



**“RECYCLE TODAY FOR TOMORROW!”
ARE YOU??**

COLLECTION DATES FOR CURBSIDE RECYCLING

- THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2015
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2015
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2015
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015
- THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2015
- THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2015
- THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2015

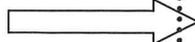


DO NOT RECYCLE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

Window glass, mirrors, light bulbs, pyrex, ceramic containers, plastic bags, film, ribbons, foam packaging, Styrofoam, recyclables containing food waste, paint or oils, hazardous materials,



The Recycle Stick-er looks like this. It is six inches in diameter, will attach to any container of your choice and the cost is \$1.00 each.



WHAT YOU CAN RECYCLE

Paper

- newsletters, magazines
- flyer's, junk mail
- catalogs & mail
- phone books & paperbacks
- paper (all colors – staples ok)
- paper bags, file folders
- wrapping paper
- milk, soda crates

Cardboard

- cereal boxes, shoeboxes, etc.
- paper towel cores, pizza boxes
- milk, juice cartons
- drink boxes, aseptic containers

Glass

- all glass bottles and jars

Plastic

- milk jugs
- detergent, shampoo bottles
- all plastic containers (#1 - #7)
- blister packaging
- plastic clamshell containers
- soda, juice, water bottles
- kitty litter buckets (handle okay)
- toys (must have some give)
- laundry baskets, trash bins
- landscape trays plant pots
- milk, soda crates

Metal

- cans (steel, tin, aluminum)
- aerosol cans (empty)
- aluminum (trays, foil, etc.)

REMEMBER: SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING MEANS THAT YOU MAY PUT ALL OF YOUR RECYCLABLES INTO THE SAME CONTAINER—NO SEPARATING NECESSARY!!

Community News & Announcements



PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS - THE HOLDEN TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Thursday, January 1, 2015 New Years Day
Monday, January 19, 2015 Martin Luther King Day
Monday, February 16, 2015 President's Day

THANK YOU ELECTION WORKERS!

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you how much I appreciate my Ballot Clerks and Wardens for all their time and efforts on Tuesday, November 4, 2014. Thanks, Wanda

ELECTION RESULTS

66% of Holden's registered voters cast their votes on Tuesday, November 4, 2014

PRIMARY ELECTION
JUNE 9, 2015

2015 Dog Registration Reminder



2015 dog tags are available at the Town Office. Fees for 2015 licenses are as follows: Spayed/neutered dogs ~ \$6.00, dogs capable of producing young ~ \$11.00. All dogs six months of age and older **must** be licensed by January 31, 2015. A **late licensing fee of \$25.00 will be applied beginning February 1, 2015**. Please remember, in order to license your dog you will need to bring current rabies information (the expiration date of the rabies shot and tag number). Also, if your dog has been spayed or neutered since last year you must bring documentation. If you no longer have a dog, please contact us so we may remove the information from our records. Cats are required to have yearly rabies vaccinations, but do not require registration.

Free Family Fishing Days

This event will take place on February 14th & 15th, 2015 and May 30th & 31st, 2015. On these free fishing days, any person (except those whose license has been suspended or revoked) may fish without a license. **All other laws and regulations apply on these days.**



Web Site Info: www.mefishwildlife.com

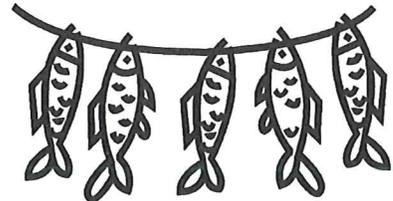


MAINE RESIDENT LIFETIME HUNTING/FISHING LICENSE

What is a Resident Lifetime License? Lifetime licenses for hunting, fishing and archery are available to Maine residents who are 65 years of age or older or who are 15 years of age or younger. Once purchased, a resident lifetime license is valid for the life of the holder on matter where you live.

If you are 70 years of age or older, you may obtain a lifetime license for a one time fee of \$8.00.

