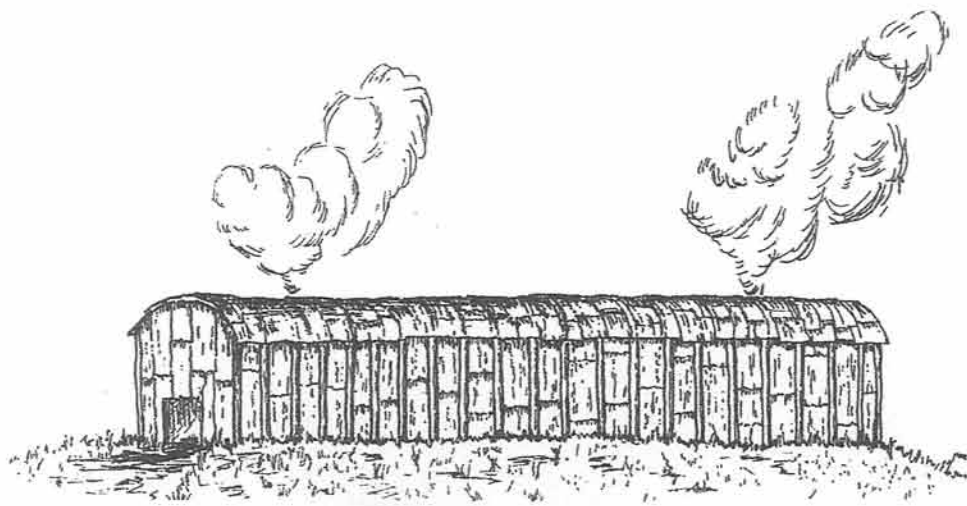




Annual Report 2014 Starks, Maine

Town of Starks Annual Report

December 31, 2014

Starks, Maine

Cover Photograph: Longhouse (circa 1600) measuring 82 x 16.4 feet and archaeological evidence documenting its existence at an Abenaki village located in Starks. The site has been occupied for 7- 9000 years and was the third largest settlement in the Kennebec Valley at the time of European contact. This is the 400th (approximately) anniversary of that meeting.

Source: Ellen Cowie and James Petersen

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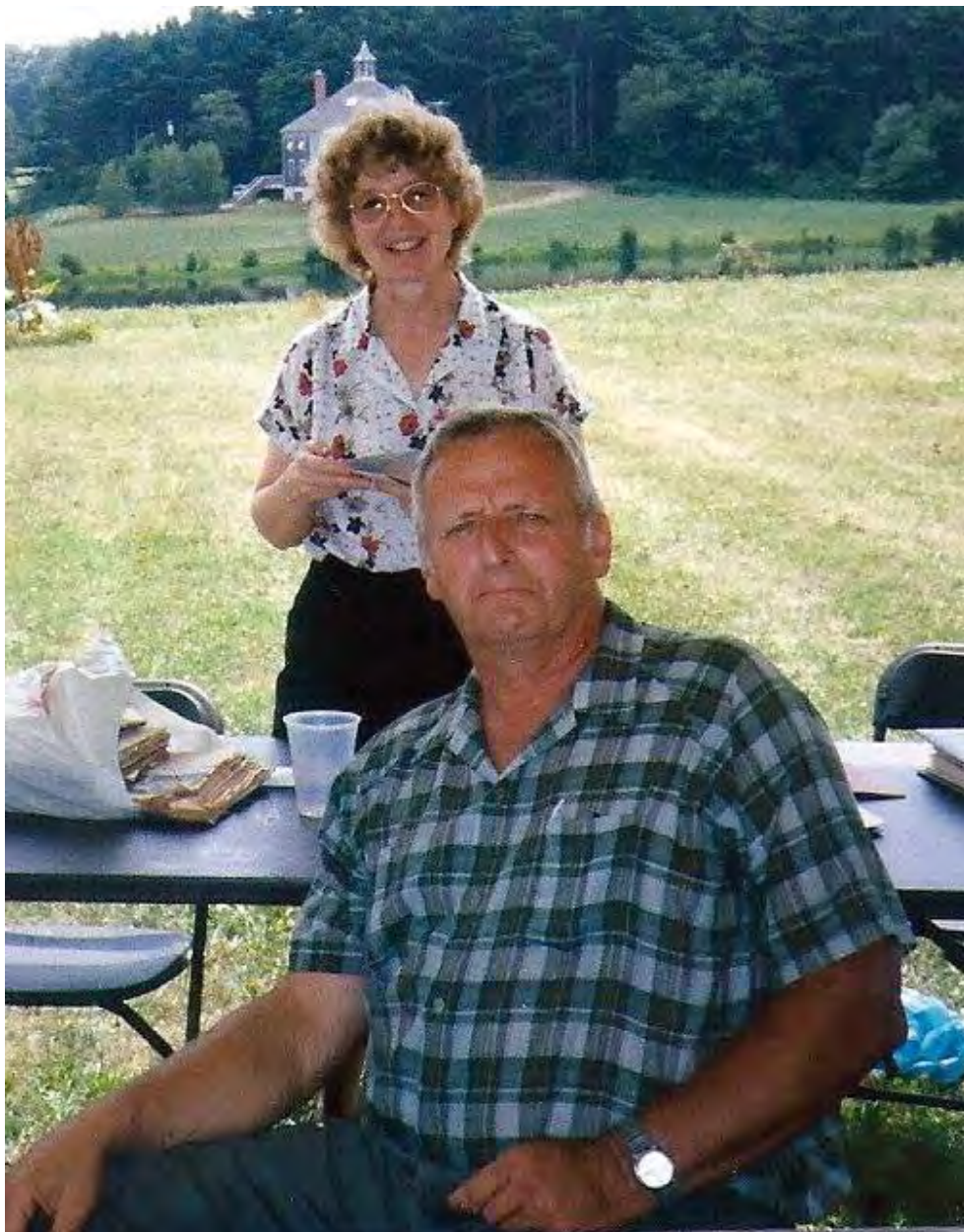
Dedication

Bob Clark

Our annual report is dedicated this year to Robert L. (Bob) Clark. Bob came out of Skowhegan to take over his then-father-in-law Albert Locke's place here in Starks in about 1968. He left the farm in 1979 and moved into contract farming and has spent most of the rest of his time since as an earthwork contractor. The intervening years have been marked by his considerable effort to the benefit of the town:

He was a member of the SAD 59 (Madison) schoolboard from Starks from 1972 to 1977; Selectman in 1978; Road Foreman from 1988 to 1998; and member of the town's budget committee in 1985, 1986 and from 1999 to 2013- A total of 33 years of service to the town. Thank you, Bob.

Shown in the photo are Bob and his wife of 37 years, Donna (Brackett) Clark.



MUNICIPAL OFFICERS TERMS

Selectmen - 3 year

Ernest Hilton	3-2015
Paul Frederic	3-2016
Joseph Hayden	3-2017

Assessors - 3 year

Cathleen Horner	3-2015
Kerry Hebert	3-2016
Joseph Hayden	3-2017

Tax Collector - 3 year

Jenn Zweig Hebert	3-2015
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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	1-2015
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Treasurer - 3 year

Erin Norton	3-2017
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Planning Board - 5 year

Gwen Hilton	4-2015
Irene Fenlason	4-2016
Kerry Hebert	5-2017
Jeff Welcome	5-2018
Joe Hartigan	4-2019
Ken Lust (Alt.)	4-2015

CEO/Plumbing Inspector - 1 year

Leo Mayo	3-2015
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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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Animal Control Officer - 1 year

Terrill Leonard	3-2015
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Health Officer - 1 year

VACANT

Building Superintendent - 1 year

Bill Pressey	3-2015
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Sexton - 1 year

Bill Pressey	3-2015
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Warrant Officer - 3 year

Jerry Brackett	3-2015
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RSU # 9 School Board Director - 3 year

Jenn Zweig Hebert	7-2015
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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	3-2015
Ernie Hilton	3-2015
Dave Johnson	3-2015
Beth Luce	3-2015
Erin Norton	3-2015

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



Annual Report to the Town of Starks
A Message from Senator Rod Whittemore

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I am honored to represent you in the Maine Senate for a third term. I am so grateful for the trust you have placed in me and I will work tirelessly for the betterment of you and your neighbors, as well as for the great state of Maine.

I am proud of the results of the 126th Legislature, which worked hard to increase the availability of mental health services, pay off the debt our state owed our hospitals, and improve Maine's economic climate in a constrained fiscal environment. I am especially pleased that we were able to preserve many valuable gains made during the 125th Legislature. As a member of the Insurance and Financial Services Committee, ensuring that the Mainers have access to affordable reliable healthcare has continued to be a priority for me.

My fellow legislators and I have a great deal to accomplish in the 127th legislature. 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. Growing our economy and increasing the number of jobs available to Mainers will be a challenge, but I am confident that our ongoing commitment to addressing our outrageous energy costs and the needs of our aging population will continue to move our state in the right direction.

Private sector gains remain the best vehicle to spur robust economic growth, and I am focused on ensuring that traditional industries and small businesses have their needs met so Maine will continue to create jobs. In the same sense, innovation is critical to providing a path forward for Maine's economy – and my colleagues and I are excited to encourage the ideas of entrepreneurial minds young and old.

Another essential component of a robust economy is efficiency in allocating the state government's scarce resources, and I was elected because I will be an attentive steward of your tax dollars. Unfortunately, Maine's current distribution of benefits from our welfare system is not helping the folks who need these benefits most. In order to help our truly needy survive and get back on their feet, I will work with my fellow legislators to protect our state's vulnerable citizens while fighting fraud, waste, and abuse in Maine's welfare system. In short, we must reform welfare.

You have my humble and sincere thanks for allowing me to represent you in Augusta. I stand ready to work with you over the next two years, so please feel free to contact me at 207-287-1505 and rodwhittemore@gmail.com if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy. I will be gratified to help you.

Best,

Rod Whittemore
State Senator

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1904

Dear Friends:

In November, the people of Maine entrusted me to serve another term in the United States Senate. I am deeply honored to serve you and will continue to work to bridge the partisan divide and to forge bipartisan solutions to the many challenges our nation faces. With the New Year just beginning, I welcome this opportunity to reflect on some of my work from this past year and to highlight some of my priorities for the year ahead.

The biggest challenge facing our State remains the need for more jobs so that Mainers can stay in our great State to live, work, and raise their families. Since small businesses create the vast majority of jobs, we must help them to start up, grow, and succeed. We must update our tax code to encourage small business investment in equipment and other assets, cut the red tape that is hampering job creators, build the transportation and energy infrastructure to support an expanding economy. We must also foster opportunities for key industries, from agriculture to defense. We must ensure that our workers have the skills they need for the jobs of today and tomorrow. These initiatives will remain my top priorities in the new Congress.

I am pleased to report a number of successes from this past year, including provisions from my "Seven Point Plan for Maine Jobs." My proposals to streamline job training programs and better match workers' skills with employers' needs were enacted as part of a workforce investment act. I helped secure promising manufacturing opportunities for our state—from requiring the military to buy American-made athletic footwear for new recruits, just as it does for other uniform items, to an additional Department of Energy investment in the deepwater, offshore wind power project being developed by the University of Maine, Maine Maritime Academy, and private companies. For Maine agriculture, I succeeded in including the fresh, white potato in a federal nutrition program from which it has been the only vegetable to be excluded.

