

Town of **Freeport**



2014 ANNUAL REPORT



**“Winslow Beach”**

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# COMMITTEES, BOARDS & COMMUNITY AGENCIES (AS OF JUNE 2014)

## Board of Appeals

David Gagne, Chair  
Clinton Swett, Vice Chair  
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STAFF PERSON: Fred Reeder

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Michael Healy, Chair  
David Suhr  
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Roy Pierce  
Charles Swanson

## Cable T.V. Regulatory Board

Michael Reis, Chair  
Edward Bonney  
William Greene  
Michael Ashby  
RSU#5 liaison, Peter Murray  
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Jay Somers, Comcast Senior Manager of  
Government & Community Relations

## Coastal Waters Commission

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Daniel Piltch, Secretary  
Jeff Stenzel  
Mark Gray  
Scott Gleeson  
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LeeAnne Sargent  
STAFF PERSON: Jay Pinkham

## Conservation Commission

William Beck, Chair  
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Dimitra Voulgari-Toothaker  
Joseph Hahn  
Andrew Arsenault  
Michael Stumbo  
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## Emergency Preparedness

Darrel Fournier, Fire/Rescue Chief  
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Earl Gibson, Highway Supt.  
Peter Joseph, Town Manager  
Leland Arris, Sewer District  
Travis Bickford, Aqua Maine  
Shannon Welsh, RSU#5 Supt.  
Melanie Sachs, FCS Representative  
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Jay Pinkham, Harbormaster  
Paul Conley, Rescue  
Travis Bickford, Water District

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Barbara Asnes  
John Creasy  
Andrew Allen  
Maureen Keegan  
Elizabeth Housewright  
Melinda Doel  
STAFF PERSON: Beth Edmonds

## Planning Board

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Harry Virtue, Vice Chair  
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Allen Labos  
Aaron Cannan  
Greg Savona  
Lonny Winrich  
STAFF PERSON: Donna Larson

## Project Review Board

Clifford Goodall, Chair  
David Marstaller, Vice Chair  
Alan Tracy, Secretary  
Dale Whitmore  
Jason Thyen  
Ralph Dean  
Bryan Sloat  
STAFF PERSON: Donna Larson

## Hunter Road Fields Advisory Committee

Kirk Cameron, Chair  
Walter Libby, Dist 4, Vice Chair  
Charles Thompson, Dist 1  
Dan Bacon, Dist 2  
William Beck, Conservation Committee  
Representative Liaison  
Andy Wellen, Council Liaison  
Craig Sickles, RSU #5 Representative

## Recycling/Solid Waste Committee

Kate Bacon  
Sandra Thompson  
Paul A. Kane  
Josh Olins  
Robert Fast  
STAFF PERSON: Suzanne Duplissis

## Sewer District Trustees

Michael Ashby, Chair  
Leland Arris, III, Clerk  
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Clint Goodenow Jr.  
Darrel Fournier  
Garrett Simmons  
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## Shellfish Conservation Commission

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Heidi Bennett  
STAFF PERSON: Tom Kay

## Staff Review Board

Donna Larson, Town Planner  
Darrel Fournier, Fire/Rescue Chief  
Fred Reeder, Codes Officer  
Al Presgraves, Town Engineer  
Earl Gibson, Public Works

## Traffic & Parking Committee

Gary Profenno, Chair  
Jim Gorman, Vice Chair  
Jerry Schofield, Police Chief  
Clifford Goodall  
Chris Parker  
Rod Regier  
Rich DeGrandpre, Council Liaison  
STAFF PERSON: Al Presgraves

## Freeport Water District Trustees

Edmond Theriault  
Leland Arris III  
Michael Ashby

## South Freeport Water District Trustees

Jeffrey Stenzel, Chair  
Melanie Ferrucci, Secretary  
Eric Horne  
Paul Beem

## Winslow Park Commission

Carla Dupuis, Chair  
Bill Ross, Vice Chair  
Alex Robinson  
Kim Swett  
Stephen James  
Jane Grant  
Peter Polovchik  
George Connick  
Jim Hendricks, Council Liaison  
STAFF PERSON: Neil Lyman

## RSU #5 Board of Directors

Nelson Larkins, Chair  
Karin VanNostrand  
John Morang  
Valy Steverlynck  
Peter Murray  
Beth Parker  
Candace Decsipkes  
Michelle Ritcheson  
John Ricker  
Kathryn Brown  
Naomi Ledbetter

## RSU Withdrawal Committee

Dennis King  
Peter Murray  
Richard DeGrandpre  
Kate Werner

## Active Living Task Force

Anne-Marie Davee, Chair  
Kristina Egan  
Dede Bennell  
Julie Coleman  
Phil DiRusso  
Chris O'Neil  
Kent Simmons  
Barney Baker  
Gretchen Giumarro  
Donna Larson, Ex-Officio

# CITIZEN OF THE YEAR *Ed Bradley*

The Award for Freeport Citizen of the Year is given annually to a Freeport individual or community group that has substantively contributed to the quality of the Town, the well-being of the citizens, the reputation of Freeport, and has caused a measurable improvement in the circumstances of a significant number of townspeople.

The recipient for the Town of Freeport Citizen of the Year Award for calendar year 2013 is **Ed Bradley**. Ed is well known by many for his devotion to the Town of Freeport and for his consistent and successful contributions to the community. Ed first became involved in the business of the Town when he was elected in 1989 to serve on the Freeport Town Council. He continued in this role until 1994. Since his time on the Council, he has remained active in Town politics and community events.

When it seemed the tradition of community parades was unlikely to continue, Ed was instrumental in making sure that Freeport had parades. He ensured that community events could happen in a safe and fun way, while limiting liability to the Town.

Ed has contributed significantly to this community while serving on the Board of Directors for Freeport Community Services. It was his vision to create a central location to bring groups, individuals and organizations together. That vision, along with his ability to motivate others, made the building that houses Freeport Community Services and other organizations, become a reality for the Town.

In 1999, Ed and his family established the Bradley Family Fellowship. This program was designed to show appreciation to the faculty at the Freeport High School. Through an application process, funds are awarded to teachers who promote creativity and development at the school. Awards are selected by a committee and continue to be granted to Freeport teachers each year.

## Past Citizen of the Year Recipients

Thomas Wright .....	2012
Vicki Lowe .....	2011
Bob Stevens.....	2010
Rod Regier .....	2009
Barbara Gifford .....	2008
Dr. Jonathan Strout .....	2007
Mary Sauer & Jon Hoy .....	2006
Betsy Ruff .....	2005
Edgar Leighton .....	2004
E. Ann Westervelt .....	2003
Louis Marstaller.....	2002
Vaughndella Curtis .....	2001
Edward Bonney .....	2000
Frank Small .....	1999
Frank Garland.....	1998
Fred Fernald &	
Edward Bueter .....	1997
Paul Powers .....	1996



Citizen of the Year, Ed Bradley with his dog, Sam.  
Photo: Courtesy of the Bradley family.



Members of the Freeport Town Council presenting Ed with his award. Photo: Courtesy of the Tri-Town Weekly.

In more recent years, Ed served on the Town's Natural Gas Task Force. This group was charged with exploring opportunities to facilitate the expansion of natural gas service to residences in the Town. In 2013, Ed was asked to join the Wolfe's Neck Farm Board of Directors to assist them during a time of significant change and transformation. The focus of the Board is to ensure that the farm moves forward and is sustainable in the future.

Ed Bradley has touched the lives of many of Freeport's residents and his passion and efforts have improved the quality of life of the greater community. The Town of Freeport is most fortunate to have an individual such as Ed who epitomizes what we seek in candidates for the Citizen of the Year.

# TOWN COUNCIL

## BY THE NUMBERS

**Cost to the median taxpayer:** \$13

**Fact:** The Town Council considered 180 agenda items this year

**Employees:** There are 7 elected Councilors

## Annual District Workshops

The Council annually holds workshops in each of the Town's four voting districts. Check the town's website for dates, times and locations.

