

2012

Town Report

**ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHTH
ANNUAL REPORT**

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

**TOWN ELECTION
HOLDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2013
VOTING BEGINS AT 7:00 A.M.
POLLS CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.**

**TOWN MEETING
HOLDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

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

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

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EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Ambulance or Rescue.....	911
Fire Department (to report a fire).....	911
Police Services.....	911
State Police (Orono Barracks).....	866-2121
Non-emergency police.....	945-4636

OTHER IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Holden School.....	843-7828
Holbrook School.....	843-7769
Superintendent of Schools.....	843-7851
Town Office.....	843-5151
Holden Website.....	www.holdenmaine.com
Email address.....	john@holdenmaine.com
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, 2013 --- JUNE 30, 2014

These are legal holidays and the Town Office is closed.

Independence Day.....	Thursday, July 4
Labor Day.....	Monday, September 2
Columbus Day.....	Monday, October 14
Veterans Day.....	Monday, November 11
Thanksgiving Day.....	Thursday, November 28
Thanksgiving Friday.....	Friday, November 29
Christmas Eve ½ Day	Tuesday, December 24
Christmas Day.....	Wednesday, December 25
New Years Day	Wednesday, January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday.....	Monday, January 20
Presidents Birthday.....	Monday, February 17
Patriots Day.....	Monday, April 21
Memorial Day.....	Monday, May 26

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 Wednesday of the month** at 7:00 P.M. in the conference room at the Municipal Building.

Roadside Trash Collection Effective 2010:

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 Effective 2010:

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

TOWN DEDICATION 2012



CAROL AND KEVIN CUDDY

The Town of Holden is pleased to dedicate the 2012 Town Report to Carol and Kevin Cuddy for their many years of committed service.

Carol was born in Baltimore, MD and raised in Saranac Lake, NY. She graduated from Katharine Gibbs Business School in NYC, moved to Maine in the early 1970's and until retirement in 2000, worked as a paralegal and also as a US District Court Deputy Clerk. Carol currently is self employed as a Property Manager for local commercial properties. Carol enjoys outdoor activities, especially biking, cross country skiing, boating and camping. She is also an avid reader. Carol is actively involved with several boards and committees in Holden, including but not limited to: Planning Board, Budget Committee, Holden Land Trust, and Charter Revision. She is also involved with various organizations for both Penobscot and Hancock Counties dedicated to preserving and enhancing our rural lifestyle. Some of these endeavors include: charter member of the Sunrise Trail Coalition, which instigated the creation of the Down East Sunrise Trail, and charter member and current treasurer for the Landmark Heritage Trust located in Newburgh.

Kevin was born in Rockville Centre, Long Island, NY. He completed his undergraduate work at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA and received his law degree from Suffolk University Law School, in Boston, MA. Kevin began his career in the Department of Justice in Washington, DC. Two years later, in 1973, Kevin came to Maine and assumed the title of Assistant US Attorney. Eventually Kevin entered private practice in Bangor and then formed his own firm in 1984. Kevin left private practice in 2007 when Governor John Baldacci appointed him to be a Justice of the Maine Superior Court, a position he still holds today.

Carol and Kevin have lived in Holden since 1996 and by 1997 Kevin's name appeared in the Town Report as a member of the Board of Appeals. Carol's name first appeared in 2004 as a member of the Planning Board and she is still a member of the board. Together they have served as members of the Comprehensive Plan Committee, the Charter Commission and the subsequent Charter Revision Committee. Currently, they both serve on the board of the Holden Land Trust. The Cuddys take great pride in stating "we always attend Town Meeting".

Carol and Kevin were married on July 12, 1997. They proudly claim four sons, one daughter and eight grandsons. Five of their grandsons live close by and Carol and Kevin spend a significant amount of their leisure time actively following the boys at their various school and sporting events. When time allows they love to travel, cross country ski, and do some boating and camping, but both admit that biking is the hobby they especially enjoy. Many travel destinations include biking trips of twenty to forty miles per day, usually with a group of friends. This year they are planning a week-long camping and biking vacation touring the Florida Keys with a group of about two hundred other biking enthusiasts. They also plan to participate in the annual biking fund raiser for the Bangor Land Trust.

Carol and Kevin, the Town of Holden is grateful to both of you for your commitment and service to our community. Thank you!



**IN FOND MEMORY OF
CARL LOWE
1939 – 2013**

Carl Lowe began his long tenure as Assessor for the Town of Holden in 1980. We are all deeply saddened by his sudden and unexpected death. Carl was a veteran of the U. S. Air Force and according to his obituary “his knowledge of the inner workings of the state could have filled volumes”. Carl was involved with state wide appraisal, both in civil service and as the owner of Lowe Appraisal Services. His endless wealth of knowledge about Holden and its history will be greatly missed. Carl was a friend to everyone, always whistling his way through the door with a hearty greeting. He was a kind and considerate man whose generosity within the community was appreciated by all who benefited from it. Holden has lost a talented professional and a caring fellow citizen. We all mourn his loss.

MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS
July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

ELECTED:

COUNCIL (3 -Year Terms)

Robert Harvey, Chair.....	Term expires June, 2014
Paul Amoroso, Vice-Chairman.....	Term expires June, 2013
John Bryant.....	Term expires June, 2013
Ralph McLeod.....	Term expires June, 2014
David R. Black.....	Term expires June, 2015

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE
DISTRICT 63 DIRECTORS (3 -Year Terms)

Donald Varnum, Chairman.....	Term expires June, 2014
Christopher Doering.....	Term expires June, 2013
Joy Knowles	Term expires June, 2015
Ryan Haulk.....	Term expires June, 2015

APPOINTED:

Animal Control Officer.....	Gene Worcester	
Assessor.....	Carl Lowe	
Civil Emergency Preparedness Officer.....	Ryan Davis	
Code Enforcement Officer.....	Stephen Condon	
Community Development Director.....	Stephen Condon	
Fire Chief.....	Ryan Davis	
General Assistance Administrator.....	Wanda Libbey	
Deputy.....	Candace Healy	
Deputy.....	Lori Bennett	
Health Officer.....	Stephen Condon	
Notaries Public.....	Wanda Libbey	
Sherry Murray.....	Candace Healy.....	Lori Bennett
Plumbing Inspector.....	Stephen Condon	
Police Chief.....	Gene Worcester	
Registrar of Voters.....	Candace Healy	
Road Commissioner.....	John W. Butts	
Sealer of Weights And Measures.....	State Sealer of Weights & Measures	
Superintendent of Schools.....	David Anderson	
Tax Collector.....	Sherry Murray	
Deputy.....	Wanda Libbey	
Town Clerk.....	John W. Butts	
Deputy.....	Wanda Libbey	
Deputy.....	Sherry Murray	
Deputy.....	Candace Healy	
Deputy.....	Roberta Gray	
Deputy.....	Lori Bennett	
Town Manager.....	John W. Butts	
Treasurer.....	John W. Butts	
Deputy.....	Sherry Murray	

