

*THE TOWN OF
Pownal, Maine*

**ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2013 – JUNE 30, 2014**

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**Audited Financial Statement
July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013**

Annual Town Meeting
June 16th, 2014
7 PM Pownal Elementary School

Ronald “Hutch” Hodsdon

As home of one of Pownal’s founding families, the Hodsdon farm has been a fixture on the Hodsdon Rd. for as long as many can remember. Current family resident Ronald ‘Hutch’ Hodsdon has been a positive contribution to the Community for many years. He began on the Planning Board in 1989, elected Chair since 2006. Hutch is known for being well prepared for the topic at hand and possessing the ability to consider varying point of view before speaking his mind. He was a member of the committee that crafted the latest Comprehensive Plan where his patience and thoughtful insight was much appreciated through many late meetings.

Hutch is also a dedicated member of the Pownal Volunteer Fire Department and Fire Company – providing support during emergency situations, traffic control and calming nerves. He is the man in charge of exchanging your donations of returnable bottles and cans every week for the Company, and is always ready to lend a hand anywhere needed.

In his ‘spare time’ Hutch keeps busy with activities ranging from spending hours hand counting ballots on Voting Day, to making seemingly hundreds of wreaths to be sold every year at the Church Christmas Sale. He and Maryanne have happily dedicated their lives to their Church and Family, and are true cornerstones in our Community. If one was in need of a role model exemplifying Community Involvement – The Hodsdon Family would be excellent examples.

We would like to dedicate this edition of the Town Report to Hutch Hodsdon. We want to thank you for your all of your efforts it helping our small community as it continues to grow, forever grateful in your guidance and assistance. We look forward to many more years of your service to the Town of Pownal.

Annual Report of the Town Officers

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CHELLIE PINGREE
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
1ST DISTRICT, MAINE

Dear Friend,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. It is an honor to represent you in Congress and a pleasure to update you on the work I am doing in Maine and Washington.

You are probably aware that Washington is a very challenging place to get anything done these days. The partisan climate has kept many important issues from being addressed and even led to a shutdown of the federal government. Worst of all, it has created uncertainty for Maine families and the economy. It's the last thing we need. Over the next year, I will continue pressing Congressional leaders to bring the focus back to helping people rather than advancing ideologies.

As difficult as it's been, though, there are areas where I have been able to make progress on needed policy reforms. One has been support for local food producers. For decades now, federal agriculture policy has only benefited huge farms and commodity crops, not the kind of the diverse family farms we have in Maine. It's time for that to change. With small federal changes, we can capitalize on the huge economic potential of the local food movement. I've introduced the Local Farms, Food, and Jobs Act to make some of those changes, and have been pleased to see many of these reforms gain bipartisan support.

Another issue is helping veterans who were sexually assaulted during their service. I've introduced the Ruth Moore Act—named after a Maine veteran who struggled for 23 years to get disability benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs after she was sexually assaulted while in the military. The bill would help veterans like Ruth get the assistance they need to recover from the debilitating trauma they suffered while serving the country. The bill passed the House and now awaits consideration in the Senate.

While policy in Washington is important, so is the work my staff and I do here in Maine. My office keeps close connections to Maine communities and their leaders to make sure we're doing all we can to help them succeed. This work might include providing letters of support for federal grant applications, getting answers from federal agencies, or bringing national officials to our state to raise awareness about the good things being done here.

We also work with hundreds of constituents who have issues with federal agencies and programs. Not everyone knows that you can call your Member of Congress for this kind of thing, but it's an essential part of my responsibilities and my commitment to the people I serve. Members of my staff are experts on issues ranging from veterans benefits and IRS questions to Social Security problems and passport inquiries. They can help you navigate the process, communicate with federal agencies, and, in certain circumstances, facilitate the expediting of claims. If there is an area where you need assistance, I encourage you to call my Portland office at (207) 774-5019 or go to my website, www.pingree.house.gov.

Again, it's a privilege to serve you in Congress. Please stay in touch.

Member of Congress

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March 18, 2014

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Dear Friends,

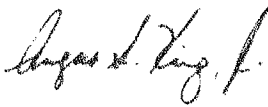
Since arriving to the U.S. Senate last January, I have been looking for ways to provide Mainers with improved access to federal services through the use of digital technology and on the ground outreach initiatives. Maine is a rural state and I know that traveling to our offices can present both logistical and financial challenges.

To help overcome those obstacles, I launched our signature **Your Government Your Neighborhood** outreach program in June 2013. Every other week members of my staff in Maine travel to different towns - ensuring that all 16 counties are served each month - to hold constituent office hours for local residents.

Over the past eleven months my work in Washington has been largely shaped by the four committees that I serve on: Armed Services, Intelligence, Budget, and Rules. These appointments allow me to engage on issues important to Maine and help craft legislation before it comes to the Senate floor. On the Armed Services Committee I work with my colleagues to honor our obligations to members of our armed forces both past and present, as well as ensure the continued strength, efficiency, and sustainability of our military. On the Intelligence Committee I work to effectively mitigate security threats facing our country while also establishing measures to guarantee that the privacy rights of U.S. citizens are protected. On the Budget Committee, I am working to ensure that necessary spending is tempered with fiscal responsibility, and my position on the Rules Committee allows me to push for procedural reforms that remove institutional inefficiencies and help move the country forward.