In recent years we have seen many changes and big issues for which we have all had to work together as a Council and as a Community. In 2012, Freeport hired a new Town Manager and saw the arrival of the Downeaster train service. In 2013 we saw the build-out of the Hunter Road Fields which are now open, fully operational and well utilized by the community. This fiscal year started out to be another busy one with one of the first issues the Council discussed being the exploration of options for the Town of Freeport's participation in RSU #5.

The Town of Freeport commissioned a study on the financial and educational costs and benefits of withdrawal. Jack Turcotte and Planning Decisions were engaged to conduct this analysis. There were reports to the Council along with public hearings to gather input. In October, the Town received RSU #5 withdrawal petitions. The Council voted to have a special election for the residents to vote on whether or not to officially begin the withdrawal process. In December, voters decided to move forward with the RSU withdrawal process and authorized the Town Council to spend up to \$50,000 for that purpose. In January, the Council appointed the RSU #5 Withdrawal Committee whose role would be to negotiate a withdrawal plan with the RSU Board. The issue of whether or not Freeport should withdraw from the RSU will be a long process, surely to continue in the coming year.

The Council continued its tradition of having district workshops with residents in each of the Town's four voting districts. This is a casual way for the Council to get together in a group setting to hear what our residents have to say. To further carry out the mission of engaging the public, the Council adopted the Freeport Strategic Civic Engagement and Communication Plan. This plan was developed by the Council's Communication's Subcommittee with the goal to better engage residents in the decision making process and enable the Council to be more transparent and responsive.

In other business, the Town submitted the Quiet Zone designation paperwork to the Federal Railroad Administration to stop the routine use of train horns at all of Freeport's eight railroad crossings. The Town Manager and the Town Engineer worked together to confirm that supplemental safety measures (SSM) would not be required. The final Quiet Zone Designation became effective in September 2013.

The Council reviewed a few requests for Zoning Amendments as recommended by the Freeport Planning Board. Amendments were made to the Village Parking Standards and to the Medium Density A & B Districts. Amendments were also made to the Peddlers on Public Property Ordinance to allow the opportunity for the use of unassigned or relinquished location, if available, after the annual lottery. The Active Living Task Force continued to work on the draft of the Freeport Active Living Plan, and it is expected that the Council will take action on the final plan early in the coming fiscal year.

The Council also accepted a land donation of 27 acres from David Marstaller. The land was open space associated with a residential subdivision on Baker Road, and was deeded to the Town to become part of the Florida Lake Recreation Area.

Through the acceptance of a donation of \$12,000 from the Freeport Housing Trust, the Town of Freeport Emergency Rental Assistance Fund was established. The one-year pilot program is overseen by the Town's General Assistance Administrator and was setup to be a last resort fund

(for emergencies beyond individual control) for low-income renters, to keep them from becoming homeless in emergency situations. The program was developed with clear guidelines of who can qualify for assistance. If successful, it could continue in the future.

The 2014 municipal budget approved by the Council resulted in a 2.51% increase in spending over fiscal year 2013. This was anticipated due in part to the new train station/platform and the Hunter Road Fields being complete and fully operational. The Town Council worked hard with the Town Manager, Finance Director and all Town Department heads to develop a budget that was fiscally responsible and anticipated the reductions in State Municipal Revenue Sharing.

In closing I want to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the Town Manager Peter Joseph, Town Staff, as well as that of my fellow Councilors: Kristina Egan, Rich DeGrandpre, Andy Wellen, Sarah Tracy, Melanie Sachs and Scott Gleeson. Governance is not easy, and I truly appreciate each of you and your collective ability to bring together different ideas and perspectives to form thoughtful solutions for our community.

James Hendricks  
Town Council Chairperson



Front Row (l-r): D. Scott Gleeson, Andy Wellen, James Hendricks (Chairperson), Back Row (l-r): Kristina Egan (Vice Chairperson), Melanie Sachs, Sarah Tracy, Richard DeGrandpre

# TOWN MANAGER



**Peter E. Joseph**  
Town Manager

It is my continued honor to serve the Town of Freeport in the role of Town Manager. At the simplest level, the Town Manager's office is responsible for both the overall operation and management of all municipal departments and employees, and also the implementation of all policy decisions made by the Town Council. Fiscal Year 2014 saw a great deal of work accomplished by the Town thanks to our dedicated and experienced staff and clear direction from the Council. Our municipal departments continued to be fully staffed, with little turnover among employees. The biggest issues that the community faced as a whole were the municipal budget, which was impacted by a reduction in State revenue sharing, and the discussion about the Town of Freeport and its relationship with Regional School Unit 5.



**Judith Hawley**  
Assistant to the  
Town Manager

Each year, the Town Manager and Finance Director work closely with the various department directors and the Town Council to develop an annual operating budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The annual operating budget is considered during May and July each year, and is approved by the Town Council, usually with amendments, before July 1st, which is the start of the Town's fiscal year. I'm happy to report that in FY 2014, the approved operating budget for FY15 shows a slight decrease of about \$10,000 from the current year. This good news was tempered slightly by the fact that a corresponding reduction in revenue led to a small increase of about \$0.05 on the tax rate. Credit for maintaining a responsible budget lies not only with the Finance Director and Town Manager, but also with the Town's department directors, who work hard each year on their budgets to minimize impact to the local taxpayers, and ensure that residents are getting a good value for the Town services they fund.

Along with the operating budget, the Town Manager also is responsible for the development of a five year capital plan for the repair and replacement of major items such as buildings, vehicles, equipment, roads, sidewalks, and various other types of infrastructure. The purpose of the capital program is to establish a savings plan to fund major purchases, and to schedule these purchases in a manner that minimizes drastic impacts to the tax rate such as "peaks" and "valleys" that could occur if capital purchases vary widely from year to year. It's very encouraging to note that the Town's capital program is able to successfully insulate the tax rate from wide swings from year to year through the widespread use of reserve accounts to save for major capital purchases.



**Helen Fournier & Brent Moon**  
Maintenance Staff

In addition to the ongoing annual duties such as budgeting and capital planning, the Town Manager's office is responsible for overseeing the day to day operation of all of the Town departments and agencies. There were several notable happenings and trends during FY 2014:

Throughout Fiscal Year 2014, the Town of Freeport has explored the possibility of withdrawing from Regional School Unit 5, which we currently share with our neighboring towns of Durham and Pownal. At the annual election in November of 2013, Freeport voters approved establishing a withdrawal committee. This withdrawal committee was tasked with negotiating a withdrawal agreement that would allow Freeport to leave RSU 5. At the request of the Town Council, staff from the Town Manager's Office and the Finance Department worked with the withdrawal committee to provide neutral assistance and information to help them complete their assigned task of developing a withdrawal agreement. The final negotiated agreement between the Freeport Withdrawal Committee and the RSU 5 Board of Directors is expected to be put before the voters of the Town for a final decision at the annual election in November of 2014, which will be during the upcoming fiscal year, FY15.

This winter (2013/2014) saw above average snowfall, which kept the Public Works Department very busy with plowing and snow removal operations. Several significant snowfall events in

## BY THE NUMBERS

**Cost to the median taxpayer: \$53**

**Fact:** Responsible for overall supervision and personnel administration of 61 full time and 75+ part time and seasonal employees

**Employees: 3.75 FTE**

February pushed snowfall totals in Portland to 79.4" for the year, which is about a foot and a half more than the annual average snowfall of 61.8". Similar snowfall was recorded here in Freeport. The Public Works Department did an outstanding job of removing all of this snow, and keeping the roads, sidewalks, and parking lots in Town clear so that life could go on despite the harsh winter weather.