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

PLANNING BOARD

(5 -Year Terms)

Jeffrey McBurnie, Chairman.....	Term expires June, 2014
Alan C. Bromley, Vice Chairman.....	Term expires June, 2015
Carol Cuddy.....	Term expires June, 2016
Allan Poole.....	Term expires June, 2014
Joy Knowles.....	Term expires June, 2014
Susan McKay.....	Term expires June, 2013
Malcolm W. Coulter Jr.....	Term expires June, 2013

BOARD OF APPEALS

(5 -Year Terms)

John Bunker, Chairman.....	Term expires June, 2016
Steve Crotty.....	Term expires June, 2015
Cynthia G. Triplett.....	Term expires June, 2014
Brent West.....	Term expires June, 2015
Sally Fischel.....	Term expires June, 2014
Thomas Copeland (alternate).....	Term expires June, 2016
Mariano Teisl (alternate).....	Term expires June, 2016

CEMETERY BOARD

(3 -Year Terms)

Bonnie Clark, Chairperson.....	Term expires June, 2014
Joyce Pinkham.....	Term expires June, 2015
Jane Black.....	Term expires June, 2015
Mary Jane Pierce.....	Term expires June, 2013
Laura Teisl.....	Term expires June, 2013

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

(3 - Year Terms)

Sue Dawes, Chairperson	Term expires June, 2015
Kate Carey.....	Term expires June, 2015
Jay Otis.....	Term expires June, 2014
Ryan Carey.....	Term expires June, 2014
Ryan Warner	Term expires June, 2013
Vacant.....	Term expired June, 2013
Vacant.....	Term expired June, 2013

RECREATION BOARD

(3 -Year Terms)

John Roach.....	Term expires June, 2013
Michelle Archambault.....	Term expires June, 2013
Laurie Turner.....	Term expires June, 2014

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

Benjamin Birch.....June 30, 2015
Mariano Teisl.....June 30, 2014
David Dorr.....June 30, 2013

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Sue Dawes.....Barbara Tennent
Eugene DelVecchioJay Gould
Joel Swanton.....Allan Poole
Laurie TurnerRyan Warner
Alison Settele

**BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE
FY 2012-2013**

John Bunker.....Thomas Copeland
Malcolm Coulter Jr.....Carol Cuddy
Robert Sparks.....Mary McDonald
Rod BlackThomas Bryant
Susan McKay.....Mary Jane Pierce
Cynthia Triplett.....David Morrill
Al Martin

DEPARTMENTS

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Bruce E. Dowling, Highway Foreman.....Darrin Gray
Edward Deighan.....Thomas Cormier

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Gene Worcester, Police Chief..... Sgt. Eugene Fizell
Officer Anthony Cobb.....Officer Christopher Greeley
Officer Stefin Brown.....Officer Kevin Harvey
Officer Kenneth Dowling Officer Shane Hughes
Officer Bruce Graybill.....Officer Ryan Freeman

**FIRE DEPARTMENT/ RESCUE
2012 MEMBERS**

Fire Chief Ryan Davis, EMT
Assistant Fire Chief Timothy True, EMT
Captain Nathan Hastings, EMT
Lieutenant Christopher Beaumont, EMT-I
Lieutenant Paul Smith, EMT
Lieutenant Dale Wunder, EMT-I

Brent Basley, EMT
Chad Bean, EMT-II
Justin Chonko, EMT
James Doyle
Michael Friel
John Gautschi, EMT
Clay Gordon

Doug Hein
Eric Jameson
Peter Perry
Jason Richter
Ben Rogers, EMT
Craig Russell, EMT
John Goulet, EMT

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Once again it is with great pleasure that I submit the Town of Holden's Annual Report for the year 2012 to the Elected Officials and Citizens of the Town of Holden. This report contains financial status 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 Department and Committee reports listing various activities and/or accomplishments for the past year.

At the annual election in June, one new member to the Holden Town Council was elected, Councilor David R. (Rod) Black, who replaced Councilor Joel Swanton. Councilor Swanton elected not to run for re-election after six years on the Council. We welcome Councilor Black and sincerely thank Joel Swanton for his service to our community. His methodical approach to problem solving and his experience will be greatly missed.

Each year the Town Council and Staff sponsor a meeting in January where all board and committee members and other active citizens in the community discuss goals and objectives they would like to see accomplished in the community. This year's list included a traffic study at the intersection of Route 1A and the South Road for a traffic light and forming a Town Charter Review Committee to review and update the Town Charter. The Charter Review Committee completed the review and recommended changes will be presented at the next Town Meeting for a Town vote. The traffic study was accomplished; unfortunately the study did not meet the Maine Department of Transportation's criteria for a traffic light. Traffic on Route 1A far exceeded the criteria but traffic entering Route 1A from the South Road and Bagaduce Road was far below the volume of traffic to justify installation of a traffic light. Other goals were to develop and implement a recreational trails plan which is still in work, develop a plan for Town meetings at the historical Old Town Hall building which will require a lot more work at the facility. However, a Town Council meeting has been scheduled to be held there in May, 2013. The last goal was to identify and establish strategies and action steps for large scale open space funding which resulted in the establishment of a reserve account where portions of Town owned property sales are set aside for future use to procure land for open space.

Road projects this year included lining a large culvert on the Wiswell Road, grinding, reshaping and re-paving Eaton Ridge and shimming and paving the entire length of Clark Hill Rd. Paving costs have increased tremendously over the past few years making it extremely difficult to keep up with our paving needs. Asphalt is oil based and prices are driven by the price of oil which is affecting everyone.

Holden is a wonderful community which is clearly demonstrated by the commitment of its elected officials and the folks who volunteer for the various boards and committees, by the dedicated staff members who provide quality services, and by the pride exhibited by you who have chosen to make Holden your home. My sincere thanks and appreciation for everyone's support and for allowing me to be part of a great community.

