

# Annual Report 2013 Starks, Maine

# **Town of Starks Annual Report**

December 31st 2013

Starks, Maine

Cover photograph: New Pelton Brook Bridge on Mayhew Road Funded in part by a Community Development Block Grant, 2013

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#### **DEDICATION**



Jim Murphy performing at the 2013 Starks MoveMoreKids Summer Program

James (Jim) Murphy, May 7, 1946 – November 27, 2013

Jim was born in Attleboro, Massachusetts, graduated from high school in Taunton, Massachusetts and received a degree in chemistry from Northeastern University. He taught in Greece and worked as a biochemist at New England Deaconess Hospital before buying a farm in Starks in 1990. In Maine, Jim worked at Franklin Memorial Hospital, translated Greek, managed his apartment buildings in Waterville and Farmington and tended his farm on the Anson Road. The mountain view from his front yard is one of the best in the region.

Agriculture and public service were two of his passions. Jim served as an Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association apprentice and was a strong promoter of sustainable agriculture. His dedication to the Town of Starks is demonstrated by his service on the Comprehensive Plan Committee, Secretary of the Appeals Board, Chair of the Agricultural Commission, Secretary of the Starks Historical Society, coeditor of the *Voice of Starks*, supporter of the Starks Enrichment and Education Society and the community garden. Jim was a volunteer for the summer Starks *MoveMoreKids* Program.

Jim was always ready to help organize community programs and did a wonderful job at everything from helping put up a billboard to playing songs on his guitar. In 2012, he received the Starks Citizen of the Year Award.

The 2013 Town Report is dedicated to Jim in memory of his contributions to the community.

#### **MUNICIPAL OFFICERS TERMS**

Selectmen - 3 year **Animal Control Officer - 1 year** Terrill Leonard 3-2014 Joseph Miller 3-2014 Sterling Doiron 3-2015 Health Officer - 1 year Paul Frederic 3-2016 **VACANT** Assessors - 3 year **Building Superintendent - 1 year** Joseph Hayden 3-2014 Bill Pressey 3-2014 Cathleen Horner 3-2015 Kerry Hebert 3-2016 Sexton - 1 year Bill Pressey 3-2014 Tax Collector - 3 year Jenn Zweig Hebert 3-2015 Warrant Officer - 3 year Jerry Brackett 3-2015 Town Clerk - 3 year Jenn Zweig Hebert 3-2016 RSU # 9 School Board Director - 3 year Jenn Zweig Hebert 7-2015 Registrar of Voters - 2 year Appeals Board - 5 year Jenn Zweig Hebert 1-2015 Linwood Locke 9-2014 George Martikke 9-2015 Treasurer - 3 year Sara Brusila 9-2016 Erin Norton 3-2014 Carol Coles 9-2017 Maryanne Gawlinski 9-2017 Planning Board - 5 year Joe Hartigan 4-2014 **Budget Committee – 1 year** Gwen Hilton 4-2015 Bob Clark 3-2014 Irene Fenlason 4-2016 Carol Coles 3-2014 Kerry Hebert 5-2017 Ernie Hilton 3-2014 **VACANT** 5-2018 Erin Norton 3-2014 Jeff Welcome (Alt.) 4-2015 Charlie Stevens 3-2014 **CEO/Plumbing Inspector - 1 year** Water District - 3 year Leo Mayo 3-2014 Joe Hartigan Operator AnnMarie Simone 11-2014 Fire Chief - 1 year Robin Melancon-Quimby 11-2014 Julie Costigan 3-2014 Ashley Hayden 11-2015 **VACANT** Town Fire Warden - 1 year **VACANT** 

Julie Costigan

3-2014



#### **Annual Report to the Town of Starks**

A Message from Senator Rod Whittemore

#### Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to represent the Town of Starks in the Maine Senate. It has been an honor serving on your behalf to make Maine an even better place to live, work and conduct business.

The 126th Legislature adjourned its First Regular Session on July 10, 2013. The year began with a daunting task: covering an \$880 million shortfall in the state's two-year budget that was caused mainly by cost overruns in Maine's Medicaid program. We were able to bridge this gap without reversing the largest income tax cut passed in state history by the previous Legislature. These tax reductions benefitted low and moderate-income residents most, and taking them away would have represented a big step back for a state that has historically had one of the highest tax burdens in the country.

One of the Legislature's most significant achievements this session was finally paying off Maine's massive debt to its hospitals, which totaled \$484 million at the beginning of 2013. The Legislature approved a plan that allows the state to use a revenue bond to pay off the debt and use the proceeds from a renegotiated state liquor contract to pay off the bond. The debt was the result of Medicaid services provided by 39 Maine hospitals for which they were never reimbursed, dating back to 2009.

The Legislature also approved the bipartisan Omnibus Energy Bill, which addresses reducing the cost of energy in Maine, cutting back on greenhouse emissions, and making money available to insulate Maine homes. This legislation when fully implemented will increase natural gas capacity and improve connection to underserved areas of Maine, provide funding to help companies cut back on greenhouse emissions and give rebates to homeowners who switch from oil to natural gas or other more efficient heating systems, and provide funding to help homeowners improve insulation.

Again, thank you for entrusting me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me if you ever need my assistance in navigating the state bureaucracy. I would be happy to help in any way that I can. Additionally, please let me know if you would like to receive periodic updates on legislative matters. I may be reached in Skowhegan at 474-6703, in Augusta at 287-1505, or by e-mail at rodwhittemore@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Rockey L. Khalleur Rod Whittemore State Senator

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### United States Senate

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COMMITTEES:

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1904

Dear Friends:

It is a privilege to represent Maine in the U.S. Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share some of my work from the past year.

Encouraging the creation of more jobs remains my top priority. I have developed a Seven Point Plan for Jobs in Maine, which includes proposals to spur small business investment, ensure robust workforce education and training, reduce regulatory red tape that stifles job creation, support Maine agriculture and manufacturing, and invest in the infrastructure needed to expand our economy. Traditional industries and small businesses remain the backbone of Maine's economy, and innovation will be important for future jobs as well. I have supported Maine's effort to lead the world in deepwater wind technology and was proud when the University of Maine and its private sector partners launched the first prototype this year. This emerging industry has the potential to create thousands of good jobs here in Maine.

BIW remains a major Maine employer and is critical to our national security. I have worked hard to support the Navy's request for a 10<sup>th</sup> DDG-51 and to continue construction on the DDG-1000s at the shipyard. This year's annual defense policy bill also contains more than 30 provisions to eliminate sexual assault from our military, including several provisions that I authored.

Partisan divisiveness in Washington continues to prevent us from addressing some of our nation's most serious challenges. Gridlock reached a peak in October with the federal government shutdown that pushed our country to the brink of defaulting on its financial obligations and damaged our economy. As the shutdown continued with no end in sight, I presented a proposal I believed both sides could support. Within days, I was leading a bipartisan coalition of 14 Senators that worked night and day to craft a plan to reopen government, avert default, and restart negotiations on a long-term plan to deal with our nation's unsustainable debt of more than \$17 trillion. Known as the "Common Sense Caucus," we will continue to work to develop solutions and bridge the partisan divide.

Earlier this year, across-the-board federal spending cuts known as "sequestration" took effect. These indiscriminate cuts jeopardized priorities from national security to medical research and stand in stark contrast to the thoughtful and thoroughly debated spending priorities set at town meetings throughout Maine. To bring some Maine common sense to this process, I authored bipartisan legislation to allow federal agencies to set priorities in administering the required cuts and wrote a new law to ensure that sequestration would not disrupt air travel, which plays such an important role in fueling Maine's tourism economy.

I have also enjoyed my work as the ranking member of the Senate Special Committee on Aging where, with Senator Bill Nelson of Florida, we work on issues of critical importance to Maine seniors. The committee has created a toll free hotline (1-855-303-9470) to make it easier for senior citizens to report fraud and scams and to receive assistance. I also serve as the Senate Co-Chair of the task force on Alzheimer's, a devastating disease that takes a tremendous personal and economic toll on more than five million Americans. Better treatment for Alzheimer's and ultimately finding a cure should be an urgent national priority.

Finally, I am proud to reflect our famous Maine work ethic by completing another year of service without missing a single roll call vote. I have not missed a vote since I was elected – a streak that stands at more than 5,300 in a row.

May 2014 be a good year for you, your community, and our great State of Maine.

Sincerely,

Lucan M Collins Susan M. Collins

United States Senator

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COMMITTEES:

January 16, 2014

Town of Starks, 57 Anson Road, Starks, Maine 04911

Dear Friends.

Since arriving to the U.S. Senate last January, I have been looking for ways to provide Mainers with improved access to federal services through the use of digital technology and on the ground outreach initiatives. Maine is a rural state and I know that traveling to our offices can present both logistical and financial challenges.

To help overcome those obstacles, I launched our signature **Your Government Your Neighborhood** outreach program in June 2013. Every other week members of my staff in Maine travel to different towns – ensuring that all 16 counties are served each month - to hold constituent office hours for local residents.

Over the past eleven months my work in Washington has been largely shaped by the four committees that I serve on: Armed Services, Intelligence, Budget, and Rules. These appointments allow me to engage on issues important to Maine and help craft legislation before it comes to the Senate floor. On the Armed Services Committee I work with my colleagues to honor our obligations to members of our armed forces both past and present, as well as ensure the continued strength, efficiency, and sustainability of our military. On the Intelligence Committee I work to effectively mitigate security threats facing our country while also establishing measures to guarantee that the privacy rights of U.S. citizens are protected. On the Budget Committee, I am working to ensure that necessary spending is tempered with fiscal responsibility, and my position on the Rules Committee allows me to push for procedural reforms that remove institutional inefficiencies and help move the country forward.

I am tremendously grateful for the opportunity to serve you and determined to keep you informed of my activities in Maine and Washington. As always, I welcome any thoughts, questions, or concerns that you may have. You can visit my website at <a href="http://www.king.senate.gov">http://www.king.senate.gov</a> and provide your input there, or 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, and Scarborough (207) 883-1588, and Washington D.C. (202) 224-5344.

Sincerely,

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February 6, 2014

Dear Friends and Neighbors;

It has been a pleasure to serve the residents of Starks as your state representative in the 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature. Last year, we had many accomplishments including passing a bipartisan budget that avoided massive property tax hikes, restoring funding to Maine's public schools and preserving the Drugs to the Elderly Program.

We also passed historic omnibus energy legislation that will reduce heating costs and increase energy efficiency, as well as a measure that will provide suicide awareness and prevention training to Maine's public school employees.

For the Second Regular Session, we will be taking up a number of important bills.

One of our biggest goals is to restore \$40 million to municipal revenue sharing, which communities depend on to pay for education, police and fire departments and public works – while keeping property taxes in check.

We are also going to be working on measures to protect consumers from predatory lending, strengthen the Property Tax Fairness Credit which replaced the "Circuitbreaker" program and expand affordable health care coverage to thousands of hard-working Mainers.

Due to redistricting of legislative districts, this will be the last year that I will serve as your representative in Augusta. Each of the 5 towns, that I currently represent, is being placed in separate new legislative district. (e.g. Chesterville with Wilton, Jay with Livermore Falls, Mercer with Smithfield, New Sharon with Farmington, and Starks with Anson)

It has been an honor to serve you these past 6 years. Thank you for sharing your ideas, your opinions and your suggestion with me. But most of all, thank you for your continued support through the years.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, thoughts or concerns about what is happening in Augusta.

Sincerely,

Paul Gilbert

State Representative

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# Millicent M. MacFarland Clerk of the House

#### STATE OF MAINE

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TO:

Town of Starks

Municipal Officers

Editor, Annual Report

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FROM:

Millicent M. MacFarland

Clerk of the House

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 citizens to more readily contact their House member, we are hopeful that you will include the following information in the Municipal Officers section:

Representative to the Legislature (term exp. December 3, 2014)

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BUILDINGS, AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMEN

January 2014

#### Dear Friends:

Last year saw some of the most bitterly partisan political fighting in Washington in recent memory. However, the gridlock in Washington has not slowed my efforts to fight for Maine's businesses and industries on the national and international level. I will continue to visit and speak with Maine's small businesses and manufacturers to hear firsthand about their successes and challenges. This is an important part of my ongoing "Make it in Maine" agenda which consists of initiatives to boost domestic manufacturing and support job growth in our state.

In 2014, it will be my great honor to continue serving our nation's veterans as the Ranking Member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee. Over the course of the last year, I worked with Representative Jeff Miller (R-Florida), the committee's chairman, to pass a number of bills important to veterans. Some that we passed would reduce the VA's disability claims backlog, help get veterans their compensation faster, and improve training and educational opportunities. One critical measure we advanced through the committee would ensure that all VA programs receive funding a year in advance so no veterans will have to worry about services being disrupted.

