

TOWN OF FRANKLIN MAINE



2014
Annual Report
and the
Warrant
March 1, 2015 to February 29, 2016

202ND
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
OF THE TOWN OF
FRANKLIN, MAINE
FEBRUARY 28, 2015

INCORPORATED
JANUARY 24, 1825

FIRST PLANTATION MEETING RECORDED
APRIL 5, 1813

FIRST ENGLISH SETTLERS
LAND AT BUTLER'S POINT
1764

AND THE
TOWN MEETING WARRANT
FOR THE YEAR FROM
MARCH 1, 2015
TO
FEBRUARY 29, 2016

Voting is Friday, March 27, 2015 – 12 Noon to 6 PM

Town Meeting is Saturday, March 28, 2015 – 12 Noon

at the

FRANKLIN COMMUNITY CENTER

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DEDICATION



The 2015 Town Report is dedicated to Connie Emery, Franklin's Tax Collector from 1976-77 and 1977-78 and Postmaster from 1953 until 1986.

FRANKLIN GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD



The Franklin Good Citizenship Award is presented annually to a resident of Franklin who has donated freely of his or her time to make the town a better place to live.



The award was presented in March 2014 to Carolyn Cossette for her many years of dedicated service at the Community Center.

TOWN OFFICIALS

MODERATOR
Lloyd Williams



OFFICE	REPORT ON PAGE	TERM EXPIRES
Selectmen , Overseers of the Poor	16	
Robert Cossette, First Selectman		March, 2016
Jeffrey Albee, Second Selectman		March, 2015
Joey Smith, Third Selectman		March, 2017
9-1-1 Committee, Ad hoc		
Mary Marshall, Chair		
Brian Abbott		
Millard Billings		
Veronica Palmer		
Ivan Young		
Animal Control Officer	22	
Marie Zwicker		March, 2015
Appeals Board		
Joseph Bellai		March, 2018
William Hooper		March, 2016
Louis Plaud		March, 2018
James Haskell		March, 2019
Assessors	24	
Millard Billings, Chair		March, 2015
Bruce Carter		March, 2017
Hugh Hooper		March, 2016
Budget Committee		
Brian Abbott		March, 2015
Helen Cantor		March, 2015
Dawn Carter		March, 2015
Emery DeBeck		March, 2015
Steven Mosley		March, 2015
Lloyd Williams		March, 2015
and all Elected Officials		
Code Enforcement Officer	28	
Douglas Stover		March, 2015

TOWN OFFICIALS, continued

OFFICE	REPORT ON PAGE	TERM EXPIRES
Community Center Trustees	29	
Beverly Billings		March, 2015
Bruce Carter		March, 2017
Robert Cossette		March, 2015
Stephen Fernald		March, 2017
Teddy Giles		March, 2015
Faye Havey		March, 2017
Mary Townley		March, 2016
Constable		
Lloyd Williams		March, 2015
Brian Abbott		
Emergency Management Officer		
Deborah Hauser		March, 2015
Fire Chief	31	
Robert Grindle		March, 2017
Frenchman's Bay Regional Shellfish Conservation Ordinance Representative	33	
Dana D. Smith		
Health Officer		
Rae Jean Young		March, 2015
Licensed Plumbing Inspector	35	
Jonathan R. Pierce		March, 2015
Planning Board	36	
Brian Abbott, Chair		March, 2019
Bruce Carter		March, 2018
Hugh Hooper		March, 2018
Millard Billings		March, 2017
Eric White		March, 2017
Lloyd Williams		March, 2019
Ivan Young		March, 2019

TOWN OFFICIALS, continued

OFFICE	REPORT ON PAGE	TERM EXPIRES
Registrar of Voters Deborah Lurvey		January, 2016
RSU 24 Board Member Roy D. Gott	37	March, 2016
Solid Waste Station Attendant Robert Snow		
Superintendent of Schools, RSU 24 Suzanne Lukas	41	June, 2015
Tax Collector Rebecca J. Wilber	42	
Town Administrator Rebecca J. Wilber Melissa Burkart, Assistant T.A. Dulari Hanna, Front Desk Asst.	43	
Town Clerk Robert Fernald	44	March, 2015
Treasurer Rebecca J. Wilber	47	
Water Department Peter Brady, Operator Jeffrey Albee, Director Robert Cossette, Director Joey Smith, Director Rebecca J. Wilber, Collector and Treasurer	52	March, 2015 March, 2016 March, 2017

LOCAL INFORMATION



Town Office

Monday – Friday 7:30 AM – 5:00 PM
Phone 565-3663
Fax 565-3839

Assessors' Office

Phone 565-8806

Animal Control

Phone 565-3663

Coastal Recycling

Phone 422-6766

Code Enforcement

Phone 565-3663

Education

RSU 24 Central Office 667-8136
Mountain View School 422-3200
Sumner Memorial High School 422-3510

Post Office

Phone 565-2983

Transfer Station

Saturday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Wednesday (July and August) 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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MEETINGS



Selectmen

2nd and 4th Monday of each month,
6:00 PM

If a meeting would fall on a holiday it will be held on
Tuesday of the same week

Assessors' Office

1st Saturday of each month, 9:00 AM
or by appointment

Community Center Trustees

Wednesdays at 2:00 PM as needed

Regional School Unit 24 Board of Directors

1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, 6:30 PM
Sumner Memorial High School cafeteria

Water Department

During regular Selectmen's Meeting

SUSAN M. COLLINS
MAINE

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1904

Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

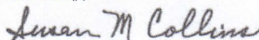
In the new Congress, I will serve as Chairman of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee. This position will allow me to continue working to ensure investments are made in critical transportation infrastructure, which is essential for our safety and economic growth. To date, Maine has received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

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

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

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the great State of Maine and the people of Franklin. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Bangor Constituent Services Center at (207) 945-0417, or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

ANGUS S. KING, JR.
MAINE

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Town of Franklin
PO Box 206,
Franklin, ME 04634

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

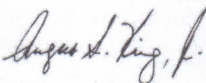
My work in Washington this year has been broad reaching, and I am committed to continue this work in a transparent and nonpartisan manner.

My projects have included:

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

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

Sincerely,



ANGUS S. KING, JR.
UNITED STATES SENATOR

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Dear Friends,

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

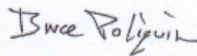
In Congress, I will work to give job creators the confidence they need to start new businesses and create more jobs. It is important for Congress to continue to pass jobs bills, like the Keystone XL Pipeline Act, to get our hard-working Mainers back to work so they can put more food on the kitchen table.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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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

Bruce Poliquin



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**Representative Lawrence E. Lockman
10 Perry Lane
Amherst, ME 04605**

January, 2015

Dear Friends & Neighbors:

It is an honor to serve as your Representative in the 127th Maine Legislature. As I begin my second term in the House, I am mindful of the urgent issues that face our state. Front and center: the need for jobs that pay not just entry-level but career wages. Having lived and worked in rural eastern Maine for the past 40+ years, I know how important it is to attract good-paying jobs to small-town Maine.

So I was pleased to be appointed as the ranking member of the Labor, Commerce, Research & Economic Development Committee. The LCRED Committee has broad jurisdiction over labor and economic development issues, and we expect to be very busy between now and the end of June considering bills that will directly impact Maine's business climate.

As a husband, father, and grandfather, I want to do everything I can to make Maine as great a place to make a living as it is a place to live. With that objective in mind, I welcome your thoughts and opinions as this session of the Legislature unfolds.

By now, you may have heard about the Governor's budget proposal for the next two years. Please bear in mind that the final budget document will look very different than what we have before us right now. Under our system of self-government, the Governor proposes, and the Legislature disposes. Final enactment will require a two-thirds majority in both houses.

With that said, I support the objective of reducing and eventually eliminating the state income tax. Given Maine's demographic reality of being the oldest state in the country, with deaths exceeding births last year, we cannot continue to rely on the state income tax to fund necessary services. The idea of shifting the tax burden from income to consumption makes sense, but of course the devil is in the details.

I plan to send legislative updates via regular mail and e-mail throughout the year to all who would like to stay informed on state legislative issues. If you wish to receive these updates, please contact me at Lawrence.Lockman@legislature.maine.gov and ask to be added to my update list. Please provide the postal and e-mail addresses to which these updates should be sent.

I encourage you to contact me at any time with your questions, concerns or suggestions. It is through your input that I will best be able to represent the 15 towns and several townships that make up House District 137.

I look forward to seeing you at town meetings and events!

Sincerely,

Lawrence E. Lockman
State Representative



Annual Report to the Town of Franklin

A Message from Senator Brian D. Langley

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I am honored to represent the residents of Franklin in Senate District 7 during the 127th Legislature. I appreciate the trust you have placed in me, and I will work tirelessly for the betterment of you and your neighbors, as well as for the entire state of Maine.

There is a great deal to accomplish during the 127th Legislature. The most important item on our to-do list is clear: our state needs more jobs at all levels of the pay scale, so we must work to expand economic opportunity for all Mainers. Growing our economy and increasing the number of jobs available to Mainers will be a challenge, but I am confident that our ongoing commitment to addressing our outrageous energy costs and the needs of our aging population will continue to move our state in the right direction.

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

Another essential component of a robust economy is a skilled workforce. I have spent the last four years working on the Bridge Year Program which enables high school students to earn college credits while attending the technical center. Students graduate high school having completed 30 college credits at an affordable cost. Hancock County is in its first year with the Bridge Year. The focus now is on scaling it to all regions in the state in the next few years. I am pleased to be returning to the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee once again, and as its chair this session, to help advance this initiative.

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. I may be reached in Augusta at 287-1505 or by e-mail at langley4legislature@myfairpoint.net.

Sincerely,

Brian D. Langley
State Senator



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Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

TO: Municipal Officers - Franklin
Editor, Annual Report

FROM: Robert B. Hunt *RA*
Clerk of the House

DATE: January, 2015

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

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

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

Representative: Lawrence E. Lockman

Address: 10 Perry Lane
Amherst, ME 04605

Home Telephone: (207) 584-5900
Cell Phone: (207) 460-6518
E-Mail: Lawrence.Lockman@legislature.maine.gov

House website: <http://www.maine.gov/legis/house/hsebios/lockle.htm>

Capitol Address: House of Representatives
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

State House Telephone: (207) 287-1400 (Voice)
State House Message Phone: 1-800-423-2900
State House TTY Line: (207) 287-4469

SELECTMEN

Robert Cossette	Until March, 2016
Jeffrey Albee	Until March, 2015
Joey Smith	Until March, 2017



2014 proved to be a relatively quiet year for the town. Again, our thanks to Becky, Melissa, and Dulari for fine work and great customer service.

In large part through the efforts of the staff, the annual audit went very well. We are now to the point where the office personnel are managing the books to the satisfaction of our auditor. By our staff keeping up to date, detailed, and accurate accounts one spin-off benefit has been and will continue to be considerable savings in the annual cost of audits.

Thanks to Jeff, during the past year we have accomplished a lot in terms of road maintenance. Along with patching potholes and grading roads where necessary, we undertook ditching and paving portions of the Georges Pond Road and Cards Crossing and paved the length of Butlers Point Road. That having been said, there is still a lot to do in terms of basic road maintenance and improvements. Next year's list of possible projects include the Cousins Road and Egypt Lane.

The Selectmen want to extend their appreciation to all the residents of Franklin that devote their time and energies to our many boards and committees. We extend a special thank you to the Budget Committee. The budget review process has evolved considerably over the past three or four years. We feel the work this committee does is most helpful to the Town. Their input to the budget preparation process is most valuable.

In January the Town received the much awaited authorization from the State to issue commercial truck plates and truck weight boosters. Things that used to have to be done for commercial trucks in Ellsworth can now be done right here in town.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Cossette
Jeffrey Albee
Joey Smith

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNTS

Article 9 – Salaries	\$120,000.00
Planning Board Assistant	\$315.00
Planning Board Chair	\$210.00
Health Officer	\$250.00
Assessor, Chair	\$3,400.00
Assessor	\$2,400.00
Assessor	\$2,400.00
First Selectman	\$2,500.00
Second Selectman	\$1,500.00
Third Selectman	\$1,500.00
Fire Chief	\$5,000.00
Emergency Management Director	\$250.00
Registrar of Voters	\$1,000.00
Town Clerk	\$3,000.00
Posting June Town Meeting Warrant	\$25.00
Licensed Plumbing Inspector	\$302.64
Town Administrator	\$32,771.81
Code Enforcement Officer	\$4,020.00
Assistant Town Administrator	\$23,408.76
Part Time Desk Associate	\$8,980.00
Recycling Manager	\$160.00
Planning Board Members	\$640.00
Board of Appeals - Members	\$80.00
E911 Addressing Officer, including \$1,000.00 for 2013	\$2,000.00
Board of Appeals - Chairman	\$60.00
Payroll Taxes	\$7,518.03
Penalty/Interest	\$1,447.19
Overcharged Water Payroll Taxes 2013	\$6,421.28
IRS Penalty	\$582.52
Overcharged Water Payroll Taxes 2014	\$4,381.22
Custodian	\$957.00
Clerk Fees	\$52.00
Total Expenditures	\$117,532.45
Balance, February 28, 2015	\$2,467.55

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNTS, continued

Article 11 – Administration	\$67,000.00
Election Worker	\$3,150.00
Registrar - Labels & Voter Cards	\$79.04
Training	\$690.00
Travel Reimbursement	\$4,153.54
Office Equipment	\$1,580.38
Office Supplies	\$1,707.63
Copier Lease	\$1,690.47
A/P & PR Town Checks	\$553.48
Postage	\$2,717.84
Lien Costs	\$7,986.82
Audit	\$9,636.25
Town Report	\$3,042.89
Correction - Tax Acquired - Refunds	\$1,145.46
Plumbing Permits	\$1,062.50
TRIO Software/Services	\$6,907.19
Appeals Board-Ad Public Hearing	\$52.25
2014 Maine Registrar Publication	\$119.00
Website	\$539.72
Computer Equipment - Fan	\$19.49
Dues & Fees MMA/ME Town Clerk	\$270.00
Health Insurance	\$12,921.84
Petty Cash	\$200.00
Ellsworth American Subscription	\$29.00
Advertising - Tax Acquired Sales	\$1,124.37
Advertising - Part-Time Personnel	\$128.05
Advertising - Salute to Responders	\$95.00
Advertising - Subdivision Ad Overcharged	\$38.00
Total Expenditures	\$61,640.21
Balance, February 28, 2015	\$5,359.79