Respectfully submitted,
John W. Butts, Town Manager

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

VITAL STATISTICS:

Population (According to 2010 Census)	3,076
January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012:	
Births.....	23
Deaths.....	13
Marriages.....	17
Registered Voters.....	2676

Certified copies of Birth, Death and Marriage Certificates are \$15.00; each additional copy purchased at the same time is \$6.00. If you are planning to marry, it is required that both the intended bride/spouse and groom/spouse come in and sign the application and marriage certificate in the City or Town Clerk's office in which one of you reside. Residents of another State coming into Maine to marry may go to any City or Town in the State of Maine to file intentions and marry anywhere within the State. If you have been married before, a certified copy of your divorce decree must be shown to the clerk at the time of application. If the previous marriage ended due to the death of a spouse, a certified copy of the death certificate must be shown to the clerk at the time of application.

MAINE DOES NOT REQUIRE A THREE-DAY WAITING PERIOD AFTER FILING THE MARRIAGE INTENTIONS. THE LICENSE CAN BE ISSUED ON THE SAME DAY THE INTENTIONS ARE FILED. A marriage license is valid for 90 days from the day the Town Clerk issues the license. The fee is \$40.00 for the license. Maine does not require a blood test.

INLAND FISHERIES:

January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012:	
Hunting and Fishing Licenses issued.....	403
Boat Registrations issued.....	347
ATV Registrations issued.....	165
Snowmobile Registrations issued.....	217

The Town of Holden collects the sales tax on boats, ATV's and snowmobiles to make it easier for residents. To make the process easier, when registering these for the first time make sure you have a bill of sale, the serial numbers, year, make and original ME# on boats and snowmobiles only. If purchased from a dealership you will need to bring the bill of sale with you at time of registration so that we can see if they collected sales tax. Sales tax is now 5%. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is pleased to offer an online registration renewal application for ATVs, snowmobiles and boats at the following website <https://www10.informe.org/ifw/atv-snow/>. The online process is easy and payment by credit card is quick and secure. Once you complete this application, IF&W will need to process the registration. Please allow at least one week for processing. You will receive your official registration in the mail. ATV and snowmobile registrations expire in June.

Boat registration fees are determined by the horsepower of the **motor or motors** in use on the boat. If you plan to use more than one motor with a different horsepower, then you should register your boat for the **highest horsepower of the motor you will use**. The registration fee is \$25.00 for a boat with 10 hsp. motor and under, \$30.00 for an 11 to 50 hsp. motor, \$36.00 for a 51 to 115 hsp. motor and \$44.00 for over 115 hsp. The registration fee for a personal watercraft is \$44.00. (A personal watercraft is defined as any motorized watercraft that is 14 feet or less in hull length as manufactured, has as its primary source of propulsion an inboard motor powering a jet pump and is capable of carrying one or more persons in a sitting, standing or kneeling position. Personal watercraft

includes, but is not limited to, a jet ski, wet bike, surf jet and miniature speedboat. Personal watercraft also includes motorized watercraft whose operation is controlled by a water skier.) All motorized watercraft on inland waters must display a lake and river protection sticker. The expiration for boat registrations is December 31st.

Resident hunting and fishing licenses may be purchased through the Town Office. The following is a list of the fees (agent fee of \$2.00 included in fees):

Fishing and Hunting Combination.....	\$44.00
Fishing and Archery Combination (new)	\$44.00
Fishing, Hunting and Archery (separate).....	\$27.00
Military Combination.....	\$ 5.00
Military Depend Hunt/Fish.....	\$22.00
Military Depend Hunt.....	12.00
Military Depend Fish.....	\$12.00
Small Game License.....	\$16.00
Junior Hunting.....	\$ 9.00
Resident Bear Hunting Permit (required for hunting bear when it is not hunting season for deer).....	\$29.00
Pheasant Stamps.....	\$18.00
Duck Stamps.....	\$ 7.50
Muzzleloader Stamps.....	\$14.00
Spring/Fall Turkey.....	\$22.00
Coyote Night Hunt.....	\$ 6.00

If you are 70 years or older, you are entitled to an over 70 lifetime hunting and fishing license for a one time fee of \$8.00; please come by the Town Office to receive yours. If you are going to be 70 years old anytime during the season, you may get your license anytime during that year. If you are under the age of 16, you are not required to have a fishing license and you do not need an adult with you; however, you are required to have a junior hunting license and be accompanied by an adult in order to hunt. A hunter safety course is required before you can purchase your adult hunting license. The first that time you obtain your adult hunting license make sure you bring your proof of your hunter safety course. **An archery course is also now required**, if you do not have a previous archery license. It is wise to take the course as early as you can to familiarize yourself with the laws. MOSES is the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's online hunting & fishing licensing system. You can now purchase licenses online any time of the day or night and print your license out in your home office in just minutes by going to the following website: <https://www.informe.org/moses>.

MOTOR VEHICLES:

Please bring in your **old registration, proof of insurance and the mileage** when re-registering your vehicles. The Town of Holden utilizes *Rapid Renewal*, the Bureau of Motor Vehicle's online registration service. Registering a motor vehicle for the first time here? All vehicles require a bill of sale and any vehicle 1995 or newer requires a title. If you purchased the vehicle from a dealer you will need to provide your bill of sale and the copy of the title application. **You must present the window sticker, which is required by law**, for all new vehicles that have never been titled, along with the title application, bill of sale and your proof of insurance. Your insurance must be valid on the day of registration and reflect an expiration date and vehicle identification number.

January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012:
 Total Motor Vehicle Registrations (385 thru Rapid Renewal).....3920

ANIMAL WELFARE:

January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012:

Dog Licenses Issued.....	354
Kennel Licenses Issued.....	2

Respectfully submitted,
Wanda Libbey, Deputy Town Clerk

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS REPORT

I want to thank all of ballot clerks for their service in 2012, 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, and also a BIG thank you to Wanda, Lori and Bert for covering all of my duties during the busy election period.

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.

Respectfully submitted,
Candace Healy, Registrar of Voters

ANIMAL CONTROL

During the year 2012 the Animal Control Officer received 116 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,
Gene Worcester, Animal Control Officer

FIRE / RESCUE DEPARTMENT REPORT

During 2012 the Fire/Rescue Department responded to 410 calls for assistance. 252 calls (61%) were requests for some type of medical assistance, while 158 calls (39%) were fire related. Fortunately there were no fire deaths or traffic fatalities in our community in 2012.

In addition to responding to emergencies within our community members of the Fire/Rescue Department spent many more hours each month training, maintaining apparatus and equipment, pre-incident planning, working in the community presenting fire and injury prevention programs, assisting property owners, developers and contractors with fire safety and fire code information, keeping the fire station clean and simply maintaining a high level of readiness to be able to respond to emergency incidents 24-hours a day, 7 days a week.

