

# ANNUAL REPORT TOWN OF LIBERTY 2014



**What is unique about this building?**

**Answer to last year's cover question:  
The smoke stack in the picture finally fell to the ground.**



As you travel Stickney Hill Road, you cannot fail to notice a yellow farmhouse perched atop the hill. Inside the lovingly restored house resides two people who have been pivotal in Liberty's recent history. Jane and Sarason Liebler moved from Connecticut to become year round Liberty residents in the 1990s.

Although spending time in Liberty since the 1950s, Sarason (Sari) became involved with the Town only after moving to Liberty full time. He recalled his first foray into town affairs being when he worked on securing the Donald Walker property (bird sanctuary) for the Town. Although not a successful venture for the Town, it was the start of a number of similar projects for Sari. Sari says his focus has been on Liberty's greatest resource, its lake and ponds and has been instrumental in:

- Obtaining funding (Maine Municipal Bond) for the repairs made to the Stevens Pond Dam;
- Efforts involved with the recent state funding of the Route 220/Channel rebuild and expansion;
- Chairing the Planning Board;
- implementing the State water regime as the Davis Dam Commissioner charged with;
- Obtaining a grant to retrofit the old fire station to house the current Library as well as the rebuilding of the structure; and
- Writing a grant to obtain FEMA funds for Marshall Shore Road repairs and rebuild.

Sarason and his cat, "Nails," have similar personalities—claws always out! As many know, he is not fond of committees—believes they are inefficient. When he sets his focus on something, he accomplishes a great deal. He is persistent—to the point of stopping his car and asking various bridge workers all over the county how they would build a dam. And, can apply an articulate and tart tongue when necessary—which is often. He is challenged by the tough things, is not afraid to ask the hard questions and doesn't care much for what other people think. In short, he is an amazing and effective *committee of one!*

Jane complements Sari well. While he is harsh and brash, she is gracious and diplomatic. Jane is an avid reader and has always advocated for literacy,

education, and knowledge. She remembers attending a meeting/retreat at Camp Kieve a number of years ago. When asked what she would like to see in Liberty, her immediate response was, "a library." A small committee was formed. The Walker School Library was first opened to the community before the Ivan O. Davis Liberty Library was founded and housed in the small building on Tannery Lane. Jane was a founding member as well as President of the Library Board for over 10 years. She still volunteers her time on Tuesdays. The Library is now an important fixture in the village and will be celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2015.

You may not have seen Sari and Jane around town as much lately, but they are still active behind the scenes whether it be making soup for the plow crew or giving advice concerning the future of Liberty. **Our 2014 Annual Report is dedicated to Jane and Sari.** Keep the ideas coming!

## Boston Post Cane Holder



Walter E. Parady, at 95 years of age is now the holder of the Boston Post Cane. In talking with Walter and his family it is clear that what he values most in life are family and work. Born October 13, 1919, Walter grew up in Old Town, Maine. After graduation, he went to work for H.E Sargent; which specializes in earthwork construction, as a Time Keeper. After taking a course in drafting and drawing, he worked his way up to become a Superintendent of building and road projects. He worked for them for 67 years until the age of 86. They did not want him to retire and kept calling him back to train people and run crews, as he was the best at it. While working as the Superintendent of the project that rerouted Route 3 along Lake St. George, he stayed at the Adams House on Main Street. It was then that he came to love Liberty. He married Corinne after a four year courtship and their son, Michael attended the Walker School. In 1956, together they built the first of five cottages on Lake St. George. Although they tried to live here full time, after one very hard winter, Wes Marple said he could no longer plow Brown Road. They love to ski and decided to build their winter home at Sugarloaf; however, Walter returns home to

Liberty every summer. He and his family have spent many happy years at the lake. The following quote from his family: “There are so many great things to recognize about Walter, like how he gets such joy from the small things in life. He truly appreciates a beautiful sunset, a hug from Corinne, a canoe ride across Lake St. George, a good Red Sox game, family traditions, and of course, he loves, and always finds room for, a bowl of chocolate ice cream. Walter finds true happiness in the things that other people take for granted.”

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## OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS

### LIBERTY TOWN OFFICERS FISCAL YEAR 2014

#### SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR:

FIRST: James Caldwell  
SECOND: Steven Chapin  
THIRD: Pamela Chase  
TREASURER: Betsey Davis  
TOWN CLERK: Gail Philippi  
TAX & EXCISE TAX COLLECTOR: Gail Philippi  
DEPUTY CLERK & DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR: Danielle Blake  
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS: Gail Philippi  
DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS: Danielle Blake  
FIRE CHIEF & FIRE WARDEN: Bill Gillespie  
EMA DIRECTOR: Elise Brown  
HEALTH OFFICER: Steve Chapin  
LIBERTY VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE: Chris Birge  
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Donald Harriman  
PLUMBING INSPECTOR: Donald Harriman  
RSU #3 SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Kathy Eickenberg  
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER: Debra Paul  
ROAD COMMISSIONER: Tammy Reynolds  
PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS: Loring Peavey (Chair), Vic Ahlefeld, Lou Pelletier, Tammy Reynolds and Al Johnson Alternate: Kerry Black  
Secretary: Danielle Blake  
BUDGET COMMITTEE, Joy Hadsell, Henry Hall, Steve Jewett, Betsy Levine, Dan McGovern, Melanie Ripley and H.L. Whitney  
BOARD OF APPEALS: Dana Valteau (Chair), Tom Opper, Vacant  
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE: Vernon Spinosa, Dana Valteau  
TCSWMO COMMITTEE: Dan McGovern (Chair. of TCWMO) and Jim McDevitt (Alt), replaced by Pamela Chase 3/31/2014  
TOWN OF LIBERTY-WILLARD A. OVERLOCK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Dawn Boden, Toni Clark, Tuffy Peavey and Shirley Smith  
LIBERTY COMMUNITY RELIEF ASSOCIATION DIRECTORS: Loring Peavey (Chair), Jesse Clark, Diane Grosser, Steve Jewett, George Worthing  
BOSTON POST CANE HOLDER: Ernest Southworth

## 2014 Selectmen's Annual Report

Our first budget of the new fiscal year is behind us and we are well into the second or full year budget. As we expected there were many questions, some confusion, but with much help from the clerks, we managed to get through it. Over the past 20 months, we have only been late on 3 school payments and those were within our grace period. All of the last 9 months of payments were on time. This was one of the main goals of our change to the new fiscal year.

The second goal was to make payments easier on the taxpayers by having 2 bills, rather than one large one. The jury is still out on this question.

We have completed the purchase of computer equipment needed to upgrade the technology in the Town Office. Monies for the upgrades were spread over the last 3 budgets. The only unanticipated purchases were of printer and fax machine, as both of the old machines became unreliable. The cost to repair was close to purchase of new equipment, so we opted to buy new. One advantage of delaying the purchases as long as possible was that the cost of technology has gone down, which allowed us to save money on the budgeted items.

The Clerks and Treasurer have new computers; the Selectmen/Assessors have two laptops to share and we have a new file server to store all the Town files and allow for sharing amongst the staff. The next steps are to make all the machines fully functional and integrate all the pieces. We plan to reuse one of the original computers for either the Assessor functions or the Town Administrator. One additional concern was that all the Microsoft Operating systems had reached end-of-life and were no longer being supported.

The goal of these technology upgrades is to make information retrieval faster and more efficient. Not only should it improve taxpayer service, but also make decision-making by the Selectmen, Assessors and Clerks more fact based. The Freedom of Information request processing should be timelier. We have had several of those this year and they have been very labor intensive to produce. Currently, we are being barraged with requests, which are now consuming more resources than we had budgeted for.

This year has brought a challenge by a family in town to fully maintain a "presumed abandoned" road in town. When they were informed about the status of the road, they brought suit in the Commissioners court for resolution. The suit was withdrawn without prejudice when it was determined that the matter was in the jurisdiction of the Town and should be determined by the Town Officials. The Selectmen undertook an investigation of the road led by our Road Commissioner. At a Selectman's regular Monday meeting, the evidence was presented, Maine statutes consulted and witnesses heard. It was determined, by the fact-finding, that the current and prior Selectmen had treated the road as abandoned back to at least the early 1970s. The Selectmen decided the road was abandoned and the Town retained the road as a Public Right of Way. The family was not pleased with the decision and decided to take the case to the Superior Court in Belfast.

The Cannery became an issue this year with threat of a lawsuit by one of people mentioned in a letter by David McLaughlin. David's will specified three beneficiaries; namely Svea Tullberg, Waterfall Arts and the Town of Liberty. Tom Opper was named as the executor of the will. David wrote letters to various

individuals making other individual requests to and suggestions to the executor. One of these individuals decided to bring suit in Probate to define his status a full beneficiary. Once it became clear the Town was going to be named in a suit, we felt it was necessary to clarify our position. Upon investigation of Maine Statutes and in consultation with our attorney, the selectmen understood the situation well enough to call a Special Town meeting. Ultimately, the Town's people decided to decline the bequest, letting the other beneficiaries decide the future of the Cannery and relieving the Town of any liabilities or demands on the Town's resources.

The upcoming year is going to be challenging for the Selectmen. We will have a Superior court case to manage, a road inventory to clarify the status of all the roads we manage, a new employee to hire, train and manage, determine a solution to the problems with the Steven's Pond Dam and finally, to finish the technology integration and organize the office to utilize it. Needless to say, we are still feeling the effects of losing our Town records in the fire of 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

James Caldwell

Steven Chapin

Pamela Chase

Board of Selectmen

## 2014 LIBERTY ASSESSORS' REPORT

2014 continues our comprehensive review of the properties in the town. The current number of properties is 1,154 and we have reviewed about 300. The goal is to verify that the property we see on the ground matches what is in the TRIO assessing system. Additionally, we verify property conforms to our latest assessing values. When discrepancies are found they are corrected.

As we proceed through the review, we are also ensuring consistency across the town. A house on a lake, pond, in town or on a farm, should be valued the same as long as it is of similar age, condition and all the other items that define the house. Our certified ratio has climbed since we started this process and is approaching 90%. The higher the number the more money we get from the State in revenue sharing. Our quality number has also been increasing.

Each year, we need to review all the sales in town as they have an effect on property values. Over the last two years, we have seen a slight increase in property sales. Many of the sales involved our higher valued properties, which we had significantly under valued. Our assessing program allows us to re-value groups of similar properties, so we were able to raise their value, without disturbing other property values.

The Board of Assessors became more knowledgeable this year as Steve Chapin became a Certified Maine Assessor.

Respectfully submitted,  
James Caldwell  
Steven Chapin  
Pamela Chase  
Board of Assessors

### 2014 VALUATION AND COMPUTATION TOTALS

THE FOLLOWING VALUATION RATES APPLY FOR THE JANUARY 1 – JUNE 30, 2014

Frontage on St. George Lake \$/FT.	700
Frontage on St. George Little Pond \$/FT -->	575
Frontage on Cargill and Trues Pond \$/FT -->	210
Frontage on Steven's Pond \$/FT -->	250
Back Land - Average Value \$/ACRE -->	400
Front Land - Average Value \$/ACRE -->	650
Wet Land - Average Value \$/ACRE -->	50
(this land is usually under water)	
Farm Preservation \$/ACRE -->	400
First Acre \$/Acre (dependent on Road Surface and ownership)-->	
\$12,000 Tar	
\$11,000 Gravel	
\$10,000 Private	
Improved Lot Value -->	\$12,000
Active Gravel Pits Value \$/ACRE -->	\$12,500

#### TREE GROWTH:

\$329/ACRE SOFT wood, \$266 MIXED wood, \$179 HARD wood

All assessing information is available on our website: [www.libertymaine.us](http://www.libertymaine.us). Tax maps are also updated on a two year cycle and were last updated year end 2011 and are also available on our website viewed or download as a PDF file. We again would request that you as a taxpayer fill out and return the Assessors report enclosed within the pages of this book. This is your Property Declaration of any changes since the last one was filed. If this is not filed you will be relinquishing your rights should you request an abatement.