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNTS, continued

Article 15 – Maine Municipal Association Dues	\$2,202.00
Total Expenditures	\$2,202.00
Balance, February 28, 2015	\$0.00
Article 21 – Municipal Building Operating Costs	\$15,000.00
Fuel Oil	\$5,682.74
Supplies/Keys	\$14.96
Electricity	\$3,042.37
Telephone	\$3,106.36
Water	\$306.64
Grounds Maintenance	\$2,287.49
Fire Extinguisher	\$119.00
Window Cleaning	\$300.00
Total Expenditures	\$14,859.56
Balance, February 28, 2015	\$140.44
Article 30 – Legal Operating Account	\$2,500.00
Removal From Property	\$748.50
Septic Violations	\$305.00
Total Expenditures	\$1,053.50
Balance, February 28, 2015	\$1,446.50
Article 39 – Forestry Attack Vehicle Rebuild	\$25,000.00
Steel Sheet, Channel & Angles	\$617.53
Paint, Tape, Link, Rope, Union, Painting Supplies	\$184.02
Inspection, Lamp, Headlight, Fittings, Connectors	\$990.07
Rebuild Truck	\$20,219.00
9 Foot Custom Tool Box	\$600.00
Wire/Back Up Light	\$135.15
Tires & Repairs	\$2,254.23
Total Expenditures	\$25,000.00
Balance, February 28, 2015	\$0.00

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNTS, continued

Article 35 – Franklin Volunteer Fire Department	\$42,200.00
Heating Oil	\$2,980.28
Equipment	\$17,068.29
Equip Inspection, Testing	\$2,729.00
Supplies	\$604.21
Telephone	\$1,585.47
Internet Access	\$564.60
Electricity	\$1,617.14
Water	\$306.64
Boiler Certification	\$80.00
Furnace Repair	\$536.53
Sweeping Lot	\$180.00
Vehicle Repairs	\$1,093.53
Truck Fuel	\$1,892.59
Pagers/Radios	\$4,836.00
Dues & Fees	\$304.54
Dispatch	\$2,841.13
Computer Service	\$12.50
Fire Program/School	\$451.00
Maine Fire Chief Association Annual Fee	\$89.00
Supplies	\$197.00
Propane	\$283.29
Lettering Boat	\$350.00
Total Expenditures	\$40,602.74
Balance, February 28, 2015	\$1,597.26

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNTS, continued

Article 45 – Transfer Station	\$45,000.00
Salary	\$8,004.00
Payroll Taxes	\$612.45
Supplies	\$76.55
Advertising – Tax Acquired Demolition	\$315.00
Grading	\$782.00
Mowing	\$300.00
Printed Trash Tags	\$1,720.00
Demolition – Tax Acquired Sales	\$3,000.00
Telephone	\$514.38
Electricity	\$219.53
Dues & Fees	\$681.36
Sign Installation	\$192.59
PERC	\$13,586.71
Municipal Solid Waste Transport**	\$16,281.59
Total Expenditures	\$46,286.16
Balance, February 28, 2015	(\$1,286.16)

** \$500 contract price increase from 2013

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Marie Zwicker

Term Expires

March, 2015

Contact Info

565-3663



If you have any questions or if you need any more specific details, please let me know. Also, Town Clerk Robert Fernald has copies of all my reports.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Town of Franklin as Animal Control Officer

Marie Louise Morandi Long Zwicker

Animal Cruelty/Neglect/Abandonment Calls/Reports: 10

Animal Cruelty/Neglect Investigations/Follow-Up Interviews/Visits: 28

Animal Cruelty/Neglect: Animals Involved: 17

Notices to Comply re Animal Neglect/Abuse: 4

Warning Notices re Animal Neglect/Abuse: 4

Animal Cruelty/Neglect/Abandonment Surrenders: 2 (case 1: 1 dog:
case 2: 2 dogs, 2 cats, 1 rabbit)

Warning Notices served for Unlicensed Dogs: 4

Warning Notices Served for Unvaccinated Dogs: 1

Summonses served for Unlicensed Dogs: 1

Dogs at Large Reports/Calls/Investigations/Visits: 11

Additional Follow-Up Dogs at Large: 8

Dogs at Large Transported to SAC Impound Facility: 0

Warning Notices served for Dogs at Large: 6

Summonses served for Dogs at Large: 3

Dogs at Large Number of Dogs: 6 (Multiple calls for 1 owner)

Dog Bite Reports/Calls: 4

Dog Bite Investigations/Quarantine Follow-Ups/Visits: 12

Dog Bite Incidents/Actual Bites: 4

Dog Bite Dogs Involved: 4

Notices to Comply with Quarantine: 1

Warning Notices Dangerous Dogs: 1

Dangerous Dog Summonses: 0

Stray Cat Calls/Reports/Transport: 3

Stray Cats Involved: 4

Cat Bite Incidents/Reports: 0

Animal Trespass Calls (Chickens): 2

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER, continued

Warning Notices Animal Trespass: 1

Animal Trespass Follow-Up Calls/Visits: 4

District Court/District

Attorney/Subpoenas/Arraignments/Trials/Consults: 13

Misc. Consults/Meetings with AWD Humane Agent: 3

Follow-Ups for 2015 Unlicensed/Unvaccinated based on 2014 Cruelty

Investigations: 1

Number of Animals Involved: 8

Total Intake Fees (of SAC) saved by the Town of Franklin: \$120

(\$30/cat or kitten X 4 cats/kittens)

Addendum: Disposition of Cats Picked Up: All cats transported to
fosters

Addendum: Disposition of Surrendered Dog Case 1: Transported to
Sanctuary.

Disposition of Surrendered Dogs, Cats, Rabbit Case 2: Transported to
Sanctuary.

ASSESSORS

Millard Billings, Chair	Until March, 2015
Bruce Carter	Until March, 2017
Hugh Hooper	Until March, 2016



Notice to Taxpayers

State Law requires that the residents and non-residents of a town must present to the Tax Assessors of the town a true list of Real Estate and Personal Property they possess on the first day of April each year. Standardized forms are available at the Assessors Office and should be filled out and returned to the Assessors. Homestead Exemption, Veterans Exemption, Tree Growth, Open Space and Farm Land, Working Waterfront, BETA and BETE Applications are available at the Assessors Office and may be downloaded from the Franklin website. The Franklin website address is <http://franklinmaine.com>. Copies of Commitment Books and Tax Maps and all necessary tax forms are located here.

If any property owner believes the assessment on their property is in excess of its fair market value, they should notify the Assessor's Office, if the property owner does not agree with the Assessor's decision they may then appeal before the Town's Assessment Review Board. The Franklin Board of Appeals also serves as an Assessment Review Board. The Board of Appeals will review the case and make a determination as to the disposition of the appeal. Should the property owner still feel the assessment is incorrect, they may appeal to the Superior Court at Ellsworth.

ASSESSORS, continued

Supplements, 2014 Tax Year

M7	L25-6	Rodney & Sherylin Boschee, not assessed for 2014	\$425.60
M7	L38-2-1	Winthrop Carter, Not assessed for 2014	\$211.94
Total Supplemental Taxes			\$637.54

Abatements, 2014 Tax Year

M5	L19	Bangor Hydro, did not own building	\$94.05
M7	L25-06	James Benson Jr., Did not own	\$425.60
M2	L75	Francis Drouin, Per cent of completion	\$343.23
M7	L38-2	John DesJardin, Did not own	\$31.44
M11	L34-44	Laura Schimpf, Land acreage correction	\$4.46
Total Tax Abatements			\$898.78

Valuation:

Buildings	81,005,780.00
Land	99,148,000.00
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Personal Property	180,153,780.00
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Total Taxable Valuation	181,354,660.00
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	2,134,800.00
BETE Reimbursement @ 60%	510,510.00
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TOTAL VALUATION BASE	183,999,970.00
Mill Rate	0.0095
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Total Taxable Valuation multiplied by Mill Rate	1,722,869.27

Assessments:

County Tax	66,737.00
Municipal Appropriation	
March Town Meeting	
Property Taxes	332,741.00
Excise Taxes	199,000.00
Revenues	30,674.00
Reserves	2,499.00
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	564,914.00
June Town Meeting	
Property Taxes	0.00
Reserves	0.00
Excise Taxes	0.00
Surplus	0.00
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	0.00

Total Municipal Appropriation	564,914.00
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School Appropriation	
RSU 24 4mos.	533,788.72
RSU 24 8mos.	1,057,054.96
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Sub Total	1,590,843.68
Less Offset Appropriation	0.00

Total School Appropriation	1,590,843.68
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Overlay	68,503.62
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Total Assessments:	2,290,998.30
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Deductions:

State Revenue Sharing	38,825.58
Homestead Reimbursement	20,280.60
BETE Reimbursement	4,849.85
March Surplus	72,000.00
March Excise Tax	199,000.00
March Revenues	30,674.00
March Reserves	2,499.00
June Excise tax	0.00
June Surplus	200,000.00
June Revenue	0.00
June Reserves	0.00

Total Deductions:	568,129.03
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Total Assessment	2,290,998.30
Total Deductions	568,129.03
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Net Assessment	1,722,869.27
Plus Supplements	637.54
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	1,723,506.81
Subtract Abatements	898.78
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Total to be Collected by Tax Collector	\$ 1,722,608.03

2015 LD 1 Worksheet

1. 2014 Property Tax Levy/Limit for Municipal Services (see instruction sheet)	\$525,539.88
2. 2014 Income Growth Factor (State Planning Office calculation)	-0.0011
3. Property Growth Factor (see instruction sheet)	0.0086
4. LD 1 Growth Limit Factor (Line 2 + Line 3)	0.0075
5. Add 1 to the Growth Limitation Factor calculated in Line 4. <i>(For example, if Line 4 is 0.0360, the enter 1.0360 on Line 5.)</i>	1.0075
6. Net New State Funding (see instruction sheet)	
6A. Net New Revenue Sharing	\$3475.43
6B. Loss of Revenue Sharing	
7. Multiply Line 1 by Line 5	\$529,481.43
8. 2014 Property Tax Levy Limit (see instruction sheet)	
8A. Line 7 less Line 6A (complete only if data is reported in 6A)	\$526,006.00
8B. Line 7 plus Line 6B (complete only if data is reported in 6B)	
9. 2014 Municipal Appropriations (Line 2 on 2013 Assessment Warrant)	
<i>(Do not include any school appropriations.) maximum proposed for annual Town Meeting</i>	
10. 2014 Total Deductions (Line 11 on 2013 Assessment Warrant)	
<i>(Do not include any school revenues.) minimum proposed for annual town Meeting including Revenue Sharing but not Homestead Exemption</i>	
11. 2014 Municipal Property Tax Levy (Line 9 less Line 10)	\$0.00
<i>proposed prior to Town Meeting</i>	
12. Over/(Under) Limit (Line 11 less Line 8)*	(\$526,006.00)

UNDER LEVY LIMIT

** The purpose of this exercise is to estimate whether a community will be over or under the LD 1 limit in 2014.*

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Douglas Stover

Term Expires

March, 2015

Contact Info

565-3663



To the Citizens of the Town of Franklin:

A reminder that all construction in the Shoreland Zone (within 250’ from the shore), commercial structures and subdivisions requires a permit.

All residential construction outside of the Shoreland Zone requires a permit.

Respectfully Submitted,
Douglas Stover

Description	Permits
New Residence / Cottages	7
Residential Additions	5
Garage / Sheds	8
Steps to Shore	8
Decks	0
Total Permits	<hr/> 28

COMMUNITY CENTER TRUSTEES

Beverly Billings	Term Expires March, 2015
Bruce Carter	Term Expires March, 2017
Robert Cossette	Term Expires March, 2015
Stephen Fernald	Term Expires March, 2017
Teddy Giles	Term Expires March, 2015
Faye Havey	Term Expires March, 2017
Mary Townley	Term Expires March, 2016



The Trustees continue working hard to keep this beautiful old building and the grounds in good repair. The past year several projects were completed as well as work on some ongoing projects. The parking area was upgraded with gravel. A much more user friendly walkway to the event sign and flagpole was completed. A new playground fire truck spring toy was purchased and put together by dedicated volunteers. The foundation for the toy has been installed and the new piece will be installed in the spring. A much needed drainage ditch was installed and has proven to be doing a great job in keeping the basement dry on the east side of the building. We are presently in the process of having the property surveyed. We were unable to find a survey by a licensed surveyor for the property and felt it very important to establish the property lines before planning for the drainage ditch on the west side of the building.

The coming year we look forward to doing some ground work on the playground, along with some safety upgrades, and will continue work to upgrade the parking lot. Drainage on the west side of the building is a priority in order to get dampness out of the basement. We will also be adding a handrail to the steps going into the meeting room.

We are pleased to see the building and the playground used regularly by the public. If you would like to schedule the use of the meeting room please contact Faye Havey at 565-3360.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Townley, Secretary

**Community Center Trustee
Treasurer's Report**

Resources		Balance Forward, March 1, 2014	\$14,104.28
		Raised at Town Meeting, March 29, 2014	\$5,000.00
			\$19,104.28
Date	Vendor		Amount
3/25/2014	Viking #8458385	Light bulbs	\$37.50
4/9/2014	Viking credit adjustment		(\$15.31)
			<u>\$22.19</u>
4/14/2014	Quill	Mop head	\$13.99
4/14/2014	Quill	TP/towels/supplies	\$92.75
4/14/2014	Rebecca J Wilber	9 volt batteries	\$14.99
4/14/2014	Orkin	Service	\$129.70
4/28/2014	Bluegrass Playgrounds Inc	Fire truck/spring seat	\$1,268.00
5/7/2014	Treasurer of State	Boiler Cert	\$80.00
5/27/2014	Rebecca J Wilber	Cleaning supplies	\$5.06
5/27/2014	Quill	Cleaning supplies	\$52.99
5/27/2014	Viking	Supplies	\$29.59
6/6/2014	Orkin	Service	\$129.70
6/6/2014	Michelle Moores	Cleaning supplies	\$10.24
7/2/2014	Clean Sweep Chimney	Repair leak/clean gutter	\$55.00
7/10/2014	Viking	Supplies	\$34.24
7/15/2014	Quill	Cleaning supplies	\$29.46
7/23/2014	M&T Trucking	Install drain E side	\$2,495.00
8/5/2014	Orkin	Service	\$129.70
8/6/2014	Quill	TP/towels	\$86.98
8/21/2014	Dick and Wayne Havey	Gravel for driveway	\$1,250.00
8/21/2014	Danny Grant (first payment)	Walkway	\$1,000.00
8/21/2014	Danny Grant (final payment)	Walkway	\$1,000.00
8/21/2014	Danny Grant	Foundation Toy Fire T	\$200.00
8/29/2014	Viking	Skid paint	\$45.54
10/14/2014	Orkin	Service	\$129.70
10/14/2014	Emerson Fuel	Furnace Service	\$87.70
11/24/2014	Steve Fernald	Seed/Stakes	\$39.68
11/24/2014	Steve Fernald	Spread loam/Seed	\$148.75
11/24/2014	M&T Trucking	Loam	\$180.00
12/4/2014	Orkin	Service	\$129.70
1/14/2015	Quill	TP/towels	\$94.98
1/14/2015	Emerson Fuel	Repairs	\$182.88
1/17/2015	Herrick and Salisbury	Survey	\$3,550.00
1/22/2015	Mary Townley Reimburse	Swing chains	\$150.18
2/3/2015	Orkin	Service	\$129.70
	Year to date Expenditures		\$12,998.39
	Balance		\$6,105.89
Reserve Account			
CC Trustee Maintenance Reserve, 2/28/2015			\$9,277.14

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Robert Grindle

Term Expires

March, 2017

Phone

565-2929



This has been a more active response year for Franklin Fire Department, with 80 calls. In 2012 we ran 59 times, and responded to 65 incidents in 2013. Of the 24 fire responses this last year, over $\frac{2}{3}$ were mutual aid calls to other towns. This one category shows a 50% increase over last year, but Hazardous Conditions Without Fire dropped by nearly half over 2013. One of our most challenging responses was the multiple car collision near the Transfer Station. This scene used our personnel and equipment to its fullest; we wish the victims a speedy recovery, and thank all who rendered assistance to our efforts during this incident.