Also last year, I was pleased to join in the christening of the *USS Zumwalt* at Bath Iron Works, a Navy ship for the 21st Century that will help protect our nation and strengthen one of Maine's most vital industries. And, for Veterans living in rural areas, I secured a two-year extension of the successful Access Received Closer to Home program, which is improving access to health care for Veterans in northern Maine. Finally, after several years in the making, I am delighted that Congress has approved my legislation to form a commission – at no cost to taxpayers – on the creation of a National Women's History Museum. A museum recognizing the contributions of American women is long overdue, and this bill is an important first step toward that goal.

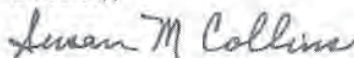
In the new Congress, I will serve as Chairman of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee. This position will allow me to continue working to ensure investments are made in critical transportation infrastructure, which is essential for our safety and economic growth. To date, Maine has received more than \$90 million for highway, bridge, airport, rail, and port projects through the successful TIGER grant program.

I will also serve at the helm of the Senate Special Committee on Aging in the 114th Congress, a position I sought because Maine has the highest median age in the nation. Working to address pressing issues facing our seniors, from long-term care and retirement security to the vast potential of biomedical research, will be on our agenda. Preventing and effectively treating Alzheimer's should be an urgent national priority as this devastating disease continues to take such a personal and economic toll on more than five million Americans and their families. The Committee will also continue to focus on the scams and frauds targeting our senior citizens and has a toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) where seniors and their loved ones can report suspected fraud.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. As 2014 ended, I continued my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997; a tally that now stands at more than 5,700 consecutive votes.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the great State of Maine and the people of Starks. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Augusta Constituent Services Center at (207) 622-8414, or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

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Town of Starks
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Dear Friends,

It has been a privilege to serve the State of Maine since being sworn into the U.S. Senate in January of 2013. First off, I want to make sure you know how to reach my offices, as I welcome your thoughts, questions, or concerns. You can call our toll-free, in-state line at **1-800-432-1599**. In addition, our local numbers are as follows: Augusta (207) 622-8292, Presque Isle (207) 764-5124, Scarborough (207) 883-1588, and Washington D.C. (202) 224-5344. You can also provide your input on our website at www.king.senate.gov.

Maine is a large state; I know that traveling to our offices can present logistical and financial challenges, which is why our team implemented an outreach program, **Your Government Your Neighborhood**. My staff has been traveling to communities throughout the state for two years now, hosting office hours for local residents. Since we began, we have made over 400 trips and plan to increase that throughout 2015.

If we haven't yet been to your town office, community library, or school, or hosted an information table at a local non-profit, please let us know!

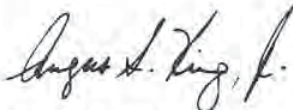
My work in Washington this year has been broad reaching, and I am committed to continue this work in a transparent and nonpartisan manner.

My projects have included:

- Overseeing national security and defense issues from ISIS to cybersecurity
- Continuing efforts to simplify student loans and make higher education more affordable
- Easing the regulatory burdens facing Maine businesses, farms, and schools
- Co-sponsoring budget initiatives for a smarter economic direction
- Supporting vital infrastructure and highway investments
- Tackling climate change mitigation and its long-term impacts
- Ensuring financial transparency in politics through campaign finance reform
- Promoting the growth of rural internet access
- Co-sponsoring legislation to help working families get paid leave to care for loved ones

I am tremendously grateful for the opportunity to serve you and will keep you informed of my activities in Maine and Washington.

Sincerely,



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Dear Friends,

Since being sworn in, I have been working to help solve our most important issues such as creating more jobs, lowering the cost to heat our homes and balancing the national budget.

In Congress, I will work to give job creators the confidence they need to start new businesses and create more jobs. It is important for Congress to continue to pass jobs bills, like the Keystone XL Pipeline Act, to get our hard-working Mainers back to work so they can put more food on the kitchen table. As your representative, I will always support legislation that will balance our national budget, reduce the high cost of energy and help create more jobs.

Secondly, I have been working, with Republicans and Democrats, to help lower the cost of energy for our small businesses and hard-working families in Maine. One of my first votes, as a member of Congress, was in support of the Keystone XL Pipeline Act and the Natural Gas Pipeline Permitting Reform Act. These bills will help increase the production and create a reliable flow of natural gas to Maine, especially the Second District.

For my first House floor speech, I asked my Republican and Democrat colleagues to join me in support of the Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment. This Constitutional amendment will require Washington to, finally, live within their means, just like our hard-working families in Starks. Balancing the national budget will help end wasteful spending and help secure financial security for our kids and grandkids.

I'm honored and grateful to serve you and represent the hard-working people of Maine's Second Congressional District. If you need any help, please visit my website (Poliquin.house.gov) or call any of my offices: Lewiston (207) 784-0768, Bangor (207) 942-0583, Presque Isle (207) 764-1968 and Washington, D.C. (202) 225-6306.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Bruce Poliquin". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Bruce Poliquin



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January 9, 2015

Town of Starks

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you for electing me to serve as your State Representative, it is truly an honor. This is a wonderful opportunity for me to make a difference in the community and I am looking forward to the new challenges that await me in the 2015 legislative session.

Legislative leadership has appointed me to the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation. On this panel, we will discuss many issues related to income, sales, and property tax. These matters are crucial to our community and with taxes always seemingly on the rise, I will do my part in reigning in the tax increases and help put more money in your pockets. I take this opportunity seriously and will look out for the best interests of our towns.

I was elected to the Maine Legislature on the promise to represent you, the people of District 112. To do this, I will be seeking your concerns 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



STATE OF MAINE
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Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

TO: Municipal Officers - Starks
Editor, Annual Report

FROM: Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

DATE: January, 2015

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

In the belief you may want to aid your residents to more readily contact their Representative, we are hopeful that you will include the following information in the Municipal Officers section of your Annual Report:

Representative to the Legislature
(Term expires December 7, 2016)

Representing: District 112

Representative: Thomas H. Skolfield

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Home Telephone: (207) 585-2638
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House website: <http://www.maine.gov/legis/house/hsebios/skolth.htm>

Capitol Address: House of Representatives
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State House Message Phone: 1-800-423-2900
State House TTY Line: (207) 287-4469

Selectmen's Report

Quite a bit has happened this past year: In September, 2013 one of the town crew driving one of our gravel trucks hit an elderly gent who ventured out into the road, killing him. The matter has been settled through the town's insurance carrier at no direct cost to the town. The employee involved, Ronald Giguere, has since left our employ through retirement, as did our road foreman of some years- Dennis Cotton through finding other work in Skowhegan. The Selectmen have elected not to hire another Road Foreman and will instead direct the public works themselves. In the Warrant this year is an article to raise \$7,500 towards paying a stipend for that purpose. Not hiring a Foreman and using part-time employees for plowing and other work has enabled the town to avoid all overtime, which had become a very costly and detracting element in past years.

In an effort to get the public works operations back on track, Joe undertook the organization and implementation of our road work. Bill Pressey is helping on a part-time basis to do all equipment maintenance and to otherwise help out where needed. Bill Lynds was hired part time to run the road grader and has greatly improved the grading work over what had been done for many years past.

Road work completed included a major rebuild of the hill on the Dill Road, ditching, graveling and grading of the Waugh Road, and part of the Emery Road, ditching and grading of a substantial portion of the east end of the Branns Mills Road, repair of the paved portion of Chicken St., and various culverting and drainage projects. In addition we undertook and completed a major rebuild of the section of the River Road extending from Williamson Corner (the Quimby Road) past the Sandy River Chapel- all done for a bit less than the \$200,000 budgeted. The town had raised and appropriated \$50,000 and bonded \$150,000 for the project.

In the coming year we anticipate major work on the Pressey and Krebs Roads along with carrying on drainage and other projects. We will also start a major effort at road side brush control.

We also contracted with John Kerr from Anson to re-paint the Community Center. The building looks great! This along with the energy conservation work we have been doing over the last few years, and a new standing seam steel roof planned for this coming year, will greatly improve what has become a long standing asset to the Town.

Additionally, the Fire Department has been revitalized under the leadership of Chief Steve Rackliff and Asistant Chief Bill Pressey. The department now has 14 dedicated volunteers. They have embarked on a full regimen of training. Reports from neighboring towns with whom we have mutual-aid agreements are positive. Thanks to all who have stepped up and donated their time to such an important job!

Ernie, Joe & Paul

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!

Once again, I'd like to remind you to visit the official Town of Starks website. Check it out at www.starksme.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 thanks goes to **Christy Whitmore** for her assistance, creating, 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 **Vicki Stevens** and **Valerie Comstock** for their hours of production assistance.

The freshly painted Starks Community Center still thrives as the centerpiece of our town. 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! Bill has been hard at work updating efficiencies throughout the building in an effort to save on heating costs. **THANK YOU BILL** for all your hard work! Even with our limited budget Starks has a Community Center that is the envy of many surrounding communities.

Joe Hayden was elected to the Board of Selectmen in March. Joe has served as Selectman in the past and it shows - he knows what it takes to serve on a "working board". His frequent presence and willingness to get things done has moved our town forward in many positive ways. **Thank you Joe!** Thank you too to Selectman **Paul Frederic** who made himself available continually throughout the year with advice and assistance on "just about everything". 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 2014. I want to thank the following election workers: **Cathleen Horner, Billie Jo Krebs, Robyn Kremer, Nicole Nelson, Erin Norton, Tracy Quimby, Trish Worpel** and **Vicki Stevens**.