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Assessment Summary By Land Type as of Commitment Date

Billing Amounts By Bldg Code

Bldg Code	Card Count	Land	Buildings	Exemption	Total
Uncoded	1149	63,248,773	54,799,671	2,960,000	115,088,444
Family	5	145,250	221,681	20,000	346,931
Total	1154	63,394,023	55,021,352	2,980,000	115,435,375

Personal Property 714,798

Land Code	Card Count	Land	Buildings	Exemption	Total
0 Uncoded	10	247	192,996	0	193,243
1 Building	2	49,640	212,434	20,000	242,074
2 Common	17	680,448	2,856,940	0	3,537,388
3 Cargill Pond	58	2,584,486	1,957,504	56,000	4,485,990
4 Electric	2	2,966,752	0	0	2,966,752
5 Gas	1	4,670,100	0	0	4,670,100
6 Land	687	18,727,633	31,815,913	2,414,000	48,129,546
7 St. George	305	27,844,368	14,770,736	328,000	42,287,104
8 Steven's Pond	66	5,519,864	2,783,731	122,000	8,181,595
10 True's Pond	6	350,485	431,098	40,000	741,583
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Tree Growth:

Total Softwood	265 acres
Total Mixedwood	670 acres
Total Hardwood	246 acres
Total Other	238 acres
Total Acreage in Town:	14,811
Total Parcels in Town:	1,136

Total \$10,000 Homestead exemptions: 266

**Total Assessment Comparison**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Mill Rate</b>
<b>2005</b>	<b>76,918,461</b>	<b>15.50</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>84,417,801</b>	<b>14.25</b>
<b>2007</b>	<b>86,514,359</b>	<b>13.50</b>
<b>2008</b>	<b>97,238,948</b>	<b>12.40</b>
<b>2009</b>	<b>104,284,187</b>	<b>12.80</b>
<b>2010</b>	<b>106,586,557</b>	<b>13.75</b>
<b>2011</b>	<b>108,764,019</b>	<b>13.70</b>
<b>2012</b>	<b>108,869,785</b>	<b>15.80</b>
<b>2013</b>	<b>109,539,811</b>	<b>6.8</b>
<b>2014</b>	<b>115,435,375</b>	<b>15.90</b>

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<b>SELECTMEN'S BUDGET REPORT BY ACCOUNT 2014</b>
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<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>	Debit	Credit
AUDITOR	5,686.50	
BANK SERVICE	39.00	
ELECTRICITY OFFICE/CMP 1	420.00	
DUES/TRAINING	841.00	
HEATING FUEL FOR ADM	2,187.50	
FURNACE REPAIR	155.60	
LEGAL	32.00	
DISCHARGE OF LIENS	912.00	
MILEAGE	1,083.84	
MISCELLANEOUS	592.44	
TOWN MODERATOR	400.00	
MOWING	920.00	
NOTARY SERVICES	90.00	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	549.09	
PHONE BILL	717.45	
PLUMBING AND SEPTIC	260.00	
POSTAGE/SHIPPING	637.84	
ANNUAL REPORT/PRINTING	1,687.00	
TECHNICAL SUPPORT	100.00	
BUDGET		17,500.00
TOTAL	<u>17,311.26</u>	<u>17,500.00</u>
BALANCE		\$ 188.74

<u>AMBULANCE</u>	Debit	Credit
STIPEND	1,000.00	
TRAINING	3,000.00	
BUDGET		4000.00
TOTAL	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>
BALANCE		0.00

<u>ANIMAL CONTROL</u>	Debit	Credit
SHELTERING ANIMALS	500	
BUDGET		1,500.00
TOTAL	<u>500.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
BALANCE		1,000.00

<u>CEMETERIES</u>	Debit	Credit
MAINTENANCE	1,749.44	
BUDGET		2,500.00
TOTAL	<u>1,749.44</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>
BALANCE		750.56

<u>COMMUNITY HALL</u>	DEBIT	CREDIT
ELECTRICITY	427.32	
HEAT	1,604.12	
MAINTENANCE	1,019.95	
RENTAL		350.00
BUDGET		1,000.00
TOTAL	<u>\$3,051.39</u>	<u>\$1,350.00</u>
BALANCE		(\$1,701.39)

<u>IVAN O. DAVIS LIBRARY</u>	Debit	Credit
OPERATIONS	4,700.00	
BUDGET		4,700.00
TOTAL	<u>4,700.00</u>	<u>4,700.00</u>
BALANCE		0.00

<u>EMA</u>	Debit	Credit
OPERATIONS		
BUDGET		125.00
TOTAL	<u>0.00</u>	<u>125.00</u>
BALANCE		125.00

<u>EMERGENCY FUND</u>	Debit	Credit
OPERATIONS	7,004.00	
BUDGET		10,000.00
TOTAL	<u>7,004.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>
BALANCE		2,996.00

<u>ENVIRONMENTAL FUND</u>	Debit	Credit
INVESTED IN CD		3,500.00
RESERVE ACCOUNT		660.75
ACCRUED INTEREST		
BUDGET		0.00
TOTAL	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,160.75</u>
BALANCE		4,160.75

<u>FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS</u>	Debit	Credit
ADAMSON INDUSTRIES CORP.	424.85	
AMES FARM EQUIPMENT	847.74	
BUXTON SERVICE NORTH, INC.	160.73	
CASCADE SUBSCRIPTION		
SERVICE, INC	142.00	
CENTRAL MAINE POWER		
COMPANY #2	679.87	
COASTAL MEDICAL CARE	317.00	

DUTCH	46.48	
ELLSWORTH BUILDING SUPPLIES	682.78	
FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS/655	240.59	
FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS/656	283.03	
FIRE TECH & SAFETY	2,436.80	
FLAGG'S GARAGE	296.89	
GILLESPIE, LISA	20.98	
GILLESPIE, WILLIAM	2,217.58	
HAMILTON MARINE	459.99	
HARTFORD LIFE & ACCIDENT INSURACNE CO.	544.00	
LED EMERGENCY LIGHTING	357.06	
LIBERTY ENGINE CO 7	241.11	
LIBERTY GENERAL STORE	2,210.28	
MAINE FIRE EQUIP. CO., INC.	106.08	
MARITIME ENERGY	3,152.24	
ME. STATE FED. OF FIRE FIGHTERS INC.	180.00	
NAPA-BELFAST AUTO SUPPLY	36.80	
O'CONNOR	2,081.66	
PIONEER MACHINE, INC.	703.69	
RELIANCE EQUIPMENT	5,146.24	
TRI-CITY TIRE INC	341.00	
WALDO COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION	290.00	
YANKEE COMMUNICATIONS	1,027.40	
BUDGET		28,350.00
TOTAL	25,674.87	28,350.00
BALANCE		2,675.13

<u>FIRE DEPARTMENT PAYROLL</u>	Debit	Credit
BUDGET		7,500.00
TOTAL	7,380.00	7,500.00
BALANCE		120.00

<u>FIRE DEPARTMENT PAYROLL</u>	Debit	Credit
CURTIS, BRANDON T	640.00	
CURTIS, MARK A	1,010.00	
FOGG, ERIN	325.00	
FOGG, NATHANAEL A	75.00	
GILLESPIE III, WILLIAM E	350.00	

GILLESPIE, LISA M	580.00	
GILLESPIE, WILLIAM E	290.00	
KRESS, WALTER P	1,440.00	
KRONHOLM, JEROD M	65.00	
LEIGHMARTINEZ, ADAM E	445.00	
LYNCH III, JOSEPH J	535.00	
MILLER, DANIEL H	65.00	
MORRIS, BRIAN	1,185.00	
SCAPPATICCI, JASON	20.00	
TEETS, MARK	355.00	
BUDGET		7,500.00
TOTAL	7,380.00	7,500.00
BALANCE		120.00

<u>INSURANCE</u>	Debit	Credit
COMBINED	4,395.50	
BUDGET		8,500.00
TOTAL	4,395.50	8,500.00
BALANCE		4,104.50

<u>JAWS</u>	Debit	Credit
DISBURSED	500.00	
BUDGET		500.00
TOTAL	500.00	500.00
BALANCE		0.00

<u>LOANS</u>	Debit	Credit
STEVENS POND DAM	413.62	
BUDGET		0.00
TOTAL	413.62	0.00
BALANCE		(\$ 413.62)

<u>PAYROLL EXPENSE</u>	Debit	Credit
INTUIT		
PERSONNEL EXPENSE		
BUDGET		3,071.64
TOTAL	0.00	3,071.64
BALANCE		0.00

<u>PLANNING BOARD</u>	Debit	Credit
PERMITS		25.00
AHLEFELD, VICTOR	120.00	
BLACK, KERRY	60.00	
BLAKE, DANIELLE	110.00	

PEAVEY, LORING	160.00	
PELLETIER, LOU	120.00	
REYNOLDS, TAMMY	90.00	
MISC	23.00	
BUDGET		1,500.00
TOTAL	683.00	1,525.00
BALANCE		<u>\$ 842.00</u>

<u>PLUMBING PERMITS</u>	Debit	Credit
PERMITS		880.00
BUDGET		
TOTAL	0.00	880.00
BALANCE		<u>880.00</u>

<u>POOR ACCOUNT</u>	Debit	Credit
DISBURSED	2,774.00	
DONATIONS		100.00
BUDGET		1,750.00
TOTAL	2,774.00	1,850.00
BALANCE		<u>(\$ 924.00)</u>

<u>STREET LIGHTS</u>	DEBIT	CREDIT
DISBURSED	1517.54	
BUDGET		1,600.00
TOTAL	\$1,517.54	\$1,600.00
BALANCE		<u>\$82.46</u>

<u>RECREATION AREA</u>	DEBIT	CREDIT
RECREATION ELECTRICAL COSTS/CMP 2	72.00	
MOWING	1,920.00	
PORTABLE TOILETS	190.00	
RECREATION AREA - OTHER		1,916.12
BUDGET		1750.00
TOTAL	2,182.00	3,666.12
BALANCE		<u>1,484.12</u>

<u>RECREATION - TEAMS</u>	DEBIT	CREDIT
DISBURSED	1,350.00	
BUDGET		2,625.00
TOTAL	\$1,350.00	\$2,625.00
BALANCE		<u>\$1,275.00</u>

<u>ROADS &amp; BRIDGES</u>	Debit	Credit
MAINTENANCE	29,877.47	30,000.00
MILEAGE	311.96	
SAND	5,291.50	5,000.00
SALT	7,146.88	
ELECTRIC	159.00	
BUDGET		
TOTAL	<u>\$42,786.81</u>	<u>\$35,000.00</u>
BALANCE		(\$7,786.81)

<u>SNOW PLOWING</u>	DEBIT	CREDIT
DISBURSED	107,730.00	
BUDGET		75,000.00
SURPLUS		63,510.00
TOTAL	<u>\$107,730.00</u>	<u>\$138,510.00</u>
BALANCE		\$30,780.00

<u>WAGES</u>	DEBIT	CREDIT
GAIL PHILIPPI, CLERK	5,889.75	
DANIELLE BLAKE, DEPUTY CLERK	5,170.25	
JIM CALDWELL, 1 <sup>ST</sup> SELECTMAN	3,250.00	
STEVE CHAPIN, 2 <sup>ND</sup> SELECTMAN	3,125.00	
PAM CHASE, 3 <sup>RD</sup> SELECTMAN	3,000.00	
BETSEY DAVIS, TREASURER	2,625.00	
DON HARRIMAN, CEO	2,625.00	
BILL GILLESPIE, FIRE CHIEF	2,625.00	
TAMMY REYNOLDS, ROAD	2,625.00	
COMMISSIONER.		
DEBRA PAUL, ACO	450.00	
DON HARRIMAN, LPI	250.00	
ELISE BROWN, EMA DIRECTOR	262.50	
GAIL PHILIPPI, VOTER REGISTRAR	650.00	
GAIL PHILIPPI, MAP	0.00	
COORDINATOR		
BUDGET		33,112.50
TOTALS	<u>32,547.50</u>	<u>33,112.50</u>
BALANCE		\$ 565.00

**TOWN WARRANT  
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**To:** Henry Hall, Resident of the Town of Liberty, in the County of Waldo, and the State of Maine.

**Greetings:** In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Liberty in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the **Liberty Community Hall**, 3 Serenity Lane, off Pinnacle Rd. in said Town, on **Saturday, the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.** in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles to wit:

**ARTICLES:**

ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICIALS

1. To elect by written ballot a moderator to preside at said meeting.
2. To establish town office hours as follows:

Monday:	9:00 am to 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Tuesday:	9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Thursday:	9:00 am to 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Saturday:	9:00 am to 1:00 pm
3. To elect the following positions:
  - 1. Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Town Agent; (one year)
  - 2. Treasurer; (one year)
  - 3. Fire Chief; (one year)
  - 4. Road Commissioner (one year)
  - 5. School Board Representative (3 years)
4. To elect a Second Selectman to serve on the Board of Selectmen, Board of Assessors and Overseers of the Poor for a three-year term.
5. To elect a Budget Committee not to exceed 7 members to assist the Selectmen by meeting periodically with the Board of Selectmen and Treasurer to review financial accounts of the Town and assisting in budgeting town funds.

**Selectmen Recommendation: Elect current board.**

6. To fix compensation, from taxation, for the following positions:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Selectmen Recommendation</b>	<b>Budget Committee Recommendation</b>
<b>Town Clerk/Tax Collector/ Town Agent</b>	26,000.00	26,000.00
<b>Town Administrator</b>	15,000.00	10,000.00 *
<b>First Selectman</b>		5,500.00
<b>Second Selectman</b>		5,000.00
<b>Third Selectman</b>		5,000.00
<b>Treasurer</b>	6,500.00	6,500.00
<b>Code Enforcement Officer</b>	5,250.00	5,250.00
<b>Fire Chief</b>	5,250.00	5,250.00
<b>Road Commissioner</b>	7,500.00	7,500.00
<b>Animal Control Officer</b>	1,800.00	1,800.00
<b>Registrar of Voters</b>	850.00	850.00
<b>Tax Map Coordinator</b>	800.00	800.00
<b>Plumbing Inspector</b>	500.00	500.00
<b>Emergency Management Director</b>	525.00	525.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>69,975.00</b>	<b>70,475.00</b>

\* After budget meetings, new information caused the Selectmen to raise their recommendation.

