



2015 Holden Town Report

**ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-THIRD
ANNUAL REPORT**

**OF
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF HOLDEN**

**TOWN ELECTION
HOLDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2016
VOTING BEGINS AT 7:00 A.M.
POLLS CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.**

**TOWN MEETING
HOLDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

**PLEASE KEEP THIS REPORT
THE SUPPLY IS LIMITED**

**BRING IT TO THE
TOWN MEETING WITH YOU**

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**TOWN DEDICATION 2015
DONNA HALL**

Donna Hall was born in Levant, Maine, on May 4, 1947. Her parents, George and Mildred Cantwell moved the family to Holden in 1952. Mr. Cantwell bought property on the Main Road where he built a house for his family with what he had. He never held a mortgage. After four years of living in Dickey's Cabins, located beside their property, they were able to move into their family home. Mr. Cantwell passed in 2004 but Mildred still lives in the family home today.

Donna attended school in a one room school house on the

Church Road. This particular school was moved, in later years, to sit on display outside the Town Office for several years. The Holden School was built by the time Donna reached the third grade. She attended Brewer High School where she graduated in 1965. Donna was working before she even graduated. She worked in finance for the AFLCIO for 43 years and retired in 2007.

Donna married Dwayne Hall in 1967. They have a daughter, Suzanne, who they raised in the Holden community. Donna and Dwayne feel very strongly that community is very important and volunteer their time to make it the best community possible.

Donna has been the Superintendent at Holden Congregational Church School for 39 years. She talked of teaching children Sunday school and watching them grow into adults in the community. She likes to include the children in the annual peanut brittle process. The church makes the peanut brittle to sell during the holiday season. Church members work many hours a week for about a month to produce as much peanut brittle as possible, over 1300 bags last year. She feels it is important for the children to learn how it is made so that the tradition may be passed on. She truly believes that children are our future.

Donna is President of the Cedar Haven Tenants Association. It was the first legally formed mobile home tenants association in 1996. She is always thinking of ways to improve the community for everyone and stays busy doing so.

Donna stated how grateful she is for Holden's Fire and Police Departments. She thinks they are wonderful for helping the community in such positive ways.

Community and church remain a constant in Donna's life. She feels it is very important to have compassion for people. The many things that she is involved in throughout our town is a reflection of this.

Kim Rosen (R)

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EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Ambulance or Rescue.....**911**
Fire Department (to report a fire).....**911**
Police Services.....**911**
State Police (Bangor Barracks).....941-8530
Non-emergency police.....945-4636

OTHER IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Holden Website.....	www.holdenmaine.com
Holden School.....	843-7828
Holbrook School.....	843-7769
Superintendent of Schools.....	843-7851
Town Office.....	843-5151
Town Fax.....	843-5153
Town Garage.....	843-7231
County Commissioners.....	942-4486
Animal Control.....	843-5442
Holden Fire Dept.....	843-6737
Holden Post Office.....	843-6474
Holden Police Dept.....	843-5442
Penobscot Registry of Deeds.....	942-8797
Pine Tree Waste Inc Trash & Recycling.....	1-800-639-6205
Game Warden (State Police Dispatch).....	866-2121

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

JULY 1, 2016 --- JUNE 30, 2017

These are legal holidays and the Town Office is closed.

Independence Day.....	Monday, July 4
Labor Day.....	Monday, September 5
Columbus Day.....	Monday, October 10
Veterans Day.....	Friday, November 11
Thanksgiving Day.....	Thursday, November 24
Thanksgiving	Friday November 25
Christmas Eve	½ Day December 23
Christmas Day Observed.....	Monday, December 26

New Years DayFriday, January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday.....Monday, January 18
Presidents Birthday.....Monday, February 15
Patriots Day.....Monday, April 18
Memorial Day.....Monday, May 30

COUNCIL MEETINGS:

The Council meets the **3rd Monday of the month** at 6:00 P.M. in the conference room at the Municipal Building.

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS:

The Planning Board meets the **2nd Tuesday of the month** at 6:00 P.M. in the conference room at the Municipal Building.

Roadside Trash Collection:

Every **Thursday** please have your trash out by 7:00 A.M. Each trash bag may not exceed 30 gallons or 40 pounds and must have a **STICKER** placed around the neck of the bag.