The Freeport Fire and Rescue Department responded to five separate house fires during a timeframe of approximately one month in January of 2014. We were fortunate that there were no fatalities from the fires, however there was significant structural damage at several of these fires. We were also fortunate that all of these fires were deemed to be accidental in nature, and not deliberate. Winter time in Maine is always a challenge in regards to fire safety. Extreme cold weather and high heating fuel prices sometimes lead residents to use makeshift heat sources to help keep their residences warm. Using unapproved heat sources can cause not only structure fires, but also deadly incidents of carbon monoxide poisoning. If you have any questions regarding heating appliances and fire safety, please contact the Fire Department, who will be glad to advise you. Also, both the Town of Freeport and Freeport Community Services have heating fuel assistance programs that may be able to assist lower income residents keep their homes heated over the winter. For more information please contact General Assistance Administrator Johanna Hanselman at Freeport Town Hall at (207) 865-4743 ext. 120.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank both the employees and volunteers of the Town. The countless hours of hard work put in by our volunteers, board members, and employees is a true asset to the Town, and truly makes a difference. Freeport is lucky enough to have some of the best employees and volunteers in Maine, and we are thankful for all that they do. A special thanks also goes to the Freeport Town Council, for all of their support of the municipal departments and employees throughout the year.

Special thanks go out to the dedicated employees of my department – Assistant to the Town Manager Judy Hawley, and our building maintenance staff consisting of Brent Moon and Helen Fournier. They make my job easier every day, and they certainly deserve more recognition than they usually receive.

If I can be of any assistance to you, please don't hesitate to contact me. I wish you all the best in the coming year.

## FREEPORT BY THE NUMBERS

This year in the annual report, you will notice a text box toward the top of each page. In the box, you will find information about what each department costs the median taxpayer, staffing levels and some other interesting factual information about the department. The hope is that this will give the readers a quick overview of the scope of the department.

Please keep in mind, that the numbers are based off of the median assessed value of all residential properties which is \$235,400. If your property is assessed higher or lower, then your contribution to each department would be different. The number does not take in to account revenues generated by the department. Staffing levels indicated are shown in a full-time equivalent (FTE) which does not take in to account the actual number of employees, but rather the total employee hours budgeted for that department and how many full time employees that would equal. Since there are expenses in the Town's budget that are non-departmental, they are not broken down on a page, but would total \$270 dollars on the median tax bill and include expenses such as utilities, insurance, promotions, miscellaneous and contingency, employee benefits, overlay and debt service.

# TOWN ENGINEER

## BY THE NUMBERS

**Cost to the median taxpayer:** \$12  
*(includes Traffic & Parking Committee)*

**Fact:** Up to \$500,000 in MPI funding was awarded for Wardtown Road reconstruction project

**Employees:** 1 FTE



**Albert Presgraves**  
Town Engineer

The Town Engineer also serves as the Director of Public Works and the Director of Recycling and Solid Waste. The Town Engineer oversees many of the Town's capital projects and provides engineering support to other town projects. He provides staff support to the Traffic & Parking Committee and other Town committees as needed. He manages the Town's Stormwater Permit compliance requirements with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and provides technical review and inspections of commercial projects for the Town Planner. Other engineering and administrative services are performed by the Town Engineer as requested by the Town Manager.

The West Street reconstruction project was started in June, 2013, with the final pavement being placed at the end of June 2014. The project was built by the Public Works Department, with the granite curbing and asphalt paving performed by subcontractors. The alignment and grade of the road was improved, with new paved shoulders and a completely new drainage system installed. Granite curbing and an asphalt sidewalk was built along the north side of the road. Improvements at the railroad crossing could not be performed because of insurance issues with Pan Am Railways, although the work is planned for 2014.

Another important capital project was the reconstruction of Torrey Hill Range Road. Again, most of the construction was performed by the Public Works Department, including drainage improvements and minor widening of the road to provide a consistent pavement width of 21 feet.

The Town was fortunate to obtain funding through the Municipal Partnership Initiative (MPI) program at the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) for the reconstruction of Wardtown Road (from Baker Road to the intersection with Lunt Road and Grant Road). This project will replace almost all of the 22 culverts along this section of road and the shoulders will be paved for a width of 3 feet. All of the work except the road reclamation and paving will be performed by the Public Works Department, starting in FY 2015.

One capital project funded this year will not be built until 2015, and that is the drainage improvements at the Pownal Road Recreation Facility and Hedgehog Mountain Road. These improvements are required by the DEP Site Location of Development permit associated with the Hunter Road Recreation Facility, and which was issued by the DEP in September, 2013. This work will also add to the number of parking spaces at the Pownal Road facility. This construction project will be performed by a general contractor through a competitive bidding process.

The field house building at the Hunter Road Recreation Facility was completed during the previous fiscal year, just in time to open for use during the 2013 season. In fact, the field house was used for the District 4 Workshop and Town Council meeting on December 17, 2013. The Town should be very proud of the playing fields and the supporting improvements at this recreational sports facility.

When the railroad platform and the welcome center at the Hose Tower off Depot Street became operational in November 2012, train horns were required to sound at all of Freeport's seven at-grade railroad crossings. This practice resulted in substantial discussion by the public and the Town Council about noise and safety, leading to a process of establishing a Quiet Zone at all of Freeport's railroad grade crossings. The technical submittal process began in January 2013, and the Quiet Zone was implemented in September, 2013.

A couple of small projects were the replacement of the stairs for public waterfront access at Sandy Beach, and a safety improvement at the intersection of School Street and Main Street. Both of these projects were completed in October, 2013. It is hoped that the utility pole that remained within the reconfigured road intersection and School and Main Streets will be moved by the utility companies before the end of 2014.

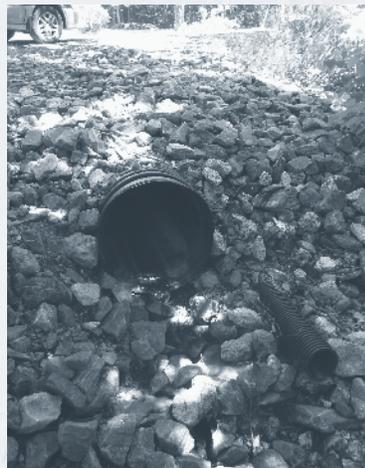


Since 2002, the Town has been regulated by the Maine DEP under a Municipal Stormwater Permit. The permit requires a variety of activities including system monitoring, public education, and an annual report, among many other things. The current Municipal Stormwater Permit was issued in July, 2013, and the Town's Stormwater Program Management Plan was submitted to the DEP on December 5, 2013. More information about the permit and other stormwater topics are available on the Town and Maine DEP websites.

There are two streams in Town classified by the State as Urban Impaired Streams, and these receive most of the runoff from the town's stormwater collection systems. The two Urban Impaired Streams are Frost Gully Brook and Concord Gully Brook, with the latter being the highest priority by the Maine DEP. For these reasons, the Town has obtained grants to perform a Watershed Survey and a Watershed Management Plan in Concord Gully Brook. The Watershed Survey was completed in December, 2013, and the Watershed Management Plan study is ongoing. A Concord Gully Public Forum was held on December 10, 2013 to discuss the results of the work at that time.

The Traffic and Parking Committee addressed a number of traffic and safety issues over the course of the year. Over several meetings, the use and needs of the parking lot for the train platform were reviewed, and a new striping layout and parking restrictions were developed. The recommended site plan was reviewed and approved by the Project Review Board, and the parking restrictions were included in an Ordinance amendment adopted by the Town Council. At the annual Committee workshop with the Town Council in February, the issue of parking and safety at trailhead locations was discussed. The Committee identified the Sayles Field location as a priority, with the trail entrances on Pine Street and Church Road. It was recommended that parking should be prohibited along Pine Street in this area, and this change was approved by the Town Council.

The Town Engineer enjoys working with the many volunteers, Committees, and other Town employees that help to make Freeport such a special place. All of these efforts help to maintain and improve the quality of life in Freeport.