Rural fire protection and delivery of emergency medical services remains an ever increasing challenge for small departments such as our. We continue to work closely with our neighboring mutual aid partners to provide timely, efficient and professional response to all incidents in accordance with recognized national and state standards. By sharing resources with other communities we are better able to control the financial burden to taxpayers without eliminating or compromising services.

During the month of August this past year our former Fire Chief Jim Ellis stepped down from his rolls with our community. Jim had served the community as Public Safety Director and Fire Chief for close to 15 years. We all are very sad to see him go as he made this department what it is today. We wish him well on his future endeavors.

Early in November the fire department took delivery of a new fire engine. This engine replaced our old 393 that was sold off back in 2004. We currently now are back up to a three engine status which is where we have struggled to get to for the past 8 years. This engine will allow us to provide a safer more efficient emergency response not only for our town citizens but the firefighters that will work from it as well. As always, I want to thank the citizens of our community, the Town Council and Town staff for their continued support of the Fire/Rescue Department.

Finally, I also want to extend a special thank-you to the members of the Fire/Rescue Department for their support, dedication and professionalism during the past year. Our members are required to make huge time commitments to this organization which pulls them away from family, friends and important events. The quality of fire protection and delivery of emergency medical services in Holden is directly related to the commitment of our members.

During 2012 the Fire/Rescue Department responded to the following calls for assistance:

Emergency Medical Services

Respiratory Emergency	25
General Weakness / Illness	34
Motor Vehicle Accidents	28
Cardiac Emergency	30
Trauma – Falls/Wounds etc.	42
Behavioral Emergency	15
CVA (Stroke)	10
Seizure	20
Diabetic Emergency	21
Child Birth	1
Unattended Death	3
Cardiac Arrest	1
Blood Pressure Clinics	22
TOTAL EMS	252

Fire

Building Fire	7
Cooking Fire (confined to stove)	2
Chimney Fire	7
Furnace Malfunction	2
Vehicle Fire	2
Wildfire	10
Illegal Burning	14
Explosion	1
Fuel Spill	5
Gas Leak (LPG)	1
Carbon Monoxide	3
Power Line Down	4
Tree on Line	10
Tree in Road	6
Service Call	15
Person in Distress	1
Flooded Basement	3
Animal Rescue	1
Assist Police	7
Cover Assignment	2
Dispatch and Cancelled En route	21
Authorized Burning Check	2
Prescribed Fire	7
Smoke Scare or Odor	6
Smoke Detector Activation	15
CO Detector Activation	4
TOTAL FIRE	158

TOTAL FIRE & EMS 410

Respectfully Submitted
Ryan Davis
Fire Chief

HIGHWAY REPORT

January, 2012 found us with very little snow, as was the case for November and December, 2011. We had some rain issues which required sanding, so the number of events we sanded for remained about the same. The number of plowing events was down significantly and this trend continued through March. We spent a few weeks in February and March hauling ice from problem areas. The end of March was unusually warm, which allowed us to get a head start on spring projects. April May and June found us prepping the roads for paving and addressing the drainage issues that arose over the winter and spring. The rest of the summer was rather quiet. We were able to concentrate on our normal activities such as brush cutting, patching, burials and ditching. We acquired a new shoplift with help from a safety grant, which allows for safer maintenance performance. During the month of September we concentrated on helping Pike Industries with the paving on Clark Hill Road and Eaton Ridge Road. We then spent a week or so shouldering roads and hauling winter sand back to the shop to mix with salt. November was pretty slow in the snow department so we spent most of the month cutting brush. Our first snow event arrived around the 10th of the month and it was steady after that. I would like to thank Gloria Faulkner and her crew for their continued support of the Highway Department. The Faulkner's have supplied our sand for many years with little or no increase in costs. I also want

to thank the Highway Crew for their dedication to the department throughout these trying times. And last but not least the Town Council for their continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce Dowling, Highway Foreman

HOLDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Holden Police Department handled 2801 calls for service in 2012, which resulted in a police officer taking some sort of action. Below is a list of complaints that the police handled in 2012, not including speeding tickets issued or other civil matters the police deal with on a daily basis. Please feel free to contact me at 843-5442 with any questions. For emergencies please dial 911. The officers can also be reached by contacting the Penobscot Regional Dispatch Center at 945-4636.

(Not Defined)	1
911 Hang up	57
911 Misdialed	67
Abandoned Vehicle	2
Administrative Delivery	28
Agency Assistance	250
Alarm	102
Alcohol Offense	3
All Court Papers	9
Ambulance or Medical Assist	5
Animal Noise	4
Animal Problem	112
Assault	9
Attempt to Locate	40
ATV/ Motorcycle Problem	4
Burglary	17
Child Abuse or Neglect	1
Citizen Assist	86
City/Town Ordinance Violation	5
Civil Matter	27
Communications Problem	14
Controlled Substance Problem	18
Criminal Mischief	29
Criminal Trespass	23
Cruiser Accident	1
Custodial Interference	3
Dead Body	4
Deliver Message	1
Discharge of Firearms/Weapons	20
Disorderly Conduct	6
Erratic Vehicle Operation	196
Escort	1
Family Fight/Domestic	21
Federal/State Criminal Check	24
Fireworks	5
Fish & Game Violation	1
Found Property	21
Fraud	19

Fuel Spill	1
Harassment	32
Illegal Burning	4
Indecent Exposure	1
Information Report	107
Intoxicated Person	3
Juvenile Problem	20
Lifeline Program	7
Litter/Pollution/Public Health	13
Lockout	4
Lost Property	10
Mental Health Problem	5
Missing Person	7
Motorist Assist Program	81
Noise Problem	8
Non-booking Fingerprinting	18
Non-sufficient Funds Check	1
Operating After Suspension	7
OUI Alcohol or Drugs	11
Overtime Detail	5
P.O. Service	24
Parking Problem	1
Runaway	5
Traffic Accident w/Damage	88
Traffic Accident w/Injuries	19
Person Wanted Out	11
Probation/Parole Violation	2
Property Damage, Non-Vandalism	4
Property Watch/House Check	266
Public Service/Meeting	33
Recovered Stolen Property	2
Robbery	1
Search Due to Bail Conditions	1
Sex Offender Registry Activity	2
Sex Offense	1
Special Patrol	249
Subpoena Service	22
Suicide Attempt	2
Suicide Threat	5
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	141
Terrorizing	2
Theft	65
Theft of property from motor	3
Threatening	9
Tobacco Problem	1
Traffic Hazard	70
Traffic Offense	38
Traffic Stop	3
Training	40
Unlock Building	4
Unsecured Premise	25
Utility Problem	12
VIN Inspection	1

Violation of Release Condition	5
Violation of Protection Order	7
Wanted Person	12
Warrant Arrest	12
Weapon Offense	1
Welfare Check	31
TOTAL	2801

Respectfully Submitted,
Gene Worcester, Police Chief

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

The Maine Department of Transportation continues to work with staff from Federal and State agencies regarding the environmental assessment of the preferred route which directly connects Route 9 with the end of the existing I-395. For additional information please see <http://www.i395-rt9-study.com/home.html>

Construction was completed last year on the following commercial projects: G & M Market, Gagne Concrete, Maine Military, and IT Solutions in the DeBeck Business Park.