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

Vital records for 2014 were as follows:

<u>Births</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Marriages</u>
5	5	7

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

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Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	1	Abbott, Brandi S.	253.31	0.00	253.31
	10	Adams, Fayelene J.	79.56	0.00	79.56
	18	Ames, Peter E.	355.49	0.00	355.49
	19	Anger Jr., Robert K.	814.73	0.62	814.11
	711	Ashby, Deborah	370.50	0.00	370.50
	26	Atwood, John & Meader, Twilight	168.87	0.00	168.87
	14	Ayotte, Pierre	230.69	0.00	230.69
	496	Ayotte, Pierre	181.35	0.00	181.35
	36	Bastarche, Marie	165.75	0.57	165.18
	577	Bavolar, James R.	521.72	0.00	521.72
	629	Bellefleur, Eileen M.	335.40	0.00	335.40
	324	Bellefleur, Sarah	355.88	0.00	355.88
	46	Belmore, Thomas G.	277.29	0.00	277.29
	47	Belyea, Charles L.	485.36	0.00	485.36
	564	Belyea, Charles L.	193.64	0.00	193.64
	52	Benton, Jonathon A.	950.24	3.40	946.84
**	74	Berto, Daniel A.	935.81	0.00	935.81
**	56	Bliss, Christine	336.38	0.00	336.38
	60	Boucher, Douglas A.	642.14	0.50	641.64
	471	Brann Jr., David A.	279.24	0.00	279.24
	479	Bucciano Daniel	318.44	0.00	318.44
	644	Carle, Matthew F.	322.92	0.00	322.92
	80	Chambers, James S.	817.05	13.85	803.20
	86	Christen, Pamela	1,899.89	0.00	1,899.89
	87	Churchill, Caleb	502.13	0.00	502.13
	416	Clark, Kelly D	576.23	0.00	576.23
	98	Colburn, Gary	1,063.14	200.80	862.34
	111	Costigan, Julie L.	631.80	0.00	631.80
	756	Cothen, Joshua	9.75	0.00	9.75
	115	Cowan, Edward	922.16	322.16	600.00
	343	Cowell, Edward J.	496.28	7.52	488.76
**	117	Cram, Robert & Norma	1,057.88	0.00	1,057.88
	118	Crockett, Stephen & Diane	662.22	0.00	662.22
	120	Curran, Thomas & Jennifer	254.48	0.00	254.48
**	133	Davis, Charles	1,233.88	6.66	1,227.22
	136	Deming, Roi A.	552.24	0.85	551.39
	152	Depetrillo III, Angelo	401.31	0.18	401.13
	266	DeRosa, Christopher	313.37	0.00	313.37
	29	Diethelm, Christian N	250.58	0.00	250.58
	455	Donovan, Gregory J.	448.11	0.00	448.11

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	166	Drane & June Ann Mattos, Sandr	422.96	0.00	422.96
	167	Dube, Brad A	1,521.00	0.00	1,521.00
	171	Duley, Richard	365.63	0.00	365.63
	172	Duley, Richard	212.55	0.00	212.55
	173	Duley, Richard	414.38	0.00	414.38
	176	Dyke et Al, Darrell A.	960.38	148.98	811.40
	180	Elfahel (Waite), Katrina.	148.01	0.00	148.01
	181	Elfahel (Waite), Katrina.	633.55	0.00	633.55
	156	Federal National Mortgage Assoc	1,164.66	0.00	1,164.66
**	749	Fields Jr., Bruce W.	273.94	0.00	273.94
	461	Flaherty, Paul	1,184.23	0.00	1,184.23
	441	Fletcher, Zane S. and Cynthia L.	702.00	0.00	702.00
	201	Frederic, Joseph W.	1,544.01	0.00	1,544.01
	205	Friend, Tara M.	842.40	0.00	842.40
	207	Frith, Monica L.	364.07	0.00	364.07
	209	Gaeta, Lorraine A.	609.38	0.00	609.38
	210	Gaeta, Lorraine Ann	370.50	0.00	370.50
	211	Gaeta, Lorraine Ann	2,197.65	0.00	2,197.65
*	229	Gauthier, Carmen	1,351.74	0.00	1,351.74
**	147	Glidden, Errol R.	902.34	2.89	899.45
	434	Gordon-Taylor, Lisa M.	1,452.56	297.54	1,155.02
	231	Greenleaf, Scott	351.82	0.00	351.82
	561	Gulnick, Sandra L.	405.23	0.00	405.23
	238	Hall, Leslie E. & Suzanne T.	737.10	0.00	737.10
	240	Hamilton, Thomas H. & Laura J.	130.46	0.86	129.60
	241	Hand, Roger & Carolee	493.94	0.00	493.94
	245	Harris, Nelson N	302.06	0.00	302.06
	746	Hartigan, David	570.38	0.00	570.38
	748	Hartigan, David	394.88	0.00	394.88
	249	Hartigan, Dennis P.	878.67	26.84	851.83
	32	Hartigan, Joseph W.	390.00	0.00	390.00
	703	Hayden, Joseph P.	1,262.92	0.00	1,262.92
	735	Hayden, Joseph P.O.	389.03	0.00	389.03
	634	Henri, Allan	174.53	2.09	172.44
	280	Hogg, Mark E.	689.33	3.07	686.26
	282	Hooker, Robert A. & Marilyn N.	420.23	0.00	420.23
	283	Hooker, Robert And Marilyn	1,156.16	0.00	1,156.16
	285	Horelick, Estate of, Walter	531.38	0.00	531.38
**	286	Horner, Joseph C. & Cathleen A	1,692.21	0.00	1,692.21
	299	Irvine, Carl H Jr.	329.16	0.00	329.16
	651	Johnson, Kyle W	1,420.89	0.00	1,420.89
	386	Johnson, Christopher	387.62	0.00	387.62

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**	320	Kennedy, Justin M	394.88	0.00	394.88
	739	Kiger, Nathan A	2,093.99	0.00	2,093.99
	321	Kimball, Lemuel C. & Melissa K	175.50	0.00	175.50
	326	Kozielewicz, Edward & Marilyn	412.23	0.00	412.23
*	157	Lane III, John A.	1,067.63	0.00	1,067.63
**	339	Larouche, John G.	962.33	500.00	462.33
	688	Leahy, Barry F	649.74	0.63	649.11
	345	Leal, Robert J. & Kathleen	262.08	0.00	262.08
	350	Lemay, George E. Jr. & Carlene A	219.77	0.00	219.77
	351	Lemay, George E. Jr. & Carlene A	1,404.39	100.00	1,304.39
	760	Lemay, George E. Jr. and Carlene	1,823.25	0.00	1,823.25
	357	Libby, Kevin & Mary	367.38	0.00	367.38
	385	Libby, Timothy D,	366.80	0.00	366.80
	358	Lickteig, John H.	447.53	0.00	447.53
	373	Luce, Dale E & Barbara Ann	1,183.85	500.00	683.85
*	378	Lundwall, Kathryn T.	726.45	220.97	505.48
	637	Lydon, William	1,292.19	5.78	1,286.41
	383	Madison Paper Industries	3,366.68	0.00	3,366.68
	368	Mansfield, John Michael	650.83	2.08	648.75
	715	Mansfield, Kelly Jayne	46.62	0.15	46.47
**	389	Martikke, George & Rosalie	549.51	0.00	549.51
*	390	Martikke, George F& Rosalie	955.89	0.00	955.89
**	396	Mccarten, Michael P. &	250.58	0.00	250.58
	399	McCue, John J. & Cathy Y.	512.66	0.00	512.66
	405	McPherson, Wayne	186.03	0.00	186.03
	407	Meagher, Brian	3,048.05	0.00	3,048.05
	754	Melancon Inter Vivos Family Tru	343.59	0.00	343.59
	505	Melancon-Quimby, Robin M.	755.63	0.00	755.63
*	429	Newsom, John	449.09	100.00	349.09
*	430	Newton, Kirt	1,108.38	0.00	1,108.38
	431	Nichols, Chrystal L. and Michael	507.78	0.00	507.78
	648	Nichols, Sam H.	458.25	0.00	458.25
	435	Noble, Debra J.	319.61	0.00	319.61
	140	Nolfi, Kathleen A.	277.29	0.00	277.29
	436	Norton, David L.	161.85	0.00	161.85
*	690	Norton, Erin E.	2,732.54	450.00	2,282.54
**	565	Norton, Jared M	285.29	129.67	155.62
	81	O'Conner, Dennis P.	318.83	0.00	318.83
	439	O'Donald, Gale	266.57	50.27	216.30
	448	Oliver, Carla J.	1,577.71	0.00	1,577.71
	759	Oliver, Christopher	29.25	0.00	29.25

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	444	Oliver, Herbert E.	330.53	0.00	330.53
	452	Orlowski, Steve & Marilyn	486.53	0.00	486.53
	456	Osgood, Wanda	1,052.06	0.00	1,052.06
**	459	Ouellette, Kenneth W.	662.81	446.47	216.34
	465	Patenaude, Alan	297.96	0.00	297.96
	466	Patenaude, Alan	187.20	0.00	187.20
	468	Patenaude, Donald Joseph	214.11	0.00	214.11
	485	Peters, Bruce	336.38	0.59	335.79
	486	Peters, Bruce	443.63	0.77	442.86
	492	Piche, Bradley M.	647.79	0.00	647.79
	732	Powers, Jessica	235.46	0.00	235.46
	733	Powers, Jessica	149.18	0.00	149.18
	763	Prescott, Ellen	284.90	0.00	284.90
	762	Prescott, Gerald S.	284.90	0.00	284.90
	499	Pressey, Robert & Mary	1,129.44	0.00	1,129.44
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	770.06	0.00	770.06
	502	Quimby, Clifton & Florence	1,783.08	0.00	1,783.08
	510	Rackliff, Michael A.	596.90	0.00	596.90
	517	Randall, Barbara J.	698.49	0.00	698.49
	704	Randall, Robert M. Sr.	90.09	0.00	90.09
	520	Reitano Et Al, David	443.63	0.00	443.63
	529	Robbins, Gary L.	1,092.59	0.00	1,092.59
	70	Rosie, Crystal	392.65	0.00	392.65
	665	Russo, Diane M.	1,234.66	54.72	1,179.94
**	736	Sanville Jr., Robert W.	178.43	0.00	178.43
	765	Sanville, Andrew	263.25	0.00	263.25
**	130	Sanville,Robert Sr	165.75	0.00	165.75
**	547	Seamon, Daryl O.	425.69	0.00	425.69
**	548	Seamon, Daryl O.	1,065.29	0.00	1,065.29
	549	Seamon, Thomas J	230.30	0.00	230.30
	654	Seamon, Thomas J.	224.84	0.00	224.84
	707	Seeley, Donald	187.20	0.00	187.20
	463	Semas Joseph,J	961.94	0.00	961.94
	556	Sheen, Albert & Jada F.	463.13	0.00	463.13
**	557	Shepard, Stephen C.	780.98	2.00	778.98
	558	Sherrer, Charles R.	938.93	0.00	938.93
	560	Sherrer, Earskin	225.23	0.00	225.23
	562	Sherrer, John	235.37	2.72	232.65
	563	Sherrer,Lucy Geneva	385.13	0.00	385.13
	566	Simone, Michael R	581.49	0.00	581.49
**	731	Smedberg, Elizabeth	368.39	0.00	368.39