Roadside Recycling Pickup:

Roadside recycling is contracted with Pine Tree Waste Inc. Concerns or questions may be directed to them at 1-800-639-6205.

Roadside Recycling pickup is every other Thursday.

Municipal Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.... 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M

Wednesday - Extended hours..... 7:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M

MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS
July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

ELECTED:
COUNCIL (3 -Year Terms)

David R. Black, Chair.....Term expires June, 2018
Thomas Copeland, Vice-Chair.....Term expires June, 2016
Paul Amoroso.....Term expires June, 2016
Robert Harvey.....Term expires June, 2017
Ralph McLeod.....Term expires June, 2017

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE
DISTRICT 63 DIRECTORS (3 -Year Terms)

Christopher Doering.....Term expires June, 2016
Suzanne Wieland.....Term expires June, 2018
Jennifer Newcomb.....Term expires June, 2018
Christopher Galinski.....Term expires June 2017

APPOINTED:

Animal Control Officer.....Chris Greeley
Assessor.....Millard Billings
Civil Emergency Preparedness Officer.....Ryan Davis
Code Enforcement Officer.....Benjamin R. K. Breadmore
Fire Chief.....Ryan Davis
General Assistance Administrator.....Wanda Libbey
Deputy.....Nicole MacFarline
Health Officer.....Benjamin R. K. Breadmore
Notaries Public..... Wanda Libbey
Sherry Murray.....Roberta Gray.....Nicole MacFarline

Plumbing Inspector.....	Benjamin R. K. Breadmore
Police Chief.....	Chris Greeley
Registrar of Voters.....	Wanda Libbey
Road Commissioner.....	Benjamin R. K. Breadmore
Sealer of Weights And Measures.....	State of Maine
Superintendent of Schools.....	Kenneth Smith
Tax Collector.....	Sherry Murray
Deputy.....	Nicole MacFarline
Town Clerk.....	Wanda Libbey
Deputy.....	Sherry Murray
Deputy.....	Nicole MacFarline
Deputy.....	Roberta Gray
Town Manager.....	Benjamin R. K. Breadmore
Treasurer.....	Sherry Murray
Deputy.....	Benjamin R. K. Breadmore

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

PLANNING BOARD

(5 -Year Terms)

Jeffrey McBurnie, Chair.....	Term expires June, 2019
Malcolm Coulter Jr., Vice Chair.....	Term expires June, 2018
Carol Cuddy.....	Term expires June, 2016
Allan Poole.....	Term expires June, 2019
Joy Knowles.....	Term expires June, 2019
Susan McKay.....	Term expires June, 2018
Vacant.....	

BOARD OF APPEALS

(5 -Year Terms)

John Bunker, Chair.....Term expires June, 2016
Steve Crotty.....Term expires June, 2020
Cynthia G. Triplett.....Term expires June, 2019
Mariano Teisl (alternate).....Term expires June, 2016
Thomas W. Kelly III.....Term expires June, 2020
Kevin Cuddy.....Term expires June, 2020

CEMETERY BOARD

(3 -Year Terms)

Bonnie Clark, Chairperson.....Term expires June, 2017
Joyce Pinkham.....Term expires June, 2018
Jane Black.....Term expires June, 2018
Ellen Campbell.....Term expires June, 2016
Gary Thomas.....Term expires June, 2016
Mary Jane Pierce.....Honorary Member

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

(3 - Year Terms)

Kate Carey.....Term expires June, 2018
Jay Otis.....Term expires June, 2017
Ryan Carey.....Term expires June, 2017

**RECREATION BOARD
(3 -Year Terms)**

John Roach.....Term expires June, 2016
Michelle Archambault.....Term expires June, 2016
Carson Kelley.....Term expires June, 2017
Thomas Smith Jr.....Term expires June, 2016

**BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW
(3 – Year Terms)**

Benjamin Birch.....June 30, 2018
Kerry Zimmerman.....June 30, 2017
David Dorr.....June 30, 2016

**BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE
FY 2015-2016**

Barbara Veilleux.....Kevin Cuddy
Malcolm Coulter Jr.....Carol Cuddy
Bonita Clark.....Mary McDonald
Ellen Campbell.....Kerry Zimmerman
Pat Sirois.....