These licenses are purchased through the Inland Fishers and Wildlife Department in Augusta, Maine. For more information, please contact the Holden Town Office at 843-5151 or go online at www.mefishwildlife.com



Remember your "sweetie" on February 14th.

VALENTINE'S DAY!



TOWN COUNCIL NOTE

Town manager John Butts retired this year after serving the Town of Holden for seven years. John brought some fresh ideas to Holden such as the Holden Fall Frolic, his dedication to the veterans and the Old Town Hall restoration. Thanks John, we wish you well in your retirement.

I want to welcome Benjamin R.K. Breadmore as our new town manager. After several weeks of reviewing applications and interviewing candidates, the council chose Ben. His first day of work was November 3rd. Ben is the former code officer for the City of Brewer and alternate code officer for the Town of Holden. His duties as town manager will also include the code enforcement officer for Holden for the time being.

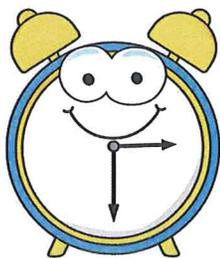
At the October 20th council meeting, the council awarded the bid for the fire station addition to Aaron Newcomb Building Construction, Inc. of Holden. A groundbreaking ceremony was held on November 10th and construction of the building is underway.

As we begin a new year, the manager and staff will be developing the proposed budget for presentation at the annual June town meeting. The town council and budget committee will review the proposed budget and make recommendations. One item that generates much discussion is the dedicated reserve accounts which are used for the replacement of town equipment. Financial advisers say to pay yourself first, which for Holden means we need to allocate sufficient funds for the reserve accounts. In recent years some reserve accounts have not had sufficient funds to cover the cost of the needed equipment and we have had to extend the life of that equipment or borrow the funds. Fortunately the low interest rates on loans has enabled the council to borrow the funds required to replace some of the aging equipment instead of incurring additional maintenance costs. The other item that is sure to come up is road paving. The cost of paving has skyrocketed in recent years, but we need to continue to maintain our roads to avert additional maintenance costs in the future. Staff now uses a computer program based on an annual survey of the road and pavement conditions that identifies where paving is needed most. Many hours are spent in the preparation and review of each item in the proposed budget. Meetings dates and times will be posted and your comments and input is encouraged.

This time of year presents some of the worst driving conditions. Our highway crew always strives to clear the snow from the roadways and to sand the roadways to provide a safe driving condition. For your safety and the safety of others please slow down and drive carefully. Also please do not plow snow into the roadway, as it can cause a hazard for vehicles.

Lastly I want to thank all the employees for their dedication and service to the Town of Holden. And a special thanks to Sherry Murray for taking on additional duties as acting manager. I also want to thank the many volunteers who serve on the various boards and committees. Their hard work and dedication is what makes Holden such a great place to live.

Thank you and have a safe year,
Bob Harvey council chair



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2015.

Do not forget to set your clocks ahead.

HOLDEN HISTORICAL TOWN HALL NEWS

Hope you were able to come to the tree lighting ceremony at the town hall on the evening of December 7th.

Late in November, the town road crew along with Pat and Ron Sirois went over to the Hayes on Rte 46. They have a tree farm and generously offered the town a free tree. We jumped at the chance and over we all went. It happened to be that wonderful, warm, almost 60 degree day the end of November (now a faint memory with all the ice and snow). In no time the tree was cut down, transported, put up and secured in front of the town hall. Many thanks to Bruce and the boys for the help.

Sunday, December 7 in the morning, (not 60 degrees!!!!) the members of the Town Hall Restoration Committee gathered to decorate the tree. Ladders, lights and extension cords.....lots of cooperation and suggestions and as they say, "we got 'er done!" Then we all gathered back at the town hall at 4 p.m. to get ready for the annual tree lighting. This is our third year and the best yet. Thanks to the efforts of Angel Seavey who handled the advertising and Ashley Kelley who got the word out to the schools, we had a large crowd and lots of children. Santa arrived on a fire truck with lights flashing and the countdown began for the tree lighting. I was inside with the plug in my hand praying that nothing would go wrong..... then 5,...4,...3,...2,...1..... and I breathed a huge sign of relief. Tree lit up and the ohhs and ahhs were loud and excited.