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	31	Smith, Perry	842.24	0.00	842.24
	114	Smith, Perry	570.57	0.00	570.57
	599	Smith, Perry and Kimberly	346.13	0.00	346.13
	9	Sours, Molly F.	169.65	0.00	169.65
	521	Sours, Shane L.	654.42	0.00	654.42
	417	Sprague, Richard J.	298.99	0.00	298.99
	579	Staph, Mike	933.08	0.73	932.35
	593	Sterry Earl R. Jr.	498.23	0.00	498.23
	590	Sterry, Troy	1,113.14	0.00	1,113.14
	770	Sterry, Troy R.	1,645.86	0.00	1,645.86
	691	Stevens, Charles L.	586.48	0.00	586.48
	64	Stoney Fields, LLC	346.13	0.00	346.13
	574	Sweetser, Jeff A.	516.36	0.00	516.36
	722	Swisher, John R.	187.20	0.00	187.20
	602	Tanner, Richard A. & Alice B.	241.02	0.00	241.02
	604	Taylor, Darlene A.	1,468.35	0.00	1,468.35
	606	Taylor, Darlene A.	288.60	0.00	288.60
	605	Taylor, David E.	1,202.80	0.00	1,202.80
	740	Taylor, Gary A.	181.35	0.00	181.35
	607	Taylor, Justine D	1,754.42	599.90	1,154.52
	608	Taylor, Justine D	336.38	0.00	336.38
**	609	Taylor, Justine D	429.00	0.00	429.00
**	610	Taylor, Justine D.	521.63	0.00	521.63
*	611	Taylor, Linnie	999.96	1.00	998.96
	615	Thayer, Erika L.	888.23	0.00	888.23
	613	Thayer, James & Elaine	1,142.90	0.00	1,142.90
	617	Theberge, Andre & Patricia	2,613.78	0.00	2,613.78
**	734	Thomas, Jason	2,653.21	0.00	2,653.21
	621	Thurston, Becky J.	222.11	0.00	222.11
	622	Toothaker, Nona L.	744.71	0.00	744.71
	627	Tracy, Alice C. and Truman G.	68.25	0.00	68.25
	628	Tracy, Alice C. and Truman G.	421.20	0.00	421.20
	393	Tracy, Howard S.	435.83	250.00	185.83
	631	Tutt, Dawn	1,257.75	0.00	1,257.75
	635	Urquhart, Pearl J.	530.40	0.00	530.40
	636	Van Tol, Gary	241.22	0.98	240.24
	638	Vessella, David A	1,203.15	0.00	1,203.15
	639	Vincent, Edward B.	159.32	0.00	159.32
	352	Webber, Archie L.	161.85	0.00	161.85
	467	Whipple, Charles Bruce	1,291.88	0.00	1,291.88
	658	Whipple, Charles Bruce	117.00	0.00	117.00
	657	Whipple, Darrin	82.68	0.00	82.68

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	659	Whipple, Charles Bruce	1,053.62	0.00	1,053.62
	660	White, Stephen	497.25	30.38	466.87
	580	Whitmore, Robert	401.31	0.00	401.31
	662	Whittemore, Nicholas	263.25	0.00	263.25
	673	Wong, Wing Wa	472.10	0.00	472.10
	676	Worthley, Melinda	723.00	0.00	723.00
	677	Worthley, Melinda	145.47	0.00	145.47
**	663	Wright, Albert	471.51	0.18	471.33
**	692	Zink Jr., George H.	468.00	175.00	293.00
		Total for 215 Accounts:	\$140,810.99	\$4,664.37	\$136,146.62

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Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	1	Abbott, Brandi S.	320.28	0.00	320.28
	711	Ashby, Deborah	372.75	0.00	372.75
	26	Atwood, John & Meader, Twilight	229.76	0.00	229.76
	577	Bavolar, James R.	632.30	0.00	632.30
	87	Churchill, Caleb	604.80	0.00	604.80
*	416	Clark, Kelly D	690.73	0.00	690.73
	118	Crockett, Stephen & Diane	765.15	0.00	765.15
	120	Curran, Thomas & Jennifer	339.31	0.00	339.31
	266	DeRosa, Christopher	402.43	0.00	402.43
	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
	207	Frith, Monica L.	452.01	0.00	452.01
	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
	561	Gulnick, Sandra L.	483.16	0.00	483.16
	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	0.00	441.95
	405	McPherson, Wayne	255.26	0.00	255.26
	430	Newton, Kirt	1,243.46	0.00	1,243.46
**	431	Nichols, Chrystal L. and Michael	599.58	333.31	266.27
	648	Nichols, Sam H.	792.58	0.00	792.58
	436	Norton, David L.	252.99	0.00	252.99
	444	Oliver, Herbert E.	403.07	0.00	403.07
	456	Osgood, Wanda	1,183.09	0.00	1,183.09
	492	Piche, Bradley M.	760.97	0.00	760.97
	732	Powers, Jessica	301.15	0.00	301.15
	733	Powers, Jessica	226.42	0.00	226.42
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	874.27	0.00	874.27
	502	Quimby, Clifton & Florence	1,960.29	0.00	1,960.29
	517	Randall, Barbara J.	797.55	0.00	797.55
	520	Reitano Et Al, David	548.57	0.00	548.57
	70	Rosie, Crystal	464.50	0.00	464.50
	558	Sherrer, Charles R.	1,079.56	0.00	1,079.56
	9	Sours, Molly F.	160.48	102.60	57.88
	707	Sours, Shane	273.67	0.00	273.67

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	593	Sterry Earl R. Jr.	582.85	119.35	463.50
	722	Swisher, John R.	267.18	0.00	267.18
	605	Taylor, David E.	1,338.20	0.00	1,338.20
	615	Thayer, Timothy	1,007.45	0.00	1,007.45
	621	Thurston, Becky J.	311.09	0.00	311.09
	635	Urquhart, Pearl J.	635.11	0.00	635.11
	639	Vincent, Edward B.	237.29	0.00	237.29
	467	Whipple, Charles Bruce	1,457.95	0.00	1,457.95
	658	Whipple, Charles Bruce	191.92	0.00	191.92
	657	Whipple, Darrin	137.36	0.00	137.36
	659	Whipple, Charles Bruce	1,202.53	0.00	1,202.53
		Total for 51 Accounts:	\$32,570.66	\$704.41	\$31,866.25

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Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	711	Ashby, Deborah	245.28	0.00	245.28
	26	Atwood and Twilight G. Meader	248.90	0.00	248.90
	87	Churchill, Caleb	650.11	8.17	641.94
**	416	Clark, Kelly D	542.12	0.00	542.12
	266	DeRosa, Christopher	430.57	0.00	430.57
	29	Diethelm, Christian N	357.53	0.00	357.53
	455	Donovan, Gregory J.	579.78	166.78	413.00
	181	Elfahel, Katrina.	789.36	7.03	782.33
	209	Gaeta, Lorraine A.	787.06	0.00	787.06
	210	Gaeta, Lorraine Ann	509.24	0.00	509.24
	211	Gaeta, Lorraine Ann	2,620.68	0.00	2,620.68
	561	Gulnick, Sandra L.	523.80	0.00	523.80
*	241	Hand, Roger & Carolee	618.80	0.00	618.80
	285	Horelick, Estate of, Walter	684.13	560.17	123.96
	299	Irvine, Carl H Jr.	435.33	0.00	435.33
	385	Libby, Timothy D,	430.07	224.68	205.39
	430	Newton, Kirt	1,347.70	1,262.15	85.55
	444	Oliver, Herbert E.	436.92	0.00	436.92
	456	Osgood, Wanda	1,282.21	495.31	786.90
	732	Powers, Jessica	326.35	0.00	326.35
	733	Powers, Jessica	145.92	0.00	145.92
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	948.10	0.00	948.10
**	502	Quimby, Clifton & Florence	2,126.29	0.00	2,126.29
	517	Randall, Barbara J.	864.87	152.22	712.65
	520	Reitano Et Al, David	588.17	21.99	566.18
*	707	Seeley, Donald	283.83	0.00	283.83
*	558	Sherrer, Charles R.	1,164.22	420.33	743.89
	722	Swisher, John R.	283.83	0.00	283.83
	605	Taylor, David E.	1,243.68	0.00	1,243.68
	621	Thurston, Becky J.	266.47	50.40	216.07
	639	Vincent, Edward B.	251.39	0.00	251.39
	657	Whipple, Darrin	148.66	0.00	148.66
		Total for 32 Accounts:	\$22,161.37	\$3,369.23	\$18,792.14

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Tax Year: 2011

As of: December 31, 2014

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
**	416	Clark, Kelly D	598.42	276.18	322.24
	29	Diethelm, Christian N	387.28	-25.49	412.77
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	1,066.08	-25.49	1,091.57
**	707	Sours, Shane	314.06	293.81	20.25
		Total for 4 Accounts:	\$2,365.84	\$519.01	\$1,846.83

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Tax Year: 2010

As of: December 31, 2014

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	29	Diethelm, Christian N	368.90	-19.11	388.01
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	1,007.74	496.69	511.05
		Total for 2 Accounts:	\$ 1,376.64	\$ 477.58	\$ 899.06

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Tax Year: 2009

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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

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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

Greetings friends! I've just finished up my 7th 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 57 in this year's Town Meeting Warrant, and will help to lower our Town's commitment to taxes.

I successfully completed our 5th 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 invaluable.

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

I was elected to serve on the Budget Committee again this year, which I enjoyed very much. The group that I worked with in 2014 was a great one! Thank you to, **Ernie Hilton, Carol Coles, Dave Johnson & Beth Luce**. Their commitment to this committee and Starks is commendable. We worked late into the night hashing out the budget set before you in the "Articles of Warrant" section of this report. My work on this committee was important to me, because I can contribute substantially with my knowledge of the town's finances. However, we've recently inadvertently discovered while digging in our Town's Ordinance, that elected officials are not able to serve. I'll still be able to contribute and attend all the meetings, I'm just unable to be elected from the floor at our Annual Town Meeting. The same goes for Ernie, who serves on our Board of Selectmen. 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 are very 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!!!**

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 2015!

Respectfully submitted,



Erin Norton

Town of Starks Revenue Summary 2014

Town Citizens Contribution

Vendor	Amount
Tax Principal	\$679,184.00
Tax Interest	\$8,286.03
Excise	\$80,890.00
Building Permits	\$375.00
Agent Fees	\$3,759.90
Building Rental Fees & Donation	\$390.00
Total	\$772,884.93

Intergovernmental/Outside Contributions

Vendor	Amount
First Park	\$2,051.86
General Assistance	\$2,462.77
Homestead Exemption	\$14,251.00
Revenue Sharing	\$37,232.95
Tree Growth	\$12,201.00
URIP	\$27,552.00
Veterans Exemption	\$571.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$3,267.36
Former Office/Store Lease	\$4,200.00
Total	\$103,789.94

Dedicated Use Accounts Interest & Balances

Account	Interest	Balance
Higgins Trust	\$6,515.57	\$184,670.89
URIP	\$6.51	\$21,879.97
Capital Improvements	\$5.23	\$26,267.70
Re-Valuation	\$33.61	\$41,238.13
Building Improvement Fund	\$4.19	\$24,210.65
Total	\$6,565.11	\$298,267.34