While I am proud of these accomplishments, I know there is still so much to do. I will continue to fight for new advances in areas such as veteran employment, veterans' health care, and the ongoing concerns with the VA claims backlog.

I believe Washington is at a crossroads. There are many members of Congress on both sides of the aisle that truly want to get things done for the people they represent. Congress needs to work together to get things done and make Washington work again. I continue to be committed to making that happen, and continue to regularly meet with Democrats, Republicans, and Independents to forge a way forward.

As we move forward into a new year, my highest priority remains ensuring that Mainers receive timely and quality constituent services. Whether you have a specific concern with a federal agency or need help connecting to resources, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at any of my offices. I also encourage you to visit my website (<a href="www.house.gov/michaud">www.house.gov/michaud</a>), where you can email me as well as connect with me on Facebook and Twitter.

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

With warmest regards,

Michael H. Michaud Member of Congress

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#### Town of Starks

#### Board of Selectmen

#### Annual Report 2013

Greetings to our fellow citizens. This has been another rewarding year for the Town of Starks. Many citizens have contributed to making the community a better place. This report contains accounts from Town officials and committees. Please read each to stay abreast of what is going on and request transparency in municipal government. Selectmen meet the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center and all citizens are welcome.

#### Highlights of 2013 include:

- Financial The Town is doing well in fiscal matters. Continued growth in our tax base because of the completion of the Central Maine Power Company project on Anson Road has made it possible to reduce taxes by about 9.5 percent. This combined with last year's reduction has resulted in a 22 percent drop in taxes during the past two years. There are Town properties, equipment and infrastructure projects that need funding as we move into the future.
- Roads and Bridges Major road projects included repaving Chicken Street from Route #43 to the Fire Station and rebuilding Emery Road both with Urban Rural Investment Project funds. Other road work focused on River, Thompson Bridge, Sawyers Mills, Locke Hill and Mayhew Roads. The new Pelton Bridge was completed (depicted on the cover of this report Annual Report 2013 Starks, Maine) with the aid of a \$100,000. Community Development Block Grant. Gail Chase (Kennebec Valley Council of Governments), Selectmen Joe Miller and Paul Frederic and Treasurer Erin Norton spent many hours preparing the grant proposal and managing the grant.
- Equipment The Town's new International truck is giving us good service.
- Large Item Pick-Up The large item pick-up was held in the spring and was a solid success.
- Fire Department After extensive study, the Anson, Madison and Starks (AMS) Emergency voted to table a proposed merger.
- Community Center The Town had the gym floor replaced by Continental Flooring, completed an energy audit done by Save Maine Energy and voted to paint the building. Some of the energy audit recommendations have already been addressed.
- Cellphone Tower The Planning Board granted a permit for construction of a cellphone tower on Abijah Hill and the decision has been upheld by the Appeals Board.
- Tax maps Computerization of our tax maps by Sebago Technics is underway.

- National TV Show Starks was the site of an hour long show produced and aired in December by "Dead Files," a Travel Channel feature. The story line involved a paranormal situation at a local home.
- Voice of Starks Jenn Hebert, with assistance from Jim Murphy, did an outstanding job preparing issues of the Town's newsletter, *The Voice of Starks*.
- Events A number of wonderful events took place at the Community Center and on its grounds during 2013. Some included Africa Night, the Pumpkin Festival, the Christmas program, *MoveMoreKids* and SEEdS activities, story hours, Starks Steamers softball game, contra dance, the Book Club, craft making, dinners, weddings, memorial services, birthdays and community gardens.
- Maine Municipal Association Convention Selectman Paul Frederic served on a two member panel discussing school district reorganization in Maine.
- Appointed Positions There are many appointed positions and committee/board memberships that must be filled by citizens to enable Town government to function.
   These include the Planning Board, Appeals Board, Health Officer and Water District Board. If you are interested in any of these opportunities please contact the Selectmen.
- Website A new Town of Starks website (www.starksme.com) was developed.

The Selectmen thank all citizens for their input regarding municipal affairs. We look forward to working with you in 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Selectmen

Paul B. Frederic, Chair

Joseph R. Miller

Sterling Doiron

## 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!

This year I was proud to be part of the launch of the official Town of Starks website. Check it out at <a href="https://www.starksme.com">www.starksme.com</a> - it is packed with an amazing amount of information related to our town. Everything from paying your taxes online, the annual town report, the recently adopted comprehensive plan, and upcoming events, is now at your fingertips. We will be adding tax maps soon. A mountain of thanks goes to <a href="https://www.goes.com/Gwen Hilton">Gwen Hilton</a>, Christy Whitmore and Sam Whitmore for designing, creating and compiling the information featured on the site. Their hard work yielded an impressive site that I am now administering and updating.

Another one of my responsibilities is writing and editing the town newsletter, The Voice of Starks. For the past several years resident **Jim Murphy** shared these duties with me as co-editor. Jim's superb writing skills quickly elevated the quality of the newsletter. His ideas, interests and wit made the sometimes daunting task a true pleasure. Jim's sudden passing in November has left a void. Jim personified community spirit and giving. He was involved not only with the newsletter but many other town activities. Jim was the quintisential volunteer, always available to help with kindness and optimism. His legacy of service lives on and is inspirational to me. I miss you dear friend!

The Starks Community Center continues to thrive as the centerpiece of our town. It has been 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! THANK YOU BILL for all your hard work! While staying within our limited budget Starks has a Community Center that is the envy of many surrounding communities.

Thank you too to 1st Selectman **Paul Frederic** who made himself available continually throughout the year with advice and assistance on "just about everything". A *SPECIAL THANK YOU* goes to my office mate **Erin Norton**, as my Deputy she has covered for me when I was 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 2013. I want to thank the following election workers: Cathleen Horner, Billie Jo Krebs, Robyn Kremer, Nicole Nelson, Erin Norton, Tracy Quimby and Vicki Stevens.

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

Vital records for 2013 were as follows:	<u>Births</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Marriages</u>
	3	6	5

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 continue to be **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 mthunger@hciwireless.net 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

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			Original	Payments/	Amount
Status	Acct	Name	Tax	Adjustments	Due
	1	Abbott, Brandi S.	239.77	0.00	239.77
	18	Ames, Peter E.	360.04	0.00	360.04
	19	Anger Jr., Robert K.	825.17	0.00	825.17
	711	Ashby, Deborah	289.34	0.00	289.34
		Atwood, John and Meader, Twilight G.	154.25	0.00	154.25
	14	Ayotte, Pierre	233.64	0.00	233.64
	496	Ayotte,Pierre	183.68	0.00	183.68
**	35	Bashura, Gary J.	463.73	0.00	463.73
	36	Bastarche, Marie	167.88	0.00	167.88
	577	Bavolar, James R.	528.41	0.00	528.41
	40	Beach, John G. & Sabrina P.	765.31	0.00	765.31
	629	Bellefleur, Eileen M.	339.70	0.00	339.70
	324	Bellefleur, Sarah	360.44	0.00	360.44
	46	Belmore, Thomas G.	280.85	0.00	280.85
	47	Belyea, Charles L.	474.79	0.00	474.79
	564	Belyea, Charles L.	196.12	0.00	196.12
	52	Benton, Jonathon A.	962.42	0.18	962.24
	60	Boucher, Douglas A.	650.37	0.02	650.35
	309	Brown, James D.	716.93	0.00	716.93
	479	Bucciano Daniel	305.73	0.00	305.73
	293	Cesario, Sonja	305.14	0.00	305.14
	79	Cesario, Sonja P	1,164.26	0.00	1,164.26
	80	Chambers, James S.	827.53	168.17	659.36
	86	Christen, Pamela	1,924.24	0.00	1,924.24
	87	Churchill, Caleb	508.56	0.00	508.56
	416	Clark,Kelly D	583.61	0.00	583.61
	98	Colburn, Gary	1,076.77	0.00	1,076.77
	111	Costigan, Julie L.	623.11	0.00	623.11
	115	Cowan, Edward	917.19	0.00	917.19
	343	Cowell, Edward J.	502.64	0.00	502.64
	117	Cram, Robert & Norma	1,054.65	0.00	1,054.65
	118	Crockett, Stephen & Diane	653.92	0.00	653.92
**	254	Crouss II, Frederick R.	449.31	0.00	449.31
	120	Curran, Thomas & Jennifer	257.74	0.00	257.74
	121	Curtis, Kevin C.	99.94	0.00	99.94
	133	Davis, Charles	1,249.70	1,000.00	249.70
	136	Deming, Roi A.	542.53	0.00	542.53
		Denis, Emanuel	269.19	0.00	269.19
	139	Denis, Emanuel T.	31.60	0.00	31.60
	141	Denis, Emanuel T.	257.74	0.00	257.74

As of: December 31, 2013

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		Denis, Emanuel T.	262.87	0.00	262.87
		Denis, Emanuel T.	29.03	0.00	<b>29.0</b> 3
		Denis, Emanuel T.	253.79	0.00	253.79
		Denis, Emanuel T.	261.49	23.00	238.49
	152	Depetrillo III, Angelo	389.67	0.00	389.67
	266	DeRosa, Christopher	317.38	0.00	317.38
	29	Diethelm, Christian N	253.79	0.00	253.79
	455	Donovan, Gregory J.	437.07	0.00	437.07
	161	Dorr, David And Elizabeth	194.74	0.00	194.74
	162	Dorr, David G. & Elizabeth J.	110.80	0.00	110.80
	167	Dube, Brad A	1,523.71	0.00	1,523.71
	171	Duley, Richard	370.31	0.00	370.31
	172	Duley, Richard	215.28	0.00	215.28
	173	Duley, Richard	419.69	0.00	419.69
	176	Dyke et Al, Darrell A.	955.90	419.82	536.08
*	180	Elfahel (Waite), Katrina.	149.90	50.00	99.90
	181	Elfahel (Waite), Katrina.	624.89	0.00	624.89
**	749	Fields, Bruce W.	119.45	0.00	119.45
**	441	Fletcher, Zane S. and Cynthia L.	711.00	0.00	711.00
		Frederic, Joseph W.	1,547.02	0.00	1,547.02
		Friend, Tara M.	836.41	0.00	836.41
	207	Frith, Monica L.	351.95	0.00	351.95
	209	Gaeta, Lorraine A.	617.19	0.00	617.19
	210	Gaeta, Lorraine Ann	375.25	0.00	375.25
	211	Gaeta, Lorraine Ann	2,209.04	0.00	2,209.04
	147	Glidden, Errol R.	938.66	0.00	938.66
	231	Greenleaf, Scott	339.54	0.00	339.54
	561	Gulnick, Sandra L.	393.64	0.00	393.64
	238	Hall, Leslie E. & Suzanne T.	746.55	0.47	746.08
	240	Hamilton, Thomas H. & Laura J.	380.98	0.00	380.98
	241	Hand, Roger & Carolee	473.41	0.00	473.41
		Harris, Nelson N	289.14	0.00	289.14
	249	Hartigan, Dennis P.	889.94	1.05	888.89
		Hartigan, Joseph W.	395.00	0.00	395.00
**	257	Hayden Family Trust	197.70	0.00	197.70
		Hayden, Joseph O.	1,262.32	0.05	1,262.27
		Hayden, Joseph P.O.	394.01	0.00	394.01
*	258	Hayden, Joseph Paul & Pauline	1,537.14	0.00	1,537.14
	256	Hayden, Lorraine P.	1,072.23	1.27	1,070.96
**		Henri, Allan	176.76	0.00	176.76
	280	Hogg, Mark E.	698.16	2.77	695.39
		Holmes, Eric G	284.01	0.00	284.01