## TOWN OPERATIONS

7. To see what sum of money the Town will raise, from taxation, for the following accounts:

<b>Account</b>	<b>Selectmen Recommendation</b>	<b>Budget Committee Recommendation</b>
<b>Administration</b>	35,000.00	35,000.00
<b>Legal Fund Reserve</b>	40,000.00	10,000.00
<b>Planning Board</b>	3,000.00	3,000.00
<b>TCSWMO</b>	18,838.75	18,838.75
<b>Animal Control</b>	1,600.00	1,600.00
<b>EMA Ops</b>	250.00	250.00
<b>Cemeteries</b>	5,000.00	5,000.00
<b>Poor Account</b>	3,500.00	3,500.00
<b>Street Lights</b>	3,200.00	3,200.00
<b>Insurance</b>	17,000.00	17,000.00
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>	7,500.00	7,500.00
<b>Community Hall</b>	4000.00	4000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>138,888.75</b>	<b>108,888.75</b>

8. **EMERGENCY FUND:** To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate, from surplus, to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during calendar 2014 - 2015. (The Town spent \$7004 in 2014)

Account	Selectmen Recommendation	Budget Committee Recommendation
Emergency Fund	7,004.00	Not Presented

9. **MILEAGE:** To see what rate the Town will vote to authorize travel expenses for essential travel by any Town Official when such travel is on town business out of town (to be paid from the Administration Account), and for the Road Commissioner (to be paid from Road and Bridges Account) and Code Enforcement Officer (to be paid from the Planning Board Account) on town business in town.

**Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommendation: Adopt State Standard Mileage Rate (current rate \$0.44/mile)**

10. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to transfer unexpended and unneeded funds, from certain departments to Surplus.
11. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to interview and hire an Assessor's Agent to assist in Assessment of Properties as directed by the Board of Assessors. Selectmen will appoint the person and he/she will report to the First Selectman. Hourly pay rate to be determined by the Selectmen.

Position	Selectmen Recommendation	Budget Committee Recommendation
Assessor's Agent	15,000.00	10,000.00

## HIGHWAYS

12. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate from taxation for the Roads and Bridges account, to be used for the maintenance, paving, snow plowing, and sand/salt of contracted Town roads and to be used as Town matching funds for any FEMA/MEMA grants received in 2015 or 2016.

Account	Selectmen's Recommendation	Budget Committee's Recommendation
RDB maintenance	60,000.00	60,000.00
Paving	60,000.00	60,000.00
Salt and Sand	32,000.00	32,000.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>152,000.00</b>	<b>152,000.00</b>

13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate from taxation, \$1,000, to be used to assure proper operation of the St. George Dam.

Account	Selectmen's Recommendation	Budget Committee's Recommendation
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<b>St. George Dam Maintenance</b>	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>

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- 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate from taxation for the remainder of the current snowplowing contract:

<b>Account</b>	<b>Selectmen's Recommendation</b>	<b>Budget Committee's Recommendation</b>
<b>Snow Plowing Contract</b>	153,900.00	153,900.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>153,900.00</b>	<b>153,900.00</b>

**LIBERTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- 15. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate, from taxation, to operate the Liberty Volunteer Fire Department and to pay Fire Department volunteer firefighters while on the job.

<b>Account</b>	<b>Selectmen's Recommendation</b>	<b>Budget Committee's Recommendation</b>
<b>Operations</b>	45,000.00	45,000.00
<b>Payroll</b>	15,000.00	15,000.00
<b>Capital Reserve</b>	7,500.00	20,000.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>67,500.00</b>	<b>80,000.00</b>

**LIBERTY VOLUNTEER FIRE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

- 16. To see if the Town will carry over the current balance of \$28,219.20 for the LVFD Capital Reserve account.
- 17. To see if the Town will add any unspent monies from combination of Operations and Payroll to the LVFD Capital Reserve account.
- 18. To see if the Town will use any donations to the LVFD to offset LVFD Operations or Payroll budget overruns and add any surplus to the LVFD Capital Reserve account.

**PARKS & RECREATION**

19. **RECREATION ACCOUNT:**

- **A.** To see if the Town will accept reimbursements from the Town of Montville for maintenance of the recreation area (**Estimate: \$1,500.00**). Montville has been formally requested to raise \$1,500.00 for this account.
- **Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommendation: pass**
- **B.** To see if the Town will accept funds from the State of Maine (income from the State Park, of approximately **\$1,916**), and vote to raise from taxation, for the recreation account.

<b>Account</b>	<b>Selectmen's Recommendation</b>	<b>Budget Committee's Recommendation</b>
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Recreation	3,500.00	3,500.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>3,500.00</b>	<b>3,500.00</b>

- **Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommendation: pass**
- **C.** To see if the Town will move the balance of **\$355.92** in the Basketball Forever Account into the Community Hall account to be used toward either an indoor or outdoor basketball court or equipment.
  - **Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommendation: pass**
- **D.** To see if the funds raised from the State's Refund of snowmobile registrations will be provided to the Palermo Snowmobile Club (**estimate: \$235**).

- **Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommendation: pass**

**20. RECREATION REQUESTS:** To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate, from taxation, for the following recreation requests. Montville has been formally requested to raise **\$400.00** for swim lessons:

Account	Selectmen's Recommendation	Budget Committee's Recommendation
Swimming Program	575.00	575.00
Walker Wildcats Softball	200.00	200.00
Liberty/Montville Little League	500.00	500.00
Liberty Farm Teams	350.00	350.00
Liberty T-Ball Teams	250.00	250.00
Liberty BasketBall Teams	300.00	300.00
Eleven Towns Youth Hockey	200.00	200.00
Waldo County YMCA	250.00	250.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>2,625.00</b>	<b>2,625.00</b>

**INDEPENDENT SERVICES**

**21. JAWS:** To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate, from taxation, for the Tri-Town Rescue Jaws team.

Account	Selectmen's Recommendation	Budget Committee's Recommendation
Tri-Town Jaws	500.00	500.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>

**22. AMBULANCE:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, from taxation, a retainer for service paid to the Liberty Volunteer Ambulance Service. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, from taxation, a

stipend for Liberty Volunteer Ambulance Service to be used to help defray the cost of training ambulance personnel.

Account	Selectmen's Recommendation	Budget Committee's Recommendation
Town Retainer	1,000.00	1,000.00
Training	3,000.00	3,000.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>

**23. IVAN O. DAVIS LIBRARY:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, from taxation, **\$4,700.00** to help support the Ivan O. Davis Liberty Library.

Account	Selectmen's Recommendation	Budget Committee's Recommendation
Operations	4,700.00	4,700.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>4,700.00</b>	<b>4,700.00</b>

**24.** To see what sums the Town will raise and appropriate, from taxation, for repair or replacement of the roof on the town building currently leased to the Ivan O. Davis Library.

**Selectmen's Recommendation: \$10,000**

**25. WALKER-OVERLOCK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:**

**A.** To see what sums the Town will raise and appropriate, from taxation, for the WOMS account.

Account	Selectmen's Recommendation	Budget Committee's Recommendation
WOM Scholarship Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>

**B.** To see what sums the Town will raise and appropriate, from taxation, for scholarships in the upcoming year.

**Selectmen Recommendation: \$1,500**

**26. SOCIAL REQUESTS:** To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate, from taxation, for the following:

Account	Selectmen's Recommendation	Budget Committee's Recommendation
AMVETS	1,000.00	1,000.00
Liberty Historical Society	250.00	400.00
Citizen Association for Liberty Lakes (CALL)	150.00	150.00
New Hope For Women	750.00	750.00

Waldo CAP	2,930.00	2,930.00
Spectrum Generations	500.00	500.00
Kno-Wal-Lin	400.00	400.00
Red Cross	400.00	500.00
Belfast Area Child Care Services	500.00	500.00
Hospice Vol./Waldo County	400.00	400.00
Mid-Coast Maine Community Action (WIC)	500.00	500.00
Kennebec Behavioral Health	100.00	100.00
Maine Youth Alliance - Game Loft	300.00	300.00
Broadreach	500.00	500.00
Habitat for Humanity	250.00	250.00
Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center	100.00	100.00
Waldo County Woodshed	500.00	Not Presented
LifeFlight	100.00	100.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>9,630.00</b>	<b>9,380.00</b>

27. To see if the Town will establish an Animal Rescue Fund to accept donations from groups and individuals to provide assistance to animals in need other than dogs and cats; i.e. horses, cows, sheep, chickens, et al. This fund would be administered by the Select Board in consultation with the Animal Control Officer.
28. **ENVIRONMENTAL FUND:** Shall the Town carry over \$3,972.99 for the environmental fund?

Account	Selectmen's Recommendation	Budget Committee's Recommendation
Environmental Fund	3,972.99	3,972.99
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>3,972.99</b>	<b>3,972.99</b>

**DEBT SERVICE**

29. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, from taxation, for the following loans:

Account	Selectmen's Recommendation	Budget Committee's Recommendation
Stevens Pond Dam	3,985.24	3,985.24

<b>Hostile Valley Bridge</b>	9,102.77	9,102.77
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>13,088.01</b>	<b>13,088.01</b>

## PROPERTY TAXES

- 30.** To see if the Town will vote to have all taxes due and payable immediately upon commitment to the Tax Collector and:
- A.** To see if the Town will determine that taxes not paid 30 days after commitment are considered delinquent.
- B.** To see what sum of interest the Town will vote to charge on all liens and delinquent taxes.
- Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommendation: 5%**  
**[The maximum rate of interest that may be charged: 7%]**
- C.** To see if the Town will vote that a taxpayer who pays an amount in excess of that finally assessed shall be repaid the amount of the overpayment plus interest from date of the overpayment at an annual rate set 4% below that established in the preceding Article.
- Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommendation: 1%**
- D.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize any action necessary, by the Selectmen and Tax Collector, to collect any delinquent taxes outstanding for prior years; and to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired for non-payment of taxes thereon, using a bid process or other such terms as deemed advisable, by the Selectmen and the State, including publishing in local papers, including the right to accept or reject any and all bids, and should the bid process be used, authorize execution of Quit-Claim deeds for such property sold.
- Selectmen Recommendation: pass**
- E.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes.
- Selectmen Recommendation: pass**
- 31.** To see if the Town of Liberty will accept and carry over any Education Block Grants, State Revenue Sharing and other funds as may be available to be used toward the FY 2016 Budget appropriations thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised by property taxation.
- Selectmen Recommendation: pass.**
- 32.** Should a vacancy in any elected office arise during the Town Meeting, to vote for a replacement of said official.
- 33.** To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Liberty by State law in the event that the FY 2016 municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit. (Vote must be by written ballot.)
- Selectmen Recommendation: pass**

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS, THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2015

Warren (Bud) Steeves

Steven Chapin

Pamela Chase

## Town Clerk / Town Agent / Tax Collector's Annual Report

January through June 2014 was a period of transition.

I'd like to thank everyone for your patience as we switched to a new fiscal year and also put out an interim tax bill in the spring of 2014. From now on the new routine, one bill a year in the fall and due in two installments, will be easier.

The interim tax bill was due during our busy time welcoming back seasonal residents and summer visitors. This all took place in a gubernatorial election year which involved caucuses in February, Primary elections in June and Election Day in November 2014.

Thank you to all the election workers for putting in long hours in such a busy year. I also extend a special thank you to our Warden Karen Fitzmaurice who worked the whole day with Danielle and me from 7:30 am Tuesday to 2 am Wednesday.

Starting in early 2014 we began to enforce dog licensing rules in earnest which showed us how just how many dogs reside in Liberty! Thank you to all the dog owners who are now current with rabies vaccinations and registrations.

The road crew has done a great job plowing in front of the Town Office getting as close as they can and leaving less snow for us to shovel. Jamie Davis has waged a good fight against the sand and dust in the office. You will hear more about our historic 2015 snow in next year's report.

Thank you to those who volunteered at the Town Office in 2014, doing everything from snow blowing to stuffing envelopes for tax bill mailing, repairing the ballot box and keeping the gardens beautiful. I am especially thankful for Danielle Blake who works with me in all aspects of this job and is so good at it.