The crowd enjoyed hot chocolate, cider from Windy Hill Orchards, lots of cookies and other baked goodies. Thanks to all of you who provided the refreshments. They were most appreciated. I think there were lots of kids on a sugar high Sunday night. The leftovers were delivered to the town office for the folks there as well as in the fire and police departments. Yummy all around.

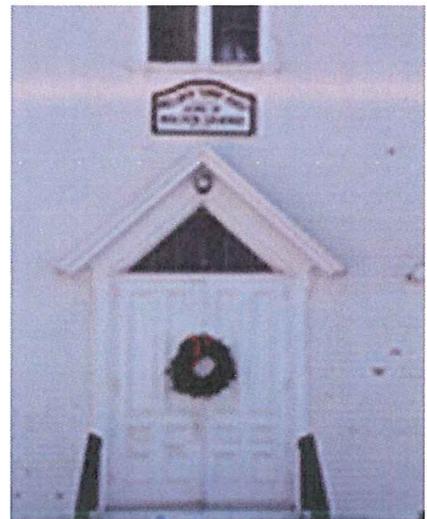
Santa talked to the children, they got to have their pictures taken with him and although the temperatures were really cold, everyone seemed to be having a wonderful time. The faces of the children said it all when the tree was lighted and when they saw Santa. There are lots of pictures of the event on the town hall website (historicholdentownhall.org) as well as some on the town website so if you weren't able to come, you can enjoy the event through the photos.

Coming up for the Restoration Committee: Currently the cookbook is at the printers and we should have it available in February. We think we have a quality product. All of us put in treasured recipes as well as some Holden History, little known facts, helpful hints and pictures. I can't wait to get my copy and hope you will want yours as well. They will be available from committee members and at the town office. We hope some of the local merchants will carry copies as well, but I will get more information out on that a bit later.

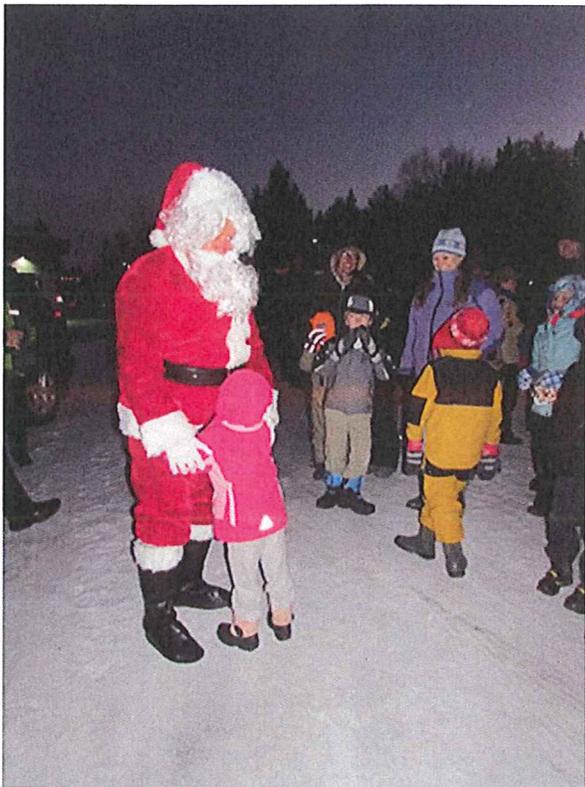
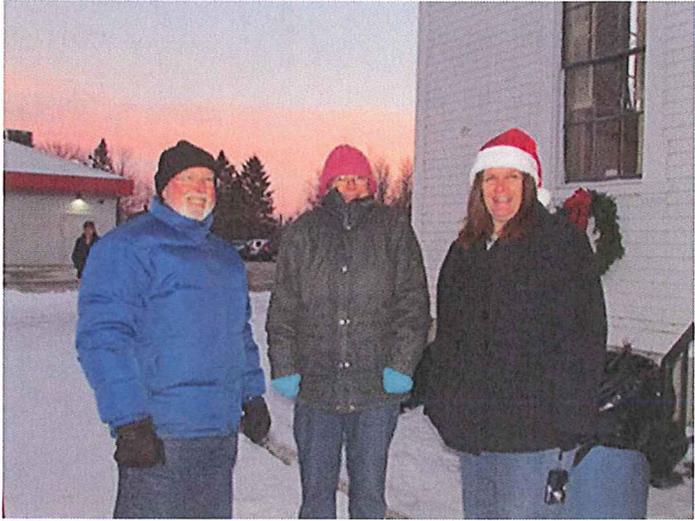
The next big event will be our 2nd annual yard sale in June. Anyone with items to donate, please think of us first. We can store things in the hall until the event, so anytime is fine for a donation. Call Pat at 843-5518 or Bunny at 843-7855. All proceeds from all fund raisers and donations go to the restoration of the town hall. Any and all donations are much appreciated and get us closer to the goal of making the town hall useable for town and private town citizen functions.