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1	263	Hooker, Robert A. & Marilyn N.	425.61	0.00	425.61
		Horelick, Estate of, Walter	538.19	0.00	538.19
		Horner, Joseph C. & Cathleen A	1,697.12	0.00	1,697.12
		Irvine, Carl H Jr.	316.59	0.00	316.59
		Johnson, Kyle W	739.64	0.00	739.64
		Johnson, Christopher	392.59	0.00	392.59
*		Kahler, Royce	66.36	0.00	66.36
**		Kahler, Royce C.	199.48	0.00	199.48
*		Kennedy, Justin M	399.94	2.17	397.77
		Kiger, Nathan A	2,082.36	0.00	2,082.36
**		Kimball, Lemuel P. and Cynthia M.	1,056.78	0.00	1,056.78
		Kleppinger, Marie	176.76	0.00	176.76
		Kozielewicz, Edward & Marilyn	400.73	0.00	400.73
		Krebs, Dennis & Angelica	2,504.06	0.00	2,504.06
**		Lagin-Nasse, Julianna &	641.68	0.00	641.68
		Lamorelle, Rene F.	703.10	401.47	301.63
*		Leahy, Barry F	658.07	1.72	656.35
		Leal, Robert J. & Kathleen	265.44	0.00	265.44
**		Lemay Trapper C.	2,355.46	0.00	2,355.46
		Lemay, George E. Jr. & Carlene A	222.58	0.00	222.58
		Lemay, George E. Jr. & Carlene A	1,405.61	0.00	1,405.61
		Lemay, George E. Jr. and Carlene	1,029.47	0.00	1,029.47
*		Lewis, Jeremiah D.	404.68	0.00	404.68
**		Lewis, Jeremiah D.	186.24	0.00	186.24
**		Lewis, Jeremiah D.	449.31	0.00	449.31
			372.09	0.00	372.09
		Libby, Kevin & Mary	354.71		354.71
**		Libby, Timothy D,	838.78	0.00 420.00	418.78
**		Locke Hill Road Realty Trust Locke, Linwood			256.36
		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	256.36	0.00	
		Locke, Linwood	1,843.76 1,988.83	0.00	1,843.76 1,988.83
		Luce, Norman Luce, Norman	1,988.83	0.00	1,988.83
		Luce, Norman F.	238.38	0.00	238.38
		Luce, Norman F.	419.69	0.00	419.69
		Luce, Norman F. & Beth B.	321.53	0.00	321.53
		Luce, Norman F.	321.33	0.00	321.14
		Lundwall, Kathryn T.	718.98	0.00	718.98
		Lydon, William	1,308.75	0.00	1,308.75
		Mann, James N. & Donna G.	1,086.65	17.82	1,068.83
		Mansfield, John Michael	642.39	2.43	639.96
		Mansfield, Kelly Jayne	47.22	0.18	47.04
		Martikke, George & Rosalie	556.55	0.18	556.55
	309	marukke, George & Rosane	336.33	0.00	220.33

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	390	Martikke, George F& Rosalie	951.36	0.00	951.36
**		McDowell, Ronald J. & Anna M.	145.36		
		McPherson, Wayne	188.42	0.00	188.42
		Meagher, Brian	3,070.34	0.00	3,070.34
		Morey ,Shaun	299.41	5.06	294.35
		Newsom, John	438.06	0.00	438.06
		Newton, Kirt	1,105.80	0.00	1,105.80
	431	Nichols, Chrystal L. and Michael A.	497.50	0.00	497.50
		Nichols, Sam H.	679.83	0.00	679.83
**	433	Nickerson, Deborah	202.44	0.00	202.44
	434	Niemi, Jeffery L	1,454.39	0.00	1,454.39
		Noble, Debra J.	323.70	0.00	323.70
*	140	Nolfi, Edward F.	280.85	0.00	280.85
	436	Norton, David L.	163.93	0.00	163.93
		Norton, Dayle A.	394.01	0.00	394.01
*		Norton, Erin E.	2,750.78	0.00	2,750.78
*	565	Norton, Jared M	288.94	0.00	288.94
+		O'Conner, Dennis P.	322.91	0.00	322.91
		O'Donald, Gale	253.20	0.30	252.90
		Oliver, Carla J.	1,581.15	0.00	1,581.15
		Oliver, Herbert E.	317.98	0.00	317.98
		Osgood, Wanda	1,048.76	0.00	1,048.76
		Ostrand, Carl V. Estate of	640.49	0.00	640.49
**		Ouellette, Kenneth W	553.00	0.00	553.00
**		Ouellette, Kenneth W.	671.30	0.00	671.30
		Patenaude, Alan	284.99	0.00	284.99
		Patenaude, Alan	189.60	0.00	189.60
		Patenaude, Marc	152.07	40.00	112.07
		Patenaude, Rachel A	266.03	0.00	266.03
		Peters, Bruce	340.69		
		Peters, Bruce	449.31	0.00	449.31
*		Phillips, Steven A. & Teresa B.	144.67	0.00	144.67
		Piche, Bradley M.	656.10	0.00	656.10
		Powers, Jessica	221.69	0.00	221.69
		Powers, Jessica	151.09	0.00	151.09
	762	Prescott, Gerald S.	288.55	0.00	288.55
	499	Pressey, Robert & Mary	1,143.92	0.00	1,143.92
		Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	763.14	0.00	763.14
	502	Quimby, Clifton & Florence	1,789.15	0.00	1,789.15
	503	Quimby, Clifton B. Et Al	1,219.56	0.00	1,219.56
		R. J. Fortier Hydropower, Inc.	669.72	0.00	669.72
		Rackliff, Michael A.	604.55	0.00	604.55
**	511	Rackliff, Steven T.	843.33	0.00	843.33

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		Randall, Barbara J.	690.66	0.00	690.66
		Randall, Robert M. Sr.	91.25	0.00	91.25
*	229	Red Tail Alliance Inc.	1,536.95	496.01	1,040.94
	520	Reitano Et Al, David	449.31	0.00	449.31
	529	Robbins, Gary L.	1,106.59	0.00	1,106.59
	70	Rosie, Crystal	380.90	4.88	376.02
	665	Russo, Diane M.	1,233.70	96.21	1,137.49
	765	Sanville, Andrew	151.09	0.00	151.09
	130	Sanville,Robert Sr	151.09	0.00	151.09
	547	Seamon, Daryl O.	431.14	0.00	431.14
	548	Seamon, Daryl O.	1,062.16	0.00	1,062.16
	549	Seamon, Thomas J	233.25	0.00	233.25
	654	Seamon, Thomas J.	210.93	0.00	210.93
	463	Semas Joseph,J	957.48	0.00	957.48
	555	Shaw, Kenneth	220.21	0.00	220.21
	558	Sherrer, Charles R.	950.96	0.00	950.96
	559	Sherrer, Christopher	224.36	0.00	224.36
	560	Sherrer, Earskin	228.11	0.99	227.12
**	562	Sherrer, John	238.38	0.00	238.38
**	563	Sherrer,Lucy Geneva	390.06	3.13	386.93
	570	Smith, Michael, A.	635.95	0.00	635.95
	9	Sours, Molly F.	155.04	0.00	155.04
	707	Sours, Shane	189.60	0.00	189.60
	521	Sours, Shane L.	662.81	0.00	662.81
**	708	Sours, Shane L.	176.76	100.00	76.76
	417	Sprague, Richard J.	302.83	0.00	302.83
		Stanley, Adam L	1,011.16	0.00	1,011.16
	578	Stapelin, John W. & Frances E.	434.30	0.00	434.30
	579	Staph, Mike	945.04	0.00	945.04
	593	Sterry Earl R. Jr.	487.83	0.00	487.83
	590	Sterry, Troy	1,110.62	0.00	1,110.62
	691	Stevens, Charles L.	577.21	0.00	577.21
	722	Swisher, John R.	189.60	0.00	189.60
	604	Taylor, Darlene A.	1,470.39	0.00	1,470.39
	606	Taylor, Darlene A.	292.30	0.00	292.30
	605	Taylor, David E.	1,201.43	0.00	1,201.43
	613	Thayer, James & Elaine	1,157.55	600.00	557.55
	615	Thayer, Timothy	882.83	0.00	882.83
	617	Theberge, Andre & Patricia	2,630.50	0.00	2,630.50
	621	Thurston, Becky J.	224.95	0.00	224.95
	622	Toothaker, Nona L.	737.47	0.00	737.47
	627	Tracy, Alice C. and Truman G.	69.13	0.00	69.13
	628	Tracy, Alice C. and Truman G.	409.81	0.00	409.81
	631	Tutt, Dawn	1,273.88	0.00	1,273.88

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		Total for 227 Accounts:	142,055.06	4,563.91	137,491.15
**	692	Zink Jr., George H.	474.00	100.00	374.00
		Wright, Albert	477.56	2.00	475.56
*	676	Worthley, Melinda	715.48	200.00	515.48
	675	Wooster, James A.	796.58	0.00	796.58
**	662	Whittemore, Nicholas	266.63	0.00	<b>266.6</b> 3
	660	White, Stephen	503.63	2.74	500.89
	659	Whipple,Charles Bruce	1,067.13	0.00	1,067.13
	657	Whipple, Darrin	66.95	0.00	66.95
	658	Whipple, Charles Bruce	118.50	0.00	118.50
	467	Whipple, Charles Bruce	1,308.44	0.00	1,308.44
	352	Webber, Archie L.	163.93	0.00	163.93
	639	Vincent, Edward B.	161.36	0.00	161.36
	638	Vessella, David A	1,218.58	0.00	1,218.58
	636	Van Tol, Gary	227.52	0.00	227.52
	635	Urquhart, Pearl J.	537.20	0.00	537.20

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			Original	Payments/	Amount
Status	Acct	Name	Tax	Adjustments	Due
	711	Ashby, Deborah	245.28	0.00	245.28
	26	Atwood, John and Meader, Twilight G.	248.90	0.00	248.90
**	35	Bashura, Gary J.	607.97	0.00	607.97
	5 <b>7</b> 7	Bavolar, James R.	791.70	791.05	0.65
1	46	Belmore, Thomas G.	388.61	0.00	388.61
	86	Christen, Pamela	2,275.76	0.00	2,275.76
	87	Churchill, Caleb	650.11	0.00	650.11
	416	Clark,Kelly D	542.12	0.00	542.12
	98	Colburn, Gary	796.35	98.31	698.04
	343	Cowell, Edward J.	436.89	0.00	436.89
	117	Cram, Robert & Norma	1,282.84	0.00	1,282.84
	136	Deming, Roi A.	700.89	0.00	700.89
	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	0.00	579.78
		Duley, Richard	226.07	0.00	226.07
	181	Elfahel, Katrina.	789.36	0.00	789.36
	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
	231	Greenleaf, Scott	514.72	357.88	156.84
	561	Gulnick, Sandra L.	523.80	0.00	523.80
	241	Hand, Roger & Carolee	618.80	0.00	618.80
	281	Holmes, Eric G	393.00	0.00	393.00
	285	Horelick, Estate of, Walter	684.13	0.00	684.13
	299	Irvine, Carl H Jr.	435.33	0.00	435.33
	386	Johnson,Christopher	516.93	0.00	516.93
**	322	Kimball, Lemuel P. and Cynthia M.	1,288.70	0.00	1,288.70
	385	Libby, Timothy D,	430.07	0.00	430.07
	405	McPherson, Wayne	282.18	0.00	282.18
	430	Newton, Kirt	1,347.70	0.00	1,347.70
1	431	Nichols, Chrystal L. and Michael A.	646.76	490.92	155.84
	437	Norton, Dayle A.	518.56	0.00	518.56
	444	Oliver, Herbert E.	436.92	0.00	436.92
	456	Osgood, Wanda	1,282.21	0.00	1,282.21
	457	Ostrand, Carl V. Estate of	801.59	0.00	801.59
	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
		Quimby, Clifton & Florence	2,126.29	0.00	2,126.29

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	Total for 55 Accounts:	40,038.96	1,738.16	38,300.80
659	Whipple,Charles Bruce	1,297.63	0.00	1,297.63
657	Whipple, Darrin	148.66	0.00	148.66
 658	Whipple, Charles Bruce	202.19	0.00	202.19
639	Vincent, Edward B.	251.39	0.00	251.39
 621	Thurston, Becky J.	266.47	0.00	266.47
605	Taylor, David E.	1,243.68	0.00	1,243.68
722	Swisher, John R.	283.83	0.00	283.83
593	Sterry Earl R. Jr.	631.95	0.00	631.95
574	Stanley,Adam L	1,232.91	0.00	1,232.91
570	Smith, Michael, A.	802.49	0.00	802.49
558	Sherrer, Charles R.	1,164.22	0.00	1,164.22
707	Seeley, Donald	283.83	0.00	283.83
529	Robbins, Gary L.	1,240.90	0.00	1,240.90
520	Reitano Et Al, David	588.17	0.00	588.17
517	Randall, Barbara J.	864.87	0.00	864.87

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#### Non Zero Balance on All Accounts Tax Year: 2011 As of: December 31, 2013