Please call or come into the office with any questions or suggestions. The Clerks are usually the first face you see or voice you hear when contacting the Town.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Hansen Philippi  
Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Town Agent

### **Unpaid 2014 Real Estate Taxes as of 1/31/2015**

Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payment/ Adjustments	Due ***	
183	ALBERT, PHYLLIS M & EARLE	716.45	0.00	716.45	
1216	Anderson, Kristie L.	330.82	104.21	226.61	
15	ANDERSON, PETER R. & YVONNE	636.52	0.00	636.52	
1227	Anthony, Cynthia	96.10	0.00	96.10	A
27	ARD JR., WARREN	451.98	0.00	451.98	
26	ARD, JR., WARREN	316.90	0.00	316.90	

32	ATWELL, WILLIAM & ANN	852.09	824.83	27.26	
36	BABINE, STEPHEN	40.80	0.00	40.80	
293	BARBOZA, LYNN	665.27	0.00	665.27	
48	BARNES, PHYLLIS	326.82	0.00	326.82	
53	BEAL, FREDRICK & KAREN	15.96	0.00	15.96	
759	BILLINGS, BRENDA M.	616.75	0.00	616.75	
102	BOUCHARD, RICHARD	8.23	0.00	8.23	
272	BROWN, ROBERT	191.90	0.00	191.90	
812	BRUNEAU, HENRY	540.60	0.00	540.60	
162	CARLE, KATHLEEN	488.64	0.00	488.64	
1088	CARPENTER, AMY & JOSHUA	376.20	0.00	376.20	**
224	CARPENTER, AMY RUTH	147.71	0.00	147.71	
225	CARPENTER, D. JOSHUA	144.00	0.00	144.00	**
148	CARTER, LOIS	596.97	0.00	596.97	
154	CASH, GLENN A.	426.83	373.17	53.66	**
160	CHADWICK, DAPHYNE	136.46	0.00	136.46	
84	CHAFFEE, HENRY L.	90.44	0.00	90.44	
175	CLARK, JAMES A.	428.40	267.46	160.94	
161	Cleaves Jr, William	811.40	0.00	811.40	**
184	COCHRAN-GAMMON, SHELBY	536.23	0.00	536.23	
706	CRAM, MATTHEW A.	496.93	0.00	496.93	
210	CULLIVAN, GARY	792.59	0.00	792.59	
380	DEAN, MATTHEW & KATHERINE	576.89	0.00	576.89	**
286	Denman, Bobbi Jo	268.74	4.66	264.08	
151	DESCHENES, ROBERT P & SANDRA A	266.83	0.00	266.83	
263	DORR, GAIL M.	646.12	0.00	646.12	
407	Dourant, Terry M.	353.31	0.00	353.31	*
281	EDGECOMB, HERMAN	297.31	0.00	297.31	
282	EDGECOMB, HERMAN	608.51	0.00	608.51	
290	ELLIOTT, ROBERTA D.	81.60	10.20	71.40	
292	EMERY, MARK & JACKIE	265.40	0.00	265.40	
295	Erskine Jr., George W.	1,143.98	0.00	1,143.98	
1120	FISHER, LANE	413.54	0.51	413.03	
1202	Goggins, Daria M.	1,127.70	635.91	491.79	A
383	GREEN, STEPHEN H. & LOUISE M.	673.20	0.00	673.20	
1047	GROTTON, MATTHEW & MELINDA	633.82	0.00	633.82	
841	HAGAR, MARK AND CINDY	128.52	0.00	128.52	**

393	HANCOCK, LAWRENCE D.	202.23	0.00	202.23	
300	HASKELL, DUSTY & PAMELA	1,441.95	0.00	1,441.95	
930	HAYER, STEVE & MICHELLE	626.83	0.00	626.83	
703	HAYER, STEVEN & MICHELLE	305.19	0.00	305.19	
435	HOLBROOK, DAVID	587.32	0.00	587.32	
454	IVERY, DAVID WAYNE	72.42	0.00	72.42	
1224	Jackson, Glenn	27.20	0.00	27.20	
1026	JAMISON, JOHN	1,055.62	0.00	1,055.62	
1051	JEWETT, DANIEL	114.92	0.00	114.92	
469	JEWETT, DARRELL	95.67	0.00	95.67	
476	JEWETT, RANDALL & JANET	701.39	0.00	701.39	
477	JEWETT, RANDALL & JANET	418.06	0.00	418.06	
472	JEWETT, STEVEN AND MARY	158.36	0.00	158.36	
958	JOHNSON, YVONNE	569.84	11.09	558.75	
166	KASABUSKI, WILLIAM	336.42	0.00	336.42	
506	KEEGAN, ROBERT A.	258.20	0.00	258.20	
525	KNOWLTON HEIRS, MELVIN	337.41	0.00	337.41	
529	KNOWLTON, VIOLET	3.26	0.00	3.26	
657	LAMSON, TRINNA M.	711.37	0.00	711.37	
545	LANDFORD, FRANK & SHIRLEY	257.72	0.00	257.72	
551	Latno, Gerard R.	885.41	0.00	885.41	
792	LEEMAN, RYAN	259.28	0.00	259.28	
541	LETOURNEAU, WILFRED	198.47	0.00	198.47	
1076	LIBBY, MELISSA	633.09	0.00	633.09	
838	Liberty Two, LLC	4,186.08	0.00	4,186.08	**
588	LIGHT, BARBARA	340.05	0.00	340.05	
354	MACLEOD, LINDA	565.13	0.00	565.13	
610	MAGNANI, JOHN	242.76	0.00	242.76	
623	MAKER, PAULINE	299.59	0.00	299.59	
942	MARCHAND, DANIEL R.	1,063.02	972.19	90.83	**
643	MARPLE HEIRS, RAMONA	216.92	0.00	216.92	
632	MARPLE, BRICE	315.60	0.00	315.60	
1103	MARPLE, BRICE	195.92	0.00	195.92	
645	MARR, ROWENA	520.02	0.00	520.02	
1092	MCFADDEN, ANITA	165.89	0.00	165.89	
642	MCGRAY, LORI	196.45	0.00	196.45	
1106	MCLAUGHLIN,	422.77	41.84	380.93	**

	AMANDA & DAVID				
715	MCLAUGHLIN, DAVID	8.16	0.00	8.16	**
666	MCLAUGHLIN, DAVID A	613.69	0.00	613.69	**
674	MERRIFIELD, ALBEA c/o Richard Bouchard	8.23	0.00	8.23	
694	MODARRES, ANDREA ADAMS	476.68	0.00	476.68	
170	MORUZZI, DANE	598.31	0.00	598.31	**
714	MORUZZI, DANE A. & ELIZABETH A.	815.37	0.00	815.37	**
1057	MOSHER, ARTHUR & VICKI	798.29	0.00	798.29	
849	PACHOLSKI, COCO & NORMAN	136.68	0.00	136.68	
172	PEAVEY, CARRIE	474.63	0.00	474.63	
133	PERKINS, JONATHAN	150.68	0.00	150.68	
804	RAINEY, ALAN & PAULA	943.53	0.00	943.53	**
730	RAND, STEVEN AND PATRICIA	960.59	468.45	492.14	
817	RHODES, RUTH	223.72	0.00	223.72	
824	RIPLEY, DENNIS H. & MELANIE D.	610.01	595.62	14.39	
975	ROBERT L. TORRY	898.10	1.45	896.65	
1115	RODERICK JR, DANIEL	217.85	0.00	217.85	
1084	ROGIN, MARCELLE & THOMAS	288.38	0.00	288.38	
288	Rose Acceptance, Inc.	119.00	1.00	118.00	**
381	ROSS, JOHN	752.96	0.00	752.96	
839	RUDEK, ROBERT W	293.08	0.00	293.08	
796	SANDNER, JEFFREY R.	150.28	0.00	150.28	
797	SANDNER, JEFFREY R. & BRENDA	854.30	0.00	854.30	
949	SCAPPATICCI, JASON	282.88	0.00	282.88	
861	SEQUEIRA, SHAROL	243.10	0.00	243.10	
884	SMITH, GEOFFREY O. & SANDRA	767.23	0.00	767.23	
436	SOULE, JEFF	190.48	0.00	190.48	
901	SOULE, NANCY	1,199.40	0.00	1,199.40	
902	SOULE, NANCY	808.00	0.00	808.00	
912	SPENCER, CHRIS	445.03	0.00	445.03	
941	STARK, DAVID & IVAL E.	683.00	0.00	683.00	
1105	STARRETT, CURTIS F. & M. K.	263.84	0.00	263.84	
978	STEVENS, SCOTT M.	1,125.84	0.00	1,125.84	
531	SWIECH, DONALD	420.02	0.00	420.02	
974	TORREY, JR. LARRY &	365.85	284.67	81.18	*

	KRISTIANNA L.				
1218	Town of Liberty	1,150.17	0.00	1,150.17	A
992	VATTER, JOSEPH T	501.66	0.00	501.66	
1012	WEEKS, ELWIN	495.46	438.02	57.44	**
1014	WEEMS, STEVEN L. & SUSAN S.	143.82	27.79	116.03	
358	ZEILOR, JOHN	824.30	0.00	824.30	
	Total for 119 Accounts:	<u>58,055.89</u>	<u>5,063.07</u>	<u>52,992.82</u>	

Unpaid 2014 Personal Property Taxes as of 1/31/2015

Acct	Name ----	Original Payment / Original Tax	Amount Payment/ Adjustments	Due
2	PEAVEY, CARRIE	33.15	0.00	33.15
	Total for 1 Account:	<u>33.15</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>33.15</u>

- \* Partial Payment made after January 31, 2015
- \*\* Full Payment made after January 31, 2015
- \*\*\* This amount does not include
- A Abatement request pending

The new Fiscal Year and switching to two tax bills a year was a huge change. This required a lot of explaining on the phone and in person. It was hard for many people to understand and we spent a considerable amount of time explaining to individual taxpayers, banks and mortgage companies how the new system works. We thank everyone for their patience.

While we do not set up formal payment plans we do accept partial payments of any amount and in any frequency. Payments may also be made in advance. Interest starts accruing after 30 days. If you are paying late, please call the office to check with us on the actual balance of your account. If you would like a receipt, please include a self addressed stamped envelope with your payment. No reminder will be sent - second payment is due May 5, 2015. Thank you, we look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Gail Hansen Philippi, Tax Collector  
Danielle Blake, Deputy Tax Collector

<b>Town Agent Report 2014</b>
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**TOWN OF LIBERTY**

Office of the Town Clerk  
PO BOX 116  
Liberty, Maine 04949

## Town Agent Report January 1 - June 30, 2014

**Motor Vehicles Registered** 674

### Recreational Vehicles Registered

Boats 133  
ATV's 20  
Snowmobiles 24  
PWC's 0

**Hunting and Fishing Licenses Issued** 51

### 2014 Dog Tags Issued

Male/Female 10  
Spayed/Neutered 76

### Vital Statistics Recorded for the Year 2014

Births 7  
Marriage Licenses Issued 9  
Deaths 8

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>
Reginald Davis	07/06/14	85	Liberty
Howard Dyer	03/24/14	75	Augusta
Herman Edgecomb	01/01/14	73	Liberty
Lorelei Erskine	04/16/14	54	Liberty
George Millay	08/24/14	90	Belfast
Duane Schwartz	02/26/14	61	Liberty
Royce Smith	01/11/14	90	Liberty
Ernest Southworth	08/27/14	95	Liberty

### Tax Collector's Report 2014

2014 Real Estate Tax Commitment	\$ 774,018.22
2014 Real Estate Tax Collected	\$ 733,359.92
2014 Real Estate Tax Abatements	\$776.68
2014 Real Estate Tax Supplemental Bills	\$8,969.20
2014 Real Estate Tax Unpaid	\$52,992.82
2014 Personal Property Tax Commitment	\$4,242.07
2014 Personal Property Tax Collected	\$4,208.92
2014 Personal Property Tax Unpaid	\$33.15

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hansen Philippi Liberty Town Agent/Town Clerk/Tax Collector  
Danielle A. Blake Deputy Town Agent/Town Clerk/Tax Collector



**Town of Liberty 2014 Treasurer's Report**

Betsey Davis, Treasurer

**Betsey Davis (Liens)**

2008 Tax Liens	1,007.30
2008 Tax Liens Costs	6.00

2008 Tax Liens Interest	112.60
2009 Tax Liens	1,159.77
2009 Tax Liens Costs	64.67
2009 Tax Liens Interest	254.84
2010 Tax Liens	3,188.76
2010 Tax Liens Costs	217.02
2010 Tax Liens Interest	431.07
2011 Tax Liens	18,686.12
2011 Tax Liens Costs	1,277.04
2011 Tax Liens Interest	1,709.32
2012 Tax Liens	13,880.31
2012 Tax Liens Costs	562.21
2012 Tax Liens Interest	972.20

**Gail P./Danielle B.**

2012 Taxes	19.73
2012 Interest	.96
2013 Taxes	120,344.86
2013 Interest	3,518.82
2013 Personal Prop. Tax	2,465.84
2013 Personal Prop. Int.	65.92
2014 Taxes	526,965.21
2014 Interest	.18
2014 Personal Prop. Tax	4,113.34
2015 Taxes	2,940.29
2015 Personal Prop. Tax	15.81
Adm. Bounced Check Fees	36.00
Community Hall Rent	350.00
Dog Licenses – State	328.00
Dog Licenses – Town	152.00
Excise – Liberty	67,053.00
Excise – Montville	2,914.00
Fees/Town Agent	2,511.00
Hunting/Fishing Licenses	1,476.00
LVFD Donations	650.00
Motor Vehicle Use Taxes	12,325.60
Recreational Use Taxes	2,428.31
Recreational Vehicles	5,964.00
Registrations	26,200.10
Registration/Titles	1,815.00
Tri-County Bags	2,241.00
Vitals/State	34.80
Vitals/Town	167.20

