012
Overlay	17,352	-	17,352	786	16,566
Lien costs	-	5,125	5,125	2,555	2,570
Heating oil contract	30,000	-	30,000	-	30,000
Local roads assistance	-	-	-	-	-
Other fund expenses	37,000	-	37,000	-	37,000
Overdrafts	-	-	-	-	-
	95,408	5,125	100,533	12,385	88,148
Transfers out -					
Capital projects	15,000	-	15,000	15,000	-
Building transfer	25,000	-	25,000	25,000	-
	40,000	-	40,000	40,000	-
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS	\$ 928,966	\$ 1,860	\$ 930,826	\$ 844,045	\$ 86,781

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TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Investments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,019	\$ 10,019
Due from other funds	80,356	92,838	-	173,194
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 80,356</u>	<u>\$ 92,838</u>	<u>\$ 10,019</u>	<u>\$ 183,213</u>
LIABILITIES				
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Advance payment of URIP funding	-	14,158	-	14,158
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>-</u>	<u>14,158</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,158</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-
Restricted	39,115	22,082	10,019	71,216
Committed	41,241	56,598	-	97,839
Assigned	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>80,356</u>	<u>78,680</u>	<u>10,019</u>	<u>169,055</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 80,356</u>	<u>\$ 92,838</u>	<u>\$ 10,019</u>	<u>\$ 183,213</u>

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TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Interest income	\$ 3	\$ -	\$ 19	\$ 22
Intergovernmental	-	27,919	-	27,919
Other	51,150	5,015	-	56,165
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>51,153</u>	<u>32,934</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>84,106</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Capital outlay	17,600	73,666	-	91,266
Other	1,476	-	15	1,491
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>19,076</u>	<u>73,666</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>92,757</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>32,077</u>	<u>(40,732)</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>(8,651)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	40,000	-	40,000
Transfers (out)	-	-	(5)	(5)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>-</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>(5)</u>	<u>39,995</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	32,077	(732)	(1)	31,344
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	<u>48,279</u>	<u>79,412</u>	<u>10,020</u>	<u>137,711</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 80,356</u>	<u>\$ 78,680</u>	<u>\$ 10,019</u>	<u>\$ 169,055</u>

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