*(l-r): Concord Gully Brook and stormwater monitoring discharge point*

# TOWN ASSESSOR



**Robert Konczal**  
Assessor



**Louise Thibeault**  
Assistant Assessor

The Town Assessor is an agent of the State, and is charged by law with valuing property for the purpose of taxation. To raise the funds for the budget approved by the Town Council, the Assessor prepares a list of all properties annually, and commits the assessments to the Town Tax Collector for collection. The Assessing Office then reports its activities for the year to the State Department of Revenue Services.

**Valuation:** This office conducted a Market Update of valuations in 2006 to bring assessments more in line with the market and to help restore equity. Since then, the national real estate markets have softened. As a consequence, this office cut back valuations by applying a factor of .85 for assessments since April 1, 2010. Thus the town certifies a 100% assessment ratio with Maine Revenue Services for this year.

## Valuations as of April 1, 2013:

Land	623,021,900
Improvements	775,711,801
Real Estate Exemptions	-91,449,200
Personal Property	114,422,070
Personal Prop. Exemptions	-39,650,107
<b>Net taxable valuation</b>	<b>1,382,056,464</b>

**Homestead Exemption:** If you have owned a home in Maine for 12 months prior to April first, you may apply for this program. Forms are available at the Tax Assessor's office and on the Town's web site. If you have already applied, there is no need to reapply. The exemption is now \$10,000.

**Veteran's Exemption:** A property owner may obtain a reduction in the valuation of their property if they are a veteran who was not dishonorably discharged and is over 62, or is an un-remarried widow/widower of a qualifying veteran. If the veteran is under 62 but is 100% disabled due to a service-connected disability, he/she might likewise qualify. Applications for these exemptions are available in the Assessor's Office, and on our web site.

**Important Notice:** The Maine Residents Property Tax and Rent Refund "Circuitbreaker" Program has been repealed as part of the enacted state budget for claims beginning on or after August 1, 2013.

The Circuitbreaker Program has been replaced by a refundable **Property Tax Fairness Credit** that can be claimed on the Maine Individual Income Tax Form. The new credit will be available beginning in January, 2014 on the 2013 Maine Individual Income Tax Form 1040ME. A worksheet will be included with Form 1040ME to help you figure out the amount of the credit.

Forms can be downloaded from the Maine Revenue Services web site at: <http://www.maine.gov/revenue/forms>. You may also call **207-624-7894** to request that a form be mailed to you.

**Tax Rate:** The tax rate has stayed fairly steady over the past several years. It did take a jump in FY 11, but this was because valuations had been reduced town wide.

FY 2007 - \$12.50	FY 2011 - \$15.15
FY 2008 - \$12.56	FY 2012 - \$15.20
FY 2009 - \$12.75	FY 2013 - \$15.45
FY 2010 - \$12.75	FY 2014 - \$15.85

## BY THE NUMBERS

**Cost to the median taxpayer:** \$18  
(includes abatements)

**Fact:** There are approximately 4,500 assessed parcels in town

**Employees:** 2 FTE

# TOWN CLERK

Another year has come to a close, and it is my pleasure to provide the following information regarding Town Clerk services:

## ELECTIONS

The Town Clerk supervised three elections during the fiscal year 2013-2014 in addition to staffing the RSU#5 Budget Meeting and the results are as follows:

### November 5, 2013 – State Referendum, RSU#5 Bond Referendum, and Municipal Election:

2,693 of 6,440 registered voters cast ballots, which is a 42% turnout. 334 of those ballots were absentee ballots. Voters elected the following individuals to municipal offices for three year terms: Councilor At-Large, James Hendricks; Councilor District 1, David S. Gleeson, Jr.; RSU#5 Board of Directors, Peter Murray and Valeria Steverlynck; Sewer District Trustees, Thomas Hudak and Garrett Simmons; and Water District Trustees Michael Ashby. The RSU#5 bond question to renovate Freeport High School passed overall. However, the RSU#5 bond question to construct a synthetic athletic field and track failed overall in all three towns (Freeport, Durham & Pownal), even though Freeport voters voted in favor of the project by a slim margin.

### December 17, 2013 – Special Referendum Election Regarding RSU Withdrawal:

1,721 of 6,387 registered voters cast ballots, which is a 27% turnout. 209 of those ballots were absentee ballots. Voters decided to move forward with the RSU withdrawal process and voted to authorize the Town Council to spend up to \$50,000 for that purpose.

### June 10, 2014 – State Primary & RSU#5 Budget Validation Election:

1,326 of 6,357 registered voters cast ballots, which is a 21% turnout. 152 of those ballots were absentee ballots. The overall RSU#5 vote with Durham & Pownal approved a \$27.2 million school budget for 2013-2014.

### Registered Voters (as of June 30, 2014): 6,364

I truly appreciate the dedication of our election team. The community spirit and teamwork is amazing, considering the volume of responsibilities that accompany undertaking an election. It is an honor to work amidst such great folks, and I look forward to continuing our work during the upcoming election season.

Please visit our website at [www.freeportmaine.com](http://www.freeportmaine.com) for information on how to register a dog or obtain hunting and fishing licenses online, as well as other information regarding elections and absentee voting, vital records, municipal licensing, and other services the Town Clerk's office provides to the citizens of Freeport.



**Tracey L. Stevens**  
Town Clerk &  
Voter Registrar



**Mary Howe**  
Deputy Town Clerk

## BY THE NUMBERS

**Cost to the median taxpayer: \$10**

**Fact:** 695 absentee ballots were processed

**Employees:** 1.75 FTE

### Vital Statistics

The Town Clerk registered the following vital statistics during the fiscal year 2013-2014:

76	Marriages
69	Births
118	Deaths
233	Burial Permits
705	Certified Copies Sold

### Municipal Licensing

The Town Clerk administered the following municipal licenses and permits during the fiscal year 2013-2014:

2	Automobile Junkyard Licenses
23	Catering Permits
3	Commercial Passenger Boat Licenses
3	Food Peddler Licenses on Public Property
24	Liquor Licenses
7	Special Amusement Permits
89	Victualer's Licenses
297	Hunting & Fishing Licenses
1,424	Dog Licenses
62	Commercial Shellfish Licenses
88	Recreational Shellfish Licenses

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# TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

## Tax Collector Report Outstanding 2013 Tax Liens as of June 30, 2014

BILL NAME	PROPERTY ID	BALANCE
AUMICK-BIETTE, CYNTHIA ANN	018-090-00K-000	\$1,747.35
BARHAM, MARIE S W	018-098-000-000	\$225.02
BATCHELDER, VERNA H	020-002-00A-000	\$806.95
BATCHELDER, VERNA H	020-002-00B-000	\$1,075.15
BATCHELDER, VERNA H	820-002-00A-000	\$207.74
BAXTER, EDITH D & PHILIP R	021-019-002-000	\$3,125.68
BEEBE, VERIAN L & HELEN	018-056-000-000	\$2,365.10
BODMAN JR, ERNEST D	817-028-F-N-014	\$340.15
BOLDUC DAVID	018-029-00B-000	\$985.19
BOLDUC, DAVID	018-029-00A-000	\$783.18
BOLDUC, DAVID A	018-029-000-000	\$3,067.98
BOLDUC, DAVID A	018-049-00G-000	\$1,261.87
BOLDUC, DAVID A	021-059-000-000	\$2,388.9
BREWER, ETHEL S	817-028-00C-0-9	\$150.02
BREWER, SCOTT S	019-053-00B-000	\$3,022.01
CARNEY, PATRICIA E	021-086-00B-000	\$1,709.81
CASEY, LINDA	817-028-00C-0-5	\$273.95
CHABOT, CONNIE V	019-076-00J-000	\$1,334.73
CHASE, LESTER	817-028-00C-0-4	\$212.83
CHIASSON, NICHOLAS	817-028-F-N-029	\$441.39
CIGRI, TINA	009-002-002-000	\$643.11
COGSWELL, ANNA K	018-049-00J-000	\$1,129.47
COLLINS, ROBERT EDWARD PR	022-060-000-000	\$2,351.64
CRONE, GARY R	021-088-00C-000	\$1,531.76
CROUSE, GARY E & BRENDA L	017-061-00H-000	\$1,151.93
D A B INC	018-026-000-000	\$4,415.76
DALY, DIANNE	026-035-000-000	\$2,220.93
DEHAHN, LAWRENCE & JUDY, HEIRS OF	020-059-000-000	\$490.52
DIPIETRO ASSOCIATES	017-055-000-000	\$5,240.73
DIPIETRO JR, LAWRENCE C	017-055-002-000	\$1,109.10
DIPIETRO, ANTONIO H	017-055-001-000	\$1,350.13
DURAND, CHARLES L	017-023-00A-000	\$1,311.57
FOSTER, JAMES L	818-093-000-000	\$175.49
GALLI, JUTTA	021-025-00B-000	\$861.92
GEROW, SUSAN B & GROSE, LELANI V	021-018-001-000	\$1,251.56
GILLIAM, MICHAL L	021-021-00B-000	\$1,112.38