We are getting close to completing work on the new Forestry truck, with the body rebuilt and mounted, the new tank and pump installed and the majority of the painting done. Next steps will be the lettering, lights, newly recapped tires and loading hose, fittings and tools. Some fabrication still needs to be done, but we will need slightly warmer weather to tackle that part. We plan to be completed well before the start of spring fire season.

We applied for and received three grants this last year, one of which was from an anonymous philanthropic organization for \$20,000. This grant purchased our new thermal imaging camera, air-pack bottles, plus ice rescue and first aid equipment. A second matching grant from Maine Municipal Association for \$1300 was used for turnout gear, and a third matching grant from Maine Forest Service helped buy nearly \$2800 of forestry fire suppression materials and equipment.

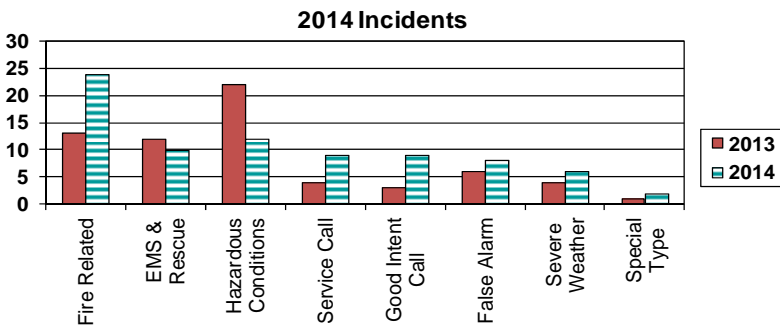
We have a member in the Fire Academy again this year, and have been blessed by the skills the academy has brought to the members of our department over the last decade.

FIRE DEPARTMENT, continued

Thanks again to all who support us at our annual breakfast, and by sponsoring and/or purchasing calendars, and a big thank you to our Auxiliary for the support it does.

Finally, don't be afraid to call us – we are here to serve.

Type of Incident	Category Total	% of All Calls
Fire Related	24	30%
EMS & Rescue	10	12.5%
Hazardous Conditions	12	15%
Service Call	9	11.25%
Good Intent Call	9	11.25%
False Alarms	8	10%
Severe Weather Related	6	7.5%
Special Type Calls	2	2.5%
Total Calls	80	100%



**FRENCHMAN'S BAY REGIONAL
SHELLFISH CONSERVATION
ORDINANCE REPRESENTATIVE**

Dana D. Smith

Contact Info

565-3663



The town of Ellsworth, Franklin, Hancock, Lamoine, Sorrento, Sullivan, and Trenton will act collaboratively as stewards to preserve, protect, manage, and enhance the shellfish resources and ecological well-being of the Frenchman's Bay Region and to ensure a sustainable harvest of shellfish and opportunity for those who make their living on the tide.

Our program is entering into its sixth (6th) year. In most areas, the program has been a great success. Digging area rotations and flat closures have ensured harvesters have areas to dig throughout the year. Seeding programs are done throughout the year by commercial license holders on the committee.

Most importantly, the ordinance protects the seven (7) town area from harvesters coming in from other areas in the State.

Currently, there are seventy (70) commercial harvesters from the seven (7) town region. Six (6) of those harvesters reside in the Town of Franklin. There were also over 200 (200+) recreational licenses issued. Funds generated from license sales and town contributions assist with enforcement of the ordinance.

All commercial harvesters are required to do twelve (12) hours of service, per year, in order to be able to have their license renewed. This service includes shore clean-up in all conservation towns, seeding, and surveys.

Because of the cold winters this year and last, the green crab problem has improved substantially this past year. This, along with the excellent amount of seed clams that have set in our digging areas makes us optimistic that we will have a

SHELLFISH REPRESENTATIVE, continued

healthy resource in the future.

Our committee meets on the third Wednesday of the month in October through May. These meetings take place at the Lamoine Town Office at 7:00 PM. These meetings are open to the public for anyone who wants to learn more about our program.

Finally, the committee would like to thank the Town of Franklin for their continued support of this program.

Respectfully submitted,
Dana Smith

2015 Fees for Shellfish Licenses

Commercial

Resident	\$400.00
Non-resident (10)	\$600.00
Senior Resident	\$200.00
Senior Non-resident	\$300.00
Jr. Student/Resident	\$200.00
Jr. Student/Non-resident	\$300.00

Recreational

Resident	\$5.00
Non-resident	\$25.00

LICENSED PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Jonathan R. Pierce

Term Expires

March, 2015

Contact Info

584-2035



Submitted to the Town of Franklin in February
2015 for the Year 2014

In 2014, one more failed wastewater disposal system has been reported by Dept. of Marine Resources. It is currently being dealt with. Some of the cases from previous years are still being resolved. One case has gone to litigation and is still pending.

All fees have been collected and submitted to the Town of Franklin.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Pierce

Description	Number
Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Permits issued	13
Internal Plumbing Permits issued	5
Variances granted	7

PLANNING BOARD

Brian Abbott, Chair	Until March, 2019
Millard Billings	Until March, 2017
Bruce Carter	Until March, 2018
Hugh Hooper	Until March, 2018
Eric White	Until March, 2017
Lloyd Williams	Until March, 2019
Ivan Young	Until March, 2019



2014 has been a slightly busier year than last, with 6 regular Planning Board meetings and one public hearing. We also held a citizen workshop on the proposed FEMA Flood Plain Ordinance changes.

We are still waiting for the final version of the proposed Flood Plain Ordinance, which is tentatively scheduled to become effective in late June or early July. Franklin will need to make changes to our ordinance to match the new version, either by amending ours, or repealing our current ordinance and adopting the new document.

No news yet to report on a new Chapter 1000 document, which is the framework for all Shoreland Zoning ordinances in Maine. It is in the works, and the public hearings and comment period have occurred, but the timetable for adoption is uncertain. You can look at a fact-sheet on the proposed changes by searching “Rulemaking Fact Sheet, Title 5 MRSA § 8057-A” in the maine.gov website.

Our to-do list for the board includes getting the current versions of Franklin’s Shoreland, General, and Subdivision Ordinances onto the town website. For those ordinances which have amendments pending, it may be best to complete that step before loading them onto the site. We’ll be working with the Select Board to figure the best way to make this happen.

Brian Abbott, Chairman
Franklin Planning Board

**RSU 24 BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
FRANKLIN**

Roy D. Gott

Term Expires

March, 2016

Contact Info

565-3666

rgott@rsu24.org



Dear Fellow Citizens,

It is my pleasure to report to you on a positive year with the new, slimmer RSU 24. The transition to a smaller district has, for the most part, gone well and without any substantial impact to the remaining towns. We have an exceptional leadership team and owe them many thanks for getting us through this turbulent period; their expertise has been invaluable.

Last year the board of directors voted to enter into a lease agreement with Barbee Construction for a new district service facility building which will house our administration, instructional technology department, a number of district-wide personnel, transportation maintenance and dispatch center, as well as several state- or federally-required positions. We are scheduled to take occupancy of the new building on July 1, 2015 and are looking forward to operating from a facility which is once again in the center of our district, will have all the necessary capabilities to service the district's various needs, and has the potential for tremendous cost savings in the long run. We will have the opportunity to purchase the building from the lessor at any time and I encourage the people of Franklin, and the district as a whole, to vote to approve such a purchase as soon as possible – this will maximize our benefit.

Late last year, a committee comprised of three representatives from each town (including all members of the RSU 24 board) voted to adopt a new cost sharing formula for the "additional local" portion of our budget – the part that exceeds the amount the State determines to be cost of operating the district. This formula is based on two metrics, student enrollment and valuation. According to the new formula, sixty percent of the additional local share will be

RSU 24 BOARD OF DIRECTORS, continued

determined according to each town's percentage of students enrolled with the remaining forty percent determined according to each town's valuation. Both of these numbers are reported on the same ED 279 form, released by the State, that details the larger share of the budget along with assessments and subsidy by town. Franklin has, since the inception of RSU 24 enjoyed the lowest share of additional local funding so almost any change to the formula would result in an increase, all other things remaining equal. This change is important, however, to ensure long-term stability and fairness in the district and our level of financial contribution to the district will adapt to changing levels of enrollment and valuation.

The board recently adopted a strategic plan that will plot a course for our district over the course of the next five years. We are already incorporating a number of first steps from that plan into the budget for 2015-16. As Vice Chair of the Facilities & Transportation Committee, one of the projects I am most interested in now is preparing our district for the task of constructing a new high school to replace the aging Sumner Memorial High School. Over the next few months, the board will begin discussions regarding its goals for the new facility. Barring any re-ranking by the Department of Education, Sumner Memorial High School is a likely candidate for State funding for replacement and we could conceivably receive confirmation of such within the next few years. In anticipation for this eventuality, we hope to develop capital improvement plans for all of our facilities.

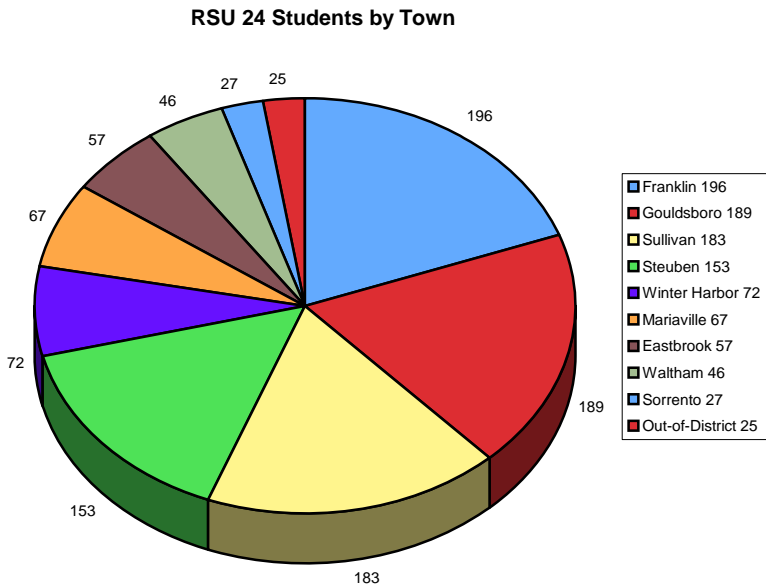
We continue as a district to make important strides in the improvement of our programming and are seeing the rewards in our test results. Sumner Memorial High School continues to show progress and the overall morale of the school is considerably improved. Likewise, important progress is being made at Mountain View School that serves most of our K-8 students. The Cougar Character program instituted has had positive impacts on the school's character from the outset. We have excellent principals and professional staff in all of our

RSU 24 BOARD OF DIRECTORS, continued

schools and they are committed to continual further improvement. I commend them all for their effort in every aspect of their jobs and Franklin's 196 students (as of this past October) continue to enjoy the benefit of their dedication.

Lastly, the board is always appreciative to see parents and community members at their meetings. Franklin has the largest number of students in the district and the second-largest voting share. A chart showing our most recent enrollment data follows this report. I would encourage all community members to try to attend meetings whenever possible. Regular board meetings are on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 6:30 PM and are typically held in the cafeteria at Sumner Memorial High School. Each committee has its own meeting schedule. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have regarding education in Franklin.

Respectfully submitted,
Roy D. Gott



SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 24

Suzanne B. Lukas

Contract Expires

June, 2015

Contact Info

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Regional School Unit #24 serves children in nine Hancock County and Washington County communities. The district provides the educational services for five schools and 1,000 students including general administration, centralized business services, food service, and special education programming. Regional School Unit #24 employs 240 local citizens in a full range of professional and support positions. Funding for the district comes from several sources. State funding, determined by an Essential Programs and Services formula, bases state aid on local property valuations and the number of resident students. Regional School Unit #24 received \$2,604,601 in state funding for the present fiscal year accounting for 14.9% of our \$17,429,444 budget. The Town of Franklin contributed 8.9% of the local cost of education. In addition to these sources, the district receives federal funding for several categories of services and also takes every opportunity to apply for grant funding to supplement educational programming.

Regional School Unit #24 during the past year engaged in a strategic planning process to identify long-range goals for the district's schools. Public forums were held to gather input from citizens in our nine communities. Students and staff also participated. The information gathered served as a foundation for the development of the plan. The RSU #24 Strategic Plan is available at each school, town offices, and on the district website.

Regional School Unit #24 provides for the education of 196 students who reside in Franklin. Fifty-seven secondary students attend Sumner Memorial High School. Five of these secondary students also attend Hancock County Technical Center for part of each day. Mountain View School enrolls ninety-five Franklin students in grades pre-kindergarten through eight. Another

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, continued

eleven attend Cave Hill School and two are enrolled at Peninsula School. Thirty-one students at the elementary level attend private schools or schools in other districts.

Thank you to the many community volunteers who support our students and programs through assisting in our schools, helping with fundraising for our student activities and attending our many school events. The educational experience for our students is enriched through your efforts.