The Planning Board approved the conversion of Gillie’s Truck Caps to the Big Bang Boom Fireworks store and Disk Golf Course, amended stormwater plans for Granville Stone, landscaping plans for Maine Military, conducted a site visit for a conservation subdivision in the rear of Brookfield Estates, as well as issuing several shoreland zoning permits for camp expansions and timber harvesting. Lastly, Board Members were requested to review two ordinances for possible adoption in 2013; amendments to the existing Holden Sign Ordinance, and a Road and Stormwater Management draft ordinance prepared by Town Manager John Butts.

I would like to thank the Town Council for their support, the Planning Board for their analysis and planning efforts and my coworkers and town manager for the daily environment that allows me to serve the residents of Holden. I would also like to thank the many citizens that serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals, Conservation Commission, and the short term subcommittees that arise to handle issues on an as need basis. Their services to the community are invaluable and save residents thousands of dollars per year.

Respectfully submitted
Stephen Condon,
Town Planner, Code Enforcement Officer, Health Officer, and Economic Development Director

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT

In 2012, 8 new homes were built and 5 mobile homes installed, for a total of 16 new dwellings. With alterations and additions to existing homes, storage buildings and commercial projects, the total estimated cost of construction amounted to \$2,812,685 for the year. Total building permit fees collected was \$21,937 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 Shore-land, Commercial, Community Service, and Institutional Zones. Please do not hesitate to contact the Town Office for additional information.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Condon, Building Inspector

PLUMBING INSPECTOR REPORT

Permits issued from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012:

Internal Permits issued.....	23
Internal Fees collected	\$2,000
External Permits issued.....	11
External Fees collected.....	\$2,705
Total Permits issued.....	34
Total Fees collected.....	\$4,705

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,
Stephen Condon, Plumbing Inspector

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

We are truly fortunate to be part of a community that values its past as much as its future. Through the creation and implementation of the Town's Comprehensive Plan and Ordinances, we have the tools to protect and enhance our rural character while supporting growth and business development in Town. This vision and balance makes Holden a great place to live and work.

The Planning Board, with guidance from the Town Council and unflagging support from Town Planner Steve Condon and Town Manager John Butts (and their outstanding staff), strives to ensure that Holden's character is preserved while the Town maintains a strong economic base. This work would not be possible without the dedicated efforts of our Board (Alan Bromley, Malcolm Coulter, Jr., Carol Cuddy, Joy Knowles, Susan McKay, and Allan Poole) and I would like to acknowledge their many contributions.

In the evaluation process, we value all input and respect concerns, so we invite the citizens of Holden to join us in our deliberations. This can only help Holden achieve its full potential. We endeavor to do what is best for Holden but only with your participation can this happen.

In 2012, the Board approved (or approved with conditions) the following:

Amendments to the Granville Stone Site Plan (Stormwater management plan and Additional buildings and storage),

An Amendment to the Maine Military Supply Site Plan (Landscaping plan),

An Amendment to the Charles Brooks Subdivision (Land transfer between abutting land owners),

A Change to A Previous Planning Board Order for Pine Tree Salvage (Site inspection in lieu of as built drawings)

A Site Plan for Fireworks Retail Sales for Big Bang Boom Fireworks Company,

An Amendment to the Brookfield Estates Subdivision (Lot modification and creation), and

Three Shoreland Zoning Permits for building upgrades and one for commercial timber harvesting.

In addition, we reviewed a proposed Road Standards and Acceptance Ordinance and an amendment to the Sign Ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff McBurnie, Chair

BOARD OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES REPORT

It seems like the years just fly by as we get older. The Board of Cemetery Trustees had a quite year, no special projects were done. I would like say a big THANK YOU to all the families and groups that helped set the flags for Memorial Day and lay wreaths from Wreaths Across America in December on all the Veterans grave sites. The Board of Cemetery Trustees has received many complements on how nice it is to see the town recognize their Veterans'.

Projects for this coming year: New fence at Hart's Corner Cemetery and Wreaths Across America presentation at our Veterans Memorial.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonita S. Clark

HOLBROOK RECREATION COMMITTEE

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We wish to thank the citizens of the towns for supporting our programs as you vote on your town budgets. In the mid 1970's the towns of Clifton, Dedham, Eddington, and Holden established an agreement where they would provide recreation opportunities under a joint program. This upcoming fiscal year we will be working with a budget that asks for \$34,000 from the towns. This amount is allocated to the towns based upon the populations. We feel that we offer a great program to hundreds of children and adults with a budget of only \$34,000.

The programs that we are able to provide with this funding are: T-Ball baseball, Farm League baseball, Little League baseball, Junior-Senior Little League baseball, Softball, Instructional Soccer, Cheering, Peewee Basketball, Shooting Stars basketball, Men's Night, Women's Night, Co-Ed Volleyball, and Snowmobiling. We have hundreds of participants that are able to enjoy activities year around.

Volunteers and sponsors are critical to the success of the program. We have a great bunch of people who care about our youth. The Committee wants to thank everyone who spends time helping our programs grow and prosper. Hundreds of hours of volunteer time are given to our communities by committee members, program directors, coaches, parents, students, and friends. Everyone is an integral part that makes this program a success.

We are always striving to provide more opportunities for those participating in our programs. If you have any ideas or would like to volunteer or contribute to the program, please talk with any of our committee members. We will gladly appreciate your support and assistance. Thank you for your support!

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth Jarvis, Jr.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The mission of the Holden Conservation Commission is to promote wise stewardship and conservation of the town's natural resources and rural character through collaboration, education, and policy recommendations. Our belief is conservation and development can work hand in hand with each other. Natural areas and outdoor recreational opportunities are beneficial for residents, businesses, and visitors by keeping Holden's rural character and natural attractions intact to be enjoyed both by us and by future generations.

One of the goals of Holden's Open Space Plan, which outlines the vision, goals, and strategies for conservation and recreation in our community and is a critical element of the Town's "conservation blueprint, was to create more trails in town and to interconnect trails where possible. The planning towards this goal was begun in 2012 and it will be a priority for 2013.