Prepared by Erin Norton

TOWN OF STARKS EXPENSE REPORT 2014

	Article #	Object	Budget	Expended	Balance	% Spent
*	15	Contingency	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	0%
*	15	Payroll Taxes	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
*	15	Workman's Comp	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	100.00%
*	15	Mileage	\$2,000.00	\$1,492.03	\$507.97	74.60%
*	15	Training Workshops	\$800.00	\$445.93	\$354.07	55.74%
*	15	Unemployment	\$1,500.00	\$2,148.12	-\$648.12	143.21%
*	15	Annual Drug Testing Fee	\$50.00	\$175.00	-\$125.00	350.00%
*	15	Postage	\$1,500	\$639.31	\$860.69	42.62%
*	15	Books & Subscriptions	\$200.00	\$24.00	\$176.00	12.00%
*	15	Dues	\$2,300.00	\$2,674.00	-\$374.00	116.26%
*	15	Office	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
*	15	Miscellaneous	\$5,000.00	\$2,080.22	\$2,919.78	41.60%
*	15	Audit	\$4,950.00	\$5,025.00	-\$75.00	101.52%
*	15	Trio Renewal/Upgrades	\$4,100.00	\$5,229.86	-\$1,129.86	127.56%
*	15	Legal	\$8,000.00	\$3,455.44	\$4,544.56	43.19%
*	15	Assessors Map Updates	\$6,264.00	\$2,935.00	\$3,329.00	46.86%
*	15	Town Report	\$1,000.00	\$981.00	\$19.00	98.10%
*	15	Ads	\$1,500.00	\$461.14	\$1,038.86	30.74%
*	15	Xerox Lease	\$1,620.00	\$1,620.00	\$0.00	100.00%
*	15	Water Rent	\$3,700.00	\$3,671.40	\$28.60	99.23%
*	15	KVRWC	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00	\$0.00	100.00%
*	STM art #3	Large Item Pickup	\$7,000.00	\$3,863.74	\$3,136.26	55.20%
*	15	Cemetery Maintenance	\$1,000.00	\$217.32	\$782.68	21.73%
*	15	MMA Insurance PCP	\$17,000.00	\$17,999.00	-\$999.00	105.88%
*	15	TAN Interest	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	0.00%
*	15	Voice of Starks	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	100.00%
*	16	Former Town Hall	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$700.00	0.00%
*	17	CEO	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
*	18	CEO Legal	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	0.00%
*	19	Elections	\$4,500.00	\$3,220.00	\$1,280.00	71.56%
*	20	Assessors	\$6,200.00	\$6,200.00	\$0.00	100.00%
*	21	Selectmen	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
*	22	Clerk	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
*	23	Tax Collector	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
*	24	Treasurer	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%

*	25	Building Superintendent	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
*	26	Health Officer	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	0.00%
*	27	Sexton	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	100.00%
*	29	GA overseer	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	100.00%
*	30	Appeals Board	\$500.00	\$150.25	\$349.75	30.05%
*	31	Planning Board	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	0.00%
*	32	Training of outgoing Officers	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	0.00%
*	33	Community Center	\$30,000.00	\$24,759.35	\$5,240.65	82.53%
*	34	Fire Department	\$27,100.00	\$26,334.30	\$765.70	97.17%
*	35	Fire Chief Salary	\$3,400.00	\$3,400.00	\$0.00	100.00%
*	36	Animal Control	\$1,000.00	\$834.76	\$165.24	83.48%
*	37	AMS Ambulance	\$9,600.00	\$9,600.00	\$0.00	100.00%
*	38	Road Signs	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	0.00%
*	39	Street Lights	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.56	-\$0.56	100.05%
*	40	Equipment	\$55,000.00	\$49,708.01	\$5,291.99	90.38%
*	41	Garage	\$15,000.00	\$10,727.55	\$4,272.45	71.52%
*	42	Summer Roads Maintenance	\$40,000.00	\$39,908.93	\$91.07	99.77%
*	43	Winter Roads	\$67,000.00	\$60,966.42	\$6,033.58	90.99%
*	44	Town Dump Maintenance	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	100.00%
*	45	General Assistance	\$4,500.00	\$4,907.92	-\$407.92	109.06%
*	46	Recreation	\$1,000.00	\$675.00	\$325.00	67.50%
*	47	Plow Truck	\$42,076.00	\$42,075.93	\$0.07	100.00%
*	48	Salt Shed	\$9,787.00	\$9,786.48	\$0.52	99.99%
*	STM art #2	River Road Bond Interest	\$673.98	\$673.98	\$0.00	100.00%
	Assesment	First Park	\$3,317.65	\$3,317.65	\$0.00	100.00%
*	49	Social Organizations	\$4,002.00	\$3,902.00	\$100.00	97.50%
	50	Snowmobile Reimbursment	\$403.82	\$403.82	\$0.00	100.00%
	51	Dill Road LRAP	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
	52	Waugh Road LRAP	\$15,000.00	\$10,594.97	\$4,405.03	70.63%
	54	Sandy River Rd Bond	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
	STM art #5	Mayhew Road LRAP	\$7,000.00	\$6,500.99	\$499.01	92.87%
	STM art #6	Chicken Street LRAP	\$840.00	\$840.00	\$0.00	100.00%
	55	Capital Improvements	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
	Assesment	County Tax	\$77,583.35	\$77,583.35	\$0.00	100.00%
	Assesment	RSU #9	\$292,116.00	\$292,116.00	\$0.00	100.00%
		Totals	\$888,447.42	\$806,365.36	\$57,108.07	90.76%

* represents undesignated in article 57 of Warrant
Prepared by Erin Norton

Town of Starks Payroll 2014

Selectmen	Total	\$9,000.00
Joe Hayden	\$3,000.00	
Paul Frederic	\$3,000.00	
Sterling Doiron	\$1,200.00	
Ernest Hilton	\$1,800.00	
Elections	Total	\$2,335.00
Nicole Nelson	\$80.00	
Jerry Brackett	\$150.00	
Denis Culley	\$100.00	
Erin Norton	\$400.00	
Vicki Stevens	\$350.00	
Robin Kremer	\$230.00	
Jennifer Zweig Hebert	\$500.00	
Cathleen Horner	\$170.00	
Billie Jo Krebs	\$475.00	
Tracy Quimby	\$330.00	
Patricia Wurlpel	\$35.00	
Assessors	Total	\$6,200.00
Cathleen Horner	\$2,000.00	
Joseph Hayden	\$2,000.00	
Kerry Hebert	\$2,200.00	
Town Clerk	Total	\$7,000.00
Jennifer Zweig Hebert	\$7,000.00	
Tax Collector	Total	\$7,000.00
Jennifer Zweig Hebert	\$7,000.00	
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	\$976.00
Carl Irvine	\$144.00	
Truman Tracy	\$164.00	
Julie Costigan	\$404.00	
Scott Sanville	\$112.00	
William Pressey	\$440.00	
Damien Kelly	\$112.00	
Robert Pressey	\$428.00	
Josh Harrington	\$80.00	
Brad Bellefleur	\$356.00	
Heather Willis	\$360.00	

Danielle Pressey	\$160.00	
Todd Coburn	\$40.00	
James Prescott	\$16.00	
Steve Rackliff	\$340.00	
Scott Greenleaf	\$128.00	
Paul Kenerson	\$268.00	
Ryab Abbott	\$80.00	
Codey Casey	\$280.00	
Kyle Lther	\$236.00	
Dylan Brooks	\$112.00	
Chad Oliver	\$112.00	
Fire Chief	Total	\$3,400.00
Julie Costigan	\$2,833.00	
Steve Rackliff	\$567.00	
Assistant Fire Chief	Total	\$450.00
Steve Rackliff	\$300.00	
William Pressey	\$150.00	
Fire Department Calls	Total	\$2,182.00
Carl Irvine	\$184.00	
Truman Tracy	\$112.00	
Julie Costigan	\$240.00	
Scott Sanville	\$20.00	
William Pressey	\$176.00	
Damien Kelly	\$48.00	
Kyle Costigan	\$80.00	
Robert Pressey	\$156.00	
Brad Bellefleur	\$128.00	
Heather Willis	\$64.00	
Danielle Pressey	\$192.00	
Steve Rackliff	\$184.00	
Scott Greenleaf	\$24.00	
Paul Kenerson	\$176.00	
Ryan Abbott	\$8.00	
Codey Casey	\$80.00	
Kyle Luther	\$116.00	
Dylan Brooks	\$40.00	
Nathaniel Weeks	\$16.00	
Chad Oliver	\$100.00	
Animal Control	Total	\$444.00
Terry Leonard	\$444.00	
Code Enforcement Officer	Total	\$3,000.00
Leo Mayo	\$3,000.00	

Equipment	Total	\$6,299.50
Dennis Cotton	\$3,808.00	
Duane Locke	\$52.00	
William Pressey	\$2,439.50	
Summer Roads	Total	\$15,115.00
Terry Davis	\$1,680.00	
Dennis Cotton	\$4,048.00	
William Pressey	\$4,358.25	
Joey Hayden	\$120.00	
William Lynds	\$3,817.50	
Mark Davis	\$1,091.25	
Winter Roads	Total	\$25,350.50
Joseph Hayden	\$1,001.00	
Duane Locke	\$4,236.00	
Dennis Cotton	\$13,460.00	
William Pressey	\$3,523.00	
Kyle Costigan	\$36.00	
Joey Hayden	\$1,712.00	
William Lynds	\$495.00	
Robert Pressey	\$82.50	
Danielle Pressey	\$40.00	
David Hupper	\$660.00	
Herbert Oliver	\$105.00	
Garage	Total	\$2,058.75
Dennis Cotton	\$400.00	
William Pressey	\$1,378.75	
Daniell Pressey	\$40.00	
David Hupper	\$240.00	
Large Item Drop Off	Total	\$1,144.75
William Pressey	\$789.75	
Robert Pressey	\$45.00	
Danielle Pressey	\$310.00	
GA Overseer	Total	\$500.00
Erin Norton	\$50.00	
Paul Frederic	\$100.00	
Jennifer Zweig Hebert	\$350.00	
River Road Repaving Project	Total	\$2,416.00
Terry Davis	\$292.50	
William Pressey	\$838.50	
William Lynds	\$360.00	
Robert Pressey	\$390.00	
Danielle Pressey	\$70.00	
Mark Davis	\$465.00	

Prepared by Erin Norton

Cemetery Trust Balance December 31st 2014

\$10,020.18

Frederic Cemetery	Total Trust	% of Trust	2011 Interest
John W. Higgins	\$5,000.00	79%	\$10.21
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%	\$0.65
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%	\$12.92
Locke Cemetery			
Bertha Waugh Smith-Sampson & Mary Duley Lot	\$59.38	6%	\$0.15
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
Arthur 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%	\$2.43
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%	\$1.22
Maude Rankin & Anne Ederly Fund-Lovell Lot	\$100.00	11%	\$0.20
Total	\$908.02	9%	\$1.82
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 Frederic Cemetery			\$12.92
Issued to Locke Cemetery			\$2.43
Issued to Town of Starks			\$4.83
Transferred to the General Fund on January 15th 2015			\$20.18
Prepared by Erin Norton			

BOARD OF ASSESSORS ANNUAL REPORT for 2014

The Town of Starks Board of Assessors has been meeting weekly at 7 P.M. on Thursdays at the Starks Municipal Office. Any questions on assessment or incorrect taxation, or problems with the tax maps should be brought before the Board of Assessors.

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 decreased from 19.75 in 2013 to 19.5 mils for 2014. We are still realizing the benefit of the CMP switchyard out on Rt. 43 and the reduction in school payments from our joining with RSU #9.

Our county and school taxes can be expected to rise this year as the State Valuation picks up the CMP project. Also, we will begin paying off the \$150,000 bond that paid for the paving of the Sandy River Road. Hopefully our overall taxes can be held to a nearly level rate.

If you had problems with your address, 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. 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 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

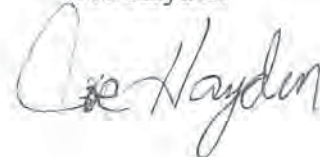
Kerry Hebert Chair



Cathleen Horner



Joe Hayden



Starks Board of Assessors

PLANNING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

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.

2014 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, has appealed to the State Supreme Court. A decision is pending.