I am tremendously grateful for the opportunity to serve you and determined to keep you informed of my activities in Maine and Washington. As always, I welcome any thoughts, questions, or concerns that you may have. You can visit my website at <http://www.king.senate.gov> and provide your input there, or call our toll free in state line at 1-800-432-1599. In addition, our local numbers are as follows: Augusta (207) 622-8292, Presque Isle (207) 764-5124, and Scarborough (207) 883-1588, and Washington D.C. (202) 224-5344.

Sincerely,



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To the people of Pownal,

I am honored and humbled to be serving the people of Pownal in my second term in the Maine House of Representatives. I currently am the Representative of approximately one half of the community and share the other part of Pownal with Rep Gideon. This will be changing as all voting districts in the State have been redistricted for the 2014 elections. Redistricting is done according to the Maine Constitution, every 10 years based on the Census. If reelected, I will represent House District #46 which includes the entire community of North Yarmouth, one half of Pownal and all of Durham. I look forward to serving the two communities of Pownal and Durham particularly as the RSU #5 issues are determined. I believe that you deserve a strong voice in the process and I am ready to help.

I am the House Chairwoman of the State and Local Government committee. I have been successful in passing many bills that have served the people of her communities over her two terms. These bills include support for veterans, health care reform, strong schools, safe communities and caring for Maine's environment. Standing up for our local towns for fair revenue sharing has been one of my major areas of focus this session. I believe that state government must keep its promise to her people so roads can be plowed and repaired, fire and rescue teams are supported and communities can grow and thrive. I will not stand by and watch neighbors be unable to pay their property taxes and be at risk of losing their homes.

Acceptance of federal dollars to provide more Mainers with health insurance is a top priority for me. As a nurse practitioner, I have witnessed individuals lose everything because they or a family member has become ill or have had an accident. Healthcare is not welfare. Healthcare is not a privilege, it is a human right.

Thank you for allowing me to be your State Representative. It is a true privilege.

Rep Anne Graham

TOWN OF POWNAL, MAINE

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Board of Selectmen

Timothy Giddinge	2016
Jonathan Morris	2015
Alfred Fauver	2014

RSU #5 Board of Directors

Kathryn Brown	2014
Naomi Ledbetter	2016

Cemetery Commission

Lorraine Merrill	2014
Duane Snow	2015
Craig Vosmus	2016

Appointed Officers

Administrative Assistant	Scott W. Seaver
Deputy Town Clerk/Deputy Tax Collector	Donna Rollins/Rose Napolitano
Road Commissioner	Shawn Bennett
Chief of Fire and Rescue	Jesse Peters
Code Enforcement Officer	Barbara Skelton
Moderator	James Boyles
Animal Control Officer	John Rankins
Health Officer	Leslie Searfoss
General Assistance Administrator	Jonathan Morris
Registrar of Voters	Scott W. Seaver
Tax Collector/Treasurer/Town Clerk	Scott W. Seaver

Boards, Committees & Commissions

Planning Board

Ronald Hodsdon, Chair
Joan Mueller
Liza Nichols
John Bowdren
Matthew St. Cyr
Jeremy Gould, alternate
Russell Schmidt, alternate
Tony Dater, Planner

Board of Appeals

Richard Hogue, Chair
Lois Pervier
Philip Wentworth
Stephen Litchfield

	Cliff Ruprecht David Steckler, alternate Thomas Hall, alternate
Pownal Solid Waste and Recycling Committee	James Welch, chair Andrew Wyatt Will Johnston
Conservation Commission	Matt Welch, Chair Derek Lovitch Sherry Dietrich Rosemary Whitney Ruth Hannan
Mallett Hall Building and Grounds Committee	James Boyles, Chair Doris Blackstone Kathy Hogue Jane Mittel Jan Pieter van Voorst van Beest Marie Wendt
Budget Committee	Andrew Wyatt, Chair Kim Best John Green Carlene Harvey Kathy Hogue Jan Pieter van Voorst van Beest
Capital Improvement Committee	Rodney, Richard, Chair Paul Schumann Jan Pieter van Voorst van Beest David Steckler Andy Wyatt
Representative to EcoMaine Board of Directors	Alan Bradstreet
Recreation Committee	Kathy Hogue, Chair Fritz Appleby Jim Briggs Rich Kivela Sandy Neill Ansley Newton

Watch the website – WWW.POWNALMAINE.ORG for meeting dates and times of all committees

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Animal Control Officer	jrankins44@hotmail.com
Fire Chief	pownalcar1@maine.rr.com

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From the Selectmen's Desk

Some of you may have noticed that last year your property tax bill was a little less than the year before even though there was an increase in the budget. This is due mostly in part to the growth of CMP in Pownal. Their value increased by over \$10,000,000 which related to an increase of \$360,000 towards Pownal's commitment. CMP completed their expansion project this year. At the time of writing this report we do not know how much more value has been added due to the completed expansion. This value increase comes at some cost to the Town. The most noticeable cost is the visual impact on the residents that live near the CMP properties. The construction project added a lot of noise and traffic to this little town. The second impact is to come in the future when the State requires Pownal to use more of its own money for education because of our increased value.