Suzanne B. Lukas

TAX COLLECTOR

Rebecca J. Wilber

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Commitment	\$1,722,869.27
Supplemental Tax	\$637.54
	\$1,723,506.81

Tax Abatements	(\$898.78)
Total	\$1,722,608.03

Cash	\$1,364,875.93
Uncollected Taxes	\$357,732.10
Total	\$1,722,608.03

Excise Tax Collector

Bureau of Motor Vehicles	\$221,767.17
Sales Tax, Reg. & Title Fees	\$95,169.11

Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

Boat Excise	\$2,564.90
Boat Registration	\$13,708.00
ATV Registration	\$5,585.00
Snowmobile Registration	\$2,360.00
Sales Tax	\$3,432.97

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Rebecca J. Wilber

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To the Citizens of Franklin,

This year we have accomplished the highest level of authorization from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, allowing us to process registrations and issue plates and weight boosters for heavy commercial vehicles. This is a level only a small number of towns in Maine have achieved and the BMV has complimented us on the accuracy of our processing.

When you purchase a new vehicle, you must provide the window sticker for that vehicle, the blue title application sheet, and your bill of sale from the dealer.

When re-registering your existing vehicle, please come prepared with current proof of insurance, the yellow copy of the vehicle registration, and current mileage.

If you are purchasing a vehicle from another individual, they must provide you with their title, signed and filled out on the back, a bill of sale indicating seller's name and address, buyer's name and address, the year, make, model, vehicle identification number (VIN), and the price paid.

Transitioning to QuickBooks for the recordkeeping of the Water Department has been very successful and the Water Department itself has significantly improved its financial position compared to the last several years.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Melissa Burkart and Dulari Hanna for their contributions to the smooth operation of the office. We are a great team and we all work very well together. We look forward to assisting the Citizens of the Town of Franklin in 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca J. Wilber

TOWN CLERK

Robert W. Fernald

Term Expires

March, 2015

Contact Info

565-3323



The Clerk presided at the Town Election where 67 voters elected candidates for offices. In the action of Town Meeting, 53 voters addressed 69 articles in the 3 ½ hour meeting. On May 28, 4 residents attended the RSU #24 District Budget Meeting at Sumner Memorial High School. 188 voters participated in the June 10 Primary Election where the RSU #24 budget was approved with the other communities of the RSU. The Special Town Meeting, lasting 14 minutes, of June 19 saw 4 articles discussed and voted upon by 15 voters. 613 votes were cast at the November 4 General Election.

From March 1, 2014 to the end of February 2015, the Clerk as an agent for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife issued 130 fishing and hunting licenses. The Inland Fishers and Wildlife audit of the sales of those licenses is available upon request. The fee for a license for those 70 and older is \$8.00. There are presently 1033 registered voters in the town.

Dog licenses are due annually by January 1 for any dogs 6 months old or older, or when the dog becomes 6 months old during the year. A certificate proving the dog has been immunized against rabies, showing that the immunization took place within the last 3 years must be presented at the time of licensing. A male or female dog licensing fee for this year is \$11.00; a spayed or neutered dog's fee is \$6.00. A late fee of \$25.00 is charged after February 1. You should inform the clerk if you no longer have a previously licensed dog, or if you acquire a new dog. The number on the metal tag can identify the owner should the dog become lost or stray from home. Acquiring a rabies immunization does not automatically license the dog with the town. There are no forever licenses.

Birth records are now forwarded directly to Augusta. I can still issue copies of records on file in the town. 13 Marriage licenses were issued from the Town Clerk's Office.

The Town Clerk issues new and renewal Frenchman's Bay

TOWN CLERK, continued

Regional Shellfish Recreational licenses. This year we issued 15 Recreational licenses.

Except for those prohibited by State Law, all records in the care of the Town Clerk are available for public inspection. Your Clerk is a member of Maine Town and City Clerks Association, and is a Notary Public.

If you have a question or need some information, call 565-3323, and I will do my best to accommodate your needs.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert W. Fernald

TOWN CLERK, continued

Deaths

Hugh A. Goodwin	Ellsworth	2/26/2014
Lawrence N. Button	Sarasota, FL	3/2/2014
Edna Kustner	Franklin	3/27/2014
Russell L. Burnett, Jr.	Orland	3/31/2014
Jonathan Rodwell Day	Kill Devil, NC	4/9/2014
Rena Daley	Ellsworth	4/21/2014
Vesta Goodwin	Ellsworth	4/29/2014
James M. Wentworth	Bangor	5/16/2014
Grace E. Day	North Berwick	5/19/2014
James Lawrie Butler	Palm Beach, FL	5/24/2014
Eeva Kaarina Hedefine	Bangor	5/25/2014
Catherine Herrick Griffin	Franklin	5/25/2014
David A. Briggs, Sr.	Bangor	7/1/2014
Karen P. Pickard	Ellsworth	7/4/2014
Michael S. MacCulloch	Ellsworth	7/30/2014
Roxanne Paine Boyington	Ellsworth	8/21/2014
Evelyn Morse Pinkham	Franklin	8/21/2014
Wayne Anthony Phelps	Franklin	8/21/2014
Ian MacDonnell	Township 9 SD	8/24/2014
Raymah Macomber Leavitt	Franklin	8/26/2014
Richard Earl Bunker	Portland	11/20/2014
Juanita Louise Keene	Bangor	12/4/2014
John Henry Gemmill	New Haven, CT	12/6/2014
J. Speir Collins	Sarasota, FL	12/11/2014
Gary A. Jipson	Bangor	12/17/2014
George Stetson White	Ellsworth	12/27/2014
Betsy Anne Balchen	Franklin	1/4/2015
Victor Lavesque	Bar Harbor	1/6/2015
Constance E. Emery	Bangor	1/12/2015
Richard A. Bunker	Ellsworth	1/13/2015
Guy Wycoff	Ellsworth	2/4/2015
George Robert Howard	Ellsworth	2/17/2015

TREASURER

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Cash on Hand, March 1, 2014

\$717,562.20

Receipts

Property Taxes & Liens	\$1,862,835.56
2015 Real Estate Taxes (Pre-paid)	\$4,524.65
2014 Real Estate Taxes	\$1,486,721.90
2014 In Lieu of Taxes	\$25,607.48
2010-2014 Personal Property Taxes	\$10,975.81
2013 Real Estate Taxes	\$119,036.14
2013 Liens	\$69,072.54
2012 Real Estate Taxes	(\$4.98)
2012 Liens	\$84,425.31
2011 thru 2007 Real Estate Taxes/Liens	\$62,475.71
Excise Taxes	\$224,332.07
Bureau of Motor Vehicles	\$221,767.17
IF&W (Boats)	\$2,564.90
Agent Fees	\$5,658.92
Bureau of Motor Vehicles	\$5,163.92
Boats, Snowmobiles, ATVs	\$495.00
Administration	\$17,948.31
Supplemental Taxes	\$637.54
Lien Cost	\$17,310.77
State of Maine	\$101,491.82
State Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$36,925.29
Veterans Exemption Reimbursements	\$1,335.00
Homestead Reimbursements	\$18,900.00
Tree Growth Reimbursements	\$14,570.99
BETE Reimbursements	\$5,333.00
General Assistance	\$1,884.68
Local Road Assistance Program	\$22,044.00
Snowmobile Registration Refunds	\$350.86
Burn Permit Revenue Sharing	\$148.00

TREASURER, continued

Receipts, continued

Maine Municipal Association	\$995.00
Dividends, Workers Compensation	\$253.00
Dividends, Property & Casualty	\$742.00
Transfer Station	\$34,553.38
User Fees	\$28,400.00
Municipal Review Committee	\$4,153.38
Hancock County for Townships 9 & 10	\$2,000.00
Permits	\$3,564.00
Bldg/Plumbing Ordinance Fines	\$300.00
Building	\$240.00
Burn Permits Revenue Sharing	\$148.00
Subdivision & Advertisement Fee	\$376.00
River Herring	\$2,500.00
Pass-Thru to State of Maine	\$116,388.58
Vehicle Registrations/Sales Tax/Title Fees	\$98,602.08
Boat/ATV/Snowmobile Registrations	\$13,708.00
IF&W Hunting Licenses	\$2,418.00
Plumbing Permits	\$1,062.50
Dog Licenses	\$598.00
Dog Licenses	\$752.50
Due Town & Late Fees	\$752.50
From Road Resurfacing Reserve	\$154,523.00
Paving Projects: Butlers Point Road,	\$154,523.00
Cards Crossing and Georges Pond Road	
Regional School Unit 24	\$41,325.00
Subsidy Rebate	\$41,325.00
Interest	\$29,803.27
The First (Checking Accounts)	\$1,981.29
Interest on Taxes	\$19,583.50
Interest on Liens	\$8,238.48

TREASURER, continued

Receipts, continued

Interest on Reserve Accounts	\$200.35
Bayview Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	\$12.64
A. B. Fernald Scholarship	\$11.57
Leo W. Blaisdell Good Citizenship Award	\$7.35
Caddie B. Fernald Memorial Fund	\$1.51
Bragdon Perpetual Fund	\$164.14
Heating Assistance Reserve	\$3.14
 Unclassified Receipts	 \$31,270.13
Faxes, Photocopies & Ordinance Book	\$337.00
Reimbursement, Dog Shelter/Fines	\$350.00
Water Dept, Workers Comp	\$674.00
Water Dept, Property Casualty	\$691.00
Water Dept, Property Casualty 2013	\$673.00
Water Dept, Payroll Reimbursement	\$28,009.03
Reimbursement, Water Dept Postage	\$536.10
 General Assistance	 \$1,884.68
General Assistance	\$1,884.68
 Total Receipts	 \$2,627,526.57
 Expenditures	 \$2,573,343.69
Warrants 1-114	\$2,573,141.60
NSF Charge Back	\$202.09
 Cash on Hand, February 28, 2015	 \$771,745.08

RESERVE ACCOUNTS

Bayview Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund

Balance, March 1, 2014	\$4,837.55
Disbursed to Bayview Cemetery Assoc.	(\$50.19)
Interest Earned	\$12.64
Balance, March 1, 2015	\$4,800.00

Leo W. Blaisdell Good Citizenship Award Fund

Balance, March 1, 2014	\$2,018.15
Interest Earned	\$7.35
Balance, March 1, 2015	\$2,025.50

Bragdon Perpetual Fund

Balance, March 1, 2014	\$10,242.03
Disbursed to Bayview Cemetery Assoc.	(\$444.17)
Interest Earned	\$164.14
Balance, March 1, 2015	\$9,962.00

Community Center Maintenance Reserve

Balance, March 1, 2014	\$9,257.69
Interest Earned	\$19.45
Balance, March 1, 2015	\$9,277.14

Caddie B. Fernald Memorial Trust Fund

Balance, March 1, 2014	\$703.62
Disbursed to American Cancer Society	(\$5.31)
Interest Earned	\$1.51
Balance, March 1, 2015	\$699.82

A. B. Fernald Memorial Scholarship Fund

Balance, March 1, 2014	\$5,239.02
Interest Earned	\$11.57
Balance, March 1, 2015	\$5,250.59

Fire Equipment Reserve

Balance, March 1, 2014	\$11,214.31
Interest Earned	\$18.79
Balance, March 1, 2015	\$11,233.10

Fire Suppression Reserve

Balance, March 1, 2014	\$70,258.00
Appropriated, March 29, 2014	\$1,000.00
Interest Earned	\$193.86
Balance, March 1, 2015	\$71,451.86

RESERVE ACCOUNTS, continued

Heating Assistance Reserve

Balance, March 1, 2014	\$1,421.23
Interest Earned	\$3.14
Balance, March 1, 2015	\$1,424.37

Legal Services Reserve

Balance, March 1, 2014	\$11,031.99
Appropriated, March 29, 2014	\$3,000.00
Interest Earned	\$14.02
Balance, March 1, 2015	\$14,046.01

Road Resurfacing Reserve

Balance, March 1, 2014	\$272,833.00
Appropriated, March 29, 2014	\$30,000.00
Expended	(\$154,523.00)
Interest Earned	\$650.97
Balance, March 1, 2015	\$148,960.97

Salt/Sand Reserve

Balance, March 1, 2014	\$2,733.52
Interest Earned	\$3.18
Withdrawal – Closing Account	(\$2,736.70)
Balance, November 13, 2014	\$0.00

Tax Offset Reserve

Balance, March 1, 2014	\$184,084.00
Received from RSU 24	\$41,325.00
Interest Earned	\$473.34
Balance, March 1, 2015	\$225,882.34

Vaccination Reserve

Balance, March 1, 2014	\$827.90
Interest Earned	\$1.80
Balance, March 1, 2015	\$829.70

WATER DEPARTMENT

Peter Brady

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Thank you for another year working for you at the Franklin Water Department.

This year went pretty well. We have finally caught up to most of the leaks on customers' lines. There were several leaks on the Dwelly Point Road, Eastbrook Road, Grist Mill Road and Blackswoods Road. These were small and repairs were made quickly.

For the first time in twelve years we did not get struck by lightning. (Luckily)

Meter work is nearly complete. We expect to complete this work in the spring.

Also, most of the customers are paying their water bills on time. Thank you. This helps as this is our only income and the only way we can keep up with repairs and water testing. Compliance testing to the State is very expensive.

This year we pumped 21,784,275 gallons of treated water to you.