**TOWN DEPARTMENTS
AS OF MARCH 31, 2016**

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Bruce E. Dowling, Highway Foreman.....Darrin Gray
Richard Reynolds.....Thomas Cormier

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Chris Greeley.....Sgt. Eduardo Benjamin
Officer Anthony Cobb.....Officer Stefin Brown
Officer Kenneth Dowling Officer Dain Bryant
Officer Bruce Graybill.....Officer Ryan Freeman
Officer Rodney Gerald.....Officer Mark Fucile

FIRE DEPARTMENT/ RESCUE

Fire Chief Ryan Davis, EMT
Assistant Fire Chief Timothy True, EMT
Assistant Fire Chief Nathan Hastings, EMT
Lt. Paul Smith.....Lt. Dale Wunder
Lt. Brent Basley.....Chad Bean
Ryan Carey.....Jon Chiasson
James Doyle.....Michael Friel
John Gautschi.....John Goulet
Doug Hein.....Drew Hutchins
Eric Jameson.....Chris Luce
Erin MacDonald.....Edward Moulton
Ben Rogers.....Craig Russell
Ryan Sanders.....

WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT
REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEMBERS

It is sometimes very difficult for the Council to find individuals who are interested in donating their free time and expertise to serve on the numerous committees and boards, which are part of the administrative process of this community.

In order to have a cross representation of as many ideas as possible of individuals of this community, any person interested in serving on any of the committees or boards listed below should place a check mark adjacent to the committee or board which you are interested in serving on and return the bottom portion to the Town Office.

We appreciate your interest and cooperation.

I would be interested in serving on the following committee(s) or board(s) when a position is available:

- Board of Assessment
- Budget Committee
- Cemetery Board
- Conservation Commission
- Historical Society
- Planning Board
- Town Hall Restoration Committee
- Veterans Committee
- Zoning Board of Appeals

Full Name _____

Address _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT 2015

It is with great pleasure that I submit the Town of Holden's Annual Report for the year 2015 to the Elected Officials and Citizens of the Town of Holden. This report contains financial statistics from the annual audit, vital statistics information, budget information, letters from our State Legislators and Senator's along with letters from our Congressional Representatives and U.S. Senators. Also included are Town Departmental and Committee reports.

This year has been one of growth and change in our community. In terms of growth, Holden has had a first. While many towns are closing their libraries, Holden has opened its first. The Grand Lodge of Maine opened its library to the public in the fall of 2015. Not only the first public library in Holden but the first Masonic Library in the world to have a children's section. Debeck Business Park has an anchor tenant right on Route 1A in Horse and Rider Farm and Tack Store. At almost 9,000 square feet they are one of the largest and most complete tack stores in Maine. In terms of change this year in Holden we have a new Chief of Police in Christian Greeley, a new Sergeant in Eduardo Benjamin, a new Patrol Officer in Dain Bryant and a new Fire Fighter/EMT in Christopher Luce. I encourage anyone who has not yet had the chance to meet and speak with them to take the opportunity to do so, it's well worth the time.

In closing, I would like to thank all the Town employees who regularly go beyond what is expected of them to ensure that the needs of Holden's citizens are not only met, but exceeded. Staff and I are similarly grateful to all of the individuals who donate their time to serve on the Town's Boards and Committee's through the year. I am looking forward to serving each of you in the forthcoming year and here's hoping it will be a good one for all of us. As always my door is open if you have concerns I can help you with.

Respectfully,
Benjamin R. K. Breadmore, TM

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT 2015

VITAL STATISTICS:

Population (According to 2010 Census)	3,076
Births.....	31
Deaths.....	32
Marriages.....	22
Registered Voters.....	2592

INLAND FISHERIES:

Hunting and Fishing Licenses issued.....	337
Boat Registrations issued.....	327
ATV Registrations issued.....	184
Snowmobile Registrations issued.....	210

MOTOR VEHICLES:

Total Motor Vehicle Registrations	1997
(402 thru Rapid Renewal)	

ANIMAL WELFARE:

Dog Licenses Issued.....	617
Kennel Licenses Issued.....	2

Respectfully submitted,
Wanda Libbey, Town Clerk

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS REPORT 2015

I want to thank all of ballot clerks for their service in 2015 and also to recognize and thank, Donna Tolman and Bonnie Clark who served as Wardens for various elections. All of the elections ran smoothly due to the expertise and professionalism of all of you. In addition, thank you to the Highway Crew for setting up and dismantling the voting booths.