This years proposed Municipal budget represents an increase of \$ 46,473 or 3.1%. The departmental break down of the increase is as follows,

- Cemeteries, \$1000.00 or 100%
- General Government, \$ 12,446 or 5.74 %
- Mallett Hall, \$ -1,395 or - 5.61%
- Public Safety, \$ 11,424 or 11.42 %
- Public Works, \$33,465 or 5.72 %

It is worth noting that once again this year there will be reduction in the cost of Pownal trash bags. The costs of the bags are designed to cover the Eco Maine tipping and assessment fees along with the bag production. This year the tipping fees have dropped from \$88.00 a ton to \$ 70.50 a ton and the assessment fee will go away all together on July first of this year - further reducing the cost of the trash bags. It should also be noted that the Human Resource's budget remains flat once again this year thanks to the help that our citizens receive from Freeport Community Services and generous citizens that contribute on their own.

In this year's warrant there is an article to allow the Selectmen to start a town wide re-evaluation. The State Revenue Service recommends that a town have a reevaluation every ten years. It is also a state law that a town be within thirty percent of current market value on their assessment of properties. The last town wide reevaluation was performed in 2003. The current state equalized value for Pownal is 52% of market value. It is the Selectmen's responsibility to assess the town and it's residents fairly and equitably, but we cannot perform a reevaluation without Town Meetings approval to spend the money on one. The Town has been setting aside twenty thousand dollars for the past two years for the purpose of a re-evaluation. A reevaluation for Pownal is estimated to cost between sixty and eighty thousand if done properly. If we receive approval this year we will start by asking for proposals from reval company's and hope to perform the reval in the fiscal year 2015-16. In order to have obtained a value representing 100% the land in town will need to be valued at market value. This is something that has never been done in Pownal, and with strong opinions on both sides of the matter, it will require a good deal of debate at Town Meeting.

We find ourselves once again this year in limbo within our school system. The RSU withdrawal effort by the Town of Freeport leaves us with many unanswered questions about the future education of our junior and high school age students. For those from Pownal who have been involved in the withdrawal it has been very frustrating to say the least. In accordance to the State laws pertaining to RSU withdrawals, the remaining Towns people (not withdrawing) are not granted much input into the process. We would like to thank our RSU Board Members and their advisory group for the difficult work that they are doing for us.

Respectfully,

Timothy Giddinge, Chair
Alfred Fauver
Jonathan Morris

Pownal Budget Committee Report 2014

The role of the Budget Committee is to provide citizen oversight for the development of the municipal budget which is examined, debated and voted on at the annual Town Meeting. The municipal budget is one of three budgetary components that make up the total amount that the Town must support each year from taxation, fees and other sources of revenue. The other two budgetary components are the Regional School Unit (RSU5) and the Town's assessed portion of the Cumberland County budget. Of these three, the RSU5 budget is the largest.

Aside from property taxation, the municipal budget includes other sources of revenue, such as:

- Excise taxes (associated with automobile and boat registrations)
- Fees (e.g. building permits, dog licenses, Mallett Hall rental, trash bag sales)
- State Block Grant funds (to help with road maintenance and construction).
- State Revenue Sharing
- State reimbursement for Homestead Property Tax Exemptions
- State Aid to Education

Some of these other sources of revenue have been on a downward trend for a number of years, which creates a shift toward property taxation as a means of funding the municipal budget.

This year's Budget Committee consists of six members who meet six or seven times, starting in February, to review the budget proposals of the various Town departments. Through this process we consult with the department heads, committee chairs and the Board of Selectmen who are responsible for managing the Town's finances. Our aim is to assure our fellow residents that the budget presented to them represents a responsible balance between two often conflicting concerns: to keep the property tax burden as low as possible, while still providing quality services such as public safety, waste management, road maintenance, etc.

Some good news appears in the Recycling and Solid Waste budget for this next fiscal year. The Board of Selectmen has entered into a new 3 year contract with Pine Tree Waste that results in no increase in the cost of waste hauling for fiscal year 2014/2015 and CPI-based adjustments for the following two years. Also our waste management company (ecomaine) is now free of debt, so

accordingly has eliminated the assessment fees for its member towns. That represents a \$14,049 reduction over current year.

After a successful trial period, the Board of Selectmen has entered into a longer term agreement with the town of Durham to share the cost of the Road Commissioner role. For this past fiscal year, the town of Pownal realized a \$28,100 reduction in compensation expense by sharing this cost with the town of Durham. The Road Commissioner will also pursue opportunities to reduce costs by sharing equipment and labor.

The Capital Improvement Planning committee has developed a new capital expense planning tool that provides a 20 year view of scheduled capital expenditures and the impact of these expenses on town finances. The committee will be able to use this tool to better anticipate capital expenses, level out the year-to-year appropriations for capital items as well as balance debt service expense vs. accumulating funds in advance for large expenditures. A big thank you to Paul Schumann for his work on developing this tool!

The public is always welcome to attend Budget Committee meetings. For meeting dates and times, please go to the Town website (<http://www.pownalmaine.org/>) and click on the community calendar. Also, we welcome new members to participate starting with the next budget preparation cycle in March 2015. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact one of the Selectmen.