			Original	Payments/	Amount
Status	Acct	Name	Tax	Adjustments	Due
	711	Ashby, Deborah	261.34	0.00	261.34
	26	Atwood, John and Meader, Twilight G.	265.49	26.97	238.52
	561	Bickford, Sandra L.	412.73	0.00	412.73
	87	Churchill, Caleb	722.27	0.00	722.27
	416	Clark,Kelly D	598.42	-19.58	618.00
	136	Deming, Roi A.	781.61	0.00	781.61
	29	Diethelm, Christian N	387.28	0.00	387.28
	455	Donovan, Gregory J.	642.95	0.00	642.95
	181	Elfahel, Katrina.	884.31	0.00	884.31
	241	Hand, Roger & Carolee	690.59	233.97	456.62
	285	Horelick, Estate of, Walter	761.22	0.00	761.22
	299	Irvine, Carl H Jr.	478.95	70.21	408.74
	386	Johnson,Christopher	569.79	352.26	217.53
	430	Newton, Kirt	1,522.22	0.00	1,522.22
	444	Oliver, Herbert E.	480.77	0.00	480.77
	456	Osgood, Wanda	1,447.23	0.00	1,447.23
	457	Ostrand, Carl V. Estate of	895.74	0.00	895.74
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	1,066.08	0.00	1,066.08
	502	Quimby, Clifton & Florence	2,415.13	0.00	2,415.13
	517	Randall, Barbara J.	970.78	346.79	623.99
	520	Reitano Et Al, David	649.96	0.00	649.96
*	529	Robbins, Gary L.	1,398.74	511.97	886.77
*	558	Sherrer, Charles R.	1,309.55	567.58	741.97
	570	Smith, Michael, b.	895.35	0.00	895.35
	707	Sours, Shane	314.06	0.00	314.06
*	593	Sterry Earl R. Jr.	704.09	401.87	302.22
	639	Vincent, Edward B.	265.75	0.00	265.75
	659	Whipple,Charles Bruce	1,456.70	203.90	1,252.80
		Total for 28 Accounts:	23,249.10	2,695.94	20,553.16

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<sup>\*</sup> Indicates Partial Payment after December 31, 2013

#### Non Zero Balance on All Accounts

Tax Year: 2010 As of: December 31, 2013

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	136	Deming, Roi A.	730.63	324.34	406.29
	29	Diethelm, Christian N	368.90	-19.11	388.01
**	181	Elfahel, Katrina.	834.34	759.64	74.70
	285	Horelick, Estate of, Walter	725.60	649.99	75.61
	430	Newton, Kirt	1,443.11	79.99	1,363.12
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	1,007.74	496.69	511.05
	520	Reitano Et Al, David	387.77	-19.11	406.88
	707	Sours, Shane	299.57	-31.33	330.90
	639	Vincent, Edward B.	252.97	-19.11	272.08
		Total for 9 Accounts:	6,050.63	2,221.99	3,828.64

#### Non Zero Balance on All Accounts

**Tax Year: 2009** 

**As of: December 31, 2013** 

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	29	Diethelm, Christian N	359.01	-18.54	377.55
*	707	Sours, Shane	280.99	-24.08	305.07
	639	Vincent, Edward B.	246.67	-18.54	265.21
		Total for 3 Accounts:	886.67	-61.16	947.83

#### Non Zero Balance on All Accounts

Tax Year: 2008

As of: December 31, 2013

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	29	Diethelm, Christian N	135.77	-18.54	154.31
**	707	Sours, Shane	257.62	222.09	35.53
		Total for 2 Accounts:	393.39	203.55	189.84

- \*\* Indicates Paid in Full after December 31, 2013
- \* Indicates Partial Payment after December 31, 2013

# Treasurer's Report

2013 marks the close of my second 3 year term as Treasurer. So far this experience has been an education and a treat. I am excited about 2014, and am running for a third term.

Starks had a great year financially. Revenues for the Town's governmental activities **increased by 7.42%**, while total expenses **decreased by 3.35%**. We were able to set aside \$60,000 at last year's annual town meeting, for an additional Capital Improvement account that the Town then later voted, at a Special Town Meeting, to use for several projects. The account still has a balance of \$15,822.15. The budget Committee and the selectmen are recommending that we transfer that money to the existing Building Capital Improvement account, in order to better prepare for maintenance and improvement at the Community Center. I support that decision.

We have continued to see a savings from the withdrawal of RSU #59. This year our school tax to RSU #9 was \$257,283, still **\$70,879** less than 2 years ago, when we paid RSU #59 \$328,162. In Addition, we saw an increase in CMP's taxes (our largest tax payer by far) which also contributed to the savings. It will level out with the increase to our valuation in 2014.

In late 2012 we had an unanticipated visit from the Maine Department of Labor. Subsequently we were surprised to find that we were largely out of compliance in all of our buildings, some more than others. There were associated costs with the findings, totaling over \$8,000 in that year, with some additional costs to the garage in 2013. All of the standards are required to be met by State and Federal laws.

There are three overdrafts this year; they can be found on my "2013 Expense Report" just a few pages down from this one. They are also listed under article #57 "over drafts" in this year's 2014 Warrant.

Several cost areas have come in under budget this year. These unexpended balances listed as "undesignated" in the warrant articles, will help to lower our Town's commitment to taxes.

I successfully completed our 4<sup>th</sup> audit with RHR Smith with almost no findings. We've established a great relationship with them, specifically Senior Accountant, Vernice Brooks. This year's audit cost the Town \$4,925. **Nearly half**, the \$8,500 we paid to Purdy Powers in 2008.

I'm delighted to report that <u>we didn't have to take out a Tax Anticipated Note</u> for the first time in 3 years, which further proves the progressive financial direction of our great little community! In 2012 the cost to the town in interest for a TAN was **\$247.01**, *our lowest for a TAN* (\$364.67 in 2011, \$456.16 in 2010).

I was elected to serve on the budget committee again this year, which I enjoyed very much. My work on that committee is important to me, because I can contribute substantially with my knowledge of the town's finances. The group that I worked with was a great one! Thank you to **Bob Clark**, **Ernie Hilton**, **Carol Coles & Charlie Stevens**. 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.

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, and whatever other crazy request might come up in my absence. 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!!!** 

The end of 2013 came more rapidly than ever. In December, we saw the loss of legendary Treasurer Beula Hebert, who served the Town of Starks for 28 years. I hope one day, I'm able to say I served the town for at least that long.

This position is one that evolves with time, and can sometimes require more attention from me at different points in the year. I enjoy the work and the people **very much!** As always, I'm looking forward to the new year and its challenges.

Respectfully submitted, Frin Norton

## **TOWN OF STARKS EXPENSE SUMMARY 2013**

Article #	Object	Budget	Expended	Balance	% Spent
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	\$1,287.25	\$712.75	64.36%
15	Training Workshops	\$800.00	\$160.00	\$640.00	20.00%
15	Unemployment	\$1 <i>,</i> 300.00	\$917.73	\$382.27	70.59%
15	Annual Drug Testing Fee	\$50.00	\$175.00	-\$125.00	350.00%
15	Postage	\$1,500.00	\$2,195.52	-\$695.52	146.37%
15	Books & Subscriptions	\$200.00	\$32.00	\$168.00	16.00%
15	Dues	\$2,300.00	\$2,079.00	\$221.00	90.39%
15	Office	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	0.00%
15	Miscellaneous	\$5,000.00	\$6,522.33	\$0.00	130.45%
15	Audit	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	100.00%
15	Trio Renewal/Upgrades	\$4,000.00	\$4,014.03	-\$14.03	100.35%
15	Legal	\$8,000.00	\$1,925.31	\$6,074.69	24.07%
15	Assessors Map Updates	\$2,300.00	\$0.00	\$2,300.00	0.00%
15	Town Report	\$1,000.00	\$908.00	\$92.00	90.80%
15	Ads	\$1,500.00	\$875.43	\$624.57	58.36%
15	Xerox Lease	\$1,620.00	\$1,620.00	\$0.00	100.00%
15	Water Rent	\$3,700.00	\$3,672.23	\$27.77	99.25%
15	KVRWC	\$8,567.00	\$8,567.00	\$0.00	100.00%
15	Large Item Pickup	\$6,000.00	\$7,076.71	-\$1,076.71	117.95%
15	Cemetery Maintenance	\$1,000.00	\$370.02	\$629.98	37.00%
15	MMA Insurance PCP	\$17,000.00	\$16,247.00	\$753.00	95.57%
15	TAN Interest	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	0.00%
15	Voice of Starks	\$500.00	\$222.98	\$277.02	44.60%
16	Former Town Hall	\$705.00	\$0.00	\$705.00	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	\$3,900.00	\$2,335.00	\$1,565.00	59.87%
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	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$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	0.00%
28	Appeals Board	\$500.00	\$8.00	\$492.00	1.60%
29	Planning Board	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	0.00%
30	Training of Outgoing Officers	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	0.00%
31	Community Center	\$25,525.00	\$25,525.00	\$0.00	100.00%
32	Fire Department	\$28,000.00	\$17,454.01	\$10,545.99	62.34%
33	Fire Chief Salary	\$3,400.00	\$3,400.00	\$0.00	100.00%
34	Animal Control	\$1,000.00	\$858.18	\$141.82	85.82%
35	AMS Ambulance	\$9,600.00	\$9,600.00	\$0.00	100.00%
36	Road Signs	\$300.00	\$460.61	-\$160.61	153.54%
37	Street Lights	\$1,200.00	\$1,037.58	\$162.42	86.47%
38	Equipment	\$55,000.00	\$51,300.78	\$3,699.22	93.27%
39	Garage	\$10,000.00	\$15,212.39	-\$5,212.39	152.12%
40	Summer Roads Maintenance	\$40,000.00	\$50,734.74	-\$10,734.74	126.84%
41	Winter Roads	\$67,000.00	\$55,165.71	\$11,834.29	82.34%
42	Town Dump Maintenance	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	100.00%
43	General Assistance	\$4,000.00	\$4,142.75	-\$142.75	103.57%
44	Recreation	\$1,000.00	\$305.00	\$695.00	30.50%
45	Plow Truck	\$42,076.00	\$42,075.93	\$0.07	100.00%
46	Salt Shed	\$9,787.00	\$9,786.48	\$0.52	99.99%
48	Social Organizations	\$3,702.00	\$3,602.00	\$100.00	97.30%
49	Capital Improvements	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
50	Additional CI account	\$60,000.00	\$29,177.85	\$15,822.15	48.63%
52	Overdrafts	\$16,412.07	\$16,412.07	\$0.00	100.00%
Assessment	First Park	\$3,542.00	\$3,542.00	0	100.00%
Assessment	County Tax	\$77,583.35	\$77,583.35	\$0.00	100.00%
Assessment	RSU #9	\$257,283.00	\$257,283.00	\$0.00	100.00%
	Totals	\$888,447.42	\$806,365.36	\$82,082.06	90.76%

Prepared by Erin Norton

# Town of Starks Revenue Summary 2013

#### Town Citizens Contribution

Vendor	Amount
Tax Principal	\$696,851.00
Tax Interest	\$8,307.22
Excise	\$74,991.07
Building Permits	\$715.00
Agent Fees	\$3,732.35
Building Rental Fees & Donation	\$835.00
Total	\$785,431.64

# Intergovernmental/Outside Contributions

Vendor	Amount
First Park	\$1,838.27
General Assistance	\$1,942.70
Homestead Exemption	\$22,068.00
Revenue Sharing	\$55,798.22
Tree Growth	\$11,554.76
URIP	\$50,126.00
Veterans Exemption	\$1,071.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$4,818.01
Former Office/Store Lease	\$3,600.00
Total	\$152,816.96

#### Dedicated Use Accounts Interest & Balances

Account	Interest	Balance	
Higgens Trust	\$6,561.56	\$181,048.58	
URIP	\$138.07	\$18,648.00	
Capital Improvements	\$5.13	\$10,262.91	
Re-Valuation	\$35.81	\$41,207.32	
Cap Improvement Building Fund	\$4.11	\$9,219.31	
Additional Capital Improvement account	\$0.00	\$15,822.15	
Total	\$6,744.68	\$276,208.27	