By the time you read this, the holidays will be over so hope everyone had a safe, healthy and happy Christmas and we hope that 2015 will be a wonderful year for all of us.

Pat Sirois Chairperson Restoration Committee



PICTURES



<http://historicholdentownhall.org/photogallery/treelighting2014/index.html>

HOLDEN HISTORICAL NEWS

Welcome to 2015! This year promises to be a great one for the Holden Historical Society. We will be hosting new meeting times and days; more presentations and speakers; and a project or two are in the works.

First of all, the Society has an appeal. The group really needs a home of its own. We are hoping that there is someone in town who would be willing to loan, donate or rent for very little; a small space for the society to store its collection, set up a computer for research and archives, and also to display some of our items.

Digitizing the collection is a priority and this will make the collection accessible to more of the townspeople and researchers through our upcoming website. We would also like to be able to host Ancestry.com for the community to access for their genealogy work without having to make a large financial commitment on their own. Contact Kerry Zimmerman if you can help!



POLICE NEWS



With the arrival of the New Year, please allow me to take this opportunity to update you on 'what's new' at the Holden Police Department.

This year marks the 12th year the Holden Police Department has been its own, independent law enforcement agency, serving the roughly 3000 people who live in this wonderful community. And thanks to Officer Bruce Graybill, one way you can stay informed on what's going on at Holden PD, is to check us out on Facebook. (Thank you, Bruce, for maintaining our Facebook page.)

In addition, our officers are always looking for ways to stay connected to and involved with those of you who work and live here. In fact, in addition to likely having seen Chief Gene Worcester coaching youth basketball or baseball in Holden, you may have seen Officer Dain Bryant at Eastern Maine Snowmobilers functions, Officer Ryan Freeman volunteering at the Muscular Dystrophy Association's 'Jail & Bail' fundraiser, or other officers here reading at the Holden Elementary School or volunteering in some other way. And while crime prevention, investigations, traffic enforcement and similar matters take up most of our time, we very much enjoy the other aspects of serving you. Whether that means attending a community meeting, helping someone find their lost dog, visiting one of our wonderful churches, checking on a senior citizen who lives alone, or even just dropping off a bag of returnables for a Boy Scout fundraiser, it's all part of what makes being a Holden police officer such a wonderful job.

As always, I so much appreciate your taking the time to read this. Please feel free to e-mail me anytime, whether you're happy, or even not-so-happy, with something we're doing. Our goal as a police department is to just get a little bit better everyday in how we serve and protect YOU. My e-mail address is CGTC@aol.com.

We wish you all the best in 2015! Sgt. Chris Greeley, Holden PD

HOLDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Season greetings from the Holden Fire/Rescue

As we roll into the winter season we would like to update you on the progress of the station addition for your Fire/Rescue Department. For those of you who don't know, in September of this year the Holden Town Council voted to approve a set of spec plans for a building addition developed by Holden's own Dave R Merritt AA Architecture. The plan was put out to bid and local contractor Aaron Newcomb Construction, INC. was awarded the winning bid. In early November, Nelligan Construction accompanied by Lindsey Foundation began work on the frost wall as well as all ground and septic work. Currently, Aaron and his team are finishing framing as well as setting roof trusses and rafters. The "shell" of the building should be finished in the upcoming weeks so the inside can be worked in through the winter months. Plumbing and electrical work will be completed in these months as well as the addition of three new apparatus bays. A move in date of July 2015 is still on track as this point.