GOLDRUP, JEFFREY	021-021-00C-000	\$2,079.15
GOODWIN, CHARLES	825-063-008-000	\$301.11
GRAHAM, ROBERT E, PR	018-031-000-000	\$209.44
GREEN, KAREN S & GARY S	026-017-00A-000	\$1,255.08
GRONDIN, FRANK	017-042-001-000	\$1,134.55
HARRIMAN, MICHAEL	018-090-00H-000	\$1,440.09
HARRIMAN, VALECIA	018-001-000-000	\$138.14
HOWARD, MICHAEL A & JAMES A	022-059-000-000	\$1,333.17
KIELY, EUGENE F	008-001-015-000	\$1,260.71
KOEHLING, GORDON A	021-012-003-000	\$2,001.96
LANDRY, BRADFORD	817-028-F-N-020	\$272.24
LANE, FREDERICK K, HEIRS OF	018-083-00C-000	\$593.06
LAPIERRE, STEPHANIE	017-077-001-000	\$673.37
LEASURE, DAVID D	023-041-014-000	\$11,714.60
LOST BOYZ LLC	019-044-00A-000	\$3,258.08
LOTHROP, LINWOOD, PR	018-052-000-000	\$1,187.18
LUNT-COLLARD, LAUREEN LEE	010-004-000-000	\$2,311.11
MAINES, GENEVA R	018-002-00A-000	\$2,229.29
MAINES, GENEVA R	018-002-00C-000	\$764.60
MOORE, LOIS ANN	018-053-00C-000	\$1,114.56
MORRISON, JEFFREY	017-014-00A-002	\$946.14
MORRISON, JEFFREY W	017-015-00B-002	\$857.87
MORRISON, JEFFREY W	021-084-000-000	\$1,397.66
MOULTON, KEITH	825-063-020-000	\$637.19
NORTON, BETTY JANE	022-019-000-000	\$2,555.33
O'HARA, TIMOTHY SCOTT	817-077-001-000	\$125.02
PEACOCK, DEANE	026-062-000-000	\$100.81
PROFENNO, SCOTT	018-049-00P-000	\$946.01
PUSHARD, WILLIAM L	008-005-000-000	\$1,574.20
PUSHARD, WILLIAM L	008-006-000-000	\$2,008.75
RL MORRISON EXCAVATING INC	021-084-00A-000	\$1,233.01
ROBINSON, CARLTON L HEIRS	002-043-000-000	\$5,091.34
ROGERS, KATHLEEN	017-078-00C-000	\$1,433.94
RUMERY, DAN E	012-038-00A-001	\$199.25
SALON FREEPORT LLC	013-022-00A-001	\$5,115.21
SKIFFINGTON, ENID CARLA	023-016-000-000	\$3,157.81
SOULE, CARLENE ANN	819-076-00F-001	\$117.66
VALADE JR, RONALD L	009-006-00C-052	\$56.69
WARD, MATTHEW	817-028-00F-N-4	\$196.61

## Outstanding Personal Property Tax as of June 30, 2014

YEAR	BILL NAME	BALANCE
2002	RINGS MARINE SERVICE INC	\$100.38
2003	RINGS MARINE SERVICE INC	\$477.67
2004	RINGS MARINE SERVICE INC	\$717.26
2005	RINGS MARINE SERVICE INC	\$774.45
2006	RINGS MARINE SERVICE INC	\$886.14
2006	SEYMOUR EXCAVATING	\$1,529.90
2007	FREEPORT INTEGRATED HEALTH CENTER	\$1,469.83
2007	FREEPORT TACK COMPANY	\$740.20
2007	RINGS MARINE SERVICE INC	\$767.24
2007	SEYMOUR EXCAVATING INC	\$1,586.15
2007	STONE HILL HOMES INC	\$818.23
2008	FREEPORT INTEGRATED HEALTH CENTER	\$1,531.22
2008	FREEPORT TACK COMPANY	\$772.64
2008	RINGS MARINE SERVICE INC	\$763.32
2008	SEYMOUR EXCAVATING INC	\$1,722.96
2008	STONE HILL HOMES INC	\$891.13
2009	FREEPORT INTEGRATED HEALTH CENTER	\$1,413.32
2009	FREEPORT TACK COMPANY	\$724.04

2009	RINGS MARINE SERVICE INC	\$699.95
2009	SEYMOUR EXCAVATING INC	\$1,548.56
2010	AU	\$446.83
2010	BOWDOIN MEDICAL GROUP	\$1,268.48
2010	DAB INC	\$1,284.70
2010	FREEPORT INTEGRATED HEALTH CENTER	\$1,190.29
2010	FREEPORT TACK COMPANY	\$652.37
2010	RINGS MARINE SERVICE INC	\$597.60
2010	SEYMOUR EXCAVATING INC	\$1,398.45
2011	ACCESSORIES UNLIMITED INC	\$906.96
2011	BENSON, JEFF DR	\$1,504.32
2011	BONIFARE, LAURIE	\$198.10
2011	BOTTLING GROUP LLC	\$6.56
2011	BOWDOIN, ROGER	\$111.93
2011	CASCO BAY MICRO LLC	\$17.24
2011	CASCO BAY PROPERTIES	\$18.81
2011	DAB INC	\$1,321.60
2011	FREEPORT TACK COMPANY INC	\$675.71
2011	HENDRICKS, JAMES A DC	\$1,141.99
2011	HILL STONE HOMES INC	\$9.62
2011	LUNT, LAWRENCE L	\$99.07