**Other Income**

Efficiency Maine	175.00
Fed. Reserve/Cemetery	10.56
Legal Fees	128.00
Hoit Fund	256.23
Insurance Refund	44.00

Poor Account Donations	100.00
Planning Board	25.00
Plumbing Permits	880.00
RSU 3 Election Payroll	494.38
Wage Overpayment	875.00
Overlock [J.P. Morgan]	19,469.26

**State of Maine**

Municipal Revenue sharing	16,222.21
Parks Fees Refund	1,916.12
Snowmobile Refunds	344.24
Use Tax Refunds	<u>50.40</u>
	<b>871,616.60</b>

General Fund	12/31/2013	434,972.17
Deposits	1st half 2014	871,616.60
Warrants	1st half 2014	<u>-911,607.10</u>
<b>General Fund Balance</b>	<b>06/30/2014</b>	<b>394,981.67</b>

**Bangor Savings Bank**

W.O.M. [Scholarship]		
Savings	December 2013	1.05
J.P.Morgan Shares	Deposit Aug. 2014	<u>19,469.26</u>
Balance	June 2014	19,470.31
Certificate of Deposit	December 2013	37,373.77
Interest	June 12, 2014	<u>174.62</u>
Balance	June 2014	37,548.39
2011 WOMS C.D. 48mths	December 2013	1,018.78
Interest	June 12, 2014	<u>10.11</u>
Balance	June 2014	1028.89
2012 WOMS C.D. 12mths	December 2013	1000.87
Interest	June 2014	
Balance	June 2014	
2013 WOMS C.D.	December 2013	1,000.17
Interest	June 2014	
Balance	June 2014	
Cemetery Step Rate C.D.	December 2013	8,245.21
Interest	July 07, 2014	<u>45.14</u>
Balance	July 07, 2014	8,290.35
Environmental C.D.	December 2013	3,557.87
Interest	June 12, 2014	<u>16.63</u>
Balance	June 12, 2014	3574.50
Hoit Savings	December 2013	52.87
Interest	June 2014	<u>.01</u>
Balance	June 2014	52.89

Hoit C.D.	December 2013	87,400.73
Interest	July 08, 2014	152.43
Deposit to Checking	March 04, 2014	<u>-256.23</u>
Balance	July 08, 2014	87,296.93

**2008 Tax Liens Paid** **C&I**

	<b>TAX</b>	
Libby, Melissa	1,007.30	118.60

**2009 Tax Liens Paid** **C&I**

Libby, Melissa	1,159.77	319.51
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**2010 Tax Liens Paid** **C&I**

Leeman, Ryan	754.15	26.35
Libby, Melissa	1,280.13	292.44
Pacholski, Norman	65.47	8.78
Ross, Nicole		190.32

	716.38	
Taylor, Stephen	372.63	130.20

**2011 Tax Liens Paid** **C&I**

Albert, Phyllis & Earl	1,443.45	
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229.72

Bruneau, Henry	984.67	
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88.21

Chadwick, Daphyne	274.93	
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63.58

Dorr, Gail	959.00	128.22
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Emery, Mark	534.70	122.78
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Hancock, Lawrence	407.42	107.81
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Jewett, Daniel	231.53	87.10
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Leeman, Ryan	0.00	100.50
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Lewis/Latno	485.83	13.25
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Libby, Melissa	1,2875.50	218.33
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Maker, Pauline	603.58	130.88
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Marple/Penney	635.84	134.68
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Pacholski, Norman	275.37	92.27
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Peavey's store	1,317.73	221.03
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Peavey, Carrie[#172]	956.23	166.36
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Peavey, Carrie[#279]	596.23	28.91
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Perkins, Jonathan	303.58	95.58
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Power, Rachel	452.10	113.06
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Rhodes, Ruth	248.34	12.44
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Roderick, Daniel Jr.	401.22	12.85
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Ross, Nicole	713.48	145.09
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Sandner, Jeffrey[#796]	302.77	95.49
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Sandner, Jeffrey[#797]	1,565.33	244.05
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Schneider, Keith	1,741.11	64.74
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Soule, Jeffrey	383.74	105.01
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Soule, Nancy	649.41	35.03
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Swiech, Donald	572.10	25.88
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Taylor, Stephen	370.93	103.51
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<b>2012 tax Liens Paid</b>	<b>TAX</b>	<b>C&amp;I</b>
**Albert, Phyllis & Earl	0.00	26.83
Andrietti/Rogers	276.50	71.42
Brown, Robert	120.21	80.45
**Bruneau, Henry	0.00	7.12
**Chadwick, Daphyne	0.00	1.49
Engman, Kerstin	742.07	14.94
**Hancock, Lawrence	0.00	4.77
**Jewett, Daniel	0.00	1.37
Latno/Lewis	745.67	203.25
Lord, William	1,794.45	31.46
Maker, Pauline	0.00	.01
Marple/Penney	301.17	98.83
Mosher, Arthur Jr.	1,854.84	170.54
**Pacholski, Norman	0.00	3.11
Peavey's Store	1,581.77	154.68
Perkins, Jonathan	0.00	.84
Perry, Claire	263.68	36.32
Power, Rachel & John	521.40	84.76
**Roderick, Daniel Jr.	0.00	5.93
Rogin, Thomas	231.32	2.70
**Sandner, Jeffrey	0.00	.01
Scappaticci, Jason	371.51	69.12
Schneider, Keith	2,007.99	184.52
**Soule, Nancy	0.00	.01
Taylor, Stephen	427.79	78.06
Torrey, Larry	799.97	8.82
Vatter, Joseph	461.53	138.47
**Partial payment in 2014		
 <b>2009 Tax Liens Due</b>		
Barnes, Phyllis	619.98	
Jewett, Steven & Mary	255.60	
Knowlton Heirs/Blakly, L	563.05	
Libby, Melissa	1,159.75	
 <b>2010 Tax Liens Due</b>		
Babine, Stephen	82.50	
Barnes, Phyllis	661.38	
Jewett, Steven & Mary	320.38	
Knowlton Heirs/Blakly	607.75	
Sherman, Douglas	169.13	
 <b>2011 Tax Liens Due</b>		
Babine, Stephen	82.20	
Barnes, Phyllis	658.45	
Jewett, Steven & Mary	319.05	
Knowlton Heirs	679.78	
Leeman, Ryan	669.08	
 <b>2012 Tax Liens Due</b>		
Albert, Phyllis & Earl	1,664.70	
Ard, Warren Jr.[#27]	1,050.19	
Ard, Warren Jr.[#26]	736.33	

Babine, Stephen	94.80
*Barboza, Lynn	1,545.78
Barnes, Phyllis	759.38
Bruneau, H. & Gartsu, C.	1,256.10
Chadwick, Daphyne	317.07
*Dorr, Gail	1,501.28
*Dourant, Terry	362.53
*Eggen, Timothy	158.00
*Emery, Mark & Jackie	616.66
*Grotton, Matthew & Melinda	1,472.70
*Hancock, Lawrence	469.88
*Haskell, Dusty & Pamela	58.49
*Hesch, John & Ruth	1,545.89
*Jewett, Daniel	267.02
Jewett, Steven & Mary	367.95
Knowlton Heirs & Blakly	783.98
*Latno, Gerald	873.69
Leeman, Ryan	657.63
*Letourneau, Wilfred	461.15
Libby, Melissa	1,471.01
Light, Barbara	411.69
*Maker, Pauline	696.10
*Marple/Penney	432.14
Pacholski, Coco & Norman	317.58
*Mosher, Arthur & Vicki	1,854.84
*Peavey, Carrie	1,102.81
*Peavey, Carrie	1,008.37
Perkins, Jonathan	350.11
*Perry, Claire	1,657.25
*Rhodes, Ruth	519.82
*Roderick, Daniel & Light, D.	506.18
*Ross, Nicole	822.85
*Sandner, Jeffrey/Sandner B.J.	349.18
*Sandner, Jeffrey/Sandner B.J.	1,805.28
*Soule, Jeff	442.59
Soule, Nancy/Soule, K. & D.	2,360.24
*Stark, David & Ival	2,238.07
*Swiech, Donald & Faith	975.92
*Townesley, Ronald	639.90
*Townesley, Ronald	1,438.19
*Vatter, Joseph	697.71

Total

\*Paid after June 30, 2014

\*\*Partial Payment



## **Town of Liberty Fire Department - 2014**

To the residents of the Town of Liberty:

I want to first extend a heartfelt thanks to each of you for your support of the Liberty Fire Department and my leadership. I also want to extend my thanks and appreciation to the members of the department for giving as much as they have this year, as well as their families, who sacrificed spouses and parents to allow the calls to be answered and the training to be completed. 2014 was yet again one of the busiest years for your fire department with 101 calls for service.

The age of our apparatus continues to be a concern. Our Utility 73, is a 1984 GMC which responds to woods fires and extrication calls, and in 2014 we replaced the front and rear brakes and did repairs to its winch. Tanker 72 is a 2000 International that had to have a brake drum replaced, as well as an update to its hose bed to allow it to carry more supply hose. Truck 77 is a 1988 Ford Telesquirt Pumper that needed some work as well. We replaced the batteries, a regulator for the alternator, replaced the fuel system, and some minor repairs to the pump. On Squad 70, which is a 2009 GMC we had to replace all the tires.

The Telesquirt was purchased by the town in 2010 with the understanding that this would be a temporary fix for 5 to 8 years to allow the town to pay off other loans. We are currently going on the 6<sup>th</sup> year of this process and will need to start looking for it replacement. As I stated in my report last year, we anticipate continued maintenance expenses due to the age of the fleet, and will seek to allocate monies into capital reserve for future purchase of new pieces of equipment. In previous years, the town has allocated \$7500.00 for the Capital Reserve, Truck Replacement Account, which has been appreciated, however I have felt based on the age of our fleet that we need to take a more aggressive approach on raising funds for future purchases. The \$7500.00 that we have been setting aside for the past 5 years, plus funds that the Fire Department has raised, has equated to a little over \$40,000 in the savings at this time. That is why this year I am asking that the town consider \$20,000 for Capital Reserve. We want to make sure that the fleet is always reliable when people's lives and property are on the line. We will also continue to look for funds through the federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant, which becomes increasingly harder each year to qualify for, as funds become more challenging to obtain.

Training continued to be a primary focus in 2014. One member completed the 75 hour County Association sponsored Basic Fire School. Your Chief Officers took a 16 hour Chief class that focused on Maine laws and statues that a Maine Fire Chief is responsible for. Two members took a 16 hours Jaws of Life class. This is in addition to the monthly training that focused on many of the basic skills of firefighting, as well as mandated annual refreshers. I am so proud of all the work that was put in, as most of our training is both physically and mentally demanding.

We continue to seek grant dollars to supplement our operating budget. While these dollars are getting harder and harder to secure, in 2014 we were successful in receiving two grants from the Maine Municipal Association for \$2,000.00 to assist in maintaining the compliance of our breathing apparatus program. We currently have a replacement plan for these Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) bottles and packs. We will continue to maintain our older packs, and try to replace them at a rate of 1 pack a year. We will continue to attempt to allocate budget or grant dollars to purchase two (2) bottles a year to keep up with Bureau of Labor Standards requirements.

Liberty Engine Co. 7 continued to be active in 2014, hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt held at Walker School, giving out candy and glow necklaces for Halloween, as well as the Annual Chicken Barbeque. The Association assists with purchasing the helmets given out

during Fire Prevention week along with purchasing food and drinks during Fire Calls. This association, committed to fundraising and support, is open to any and all who would like to join. The Engine Co meets just before the Fire Dept. monthly business meeting on the first Wednesday each month.

We are also active in helping to plan for the 52<sup>nd</sup> Maine State Federation of Firefighters Convention in 2015, which will be hosted in Belfast and Northport by the Waldo County Firefighters Association. This will be the first time the convention will be hosted by an all-volunteer agency, and I am proud to be chairing the effort. The event will bring hundreds of firefighters and their families to our area from Kittery to Fort Kent. You do not have to be on a fire department in Waldo County to lend a hand. We will need lots of help, especially on Convention Weekend. Please contact me to help!

As I earlier stated, we responded to 101 calls for service this year. We continue to enjoy a great partnership with Liberty Ambulance, responding to 4 calls to assist with driving and lift assistance in Liberty. We also work hand and hand with our road commissioner to manage the town during natural disasters. A full breakdown of calls by type appears below:

<b>Liberty Fire Department</b>		<b>2014 Calls</b>
Motor Vehicle Accidents		<b>31</b>
Ambulance Lift Assists		<b>4</b>
Structure Fires		<b>9</b>
Chimney Fires		<b>6</b>
Alarm Activations		<b>4</b>
Natural Disaster		<b>41</b>
Woods Fires		<b>2</b>
Investigations		<b>1</b>
Missing Persons Search		<b>0</b>
Unauthorized Burning		<b>1</b>
Permitted Burns		<b>2</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>101</b>

I am grateful for the monies raised from taxation each year to keep our department running and will continue to be fiscally responsible with the funds you provide me.