During this past year, the Commission has focused most of its attention on the Holden Nature Trails. Entering into a partnership with the Red Barn Campground, the trails located behind the Town Office and the Elementary School were connected to the trails behind the Red Barn Campground. Plans are now underway to build additional trails. The trails are open for all seasons and are dog friendly. A section of the trails located behind the baseball field are handicapped accessible. Updates and information regarding the trails will be posted in the Town's newsletter as well as on the Holden Nature Trails Facebook page.

I would like to thank commission members Jay Otis, Ryan Warner, Ryan Carey, and Kate Carey for their commitment to our mission. I would also like to thank the Open Space Planning Committee, the Council, the Planning Board, John Butts, and Steve Condon for their hard work and support.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Dawes, Chair

2012 MUNICIPAL VALUATION

Assessed Real Estate Valuation:

Land	\$ 94,450,000.00
Buildings	\$ 182,121,250.00
Total:	\$ 276,571,250.00

Personal Property Valuations:

Production Machinery & Equipment	\$ 2,735,450.00
Furniture & Fixtures	\$ 44,200.00
Total of other personal property	\$ 22,000.00
Total:	\$ 2,801,650.00

Total Taxable Valuation: \$ 279,372,900.00

Computation of Tax Commitment:

Municipal Appropriations	\$ 2,370,967.00
Education Appropriations	\$ 2,333,201.00
County Tax	\$ 315,900.00
Overlay	\$ 10,062.82
Total:	\$ 5,030,130.82

Deductions:

State Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$ 175,000.00
Homestead Reimbursement	\$ 60,830.22
BETE Reimbursement	\$ 617.29
Other Revenue	\$ 910,400.00
Total Deductions	\$ 1,146,847.51
Net Commitment	\$ 3,883,283.31

Tax Rate Per \$1,000 Valuation \$13.90

Respectfully submitted,
Carl A. Lowe, Tax Assessor

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
2012 OUTSTANDING REAL ESTATE TAXES AS OF 5/1/2013

3D HOLDING CO	4,097.54	KELLY, THOMAS W III and KELLY,	1,874.86
ADAMS, CHARLES R	7,968.31	KINGSBURY, EDWARD F and KINGS	1,304.91
AUCOIN, TED H TRUSTEE and AUCOIN, F	1,133.91	LARGAY, MICHELLE L	191.37
BEAULIEU, TODD C	9,911.54	LEGASSE, DEREK M	2,658.60
BENEFICIAL MAINE INC	2,334.83	LEGASSIE, LEON JR	299.10
BLANCHARD, STEVEN	1,473.59	LIBBY BROTHERS INC	2,857.90
BOSSE, JOSEPH R LIFE TENANTS and BO	1,571.52	LIBBY, JOANNE	1,763.77
BOUDREAU, LYNETTE M and KENNEDY,	673.81	MALANOWSKI, JILL M	1,331.70
BOUFFARD, TINA L	1,338.50	MARSTON, ANN M	716.79
BROWNE, STEPHAN	255.70	MARTIN, JOAN S and MARTIN, VIN	51.98
BRYANT, JENNIFER	833.90	MCCORMACK, JANICE	257.13
BURCH, MARK and BURCH, GABRIELLE	279.65	NASON, RUSSELL B	2,036.19
BURRIS, ANDREA L and BURRIS, STEVEN	2,460.40	NICKERSON, BARBARA	220.67
CHASE, ROBERT L and DREW, ELIZABET	1,210.23	OAKLEAF REALTY	3,077.59
COLEMAN, KAY D	927.36	OTIS, JAY H	2,188.05
COSTAIN, FLORENCE M c/o RICHARD SU	1,189.85	PELL-MULL, LLC	290.25
CROSSMAN, ELIZABETH	174.93	RAYMOND, BONNIE	714.55
CROWE, CLYDE W	6,477.22	RAYMOND, TERRY N and RAYMON	1,939.59
CUNNINGHAM, JOANNIE	118.78	RAYMOND, WILFRED H and RAYM	268.56
DALTON, KEITH and DALTON, JOANNA I	730.03	RICHARDSON, ROBERT S	2,473.49
DORSEY, GERALDINE T	893.94	RING, MARYANNE	74.48
DOWNEAST LAW ASSOCIATES and C/O J	452.24	ROBERTSON, AMBER	220.67
EASTBROOK TIMBER CO., INC	4,778.11	ROGERSON, STEPHEN W	586.02
EQUITY TRUST CO. & FBO PRISCILLA A	580.89	ROSS, GAIL E	204.95
FARRELL, WANDA J	704.54	SANDERS, ROBERT A	1,169.12
FITZPATRICK, CAITLIN C and FITZPATRI	8.84	SANZARO, DAVID & SANDRA JO	9,457.62
FORD, JOSEPHINE	722.97	SEVERENCE, JACKIE	107.74
FOSTER, BARBARA	154.92	SHELLHAMER, ALICE M	778.88
GARLAND, RICHARD	107.74	SMITH, BARBARA	66.40
GASS, LAWRENCE and GASS, THOMAS C	401.57	SOUCIE, RHONDA L ET ALS	305.60
GIANNINOTO, JAMES H	56.28	SPEED, JOHN and SPEED, SANDRA	92.01
GILLIE, LLOYD L and GILLIE, LUCILLE A	3,371.72	ST LOUIS, JEREMY B	352.18
GOLDER ME HOMES, LLC	740.89	STEVENS, LISA M	875.19
GRAY, ANN MARIE	347.90	STONE, KATHERINE and TOMILSOI	1,678.71
GREENE, REBECCA M	812.02	STRATTON, DIAN R	836.19
HANCOCK FRANKLIN SURETY, LLC	351.63	SULLIVAN, JEREMIAH & EMMA	388.63
HARDY, ALBERT	76.95	TAYLOR, WAYNE	112.91
HARRINGTON, BARBARA	141.34	TRIPLETT, JAMES A K and TRIPLET	1,282.54
HAYES, DICKY	1,241.30	VEILLEUX, GEORGIA	896.95
HOLDEN SELF STORAGE	3,872.42	VEILLEUX, JOSEPH B	1,841.8
HORAN, DAVID	127.75	WARREN, ALICE JEAN	1,239.87
HULBERT, IAN	3,329.02	WATTERS, DANIEL	603.07
INGALLS, DAVID G and INGALLS, LISA J	7,065.61	WHITNEY, DENNIS	896.24
JEANS, GARY	127.75	WICKLOW HOME BUILDERS, INC	83.28
KARL, SHARON and KARL, FRANK	1,268.46	WITHERSPOON, KEITH	233.54
KATAROUSKY, JOHN C TRUST	3,083.86	YOUNG, ROXANNE	223.61
KAUPELIS, CYNTHIA A	1,668.88	YOUNGBLOOD, MICHAEL E	2,893.09
KELLEY, BRADFORD and KELLEY, JEAN	418.65		