Thank you,
Peter Brady

Operator	Peter Brady
Engineering	Dirigo Engineering
Operator in Training	Dana Smith

WATER DEPARTMENT TREASURER

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Expenditures

Charybdis Computer Services	\$558.37
City Line Sand and Gravel	\$525.00
Compuchecks	\$106.94
Dana Smith	\$135.00
Dead River Company	\$3,187.73
Dick Havey & Wayne Havey	\$1,332.00
Dirigo Engineering	\$1,245.00
Emera Maine	\$5,091.53
Fairpoint Communications	\$1,254.29
HARLAND CLARKE	\$51.06
HETL	\$1,162.00
James Wadman	\$3,924.50
JETCC	\$120.00
Maine Center for Disease Control	\$241.25
Maine Revenue Services	\$40.00
Maine Water Works Supply Corp.	\$1,630.86
Monson Companies	\$3,687.60
Morris Fire Protection	\$38.00
MPUC - Annual Assessment Dues	\$347.00
MRWA	\$703.00
NEIWPCC	\$120.00
Pete Brady	\$5.80
Public Advocate Office	\$85.00
Ray Plumbing Company	\$738.00
Richard Havey	\$300.00
S. R. Bolotsky Consulting, LLC	\$648.13
Snowman Printing	\$173.49
Southern Analytical Laboratories, Inc.	\$75.00
State of Maine - Sales Tax	\$268.60
Ti Sales	\$660.86
Town of Franklin Payroll Reimbursement	\$35,251.31

WATER DEPARTMENT TREASURER, continued

Expenditures, continued

Town of Franklin Postage Reimbursement	\$414.99
Town of Franklin 2014 Prop & Cas Ins Reimb.	\$691.00
Town of Franklin 2013 Prop & Cas Ins Reimb.	\$673.00
Town of Franklin 2014 Worker's Comp Reimb.	\$674.00
Town of Franklin 2013 Worker's Comp Reimb.	\$608.00
USA BlueBook	\$1,046.31
USDA	\$20,961.00
USPS	\$272.14
Viking, Inc.	\$102.47
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	\$89,150.23

Operating Account

Balance January 1, 2014	\$17,028.48
Total Revenue	\$98,608.42
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	\$115,636.90

Total Expenditures	\$89,150.23
Balance December 31, 2014	<hr/>
	\$26,486.67

Unpaid Customer Accounts, as of December 31, 2014

Baldwin, Kimberly	\$0.51
Calderwood, Samuel	\$102.21
Cook, Kevin	\$76.66
Gordon, Nancy	\$45.00
Griffin, Scott & Linda	\$79.10
Haskell, Dwain	\$20.95
Havey, Cheryl	\$25.55
Home Loan Bank	\$25.55
Kallen, Deziree	\$135.24
Moore, Sylvia	\$243.95
Robitaille, Erick	\$123.98
Young, Diane	\$80.36
Young, Donna	\$114.98
Total	<hr/>
	\$1,074.04

UNCOLLECTED REAL ESTATE TAXES

Account and Name	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	Total
4 Abbott, Bruce	757.71							757.71
5 Abbott, Christopher	447.53							447.53
7 Abbott, Veronica	518.74							518.74
783 Acadia Painting & Construction c/o Elliott Moon & James Hardison	668.34							668.34
66 Acadia Painting & Construction c/o Elliott Moon & James Hardison	268.11							268.11
23 Alley, Arthur E	205.23							205.23
24 Alteri, Beverly & Michael	2,924.97	3,088.61						6013.58
25 Alteri, Beverly A	130.17							130.17
27 Alteri, Michael & Beverly	374.00	435.95						809.95
45 Anthony, Vaughan C & Anthony, Joanne A	1.17							1.17
1286 Atherton, Steven F. Jr.	632.40							632.40
1291 Atherton, Steven F. Jr.	915.09							915.09
63 Baker, David E	955.88	1,047.40						2003.28
64 Baldwin, Kimberly	144.74	207.92	268.45	213.62	133.96			968.69
67 Baranski, James & Charlotte M Young	1,513.48	1,622.52						3136.00
68 Baranski, James & Charlotte M Young	476.97	542.90						1019.87
69 Baranski, James & Charlotte M Young	437.14	501.53						938.67

UNCOLLECTED REAL ESTATE TAXES, continued

Account and Name	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	Total
70 Barber, Carl & Nancy Gordan	859.71	714.23						1573.94
1581 Berry, Christopher	159.31	219.01						378.32
103 Berry, Lee & Barbara A	426.46	490.43						916.89
107 Bickford, Sharon	1,007.21							1007.21
109 Bickford, Sharon J.	208.73							208.73
117 Bishop, Leslie C & Kimberly A	1,047.20							1047.20
123 Blatherwick, Charles A Jr & Blatherwick, William J	1,193.88							1193.88
98 Boschee, Rodney, & Boschee, Sherylin	434.56							434.56
132 Boyington, Marla	915.09							915.09
495 Brady, Jason K. & Gallant, Jill S.	1,046.23							1046.23
557 Braley, James V & Susan A	111.45							111.45
1601 Briggs, Bryan C.	636.29							636.29
1594 Briggs, Bryan C. & Briggs, Eric J.	902.46							902.46
146 Bright, Carolyn & Sidney Stuart Griffin	663.49	658.55						1322.04
1614 Brown, Brandon	84.51	135.26						219.77
1633 Brown, Duane & Tammy	67.03							67.03
162 Buell, David	238.97							238.97

UNCOLLECTED REAL ESTATE TAXES, continued

Account and Name	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	Total
161 Buell, David & Joanne	1,855.43							1855.43
1620 Bunker, Leo B. III	282.69							282.69
199 Butler, Michael	762.57	39.21						801.78
200 Butler, Michael	112.69	37.65						150.34
201 Butler, Michael	112.69	37.65						150.34
348 Card, Jeremy James I & Danico, Jessica Lee	1,878.65							1878.65
978 Carney, Ashley			140.07	113.05	117.42	153.84	206.3	730.68
221 Carter, Loring & Linda	21.37							21.37
230 Champe, Gertrud G.	784.91							784.91
231 Chandler, Kyle	324.46	88.65						413.11
789 Chasse, Bertrand Jr	1,684.46							1684.46
298 Church, Michael	685.58							685.58
1074 Cimenno, John J	2,132.28	29.41						2161.69
241 Clark, Daryl & Kimberly Bakeman	34.87							34.87
251 Clark, Lynn	1,081.39							1081.39
263 Colby, Jonathan E. & Laura M.	2,033.86							2033.86

UNCOLLECTED REAL ESTATE TAXES, continued

Account and Name	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	Total
290 Covenant Community Land Trust	287.54							287.54
1536 Crabtree, Douglas	84.51							84.51
296 Crabtree, Robert	301.14							301.14
561 Crocker, Mary	730.51	809.28						1539.79
304 Cunningham, John & Virginia	753.83							753.83
306 Curtin, Kathryn	3,209.60							3209.60
307 Curtin, Kathryn	1,038.46							1038.46
467 Curtin, Kathryn	290.46							290.46
310 Curtis, Joel A	895.66	977.61						1873.27
313 Cusick, Michael F	637.26	105.44						742.70
329 DeBeck, Kimberly Sue	5,921.82	6,201.37	7,524.11					19647.30
330 DeBeck, Ruth Estate of	189.43							189.43
332 Deckers, Matthew Joseph Renee K Trust	1,022.56							1022.56
335 Defrancesco, Andrea	400.23							400.23
873 DeToro, Kelly	145.71	192.36						338.07
372 Donlin, Bruce L. & Ross, Patrick	383.16							383.16
378 Donovan, Dawn Trustee of Dawn Donovan Living Tr	3,622.45	3,810.04						7432.49

UNCOLLECTED REAL ESTATE TAXES, continued

Account and Name	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	Total
377 Donovan, Dawn, Trustee of Dawn Donovan Living Tr	1,829.18							1829.18
416 Durkin, Edward & Barbara	1,910.80							1910.80
140 Duval, Robert	538.17	606.47	745.32					1889.96
422 Eaton, Mary Jane	6.37							6.37
1154 Elliot, John G. & Walls, Katrina L. & Delores	464.19							464.19
427 Emerson, Curtis L & Lisa A Cloutier	135.03							135.03
432 Emery, Richard & Constance	1,780.21							1780.21
454 Ferdig, Jacquelyn M.	180.69	9.51						190.20
457 Fernald, Robert	777.14							777.14
458 Fernald, Robert	1,261.88	1,358.17						2620.05
459 Fernald, Robert	400.23							400.23
461 Finley, David	199.14							199.14
1566 Foster, Matt & Ann					200.65			200.65
729 Franklin Processing Inc.	1,066.63							1066.63
11 Franklin Processing Inc.,	10,941.19							10941.19
1625 Franklin Processing Inc.,	62.17							62.17

UNCOLLECTED REAL ESTATE TAXES, continued

Account and Name	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	Total
1101 Friedland, Joan A	3,366.00							3366.00
480 Friedland, Joan A.	979.20							979.20
484 Frost, Randy, Estate of	397.31							397.31
487 Frye, William H. & Wanda L.	922.86	1,018.14						1941.00
492 Gagnon, Janet M life estate	1,171.54							1171.54
511 Gevers, Noel A. & Benjamin N.	1,961.31	7.68						1968.99
1605 Gillis, Matthew	70.91							70.91
522 Gioia, Richard	1,682.51							1682.51
1186 Gioia, Richard J & Doane, Debora J	625.60							625.60
524 Gioia, Richard J & Olsen, Diane & Leland	592.57							592.57
537 Goodwin, Gerard	145.71							145.71
538 Goodwin, Gerard	652.80							652.80
539 Goodwin, Gerard	1,314.34							1314.34
540 Goodwin, Joann R & Denise M	266.37							266.37
559 Gordon, Jeffery	1,670.86	1,766.83						3437.69
560 Gordon, Jeffrey	535.26	603.44						1138.70

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Account and Name	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	Total
1538 Gordon, Jeffrey	107.83	159.48						267.31
562 Gordon, Lois	372.06							372.06
546 Gordon, Lois A	1,408.81							1408.81
577 Grant, Larry	496.40							496.40
592 Griffin, Peter	1,308.51	1,407.61						2716.12
593 Griffin, Peter	272.97	330.03						603.00
595 Griffin, Sidney Stuart Sr & Southerland, Anne	830.57	358.09						1188.66
1335 Gross, Christina E. & Martin, Diane G.	88.49							88.49
601 Hall, Catherine M	587.71	657.93	1,289.43					2535.07
602 Hall, Christopher	580.91							580.91
607 Hammond, Wendy Lee	602.29	555.22						1157.51
22 Hancock County Habitat for Humanity	102.97							102.97
608 Hancock, James	293.71							293.71
611 Hand, Kenneth E	755.77	832.48						1588.25
712 Hanna, Seneca S. & Hanna, Abbi A.	580.91	656.92	967.35					2205.18
612 Hansen, Olive estate of	222.46	278.54						501.00
613 Hansen, Peter	2,390.68	2,530.63						4921.31

UNCOLLECTED REAL ESTATE TAXES, continued

Account and Name	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	Total
614 Hansen, Peter	247.71	304.77						552.48
615 Hansen, Peter B	213.71	269.45						483.16
616 Hansen, Peter B Sr & Pamela J	355.54	416.77						772.31
634 Haskell, Dwain	40.80							40.80
636 Haskell, Justin D & Christy L	170.00							170.00
1317 Heard, Nicholas	1,707.77							1707.77
1631 Helbig, Deborah	489.60							489.60
671 Higgins, Anthony R & Richard A	425.49							425.49
672 Higgins, Heath E.	551.77							551.77
676 Hodgkins, Cathy	300.17							300.17
1634 Hodgkins, Katelyn N.	171.94							171.94
685 Hoglund, Todd	1,174.46	1,277.45						2451.91
692 Holdsworth, Rosemary Y. et al	441.08							441.08
702 Hopkins, Kenneth E	523.60							523.60
709 Howell, Gary J & Loraine F	154.46	207.92						362.38
710 Howell, Gary J & Loraine F	1,589.26	1,698.20						3287.46

UNCOLLECTED REAL ESTATE TAXES, continued

Account and Name	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	Total
732 Hutchins, Jonathan	0.16							0.16
1523 Hutchins, Saben	174.86	229.11	286.80					690.77
1520 Hutchins, Sabin	174.86	229.11	286.80					690.77
1522 Hutchins, Sabin	174.86	229.11	286.80					690.77
1524 Hutchins, Sabin	174.86	229.11	286.80					690.77
1525 Hutchins, Sabin	174.86	229.11	286.80					690.77
742 Jacobson, Eliza M & Paul	837.37							837.37
744 Jason, Donna	597.43							597.43
746 Jaworski, Edward	161.26	214.98						376.24
747 Jaworski, Edward	191.37	246.26						437.63
748 Jaworski, Edward	512.91	580.23						1093.14
749 Jaworski, Edward	704.29	785.06						1489.35
1630 Jody Woods	62.17							62.17
753 Johnson, Carlton & Hartley, Rachel	1,515.43	1,629.58						3145.01
780 Joy, Charles A & Marilyn	1,739.83	152.89						1892.72
782 Joy, Frederick B & Joy, Charles A	364.29	425.85						790.14
784 Joy, Frederick B & Joy, Charles A	179.71	234.15						413.86

UNCOLLECTED REAL ESTATE TAXES, continued

Account and Name	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	Total
785 Joy, Jennifer L. personal representative Estate of Theodore R II Joy	1,562.06	38.21						1600.27
790 Kasper, Terrie	789.77							789.77
1607 Kidder, Earl	229.58							229.58
786 Knowles, Leslie L. & Knowles, Betsey S.	798.51	477.81						1276.32
809 Lacey, David	618.80	689.99						1308.79
833 Leavitt, Paula M	102.36							102.36
851 Lesiow, Robert & Deborah Helbig, Tr. of Robert Lesiow Trust	288.51	590.49						879.00
857 Lewis, Fred & Lisa c/o Jason Buteau	395.37							395.37
1549 Light Heart Retreat LLC C/O Buell, David	398.29							398.29
1635 Light Heart Retreat LLC C/O Buell, David	223.43							223.43
1636 Light Heart Retreat LLC C/O Buell, David	259.37							259.37
1637 Light Heart Retreat LLC C/O Buell, David	1,262.86							1262.86
1638 Light Heart Retreat LLC C/O Buell, David	890.80							890.80
861 Longey, Suzanne D & Rebecca D Janenda	465.79							465.79
863 Louder, Manley & Pamela Chase	644.23							644.23
891 Lucier, Dennis	584.80	468.04						1052.84
866 Lurvey, Mark	1,053.03	1,141.23						2194.26

UNCOLLECTED REAL ESTATE TAXES, continued

Account and Name	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	Total
867 Lymburner, Debora	817.94	908.15	1,118.24					2844.33
628 McDonald, Teresa L. & McDonald, Ashley L.	589.66							589.66
901 McKay, Robert D	391.49	444.31						835.80
910 McNamara, Keith & Claudine	288.21							288.21
911 McNeil, Oliver Jr & Alice LE	494.46	531.80						1026.26
551 McVay, Benjamin A	134.06	186.73						320.79
924 Miller, Edward Jr	168.06							168.06
925 Miller, Edward Jr	550.80							550.80
926 Miller, Edward Jr	174.86							174.86
928 Miller, Edward Jr	175.83							175.83
927 Miller, Edward Jr & Heidi E Harper	170.97							170.97
932 Montague, Steven	571.20	640.76	785.66					1997.62
946 Morello, Frank	429.37							429.37
962 Munroe, Barbara L	1,589.31							1589.31
967 Murphy, Donald M	1,445.43							1445.43
1145 Murphy, Michael A. & Murphy, Rose M.	1,610.69							1610.69
225 Nasberg, Gerald	1,973.94	2,097.76						4071.70