This project has been the combination of 20 plus years of work by the Town of Holden and the Fire/Rescue Department. The Department currently resides in the basement of the Town Office. This is the same space that was used when the all volunteer department had no full time employees, no night coverage and handled less than 75 calls to service a year. The department currently has three full time employees as well as two Live-In student interns that work on rotating 24 hour shifts and handle about 500 calls a year. As you can see the work load has increased while the facilities have stayed the same.

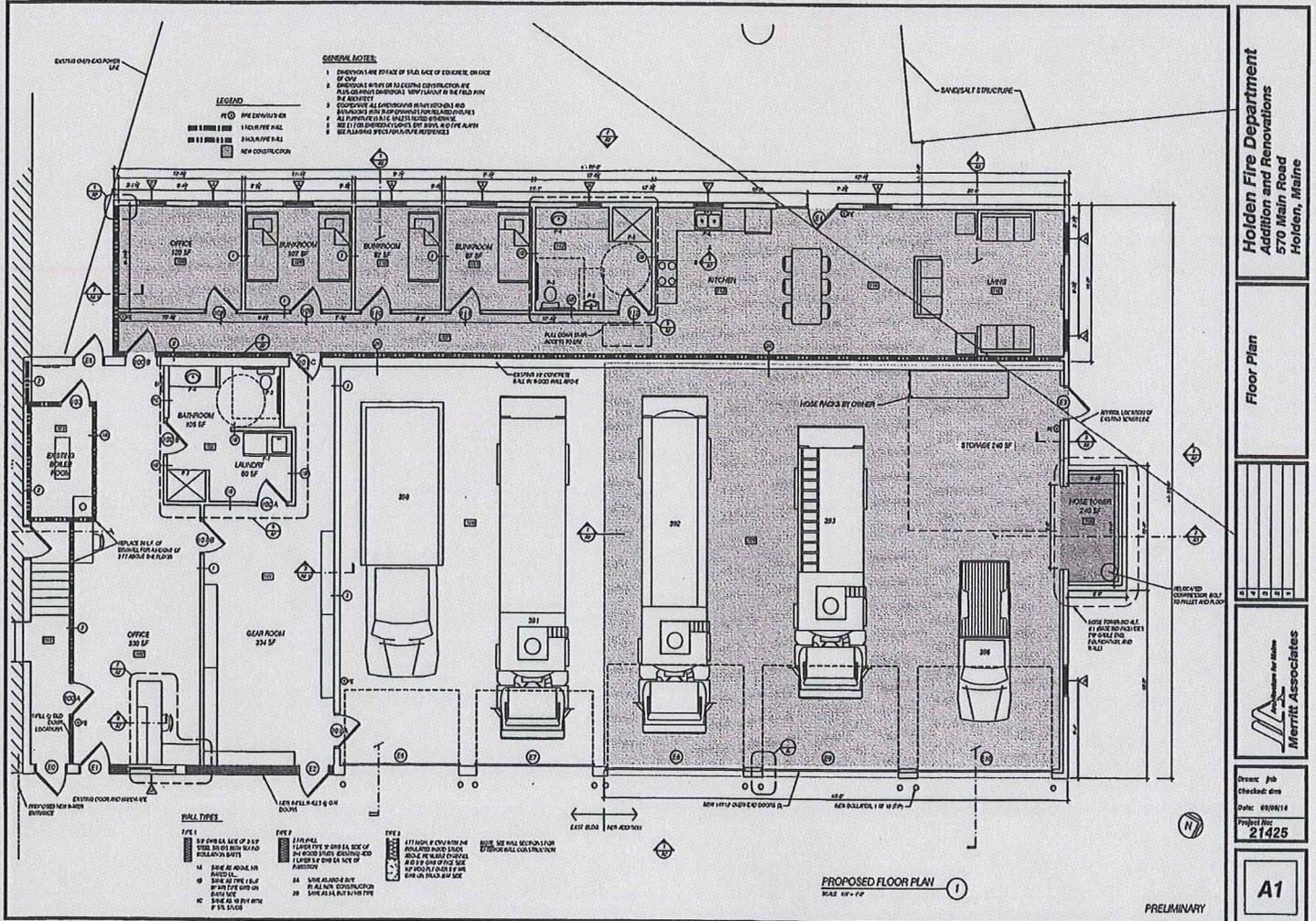
The new facility not only addresses this space issue, but also fixes some other serious health violations and concerns. Currently there is not correct egress access from the firefighters sleeping area mandated by federal regulations. The new station will offer three bunk rooms on the ground level. There are some places in our current location that are not accessible for persons with disabilities. In the new design this issue will also be fixed by bringing the working space up to grade and allowing for doors and windows with handicap access. Finally, a diesel exhaust system will be put into the new facility to help remove harmful toxins released by moving fire apparatus in and out of the bay area. Our current facility does not offer the space to install this system. This is a problem that not only affects the Fire Department but the Town Office as well. Currently when trucks are removed from the bays, effects from the exhaust can be seen even on the upper levels of the building.