The 2014 Budget Committee:

Andy Wyatt, Chair
Kim Best
John Green
Carlene Harvey
Kathy Hogue
Jan Pieter van Voorst van Beest

Report of the Capital Improvement Planning Committee

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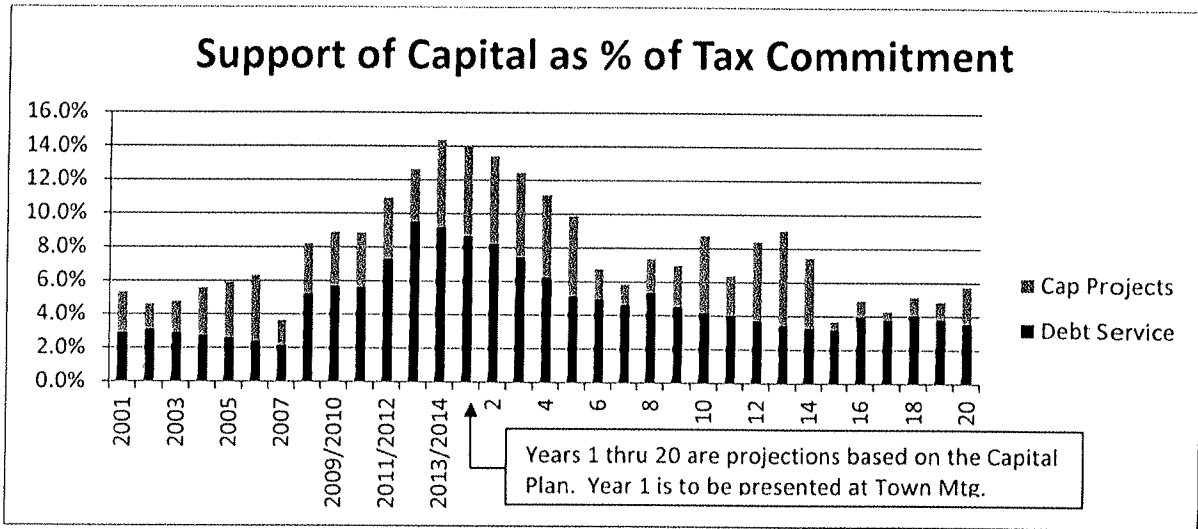
As part of the planning process we expanded the scope to include all major assets including roads, other public works and public safety assets. We haven't incorporated all of those assets in the plan yet, but we have the ability now to include these to see what impact they will have on future town finances.

The committee worked to develop a metric to determine the impact of the Capital Plan on town finances. The metric (percent of tax commitment) shown below, indicates the effect of the plan

on the amount of the town's budget that is directed toward the support of capital improvement; appropriation and debt service (bonding).

We expect to continually refine the model and mature our process to better serve the community.

The 2014 CIP committee
 Rodney Richard (chair)
 Paul Schumann
 Jan Pieter van Voorst van Beest
 David Steckler
 Andy Wyatt



Report of the Road Commissioner

The Hodsdon Rd. reconstruction project is nearing completion. We have some minor slope and ditch work to complete and the surface course of asphalt will be placed. We have estimated that by doing the majority of work with our staff we saved around \$200,000.00 on the project. Once again hats off to our crew for their hard work on this project. We are now down to about 3 miles of road that falls under the reconstruction category, a long way from where we were 10 years ago.

It's not news to anyone that we had a pretty extreme winter this year. While our winter roads budget and equipment maintenance budget both took pretty good hits our crew persevered and stayed focused and determined to provide you all with the safest driving conditions as fiscally possible. We received many compliments over the winter and just want to thank the folks that take the time to give us these compliments. It means a lot to the crew to know that their hard work is appreciated.

There has been a lot of talk over the past year or two of Pownal and Durham working together on the Public Works side. As most know we have been sharing the position of Road Commissioner with Durham for a couple years now and very successfully. The venture alone

allowed the Public Works compensation to be reduced by 11% or approximately \$23,000.00. This was done with no reduction of services.

The efficiencies that we can achieve by working together with Durham's new Department are quite exciting. By working together both towns will be able to do more work more cost effectively. On the fleet maintenance side of things we will have two mechanics available as well as a much larger facility available. This will allow us to perform more maintenance in house and less shipping equipment out, with this alone we will realize a savings in the vicinity of \$60.00 per hour. Much like "the old days" when both towns would work together on projects, if Pownal is on a project and needs an extra truck or set of hands this can be done seamlessly on an "in kind" basis. Last summer Pownal was able to use Durham personnel to assist with traffic control on many projects around town, Pownal assisted Durham with pothole patching on occasion to return the favor. Last year Durham rented the mowing unit for roadside mowing, Pownal supplied the Operator and mowed both towns' roadways. Pownal did not have the expense of renting the unit but in turn provided the Operator for the mower and did the grading of a road that abuts a Pownal road. All of these exchanges are tracked on an hourly basis on a simple excel spreadsheet. Both towns bid paving together as one and due to the quantity between the two we received some of the best pricing in the area. This arrangement is a great way for small towns to deliver services efficiently and is a definite win win situation for both towns.

Respectfully,
Shawn M. Bennett
Road Commissioner

Pownal Fire and Rescue Department
Annual Report
May1, 2013 – April 30, 2014

During the time period between May 1, 2013 and April 30, 2014, the Pownal Fire and Rescue Department answered 180 calls for service. This was approximately a 13.5% increase over the previous year.