In closing, I once again would like to thank each and every one of you for the support you have given all of us. We are very proud to serve and protect the Town of Liberty.

Respectfully,

Bill Gillespie  
 Fire Chief  
 Town of Liberty

**Liberty Volunteer Ambulance Inc. Annual Report 2014**

**Citizens of Liberty and Montville**

With 209 incidents responded to last year, the ambulance service was a little busier than usual. Even with more calls, however, only two EMTs responded to over 60% of them. The exciting news is that we have several

new members join the ranks recently. Some new drivers and potentially new EMTs will be a great help. Some points to keep in mind as always: keep your house number visible so we can find your house when called, secure pets if possible, and have a list of medications and medical history available for our responders. Hopefully we won't have to respond to any of you this year, but here's hoping if we do, all comes out well. Thank you all for your support and especially thank you to all our hard working members that make having our own ambulance in Liberty and Montville possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Birge

Service Chief

## **2014 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY REPORT**

Town of Liberty  
Emergency Management Agency  
P.O. Box 116  
Liberty, ME 04949

Dear Townspeople,

The roles of your local, county, state, and federal emergency management agencies (EMA) are to:

- Identify potential hazards that could endanger residents and property;
- Where possible, mitigate those hazards to prevent emergencies from developing;
- Plan emergency response should disaster strike;
- Coordinate activities between responding agencies;
- Review response effectiveness to improve actions for the future.

Waldo County has identified severe winter and rain storms as two of the most likely hazards to create a wide impact for its residents. As we all know, storms affect our roads and communications systems, disrupt power, and create numerous problems for people ranging from interrupting power supply for home medical oxygen systems to loss of home heating, to frozen food spoilage.

Many meteorologists see a pattern of increased frequency and severity of severe storms. Your local and regional agencies are following these developments to make sure we can respond as effectively as possible. Here in Liberty, the Road Commissioner, Fire Department, and Ambulance Service all work together to assist residents in riding out storms in their homes, getting to shelters as needed, and clearing roads to facilitate getting to work, stores, medical appointments, etc. At the county level, the Waldo County EMA has improved its response capacity by stocking mobile generators for local agencies to borrow, outfitting a mobile command and communication post, and establishing multiple communication venues to transmit information.

At home, you can improve your disaster preparedness:

- Develop and practice a response plan for you and your family. FEMA has a good website with lots of planning resources: <http://www.ready.gov/natural-disasters>. Or visit the town office for a booklet.
- If your response plan includes a generator, make sure its hookup to your power system meets safety codes (2 risks include creating electrocution hazards in your home and inadvertently feeding the power grid system and electrocuting a line worker). And ALWAYS operate your generator outdoors and away from doors/windows to prevent deadly carbon monoxide from entering your home.
- Clear trees/limbs from your property that could fall onto power/phone lines (please make sure to get professional help whenever removing trees near power lines to avoid risk of electrocution)
- Improve the drainage around your home and/or install a sump pump if your basement is prone to flooding

Last year, Liberty applied for a Federal EMA grant to buy a power generator for the Liberty Fire Station. Unfortunately, all of the Waldo County grant applicants ran into a stalled FEMA grant review process and our application is still wallowing on someone's desk at the Boston FEMA office. We are looking into other options for improving the emergency power supplies for both the Liberty Fire Station and the Liberty Town Office.

Every year I am impressed by the efforts of our local agencies. When a town-wide emergency arises, all the town entities really pull together. We owe the volunteers on the Fire and Ambulance services a huge debt of gratitude for all that they do for our residents and visitors in the time of need. The Select Board and the Town Clerks pitch right in in coordinating efforts and Tammy Reynolds does an amazing job as a road commissioner. (Did you know that she gets up at 1 & 4 a.m. every morning to check the road conditions?) A special call-out to Dave's World for always being on stand-by to assist, whether it's an excavator needed for overhaul at a structure fire or extra sand needed on a camp road for an ambulance call.

I close this year's report with my annual plea: **Our town needs you.** Please consider calling the Liberty Fire Department or Liberty Volunteer Ambulance Service to see how you can help with these vital community organizations.

Sincerely,

Elise Brown  
Emergency Management Director  
592-2970  
elisebr@fairpoint.net

<b>e911 Report 2014</b>
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This program has settled into a steady function of the Town. The rules and recommendations have not changed though they can always stand to be repeated.

We continue to add addresses as homes are built and roads are developed. Every dwelling needs a number and a driveway must be named if there is more than one building or lot. A long driveway with just one house does not need a name. This applies to public & private roads.

Naming a road does not mean it is a Town Road. Please note that you should not post your own road sign with a name of your choosing if it has not been approved by the town and is not in the system. This can lead to confusion in an emergency.

The phone company, CMP and insurance companies are requiring property owners to get an address earlier in the building process before they will provide service. The Town provides the address and gives it to the property owner, and to the Postal Service. Please call the Town Office (589-4318) and leave us a current phone number and mailing address where we can reach you.

We continue to have a problem with sign loss. If you know of a damaged or missing street sign, please let us know. Sometimes we don't miss what we don't see. **Missing signs can be a safety issue and more than an inconvenience in an emergency.** Costs to replace signs add up quickly.

We still need to remind some people to **put up house #s** and in a few cases to **remove old RR# addresses and old camp #s from mailboxes and buildings.** These old #s could lead to confusion in an emergency. **Numbers should be at least 3" high and contrast with your building or be reflective. If the house is not visible from the road, they should be posted at the end of your driveway or on your mailbox if you have one.** Thank you to all who have put up your 911 address number.

A reminder about cell phones: **When you call 911 from a cell phone, the dispatcher will not necessarily know where you are.** Regular "land lines" are in the data base and your location automatically shows up when the emergency call is received. From a cell phone you may need to supply all the information starting with the Town you are in, directions from the Fire Station / ambulance to your house or directions to wherever you are if you are not home or need the police.

**Be Specific:**

- ✓ Use official road names, right and left turns, distances even if approximate, and any landmarks you can think of.
- ✓ If you are at home, leave an outside light on or a car with lights flashing where it can be seen from the road.
- ✓ Do not assume people will know where you are. There are always new people joining the emergency services and there are new residents, homes, and road names.
- ✓ It is a good idea to write the directions to your house and leave them by the phone. You or a visitor or renter of your home or camp who may not be as familiar with your location, can simply read the directions over the phone to the dispatcher.

Do not forget to shovel out your mail box, trim branches and keep your address visible year round!

Respectfully submitted, Gail Philippi

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2014 REGISTRAR OF VOTERS</b> <b>ANNUAL REPORT AND NOTICE</b></p>
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All residents of the Town of Liberty wishing to vote in any Town Meeting or Election, Annual or Special, **MUST BE ON THE VOTING LIST AS A REGISTERED VOTER.**

The Town of Liberty currently has **677 registered voters:** 224 Republican, 188 Democrat, 33 Green Independent, and 232 Unenrolled in a party.

All Liberty residents at least aged 18 can **register** any time in the Town Office or on voting day. A 17 year old who will be 18 on Election Day in November can register ahead of time. Bring identification and proof of residency. New voters are required to supply either a Maine driver's license or photo ID for identification. If your mailing address is a P.O. Box, that alone is not proof of residency. We must also see mail you receive at a Liberty address (example: a utility bill showing the place of service or street address, or an insurance bill) to prove residency. The Bureau of Motor Vehicles will now put a street address on the back of your driver's license if your mailing address is a P.O. Box.

No one may switch parties less than 15 days before an election, **UNLESS** you are currently Unenrolled in a party in which case you may switch up through Election Day. Unenrolled voters may not vote in a Primary or caucus but may choose a party up to and including that day. Once a voter has chosen or switched to a new party you must stay in that party for at least 3 months. I attend all party caucuses and Town Meetings for a half hour before they start to register new voters or allow those voters Unenrolled in a party to switch to a party for a Primary.

We have **Accessible Voting** equipment which is useful to anyone who has difficulty seeing or reading. Voters are prompted by a computer voice over a designated phone line in the polling place & vote by pushing phone buttons. Once the voter verifies all their votes cast over the phone, a ballot is faxed back to the polling place and the voter places it in the ballot box. There is no need to have assistance reading the ballot, though it is always available. This equipment can be used by anyone with no reason required to prove need & it will be available at all state and federal elections.

When you sign a **petition**, please be sure to sign and print your name in the correct columns. Use your street address, even if you have a P.O. Box. Using just the P.O. Box could be declared ineligible in Augusta even though we know who you are here in Town. Where you reside not where you get your mail is what is required. There are so many petitions and they can circulate for long enough that it can be hard to remember what petition issues you have already signed. The Registrar has to certify all signatures and duplicates will be eliminated at the State level.

**Absentee ballots** may now be requested on line through the Secretary of State's office at [maine.gov](http://maine.gov). You must still leave enough time for us to mail the ballot to you and for you to mail it back. Absentee ballots can still be requested at the Town Office but must now be requested **no less than 3 days** before an election unless you have an emergency.

Liberty always has good voter turnout. Our **turnout** for the Gubernatorial Election on 11/4/14, when 465 voters participated, was a huge 70%. The 6/10/14 School Budget and Primary vote was a lower 21%. Thank you to all the **poll workers and ballot counters\*** who do so well working long days and late nights. If you would like to help out please contact anyone in the Town Office. We are always looking for new help as there is often a time when someone is unable to be here. If you are interested in working do not hesitate to call us first!

**Polling hours** are 8:00 am and close at 8:00 pm. Anyone already in line at 8:00 pm can still vote.

Remember, every vote counts! Stick up for your beliefs! Be sure to vote!

\* Barbara Arasz, Laurel Baumann, Jane Bourassa, Elise Brown, Cindy Canavan, Kathy Coffin, Betsey Davis, Terry Fuller, Joy Hadsell, Randall Hadsell, Melissa, Hatch, David Holbrook, Sheila Jackson, Bonnie Libby, Brenda Moody, Everett Peavey, Suzanne Pelletier, Heidi Perkins, Shirley Smith and Juanita Worthing.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Hansen Philippi, Registrar of Voters

## **Road Commissioners Report 2014**

This year was one of the most interesting years in the road department. As you read, please bear in mind that while the Town changed its fiscal year, in my report I will cover this past year in its entirety rather than just my budget. This will allow us to keep the road records lined up with the actual year in which events occurred perhaps for historical reasons, if nothing else.

The year began with one of the worst winters in recent history as far as snow and rain combined which made it a particularly rough on our roads. The more sand used on dirt roads in the long run makes more mud in the Spring. The dirt roads were all graded more than usual because of the amount of rain received.

The paving went to the Ridge School Road (the upper section) and the Fish Town road. Before these two roads were paved they were dug up and huge rocks were removed.

The State road at the intersection of 220 South and 173 was redesigned this year after more than 20 years of endless efforts to get onto the state's project list. As you know, the Town owned "Channel" dam sits under the road or parts of it. N.F. Luce from Anson, Maine did the job for the state. While the existing culvert was added on to and extended in the water 60 feet and the road weight was shifted off our dam, we still did not get our problem fixed (in my opinion). For those of you that may not realize it, the town has a box type culvert made of flat rocks under the road that is located on the spillway side of the road, that has many rocks displaced and some can be pulled out with your hands. I tried repeatedly to get the state to let us slip a culvert under the road to attach to theirs, to no avail. We also were hit with an unexpected expense of \$7364.20 to erect a safety fence bordering the road. Although this fence was supposed to be installed as part of the project, the state had no recollection of it when the time came. Don't get me wrong; we have a beautiful new road that is much safer for the traveling public. The town had also set aside, for many years, a fund to fix our portion of the dam, as we had been cited by the State for having an unsafe entry and work area. We poured new concrete on the surface behind the wheel mechanism and installed concrete steps and handrails.

Stevens Pond dam developed a swirl in late September indicating we have a serious leak undermining the concrete walkway. We took 75 sand bags and threw them in the hole as a minor attempt at fixing the problem temporarily. I had a camera brought in and put under the dam structure to try and see how big the void is. I don't have an exact solution for the problem, but I plan to consult

with others to determine a permanent solution. Once we have a plan, we will need to seek funds from the town.

Additionally, many street signs were replaced as usual, the paths at Marshall Shores were redone to try and keep the erosion at a minimum and both the Marshall Shores Road and the Back Palermo Road had the shoulders cut down to prevent erosion on these roads.

As always you can contact me with any questions or concerns about roads at any time, 589-4780.