TOTAL \$136,088.13

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
2011 OUTSTANDING REAL ESTATE LIENS AS OF 5/1/2013**

3D HOLDING CO	226.67	MCCORMACK, JANICE	309.01
ADAMS, CHARLES	8607.87	PEASLEY, DAVID	3400.23
BENEFICIAL OF MAINE	2356.25	RAYMOND, BONNIE	790.87
BLANCHARD, STEVEN	809.14	RAYMOND, WILFRED	321.05
BOUDREAU, LYNETTE	759.47	RICHARDSON, ROBERT	2643.81
BOUFFARD, TINA L	375.12	ROBERTS, AMBER	270.61
BROWNE, STEPHAN	307.51	SANDERS, ROBERT	567.78
DONOVAN, KAREN	270.61	SANZARO, DAVID & SANDRA JO	10044.65
DOWNEAST EXPOSURES INC	513.62	SCRIPTURE, JAMES	163.15
EASTBROOK TIMBER CO	5,489.46	SEVERENCE, JACKIE	151.65
GILLIE, LLOYD	3645.45	SHELLHAMER, ALICE M	858.59
GRAY, ANN MARIE	89.67	ST LOUIS, JEREMY	349.47
HAYES, DICKY	697.61	STEVENS, LISA M	1009.59
HORAN, DAVID	172.73	STONE, KATHERINE&TOMILSON, !	582.75
KARL, SHARON & FRANK	1368.89	VEILLEUX, JOSEPH B	2337.90
KATAROUSKY, JOHN (TRUST)	3,286.80	WARREN, ALICE	1352.98
KINGSBURY, EDWARD F & STEPHANIE A	1428.86	WITHERSPOON, KEITH	11.49
LIBBY, JOANNE	1,907.66	YOUNGBLOOD, MICHAEL E	3186.40
		TOTAL	\$60,665.37

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AS OF 05/01/2013**

3D HOLDEN CO (2010 & 2011 & 2012)	1,672.01	LEAF FINANCIAL CORP (2010 & 201	47.58
ADAMS, CHARLES (2011 & 2012)	293.56	OMNI POINT COMM. (2011)	527.05
AT & T MOBILITY (2012)	314.54	PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCI	32.21
CIT TECH. FINANCING (2009 & 2010& 201	1,038.72	SPRINT NEXTEL (2011)	376.46
GLENWOOD REALTY ASSOC. (2011 & 20	220.35	VERIZON AIRFONE INC. (2010)	1,228.24
		TOTAL	\$5,750.72



Annual Report to the Town of Holden
A Message from Senator Edward M. Youngblood

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It is an honor to represent you in the Maine Senate once again after an eight-year absence from the State House. I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me to work for the betterment of this community and our region.

Lawmakers had a great deal of work on their plates when the session began in January. The most pressing issue before us was how to address a shortfall of more than \$100 million within the Department of Health and Human Services and its MaineCare program. There also was a \$35 million revenue shortfall in the budget that ends June 30, 2013, and a projected \$880 million gap in the next two-year budget. As legislators, we have to make some very difficult choices when deciding what solutions to implement that will have the least amount of impact on our constituency.

During the 126th Legislature, I will serve as Republican Senate Lead on the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology. Having previously served as a member of the Energy and Utilities Committee during the 121st Legislature, I am looking forward to working with other lawmakers on issues pertaining to regulated public utilities (electric, gas, water and telephone); electric industry restructuring; telecommunications; cable television; water, sewer and utility district charters; energy efficiency and conservation; alternate energy sources; energy policy; and energy production and transmission.

I am also pleased to have been appointed to the Government Oversight Committee, a 12-member joint standing committee that oversees program evaluation and government accountability matters. This committee has been highly effective in ensuring that public funds provided to governments at all levels within the state are expended for the purposes for which they were allocated, appropriated or contracted.

Maine continues to be hampered by high energy costs and an aging population. As lawmakers, we need to work together to find a way to lower energy costs in order to help preserve the jobs we have in Maine and encourage new job growth. Maine has the oldest population in the nation. We must adopt policies that will help grow our economy so our youth can find opportunities here at home to work and live. Until we address these issues, Maine will continue to lag behind other states.

Again, thank you for entrusting me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me if you ever need my assistance in navigating the state bureaucracy. I would be happy to help in any way that I can. I may be reached in Brewer at 478-1715, in Augusta at 287-1505, or by e-mail at edmyoungblood@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Senator Edward M. Youngblood
State Senate District 31

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Dear Holden Residents and Friends:

While far from perfect, the legislation passed to avoid December's fiscal cliff embodied a spirit of bipartisan compromise that I hope will carry over to a broader agreement on our nation's finances. The bill ensures that Mainers will not have to pay an estimated \$1.4 billion in additional taxes in 2013, and extends a number of vital programs relied upon by Mainers. I look forward to working on a fiscally sound compromise that avoids burdening our most vulnerable citizens, seniors and veterans.

The gridlock in Washington has not slowed my efforts to fight for Maine's industries on the national and international arena. I have been proud to lead the fight in Congress to protect American manufacturers like New Balance, which employs approximately 900 Maine workers across three factories, from unfair tariff reductions. After presenting President Obama with his own set of New Balance Sneakers, I brought U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk to the Norridgewock facility to learn more about the industry. I have also worked with Ambassador Kirk to oppose Nova Scotia's proposed subsidies for its paper mill in Port Hawkesbury.

My 2nd annual tour of Maine's manufacturers to hear firsthand about their success and challenges was very helpful. These tours are an important part of my ongoing "Make it in Maine" agenda which consists of initiatives to boost domestic manufacturing. The feedback I received has been invaluable in helping to identify legislative action needed to support job growth in the industry.

It will also be my great honor to continue serving our nation's veterans as the new Ranking Member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee. While I am proud of my accomplishments helping to improve services for our brave men and women in uniform, I know there is still so much to do. As Ranking Member of the full Committee, I will fight for new advances in areas such as veteran employment, VA claims backlogs, and veterans' health care.