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Town of Starks Payroll 2013

Selectmen	Total	\$9,000.00
Joe Miller	\$3,000.00	
Paul Frederic	\$3,000.00	
Sterling Doiron	\$3,000.00	
Elections	Total	\$2,335.00
Billie Jo Krebs	\$165.00	
Cathleen Horner	\$340.00	
Denis Culley	\$250.00	
Erin Norton	\$300.00	
Jennifer Zweig Hebert	\$310.00	
Jerry Brackett	\$200.00	
Nicole Nelson	\$80.00	
Robin Kremer	\$275.00	
Tracy Quimby	\$245.00	
Vicki Stevens	\$170.00	
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	\$5,000.00
William Pressey	\$5,000.00	
Sexton	Total	\$1,500.00
William Pressey	\$1,500.00	
Fire Department Training	Total	\$976.00
Adam Ward	\$32.00	•
Carl Irvine	\$224.00	
Charles Stevens	\$200.00	
Damien Kelly	\$320.00	
Guy Stevens	\$32.00	
Julie Costigan	\$120.00	
Truman Tracy	\$48.00	
Fire Chief	Total	\$3,400.00
Julie Costigan	\$3,400.00	
Assistant Fire Chief	Total	\$699.00
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	Charles Stevens	\$233.00	
	Chip Irvine	\$233.00	
	Truman Tracy	\$233.00	*****
	Fire Department Calls	Total	\$2,182.00
	Adam Ward	\$104.00	
	Carl Irvine	\$366.00	
	Charles Stevens	\$264.00	
	Damien Kelly	\$248.00	
	Guy Stevens	\$88.00	
	Julie Costigan	\$672.00	
***************************************	Truman Tracy	\$440.00	
	Animal Control	Total	\$552.00
	Terry Leonard	\$552.00	
	Code Enforcement Officer	Total	\$3,000.00
	Leo Mayo	\$3,000.00	
	Plumbing Fees	Total	\$1,445.00
	Leo Mayo	\$1,445.00	
	Equipment	Total	\$7,042.50
	Dennis Cotton	\$3,428.00	<i>\$1,012.30</i>
	Duane Locke	\$104.00	
	Frederick Vogel	\$812.50	
	Julie Costigan	\$416.00	
	Ronald Giguere	\$1,742.00	
	William Pressey	\$540.00	
	Summer Roads	Total	\$16,859.53
	Daniel Shaw	\$227.50	\$±0,039.33
	Dennis Cotton	\$15,956.00	
	Julie Costigan	\$13,330.00	
	Kyle Costigan	\$24.00 \$24.00	
	Ronald Giguere	\$628.03	
	Winter Roads	Total	\$29,458.00
	Duane Locke	\$1,007.50	\$2 <i>3,</i> 430.00
	Dennis Cotton	\$17,454.00	
	William Pressey	\$17,434.00 \$174.00	
	Frederick Vogel	\$3,354.00	
	Ronald Giguere		
	Daniel Shaw	\$7,325.50 \$143.00	
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	Garage	Total	\$1,526.00
	Dennis Cotton	\$1,180.00	
	Fredrick Vogel	\$97.50	
	Ronald Giguere	\$149.50	
	William Pressey	\$99.00	
		Prepared by Erin N	orton

#### **Cemetery Trust Balance December 31st 2013**

#### \$10,032.06

Frederic Cemetery		Total Trust	% of Trust	2011 Interest
John W. Higgins		\$5,000.00	79%	\$16.21
Frederic Cemetery Trust		\$157.10	2%	\$0.41
Alice Frederic Fields Trust Fund		\$180.27	3%	\$0.62
Sawyer and Trask Fund		\$334.74	5%	\$1.03
M.D. Frederic Trust Fund		\$100.00	2%	\$0.41
Bertha Waugh Smith-Georgia & Clifford Brann Lot		\$59.37	1%	\$0.20
Glen Frederic Trust Fund		\$500.00	8%	\$1.64
	Total	\$6,331.48	64%	\$20.52
Locke Cemetery				
Bertha Waugh Smith-Sampson & Mary Duley Lot		\$59.38	6%	\$0.23
Clarence Norton		\$100.00	9%	\$0.34
Calvin Bryant Fish & Herietta Fish Lot		\$200.00	17%	\$0.64
Arthur Morse Trust Fund		\$350.00	30%	\$1.16
David J. Taylor-Milia Taylor Trust Fund		\$100.00	9%	\$0.34
Artthur Buffington Fund-William Gillis Lot		\$40.00	4%	\$0.16
Robert R Bichols & George Nichols Lot		\$100.00	9%	\$0.34
Frank Sterry Fund- Williamson Lot		\$200.00	17%	\$0.64
	Total	\$1,149.38	12%	\$3.85
<b>Tupper or Williamson Cemetery</b>				
Captian Stevenson & George Williamson Lots		\$95.88	18%	\$0.29
Emma J. Frederic Trust Fund		\$139.81	27%	\$0.43
Betsy Wook Trust Fund		\$59.93	11%	\$0.18
Betsy Smith Cemetery Lot Trust Fund		\$79.17	15%	\$0.24
William P. True Fund Lot		\$150.00	29%	\$0.46
	Total	\$524.79	5%	\$1.60
Brake Hill Cemetery				
Arthur and Susie Morse Lot		\$200.00	22%	\$0.62
Brake Hill Cemetery Lot		\$608.02	67%	\$1.94
Maude Rankin & Anne Ederly Fund-Lovell Lot		\$100.00	11%	\$0.33
	Total	\$908.02	9%	\$2.89
Churchill Cemetery				
Arlin L. & Lucinda Chapman				
Justin O. & Sarah T. Chapman	•	\$1,000.00	10.00%	\$3.20
	Total Trust	\$10,000.00	100.00%	
Issued to Ferderic Cemetery				\$20.52
Issued to Locke Cemetery				\$3.85
Issued to Town of Starks				\$7.69
Transferred to the General Fund on January 13th 2013				\$32.06
Prepared by Erin Norton				

#### **BOARD OF ASSESSORS ANNUAL REPORT for 2013**

The Town of Starks Board of Assessors has been meeting weekly at 7 P.M. on Mondays at the Starks Municipal Office. This meeting time will probably be changed due to a scheduling conflict with the Selectman's meetings. It is likely that the Assessors will be meeting on Thursday night at 7 P. M. in the future. Meetings are open and the public is welcome to attend. 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. Our certified ratio for 2012 increased to 85% from the previous level of 83%. The number of new structures being built has continued to be less than it was a few years ago. However, things look more promising for next year since more new buildings have been built within the past year than has been the case for several years.

The Mil rate decreased from 21.5 in 2012 to 19.75 mils for 2013, a reduction of about 10%. This decrease was made possible by the continued savings realized by joining with the Mt. Blue School District (approximately an additional \$45,000 this year), and an increase in taxes assessed to Central Maine Power due to full valuation of the new switching station that has been built along Rt. 43, near the Anson Town Line (another \$50,000).

These increases in revenue have helped to offset the fact that State Revenue Sharing has been decreased, as has the Homestead Exemption and the Tree Growth Reimbursement.

Hopefully the decrease in state funding has leveled off and we will be facing a period of relatively level taxation rates.

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 has been ongoing, and we hope to have the new maps available for Town Meeting. The funding that was secured through a federal grant with Sebago Technics, a surveying company based in Lewiston, has been completed. This project paid for the conversion of our tax maps to digital files in ESRI format so they can be made available through the State of Maine MEGIS web site, and will be available on our town web site in PDF format. The value of this work was around \$17,000, but was done at no expense to the town. This will also allow printing on the town's printer at 11X17 inch size. For full sized copies at 24X24 inch, we will incur only printing costs. It also makes future tax map updating cheaper because it can be done digitally without the need of hiring a contractor to make laborious changes on mylar.

We have completed an update to our filing system so that information is more easily accessible, and are working on cross referencing all property lots with the new tax maps, tax cards and the commitment book.

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

Starks Board of Assessors

Joe Hayden

#### Breakdown of Municipal Valuation Data for 2013

Total taxable valuation = 34,552,500

**ASSESSMENTS** 

County Tax \$77,583.00

Municipal Appropriation \$672,210.00

Local Education Appropriation \$254,246.00

Overlay \$30,543.58

Total Assessments \$1,03,582.58

**DEDUCTIONS** 

State Municipal Revenue Sharing \$50,000.00

Homestead Reimbursement \$21,037.70

<u>Other Revenue</u> \$281,133.00

Total Deductions \$352,170.70

Net Assessment for Commitment \$682,411.88

At a mil rate of 19.75 mils

#### 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.

#### 2013 Subdivisions and Site Review Permits:

A Site Review Permit was granted to Bay Communications for the installation of a Telecommunications Tower on the land of Claire and Mark Nelson on Abijah Hill. The issuance of this permit was appealed by an abutter, but was upheld by the Appeals Board.

#### 2013 Shoreland Zoning Permits

No Shoreland Zoning Permits were requested during 2013.

#### 2013 Mass Gathering Permits:

No Mass Gathering Application Permits were requested during 2013

#### 2013 Ordinance Updates:

No changes were made to Town Ordinances during 2013.

Respectfully submitted

Starks Planning Board

Kerry Hebert Chairman

#### 2013 LPI/CEO Report

There were twelve plumbing permits issued; five complete septic systems; one tank replacement; six internal plumbing and inspections for compliance as required.

Site reviews and issuance of twenty-eight permits for construction included residences; additions to existing buildings; garages; out buildings; a barn; pole barns; decks; a temporary structure and private wind towers.

Enforcement letters and verbal requests to citizens concerning nuisance yards; junk yards; and trash were issued. Legal action is required on some and progress is being made toward compliance.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Leo Mayo

## 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 5:00-8:30 PM on Mondays. 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.

This year we updated and made some protective changes to the water pipes on the corner of Chicken Street and Locke Hill Road so that those roads could be paved without interfering with water service.

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 2014 will be as follows:

March 19

April 16

May 21

June 18

July 16

August 20

September 17

October 15

November 19

December 17

We have an annual balanced budget of \$10,927.00.

We are currently seeking to fill two vacancies on the Board. Please e-mail us at <a href="mailto:starkswater@gmail.com">starkswater@gmail.com</a> if you are interested.

Ann Marie Simone, M.Ed.

Clerk/Treasurer

**Starks Fire Department Report for the year 2013** 

Starks Fire responded to a total of 30 calls in the year 2013.

1055-Car accidents-3

**Standby for Madison-10** 

**Standby for Anson-2** 

**Structure fires in Starks-2** 

**Assist AMS-3** 

**Down power lines/trees-3** 

**Chimney fire-3** 

**Woods fires-1** 

Fire Alarm/C0 Complaint-1

**Roads Washed out-2** 

Once again this year the department came in under budget, due to not having to purchase large amounts of gear and equipment. Our runs were down so fuel cost were down. Our Department has it's ups and downs. My hope for this up coming year to grow in numbers and knowledge.

I find the fire service and ever lasting learning experience. I have attended many meetings and trainings this past year and always bring back something from everything I attend.

As always when a new year starts, starts a new year of many new and old trainings. These trainings are very important to help grow a strong and knowledgeable department.

As always the fire service has many changes going on and we anticipate this year will be no different. I Thank you for your support in OUR Fire Dept. and look forward to a new and exciting year.

Thank You,

Julie Costigan

**Starks Fire Chief** 

## <u>2014</u>

### KVRWC CURBSIDE RECYCLING CALENDAR

### Route designations

Route 1---North Anson, done on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays
Route 2---Anson Village, done on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays
Route 3---Starks and Southwest Anson, done on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays

Month	Rt. 1	Rt. 2	Rt.3	
Jan	6 & 20	14 & 28	9& 23	
Feb.	3 & 17	11 & 25	13 & 27	
Mar.	3 & 17	11 & 25	13 & 27	
Apr.	7 <b>&amp;</b> 21	8 & 22	10 & 24	
May	5 & 19	13 & 27	8 & 22	
Jun.	2 & 16	10 & 24	12 & 26	
July	7 & 21	8 & 22	10 & 24	
Aug.	4 & 18	12 & 26	14 & 28	
Sep.	1 & 15	9 & 23	11 & 25	
Oct.	6 & 20	14 & 28	9 & 23	
Nov.	3 <b>&amp;</b> 17	11 & 25	13 & 24*	
Dec.	1 & 15	9 & 23	11 & 22*	as ab No Fin

<sup>\*</sup>Make up day for Thanksgiving.

Cancellations due to weather cannot be made up. Call 696-3124 for information on Routes and cancellations.

<sup>\*</sup>Make up day for Christmas

#### KENNEBEC VALLEY REGIONAL WASTE CORPORATION

#### **Annual Report for 2013**

The withdrawal of Bingham. Moscow, and Pleasant Ridge from the recycling program did not produce any serious negative consequences as might have been feared The withdrawal of Pleasant Ridge and the decision of the Town of Bingham to place a property tax on our facility in Bingham hurt, but the impact will not be fatal to the two remaining Towns (Anson and Starks).

The rate of participation in the recycling program is still increasing in both Anson and Starks which shows in the tonnage amounts for the year 2013. Anson produced nearly 166 tons and Starks over 63 tons. In both towns an increase is recycling reduces the amounts that would end up in the solid waste landfill, and in savings for either the taxpayers or the rate payers. Anson residents save by reducing the cost of taxpayers paying the tipping fees, which resulted in a savings of \$14,292.00. Last year alone resulted in a savings of nearly \$5,424.00 for Starks residents who save on the amount that rate-payers would pay to their trash hauler. The greater the participation, the greater the savings would be. It simply makes sense to participate in the K. V. R. W. C. Recycling Program.

Add the fact that the market value of recycled materials has increased so much that the return of money further helps to support the cost of operating the program, thereby reducing the strain on the taxpayers of the two communities. Each year the good sense of operating recycling programs is also becoming more and more obvious to the taxpayers and rate payers of our two communities. Any questions concerning the program can be answered by calling 696-3124. The following is the budget and revenue stream for the year 2013.