2 Building Fires	3 Carbon Monoxide Alarm
3 Chimney Fires	11 False Alarms
1 Boat Fire	3 Wilderness Rescues
2 Vehicle Fires	8 Public Service Calls
1 Camper Fire	6 Power Lines Down
6 Unauthorized Burns	15 Motor Vehicle Accidents
4 Controlled Burns	80 EMS Calls

The members of the Pownal Fire and Rescue Department logged over 1050 hours responding to emergencies. The Pownal Fire Department also responded to 35 requests for mutual aid to surrounding communities as part of the Coastal Mutual Aid agreement. The town of Pownal received mutual aid eleven times in this same time period. In all, there were 4 incidents that resulted in a total dollar loss of \$12,800.00, with the average loss being \$3200.00 per incident.

Our EMS and firefighter staff logged over 1030 hours in training and maintaining the department's equipment. Some members attended outside trainings in emergency apparatus driving and EMS skills, as well. In addition, most members attended an ATV operations class sponsored by Bradbury Mountain State Park. This class taught individuals the proper and safe handling of ATV's

and UTV's. Upon completion they all received certification in ATV operation. We routinely use the park's ATV's to perform rescues throughout the park.

We will be testing a new online burn permit program starting in June. This program will be free to the permittee, compared to the state's program which costs \$7.00 per permit. Look for the link on the town's website, in the fire department section. Permits will still be available to the public at town hall, Monday through Thursday during normal business hours, and at Central Fire Station on Saturday and Sunday from 9 am to 11 am.

As you may recall, the Department was awarded a grant from the Maine Outdoor Heritage Trust to outfit and train members in low-angle rope rescue. We are well underway with this training, and hope to have it completed before the end of summer.

In 2010 the "Needs Assessment Committee" reported that the Pownal Fire and Rescue Department was in need of a modern, safer and more user friendly facility. Both stations are outdated and out of compliance with current standards. One of the biggest issues is when the equipment is started, they fill the buildings with dangerous fumes. These fumes are loaded down with carbon monoxide and benzene, to just name a few. The fumes also permeate our fire gear, shortening their usable life. Also, from an operational standpoint, we would be better able to serve this community if all our trucks in one central location. Currently there are no plans to build a much needed new facility.

We would like to thank the EMT's, firefighters, and fire police for their commitment and dedication to the Department and the town of Pownal. They are always willing to set aside their personal needs to respond to someone in need. We would also like to thank their families for understanding the need for their loved ones to leave in the middle of family events to go help a stranger in need.

We would also like to thank the Pownal Fire Company for their support. Through donations and fundraisers they assist the department with items not usually found in the operation budget, such as food and beverages for trainings. They also sponsored our Halloween celebration at Mallet Hall by providing treats for trick-or-treaters, SCBA equipment for Squad 3, and supplies for our open house during "Fire Prevention Week". The Fire Company would in turn, like to thank the citizens of Pownal for their continued support at the bottle building, located behind town hall. It is with these funds that they are able to help the Fire & Rescue Department.

Sadly we lost a dear friend and member of our department. Brad Mallett proudly served this community as both a firefighter and EMS provider for more than seven years. Brad was always available, and willing to step up and get the job done. As a tribute to Brad, we have retired his badge number, #228. This number will never again be assigned to another member. Brad will be deeply missed for years to come.

This year we were joined by four new members. Joe Minieri decided to join the department after allowing us to train in a building owned by him and his wife. Joe has almost completed a 6 month course in firefighting. Upon completion, Joe will be a fully trained firefighter. George Pottle is currently being trained in driving and operating the fire trucks. Carrie Harlow decided to join us after completing an EMT course. And, Andy O'Brien is building a house in town. Andy brings with

him over 25 years of firefighting experience. We also have added four new junior members. Juniors help us out in supporting rolls, freeing up firefighters to perform more dangerous tasks.

In conclusion, we would like to thank the citizens of Pownal for their continued support. Being able to assist the residents and guests of the town in their time of need is why they have chosen this profession. We are always looking for new members who are looking for a challenge and want to give back to their community. If you live or work in Pownal or a surrounding community and are interested in joining our department as a firefighter, EMS provider, or junior firefighter, please contact Chief Peters at 318-1997 or e-mail pownalcar1@maine.rr.com.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Jesse Peters
On behalf of,
Deputy Chief Erik Nielsen
Deputy Chief Richard Hogue
Captain Daniel Brown

Report of the Animal Control Officer

In the fiscal year 13-14 I have responded to 44 calls ranging from dogs at large, lost dogs, missing cats, animal trespass by dog, Trespass by chickens, and 2 loose cow complaints. I have inspected 3 kennels, transported two potential rabid animal heads to the State testing laboratory in Augusta. 4 dogs were transported to Coastal Humane Society along with 37 cats.

I have participated in meetings with Cumberland County Animal Control Officers in conjunction with Cumberland County Dispatch and attended meetings with staff and veterinarians at Coastal Humane Society.