UNCOLLECTED REAL ESTATE TAXES, continued

Account and Name	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	Total
981 Newbert, Angela M	603.26							603.26
982 Newbert, Jacqueline A & Michael D Sr	1,854.46	1,973.65						3828.11
983 Newbert, Jacqueline A & Michael D Sr	274.91	333.03						607.94
984 Newbert, Michael	458.51	526.75						985.26
1556 Nichols, Wanda	102.00	159.48						261.48
993 Noyes, Gregory	263.26	320.92	398.06	300.84	368.31			1651.39
994 Noyes, Haywood C Trust	472.11							472.11
1000 Noyes, Jonathan H. & Suzette E	1,255.08	1,350.55						2605.63
992 Noyes, Jonathan H. & Suzette E.	540.11							540.11
995 Noyes, Jonathan H. & Suzette E.				878.45				878.45
997 Noyes, Jonathan H. & Suzette E.	1,851.54							1851.54
998 Noyes, Jonathan H. & Suzette E.	810.17							810.17
999 Noyes, Jonathan H. & Suzette E.	20.40	68.67	98.85	78.34				266.26
1001 Noyes, Jonathan H. & Suzette E.	1,576.63							1576.63
175 O'Donnell, Stanley & Michelle	614.91	690.21						1305.12
1020 Osgood, Debra	531.37	559.40						1090.77
1024 Paganucci, Joseph	2,305.20	2,441.84	1,323.11					6070.15

UNCOLLECTED REAL ESTATE TAXES, continued

Account and Name	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	Total
1026 Paganucci, Joseph	131.14	183.69	83.17					398.00
1030 Painter, David & Mary E Dudzik	117.44							117.44
1040 Patridge, John	1,539.71							1539.71
1041 Patten, Lisa	1,870.00							1870.00
1050 Phero, Marie & Walter	5.42							5.42
1034 Philpott, Tammie J. & Grant, Forrest L.	496.40							496.40
1557 Phippen, Mickey		75.73	100.94					176.67
1052 Picard, Scott	588.69							588.69
1053 Picard, Scott	268.11							268.11
1054 Picard, Scott	714.97							714.97
1554 Pickard, George III	1,067.60	1,524.65						2592.25
1056 Pickard, George III & George IV	240.91	297.71						538.62
1632 Pickard, George IV	612.00							612.00
1062 Pileski, Stephen J & Ellen M	745.70							745.70
1579 Pinkham, David W. & Kim M.	403.14							403.14
1339 Pokoney, Justin	59.26	109.03	147.77	113.94	117.90			547.90

UNCOLLECTED REAL ESTATE TAXES, continued

Account and Name	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	Total
625 Porter, Shawn M	446.86							446.86
764 Potter, Deirdre Rae & Christopher S.	518.74							518.74
1098 Rappaport, Peter	1,012.70							1012.70
1113 Richards, Mikel & Jean	1.81							1.81
1130 Robertson, Ralph	196.23	251.30						447.53
1129 Robertson, Ralph & Paula	1,244.40	1,354.13						2598.53
1133 Robertson, Shane	278.80							278.80
1616 Rock, Michael		154.44						154.44
328 Russell, Matthew M. & Russell, Gregory H. & Linda K.	1,160.86							1160.86
1152 Ryan, Corinna L	933.54	1,020.16	148.54					2102.24
159 Ryan, Jan M	649.89							649.89
1153 Ryder, Jill	601.07							601.07
1157 Sanborn, James L Jr	1,881.66							1881.66
1158 Sanborn, James L Jr	1,874.73							1874.73
1159 Sargent, Joanne	1,150.17							1150.17
1163 Sarro, Mark	1,033.60							1033.60
1164 Sarro, Mark	934.51							934.51

UNCOLLECTED REAL ESTATE TAXES, continued

Account and Name	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	Total
1165 Sarro, Mark	2,010.86							2010.86
1167 Sarro, Mark G	29.14							29.14
1166 Sarro, Mark G.	791.71							791.71
1570 Schlaefer, David	555.66							555.66
1174 Schlaefer, David A	2,186.68							2186.68
314 Seal, Robert B. Trustee of Katherine M. Seal Trust U/A/D	1,413.43							1413.43
1187 Sharpe, Susan	330.29	391.76						722.05
1188 Sharpe, Susan	74.80	125.17						199.97
1196 Shook, Terry L & Cynthia Stilson-Shook	813.09							813.09
1202 Sindair, Lawrence	234.97							234.97
1208 Smith, Dana D & Kathleen B	343.38							343.38
1212 Smith, Douglas & Ronald et al	253.54							253.54
1220 Smith, Patrick	1,158.33							1158.33
1221 Smith, Patrick	331.26							331.26
1232 Spence, Terence & Karen	956.86							956.86
1239 Stanley, Charles	1,068.57	462.65						1531.22

UNCOLLECTED REAL ESTATE TAXES, continued

Account and Name	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	Total
919 Stanley, Charles H.	74.78							74.78
1326 Steger, Maryann W & William J	492.51							492.51
1258 Stuart, Rilla & Robin Ann	189.42							189.42
1572 Taylor, Gabriel Thoman & Nancy Dyan	147.66							147.66
1283 Tozier, Donna M.	191.80							191.80
1298 Tracy, Kevin	1,424.11	1,530.71						2954.82
1299 Tracy, Kevin	488.63	555.00						1043.63
839 Tracy, Kevin A.	203.03	258.36						461.39
840 Tracy, Kevin A.	865.54	947.50						1813.04
1304 Tracy, William E	1,627.14							1627.14
1306 Trombino, Michael & Linda	1,258.87							1258.87
1321 Vanidestine, Gary & Ruth	2,341.14							2341.14
1218 Waddell, Martin A	330.29	393.57	498.69	371.03	453.92	496.3		2543.80
1331 Walker, Robert G & Laura M Bates	340.00							340.00
1332 Wallace, Frank	904.40	990.90						1895.30
1337 Wallace, Shane	1,217.20	1,311.75						2528.95
1336 Wallace, Shane & Barbara	642.11	519.43						1161.54

UNCOLLECTED REAL ESTATE TAXES, continued

Account and Name	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	Total
1338 Wallace, Stuart II	857.77	854.57						1712.34
1350 Warren, Bobbi-Jo	392.46							392.46
1352 Warren, Roy	1,026.81							1026.81
1349 Warren, Roy Jr	1,115.20							1115.20
1363 Wescott, Keith A & Julie E	801.08							801.08
1369 Wheeler, Thomas P & Lona L	257.43							257.43
1370 Wheeler, Thomas P & Lona L	166.11							166.11
1371 Wheeler, Thomas P & Lona L	1,124.91							1124.91
1377 Whitmore, Harold M & Debora L Lord	378.86							378.86
1378 Whitney, Mya Chen & Aaron Chen Whitney	179.71							179.71
1403 Wight, John	82.57							82.57
1404 Wight, John	77.71							77.71
1405 Wight, John	1,886.51							1886.51
1411 Wilbur, Irving & Joey	306.00							306.00
1418 Wilbur, Sandra E	259.37							259.37
1419 Wilbur, Sandra E	589.66							589.66
1423 Willhite, Cynthia L & Michael	1,449.37							1449.37

UNCOLLECTED REAL ESTATE TAXES, continued

Account and Name	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	Total
1425 Williams, Hugh & Avis	17.17							17.17
1432 Willigar, Linda A	207.00							207.00
1445 Worster, Alvin & Nancy	878.17							878.17
1105 Wouters, Leonard	3,932.34	1,769.88						5702.22
1458 Young, Diane	381.83							381.83
989 Young, Jeffrey & Young, Jenifer D.	2,992.97							2992.97
Totals	223395.61	76441.13	17071.76	2069.27	1392.16	650.14	206.30	321226.37

The totals shown in the list above reflect the total amount due as of February 24, 2015, including any and all interest, penalties, and abatements. Accounts for which property has been foreclosed and is presently owned by the Town of Franklin and has not yet been sold are reported under the name of the original account holder(s).

UNCOLLECTED PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Account and Name	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2007	Total
1 Agvest, Inc	10149.73							
70 Bottling Group, LLC			42.80					42.80
19 Buell, David	63.84							63.84
68 CIT Group, Inc				16.53				16.53
46 Desjardin, Timothy		95.53						95.53
69 Franklin Processing, Inc	1688.38							1688.38
69 GCN Holding, LLC				2.67				2.67
3 Goodwin, Gerard	1539.42							1539.42
86 Griffin, Scott & Linda	72.87							72.87
21 Hansen, Peter	74.33	80.63	92.94	67.64	61.84	102.89		480.27
72 Hewlett-Packard Financial Svcs				2.67				2.67
17 Jaworski, Edward	145.74	159.14						304.88
84 Noyes, Jonathan	186.55							186.55
6 Nankervis, Carl III	388.65	424.36	489.17	356.00	475.69	541.54		2675.41
13 Rent-Way, Inc			67.26	48.95	32.11	74.46	155.39	378.17
60 Sarro's Flooring Concepts		84.87						84.87
29 Schmelzor, John C			127.18	92.56	79.68	25.58		325.00

UNCOLLECTED PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES, continued

Account and Name	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2007	Total
63 Thibodeau, Derk T, estate of			45.25	32.93	29.73			107.91
7 Tracy Bros Construction					6667.95	11251.83		17919.78
66 Waters Edge Canoe & Kayak Prrshp	95.13							95.13
12 Wilbur, Irving	273.32							273.32
Totals	4528.23	10994.26	864.60	619.95	7347.00	11996.30	155.39	36505.73

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Franklin
Franklin, ME 04634

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Town of Franklin, Maine as of and for the fiscal year ended February 28, 2014, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Town of Franklin, Maine, as of February 28, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3 through 6 and 22 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the

Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 10, 2014, on our consideration of the Town of Franklin, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of the testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. The report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Franklin, Maine's financial statements as a whole. The introductory section and other supplementary information are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. The other supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole. The introductory section has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Respectfully Submitted,

James W. Wadman, C.P.A.

James W. Wadman, C.P.A.
June 10, 2014

TOWN OF FRANKLIN, MAINE
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
FEBRUARY 28, 2014

(Exhibit I)

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<u>Assets</u>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$545,644	\$17,237	\$562,881
Investments	\$688,820	\$0	\$688,820
Accounts Receivable	\$2,390	\$21,506	\$23,896
Taxes Due - Current Year	\$266,568	\$0	\$266,568
Taxes Due - Prior Years	\$170,806	\$0	\$170,806
Inventory of Supplies	\$0	\$975	\$975
<u>Capital Assets:</u>			
Land	\$51,926	\$27,751	\$79,677
Other Capital Assets, net of Depreciation	\$3,075,261	\$1,566,966	\$4,642,227
Total Capital Assets	\$3,127,186	\$1,594,717	\$4,721,903
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$4,801,415</u>	<u>\$1,634,435</u>	<u>\$6,435,850</u>
<u>Liabilities and Net Position</u>			
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Accounts Payable	\$39,418	\$1,570	\$40,988
Accrued Interest	\$0	\$6,547	\$6,547
<u>Long-Term Liabilities</u>			
Due within one year	\$0	\$11,614	\$11,614
Due in more than one year	\$0	\$190,582	\$190,582
<u>Total Liabilities</u>	<u>\$39,418</u>	<u>\$210,312</u>	<u>\$249,730</u>
<u>Net Position</u>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$3,127,186	\$1,392,521	\$4,519,708
Restricted	\$145,733	\$0	\$145,733
Unrestricted	\$1,489,077	\$31,602	\$1,520,679
<u>Total Net Position</u>	<u>\$4,761,997</u>	<u>\$1,424,123</u>	<u>\$6,186,120</u>
<u>Total Liabilities and Net Position</u>	<u>\$4,801,415</u>	<u>\$1,634,435</u>	<u>\$6,435,850</u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an Integral Part of this Statement.

TOWN OF FRANKLIN, MAINE
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2014

(Exhibit II)

Functions/Programs Primary Government	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position	
		Charges for Services	Operating/Capital Grants	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities
Governmental Activities					Total
General Government	\$199,113	\$613		(\$198,500)	(\$198,500)
Public Safety	\$111,962			(\$111,962)	(\$111,962)
Public Health & Sanitation	\$51,806	\$32,951		(\$18,854)	(\$18,854)
Public Transportation	\$289,009		\$29,889	(\$259,120)	(\$259,120)
Education	\$1,565,347			(\$1,565,347)	(\$1,565,347)
Unclassified	\$31,532	\$1,532	\$733	(\$29,268)	(\$29,268)
Assessments	\$65,202			(\$65,202)	(\$65,202)
Total Governmental Activities	\$2,313,970	\$35,096	\$30,622	(\$2,248,252)	(\$2,248,252)
Business-Type Activities					
Water Department	\$129,911	\$87,100			(\$42,811)
Total Business-Type Activities	\$129,911	\$87,100	\$0	\$0	(\$42,811)
Total Primary Government	\$2,443,880	\$122,196	\$30,622	(\$2,248,252)	(\$2,291,063)
General Revenues					
Real Estate Taxes				\$1,754,748	\$1,754,748
Excise Taxes				\$205,953	\$205,953
State Revenue Sharing				\$44,779	\$44,779
Homestead & BETE Reimbursements				\$33,853	\$33,853
Tree Growth, Veterans & Other Reimbursements				\$25,381	\$25,381
In Lieu of Taxes				\$25,655	\$25,655
Interest and Fees on Taxes				\$34,496	\$34,496
Investment Earnings				\$4,561	\$4,561
Other Revenues				\$20,899	\$20,899
Total Revenues and Transfers				\$2,150,307	\$2,150,326
Changes in Net Position				(\$97,945)	(\$140,737)
Net Position - Beginning				\$4,859,942	\$6,326,856
Net Position - Ending				\$4,761,997	\$6,186,119

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an Integral Part of this Statement.

TOWN OF FRANKLIN, MAINE
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FEBRUARY 28, 2014

(Exhibit III)

	General Fund	Permanent Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<u>Assets and Other Debits</u>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$522,604	\$23,040	\$545,644
Investments	\$688,820	\$0	\$688,820
Accounts Receivable	\$2,390	\$0	\$2,390
Taxes Due - Current Year	\$266,568	\$0	\$266,568
Taxes Due - Prior Years	\$170,806	\$0	\$170,806
Due from Other Funds	\$212	\$0	\$212
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$1,651,400</u>	<u>\$23,040</u>	<u>\$1,674,440</u>
<u>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows & Fund Balances</u>			
<u>Liabilities:</u>			
Accounts Payable	\$39,418	\$0	\$39,418
Due to Other Funds	\$0	\$212	\$212
<u>Total Liabilities</u>	<u>\$39,418</u>	<u>\$212</u>	<u>\$39,630</u>
<u>Deferred Inflows:</u>			
Unearned Property Taxes	\$386,625	\$0	\$386,625
<u>Total Deferred Inflows</u>	<u>\$386,625</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$386,625</u>
<u>Fund Balances:</u>			
Nonspendable	\$0	\$22,500	\$22,500
Restricted	\$123,233	\$0	\$123,233
Committed	\$571,154	\$0	\$571,154
Assigned	\$19,216	\$328	\$19,544
Unassigned	\$511,754	\$0	\$511,754
<u>Total Fund Balances</u>	<u>\$1,225,357</u>	<u>\$22,828</u>	<u>\$1,248,185</u>
<u>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows & Fund Balances</u>	<u>\$1,651,400</u>	<u>\$23,040</u>	<u>\$1,674,440</u>
<u>Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds</u>			\$1,248,185
Net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:			
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds			\$3,127,186
Delinquent taxes are recognized as revenue in the period for which levied in the government-wide financial statements, but are reported as unearned revenue (a liability) in governmental funds			\$386,625
<u>Net Position of Governmental Activities</u>			<u>\$4,761,997</u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an Integral Part of this Statement.