We encourage any members of the public to stop in and see the progress on the new station. You can also track the progress on our Facebook page by "Like" Holden Fire/Rescue and following our station update section. If you have any further questions please contact us at 843-6737 or stop into the Fire/Rescue Department at 570 Main Road Holden, ME (in the basement of the town office, for now!) 04429.

Respectfully submitted:
Lt. Christopher Beaumont
Holden Fire/Rescue



FIRE DEPARTMENT PICS





VETERANS



I would like to give a great big thank you to all the folks who came out on Saturday the 13th of December to help retrieve flags and lay wreaths on the Veteran's graves in our six cemeteries for Wreath's Across America Day.

There are a lot of folks in our great Town of Holden that have family members laid to rest who are Vet's and they are grateful for the flags and wreaths that we do each year for them.

I and all the folks who helped are very proud and pleased to be able to do this each year.

"THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR HELP"

Bonnie Clark Coordinator

PROPERTY CHECK FORM

If you are planning to be away and would like the Holden Police Department to check your property there is a property check form on page 12 of this newsletter. Also for your convenience a copy of the property check form is on our web site at www.holdenmaine.com. Located on left hand side under Departments, click Police Department. Right side under Additional Resources.



SERVICE NUMBER

HOLDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT
PROPERTY CHECK

1. NAME _____
2. ADDRESS _____
3. PHONE _____
4. ACTUAL LOCATION _____
5. CHECK FROM _____ TO _____
6. DOES ANYONE HAVE KEYS TO YOUR PROERTY? YES ___ NO ___
7. IF YES, NAME _____ NUMBER _____
8. NAME AND PHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO BE CONTACTED IN EMERGENCY
NAME _____ NUMBER _____
9. ARE YOU LEAVING ANY VEHICLES IN THE DRIVEWAY? YES ___ NO ___
10. IF YES, DESCRIPTION _____
11. DO YOU HAVE A GARAGE? YES ___ NO ___ IF YES WILL IT BE LOCKED YES ___ NO ___
12. ARE YOU LEAVING ANY LIGHTS ON? YES ___ NO ___
13. IF YES, WHERE? L/R ___ KITCHEN ___ UPSTAIRS ___ DOWNSTAIRS ___ OUTSIDE ___
14. IS DRIVEWAY GOING TO BE PLOWED? YES ___ NO ___ N/A ___
15. IS GRASS GOING TO BE MOWED? YES ___ NO ___ N/A ___
16. IS MAIL GOING TO BE PICKED UP? YES ___ NO ___ DISCONTINUED ___
17. IN THE NEWSPAPER GOING TO BE PICKED UP? YES ___ NO ___ DISCONTINUED ___
18. PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR PROPERTY:

19. ANY OTHER INFORMATION:

YOUR PROPERTY CHECK WILL BE REGISTERED WITH THE PENOBSCOT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 945-4636