2014 Shoreland Zoning Permits

No Shoreland Zoning Permits were requested during 2014.

2014 Mass Gathering Permits:

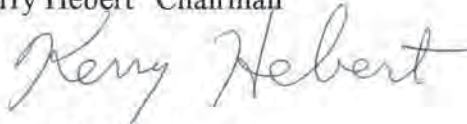
No Mass Gathering Application Permits were requested during 2014

2014 Ordinance Updates:

No changes were made to Town Ordinances during 2014.

Respectfully submitted

Kerry Hebert Chairman



Starks Planning Board

Local Plumber Inspector & Code Enforcement Report

2014

There were eleven plumbing permits issued, four complete septic systems, one mobile home hook up, one disposal field, five internal plumbing and inspections for compliance as required.

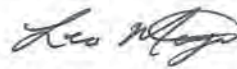
Site reviews and issuance of fourteen permits for construction included residences, mobile homes, additions to existing buildings, garages, outbuildings, a barn, a sap house, and camper placement over thirty days.

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.

Code Enforcement hours are the first and third Wednesdays from 3:00PM to 6:00PM at the Town Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Leo Mayo", written in a cursive style.

Leo Mayo, CEO/LPI

TOWN OF STARKS ANIMAL CONTROL

2014 was a quiet year for animal control. There were just a few calls about cats dropped off at farms and the occasional lost or found dog. I did get a call about a stray buffalo but it would not fit in any of my carriers. I found out where it belonged and the owner was notified.

Remember that if your dog does get lost, having your phone number on the collar makes it a lot easier to get it back to you. The fee to retrieve your dog from the shelter is \$10 a day. The fine for letting your dog run loose can be up to \$250 plus court costs.

Again this year the late fee for dog licenses is \$25. It is Maine State Law that if you wait until after January 31st to license your dog you will have to pay the fee. If you don't license your dog the fine will be up to \$100 plus court costs. Then the late fee is still due.

The Humane Society is trying to get information on feral cat colonies. I know we have a few feral cats around but I have not heard about any colonies. If you know of any in Starks please leave the information at the town office.

We had one call this year about a possible rabid cat. It was tested and did not have rabies. If you see a wild animal acting strange or unusual you can call the State Police at 474-3350 and they will have a Game Warden contact you. Do not call me to trap it or dispatch it because I am not allowed to do that.

Please remember that I am not full time as Animal Control. If I don't get back to you right away when you call me I may be at work but as soon as I get your message I will attempt to get back to you

Starks Animal Control Officer
Terry Leonard
240-1799

Sorry Erin, I can't seem to send any e-mails right now. I'm not sure if it is yahoo or my computer. When I get it back up I will e-mail this to you.

Terry

STARKS FIRE DEPARTMENT



The past few months have brought numerous changes to your fire department.

At the current time we have a roster of 14 active members and would like to see more folks become involved in whatever capacity they are able to.

The International brush truck has been put back into service. The military truck from Department of Conservation was also put into service as a tanker and was recently swapped out with DOC for a newer model. It is in service although we are planning upgrades to its capabilities. This truck is a loaner for two years and then becomes fire department property at no cost. The "rescue" unit has been re-designated and equipped as a utility vehicle. The GMC pumper remains the primary fire attack vehicle.

We have received numerous trainings this year and plan more.

In the spring we are planning to assess the condition of existing dry hydrants and will determine if feasible to put back into operation.

In this year's budget, we have asked for a small increase in training dollars because of the increased roster and also asked for monies to be set aside for future purchase of pumper truck when appropriate.

Since May we have received mutual aid from Madison/Anson Fire on 4 occasions; twice for structure fires, once for motor vehicle accident on Anson end of Mayhew Road and once for "girl in tree". All other calls have been handled in house. We have twice assisted Anson Fire and once assisted AMS ambulance.

I would like to thank all the people who have stepped up to join the department and the town's people in general for their support.

We are looking forward to meeting the challenges of a small rural fire department and with your continued support, we feel confident that we will do so.

Sincerely,

Steve Rackliff


Chief-Starks Fire

Starks Water District

P.O. Box 599 ♦ Anson, Maine 04911 ♦ 207-696-1064

Starks Water District Annual Report

The Starks Water District hours of operation for the office are 4-7PM on Wednesdays. Other hours are available by appointment only, so please call ahead at 696-1064 or 779-7305. If you have a problem with your water service please call and we will address it as soon as possible.

We meet at the Starks Community Building on the third Wednesday of every month at 7PM. The Starks Water District Board of Directors remaining meetings for 2015 will be as follows:

March 18
April 15
May 20
June 17
July 15

August 19
September 16
October 21
November 18
December 16

Any changes to Board meeting dates or times will be posted at the Starks Community Building one week in advance except in the case of weather emergency. If schools are canceled and/or the Town Office is closed due to weather conditions, the meeting will also be canceled.

Starks Water District income from water service and fees for 2014 was \$10,366.00

We currently have full Board of Directors/Trustees.



Ann Marie Simone, M.Ed.
Clerk/Treasurer

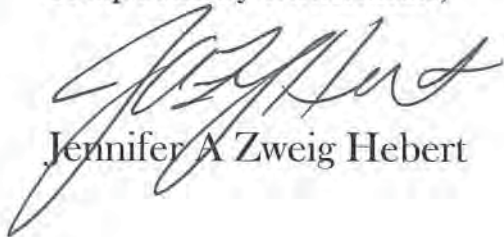
Mt. Blue Regional School District - (RSU #9)

It has been an honor to serve as Starks representative on the Mt. Blue Regional School District Board of Directors. As well as attending regular meetings, I serve on the Budget Subcommittee and the Evaluations Subcommittee. Both committees require many hours of meetings. While the role of School Board Director it is a large commitment it is important and gratifying work.

As school budget season approaches I hope to facilitate a budget that both addresses important education needs as well is being mindful of tax obligations of our town.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jennifer A. Zweig Hebert', written in a cursive style.

Jennifer A Zweig Hebert

Starks Food Cupboard

A program of East Parish Housing Ministry, Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT

2014 was another successful year for our Food Cupboard. We had about 8 new residents added to our families. We was able to make 48 Thanksgiving baskets this year. We would like to thank all of the local gardeners and people that gave us produce, donations and the citizens of Starks at Town Meeting for their continued support and selfless generosity, It really is a help and greatly appreciated. Although the Federal surplus is getting smaller with each quarterly delivery we were still able to meet the needs of the Towns people. We would like to extend a Big Thank You to the volunteers, for their much needed time they spend each month helping to make boxes, unloading trucks and stocking shelves after deliveries.

The Starks Food Cupboard is open on the 1st and 3rd Wed. of each month from 10AM to 12Noon unless school is canceled than we are not open. In response to emergency requests. Please call Call 696-4337. or cell phone 399-3137.

Thank you for your continued support,

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Kimball, Coordinator

<u>Income</u>	
<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>\$ 375.15</u>
<u>Town of Starks</u>	<u>\$900.00</u>
<u>Fema</u>	<u>\$666.00</u>
<u>Miscellaneous donations</u>	<u>\$ 450.00</u>
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$ 2,391.15</u>
<u>Expenses</u>	
<u>Good Shepard Food Bank</u>	<u>\$ 400.00</u>
<u>Hannaford, Wal-mart, misc expences</u>	<u>\$ 459.00</u>
<u>Save-A-Lot</u>	<u>\$ 666.30</u>
<u>Bobs' cash fuel</u>	<u>\$ 685.00</u>
	<u>\$2,210.30</u>
<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>\$180.85</u>

Starks Food Cupboard

A program of East
Parish Housing Ministry, Inc.

2 Chicken St.

Starks, Maine 04911

Jan.23.2015

To the Town of Starks,

We would like to Thank you for your generous donation last year, It was greatly appreciated and much needed. With all the cutbacks that our state is doing to the elderly and needy it really is great to have a Town that really cares about the less fortunate citizens. Last year we had another 8 residents added that had to receive our services and it continues to grow. This year we antisipate more with all the cutbacks, job losses and also unemployment benefits.

We would like to request another \$900.00 again this year.

So if you can find it in the Town's budget 2015 to be able to donate this, It will be greatly appreciated.

**Sincerely, Cynthia Kimball (Coordinator)
Starks Food Cupboard**

Town Sextons Report

Greetings:

If you have not had the opportunity, please take a ride by Williamson Cemetery on River Road and see the recently cleaned stones. This work was done by the volunteer group "Friends of Our Fathers". I would like to thank this group for their hard work. They have made a positive impact in town maintained cemeteries. I look forward to working with them this year to continue their efforts. We have also nearly completed the corrections on the plaque of the Town Memorial.

I have requested money in this years budget to fence the back side of Williamson Cemetery, fence part of Greenleaf Cemetery and redo the fence at Didson Meadow Cemetery. I would also like to do some repair of the fence at Brake Hill Cemetery.

There are various stones in all of the town maintained cemeteries that need repair. I hope to complete as many of these repairs as possible this season.

Although the outcome is not certain, there is pending legislation that may require towns to maintain all cemeteries within their borders that are not currently maintained. At this time, no action is planned until a decision is made by the legislature.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Pressey". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Bill Pressey, Town Sexton

Budget Committee Annual Report 2014

The Budget Committee met on a regular basis throughout the year upon the request of the Board of Selectmen.

The Budget Committee works with the Board of Selectmen on a variety of issues and planning for key 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 2014 Budget Committee:

- Ernest Hilton
- Dave Johnson
- Beth Luce
- Erin 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.

A brief review of issues before the committee this year included development of a plan to pay for essential road improvements as well as continuing to provide a plan to execute the recommendations for the ongoing maintenance and repairs to the former Starks School/ Starks Community Building.

We also became aware in January 2015 of the Ordinance that Starks adopted to establish a Town of Starks Budget Committee. It is in accord with the stature ensuring that towns have the authority to enact such an ordinance. In our examination of the ordinance we became aware that "No elected official or full time employee of the Town may be a member". It will be important to keep the ordinance in mind when voting take place at the 2015 Town Meeting.

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

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

Community Center Building Committee Annual Report 2014

Members of this committee are volunteers who are appointed by the Starks Board of Selectmen.

Current members include:

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

This year's issues included the exterior painting of the building, planning for how we might plan for a new roof and an ongoing effort to improve the energy efficiency of the building by implementing energy saving strategies including the installation of a new interior wall and door to the left of the Town Business Office.

Use of the facility continues to grow and is bringing our community together to conduct essential town business as well as hold a wide range of events, both happy and sad. It has become a true Community Center.

This committee meets the second Thursday of each month at 7pm. We welcome anyone who would like to attend.

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Respectfully submitted,

Carol Riemer Coles, Chairperson
Community Center Building Committee

Building Superintendent Report

Greetings:

Will start by saying how great the new paint job looks !

The building has had some roof leakage this past year. No permanent damage has been attributed to this. Hopefully, a new roof is in the works.

No other major issues have occurred during the past year.

The gym floor is now a year old and has held up well.

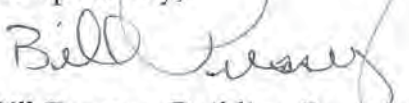
Many of the planned weatherization projects have been completed. Those that are on hold will be tied in with the roof replacement; if approved. Thanks to Dave Blake for his work on these projects.