TOWN OF FRANKLIN, MAINE

(Exhibit IV)

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2014

	General Fund	Permanent Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<u>Revenues</u>			
Real Estate Taxes	\$1,785,677		\$1,785,677
Excise Taxes	\$205,953		\$205,953
State Revenue Sharing	\$44,779		\$44,779
Homestead & BETE Reimbursements	\$33,853		\$33,853
Local Road Assistance	\$29,889		\$29,889
Tree Growth, Veterans & Other Reimbursements	\$25,381		\$25,381
In Lieu of Taxes	\$25,655		\$25,655
Interest and Fees on Taxes	\$34,496		\$34,496
Investment Earnings	\$4,264	\$278	\$4,542
Other Revenues	\$10,899	\$10,000	\$20,899
<u>Total Revenues</u>	<u>\$2,200,846</u>	<u>\$10,278</u>	<u>\$2,211,125</u>
<u>Expenditures (Net of Departmental Revenues)</u>			
General Government	\$188,331		\$188,331
Public Safety	\$81,593		\$81,593
Public Health & Sanitation	\$18,396		\$18,396
Public Transportation	\$208,687		\$208,687
Education	\$1,565,347		\$1,565,347
Unclassified	\$29,268		\$29,268
Assessments	\$65,202		\$65,202
<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>\$2,156,823</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2,156,823</u>
<u>Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures</u>	<u>\$44,023</u>	<u>\$10,278</u>	<u>\$54,302</u>
<u>Beginning Fund Balance</u>	<u>\$1,181,333</u>	<u>\$12,550</u>	<u>\$1,193,883</u>
<u>Ending Fund Balance</u>	<u>\$1,225,357</u>	<u>\$22,828</u>	<u>\$1,248,185</u>
<u>Reconciliation to Statement of Activities, change in Net Position:</u>			
Net Change in Fund Balances - Above			\$54,302
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds			(\$30,929)
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures, while in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over the estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.			\$46,849
Depreciation expense on capital assets is reported in the Government-Wide Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Position, but they do not require the use of current financial resources. Therefore, depreciation expense is not reported as expenditures in Governmental Funds.			(\$168,167)
<u>Changes in Net Position of Governmental Activities</u>			<u>(\$97,945)</u>

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TOWN OF FRANKLIN, MAINE
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FEBRUARY 28, 2014

(Exhibit V)

	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Water Department</u>
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents		\$17,237
Accounts Receivable		\$21,506
Inventory of Supplies, at Cost		\$975
<u>Total Current Assets</u>		<u>\$39,718</u>
<u>Non-Current Assets</u>		
Operating Plant & Equipment		\$2,183,983
Accumulated Depreciation		(\$589,266)
<u>Total Non-Current Assets</u>		<u>\$1,594,717</u>
<u>Total Assets</u>		<u><u>\$1,634,435</u></u>
	<u>Liabilities and Net Position</u>	
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Accounts Payable		\$1,570
Accrued Interest Payable		\$6,547
<u>Long-Term Liabilities</u>		
Due within one year		\$11,614
Due in more than one year		\$190,582
<u>Total Liabilities</u>		<u>\$210,312</u>
<u>Net Position</u>		
Investment in Capital Assets, net of Related Debt		\$1,392,521
Unrestricted		\$31,602
<u>Total Net Position</u>		<u>\$1,424,123</u>
<u>Total Liabilities and Net Position</u>		<u><u>\$1,634,435</u></u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an Integral Part of this Statement.

TOWN OF FRANKLIN, MAINE
 SCHEDULE OF PERMANENT FUNDS
 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2014

(Exhibit A-3)

	Bayview Cemetery	Bragdon Cemetery Lots	Blaisdell Good Citizenship	A.B. Fernald Scholarship	C.B. Fernald Memorial	Total Permanent Funds
<u>Additions</u>						
Perpetual Care Received	\$16	\$10,000	\$8	\$11	\$2	\$10,000
Investment Earnings		\$242				\$278
<u>Total Additions</u>	\$16	\$10,242	\$8	\$11	\$2	\$10,278
<u>Reductions</u>						
Program Expenditures						\$0
<u>Total Reductions</u>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Changes in Net Position</u>	\$16	\$10,242	\$8	\$11	\$2	\$10,278
<u>Net Position, Beginning</u>	\$4,822	\$0	\$2,013	\$5,013	\$702	\$12,550
<u>Net Position, Ending</u>	\$4,838	\$10,242	\$2,021	\$5,024	\$704	\$22,828

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2014 TOWN MEETING RESULTS

Article		
7	Hancock County Special Tax Assessment	\$66,737.00 from Property Taxes
9	Salaries	\$120,000.00 from Property Taxes
11	Administration	\$20,000.00 from Property Taxes \$47,000.00 from Surplus
12	Maine Municipal Association Risk Pool Insurance	\$13,589.00 from Property Taxes
13	Workers Compensation Insurance	\$2,499.00 from Surplus
14	Unemployment Compensation Insurance	\$1,054.00 from Property Taxes
15	Maine Municipal Association Dues	\$2,202.00 from Property Taxes
16	Hancock County Planning Commission	\$0.00
19	Tax Map Update	\$1,300.00 from Property Taxes
20	General Assistance	\$3,000.00 from Property Taxes
21	Municipal Building Operating Costs	\$15,000.00 from Property Taxes
23	Community Center Trustees	\$5,000.00 from Property Taxes
25	Interest on Tax Anticipation Loans	\$2,000.00 from Property Taxes
30	Legal Operating Account	\$2,500.00 from Property Taxes
31	Legal Reserve Account	\$3,000.00 from Property Taxes
34	Planning Board	\$500.00 from Property Taxes
35	Volunteer Fire Department	\$42,200.00 from Property Taxes
36	Fire Suppression Reserve	\$1,000.00 from Property Taxes
37	PUC Fire Protection	\$27,100.00 from Property Taxes

2014 TOWN MEETING RESULTS, continued

Article		
39	Fire Forestry Truck Refit	\$25,000.00 from Surplus
40	Street Lights & Monument Square	\$4,000.00 from Property Taxes
41	County Ambulance	\$11,493.00 from Property Taxes
42	Frenchman's Bay Regional Shellfish Conservation Ordinance	\$3,000.00 from Property Taxes
43	Coastal Recycling	\$10,913.00 from Property Taxes
44	Transfer Station Overdraft	\$4,134.54 from Property Taxes
45	Transfer Station	\$15,000.00 from Property Taxes \$30,000.00 from Transfer Station Income
47	Town Roads	\$40,000.00 from Excise Taxes
48	Town Roads Resurfacing Reserve	\$30,000.00 from Excise Taxes
49	Winter Salt & Sand Stockpiling	\$40,000.00 from Excise Taxes
50	Snow Removal & Sanding	\$89,000.00 from Excise Taxes
52	Franklin Little League Teams	\$1,000.00 from Property Taxes
53	Bayview Cemetery Association	\$8,000.00 from Property Taxes
54	East Franklin Cemetery Association	\$600.00 from Property Taxes
55	Good Citizenship Award	\$100.00 from Property Taxes
56	Memorial Day Services	\$2,000.00 from Property Taxes
57	Franklin Boy Scouts	\$1,000.00 from Property Taxes
58	Franklin Public Library	\$1,500.00 from Property Taxes
59	Franklin Historical Society	\$5,000.00 from Property Taxes

2014 TOWN MEETING RESULTS, continued

Article		
60	Down East Health Services (WIC)	\$1,540.00 from Property Taxes
61	Hospice of Hancock County	\$1,000.00 from Property Taxes
62	Maine Coast Memorial Hospital	\$2,000.00 from Property Taxes
63	Eastern Area Agency on Aging	\$500.00 from Property Taxes
64	Washington Hancock Community Agency	\$1,000.00 from Property Taxes
65	Ellsworth Public Library	\$1,000.00 from Property Taxes
66	Downeast Family YMCA	\$2,000.00 from Property Taxes
67	Friends in Action	\$650.00 from Property Taxes
Total Voted on at Town Meeting, March 29, 2014		\$403,612.54 from Property Taxes \$199,000.00 from Excise Taxes \$74,499.00 from Surplus \$30,000.00 from Transfer Station Income \$707,111.54

Article		
2	Anticipated RSU 24 Subsidy Rebate to Tax Offset Reserve	\$41,325.00 from RSU 24
3	2014 Tax Commitment Reduction	\$200,000.00 from Surplus
Total Voted on at Special Town Meeting, June 19, 2014		\$200,000.00 from Surplus \$41,325.00 from RSU 24 \$241,325.00

NOTES

2015 WARRANT

Hancock, S.S.

State of Maine

To: Brian Abbott, a citizen in the Town of Franklin in said County.

Greetings

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Franklin qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Franklin Community Center in said Franklin on Friday, March 27, 2015 at 12:00 noon to act on the following Articles, to wit:

Article

1 Moderator	To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
2 Elect Town Officials	To elect all necessary Town Officials by Secret Ballot. The polls for voting on Article #2 will open at 12:05 PM and close at 6:00 PM. The Business Meeting to act on the following Articles will open at 12:00 noon the following day, Saturday, March 28, 2015.
3 Town Official Reports	To hear and act on the reports of any and all Town Officials.

Article

4 Officials' Compensation

To fix the compensation of the Elected and Appointed Officials for 2015-2016.

	Current	Selectmen Recommend
Selectmen (3)	each \$1,500.00	each \$1,500.00
Chair of Selectmen	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Assessors (3)	each \$2,400.00	each \$2,400.00
Chair of Assessors	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Town Clerk (plus agent fees)	* \$3,000.00	* \$3,000.00
Emergency Management	\$250.00	\$250.00
Registrar of Voters	* \$1,000.00	* \$1,000.00
Fire Chief	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
E9-1-1 Addressing Officer	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Code Enforcement Officer, per mtg	** \$20.00	** \$20.00
Coastal Recycling Rep., per mtg	\$20.00	\$20.00
Planning Board Members, per mtg	\$20.00	\$20.00
Chair of Planning Board, per mtg	\$30.00	\$30.00
Appeals Board Members, per mtg	\$20.00	\$20.00
Chair of Appeals Board, per mtg	\$30.00	\$30.00
Health Officer	\$250.00	\$250.00

* Plus election hourly wage at same rate as Warden

** For attending Planning Board and Board of Appeals Meetings

5 Appoint Budget Committee

To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to appoint six (6) residents of the Town of Franklin to serve on the Budget Committee with the 2015-2016 elected Town Officials who are elected under the provisions of Article Two (2) of the Annual Town Meeting Warrants and one representative of the Community Center Trustees. (The 2014-2015 At Large Budget Committee members were Brian Abbott, Helen Cantor, Dawn Carter, Emery DeBeck, Steve Mosley, and Lloyd Williams).

Article

6 Appoint Other Officials	To instruct the Selectmen to appoint all other Town Officials.
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7 County Tax Assessment	For information only: to report to the Town that the County of Hancock, Special Tax Assessment from Property Taxes for 2015 is \$74,485.42.
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The 2014 Assessment was \$66,737.00.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

8 March Expenses	To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend up to 8.3% of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the current annual budget during the period from the beginning of the next fiscal year to the next annual town meeting.
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Selectmen Recommend: Yes

9 Salaries and Wages	To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$125,000.00 from Property Taxes for the compensation of all salaried town officers and hourly employees.
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2014 Allocation	\$120,000.00
2014 Expended	\$117,532.45
Selectmen Recommend	\$125,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$120,000.00

10 Seek Grants	To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for and accept grants from various federal, state, and private sources in furtherance of local initiatives benefiting from such funds (subject to Public Hearings and/or Special Town Meetings, as necessary).
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Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Article

11

Admin

To see if the Town will vote to raise \$20,000.00 from Property Taxes and appropriate \$47,000.00 from Surplus for Administration.

2014 Allocation	\$67,000.00
2014 Expended	\$61,640.21
Selectmen Recommend	\$67,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$67,000.00

12

MMA Risk
Pool
Insurance

To see if the Town will vote to raise the required amount from Property Taxes for Maine Municipal Association Risk Pool Insurance. The Town has historically raised an amount 10% greater than the prior year's expended total. This amount for 2015 would be \$14,058.00.

2014 Allocation	\$13,589.00
2014 Expended	\$12,780.00

13

Workers
Comp
Insurance

To see if the Town will vote to raise \$2,674.00 from Property Taxes for Workers Compensation Insurance.

2014 Allocation	\$2,499.00
2014 Total Cost	\$1,138.20
	<i>Town</i>
	\$2,674.00
	<i>Water</i>
	\$812.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$2,674.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$2,674.00

14

MMA
Unemployment
Comp
Insurance

To see if the Town will vote to raise \$998.00 from Property Taxes for Maine Municipal Association for Unemployment Compensation Insurance.

2014 Allocation	\$1,054.00
2014 Expended	\$1,044.00
MMA Request	\$998.00
Selectmen Request	\$998.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$998.00

Article

15 To see if the Town will vote to raise \$2,300.00 from
MMA Dues Property Taxes for Maine Municipal Association Dues
for 2015.

2014 Allocation	\$2,202.00
2014 Expended	\$2,202.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$2,300.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$2,300.00

16 To see if the Town will vote to raise \$1,220.00 from
Hancock County Property Taxes for the Hancock County Planning
Commission.

2014 Allocation	\$0.00
HCPC Request	\$1,220.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$0.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$0.00

17 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise
Tax Maps; Assessing Equipment from Property Taxes for updating tax maps and
purchase of office equipment.

2014 Allocation	\$1,300.00
2014 Expended	\$1,000.00
Assessors Request	\$1,500.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$1,500.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$1,500.00

18 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise
General Assistance from Property Taxes for General Assistance.

2014 Allocation	\$3,000.00
2014 Expended	\$2,000.87
Selectmen Request	\$3,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$3,000.00

Article

19

Municipal
Building
Operation

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise from Property Taxes for Municipal Buildings Operating Costs.

2014 Allocation	\$15,000.00
2014 Expended	\$14,859.56
Selectmen Recommend	\$15,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$15,000.00

20

Community
Center
Trustees
Election

To see if the Town will elect three (3) residents of the Town of Franklin to serve as Community Center Trustees for three (3) years (outgoing Trustees: Robert Cossette, Beverly Billings, and Teddy Giles).