2011	MARTIN, NEIL	\$596.70
2011	MCDERMOTT, THOMAS J	\$34.04
2011	MEADE, KATHLEEN	\$590.75
2011	NADEAU, JACKLYN P	\$94.15
2011	PARKER, JAN & DESIMONE, HEATHER	\$6.22
2011	RINGS MARINE SERVICE INC	\$581.62
2011	SEYMOUR EXCAVATING INC	\$1,454.56
2011	SMUDGE LLC	\$239.83
2011	YOUNG, THOMAS	\$84.68
2012	AHP HOLDINGS	\$16.92
2012	BAKER, DALE M	\$22.61
2012	BENSON, JEFF DR	\$1,397.58
2012	CASCO BAY MICRO LLC	\$33.56
2012	CASCO BAY PROPERTIES	\$27.08
2012	DAB INC	\$1,243.29
2012	FREEPORT TACK COMPANY INC	\$107.96
2012	FRIENDLY ICE CREAM CORP	\$2,362.37
2012	FULLAGER, ERIC & ALI	\$239.23
2012	HENDRICKS, JAMES A DC	\$1,003.27
2012	HILL STONE HOMES INC	\$11.07
2012	HOWARD'S PULP & LOGGING INC	\$1,044.47
2012	JCL COMPANY	\$728.49
2012	JLC COMPANY	\$840.29
2012	LUNT, LAWRENCE L	\$94.98
2012	MARTIN, NEIL	\$569.41
2012	NADEAU, JACKLYN P	\$84.36
2012	PARKER, JAN & DESIMONE, HEATHER	\$249.93
2012	RINGS MARINE SERVICE INC	\$517.31
2012	SEYMOUR EXCAVATING INC	\$1,384.71
2012	SMUDGE LLC	\$14.19
2012	WEBSTER, LORIE	\$258.51
2012	YOUNG, THOMAS	\$84.49
2013	AHP HOLDINGS	\$17.04
2013	BAKER, DALE M	\$30.08
2013	BAKER, RANDALL CARPENTER	\$21.65
2013	CASCO BAY MICRO LLC	\$19.30
2013	CASCO BAY PROPERTIES	\$35.01
2013	CLAY MONEY INC	\$127.10
2013	DAB INC	\$1,219.94
2013	FALLS POINT MARINE INC	\$99.68
2013	FILE, PETER M DO	\$98.02
2013	FREEPORT KNIFE CO INC	\$5.69
2013	FREEPORT ROCKETS LLC	\$6.41
2013	FREEPORT TACK COMPANY INC	\$92.90
2013	HALDEMAN, JOHN GORDON	\$303.89
2013	HENDRICKS, JAMES A DC	\$907.55
2013	HILL STONE HOMES INC	\$12.59
2013	HL OPERATING CORP	\$1,140.29
2013	HOWARD'S PULP & LOGGING INC	\$4,836.85
2013	JLC COMPANY	\$706.72
2013	JLC COMPANY	\$796.89
2013	KAY CHEMICAL COMPANY	\$275.86
2013	KEN TONER INC	\$82.29
2013	LOVELL DESIGNS INC	\$201.55
2013	LUNT, LAWRENCE L	\$92.94
2013	MARTIN, NEIL	\$550.84
2013	NADEAU, JACKLYN P	\$84.75
2013	NNE CONFERENCE	\$53.71
2013	PARKER, JAN & DESIMONE, HEATHER	\$218.19
2013	PURDY, JAMES & JANE	\$19.20
2013	RINGS MARINE SERVICE INC	\$466.56
2013	SANGILLO, MARK	\$26.07
2013	SEA BAGS INC	\$794.60
2013	SEYMOUR EXCAVATING INC	\$1,973.32
2013	SMUDGE LLC	\$13.61
2013	SUMMER SHADES OF FREEPORT LLC	\$425.63
2013	TWO EPIC LLC	\$53.09
2013	VERVACIOUS LLC	\$425.80
2013	WARD, LYNNE M	\$17.04
2013	WASHO, MIKE	\$28.09

2013	WNEK, CHRIS DDS	\$6.59
2014	AMERICAN EAGLE OUTFITTERS	\$2,127.53
2014	AMERICAN TOWERS INC ME #10044	\$616.20
2014	ANASTOS, PETER & LOANES, PAUL	\$14.58
2014	BAKER, DALE M	\$14.33
2014	BOURGAIN, MARK	\$740.61
2014	CASCO BAY MICRO LLC	\$17.16
2014	CASCO BAY PROPERTIES	\$21.56
2014	CLAIRE MURRAY/ANB INTERNATIONAL	\$85.19
2014	CLAY MONEY INC	\$124.76
2014	CRONE, DONALD	\$76.75
2014	DAB INC	\$1,138.48
2014	DMX INC	\$38.98
2014	FALLS POINT MARINE INC	\$44.48
2014	FREEPORT TACK COMPANY INC	\$108.77
2014	FRESH BATCH LLC	\$171.75
2014	GUYETTE & SCHMIDT INC	\$9.16
2014	HALDEMAN, JOHN GORDON	\$274.73
2014	HENDRICKS, JAMES A DC	\$789.00
2014	HILL STONE HOMES INC	\$12.83
2014	HOWARD'S PULP & LOGGING INC	\$4,491.13
2014	JLC COMPANY	\$135.01
2014	JLC COMPANY	\$710.41
2014	JUDD, TOM DVM	\$163.66
2014	KAY CHEMICAL COMPANY	\$226.07
2014	LUNT, LAWRENCE L	\$83.79
2014	MAINE RSA #1 INC	\$741.44
2014	MARTIN, NEIL	\$487.62
2014	NADEAU, JACKLYN P	\$81.55
2014	NEXTEL COMM OF THE MIDATLANTIC INC	\$183.00
2014	NuCO2 SUPPLY LLC	\$77.09
2014	PACIFIC SUNWEAR STORES CORP	\$14.72
2014	PURDY, JAMES & JANE	\$17.19
2014	RINGS MARINE SERVICE INC	\$428.16
2014	ROSENGREN LANDSCAPING INC	\$426.35
2014	SEA BAGS INC	\$77.86
2014	SEYMOUR EXCAVATING INC	\$1,784.16
2014	SMUDGE LLC	\$13.00
2014	STONE, JOHN 'KIP'	\$11.34
2014	SULLIVAN, T KEVIN DMD	\$5.68
2014	SUMMER SHADES OF FREEPORT LLC	\$158.19
2014	VERVACIOUS LLC	\$390.11
2014	WASHO, MIKE	\$23.76
2014	WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING INC	\$183.89

#### Tax Acquired Property as of June 30, 2014

YEAR	BILL NAME	PROPERTY ID	BALANCE
1989	CURTIS ALICE	010015000000	\$3,314.28
1990	CURTIS ALICE	010015000000	\$3,633.57
1991	CURTIS ALICE	010015000000	\$4,116.65
1992	CURTIS ALICE	010015000000	\$4,104.03
1993	CURTIS ALICE	010015000000	\$3,594.66
1993	HILCO PROPERTY SERVICES, INC.	010013000000	\$7,001.39
1994	CARTER ROBERTA LYNN	81708700C000	\$240.66
1994	CURTIS ALICE	010015000000	\$3,697.04
1994	HILCO PROPERTY SERVICES, INC.	010013000000	\$7,196.84
1995	CARTER ROBERTA LYNN	81708700C000	\$522.36
1995	CURTIS ALICE	010015000000	\$3,668.52
1995	HILCO PROPERTY SERVICES, INC.	010013000000	\$7,145.64
1996	CARTER ROBERTA LYNN	81708700C000	\$592.26
1996	CURTIS ALICE	010015000000	\$3,747.77
1996	HILCO PROPERTY SERVICES, INC.	010013000000	\$7,300.67