#### **Expenditures**

	2013 actual	Revenue
1. Contract operations	\$42,000.00	Anson\$38,311.00
2. Supplies	214.64	Starks\$8,567.00
3. Insurance	5,298.00	P. Ridge625.00
4. Utilities	733.27	S.A.D 131,100.00
5. Fuel	8,763.45	Fuel Rebate969.24
6 prof. Dues	575.00	Sales6,236.39
7. Maint./repairs	3,711.76	carryover26,038.02
8. Rent/mileage	550.20	
9. Taxes to Bingham	949.81	
!0 Audit	1,500.06	
Totals	\$64,296.13	\$81,846.65

# ANSON/MADISON & STARKS EMERGENCY SERVICES aka AMS AMBULANCE SERVICE

Fiscal Year 7-1-12 - 6-30-13

AMS enjoyed another successful year under the leadership of George Demchek, Director. The total number of calls/runs for the fiscal year was 1,633 (same as 2012). Calls/runs by town were:

Madison 728 or 43.4% Anson 346 or 19.6% Emden 89 or 5.3% Starks 46 or 2.7% Skowhegan & All others 424 or 26%

Staff turnover has been minimal. An employee evaluation program has been researched and will be implemented in early 2014. Throughout the fiscal year, the Board of Directors has researched, developed and implemented an enhanced collections program, retaining Corson and Blaisdell, PA of Madison for civil collection of debts.

Calls by dispatch reason were:
Transfers 347 or 20.7%
Falls 161 or 9.8%
Breathing issues 155 or 9.2%
Chest pain 117 or 7.0%
Traffic accidents 108 or 6.4%
All others 745 or 45.6%

Females required aid 300 more times than males.

Average patient age was 60 years.

Number of patient calls for citizens over age 65 was 787

As of July 24, 2013, I did not run for re-election for the presidency of AMS. Subsequently, John Bryant of Anson was nominated and elected unanimously.

All residents are again being asked to ensure your house numbers are easily visible from the road.

Miller, Director at Jonge.

Respectfully submitted:

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## Starks Food Cupboard

A program of East Parish Housing Ministry, Inc.

### **ANNUAL REPORT**

2013 was another successful year for our Food Cupboard. We had about 12 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 opened. In response to emergency requests. Please call Call 696-4337.or cell phone 399-8275.

# Thank you for your continued support, Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Kimball, Coordinator

Income	
Beginning Balance	\$ 469.4 <u>5</u>
Town of Starks	\$ 900.00
Fema	\$ 598.00
Miscellaneous donations	<b>\$ 400.00</b>
Total Income	<u>\$ 2,367.45</u>
<u>Expenses</u>	
Good Shepard Food Bank	\$ 400.00
Hannaford, Wal-mart, misc expences	\$ 359.00
Save-A-Lot	\$ 598.30
Bobs' cash fuel	\$ 635.00
Balance Ending	<u>\$375.15</u>

## FIRST PARK 2013 Report

The Kennebec Regional Development Authority, operating under the business name of FIRST PARK, continues to have very limited slow growth due to the poor business climate in our state and throughout the nation. It is difficult to have job growth when businesses are not expanding and new businesses are not created due to the uncertainty of our economic future.

Starks assessment for the year 2012-2013 was \$3,542.00. Starks receives about 50% of these funds back from income based on FIRST PARK's annual operations. Our town continues to be the smallest participant in the Authority.

A new Executive Director was employed in the fall of 2012. A decision was made to shift to seeking smaller, possibly local businesses instead of large, out of state companies to locate in First Park. There have been no known general assembly meetings since last fall.

Joseph R. Miller, Representative to FIRST PARK

Sterling Doiron, Alternate

### **Budget Committee Annual Report 2013**

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 from the floor, at the Annual Town Meeting. The Budget Committee is advisory only, and is not charged with making final decisions. All such decisions are the responsibility of the Board of Selectmen and the legislative body of the town.

Members of the 2013 Budget Committee:

- Robert Clark
- Erin Norton
- Ernest Hilton
- Charles Stevens
- Carol Coles

In our work with the Board of Selectmen we referred to the most recent 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 the construction of the Pelton Book Bridge. We also reviewed a list of planned road improvements as well as the recommendations for maintenance and repairs to the former Starks School/ Starks Community Building in preparation for the special town meeting held on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Our committee membership was down to four during this year since Charlie Stevens took a new job out of town. Starks benefits from citizen participation on its boards and we hope that others will consider serving.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Clark,

Chairman Starks Budget Committee

# Community Center Building Committee Annual Report 2013

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

Our committee's former chair, Charles "Charlie" Stevens left the committee when he took a new job out of town and we want to thank him for his leadership, warm humor and service to this board.

This year's issues included the need for an energy audit to ensure economical use, a new floor for the gym as well as planning for outdoor maintenance and exterior painting.

Use of the facility continues to grow and we are all pleased with the way this new resource 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.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Riemer Coles, Chairperson Community Center Building Committee Along with the usual stray dog and abandoned cat calls in 2013 I also had a few calls about goats and a call about pigs. Three goats were recovered and returned to the owners. I think there is still one pig roaming around that escaped and is just too crafty to be caught.

I had the Franklin County Animal Shelter call to let me know that a kitten I took in to the shelter had Feline Leukemia. Please take your cats to your vet and make sure all their shots are up to date. It is also a Maine State Law that if you own a cat they must be vaccinated against rabies.

I get a number of stray dog calls every year and this year one of those dogs was hit and killed by a car. Everyone says "My dog never leaves the yard." That may be true up to the day when the dog does leave the yard. If people would put their phone number on the dog collar and then put the collar on the dog I would be able to get the dog back to the owner rather than take it to the Franklin County Animal Shelter.

The cost to get your dog back from the shelter is \$10 per day.

The fine for a dog running loose is \$50 to \$250 plus Court costs.

If your dog damages property or harms livestock or another pet you are liable for that also.

The fine for having an unlicensed dog in Maine is up to \$100 plus Court costs. After Jan 31st there is a \$25 late fee mandated by the State of Maine.

We did not have any confirmed cases of rabies in Starks this year but there were several cases in the towns around Starks. Most of the rabies calls are about racoons. Please be careful if you see any wild animal that does not act normal. If you do have a wild animal acting strange call the State Police at 474-3350 and they will have a game warden contact you.

Starks Animal Control Officer, Terry Leonard 240-1799 terrylis@yahoo.com

#### COMMUNITY CENTER SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

#### Greetings;

I have to start this report by expressing to you the loss that this, your Community Center, has suffered this past year. This building is more than just a building; it is a hub of activity for both young and old and encompasses not only what lies within its walls, but also the grounds that surround it. The loss of Jim Murphy has been, and will be for years to come, a loss felt throughout this Community Center.

The Community Center has again this year been busy with many events. There have been events for our young people sponsored by SEEdS and the Library Committee; birthday celebrations; wedding celebrations; Christmas celebrations; and celebrations of life for citizens passed. There has been music, theater, literature, education, magic, and dance. Volleyball, softball, bicycling, sledding, snowshoeing, pumpkin carving, petting zoos, fundraisers... the list goes on and on. We are very fortunate to have this place of community and to have all the wonderful volunteers that make it such a treasure.

This year saw the replacement of the gym, kitchen, and bathroom floors. They should serve us well for years to come. The energy audit was completed, and although it was a shock to see the results, we have been able to attack the more glaring problems in-house and should be able to address more issues as we go along. The library is looking great and should be a source of pride to all. There were no major breakdowns within the building this past year and, with due diligence, we can hopefully achieve the same results this coming year.

I want to say thank you to all the folks who have given their support, both physically and verbally, to help me keep this Community Center a place that we as citizens can all be proud of.

Sincerely,

**Bill Pressey** 

## Town Sexton's Report

#### Greetings!

This past year I was able to complete several projects. I have plans to do some more needed maintenance this coming spring and summer.

We have several headstones that need repair. One stone at the Greenleaf Cemetery was demolished by a falling tree. To address these and other issues I have talked with a few interested townsfolk about establishing a group to do projects on town cemeteries. We hope to establish "Friends of our Fathers" as a group under the umbrella of Starks Enrichment and Education Society (SEEdS) as they have non-profit status and our plans fit within the organization's mission for our town.

First on our agenda is to correct the spelling on the town memorial listing Raymond S. Terry, Jr. rather than Raymond Sterry, Jr.

Fence repair and cleaning stones as well as attempting to identify all graves of veterans are also on our "to do" list.

Please leave your contact information with the Town Clerk if you are interested in helping with these worthy projects.

Respectfully,

Bill Pressey, Town Sexton

#### STARKS TOWN LIBRARY

The library continues to be an integral part of the Starks Community Center. The library has been used for story time on Saturday mornings, craft activities, the book club, and other monthly events.

In celebration of Ground Hog day, a selection of groundhog stories was read to the kids. Then, adults and kids alike spent time creating groundhog finger puppets from clay.

Starks Summer Kids! program continues to grow year to year. This year the children participated in a variety of indoor and outdoor activities including adventures with dragons; shadow puppet performances; music fest of songs and instruments; giant bubbles; animal fables; a bike rodeo; and seed planting.

Halloween brought out the ghosts and goblins but the Library was ready with bags of treats so no tricks would be played on us. We saw over 20 kids visit the Library dressed in costumes and masks.

And, to end the year, with many, many community volunteers, the Starks Community Christmas Celebration was held at the Starks Community Center on Friday, December 20, 2013. 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.

We sincerely thank all of you have donated books to add to our collection which now spans over 7,000 books and still growing. A new addition to the library's collection is a number of books featured on the Best Seller Lists.

It has been a rewarding year for our volunteer library committee: Linda Larose, Nancy Lagin, Liz Frederic, Jon Hull and Maryanne Gawlinski and many volunteers who help us put on the individual programs.

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.

Maryanne Gawlinski Maryanne Gawlinski

Library Chair

#### **Starks Book Club Report (2013)**

Members of the Starks Book Club are reading our way into our third calendar year. We have stuck with our initial decision to choose a monthly topic and each pick books related to that topic rather than all reading the same book. We like the format, which promotes the exchange of ideas, personal experiences, and connections to community and current events. The perspectives are interesting and varied, and we all come away with a deeper understanding of the topics. Topics that we have explored over the past year include animal stories, biographies, true crime, World War II, and poetry. We generally meet in the Community Center library or at members' homes at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. Members sometimes get their selections from the library, exchange books, and donate their books to the library's growing collection. The Starks Book Club has been a great way to meet interesting people and share ideas.

Joe MC Carthy

## 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. This past year has been an eventful year for the district. Highlights of the Board/District's 2013-2014 year include:

- Following the retirement of long time Superintendent Dr. Michael Cormier the Board hired Dr. Thomas Ward to serve as the new Superintendent. Dr. Ward is an alumus of Mt. Blue High School and brings with him many years of experience in education.
- The Mt. Blue Regional High School/Foster Career and Technical Education Center campus (referred to as Mount Blue Campus) was completed this past fall. The \$60 million expansion is an impressive state of the art facility. Our children are fortunate to have the opportunity to attend such a beautiful school.
- New legislation, LD 667 effects school funding and will impact our town's financial obligation to the school district. To explain further, school funding in Maine is determined by how much money our state raises for General Purpose Aid (GPA) for education. Once the GPA is established, the school funding formula called Essential Programs and Services (EPS) further determines funding to school districts by using two year old State Property Valuations and two year old pupil numbers. RSU #9 is fortunate that 60% of costs in the EPS funded lines of the budget are covered by the state. To receive the 60% of these state funds, towns have to raise the other 40%. Approximately, four years ago a bill was passed that allowed school districts for a short period of time to not require their towns to raise the whole 40%. Our district was one of those that only required our towns to raise 82% of the required 40%, and were still able to receive the entire 60% share from the State. LD 667 ended that practice for the coming 2014-15-budget year and requires all towns in the state to fund 100% of their share by the 2016-17-budget year. RSU #9 has three years to accomplish this or lose state funding. Superintendent Ward proposed to the town managers and selectman that we spread this increase out over the next three budget years. The towns' share in EPS would go from presently being 82% in 2013-14, to 88% for 2014-15, to 94% in 2015-16, to 100% in 2016-17. This is necessary because any amount we fall short of 100% in 2016-17, will be deducted from the state share of 60%. Spreading these increases out over three years results in roughly a \$221,000 increase each year. Starks share of the \$221,000 will be about \$6,000. This is just one of the challenges facing this spring's budget season. As a member of the Budget Subcommittee, I will do my best to help present a budget that retains quality educational programs while being mindful of its effect on our tax bills

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,

Jonnifer & Zweig Hebert

### Scholarships For Starks Citizens

### Starks Enrichment and Education Society (SEEdS)

Two \$200. Scholarships for students graduating from high school who attended Starks Elementary School.