21

Community
Center
Trustees

To see if the Town will vote to raise \$10,000.00 from Property Taxes for an operating budget for the Community Center Trustees. This is a revolving, non-lapsing account.

2014 Balance Carried	\$14,104.28
2014 Allocation	\$5,000.00
2014 Expended	\$12,998.39
Balance Forward as of 2/28/15	\$6,105.89
Comm. Center Trustees Request	\$10,000.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$10,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$10,000.00

22

Tax
Anticipation
Loans

To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money on or for any Tax Anticipation Loans.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Article

23

Tax
Anticipation
Loans
Interest

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise from Property Taxes for Interest on Tax Anticipation Loans.

2014 Allocation	\$2,000.00
2014 Expended	\$0.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$2,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$2,000.00

24

Set Date of
Commitment

To see if the Town will vote to set the date of commitment as the date when all personal property and real estate taxes for the Fiscal Year March 1, 2015 to February 29, 2016 are due and payable and that the statutory maximum percent per annum interest (7%) shall be charged on all personal property and real estate taxes remaining unpaid after October 31, 2015.

25

Waiver of
Foreclosure

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to instruct the Treasurer to waive foreclosure consistent with 36 M.R.S.A. §944 when said foreclosure is deemed, by the Selectmen, to be in the best interest of the Town of Franklin.

Waiver of foreclosure is typically used when the Town wishes to avoid acquiring property that may be burdensome, for example, a run-down dam, dilapidated building, or toxic waste site. All waivers are registered at the Hancock County Registry of Deeds.

Article

26

Disposal of
Foreclosed
Real Estate

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell or convey any real estate acquired by the Town under expired tax lien mortgages on such terms as they may deem proper and to execute quitclaim deeds on behalf of the Town to the purchasers of such property. If the property is to be sold, notice of such sale shall be in a local newspaper at least two (2) weeks prior to such sale and the time and place of sale shall be designated. Such sale shall be to the highest bidder except that the prior owner may purchase the property for all taxes, interest penalties, and costs then due, plus all costs of the sale to be paid to the Town in full anytime prior to such sale.

27

Disposal of
Personal
Property

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of Town-owned personal property under such terms and conditions as they deem to be in the best interest of the Town of Franklin.

28

Legal
Operating
Account

To see if the Town will vote to raise \$2,500.00 from Property Taxes for the Legal Operating Account.

2014 Allocation	\$2,500.00
2014 Expended	\$1,053.50
Selectmen Recommend	\$2,500.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$2,500.00

29

Accept
State and
Federal
Funds

To see if the Town will vote to accept State and/or Federal Funds paid to the Municipality under 30-A M.R.S.A. §5682 and to authorize the Selectmen to accept and appropriate said funds as State and/or Federal laws permit.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Article

30
River
Herring
Ordinance

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the State of Maine's Department of Marine Resources "2015 Model River Herring Ordinance" as being the 2015 Town of Franklin's River Herring Ordinance for harvesting on Grist Mill Stream, with Card-Mill Stream remaining under conservation closure (the five-year contract awarded to Darrell Young is from 2011 to 2015).

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

31
Planning
Board

To see if the Town will vote to raise \$500.00 from Property Taxes for the operation of the Planning Board.

2014 Allocation	\$500.00
2014 Expended	\$66.50
Planning Board Requests	\$500.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$500.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$500.00

PROTECTION AND SAFETY

32
Fire
Department

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise from Property Taxes for the support of the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department.

2014 Allocation	\$42,200.00
2014 Expended	\$40,602.74
Fire Chief Requests	\$45,400.00
Selectmen Request	\$45,400.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$45,400.00

Article

33 Fire Suppression Reserve

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise from Property Taxes for the Fire Suppression Reserve.

2014 Balance Carried	\$70,258.00
2014 Allocation	\$1,000.00
2014 Expended to Reserve	\$1,000.00
2014 Interest Earned	\$193.86
In Reserve as of 2/28/15	\$71,451.86

Note: As a member of the MMA Casualty Pool, the Town has \$25,000.00 coverage with a \$500.00 deductible.

Fire Chief Requests	\$1,000.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$1,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$1,000.00

34 PUC Fire Protection

To see what sum of money the Town will raise from Property Taxes for PUC Fire Protection (the Public Utilities Commission has determined the Town's allocation to be \$27,100.00).

2014 Allocation	\$27,100.00
2014 Expended	\$27,100.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$27,100.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$27,100.00

35 Street Lights; Monument Square Outlet

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise from Property Taxes for Street Lights and the Monument Square Outlet.

2014 Allocation	\$4,000.00
2014 Expended	\$3,855.57
Selectmen Recommend	\$4,500.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$4,500.00

Article

36 County Ambulance

To see if the Town will vote to raise \$11,493.00 from Property Taxes for the 2015 County Ambulance contract. The Ambulance Service Agreement runs from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016 and is priced at \$7.75 per capita according to the 2010 Census.

2014 Allocation	\$11,493.00
2014 Expended	\$11,493.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$11,493.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$11,493.00

37 Shellfish Ordinance

To see if the Town will vote to raise \$3,000.00 from Property Taxes for its share of costs for enforcement and administration of the Frenchman's Bay Regional Shellfish Conservation Ordinance.

2014 Allocation	\$3,000.00
2014 Expended	\$3,000.00
Frenchman's Bay RSCO Requests	\$3,000.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$3,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$3,000.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

38 Coastal Recycling

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise from Property Taxes in support of Coastal Recycling and authorize the Selectmen to issue a letter of intent to withdraw from Coastal Recycling should such action be warranted.

2014 Allocation	\$10,913.00
2014 Expended	\$10,912.85
Coastal Recycling Requests	\$10,913.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$10,913.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$10,913.00

Article

39 To see if the Town will vote to approve a (\$1,286.16)
Transfer Station overdraft in the Transfer Station Account for March 1,
Overdraft 2014 to February 28,2015.

40 To see if the Town will vote to raise \$17,500.00 from
Transfer Station Property Taxes and appropriate \$30,000.00 from
Operation Transfer Station income to operate the Transfer
Station.

2014 Allocation	\$45,000.00
2014 Income as of 2/28/15	\$34,553.38
2014 Expended	\$46,286.16

Selectmen Recommend	\$47,500.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$47,500.00

41 To see if the Town will vote to raise \$2,500.00 from
Animal Control Property Taxes for the Animal Control Officer.

2014 Allocation	\$0.00
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Selectmen Recommend	\$2,500.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$2,500.00

42 To see if the Town will vote to raise \$15,000.00 from
Tax Acquired Property Demolition Property Taxes for Demolition of Tax Acquired
Demolition Properties.

2014 Allocation	\$0.00
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Selectmen Request	\$15,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$15,000.00

ROADS, HIGHWAYS, AND BRIDGES

43 To see if the Town will vote to accept D.O.T. Local
DOT Local Road Assistance Program monies and authorize the
Assistance Selectmen to expend same on Town Roads.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Article

44

Road
Maintenance
Account

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate from Excise Tax for needed road maintenance and repairs. This is a revolving, non-lapsing account.

2014 Balance Forward	\$50,469.00
2014 Allocation	\$40,000.00
2014 MDOT-LRAPI	\$22,044.00
2014 Expended	\$39,318.53
In Reserve as of 2/28/15	\$51,150.47
Selectmen Recommend	\$40,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$40,000.00

45

Roads
Resurfacing
Reserve

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate from Excise Tax for the Town Roads Resurfacing Reserve.

2014 Balance Forward	\$272,833.33
2014 Allocation	\$30,000.00
2014 Expended to Reserve	\$30,000.00
2014 Expended	\$154,522.95
2014 Interest	\$60.26
In Reserve as of 2/28/15	\$148,369.98
Selectmen Recommend	\$40,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$40,000.00

46

Winter Salt
and Sand
Stockpiling

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate from Excise Tax for Stockpiling Winter Salt/Sand.

2014 Allocation	\$40,000.00
2014 Expended	\$23,606.75
Selectmen Recommend	\$40,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$40,000.00

Article

47
Snow
Removal
and Sanding

To see what sum of money the Town will appropriate from Excise Tax for Snow Removal and Sanding.

2014 Allocation	\$89,000.00
2014 Expended	\$73,200.00

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend to postpone this article until the Special June 2015 Town Meeting.

48
Unexpended
Balances

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer the unexpended balances of the Winter Salt/Sand Stockpiling Account and Snow Removal and Sanding Account to the Road Maintenance Account.

49
Remaining
Excise Tax

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the unexpended balance from Motor Vehicle Excise Tax revenues to the Road Resurfacing Reserve Account.

EDUCATION

50
RSU 24
Report

To hear a report from the Regional School Unit #24 Board Member

UNCLASSIFIED: IN TOWN REQUESTS

51
Baseball
Teams

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise from Property Taxes in support of the Franklin Summer Baseball Teams.

2014 Allocation	\$1,000.00
2014 Expended	\$1,000.00
Franklin Baseball Teams Request	\$1,000.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$1,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$1,000.00

Article

52

Bayview
Cemetery
Association

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise from Property Taxes for the Bayview Cemetery Association for cemetery maintenance and care.

2014 Allocation	\$8,000.00
2014 Expended	\$8,000.00

Bayview Cemetery Assoc. Requests	\$7,000.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$7,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$7,000.00

53

East
Franklin
Cemetery
Association

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise from Property Taxes for the East Franklin Cemetery Association for cemetery maintenance and care.

2014 Allocation	\$600.00
2014 Expended	\$600.00

East Franklin Cemetery Assoc. Requests	\$600.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$600.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$600.00

54

Good
Citizenship
Award

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise from Property Taxes for the Franklin Good Citizenship Award. This award is given yearly to citizens of Franklin who have contributed their time and effort to make our community a better place to live.

2014 Allocation	\$100.00
2014 Expended	\$56.86

Selectmen Recommend	\$100.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$100.00

Article

55

Memorial
Day
Services

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise from Property Taxes in memory of Franklin Service Men and Women.

Note: This expenditure is for the purchase of flag holders and flags for Veterans' Graves, flags and wreaths for the Annual Memorial Day Service & Parade, flags for Flag Poles at Municipal Sites & Cemeteries, and the replacement of worn, damaged, or missing flags flown along the Streets and Highways of the Town of Franklin.

2014 Allocation	\$2,000.00
2014 Expended	\$1,976.62
Selectmen Recommend	\$2,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$2,000.00

56

Franklin
Public
Library

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise from Property Taxes for the support of the Franklin Public Library.

2014 Allocation	\$1,500.00
2014 Expended	\$1,500.00
Franklin Library Request	\$3,000.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$3,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends	\$3,000.00

UNCLASSIFIED: OUT OF TOWN REQUESTS

Article

57 WIC Nutrition Program	To see if the Town will vote to raise \$2,080.00 from Property Taxes for the Women, Infants, & Children Nutrition Program (WIC).	
	2014 Allocation	\$1,540.00
	2014 Expended	\$1,540.00
	Downeast Health Service Requests	\$2,080.00
	Selectmen Recommend	\$1,540.00
	Budget Committee Recommends	\$1,540.00
58 Hospice of Hancock County	To see if the Town will vote to raise \$1,000.00 from Property Taxes for Hospice of Hancock County.	
	2014 Allocation	\$1,000.00
	2014 Expended	\$1,000.00
	Hospice of Hancock County Requests	\$1,000.00
	Selectmen Recommend	\$1,000.00
	Budget Committee Recommends	\$1,000.00
59 Maine Coast Memorial Hospital	To see if the Town will vote to raise \$2,000.00 from Property Taxes for the Maine Coast Memorial Hospital.	
	2014 Allocation	\$2,000.00
	2014 Expended	\$2,000.00
	Maine Coast Mem. Hospital Requests	\$2,000.00
	Selectmen Recommend	\$0.00
	Budget Committee Recommends	\$1,500.00

Article

60 Eastern Area Agency on Aging	To see if the Town will vote to raise \$2,000.00 from Property Taxes for the Eastern Area Agency on Aging.	
	2014 Allocation	\$500.00
	2014 Expended	\$500.00
	Eastern Area Agency on Aging Requests	\$2,000.00
	Selectmen Recommend	\$500.00
	Budget Committee Recommends	\$500.00
61 Washington Hancock Community Agency	To see if the Town will vote to raise \$5,461.00 from Property Taxes for Washington Hancock Community Agency.	
	2014 Allocation	\$1,000.00
	2014 Allocation	\$1,000.00
	WHCA Requests	\$5,461.00
	Selectmen Recommend	\$1,000.00
	Budget Committee Recommends	\$1,000.00
62 Ellsworth Public Library	To see if the Town will vote to raise \$4,560.00 from Property Taxes for the Ellsworth Public Library.	
	2014 Allocation	\$1,000.00
	2014 Expended	\$1,000.00
	Ellsworth Public Library Requests	\$4,560.00
	Selectmen Recommend	\$1,000.00
	Budget Committee Recommends	\$1,000.00
63 Downtown Family YMCA	To see if the Town will vote to raise \$2,000.00 from Property Taxes for the Downtown Family YMCA.	
	2014 Allocation	\$2,000.00
	2014 Expended	\$2,000.00
	Downtown Family YMCA Requests	\$2,000.00
	Selectmen Recommend	\$1,000.00
	Budget Committee Recommends	\$1,000.00

Article

64

Loaves &
Fishes Food
Pantry

To see if the Town will vote to raise \$750.00 from Property Taxes for the Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry.

2014 Allocation \$0.00

2014 Expended \$0.00

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry Requests \$750.00

Selectmen Recommend \$750.00

Budget Committee Recommends \$750.00

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Child &
Family
Opportunity

To see if the Town will vote to raise \$2,000.00 from Property Taxes for Child & Family Opportunity.

2014 Allocation \$0.00

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Child & Family Opportunity Requests \$2,000.00

Selectmen Recommend \$500.00

Budget Committee Recommends \$0.00

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Reduce Tax
Commitment

To see what sum of money the Town will appropriate from Unexpended Funds to reduce the 2015 Tax Commitment.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend postponing this article until the Special June 2015 Town Meeting.

LEVY LIMIT

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Levy Limit

To see if the Town will vote to increase the Property Tax Levy Limit of \$526,006.00 established for the Town of Franklin by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the Property Tax Levy Limit (written ballot required).

Selectmen Recommend postponing this article until the Special June 2015 Town Meeting.

Given under our hands at Franklin, Maine, on this 9th day of March in the year 2015.

Robert Cossette, 1st Selectman

Jeffrey Albee, 2nd Selectman

Joey Smith, 3rd Selectman