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1997	CARTER ROBERTA LYNN	81708700C000	\$592.61
1997	COGSWELL ANNA K	01804900J000	\$1,052.98
1997	CURTIS ALICE	010015000000	\$3,613.25
1998	CARTER ROBERTA LYNN	81708700C000	\$583.74
1998	COGSWELL ANNA K	01804900J000	\$2,075.01
1998	CURTIS ALICE	010015000000	\$3,556.61
1999	CARTER ROBERTA LYNN	81708700C000	\$246.22
1999	COGSWELL ANNA K	01804900J000	\$1,591.42
1999	CURTIS ALICE	010015000000	\$3,160.83
2000	CARTER ROBERTA LYNN	81708700C000	\$228.85
2000	COGSWELL ANNA K	01804900J000	\$1,060.91
2000	CURTIS ALICE	010015000000	\$2,926.11
2001	CARTER ROBERTA LYNN	81708700C000	\$219.25
2001	COGSWELL ANNA K	01804900J000	\$1,672.44
2001	CURTIS ALICE	010015000000	\$3,097.70
2002	CARTER ROBERTA LYNN	81708700C000	\$236.06
2002	COGSWELL ANNA K	01804900J000	\$1,816.68
2002	CURTIS ALICE	010015000000	\$3,377.89
2003	CARTER ROBERTA LYNN	81708700C000	\$49.13
2003	COGSWELL ANNA K	01804900J000	\$1,580.82
2003	CURTIS ALICE	010015000000	\$2,842.58
2004	CARTER ROBERTA LYNN	81708700C000	\$49.05
2004	COGSWELL ANNA K	01804900J000	\$1,574.00
2004	CURTIS ALICE	010015000000	\$2,830.20
2005	CARTER ROBERTA LYNN	81708700C000	\$62.62
2005	COGSWELL ANNA K	01804900J000	\$1,484.40
2005	CURTIS ALICE	010015000000	\$2,655.62
2005	GRAHAM BEATRICE HEIRS OF	018031000000	\$118.72
2006	COGSWELL ANNA K	01804900J000	\$1,309.86
2006	CURTIS ALICE	010015000000	\$2,587.19
2006	DIPIETRO ANTONIO H	017055001000	\$1,534.01
2006	DIPIETRO LAWRENCE C JR	017055002000	\$1,258.76
2006	GRAHAM BEATRICE HEIRS OF	018031000000	\$224.89
2006	RUMERY DAN	01203800A001	\$1,460.13
2007	COGSWELL ANNA K	01804900J000	\$1,800.84
2007	CURTIS ALICE	010015000000	\$3,547.89
2007	DAN RUMERY	01203800A001	\$1,994.96
2007	DIPIETRO ANTONIO H	017055001000	\$2,186.75
2007	DIPIETRO LAWRENCE C JR	017055002000	\$1,796.18
2007	GRAHAM BEATRICE HEIRS OF	018031000000	\$336.78
2008	BATCHELDER, VERNA H	02000200B000	\$481.52
2008	COGSWELL, ANNA K	01804900J000	\$1,762.06
2008	CURTIS, ALICE	010015000000	\$3,471.39
2008	DIPIETRO JR, LAWRENCE C	017055002000	\$1,757.48
2008	DIPIETRO, ANTONIO H	017055001000	\$2,139.62
2008	GRAHAM, BEATRICE (HEIRS OF)	018031000000	\$329.57
2008	RUMERY, DAN E	01203800A001	\$1,951.98
2009	BATCHELDER, VERNA H	02000200B000	\$1,550.23
2009	COGSWELL, ANNA K	01804900J000	\$1,604.32
2009	CURTIS, ALICE	010015000000	\$2,815.13
2009	DIPIETRO JR, LAWRENCE C	017055002000	\$1,600.16
2009	DIPIETRO, ANTONIO H	017055001000	\$1,947.58
2009	GRAHAM, BEATRICE (HEIRS OF)	018031000000	\$301.98
2009	RUMERY, DAN E	01203800A001	\$1,776.99
2010	BATCHELDER, VERNA H	02000200B000	\$1,343.46
2010	COGSWELL, ANNA K	01804900J000	\$1,390.25
2010	DALY, DIANNE	026035000000	\$1,569.54
2010	DAVIS JR, WILLIAM S	018052000000	\$1,483.82
2010	DIPIETRO ASSOCIATES	017055000000	\$6,367.07
2010	DIPIETRO JR, LAWRENCE C	017055002000	\$1,386.64
2010	DIPIETRO, ANTONIO H	017055001000	\$1,687.18
2010	GEROW, SUSAN B	021018001000	\$817.08
2010	GRAHAM, BEATRICE (HEIRS OF)	018031000000	\$263.66

2010	PEACOCK, DEANE	026062000000	\$96.56
2010	ROBINSON, CARLTON L HEIRS	002043000000	\$83.73
2010	RUMERY, DAN E	01203800A001	\$1,539.61
2011	BATCHELDER, VERNA H	82000200A000	\$129.08
2011	BATCHELDER, VERNA H	02000200A000	\$858.84
2011	BATCHELDER, VERNA H	02000200B000	\$1,209.22
2011	COGSWELL, ANNA K	01804900J000	\$1,269.59
2011	DALY, DIANNE	026035000000	\$2,671.27
2011	DAVIS JR, WILLIAM S	018052000000	\$1,556.34
2011	DIPIETRO ASSOCIATES	017055000000	\$5,917.98
2011	DIPIETRO JR, LAWRENCE C	017055002000	\$1,246.95
2011	DIPIETRO, ANTONIO H	017055001000	\$1,514.84
2011	GEROW, SUSAN B	021018001000	\$1,397.88
2011	GRAHAM, BEATRICE (HEIRS OF)	018031000000	\$247.08
2011	GREEN, KAREN SUE	02601700A000	\$1,409.20
2011	PEACOCK, DEANE	026062000000	\$126.35
2011	ROBINSON, CARLTON L HEIRS	002043000000	\$5,278.63
2011	RUMERY, DAN E	01203800A001	\$1,382.78
2012	BATCHELDER, VERNA H	82000200A000	\$220.71
2012	BATCHELDER, VERNA H	02000200A000	\$849.51
2012	BATCHELDER, VERNA H	02000200B000	\$1,130.97
2012	COGSWELL, ANNA K	01804900J000	\$1,187.96
2012	DALY, DIANNE	026035000000	\$2,333.34
2012	DAVIS JR, WILLIAM S	018052000000	\$1,248.53
2012	DIPIETRO ASSOCIATES	017055000000	\$5,577.08
2012	DIPIETRO JR, LAWRENCE C	017055002000	\$1,166.58
2012	DIPIETRO, ANTONIO H	017055001000	\$1,419.54
2012	GEROW, SUSAN B	021018001000	\$1,309.10
2012	GRAHAM, BEATRICE (HEIRS OF)	018031000000	\$222.49
2012	GREEN, KAREN SUE	02601700A000	\$1,319.77
2012	GRONDIN, FRANK	017042001000	\$1,193.31
2012	HARRIMAN, VALECIA	018001000000	\$147.69
2012	PEACOCK, DEANE	026062000000	\$108.50
2012	ROBINSON, CARLTON L HEIRS	002043000000	\$4,867.39
2012	RUMERY, DAN E	01203800A001	\$1,294.84

## Outstanding Tax Liens Prior to 2012 as of June 30, 2014

YEAR	BILL NAME	PROPERTY ID	BALANCE
1990	FOSTER JAMES L	818093000000	\$256.39
1991	FOSTER JAMES L	818093000000	\$298.03
1993	FOSTER JAMES L	818093000000	\$172.72
1994	FOSTER JAMES L	818093000000	\$183.25
1995	FOSTER JAMES L	818093000000	\$219.74
1996	FOSTER JAMES L	818093000000	\$225.50
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2000	FOSTER JAMES L	818093000000	\$202.00
2001	FOSTER JAMES L	818093000000	\$205.27
2002	FOSTER JAMES L	818093000000	\$220.87
2003	FOSTER JAMES L	818093000000	\$218.61
2004	FOSTER JAMES L	818093000000	\$217.78
2005	FOSTER JAMES L	818093000000	\$219.96
2006	FOSTER JAMES L	818093000000	\$254.95
2007	FOSTER JAMES L	818093000000	\$283.00
2008	FOSTER JAMES L	818093000000	\$276.96
2009	FOSTER JAMES L	818093000000	\$254.11
2010	FOSTER JAMES L	818093000000	\$214.54
2011	FOSTER JAMES L	818093000000	\$209.36
2012	FOSTER JAMES L	818093000000	\$186.87

# FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Welcome to the Finance Department! The Department is responsible for all property and excise tax collection for 4,500 real property and 500 personal property accounts, processing vehicle registrations, weekly payroll for the Town's 60 full-time and 100 part-time employees, paying all of the Town's weekly invoices and billing for any receivables. In addition, the Department is in charge of the Town's information technology needs.