It has been very nice to see all of the activities occurring in the Community Center this past year. Programs sponsored by SEEdS and the Library Committee have been both entertaining and informative and have drawn large crowds. Kudos to these groups for providing these activities for our towns folk both young and old. There have also been a large number of private events held. The building is truly an asset to our town and surrounding communities.

At this point, I would like to take a moment to express the loss that we feel within the Community Center family with the passing of Liz Frederic. The contributions that Liz made played a significant role in the buildings success.

And again this year, a big thanks to Jenn, Erin, and Danielle for their help in the care of the building.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bill Pressey", written over a large, light-colored circular mark.

Bill Pressey, Building Superintendent

STARKS TOWN LIBRARY

Committee Members

Chair Maryanne Gawlinski, Linda Larose, Nancy Lagin, and John Hull

The Library Committee has now been in existence for 5 years. We have collected and filed over 8,000 books ranging from pre-school children books to young adult fiction and non-fiction books. We also have a large number of adult fiction books by many current authors. We have had over 150 people borrow books during the past year. Please stop by, browse the shelves and take out a book. It is easy – no card needed. Just fill out the information sheet on the library desk.

But we're not just about books. With a grant from the "Move More Kids" organization we were able to run another *Starks SummerKids!* program. This year the children built a flower box under the Community Center sign and planted and grew a number of different herbs in the box. Indoor activities included improve story-telling, building your own musical instrument and a Contra Dance. Outdoor activities included bike safety instruction, a bike rodeo, relay races, water day and a parade using our homemade instruments.

The Library Committee opened its doors for trick or treaters on *Halloween* night. Over 30 kids stopped by for a treat dressed from a lovely princess to something that blinked.

Our annual *Starks Community Holiday Celebration* was held at the Starks Community Center on Friday, December 19, 2014. The program focused on children performing holiday skits and Christmas music with Santa stopping by. The celebration included participation from both children and adults. It was a perfect opportunity to showcase the talent and community spirit found in Starks. There was a group who sang a Christmas Carol in French; a group who signed a carol as people sang along; young local singers displaying their talent; a visit from Frosty and Rudolph; and, of course, Santa. It was a time when people of all ages could participate and have fun.

However, it was also a sad time for us when our dear friend and committee member, Liz Frederic, passed away. Liz was instrumental in getting the library up and running. It was Liz who applied for the Stephen King Grant allowing us to buy bookshelves, books and run several programs throughout the last few years. She spent many hours helping out in the library, stamping and filing book after book after book. She will be greatly missed.

Library hours continue to follow the Town Office Hours – Monday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Wednesday 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Starks Book Club Report (2014)

I would like to dedicate this report to Liz Frederic, who was such an important member of the Book Club since its beginnings in 2012. As a founding member, she helped develop the format of our meetings where members choose their own books related to the group's monthly topic. Our group has met in a variety of locations, and Liz and Paul have graciously hosted a number of our meetings. Liz contributed so much to our gatherings. She loved non-fiction, especially true crime, but had a wide variety of interests. She and Paul had travelled extensively so she brought those perspectives to the meetings. She was all about facts, the truth, and women's dignity. Even when she was unable to make our meetings, she always forwarded reports on her readings. On a much larger scale, Liz was a person who promoted literacy in so many ways in our community. Whether it was developing the library, writing the grant for the SummerKids program, or lining up a guest speaker on birds, Liz was all about creating a learning community and lifelong learners. Members of the Starks Book Club and the entire community will miss her.

Joe McCarthy

STARKS Seeds for the Future



2014 SEEdS Report

Greetings from the Starks Enrichment and Education Society (SEEdS)! Our mission is to provide enrichment through encouragement of the visual and performing arts, environmental awareness, operation of the Starks Town Library, and 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 of support through education, enrichment and health of the adults and children of Starks and the surrounding areas.

2014 was our fifth year of the Fedco seeds fundraiser which is offered to non-profit educational groups by Fedco Seeds Cooperative in Clinton, Maine. In 2015 SEEdS will again offer a variety of veggies, flowers and herbs. 2015 original artwork for seed packets is well under way and we will have them available for Town Meeting on March 14th. We also have 2012, 2013 and 2014 seeds in some other varieties, available now at a discounted price of \$1.00 per packet. Come see our table at Town Meeting! Special thanks go to the Fedco Cooperative for a wonderful opportunity to raise funds as well as to raise awareness about local food and healthy ecology!

2014 Citizen of the Year was awarded to Bill Pressey at the 5th Annual Starks Family Pumpkin Festival! Bill is the Building Superintendent at the Starks Community Center, Town Sexton, Employee to the Public Works Department, founder of Friends of our Fathers, and Assistant Chief to the recently revitalized and growing Fire Department. Bill brings an attitude of enthusiasm and hard work to our town. We are grateful and lucky to have him.

SEEdS proudly provided scholarships worth \$200 each to three worthy graduating seniors. Congratulations to the 2014 recipients, Justin Horner, Brianna Oliver, and Misty Waters! We wish you the best in all your endeavors!

Last year, fundraising proceeds funded (or helped fund) The Town Christmas Party, SummerKids, trips to the Owls Head Transportation Museum, the Waterville Public Pool, the Farmington Sled Dog Races and Snow Tubing at Eaton Mountain. We also hosted a Paper Planes & Pizza night, Contra Dance & and the Pumpkin Festival. SEEdS also catered the Maine Old Cemetery Association Luncheon in May.

We hope this year will be as successful as last year! New members and volunteers are always welcome. Your level of involvement is completely flexible. It would be great to have additional help packing the seeds, organizing the events, helping out at Pumpkin Festival or with the anything at all! Our activities and events are open to ANYONE interested; you do not need to be a Starks resident. SEEdS usually meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Library. Be on the lookout for an email from our Town Clerk confirming meeting dates and times. ALL are always welcome!

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin E Norton, 2014 SEEdS. Chair

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 13th, 2015, from noon until 8pm. The Annual Town Meeting will be held the following day, Saturday, March 14th, 2015 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 2015 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 2016 annual budget during the period from January 1st, 2016 to the 2016 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 2015 taxes from January 1st, 2015 to the 2015 date of commitment.

Article #9

To see if the Town, in accordance with T. 36 M.R.S. § 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 building donations and the Starks General Store lease to the Building Improvement Fund.

Article #16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation \$90,120 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
Unemployment	\$2,500
Postage	\$1,500
Books & Subscriptions	\$200
Dues	\$3,000
Miscellaneous	\$5,000
Audit	\$5,000
Trio Renewal/Upgrades	\$5,500
Legal	\$8,000
Assessors Map Updates	\$3,000
Town Report	\$1,000
Ads	\$1,500
Xerox Lease	\$1,620
Water Rent	\$3,700
KVRWC	\$9,500
Large Item Pickup	\$3,500
Cemetery Maintenance	\$1,750
MMA Insurance	\$18,500
TAN Interest	\$350
Voice of Starks	\$700
CC Sign	\$1,700
Total	\$90,120

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #17

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate from taxation \$700 for Town Hall operating expenses at the former Town Hall Building aka Starks General Store in the event of a broken lease.

Object	Taxation/Requested
Former Town Hall Building	\$700

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #18

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 #19

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 #20

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 #21

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

Object	2014 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Assessor Chair	\$2,200	\$3,000
Assessor	\$2,000	\$2,500
Assessor	\$2,000	\$2,500

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #22

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

Object	2014 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 #23

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

Object	2014 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Town Clerk	\$7,000	\$7,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #24

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

Object	2014 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Tax Collector	\$7,000	\$10,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #25

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

Object	2014 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Treasurer	\$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 Building Superintendent's salary for the current year.

Object	2014 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Building Superintendent	\$6,000	\$6,000

Recommended by Selectmen, Budget Committee and Building Committee

Article #27

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

Object	2014 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Health Officer	\$1,800	\$1,800

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #28

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

Object	2014 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Sexton	\$1,500	\$1,500

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #29

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

Object	2014 Budget	Taxation/Requested
GA Overseer	\$500	\$500

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #30

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	Taxation/Requested
Road Foreman Stipend	\$7,500

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #31

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

Object	Taxation/Requested
Appeals Board	\$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 Planning Board for the current year.

Object	Taxation/Requested
Planning Board	\$500

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #33

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$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 #34

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation \$21,000 for the Community Center in the current year.

Object	Taxation/Requested	Total
Community Center Operating Expenses	\$20,000	21,000
Painting Foundation	\$1,000	

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #35

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation \$28,000 for the Fire Department for the current year.

Object	Taxation/Requested
Fire Department	\$28,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #36

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

Object	2014 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Fire Chief	\$3,400	\$3,400

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #37

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 #38

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 #39

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 #40

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation \$1,300 for the Town's Street Lights in the current year.

Object	Taxation/Requested
Street Lights	\$1,300

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #41

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 #42

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 #43

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 #44

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation \$60,000 for Winter Roads in the current year.

Object	Taxation/Requested
Winter Roads	\$60,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #45

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 #46

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation \$5,000 for General Assistance, and to apply all GA reimbursements from the State to the GA account.

Object	Taxation/Requested
General Assistance	\$5,000
GA Reimbursements 2014	\$2462.77

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #47

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 #48

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation \$42,076 for the Plow Truck as a Capital Expense in the current year.

Object	Taxation/Requested
Plow Truck	\$42,076

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #49

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 #50

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation \$3,318 for First Park

Object	Taxation/Requested
First Park	\$3,318

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #51

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	\$1,152	\$1,152
KVCAP Transportation	\$200	\$200
Family Violence	\$400	\$100
Memorial Day Fund	\$100	\$100
Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$400	\$400
Madison Public Library	\$350	\$350
KVCAP Head Start	\$200	\$200
Spectrum Generations	\$328	\$0
Maine Public Broadcasting Network	\$100	\$100
Life Flight Foundation	\$640	\$0
Community Health and Counseling	\$100	\$100
Crisis and Counseling	\$308	\$308
Girl Scouts of Maine	\$5-\$50	\$0
Hospice Volunteers	\$300	\$300
American Red Cross	\$250	\$250
Total	\$5,733+	\$4,460

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #52

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 2014	\$278.04

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #53

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Local Roads Assistance Program (LRAP), formerly known as URIP, \$19,000 for the Pressey Road.

Object	LRAP
Pressey Road	\$19,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #54

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Local Roads Assistance Program (LRAP), formerly known as URIP, \$18,000 for a section of the Mayhew Road.

Object	LRAP
Mayhew Road	\$18,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #55

To see if the Town will vote to accept the Helen Reed Scholarship funds and make it available to Starks Residents according to her scholarship guidelines.

Article #56

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation \$15,000 for the Capital Improvement Fund.

Object	Taxation/Requested
Capital Improvements	\$15,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Capital Improvement Account Balance December 31 st , 2014	\$26,267.70
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Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #57

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated funds \$52,204.03 to lower the tax commitment.