Remember, if you wish to change your party affiliation or if your name or address changes, you must update your voter registration card.

Any registered voter interested in working at the polls during elections should call 843-5151. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

As of December 31, 2015, there were 2,592 registered voters.

<u>Election Participation Data</u>	
June 9, 2015 Election	150
November, 2015 Election	560

Respectfully Submitted,
Wanda Libbey, Registrar of Voters

ANIMAL CONTROL 2015

During the year 2015 the Animal Control Officer received 100 calls for animal related problems. The Animal Control Officer is charged to investigate problems with domesticated animals. The majority of these calls are for dogs roaming at large. We are also required by law to ensure that all the dogs are registered with the town each year.

If there is a problem with wild animals the Maine Warden Service should be called. The Warden Service can be contacted by calling the Maine State Police Barracks at 866-2121. The Town of Holden Animal Control Officer can be contacted by calling the Holden Police Department at 843-5442. If you find that your animal is missing or may have wandered off, you should call the Animal Control Officer at the Holden Police Department to check if that animal has been turned over to us. You may also contact

the Bangor Humane Society located at 693 Mt. Hope Ave., #B, in Bangor. The phone number is 942-8902. It is also important to make sure the animals are wearing their registration tags so we can identify the owner as soon as possible. If you have a dog that has passed away please contact the office so we can take them off our records.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Greeley, Animal Control Officer

FIRE / RESCUE DEPARTMENT REPORT 2015

During 2015 the Fire/Rescue Department responded to 490 calls for assistance. Of those calls, 294 (60%) were requests for some type of medical assistance, while 196 (40%) were fire related. 2015 was not a record breaking year, but still came in as the second busiest. This year Holden Fire/Rescue experienced a huge increase in emergency medical calls (EMS). In the past we have responded to around 200 call per year. This year represents over a 30% increase in EMS call outs.

Fortunately, there were no fire related deaths in Holden for the year. However, this year we did respond to one fatal motor vehicle accident. Accidents for the year, as a whole, were down for fire and rescue response. Normally, we respond to over 30 motor vehicle accidents each year. This year we only responded to twenty-two. Motor vehicle accidents continue to be one of the most dangerous things our public safety personnel can respond to. The

dangers of distracted driving continues to get worse which increases the chances of accident or injury to our personnel while working on or near the roadways.

Of course this winter weather played a huge factor into our responses for the year. The bitter cold for several months stressed heating equipment and caused several fires. In the month of February, Holden Fire/Rescue responded to ten building fires in and out of town. These fires came in a two week stretch and were very close to being back to back calls. Fire/Rescue also responded

to a variety of building related calls such as, chimney fires, boiler fires, stove malfunctions and carbon monoxide calls. As the weather turned warmer in 2015 and the snow melted, we had a very quick wildfire season. One accidental wildfire spread to around 5 acres very quickly on the Levenseller Road. Only a couple of days later we responded to an out of control wildfire on Lakeshore Drive. All fires were quickly brought under control with no buildings damaged or injuries reported. Also, during spring as the ice began to melt several water rescue calls were reported. Most of them were good intent calls or pets through the ice that owners were trying to rescue. At the end of March a dog fell through the ice off Dole Hill. The on duty firefighter and live in students responded and the crew was successful at rescuing the dog safely returning it to the owner without any injury to either the dog or our firefighters.

Other than the busy year of emergency responses, the department was very busy in the station. Our entire year consisted of planning preparation and moving into our new fire station office and living quarters. After years of ideas, thoughts and planning the new Holden Fire/Rescue was ready to move into and work out of. Summer of 2015 we had a grand opening and ribbon cutting and the station is now in full operation and seems to be working out great. There are some minor details that are being finished up this winter and into the spring but the crew has been working hard and seems to be settled in well.