Contact: Jenn Hebert, Chair of SEEdS Scholarship Commi9ttee, 696-3756

#### **Progressive Club**

\$100. For Starks student graduating from Madison High School or Mount Blue High School.

Contact: Mindy Worthley, President Progressive Club, 557-3695

#### Helen Reed - Traditional

\$200. for a Starks student graduating from Madison High School or Mount Blue High School.

Contact: Paul Frederic, Chair of Helen Reed Scholarship Committee, 696-8339

#### Helen Reed - Non-Traditional

\$200. For a non-traditional Starks student.

Contact: Paul Frederic, Chair of Helen Reed Scholarship Committee, 696-8339

### John W. and Florence S. Higgins Endowment Fund - Bowdoin College

This is assigned to a Starks student. If there is no student from Starks, the support goes to someone from Skowhegan or Somerset County.

#### Memorial Day

Each Memorial Day, at the Town Office (Community Center) in Stark, an event to honor Veterans of all wars is held at 2:00 p.m. A Madison/Anson honor guard conducts the program



## 2012 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, support of the Historical Society, and the newly established group "Friends of Our Fathers". 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.

2013 was our fourth year of the Fedco seeds fundraiser which is offered to non-profit educational groups by Fedco Seeds Cooperative in Clinton, Maine. In 2014 SEEdS members voted to reduce the variety of seeds we offer down to about 16 vegetables and flowers. 2013 original artwork for seed packets is well under way and we hope to have them available for Town Meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup>. We also have 2012 and 2011 seeds in larger 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!

SEEds is grateful to have received a generous donation of land from Ben O'Reilly this past year. The 31.8 acre parcel abuts the Community Center property. We have plans to establish walking, snow shoeing and skiing trails in the future.

This year we suffered the sudden and tragic loss of beloved board member Jim Murphy. Jim was an integral part of many SEEds activities and events. He served as secretary in 2013. He contributed with his wealth of knowledge about gardening, hiking and the great outdoors. He's responsible for starting the Agricultural Commission for Starks, and created the Community Garden. Jim also served on the Appeals Board, and Comprehensive Planning committee for Starks, in addition to his contributions to organizations outside our little community. I fear that we will continue to feel the loss of Jim for many years to come. There will be a memorial for Jim Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> at 11am at the Community Center. It will include the dedication ceremony with a barbeque lunch provided by SEEdS and planting of the Community Garden to follow. All are encouraged to attend.

 $\sim$  "Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal. From an Irish headstone"

SEEdS proudly provided scholarships worth \$200 each to three worthy graduating seniors. Congratulations to the 2013 recipients, Kimberly Krebs, Cordell Welcome and Kayla Booker! We wish you the best in all your endeavors!

Last year, fundraising proceeds funded (or helped fund), several hiking trips, WinterKids, SummerKids, trips to the Waterville Public Pool and Popham Beach State Park, the Fourth Annual Pumpkin Festival, a town Christmas party, 2 memorial services at the Community Center. 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 community garden.....anything at all! Our activities and events are open to ANYONE interested; you do not need to be a Starks resident. SEEdS meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Library. ALL are always welcome!

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin E Norton, 2013 SEEdS. Chair

#### **Comprehensive Plan Progress Report**

On November 6, 2012 Starks citizens accepted a revised Comprehensive Plan. This is a review of progress in implementing the plan since its passage.

#### I. Transportation

#### A. Road improvements

- 1. Repaying
  - a. Chicken Street from Route #43 to the Fire Station
  - b. Locke Hill Road from Route #43 to the Starks General Store
- 2. Patching pavement
  - a. River Road
- 3. Rebuilding and Repairing Gravel Roads
  - a. Locke Hill Road
  - b. Emery Road
  - c. Thompson Bridge Road
  - d. Sawyers Mills Road
  - e. Mayhew Road

#### B. Bridges replaced

- 1. Lemon Stream Bridge on Sawyers Mills Road
- 2. Pelton Brook Bridge on Mayhew Road.

Both of these bridges were rated poor by Maine Department of Transportation. The Town has one poor bridge left, Josiah Brook-West on Branns Mills Road.

II. An Agricultural Commission established

See separate report elsewhere in Town Report

#### III. Economy

A. Starks General Store continues to operate in the old town hall under a long term lease with the town.

#### IV. Public Use Land

A. A tract of 30 acres has been donated to SEEdS. This area is next to the Community Center and is open to the public for recreational and educational use.

#### V. Equipment

A. The Town purchased a new International truck to replace its 1987 Ford.

#### VI. Community Center

#### A. Repairs

- 1. Gym floor replaced
- 2. Some tasks for energy conservation as recommended by energy audit have been completed.

#### B. Energy audit completed

- 1. Many projects recommended by audit are yet to be done.
- C. Money set aside by Town to paint building

#### D. Equipment

1. Lawn mower, snowblower and storage building purchased

#### VII. Library

- A. Library holdings expanding and scanned
- B. Programs and activities on going and expanding

#### VIII. Tax maps

A. Computerization of tax maps – in progress

#### IX. Communications

A. Town Website (www.starksme.com) was created and continues to be updated and improved.

Town leadership refers to the plan as a guide to moving the community forward and citizens' input is always welcome.

Comprehensive Plan Committee Members

Gwen Hilton and Paul Frederic

KVCOG services to the Town of Starks, 2013

Project:

2012 Pelton Brook Bridge grant

Certain services were provided in 2012 for this project (assisting with writing the grant application, for example). Services that were provided in 2013 include:

#### Phase II

KVCOG completed Phase II (Development Phase) of the application, which was begun in 2012. Forms were finalized, an environmental review was performed, and two newspaper ads regarding work in the floodplain were completed and submitted to the Franklin Journal.

#### Pre-construction

The bid packet was reviewed, and the bid opening and the pre-construction meetings were attended.

#### Construction

KVCOG reviewed all contractor payrolls reviewed for compliance with Davis-Bacon wage rates, overtime rates and allowable deductions. KVCOG certified each payroll. Interviews were conducted with each member of the contractor's crew for compliance with grant regulations.

#### Close-out

KVCOG attended the Office of Community Development's monitoring visit and provided any required documentation. KVCOG assisted in the final close-out of the project.

#### <u>Overall</u>

KVCOG maintained ongoing and open communications with the contractor and the Town of Starks, providing advice and answering questions. KVCOG served as liaison between the Town of Starks and the Office of Community Development.

#### **Joint Purchasing**

The Town of Starks participated in KVCOG's joint purchase of Rock Salt, which saved the Town approximately \$750 or 104% of their membership dues.

#### 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014, from 12pm until 8pm. The Annual Town Meeting will be held the following day, Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 beginning at 9 am at the Starks Community Center, 57 Anson Road in said Town of Starks.

#### Article #1

To choose a moderator at said meeting.

#### Article #2

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

#### Article #3

To see if the Town will vote to apply available excise taxes, interest, and lien charges toward the 2014 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 2015 annual budget during the period from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 to the 2015 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. Interest, 7.00% accrual to begin 60 days from the date of commitment.

#### Article #8

To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of 2014 taxes from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 to the 2014 date of commitment.

#### Article #9

To see if the Town, in accordance with MRSA section 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. Thereon advertise and accept by sealed bid 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 tax anticipation note, for operating expenses only if necessary.

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 appropriate from undesignated funds, \$9,890.64 and raise and appropriate from taxation \$72,996.36 for General Administration and additional administrative expenses for the ensuing year.

Object	Undesignated	Taxation/Requested	Total
Payroll Taxes	\$0	\$9,000	\$9,000
Workman's Comp	\$0	\$628	\$628
Mileage	\$712.75	\$1,287.25	\$2,000
Training Workshops	\$640	\$160	\$800
Unemployment	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500
Postage	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500
Books & Subscriptions	\$168	\$32	\$200
Dues	\$221	\$2,079	\$2,300
Miscellaneous	\$0	5,000	\$5,000
Audit	\$0	\$4,950	\$4,950
Trio Renewal/Upgrades	\$0	\$4,100	\$4,100
Legal	\$6074.69	\$1,925.31	\$8,000
Assessors Map Updates	\$2,300	\$0	\$2,300
Town Report	\$92	\$908	\$1,000
Ads	\$624.57	\$875.43	\$1,500
Xerox Lease	\$0	\$1,620	\$1,620
Water Rent	\$27.77	\$3,672.23	\$3,700
KVRWC	\$0	\$9,500	\$9,500
Large Item Pickup	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cemetery Maintenance	\$629.98	\$370.02	\$1,000
MMA Insurance	\$753	\$16,247	\$17,000
TAN Interest	\$0	\$350	\$350
Voice of Starks	\$277.02	\$222.98	\$500
Totals	\$12,521	\$65,927	\$78,448

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

**Article #15 Total recommended from taxation \$65,927** 

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

Object	Undesignated	Taxation/Requested	Total
Town Hall	\$700	\$0	\$700

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

#### Article #17

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

Object	Taxation/Requested	Total	
CEO	\$3,000	\$3,000	

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

#### Article #18

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

Object	Undesignated	Taxation/Requested	Total
CEO Legal Expenses	\$5,950	\$1,050	\$7,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

#### Article #19

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation for Elections for the ensuing year.

2013 Budget	Undesignated	Taxation/Requested	Total
\$3,900	\$1565	\$2,935	\$4,500

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

#### Article #20

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

Object	2013 Budget	Taxation/Requested	Total
Assessor Chair	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$2,200
Assessor	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Assessor	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

#### Article #21

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

Object	2013 Budget	Taxation/Requested	Total
Selectman Chair	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Selectman	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Selectman	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000

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

Object	2013 Budget	Taxation/Requested	Total
Town Clerk	\$7,000	\$7,000	7,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

#### Article #23

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

Object	2013 Budget	Taxation/Requested	Total
Tax Collector	\$7,000	\$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 Treasurer's salary for the ensuing year.

Object	2013 Budget	Taxation/Requested	Total
Treasurer	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

#### Article #25

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

Object	2013 Budget	Taxation/Requested	Total
Building Superintendent	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$6,000

Recommended by Selectmen, Budget Committee and Building Committee

#### Article #26

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

Note: The Board of Selectmen will determine hourly rate of pay.

Object	2013 Budget	Undesignated	Total
Health Officer	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

#### Article #27

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

Object	2013 Budget	Taxation/Requested	Total
Sexton	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500

To see if the Town will vote to create the position of General Assistance (GA) Overseer. GA Overseer will be appointed by the Board of Selectmen per MRSA Title 22 Part 5 Chapter 1161, to administer the General Assistance Program under the oversight of the Selectmen.

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.

Object	Taxation/Requested	Total
GA Overseer	\$500	\$500

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

#### Article #30

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated funds, \$492 and raise and appropriate \$8 from taxation for the Appeals Board for the ensuing year.

Object	Undesignated	Taxation/Requested	Total
Appeals Board	\$492	\$8	\$500

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

#### Article #31

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated funds, \$500 for the Planning Board for the ensuing year.

Object	Undesignated	Total
Planning Board	\$500	\$500

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

#### Article #32

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated funds, \$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	Undesignated	Total
Training of Officers	\$500	\$500

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

#### Article #33

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate from taxation, \$30,000 for operating expenses at the Community Center for the ensuing year.

Object	Taxation/Requested	Total
Community Center Operating Expenses	\$20,000	\$30,000
Energy Audit Recommendations/Maint.	\$10,000	\$30,000

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated funds, \$10,545.99 and raise and appropriate from taxation, \$12,954.01 for the Starks Fire Department for the ensuing year.

Object	Undesignated	Taxation/Requested	Total
Fire Department	\$10,545.99	\$12,954.01	\$23,500

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

#### Article #35

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

Object	2013 Budget	Taxation/Requested	Total
Fire Chief	\$3,400	\$3,400	\$3,400

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

#### Article #36

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated funds, \$141.82 and raise and appropriate from taxation \$858.18 for the Animal Control Officer and expenses for the ensuing year.

Object	Undesignated	Taxation/Requested	Total
Animal Control	\$141.82	\$858.18	\$1,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

#### Article #37

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

Organization	Undesignated	Taxation/Requested	Total
AMS Ambulance	\$0	\$9,600	\$9,600

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

#### Article #38

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation \$500 for road Signs.

Object	Undesignated	Taxation/Requested	Total
Road Signs	\$0	500	\$500

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

#### Article #39

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated funds \$162.42 and raise and appropriate from taxation \$1,037.58 for the Town's Street Lights.