Respectfully submitted,
John Rankins

Report of the Town Clerk

For fiscal year 2013-2014, the following licenses and permits have been issued, vital statistics recorded:

New Motor Vehicles Registered	380
Motor Vehicles Reregistered	1183
Duplicate Registrations Issued	17
Other Motor Vehicle Transactions	58
Inland Fisheries/Wildlife Licenses Issued	137
Snowmobiles/Atv's/Boats Registered	216
Births	5
Marriages	11
Deaths	10

Respectfully submitted,
Scott W. Seaver, Town Clerk

Planning Board Report 2013-2014

What began in 2011 as a reformatting of the Land Use Codes blossomed into full-fledged reorganization and updating - ever since, the Planning Board has been meeting in workshops every other week, in addition to their regular monthly meetings, in an endeavor to organize our town ordinances into something clear, relevant and easy to use. These workshops included the expertise, insights and hard work of Sherry Dietrich, Jim Briggs and Russ Schmidt in addition to Board members. Starting in June

2013 and continuing to the present the Board held periodic public hearings to inform Pownal residents of updates and changes being considered. The first of the reformatted and updated ordinances are being presented at town meeting this June. More will follow at a special town meeting in September. Unfortunately the scope and size of this undertaking makes it difficult and unwieldy to ask townspeople to take in and vote on all at once.

There have been occasions in the past twelve months when the Board stepped away from the thrill of rewriting ordinances to review applications and proposals. In April 2013 Russell Schmidt approached us about altering the lines between lots he owns on the Poland Range Rd. and in May the Board, satisfied that setbacks, frontages and acreages met requirements, approved his changes. In August we reviewed and conducted an onsite inspection of Dan Catlin's property on Hallowell Rd. In September U.S. Cellular asked for and was given approval to place an additional antenna array on their cell phone tower. Also that month the Board approved the relocation of the septic system and driveway for the Pinkham Subdivision on Hodsdon Rd. The end of 2013 and beginning of 2014 saw the application and approval of Heidi and Alan Curry's barn for seasonal events on the condition of the state's improvement to the currently dangerous intersection at Elmwood and Allen Roads. March saw some back and forth between Gordon Holmes (the developer of the subdivision at Jordon's Way off the Hodsdon Rd.), the Codes Enforcement Officer and the Board about burying power lines; a compromise was worked out. Most recently this May the board approved Terry Brown's amendment to the York Subdivision on Royal Rd.

One year after Russ Schmidt came to the Board for an amendment we signed him up and welcomed him as our new alternate, replacing Matt Chipman. Russ has been participating in our workshops for a while so he has an idea of what he's in for.

Sadly, this June marks Joan Mueller's retirement from the Planning Board. Joan first joined as an alternate in 2003 when Sherry Dietrich retired and she became a full member in 2008 when Russ Allen stepped down. Her understanding and clarity surrounding the role and limitations of the Board and the town's ordinances, not to mention her teacher's eye when it comes to grammar and spelling, have been a great asset these past eleven years.

The Planning Board meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at Mallett Hall. The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend all meetings, workshops, onsite inspections and hearings. Town Planner Tony Dater is available once a month by appointment to preview and facilitate applications and proposals.

Ronald Hodsdon, Chair Joan Mueller, Vice-Chair Liza Nichols, Secretary John Bowdren , Matthew St. Cyr
Jeremey Gould, alternate Russell Schmidt, alternate Tony Dater, Planner

Report of the Code Enforcement Officer

The following permits have been issued in fiscal year 2013-2014:

Electrical Permits	9	Building Permits	12
Plumbing Permits	4	Driveway Permits	3
Single Lot	2	Impact Fees Collected	\$ 2088

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Skelton, Code Enforcement Officer

Mallett Hall Building and Grounds Committee

We are pleased to report that the most pressing need on our 2013/2014 Maintenance Recommendations to the Select Board has been fulfilled – namely the refinishing of the floor in the DeWitt room, including its entrance hallway. It is a fine job indeed. We have recently conducted our annual extensive tour of both the interior and exterior of Mallett Hall and have presented our 2014/2015 Maintenance Recommendations to the Select Board. Overall, Mallett Hall is in excellent condition. The glaring exception is the side porch and handicap entrance which needs structural repair and renovation. The Select Board is moving ahead to address those issues, and we look to see them resolved in the near future. Our current focus is turning to the two side rooms off the voting room. One (the old Selectmen’s office) is used for meetings, and the other (the old CEO’s office) is used for storage. They are physically connected and both need minor repairs, painting, and refurbishing. Mallett Hall continues to be used regularly for town business, meetings, and social events. The committee reminds all users of the building that taping of materials to walls or supports is not allowed. Most tapes (including regular scotch tape) strip off paint when removed. Please hang materials from the existing picture rails or use easels for display. Also, the committee has noted an increase in clutter left behind after building use. Users are encouraged to remove all materials and objects they imported and to return permanent objects to their accustomed places. All of us should take pride in our impressive Town Hall.

James Boyles (chair), Doris Blackstone, Kathy Hogue, Jane Mittel, Jan Pieter van Voorst van Beest, Marie Wendt.

Report of the Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee has been meeting regularly over the past year developing policies, forms and procedures for the review process of any recreational activity held on town-owned property, including Mallett Hall. Applications are available from the Town Clerk who will help you to determine what process you will need to use for your event. The Recreation Committee will meet with the applicant in a public meeting to discuss the event. There is no application fee, but applications must be received at least 1 month before the event. All applications reviewed by the Committee will be referred to the Board of Selectmen for final approval.

Also, over the past year, the Committee has completed a “Recreation in Pownal” brochure. These brochures will be available at Town Hall as well as some other locations in town.

In September, the Committee will host a "reach out" meeting with clubs, groups and organizations to talk about recreational opportunities in Pownal; networking ideas; process, etc. Please watch the Tri-Town Weekly and the Pownal website for the date and time of this meeting.