Finally, I want to thank our entire crew for everything that you have been through this last year. From the move and many hard days of organizing, planning and sorting things out, to the impressive amount of time you all put in to help this place operate. If it were not for our entire crew of twenty-three members we would not be where we are today. Thank you for your hard work and dedication not only to this department but to everything you do. This building and our department would not be possible without the residents of the Town of Holden. Thank you for letting us serve you and provide the best service that we possibly can.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ryan Davis
Fire Chief

During 2015 the Fire/Rescue Department responded to the following calls for assistance:

Emergency Medical Services / Rescues = 294
(sick, injured, ice or water rescues, wilderness rescue)
Building Fire Related = 41
(building fire, chimney fire, cooking fire, furnace/boiler)
Woods Fire = 5
(fields, grass, woods)
Vehicle Fire = 3
(passenger car, truck, off-road vehicle)
Hazardous Materials = 3
(propane leak, fuel spills)
Severe Weather = 16
(trees in roadway, wires down, transformer fires)
Alarms = 39
(fire alarm, carbon monoxide alarm, sprinkler alarm)
Service Calls = 51
(lock outs, animal problem, assist invalid, assist police)
Good Intent = 38
(wrong location, no incident on arrival, cancelled in route)

Respectfully Submitted,
Ryan Davis
Fire Chief

HIGHWAY REPORT 2015

Greetings to all the citizens of Holden. I hope your year is going well thus far. I would like to begin with a few words about last year's winter as it relates to the budget. We seem to have come out of it a lot better than we expected. We used almost all of the sand/salt that we had in the sand shed. We had to either sand or scrape and sand, it seemed like every other day, but we still came in under our total budget for the Highway Department. The winter was long and we had many events which required the crew to be out for long periods of time. As usual, this crew handled it extremely well.

The spring found us with many winter related water issues that we addressed through the summer months, as we could fit them in our schedule. This summer we concentrated on the road shoulders and ditches as much as we could. It seemed to be where a lot of our road washing issues were. We were able to demo an excavator this summer which we used to complete a couple of large cul

vert jobs, thus saving some dollars on hiring outside contractors. We had to do routine work, like brush cutting, culvert work and burials as needed. We were able to try a type of paving this year called chip seal. In short, what it is, is a new type of paving that stays flexible and is able to flex with the freezing and thawing cycle. We hope there will be less cracking and damage to the roads due to the winter extremes.

The summer was pretty much uneventful. We had numerous projects we were able to complete this year in hopes to curb some of the water issues we have encountered over the last few years.

We were able to help with the Fall Frolic again this year. This event seems to be getting larger every year. The clean ups are still very popular here. Citizens take advantage of being able to drop off there bulky waste here at the Highway garage. We hold one in the spring and one in the fall. Usually a person can drop off light bulbs for recycling, tvs, computers, printers, air conditioners, ect., anything except hazardous waste.

Our paving program seems to be slowly getting back on track after a few years of playing catch up. We have a computer program that we have been using now for about 5 years which keeps a record of the road conditions every year. We are able to generate reports which helps us to determine where to best spend the road improvement money. We again helped haul our own sand for the stock pile this year. The contractor did the stock piling in the shed. We had used up all of our supply for last year so our shed was pretty much empty so we were a little longer stock piling this year. There was a cost savings because we helped haul the sand. I would like to thank the crew for another successful year. They performed in the upmost professional and proficient manor again. This is sometimes difficult due to the long and strenuous hours

we put in. Thanks, as always, to the council for addressing the needs of the departments and working with us to strive for the best possible outcome for the employees and citizens.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce Dowling, Foreman

HOLDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT 2015

2015 proved to be another very busy year for the Holden Police Department. Total incidents reported for the year were 3237, meaning, that every single day, on-average, we responded to and/or dealt with at least 8 calls-to-service. While often these calls were 'routine,' like Alarms (138 in 2015); Erratic Vehicles (210); or, Motorist Assist's (71); there were hundreds of others, often far more serious and time-consuming. For example, we received 19 reports of Family Fights/Domestic Disputes and 13 incidents of Assaults. In 2015 we also had OUI arrests (9); Disorderly Conduct incidents (13); BOTH Arson and Child-Abuse complaints; Burglaries (11); Juvenile Problems (15); Illegal Drug events (7); Wanted Person/Warrant Arrests (19); Theft cases (30); And of course, with our heavy traffic' volume, Car Accidents (115).