Object	Undesignated	Taxation/Requested	Total
Street Lights	\$162.42	\$1,037.58	\$1,200

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$3,699.22 from undesignated funds, and raise and appropriate from taxation \$51,300.78 for Equipment Maintenance in the ensuing year.

Object	Undesignated	Taxation/Requested	Total
Equipment	\$3,699.22	\$51,300.78	\$55,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

#### Article #41

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation \$15,000 for the Town Garage in the ensuing year.

Object	Taxation/Requested	Total
Garage	\$15,000	15,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

#### Article #42

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation \$40,000 for Summer Roads Maintenance in the ensuing year.

Object	Taxation/Requested	Total
Summer Roads Maintenance	\$40,000	\$40,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

#### Article #43

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated funds \$11,834.29 and raise and appropriate from taxation \$55,165.71 for Winter Roads in the ensuing year.

Object	Undesignated	Taxation/Requested	Total
Winter Roads	\$11,834.29	\$55,165.71	\$67,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

#### Article #44

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$300 for the maintenance of the Starks Town Dump.

Object	Taxation Requested	Total
Town Dump	\$300	\$300

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

#### Article #45

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate form undesignated funds \$357.25 and raise and appropriate from taxation \$4,142.75 for General Assistance, and to apply all GA reimbursements from the State to the GA account.

Object	Taxation/Requested	Total
General Assistance	\$4,500	\$4,500
GA Reimbursements 2013	\$1,942.70	

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated funds \$695 and raise and appropriate from taxation \$305 for Recreation.

Object	Undesignated Funds	Taxation/Requested	Total
Recreation	\$695	305	\$1,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

#### Article #47

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

Object	Taxation/Requested	Total
Plow Truck	\$42,076	\$42,076

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

#### Article #48

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 ensuing year.

Object	Taxation/Requested	Total
Salt Shed	\$9,787	\$9,787

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

#### Article #49

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Social Organizations.

Organization	Requested Taxation/Recommen			
Starks Food Cupboard	\$900	\$900		
Franklin County Animal Shelter	\$1,152	\$1,152		
KVCAP Transportation	\$200	\$200		
Family Violence	\$400	\$400		
Memorial Day Fund	\$100	\$100		
Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$400	\$400		
Madison Public Library	\$350	\$350		
KVCAP Head Start	\$200	\$100		
Spectrum Generations	\$328	\$0		
Maine Public Broadcasting Network	\$100	\$100		
Life Flight Foundation	Donation	\$0		
Community Health and Counseling	\$25	\$0		
Crisis and Counseling	Donation	\$0		
Girl Scouts of Maine	\$5-\$50	\$0		
Hospice Volunteers	\$250-\$500	\$0		
Children's Center Augusta	\$289	\$0		
Total	\$4,444+	\$3,702		

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

Object	LRAP
Snowmobile Reimbursement 2014	\$403.82

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

#### Article #51

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

Object	LRAP
Dill Road	\$18,000

Recommended by Selectmen, Road Foreman and Budget Committee

#### Article #52

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from LRAP \$15,000 for the Waugh Road.

Object	LRAP
Waugh Road	\$15,000

Recommended by Selectmen, Road Foreman and Budget Committee

#### Article #53

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow \$150,000 from the Maine Municipal Bond Bank for repaying a section of the Sandy River Road.

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

#### Article #54

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation \$50,000 for the repaying of a section of the Sandy River Road mentioned in the preceding article.

Object	Taxation/Requested	Total
Repaying River Road	\$50,000	\$50,000

NOTE: Repaying project total \$200,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

#### Article #55

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation \$10,000 for the Capital Improvement Fund.

Object	Taxation/Requested	Total
Capital Improvements	\$10,000	\$10,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Capital Improvement Account Balance December 31st, 2013 \$10,262.91

To see if the Town will vote to combine the balance in the additional Capital Improvement Account, established at the 2013 Annual Town Meeting, with the Community Center Building Capital Improvement Account. To be used on future Community Center Maintenance and Improvement.

Additional Capital Improvement Account Balance December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013 \$15,822.15 Building Capital Improvement Account Balance December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013 \$9,219.31

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

#### Article #57

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation \$16,107.74 to cover overdrafts in the 2013 budget.

Object	Taxation/Requested
Road Signs	\$160.61
Garage	\$5,212.39
Summer Roads	\$10,734.74
Total	\$16,107.74

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

#### Article #58

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 #59

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 #60

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 that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit. (LD1)

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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 will be emailed to the town's email list and posted inside and outside the Town Office for bids. This does not include tax acquired property.

#### Article #62

To see if the Town will vote to close the books on December 31, 2014.

#### Article #63

To see if the Town wishes to hold the next Annual Town Meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 2015.

Given under our hands at the Starks Town Office this 1st day of February 2014

Joseph Miller, Selectman

Sterling Doiron, 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 1st day of February, 2014. The Starks Town Office inside and out, the Starks General Store and the Food Cupboard,

Jerry Brackett, Warrant Officer



#### Proven Expertise and Integrity

January 10, 2014

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, 2013. The following schedules have been excerpted from the 2013 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

RHRSmith & Company

**Certified Public Accountants** 

## BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2013

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		\$	553,560	\$	158,255	\$	711,815	\$	697,012

#### STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

	General Fund		Other Governmental Funds		Totals Governmental Funds	
REVENUES						
Taxes:						
Property	\$	696,851	\$	-	\$	696,851
Excise		75,983		-		75,983
Intergovernmental revenues		94,957		-		94,957
Charges for services		11,045		-		11,045
Miscellaneous revenues		31,598		135,720		167,318
TOTAL REVENUES		910,434		135,720		1,046,154
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
General government		123,114		-		123,114
Public safety		34,555		-		34,555
Public works		175,823		-		175,823
Community service		30,000		-		30,000
Education		257,283		-		257,283
County tax		77,583		-		77,583
Unclassified		14,004		18,137		32,141
Capital outlay				280,528		280,528
Debt service:						
Principal		47,206		~		47,206
Interest		4,657				4,657
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		764,225		298,665		1,062,890
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER						
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES		146,209		(162,945)		(16,736)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Operating transfers in		8		144,331		144,339
Operating transfers (out)		(66,000)		(78,339)		(144,339)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		(65,992)		65,992		<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES		80,217		(96,953)		(16,736)
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1		255,110		240,192		495,302
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$	335,327	\$	143,239	\$	478,566

#### BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – BUDGETARY BASIS BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

Original         Final         Amounts         (Negative Property taxes)           Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1         \$ 255,110	Variance		
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1 \$ 255,110 \$ 255,110 \$ 255,110 \$ Resources (Inflows):  Taxes:  Property taxes 682,412 682,412 696,851 Excise taxes 63,000 63,000 75,983 Intergovernmental revenues: State revenue sharing 50,000 50,000 55,798 Homestead exemption 21,038 21,038 22,068 Tree growth 11,553 11,555	Positive		
Resources (Inflows):         Taxes:         Property taxes       682,412       682,412       696,851         Excise taxes       63,000       63,000       75,983         Intergovernmental revenues:         State revenue sharing       50,000       50,000       55,798         Homestead exemption       21,038       21,038       22,068         Tree growth       11,553       11,555       11,555	ative)		
Property taxes       682,412       682,412       696,851         Excise taxes       63,000       63,000       75,983         Intergovernmental revenues:       50,000       50,000       55,798         Homestead exemption       21,038       21,038       22,068         Tree growth       11,553       11,553       11,555	-		
Excise taxes       63,000       63,000       75,983         Intergovernmental revenues:       50,000       50,000       55,798         State revenue sharing       50,000       50,000       55,798         Homestead exemption       21,038       21,038       22,068         Tree growth       11,553       11,553       11,555	14,439		
Homestead exemption       21,038       21,038       22,068         Tree growth       11,553       11,553       11,555	12,983		
Tree growth 11,553 11,555	5,798		
	1,030		
Other Income 1,838 2,522 5,536	2		
	3,014		
Interest income 12,562 12,562 14,854	2,292		
Charges for services - 5,328 11,045	5,717		
Miscellaneous revenues 4,180 4,180 16,744	12,564		
Transfers from other funds - 8	8		
Amounts Available for Appropriation 1,101,693 1,107,705 1,165,552	57,847		
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):			
General government 143,492 144,879 123,114	21,765		
Public safety 43,500 43,500 34,555	8,945		
Public works 172,300 172,300 175,823	(3,523)		
Community service 31,025 31,025 30,000	1,025		
Education 254,246 254,246 257,283	(3,037)		
County tax 77,583 77,583 77,583	-		
Unclassified 57,200 61,825 14,004	47,821		
Debt service:			
Principal 47,206 47,206 47,206	-		
Interest 4,657 4,657 4,657	-		
Transfers to other funds 66,000 66,000 66,000	-		
Total Charges to Appropriations 897,209 903,221 830,225	72,996		
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31 <u>\$ 204,484 \$ 204,484 \$ 335,327 \$ 15</u>	30,843		
Utilization of unassigned fund balance \$ 50,626 \$ 50,626 \$ - \$ (	50,626)		

TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

		FOR THE Y	EAR EN	DED DE	CEMB	FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013	8		
		Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	get ments		Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	al .ures	Variance Positive (Negative)
General Goverment -									
Administration	↔	82,887	€9	1	₩	82,887	· \$	73,159	\$ 9,728
Town Hall operating		705		ı		705			
Code enforcement officer		10,000		ı		10,000		3,457	6,543
Elections		3,900		ı		3,900		2,335	1,565
Plumbing inspector		•		1,387		1,387		1,455	(89)
Assessors		6,200		1		6,200		6,200	` 1
Selectmen		000'6		1		000'6		000'6	•
Town clerk		2,000		ı		7,000		2,000	•
Tax collector		2,000		ı		2,000	ı	7,000	1
Treasurer		2,000		ı		7,000		7,000	1
Janitor		5,000		1		5,000		5,000	1
Health officer		1,800		•		1,800		ı	1,800
Sexton		1,500		ı		1,500		1,500	
Appeals board		200		•		200		ω	492
Planning board		200		1		200		ı	200
Outgoing officer to train incoming		500				200		•	200
		143,492		1,387		144,879		123,114	21,765
Public safety -									
Fire department		28,000		•		28,000		19,199	8,801
Fire chief		3,400		ı		3,400		3,400	
Animal control		1,000		1		1,000		828	142
AMS service		6,600		1		009'6		009'6	i
Road signs		300		I		300		460	(160)
Street lights		1,200		1		1,200		1,038	162
		43,500		1		43,500		34,555	8,945
Public works -									
Equipment		25,000		•		55,000		51,301	3,699
Garage		10,000		•		10,000		15,212	(5,212)
Summer roads		40,000		1		40,000		50,735	(10,735)
Winter roads		62,000		•		67,000		58,275	8,725
Closure of the Starks dump		300		•		300		300	1
		172,300		'		172,300		175,823	(3,523)

TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

#### SCHEDULE B

#### TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

## COMBINING BALANCE SHEET – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2013

	F	Special Revenue Funds	 Capital Project Funds	P:	ermanent Funds	Gov	l Nonmajor vernmental Funds
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Investments Due from other funds TOTAL ASSETS	\$	41,207 - 8,809 50,016	\$ 28,910 - 69,297 98,207	\$	10,032	\$	70,117 10,032 78,106 158,255
LIABILITIES Accounts payable Due to other funds TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	- - -	\$  - - -	\$	- - -	\$	- - -
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES Advance payment of URIP funding TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			15,016 15,016		<u>-</u>		15,016 15,016
FUND BALANCES Nonspendable Restricted Committed Assigned Unassigned TOTAL FUND BALANCES		8,809 41,207 - 50,016	29,053 54,138 - - 83,191		10,032 - - - 10,032		47,894 95,345 - - 143,239
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	50,016	\$ 98,207	\$	10,032	\$	158,255

# COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

	Special Revenue Funds		Capital Project Funds		Permanent Funds		Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds	
REVENUES Interest income Intergovernmental Other TOTAL REVENUES	\$	36 100,000 400 100,436	\$	143 35,110 - 35,253	\$	31 - - - 31	\$	210 135,110 400 135,720
EXPENDITURES Capital outlay Other TOTAL EXPENDITURES		178,331 3,914 182,245		102,197 14,198 116,395		25 25		280,528 18,137 298,665
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		(81,809)		(81,142)		6		(162,945)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Operating transfers in Operating transfers (out) TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		78,331 - - 78,331		66,000 (78,331) (12,331)		(8)		144,331 (78,339) 65,992
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES		(3,478)		(93,473)		(2)		(96,953)
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1		53,494		176,664		10,034		240,192
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$	50,016	\$	83,191	\$	10,032	\$	143,239

## **NOTES**