We meet monthly or as needed, and welcome the public to any of our meetings. Please check the Town's website calendar for upcoming meeting dates.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Hogue (Chair), Fritz Appleby, Jim Briggs, Rich Kivela, Sandy Neill, Ansley Newton

POWNAL SCENIC & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2013 marked the forty-third year of existence for our busy and productive Pownal Scenic & Historical Society. Although no public meeting or program was held this year, the Executive Committee comprised of myself, President; Robin Hodsdon Morin, Vice President; Jen Blackstone Kaplan, Secretary; and Jim Boyles, Treasurer; continued the work of the society begun in 1970, while also beginning to address pressing issues facing our aging organization. We are grateful for the support of those who attended the Annual Meeting, for those who agreed to actively participate with us as we transition to new leadership in years ahead, and for those who offered helpful suggestions.

The major effort of the society this year was planning for the transition of the space the society uses in Mallett Hall from a museum to an archive - special collections - record room. It is not realistic to think of acquiring expanded space for both the storage of a growing record collection, and a museum with mounted displays – let alone a possible office. It is realistic to think of down-sizing our museum collection (large furniture and agricultural items previously stored in private homes or in the hearse house), of clearing our Mallett Hall space for a growing record collection, and of purchasing cabinet shelving and archival storage materials to establish an archive room. The room will be known as The Marjorie Alward Mason Archive - Special Collections - Record Room. To this end the Executive Committee, using established Accession and De-Accession Policies, has begun the process. Deliberation and research has gone into each action taken. Records, with photos, of objects de-accessed have been maintained. (Many retained items continue to need further formal archiving.) The collection of photographs, administrative policies and procedures, and written record of our organization from 1970 to the present also have been reviewed. In addition, a Pownal Time Line covering the years 1636 to the present has been updated and completed.

The Executive Committee is deeply concerned that even with all of our deliberation and action, the space in Mallett Hall may never provide proper archival storage for collections, as it is unheated and has no climate control. Currently, it cannot be used as a working modern office. In spite of these negatives, the much needed process of reorganization will continue throughout 2014. Persons who wish to be actively involved in the society's future will join with the Executive Committee to aid us in the process, learning as they transition into leadership positions.

Over many years, our society has financially supported three major projects. The most extensive of these has been to assure that restoration and active use of Mallett Hall did not destroy its historical significance. The preservation and restoration of Mallett Hall was a first concern of society founder Marjorie Alward Mason, and society efforts in that direction have continued. Through PSHS's efforts, Mallett Hall was entered into the National Register of Historic Places in 1991 and thus became a part of the Historical and Cultural Heritage of our nation as well as the center of our community. Its new addition, restoration of interior spaces, yearly maintenance, care of surrounding structures, and landscaping have sparked a partnership among the historical society, town officials and the Building and Grounds Committee as an historic town resource is preserved. Over the years, our society has contributed a grand total of \$15,743.00

to the hall for: maintenance, Granite donor for the addition, restoration of interior rooms and hallway, framed 1795 map and portraits of E.B. Mallet, Jr. and Governor Thomas Pownall, and for miscellaneous items such as: bulletin board, flags, floor mats, holiday decorations, garden care, memorial donations to trust fund, and Veterans' Memorial.

Two other buildings of historic value to the community have been the focus of the remaining major projects. We have supported the North Pownal Community Club (NPCC) building with annual donations totaling \$1,950.00. We also have supported the town's only remaining one-room school building, the North Pownal One-room School (now attached to and owned and maintained by the North Pownal United Methodist Church) with donations totaling \$1,200.00.

Gifts and a Community Service High School Project have been added to our archives. Owen Kivela, Junior at Cheverus High School, updated the town historical record with his report and photos, *Major Upgrades in CMP's Electricity Power Grid in Pownal from 2005-2013*. Items from the estate of well-known teacher Gail Butler include a framed pen and ink drawing by Michael Ward of her home on Hodsdon Road; yearly class photos; and James Thurber memorabilia. Stephanie Mason Medeiros gifted family genealogies (Keith, Price, Tingley) belonging to her Grandmother Marjorie Mason. The society gifted seventeen copies of our well-received 2008 town history to libraries of Maine educational institutions. To date, 673 copies of On Pownal Time have found a place to call home.

The society regretfully accepted the resignation of dedicated Vice President Jane Mittel, as she recovers from a serious illness. Lilyan Forbes, founding member and past president, remains interested and involved in our continuing efforts. We are saddened by the death of long-time member and community activist Elsie Whidden.