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

The amount requested in this article represents all the remaining balances from Articles 1-63 at the 2014 Annual Town Meeting and the October 8th, 2014 Special 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 , 2014	\$355,760.88
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Article #58

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$50,000 from undesignated funds and to appropriate \$20,000 from the Building Capital Improvement fund for the construction of a new standing seam metal roof for the Community Center.

Object	Undesignated	BIF	Total
Community Center Roof	\$50,000	\$20,000	\$70,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

(Surplus) Undesignated Fund Balance December 31 st , 2014	\$355,760.88
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Building Improvement Fund Balance December 31 st , 2014	\$24,210.65
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Article #59

To see if the Town will vote to authorize income acquired for the sale of surplus and salvage in the Public Works Department to be applied to the Capital Improvement Account.

Article #60

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 #61

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 #62

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 #63

To see if the Town will vote to close the books on December 31, 2015.

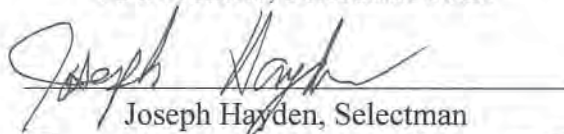
Article #64

To see if the Town wishes to hold the next Annual Town Meeting on March 11th and 12th 2016.

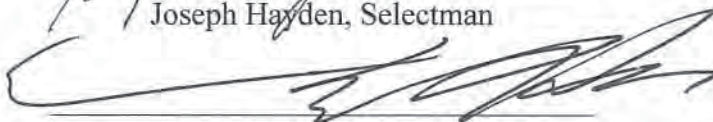
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Paul Frederic, Selectman Chair



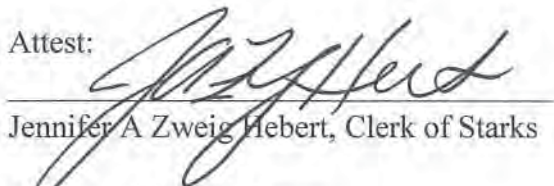
Joseph Hayden, Selectman



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 16th day of February, 2015. The Starks Town Office inside and out, the Starks General Store and the Food Cupboard,

Jerry Brackett, Warrant Officer



Proven Expertise and Integrity

February 9, 2015

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, 2014. The following schedules have been excerpted from the 2014 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 – Non-major Governmental Funds	Schedule B
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Non-major Governmental Funds	Schedule C

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STATEMENT C

TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2014

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds	
			2014	2013
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 400,444	\$ 60,498	\$ 460,942	\$ 427,179
Investments	-	10,020	10,020	10,032
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):				
Taxes	135,915	-	135,915	137,035
Liens	44,472	-	44,472	50,863
Other	10	-	10	683
Tax acquired property	3,493	-	3,493	7,101
Prepaid expenses	816	-	816	816
Due from other funds	-	80,954	80,954	78,106
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 585,150	\$ 151,472	\$ 736,622	\$ 711,815
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ 2,350	\$ -	\$ 2,350	\$ 1,099
Accrued expenses	4,179	-	4,179	5,770
Due to other governments	861	-	861	861
Due to other funds	80,954	-	80,954	78,106
TOTAL LIABILITIES	88,344	-	88,344	85,836
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Prepaid taxes	94	-	94	260
Advanced payment of URIP funding	-	13,761	13,761	15,016
Deferred tax revenues	140,951	-	140,951	132,137
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	141,045	13,761	154,806	147,413
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	4,309	-	4,309	7,917
Restricted	-	38,940	38,940	47,894
Committed	-	98,771	98,771	95,345
Assigned	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	351,452	-	351,452	327,410
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	355,761	137,711	493,472	478,566
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 585,150	\$ 151,472	\$ 736,622	\$ 711,815

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STATEMENT E

TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Totals Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 679,184	\$ -	\$ 679,184
Excise	80,890	-	80,890
Intergovernmental revenues	72,401	28,807	101,208
Charges for services	11,187	-	11,187
Miscellaneous revenues	26,636	1,043	27,679
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>870,298</u>	<u>29,850</u>	<u>900,148</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	126,985	-	126,985
Public safety	41,370	-	41,370
Public works	352,108	-	352,108
Community service	30,819	-	30,819
Education	292,116	-	292,116
County tax	73,654	-	73,654
Unclassified	11,899	53,754	65,653
Debt service:			
Principal	44,496	-	44,496
Interest	8,041	-	8,041
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>981,488</u>	<u>53,754</u>	<u>1,035,242</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(111,190)</u>	<u>(23,904)</u>	<u>(135,094)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Bond proceeds	150,000	-	150,000
Operating transfers in	8	49,206	49,214
Operating transfers (out)	(18,384)	(30,830)	(49,214)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>131,624</u>	<u>18,376</u>	<u>150,000</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	20,434	(5,528)	14,906
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	<u>335,327</u>	<u>143,239</u>	<u>478,566</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 355,761</u>	<u>\$ 137,711</u>	<u>\$ 493,472</u>

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TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – BUDGETARY BASIS
BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final	Amounts	Positive (Negative)
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1	\$ 335,327	\$ 335,327	\$ 335,327	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	687,996	687,996	679,184	(8,812)
Excise taxes	76,000	76,000	80,890	4,890
Intergovernmental revenues:				
State revenue sharing	44,000	44,000	40,469	(3,531)
Homestead exemption	18,978	18,978	14,251	(4,727)
Local Road Assistance	40,840	40,840	-	(40,840)
Tree growth	12,201	12,201	12,201	-
Other Income	2,612	5,479	5,480	1
Interest income	3,198	6,516	6,516	-
Charges for services	700	6,974	11,187	4,213
Miscellaneous revenues	8,710	8,710	20,120	11,410
Bond proceeds	150,000	150,000	150,000	-
Transfers from other funds	-	-	8	8
Amounts Available for Appropriation	1,380,562	1,393,021	1,355,633	(37,388)
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	151,612	152,805	126,985	25,820
Public safety	42,800	42,800	41,370	1,430
Public works	377,300	377,300	352,108	25,192
Community service	36,000	38,463	30,819	7,644
Education	289,080	289,080	292,116	(3,036)
County tax	73,654	73,654	73,654	-
Unclassified	70,679	95,590	11,899	83,691
Debt service:				
Principal	44,496	44,496	44,496	-
Interest	8,041	8,041	8,041	-
Transfers to other funds	18,384	18,384	18,384	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	1,112,046	1,140,613	999,872	140,741
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	\$ 268,516	\$ 252,408	\$ 355,761	\$ 103,353
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	\$ 66,811	\$ 82,919	\$ -	\$ (82,919)

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SCHEDULE A

TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
General Government -					
Administration	\$ 89,412	\$ -	\$ 89,412	\$ 75,531	\$ 13,881
Town Hall operating	700	-	700	-	700
Code enforcement officer	10,000	-	10,000	3,191	6,809
Elections	4,500	-	4,500	3,220	1,280
Plumbing inspector	-	1,193	1,193	1,193	-
Assessors	6,200	-	6,200	6,200	-
Selectmen	9,000	-	9,000	9,000	-
Town clerk	7,000	-	7,000	7,000	-
Tax collector	7,000	-	7,000	7,000	-
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	150	350
Planning board	500	-	500	-	500
Outgoing officer to train incoming	500	-	500	-	500
	151,612	1,193	152,805	126,985	25,820
Public safety -					
Fire department	27,100	-	27,100	26,335	765
Fire chief	3,400	-	3,400	3,400	-
Animal control	1,000	-	1,000	835	165
AMS service	9,600	-	9,600	9,600	-
Road signs	500	-	500	-	500
Street lights	1,200	-	1,200	1,200	-
	42,800	-	42,800	41,370	1,430
Public works -					
Equipment	55,000	-	55,000	49,708	5,292
Garage	15,000	-	15,000	10,728	4,272
Summer roads	40,000	-	40,000	39,909	91
Winter roads	67,000	-	67,000	60,966	6,034
River Road paving	200,000	-	200,000	190,497	9,503
Closure of the Starks dump	300	-	300	300	-
	377,300	-	377,300	352,108	25,192

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
Community service -					
General assistance	5,000	2,463	7,463	5,408	2,055
Community center	30,000	-	30,000	24,736	5,264
Madison recreation	1,000	-	1,000	675	325
	<u>36,000</u>	<u>2,463</u>	<u>38,463</u>	<u>30,819</u>	<u>7,644</u>
Debt service -					
Principal	44,496	-	44,496	44,496	-
Interest	8,041	-	8,041	8,041	-
	<u>52,537</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,537</u>	<u>52,537</u>	<u>-</u>
County Tax	<u>73,654</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,654</u>	<u>73,654</u>	<u>-</u>
Education -					
RSU #9	289,080	-	289,080	292,116	(3,036)
	<u>289,080</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>289,080</u>	<u>292,116</u>	<u>(3,036)</u>
Unclassified -					
First Park	-	3,318	3,318	3,318	-
Social services	4,002	-	4,002	3,902	100
Snowmobile	-	404	404	404	-
Contingency	3,000	-	3,000	-	3,000
Overlay	22,837	-	22,837	1,033	21,804
Lien costs	-	5,081	5,081	3,242	1,839
Local roads assistance	40,840	-	40,840	-	40,840
Overdrafts	-	16,108	16,108	-	16,108
	<u>70,679</u>	<u>24,911</u>	<u>95,590</u>	<u>11,899</u>	<u>83,691</u>
Transfers out -					
Capital projects	18,384	-	18,384	18,384	-
	<u>18,384</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,384</u>	<u>18,384</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS	\$ 1,112,046	\$ 28,567	\$ 1,140,613	\$ 999,872	\$ 140,741

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SCHEDULE B

TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Project Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 41,238	\$ 19,260	\$ -	\$ 60,498
Investments	-	-	10,020	10,020
Due from other funds	7,041	73,913	-	80,954
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 48,279</u>	<u>\$ 93,173</u>	<u>\$ 10,020</u>	<u>\$ 151,472</u>
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Advance payment of URIP funding	-	13,761	-	13,761
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>-</u>	<u>13,761</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,761</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-
Restricted	7,041	21,879	10,020	38,940
Committed	41,238	57,533	-	98,771
Assigned	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>48,279</u>	<u>79,412</u>	<u>10,020</u>	<u>137,711</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 48,279</u>	<u>\$ 93,173</u>	<u>\$ 10,020</u>	<u>\$ 151,472</u>

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SCHEDULE C

TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Project Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Interest income	\$ 31	\$ 16	\$ 20	\$ 67
Intergovernmental	-	28,807	-	28,807
Other	976	-	-	976
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>1,007</u>	<u>28,823</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>29,850</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Other	<u>2,744</u>	<u>50,986</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>53,754</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>2,744</u>	<u>50,986</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>53,754</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(1,737)</u>	<u>(22,163)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(23,904)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Operating transfers in	-	49,206	-	49,206
Operating transfers (out)	-	(30,822)	(8)	(30,830)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>-</u>	<u>18,384</u>	<u>(8)</u>	<u>18,376</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(1,737)	(3,779)	(12)	(5,528)
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	<u>50,016</u>	<u>83,191</u>	<u>10,032</u>	<u>143,239</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 48,279</u>	<u>\$ 79,412</u>	<u>\$ 10,020</u>	<u>\$ 137,711</u>

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