While this is just a brief overview, if you consider the amount of paperwork often associated with just a single event, it does tend to keep us quite busy. But regardless of the number of calls for assistance we receive, it is truly and sincerely our honor to serve you. Thank you for entrusting us to be YOUR police department. Please also know you can always call me at 843-5442, or e-mail me at cgreeley@holdenmaine.com.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chief Chris Greeley

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT 2015

In 2015, 8 new homes were built and 4 mobile homes installed, for a total of 12 new dwellings. Six commercial projects contributed to an estimated construction amount of \$2,952,528 for the year. Total building permit fees collected was \$28,972, for the year.

The issuance of a permit indicates that the new structure, addition, renovation, foundation, plumbing and heating system, fireplace, prefabricated structure, temporary building or mobile home, has been approved for construction, demolition or placement and that the project will be inspected for compliance with the Building Code and Zoning Ordinance.

Special permits from the Planning Board may be required whenever the project is within the Shoreland, Commercial, Community Service, and Institutional Zones. Please do not hesitate to contact the Town Office for additional information.

Respectfully Submitted,
Benjamin R.K. Breadmore, Building Inspector

PLUMBING INSPECTOR REPORT 2015

Internal Permits issued.....	19
Internal Fees collected	\$1,260
External Permits issued.....	18
External Fees collected.....	\$4,405
Total Permits issued.....	37
Total Fees collected.....	\$5,665

Permits are required for the following:
The installation or replacement of all water distribution and drainage pipes, hot water storage tanks, and hot water heaters.

The installation of all new faucets, valves and plumbing fixtures.

The installation or construction of treatment tanks, holding tanks,

alternative toilets; including primitive disposal systems, disposal area and separate laundry disposal systems.

Respectfully Submitted,
Benjamin R.K. Breadmore, Plumbing Inspector

PLANNING BOARD REPORT 2015

Last year was a quiet year for the Planning Board. In 2015, the Board approved (or approved with conditions) the following:

An Amendment, with Conditions, to the Granville Stone Site Plan (additional use—bus repair garage),

An Amendment to the Edmund Nolette Subdivision Plan (combining two lots), and

A Site Plan for Private Lot (backlot creation).

Despite the lack of activity, I continue to appreciate the efforts of our Board (Alan Bromely, Malcolm Coulter, Jr., Carol Cuddy, Joy Knowles, Susan McKay and Allan Poole), who are at the ready when Board work does arise. Most notable for this year was the retirement from the Board of Vice Chair Alan Bromley, after decades of volunteer service to the Town. His contributions and leadership will be sorely missed. The Town Council continues to provide ample guidance and support, as do the Town Manager and The Town's exceptional staff. Preserving Holden's character and developing a strong economic base are just two of our shared visions for the Town of Holden.

We are fortunate to be able to live and work in Holden. It is the intent and mission of this Board to ensure that this continues into the future. Without your input and feedback, it would be much more difficult to make decisions that affect the quality of life in

Holden. Your presence at and your participation in our meetings will always be welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeff McBurnie, Chairman

BOARD OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES 2015

The BCT were a quiet Committee this past year. There were not many things that needed to be attended to.

The board would like to thank Yard Pro for the great job keeping the Cemeteries looking in fine shape this past summer.

I would also like to thank all the town folks who came out to help set the flags for Memorial Day. Also the folks who laid the wreaths on Wreaths Across America Day. Without you our Veteran's may never be remembered in our town.

Sadly the repair if the cemetery stones didn't happen this year. Hopefully it will take place this coming year. And of course setting flags and laying wreaths on the special occasions will happen again with everyone's help.

New pamphlets on the Rules and Regulations will be coming out soon, so keep checking at the Town Office to get your new copy.

The placing of boxes, shells, toys, metal designs, ornaments, chairs, settees, vases, fences, edging materials, shepherd's hooks, trellises or other similar articles upon plot will not be permitted.