Unpaid 2012-2013 Property Taxes

Balance	FICKETT, NANCY	FICKETT, NANCY	273.12	PABST, MICHAEL	6.65 *
06/30/13	FICKETT, NANCY	FICKETT, NANCY	17.74 *	PARDUS, LISA	193.64 *
741.32 *	FINNEGAN, JANICE	FINNEGAN, JANICE	1,469.40 *	PEAVEY, SHARYN L.	10.00 *
830.00 *	FOSTER, GEOFFREY J.	FOSTER, GEOFFREY J.	40.79 *	POWNAL VETERINARY REAL ESTATE,	4,568.49 *
766.15 *	FOSTER, GEOFFREY J.	FOSTER, GEOFFREY J.	263.15 *	QUIMBY JOHN P.	720.93 *
92.22 *	GARDNER, KATHY L.	GARDNER, KATHY L.	1,801.88	REHNBERG, ALISON L.	1,348.71 *
524.07 *	GOLDING, WILLIAM B.	GOLDING, WILLIAM B.	649.10 *	RIDLEY, JUDY L.	1,961.49
505.44 *	GRAY, ERNEST E.	GRAY, ERNEST E.	863.68 *	RUPRECHT, CLIFFORD H	1,919.80 *
1,969.39 *	GREEN, JOHN J. & DONNA A.	GREEN, JOHN J. & DONNA A.	1,337.22 *	SANDERS, LOIS	47.87 *
3,553.91 *	GRIFFITH, FREEMAN K.	GRIFFITH, FREEMAN K.	579.93 *	SANDERS, LOIS V.	1,039.61 *
1,811.13 *	GRIFFITH, KATHLEEN J.	GRIFFITH, KATHLEEN J.	7.98 *	SCHLICHTING, DOUGLAS/PAMELA	3.55 *
9,555.62	GUFFEY, ELIZABETH	GUFFEY, ELIZABETH	3.88 *	SCHMIDT, RUSSELL DALE	276.94 *
2,642.52 *	HALL, DOUGLAS J.	HALL, DOUGLAS J.	347.61 *	SCHMIDT, WILLIAM	123.26 *
1,209.52 *	HALL, DOUGLAS J.	HALL, DOUGLAS J.	354.70 *	SESTO, THOMAS	1,353.70 *
375.98 *	HANLEY AND YOST	HANLEY AND YOST	1,436.52 *	SMALL, DEBRA M.	681.02
698.76	HANNA, JAMES G.	HANNA, JAMES G.	1,906.51 *	SMITH, JORDAN A.	9.32 *
1,669.72 *	HILTON, MAURICE	HILTON, MAURICE	3.67 *	SMITH, LAWRENCE E. JR.	336.95 *
3,277.43	HUMPHREY, ROBERT	HUMPHREY, ROBERT	119.71 *	STIMPSON, JUDITH	865.47 *
1,369.84 *	JORDAN, ANDREW F.	JORDAN, ANDREW F.	1,574.87	WARD, SANDRA	2,351.66 *
2,234.61	JORDAN, WILLIAM C.	JORDAN, WILLIAM C.	35.47 *	WEIR, FREDERICK C.	935.52 *
1,174.93 *	JORDAN-BROWN, ANNA MARIE	JORDAN-BROWN, ANNA MARIE	296.16 *	WENTWORTH, ERIC S.	1,656.45
835.31 *	KINNEY, RICHARD K.	KINNEY, RICHARD K.	1,003.80 *	WENTWORTH, PAMELA	62.96 *
234.10 *	LATHROP III, LLOYD L.	LATHROP III, LLOYD L.	7,693.44 *	WENTWORTH, PAMELA	706.74 *
2,521.92 *	LEAVITT, LAWRENCE & ANNKA (JT)	LEAVITT, LAWRENCE & ANNKA (JT)	2,631.86 *	WHITE, MARTHA R.	919.56 *
893.84 *	LEONARD, REBECCA A.	LEONARD, REBECCA A.	724.46 *	WHITE, PAMELA A.	825.89 *
524.96 *	LIBBY, EDWARD L.	LIBBY, EDWARD L.	1,762.86	WILEY, RICHARD L.	3,816.57
585.26 *	LOWELL, JOSEPH E. TIC	LOWELL, JOSEPH E. TIC	2,057.26	YORK, LINWOOD	1,149.22 *
418.55 *	MACDONALD, BENJAMIN G.	MACDONALD, BENJAMIN G.	1,602.55 *		
559.54 *	MACDONALD, STUART P.	MACDONALD, STUART P.	549.06 *		
195.07 *	MARQUIS, HEIRS OF SARAH	MARQUIS, HEIRS OF SARAH	95.77 *		
3,549.84 *	MARSTALLER, DAVID	MARSTALLER, DAVID	54.98 *		
5,355.97	MARSTALLER, DAVID L.	MARSTALLER, DAVID L.	131.24 *		
1,347.86	MARSTALLER, JENNIFER	MARSTALLER, JENNIFER	184.44 *		
162.82 *	MCNAMARA, MICHAEL W.	MCNAMARA, MICHAEL W.	1,943.76		
12,279.71	MERRILL, CHAD	MERRILL, CHAD	168.48 *		
186.04 *	MILLEY, STEPHEN K., TRUSTEE	MILLEY, STEPHEN K., TRUSTEE	1,740.01 *		
2,745.38 *	MOLL, BRADLEY S.	MOLL, BRADLEY S.	2,620.39 *		
1,172.28 *	MORGAN, SUSAN MARIE	MORGAN, SUSAN MARIE	2,951.10		
78.03 *	MORGAN, SUSAN MARIE	MORGAN, SUSAN MARIE	695.21		
34.75 *	MOSIER, JACK E., JR.	MOSIER, JACK E., JR.	1,020.65 *		
2.28 *	OLIVER, BRIAN	OLIVER, BRIAN	1,968.59 *		
308.59 *	OPPENHEIM, PAUL L.	OPPENHEIM, PAUL L.	83.34 *		

* denotes Paid in full after close of books

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