Your Road Commissioner,

Tammy Reynolds

Road Commissioner

Road by Road  
January-June 2014

Ridge School Rd	6,349.35
Boynton	4661.83
Prescott Hill	4133.00
Marshall Shores	2885.49
Back Palermo	2706.02
Fishtown	1715.49
Hostile Valley	1606.50
Stickney Hill	1022.99
Robert's Shores	663.00
Gove	1090.00
Percy	365.50
Lampson	357.83
Jacques	50.00
Tannery	50.00
Cold Patch	1551.83
Road Signs	384.22
Dam	500.00

Mileage	311.96
Paint (crosswalks & no parking)	284.42

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\$30,689.43

Total Allocated: \$30,000

Over Budget=\$689.43

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Materials Used

January-June 2014

Screened Gravel	810 yards
One Ton Dump	3 hours
Cold Patch	14.85
Grader	30 Hours
Laborer	135 Hours
450 Dozer	13.5
Excavator	40 Hours
Wheeler	32 Hours
Brushing	6 days
Culverts	1 12x10, 2 12x20, 4 couplings, 1 18x10, 1 18x20
Signs	Jacques, Fishtown, Pine Plains,
Stop Signs	Tannery, Stickney Hill
Painting Supplies	2 trays-2 rollers-2 brushes
Mulching Paths	Marshall Shores
Sweeper Rental	
Mileage	709
Dam trips	20

<p><b>LIBERTY PLANNING BOARD REPORT - 2014</b></p>
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The Liberty Planning Board had an interesting year, in that we had 6 months where there were NO applications to review. The board did, however, review and accept 4 applications; One application was tabled, another was denied; and 1 application was an after the fact issue.

The board had several residents come to the meetings to ask questions and get information before submitting an application. If you are considering do some work around your shorefront property, come to one of our meetings or check with the CEO (Code Enforcement Officer) for further information. Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month. Be sure to submit your application at least 3 weeks in advance of the regular scheduled meeting for consideration of that month.

If you are interested in in how the Planning Board works or are interested in serving on the Board, contact the Selectmen for more information.

The current Planning Board Members are:

- Loring Peavey
- Vic Ahlfeld
- Al Johnson
- Lou Pelletier
- Tammy Reynolds
- Kerry Black, (Alternate)
- Danielle Blake, Secretary

Respectfully Submitted,  
Loring Peavey

**Code Enforcement Report 2014**

**TOWN OF LIBERTY**

Yet another year has come and gone in our town. If you are planning on doing any TREE CUTTING, DIRT MOVING, BUILDING OR ADDITIONS please contact me @207-322-8209 so we can determine if you need a permit from the planning board or if you need to just file an "intent to build" form. I am available for site visits and to go over any concerns you may have on your projects.

Respectfully Submitted, Don Harriman

**Plumbing Inspector's Report 2014**

**TOWN OF LIBERTY**

To whom it may concern:

Internal permits	6
Subsurface wastewater permits	8
<b>TOTAL PERMITS</b>	<b>14</b>

I am available for site visits and to go over any concerns you may have on your projects. 207-322-8209

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Harriman



**Superintendent of Schools, RSU#3 2014**

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### **REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR, 2014**

As I indicated in my report last year, this year marks my tenth, and last year as School Board Director for Liberty. It has been my pleasure to be a small part of the tremendous progress we have made with improving education in the District during this time, from building a great new school facility (the Mount View complex), to moving towards a more effective education model (proficiency based learning) that is still rolling out. We are heading in the right direction, and if you have children, you understand that they are stepping up to learn at their individual pace, taking responsibility and

mostly (especially with the younger students), enjoying the challenge. As with many aspects of life, change is harder the older you get.

Each year I have reported on some of our successes, and the ever challenging budget. I will not repeat here what you can read in the Superintendent's Report, which covers the Budget issues fairly thoroughly. Instead, related to the budget, I want to provide a little perspective on how some of the state and federal requirements for education are affecting our schools, including a number of hot button topics such as administrative costs, standardized testing as a means of measuring the effectiveness of schools, and required procedures for evaluation of teachers and administrators.

I will also share an example of how teachers and administrators in the middle and high school levels are working even harder to help students transition to proficiency based learning, and how that is spilling over into such areas as eligibility standards for participation in athletics and other after-school activities, and the summer school program.

Finally, I want to inform you about how the Board, this year, is looking at some new options (including options to renovate or expand existing schools) to consolidate elementary students into fewer schools to achieve efficiencies in building costs and delivery of services (from teaching to school lunches).

**Administrative Costs:** I want to assure you our administrative costs are not excessive, and in fact, very reasonable. Central Office costs (Superintendent, financial and personnel management) are 2.8% of the total school budget. The Principals Offices (3 elementary principals for 5 schools; plus middle and high school offices, including support staff) are 5%. As we transition to proficiency based education, and as we address the many reporting and evaluation requirements at the state and federal level, these folks are the managers leading the way, organizing training workshops for staff, and reaching out to parents to keep them informed and getting their valuable feedback. We have a great leadership team in place, and they are earning their keep!

**Testing and Required Staff Evaluations:** Standardized testing is a requirement for state and federal funds, but it is not a good measure for what our students are learning, or how well our teachers are performing. Nevertheless, that is the purpose of these tests, and the challenge for the District has been complying without damaging the good work going on here. Teaching to the test is the model we want to discard (and we are not doing that). The new tests are designed around the Common Core learning targets that all states have adopted that want federal funds. The trouble is, it would take a lifetime to learn all that is set out in the Common Core. Like many Districts, we chose from among the topics what we felt is most important, which may not correlate to what is being tested. We are

embracing student choice in their learning; and we recognize students learn at different rates, even though they are in the same grade. Those factors alone are problematic with standardized tests. Add to that the fact that tests are more a measure of income status than school effectiveness (and our District is income-challenged); and that 20% of our students are special needs students. So if you hear or read that we are classed as under-performing, just remember this - our District is in the forefront with proficiency based education and our students are getting excited about learning and are learning.

Regarding teacher evaluations, this year I worked on a committee of teachers and administrators to develop a new evaluation system, and let me tell you, it is complicated. We worked to make the required elements fit with the systems we already have in place, so that staff are not sidetracked with yet another exercise that gets in the way of good teaching. One of the challenges is that we want to encourage cross-discipline, student led learning. This is leading to more team teaching (a good thing) – which then complicates determining who the “teacher of record” is for a student and hence how student progress in learning can be linked to a teacher’s performance. The bottom line - there is no question but that this will add work for our teachers – but hopefully the system we designed will be accepted (it has to be approved by the State and they have to be sure it meets federal standards), and might even be useful to teachers and administrators (which is the point of evaluations).

**Eligibility for Athletics and After-School Activities:** Briefly, serving on the Policy Committee, this year I worked with school administrators to revise the student handbooks for participation in athletics and other after-school activities. One of the big issues was academic eligibility. We had a large number of students disqualified for participation this year because at the end of last year they had not met the expected learning targets. Learning at your own pace did not mean that you could slide in your work. But apparently many did. And the old handbook would not let students catch up with summer school. This year we addressed this in two ways: the new handbook requires students to keep at their work, and their work is checked every two weeks. If they have not met the targets set for them (taking into account their individual pace) the teachers decide if they should be given a warning, which gives them two weeks to catch up before participation is affected. The system is working quite well, and is being used for all students, not just those participating in athletics or other activities. At second adjustment we made was to allow summer school to be used to address the specific learning targets that a student needs to work on to restore eligibility. Now summer school will be tied to the learning program of the individual student, and will not be a generic class.

**Elementary School Consolidation Study:** This year we continue examine how to address consolidation of elementary schools. With the move of the

6<sup>th</sup> graders to Mount View in 2009, our outlying elementary schools have been underutilized. Twice we examined closing one and adding the students to one of more of the others, but transportation logistics, and not quite enough space in the receiver school have stopped us. This year we have been taking another look by including the potential addition/construction of new classrooms to existing schools with the help of Oak Point Associates, the architects that designed our Mount View complex. This is the beginning of a multi-year effort looking to the future to address both needs for accommodating the elementary student population, and find potential efficiencies in building costs. A solution like this will take time, and we are only at step one. Stay tuned.

**Finally, thank you for your support of our schools over the last 10 years.** I hope that my extended report provides some assurance that your hard-earned dollars are being put to good use, and that you continue to be generous in supporting the most important effort we can make for our future – giving our children the best education we can.

If you want to learn more about what is going on in our schools, check out the website at [rsu3.org](http://rsu3.org). My term expires June 30<sup>th</sup>. You can reach me at [k.eickenberg@gmail.com](mailto:k.eickenberg@gmail.com) or 845-2116.

Kathy Eickenberg

## **Ivan O. Davis Liberty Library Annual Report 2014**

Another year has gone by and it was a busy one at the Library!

As in the past, the community gathered around the Library with support. An email was sent and word got out that the Library was going to be closing on Wednesdays. Four new individuals immediately volunteered their time to help cover Wednesdays and provide coverage on Tuesdays! Two new board members were also added in 2014.

The Library relies on the constant dedication and support from its volunteers and the communities of Liberty and Montville.

*Here are a few highlights of the Library in 2014:*

- Our circulation increased to 4,434 which included books, audio books and DVD's.
- A Book Club continues with the group reading suggested titles and voting for the Maine Readers Choice Awards.
- Our art wall was filled every month with art from local artists. Lovely receptions were held for many of the artists.
- Downloads of eBooks and audiobooks from Overdrive Download Library continues to increase.

- We hosted many local authors, an historic program of a Maine Civil War soldier, and children's programs including sponsoring a "Mad Science Program" at Walker School.
- We partnered with Sheepscot Wellspring Land Alliance for a Frog Program and Frog Training.
- We partnered with the Liberty Graphics to provide a program titled "Story Slam". Great stories were told and a Liberty Graphics Custom Tee Shirt was presented to every storyteller.
- A weekly Story Hour for preschoolers is held on Thursday mornings at 10:30. The children hear stories and do a craft every week. Fun time for children and their caregivers

The Library continues to struggle financially. We are always in fund raising "mode". Baking pies, holding raffles selling plants, vintage jewelry and books. Each of these fundraisers has one goal in mind- to keep the library doors open and continue to offer programs like the ones mentioned above.

If you haven't visited the Library, please stop in. We always enjoy seeing new faces! The Library is open six days/24 hours a week. For weekly updates, hours and information check out the Library website: [www.liberty.lib.me.us](http://www.liberty.lib.me.us). Being a patron of the Library is priceless.

We are looking forward to 2015, as it is the 20th year anniversary of the Liberty Library Association. This is a wonderful accomplishment and plans are being made to celebrate this milestone!

Many thanks to all whose participation at the Library make us the center of the community!

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Worcester  
 Director  
 589-3161  
 877-1408 (cell)

**Life Is Better Everywhere Reading Takes You**

## Liberty Historical Society Annual Report 2014

In just 12 years Liberty will be celebrating its Bicentennial year (2027). These past few years our members have set about refurbishing the Octagonal Post Office building, both inside and out. The building is now ready to display and introduce our past to the public and other groups of interested people. Having done this we are now better prepared for the future. We are seeking members and volunteers to help with this task.

We thank the citizens of Liberty for their support of our request for funds at Town Meeting. The money helps offset the basic costs of operating and maintaining the building.

The Historical Society meets on the second Tuesday of the month at the Town Office Building. Meetings are at 7 pm and have a short business part and

after that plans, projects, and other things are discussed. We have many ideas and more members can help make things happen. We like to share memories and stories of Liberty. People with information on current holdings or who have something to be submitted for addition to the museum are encouraged to participate.

Octagonal Post Office Museum hours are Saturday and Sunday 1 – 4 pm between July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day. If you are interested in joining the Society, in being a host or assisting at the Octagonal Post Office, or have any questions, please contact us at 589-4730 or any member of the LHS. Officers are: Dana Philippi, President; Diane Grosser, Vice President; Gail Philippi, Treasurer and Kerry Black, Secretary. Thank You, Dana Philippi

### **Marshall Shores Report 2014**

According to James Marshall, for whom the park was named, "it is the most beautiful spot in one-half of America." (*A Brief History of the Town of Liberty*, 1927)

Tammy Reynolds and crew again revamped the walking paths around the park and they look inviting. This work not only upgrades the park's appearance but serves as an erosion control tool, encouraging attendees to keep to the walkways and off the vulnerable areas of the ground.

A pair of loons with two chicks attracted attention this summer as the family swam, fished and grew daily within sight of the shore. Attendance was steady over the warm days and the park hosted several birthday parties, social gatherings and diving classes. Chalk drawing were very popular this year and created a harmless visual treat for everyone.

An amazing amount of clothing, toys and footwear got left behind by visitors. If you frequent the park, the large rocks at the head of the parking lot serve as a lost and found area. Found objects displayed on the rocks eventually get taken, trashed or recycled.

Ice fishing began with a flurry of activity but slowed down considerably as the snowy, cold winter progressed. People who ice-fish at the shore generally leave the area clean. A big thank you to Joe Rehmeyer, who does a fantastic job cleaning the winter's leftover trash from the parking lots in the spring!

Every year the park stays cleaner and cleaner. As always, remember to carry-in and carry-out, park in designated areas only, and enjoy this town treasure year-round!