No cement, plastic or wood will be allowed around any flower beds on cemetery lots. No white marble, granite chips or other rock materials will be allowed in flower beds or on cemetery lots.

Planting, maintenance of lots and placing of monuments contrary to the Cemetery Rules and Regulations will be corrected at the direction of the Trustees at the owner's expense.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonita Clark, Chairperson

HOLBROOK RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT 2015

Our Rec Committee has continued to work through the months to make the most opportunities available to our children and adults. In the past, we have re-built some of our programs as well as started a brand new adventure that has blossomed from the very beginning.

Our committee members meet every three months for meetings and also meet whenever necessary to ensure that all decisions are made in a manner that gives all members the whole picture information necessary to make informed decisions. We have also been sharing reports on a regular basis to ensure that those members who are unable to get to the meetings are also staying informed.

While we have had committee members decide to step off the committee after many years, we have also added some new, eager and energetic members who are taking some leadership roles and helping to ensure that as many as want to participate may do so.

The decision to combine the Directors' positions (Summer Director and Winter Director) into one Director, Tom Smith (with much help and many volunteer parents at each event), has been a great solution in continuing the programs and even growing them once again.

Last spring/summer we had T-ball with 3 T-ball teams with 38 participants. This ran May 9 – June 20 on Saturdays.

The 38 included:

14 Holden participants
12 Dedham participants
Eddington 8 participants

Clifton 3 participants
Home School 1 participant

We also had a Farm League program with 3 teams with 42 participants. This ran May 5 – June 11, with playoffs held on Wednesday June 17th and Thursday June 18th with a cookout after the championship game.

The 42 included:

15 Holden participants
12 Dedham participants
Eddington 13 participants
Clifton 2 participants

Rec Softball introduced our community to Little League Soft ball and it proved to be a very special experience with this new adventure. This year we were able to fill 2 teams, 1 **Minor League** (ages 8-10), 12 girls, which competed against teams from Orrington, Brewer, Hermon, Glenburn, Hampden, Bangor, Carmel/Levant and Orono. Four of these players tried out for and made the All Star team. Our Minor League Manager was chosen as an Assistant Coach for this HBO combined team.

The **Major League Team** had a memorable season, with girls ages 9 to 12. There were 11 players, (3) 12-year-olds, (4) 11-year-olds, (3) 10-year-olds, and (1) 9-year-old. Of note, all of these were new to pitching and catching and had many hours of practice to be able to play competitively by the end of the season. Nine of these 11 players, tried out for and made the All Star teams for their age groups. Some were offered spots on a Summer League but declined due to the time commitment.

Fall 2015 brought a newly organized Soccer Program that brought many participants. This was offered to Kindergarten through 4th grade students. There were 80+ participants with older students helping to teach. Our goal is to get some of the older students trained as referees so that we can organize teams to play games rather than just learning drills.

Shooting Stars Basketball for students 5 through 8 years old is held at both Eddington and Holden schools. This year we have 50+ to start in Eddington and 65+ to start in Holden. These stu

dents are divided into ages at separate times and are taught drills for offense and defense and then play scrimmages. Fund raising is done to purchase t-shirts so that each child can have one, they all receive medals, and they receive team pictures.

Cheering has been organized once again and the cheerleaders have been cheering at the boys' Pee Wee Basketball games.

Pee Wee Basketball is held each year with boys and girls leagues. There were not enough girls interested last year, but this year there were enough to bring the girls' league back.

Pee Wee basketball numbers are as follows:

Girls Program had 2 teams with a total of 21 girls participating

Boy's Program had 6 teams with a total of 76 boy's participating.

New Program—Holbrook Ski and Snowboard Club was begun in February with 72 students signing up. Holbrook Rec is paying for the bus for the participants from Holbrook School (along with equipment) to Hermon Mountain 4 Wednesdays for ski/snowboard time, lessons and/or equipment rental. Parents are responsible for the discounted fee and to pick them up at the mountain.