My highest priority has always been ensuring that Mainers receive timely and quality constituent services. Whether you have a specific concern with a federal agency or need help connecting to resources, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at any of my offices. I also encourage you to visit my website (www.house.gov/michaud), where you can email me, sign up for email updates, and connect with me on Facebook and Twitter.

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

With warmest regards,

Michael H. Michaud
Member of Congress

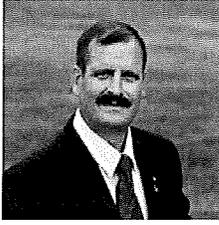
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January 2013

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you for the honor of continuing to serve in the Maine House of Representatives. I look forward to working hard to best serve the people of Holden, and all of District 20, in the Maine House of Representatives.

During the 126th Legislature I will be continuing my service on the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs. This Committee has jurisdiction over such matters as liquor laws, lottery, non-profit and for-profit gambling games of chance, harness racing, election laws, campaign financing and the Maine Clean Election Act, voter registration, initiatives and referenda, governmental ethics, lobbyist registration, landlord-tenant law, veterans' programs, Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management Services (except the Maine Emergency Management Agency), the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations, and the Maine National Guard. Though I serve on the Committee which covers those matters, please be assured that I am working hard to address all matters brought before me by constituents and to implement policy that will help all Mainers thrive.

There will certainly be much happening in Augusta in the coming months. An excellent resource for staying informed about legislative activity is the Legislature's website, which can be found at <http://www.maine.gov/legis>. On the website you can find up-to-date bill status information, public hearing dates, and roll call votes on legislation. I would also encourage you to sign up to receive my weekly e-newsletter by e-mailing me at djhouse20@gmail.com.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have questions, concerns, or thoughts about matters pertaining to state government. It is with your input that I am best able to represent you.

Sincerely,

David Johnson
State Representative

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Dear Friends,

It is a privilege to represent Maine in the United States Senate, and I am deeply grateful for the trust the people of Maine have placed in me. Public service is a responsibility I take seriously. In 2012, I reached a milestone by casting my 5,000th consecutive roll-call vote. I have never missed a single roll-call vote, a record unique among current Senators.

As we enter 2013, the economy and jobs remain my top priorities. As a senior member of the Defense Appropriations subcommittee, I am committed to keeping our nation secure and our skilled defense workers on the job. I secured funding to increase the shipbuilding programs at Bath Iron Works and advance essential modernization projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. I was honored to receive the Navy League's Congressional Sea Services Award for 2012 as the leading advocate for our maritime services and US shipbuilding.

Maine's economic future recently received a boost with significant federal funds for deep-water, offshore wind energy research and development at the University of Maine and in private sector firms. Maine has some of the strongest and most consistent winds off our coast, and we have some of the world's leading researchers. These funds will help Maine be a world leader in developing this clean, renewable energy source, ultimately resulting in the creation of thousands of good-paying jobs for our state.

As a leader on the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee, I am also working to ensure that investments are made in our transportation infrastructure. Early last year, construction began on a modern, safe, and efficient replacement for the Memorial Bridge at Kittery, a project for which I worked to secure funding. Working with the State Department of Transportation, I also secured federal funding to replace the aging Martin Memorial Bridge in Rumford and the decrepit Richmond-Dresden Bridge. In 2013, I will continue to seek funding for improvements in our roads and bridges to make traveling safer and more efficient for our citizens and to facilitate commerce. It is also gratifying to see the heaviest trucks on the Interstates where they belong rather than on our downtown streets and country roads. This is the result of a law I authored in 2011.

Maine's environment is critical to our economy and the health of our residents. I opposed efforts in 2012 that would have weakened the landmark Clean Air Act and would have exposed our state to emissions from coal-fired power plants elsewhere. At the same time, I have continued to work with a bipartisan group of Senators to ensure that federal regulations on industrial boilers



protect our environment without imposing onerous burdens on our forest-products industry and other manufacturers.

Many Mainers contacted me last year to express concern about the Postal Service, which is essential to our economy and our way of life. Last year, the Senate approved legislation I co-authored to help put the Postal Service on a sound financial footing since it has been losing billions of dollars. Although the House failed to act on our bill, the Postal Service has heeded my requests to keep open the vital mail processing center in Hampden. I will continue to work to ensure that all Mainers, regardless of the size of their communities, have access to the postal services upon which they rely.

As the daughter of a World War II veteran wounded in combat, I know how important quality, accessible health care is for our veterans. This past year, I worked to ensure that our rural veterans' health care facilities are fully staffed and to strengthen our Veterans' Homes. Federal health agencies also began an investigation into whether Maine veterans were exposed to toxic defoliant chemicals while training at Gagetown, New Brunswick.

With shortages of medications putting patients at risk, I co-sponsored legislation to encourage manufacturers to report anticipated production problems to help avert shortages. Through this voluntary approach, more than 200 potentially life-threatening shortages were prevented last year.

While Congress averted a huge increase in tax rates for middle-income American families and small businesses, there remains a lot of work to be done to reduce our unsustainable \$16.4 trillion debt. It is essential that we do so in a responsible way, but that Washington stop delaying decisions that will help shape our economy and future prosperity.

I remain committed to doing all that I can to address your community's concerns in 2013. If I may be of assistance to you in any way, I encourage you to contact my state office in your area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Collins". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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Dear Friends,

As I begin my service as your new Senator, I wanted to report to you on my first days in Washington. I have been assigned to four committees: Armed Services, Budget, Intelligence, and Rules. These appointments provide a great opportunity for me to take important and substantial action on behalf of Maine.

My position on the Armed Services Committee will allow me to honor our obligations to servicemen and veterans, as well as ensure the strength, efficiency, and sustainability of our military. Serving on the Intelligence Committee will similarly allow me to help guarantee the continued safety of all Americans. Our intelligence community plays a pivotal role in identifying and understanding security threats around the world, and I welcome the chance to engage in this vital process.

Without question, the expanding federal debt must be addressed in a significant and timely manner. Our federal government's systems of revenue and spending are out of balance; we cannot continue to spend beyond our means and pass on debt to future generations. As a new member of the Budget Committee, I will work to ensure that necessary spending is tempered with fiscal responsibility. There is no single solution to this multi-faceted problem, and any realistic budget plan must include both increased revenues and decreased spending.

And finally, one of the most pressing issues that we face is the inability of Congress to get things done. Our Government has been slowed by bitter partisan gridlock, and this level of inaction is inexcusable. From my position on the Rules Committee, I intend to push for procedural reforms – including changes to the filibuster and requiring the disclosure of all political campaign donors. Our citizens deserve to know who is funding the outside expenditures that are now such a big part of political campaigns, even here in Maine.