Respectfully Submitted,

HL Whitney

### **Tri County Solid Waste Management Organization**

P.O. Box 96, Union, Maine 04862

*Providing solid waste management services for the communities  
of Union, Appleton, Liberty, Washington,  
Palermo & Somerville.*

January 13, 2015

Dear Residents,

It has been an honor for me to manage the TCSW Transfer and Recycling facility for the past 23 years. During this time, with the continued guidance of a dedicated Board of Directors, TCSW has established itself as one of the most both forward thinking and fiscally prudent. Our recycling rate, for the most part, has remained over 40% since we opened in '92. We have more often than not been among the first to recycle difficult items such as computers, televisions, fluorescent lamps, poly-coated papers, and 1 & 3-7 plastics. We are one of the few to provide regular annual collection of household hazardous waste (on the third Saturday of June) each year. This has all been accomplished with a level budget over all these years.

As I've mentioned the last few years, we are in for change in the way we handle our solid waste over the next 2 or 3 years. The disposal site for our household trash, the PERC Incinerator in Orrington, may not be a viable option once its electricity sales contract with Bangor Hydro comes to an end in 2018. While they are seeking another subsidy to support their continuing operation, sustainability must come into question. For this reason, the Municipal Review Committee, which oversees our participation in the PERC plant, is actively pursuing a sustainable option and is confident it will have an alternative in place by the time it is needed.

Another potential direction from which change will come is with the increased capacity for single stream recycling just operational this winter. While we believe it is best practice to collect sorted recyclables at each individual facility and ship product over the road, single stream's ease, public sentiment and loss of volume from our current program with Lincoln County Recycling would likely mean the end of our current strategy.

While there is little we can put in place at this point to accommodate the upcoming changes, we will need to move deliberately and in the right direction when the time comes. It is important that we know exactly what we will need to "look like" to take optimal advantage of any new system. Things should be clearer by this year's end. In the meantime, it has become quite clear to me that I can no longer manage two facilities. I have been working in Rockport since 2008 and with all the changes coming our way, Tri County deserves the undivided attention of its manager. I am truly pleased to inform you that David Stanley, one of your "native sons" has agreed to take the reins of your facility. He has been involved with Tri County since very early on as a Board Director and as a Selectman in Somerville and, as you know, he's been working for you for more than a year already. He is a practical man and straight shooter and will clearly take your facility to its next level where it belongs. I look forward to seeing his effect on the facility as time moves forward.

That said, it has been a long privilege to work in your community these years. While I missed being regularly on site over the past few years, what I missed the most was being in the yard working with you. You have a great facility that doesn't require heavy funding to operate and it is sensible, just as your community is, in its recycling and motivation. I hope I have had a net positive

impact over these years.

I thank the BoD for all their help, particularly Dan McGovern and Mr. Burke who have been on the Board the longest, but all included. My sincerest thanks to my friends Hank Balsley and Russell Coston who have been so conscientious in protecting your taxpayer investment in this facility. They have done their very best to keep me informed when I was off-site and to run the facility to benefit you as a whole. As you know, nothing gets by them! We owe much to them for their intention, attention and hard work.

Wishes for good luck and a reasonable prosperity to all!

Jim Guerra, former Mgr. TCSW

**Hours are 8:00 to 4:30 Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.**

<<Insert Information packet for Tri County flyer 2014a  
The Flyer should be in Landscape>>

### **Citizens' Association of Liberty Lakes (C.A.L.L.)**

The Lake Association is pleased to report that our efforts to protect our lakes from invasive plant life this past year were successful. Boat inspections on both Lake St. George and Stevens Pond were funded through a state grant, a contribution from the town and funding from lake association memberships. Inspectors did not find any hitchhiking invasive plants on any watercraft. Many boaters are well aware of the risks and are now inspecting their own boats.

In August our volunteers again completed the "in the water" surveys on all Liberty's lakes and they also did not find any invasive plants. A few suspicious ones were sent in to be sure they were not invasive. In order to deal with the Chinese Mystery Snails around Marshall Shores a snail "round-up" was held. Lots of snails were collected out of the water and one member took them home to cook and eat. Everyone, young and older, had a great time.

The Association and Town of Liberty also underwrote the cost of water quality testing which consisted of both clarity readings and bacteria testing. C.A.L.L.'s volunteers found exceptional clarity readings and no areas of concern from bacteria. We thank all residents, both full time and seasonal, for protecting our beautiful lakes.

Liberty LakeKeepers Camp successfully completed its 9<sup>th</sup> year in August and it was again at capacity, 17 campers. Our counselors are all former campers and they love to keep coming back. This is a free camp to introduce the children to lake science and watershed protection through a series of fun activities. Camp this coming summer is scheduled for August 3-7, 2015. Working with the Walker school, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year the lake association held an essay contest for grades 3-5. The essays were exceptional and prizes were awarded to the winners at the end of the year.

The lake association's annual meeting and dinner will be held at the Liberty Community Hall on Fri. July 17<sup>th</sup> and will be celebrating the Lake Keepers 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with demonstrations and activities from camp. Please join us for a fun evening.

Membership in the lake association is open to everyone whether you live on the lake or not. We need everyone's help to keep this treasure safe. For more information, comments or to volunteer contact us:

Linda Breslin, President 207-872-5469

Kerry Black, Vice President 207-589-4033 [kblack@fairpoint.net](mailto:kblack@fairpoint.net)

CALL website: <https://sites.google.com/site/calllibertymaine/home>

CALL facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CALLlibertymaine>

## The Sheepscot Wellspring Land Alliance

February 2015

Dear community members & friends,

The Sheepscot Wellspring Land Alliance (SWLA) is your local land trust, working to conserve lands at the Sheepscot River headwaters in Freedom, Liberty, Montville, and Palermo. We are a community partner helping to maintain and build healthy natural and human communities in Midcoast Maine.

Recent work includes:

- **Over 1,474 acres** at the heart of the Sheepscot River headwaters permanently conserved and open to the public to enjoy free of charge – hiking, hunting, fishing, snowshoeing, skiing, and outdoor classrooms. 315 acres are protected by conservation easements that are annually monitored and remain privately owned.
- **Five new conservation projects totaling 177 acres** including first-ever projects in Liberty, Freedom and Palermo! Says Scott Emery of Palermo: “My parents were pleased to conserve their land on the Sheepscot River in Palermo. Our family’s knowledge that this property will continue to be well cared for and provide wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities for the community is very gratifying.”
- **New trail connections:** growing SWLA’s 19-mile trail network with a new trail from Rte 137 in Freedom’s town center, part of the Hills-to-Sea trail to stretch from Unity to Belfast.
- We reached over **470 community members with 21 field trips and programs** in 2014, led by naturalists, local hunters and others, that helped people of all ages deepen their knowledge and curiosity about our region and the natural world.
- **Working with area conservation organizations**, including the Sheepscot Valley Conservation Association (also in this booklet) to improve regional effectiveness and build local connections.
- You have free public access to a 29-mile, and growing, trail network in Freedom, Knox, Liberty, and Montville, including the Haystack Mountain trail in Liberty. This work ensures that your quality of life continues to be supported by the beautiful surroundings you enjoy as a resident of Liberty.
- We invite you to contact us with questions or to learn about volunteer opportunities including: leading natural history walks, helping build the trail network, or assisting with mailings. Visit our website at [www.swlamaine.org](http://www.swlamaine.org)

to learn more about the SWLA trail network and upcoming educational events.

- Respectfully,
- Anna Fiedler

Executive Director

Sheepscot Wellspring Land Alliance ● PO Box 371 Liberty ME 04949 ● 207-589-3230

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## **The Sheepscot Valley Conservation Association**

The Sheepscot Valley Conservation Association is an accredited land trust and advocacy group that has worked with many conservation-minded landowners to protect 15 miles of riverfront and more than 3,700 acres of working farms, forests and important habitat in over 50 conservation properties, including seven preserves open to the public for low-impact recreation like hiking, snowshoeing, hunting and fishing.

SVCA has joined with neighboring land trusts in a number of collaborative conservation projects including the 12 Rivers Conservation Initiative, a group of 10 local land trusts seeking to accelerate conservation of the forested landscape from the Kennebec to the St. George to achieve a network of conserved lands that protects the Midcoast's ecosystems and ensures multiple human benefits for generations to come.

At the end of 2014 we received a generous gift of 78 acres in Whitefield with frontage on Weary Pond. The property lies within the Stearns Brook sub-watershed of the Sheepscot River that flows into Little Dyer Pond and Dyer Long Pond. Donor Ann Marie Maguire wants to protect this portion of her property from development and provide opportunities for forestry and non-motorized recreation. We are so very grateful to Ann Marie for her generosity.

Our programs this past year focused on meaningful citizen science projects that our members could contribute to on a regular basis. We built on this idea by partnering with Hidden Valley Nature Center to offer an educational program ("Kids Outside Doing Science") to Whitefield and Great Salt Bay elementary schools, engaging students with hands-on, long-term science projects at the Nature Center that can be carried forward year after year. Volunteers in the community are helping with this project and other SVCA citizen science programs such as the duck box and Sheepscot River water quality monitoring programs. This year through a new Partnership with the Maine Coastal Observing Alliance, we expanded our 21-year-old water quality monitoring program into the Sheepscot River Estuary, collecting samples at five estuary locations during late summer and early fall.

In addition to helping teach local fourth graders in the "Kids Outside Doing Science" program with HVNC, educator and naturalist Lynne Flaccus opened windows to nature for folks of all ages who joined her in 2014 to explore the watershed, including walks on the new trail at SVCA's Stetser Preserve and paddles down the Sheepscot. We also held two well-attended migratory fish day

events to explore how our rivers connect to the Gulf of Maine and how important these connections are for the migratory fish that depend on the Sheepscot River.

SVCA also launched our flash walk program, giving quick notice when we know the weather and/or circumstances will be just right. There are many ways to join the fun, including meeting new people who share an interest in conservation, the outdoors, and outdoor recreation, including opportunities to assist in trail maintenance, preserve stewardship, easement monitoring and other volunteer activities. In 2015, SVCA will explore the connections between art and nature. Stay tuned to our website and Facebook page for more info. It promises to be a fun and exciting year!

We hope you will get a chance to attend an event or visit one of the SVCA's seven public preserves:

**Marsh River Preserve**, in Newcastle, with over one mile of frontage on the Marsh River and two miles of trails including an interpretive trail;

**Griggs Preserve**, in Newcastle, with two miles of trails through hilly woodlands;

**Bass Falls Preserve**, in Alna, with one mile of Sheepscot River frontage and three miles of trails;

**Stetser Preserve**, in Jefferson, with 150 wooded acres and 3 miles of trails including a new interpretive trail;

**Trout Brook Preserve**, in Alna, protecting over 4,200 feet of the brook, frontage on the Sheepscot, with just about two miles of trails including a new interpretive trail;

**Whitefield Salmon Preserve**, along the confluence of the west branch and the main stem of the Sheepscot, with nearly two miles of trails;

**Palermo Preserve**, with one mile of interpretive trail, on the upper stretch of the Sheepscot.

The Association deeply appreciates the support it receives from the people in the Sheepscot watershed.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Patton  
Executive Director

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## **Waldo County Probate Court Annual Report 2014**

To the Citizens of Waldo County:

Thank you for this opportunity to report about Waldo County Probate Court.

As you know, we at Waldo County Probate Court handle cases that include guardianships for both adults and children, adoptions, name changes and wills and trusts.

One of the most difficult aspects of our work now involves family matters involving more than one court. We are seeing an increasing number of cases that began in District Court and, for whatever reasons, arrived as new cases here in Probate Court. We are at work to address the issues raised by these multiple filings. With each case involving each family's unique details, we are needing to give this matter a lot of case-by-case attention.

In some circumstances involving contested family cases, we continue to offer and continue to find that this helps families develop skills at solving family problems.

Finally, every fall, as part of the court outreach, I offer free probate basics courses in various town halls, adult education centers and libraries, with times, dates and places posted in the September newspapers.

Finally, located at 39A Spring Street in Belfast, we stand ready to serve you Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with additional hours as emergencies require.

Thank you, too, for your ongoing interest and support.

Respectfully,

Susan W. Longley  
Waldo County Judge of Probate

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**OTHER EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

STATE POLICE	1-800-452-4664
WALDO COUNTY SHERIFF	800-660-3398, 338-2040
CENTRAL MAINE POWER (POWER OUTAGES)	1-800-696-1000
WCAP Outreach/Referral Center	1-800-498-3025
EMERGENCY OIL SPILL	1-800-482-0777
POISON CONTROL CENTER	1-800-442-6305
DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES (CHILD ABUSE)	1-800-452-1999
DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES (ADULT ABUSE)	1-800-624-8404

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AMBULANCE SERVICE CHIEF, CHRIS BIRGE	589-4863
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PLANNING BOARD CHAIR, LORING PEAVEY	845-2573
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POST OFFICE	589-4200
RSU #3 SUPERINTENDENT OFFICE	948-6136
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