We thank you for the privilege of serving our towns on the wonderful committee. We welcome the continued adventures while providing opportunities to all community members who wish to take part.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Ferrill, Rec Committee Chair

HOLDEN HISTORIC TOWN HALL RESTORATION COMMITTEE 2015

This past year the Restoration Committee has continued with projects and fundraising for the maintenance and restoration of the Historic Town Hall. The committee had to let go of sponsorship of the Fall Frolic Event this past year and pass it on to the Holden

Fire Auxiliary due to a pressing time frame and lack of volunteers, the result of which was a loss in a significant fundraising source.

We were able to put to bid proposals for a new roof for the building. Three bids were submitted for review by the committee and the Town Council. The Town Council approved the bid submitted by Ron Bragg of Holden at its regular meeting on August 17th and the work was completed on December 4th with no structural or other serious issues found during construction.

Two yard sales were held in June and August, all proceeds going to the building. These have proved to be valuable fundraising events, as well as giving people a chance to see the potential for the building's restoration and future use.

Sales of our "Recipes for Restoration" cookbooks, t-shirts, hats and postcards are slow. We will continue to have these items available at all our future events, businesses in town and at the Town Office.

The committee held volunteer "clean up and maintenance" sessions at the building but these were not as frequent this year due to decreased committee membership.

A new back door was donated by the Holden Historical Society via Viking Lumber this winter and will be installed this spring.

Another fun and successful Christmas Tree lighting event was held on December 6th. Attendance was good, refreshments yummy and Santa presided over the lighting of the tree.

Discussions with the Town and the Holden Historical Society are continuing regarding the possible transfer of ownership of the building to the Historical Society. The Committee hopes that this can be accomplished this next year. The benefit being that as a non-profit organization the Historical Society can apply for funds and grants that the building currently does not qualify for and to put to good use its space for housing collections of Holden History and educational purposes.

Other goals for this net year are to refurbish the building's front doors, soliciting a donation of a live tree to be planted out front with underground electrical access, to be used for years to come as the Town Christmas tree and a special event supper with a historical talk in conjunction with Historical Society.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bunny Barclay
Restoration Committee Chair

2015 MUNICIPAL VALUATION

Assessed Real Estate Valuation:

Land	\$ 100,454,170.00
Buildings	<u>180,262,180.00</u>
Total:	\$ 280,716,350.00

Personal Property Valuations:

Production Machinery & Equipment	\$ 1,928,867.00
Furniture & Fixtures	350,877.00
Total of other personal property	<u>235,939.00</u>
Total:	\$ 2,515,683.00

Total Taxable Valuation: \$ 283,232,033.00

Computation of Tax Commitment:

Municipal Appropriations	\$ 2,593,120.00
Education Appropriations	2,641,475.00
County Tax	346,000.00
Overlay	<u>59,171.32</u>
Total:	\$ 5,639,766.32

Deductions:

State Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$ 125,000.00
Homestead Reimbursement	68,428.92
BETE Reimbursement	2,264.01
Other Revenue	<u>1,011,490.00</u>
Total Deductions	\$ 1,207,182.93

Net Commitment \$ 4,432,583.39

Tax Rate Per \$1,000 Valuation \$ 15.65

Respectfully Submitted,
Millard Billings, Tax Assessor

COMMUNITY SERVICE PHONE NUMBERS

Adult & Elderly Abuse/Neglect (24 hour) Hot-line	1-800-624-8404
American Red Cross	941-2903
Animal Welfare (Augusta)	287-3846
Bangor DHHS Connecting All Programs	1-800-432-7825
Career Center	561-4050
Child Abuse & Neglect (24 hour) Hot-line	1-800-452-1999
Dept of Environmental Protection	1-800-452-1942
Dept of Motor Vehicle	287-3330
Domestic Abuse	1-800-863-9909
Eastern Area Agency on Aging	941-2865
Efficiency Maine (Energy)	1-866-376-2463
Inland Fish and Wildlife Department	287-8000
IRS	1-800-829-1040
Mental Health Crisis Hot-line	1-888-568-1112
Penquis CAP Lynx Transportation	1-866-853-5969
Pine Tree Legal Assistance	942-8241
Poison Control Center	1-800-222-1222
Registry of Deeds	942-8797
Social Security	990-4530
Unemployment Call Center	1-800-593-7660
Veterans Administration	1-800-827-1000