The Department is also responsible for all cash reconciliation and investing the Town's funds to ensure proper cash flow and maximum security and liquidity. The Finance Director works closely with the Town Manager on the budget process, and is responsible for the annual estimate of revenue and preparing a balanced budget, in addition to preparing the financial statements and all subsequent notes and schedules. This was the Town's second year with new auditing firm Runyon, Kersteen, Ouellette from South Portland. Several important financial statements are located at the end of this annual report. Please visit the Town's website or offices for full financial statements.

Many of the services we offer, including re-registrations for automobiles, trailers, ATVs, snowmobiles and boats can be done online; please visit [www.freeportmaine.com](http://www.freeportmaine.com). If any member of the public has questions regarding the Finance Department, please call the Finance Director at **865-4743 ext 115**.



(From l-r:) Diane Hutchinson, Todd Reynolds, Debbie Reeder, Abbe Yacoben (Finance Director)

**Real Estate and Personal Property Tax information:** is now available online. Taxpayers can view their current year's tax information without having to wait in line or call the Town Hall. Property tax data can be found under the online services tab of the Town's website. Or by using: <https://freeportmaine.munisselfservice.com>.

## BY THE NUMBERS

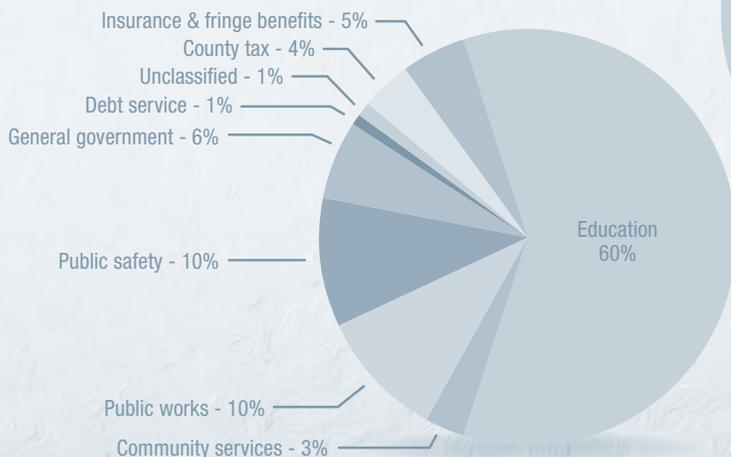
**Cost to the median taxpayer: \$34**

**Fact:** About 8,416 vehicle registration transactions are processed annually

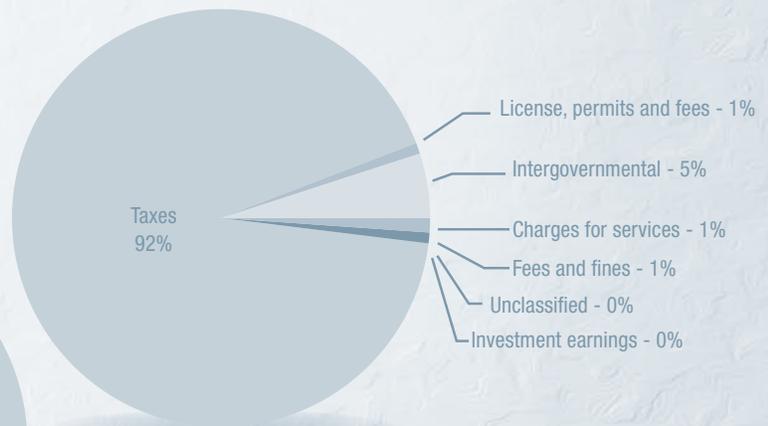
**Employees: 4.33 FTE**



### General Fund Expenditures



### General Fund Revenue



# CODES ENFORCEMENT

## BY THE NUMBERS

**Cost to the median taxpayer: \$8**  
(includes Board of Appeals)

**Fact:** 51 housing units were permitted

**Employees:** 1 FTE



**Fred Reeder**  
Codes Enforcement Officer

New residential construction in Freeport remained steady this year with a total of 51 new residential units permitted; this was identical to the past fiscal year but slightly below the average of 54 units per year. Forty-four permits were issued for single family houses; down from 45 permits the previous year. This was a significant increase over two years ago but one of the department's top permitting years since 2000. *Details can be observed in the graph below.*

The number of permits issued for new commercial construction remained the same with only four permits being issued. This was another slow year for new commercial growth, which could in part be due to the low vacancy rates in the retail area of Freeport Village. There were still, however, a few larger construction projects underway, including the LL Bean Outdoor Discovery Center and the tenant fit-up for The LOFT.

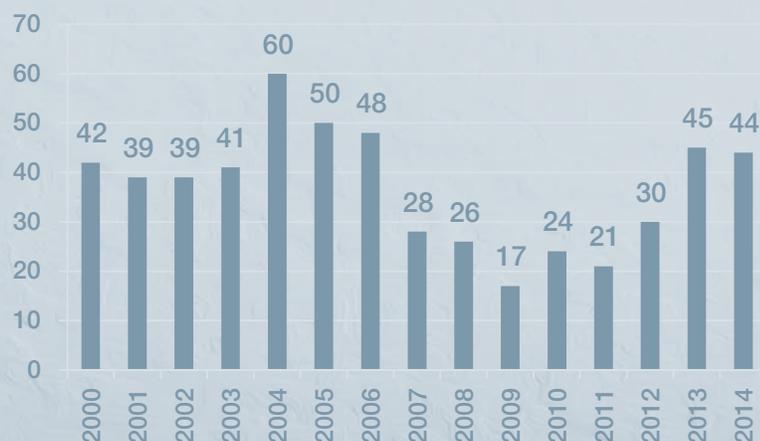
The Town has standards for accessory apartments and a permit is required for the construction of these units. One permit for an accessory apartment was issued this year. If you are interested in putting in an accessory apartment, a copy of the regulations can be obtained at the Codes Office at Town Hall or on the Town's website. The Town may see more permits for various types of apartment units over the next few years, as some standards have changed which makes it easier to construct units in existing buildings.

The Board of Appeals had a busier year with more requests. There were 16 setback reduction/variance requests and again, five mis-located building appeals.

The 2009 Shoreland Zoning changes are still in effect and the way the shore setback is measured varies by property. If you live in the Shoreland Zone, including in any stream protection areas, or are not sure, please stop by the Town Office or visit the Town's website to obtain a copy of the regulations to see if these changes affected your property. In addition, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) preliminary flood insurance rate maps have been published and a copy has been delivered to the Town Office for review by the public. We encourage all property owners near a water body to stop by and see if changes are proposed on their property.

As a reminder, since December 2010 we have been enforcing the 2009 building codes as mandated and amended by the State of Maine. Forms and information on the current codes are available on the Codes Enforcement page of the Town's web site at [www.freeportmaine.com](http://www.freeportmaine.com). As always, we encourage you to contact our office prior to starting a construction project of any size.

**Single Family Units Permitted**  
(Per Fiscal Year)



# PLANNING DEPARTMENT

The Planning Department is always looking for ways to make Freeport a great place to live, work, and play.

The Planning Department serves a variety of functions for the Town of Freeport. The Department provides assistance to the Project Review Board, the Staff Review Board, and the Planning Board. In addition to those traditional tasks, the Planning Department also writes and administers grants, oversees energy consumption for town-owned buildings, and completes a variety of special projects on an as needed basis. The Department staff is always available to help residents and business owners understand local codes and ordinances and how they relate to their property.

During fiscal year 2014, the Project Review Board reviewed the following commercial and residential development applications; 13 Design Review Certificates, 14 Site Plan Amendments, three Site Plans, one Temporary Activity Permit, one residential subdivision, and one residential subdivision amendment. The largest project approved was a 7,200 square foot building for LL Bean at the Outdoor Discovery Center on Marietta Lane. The Board approved a 6,300 square foot building for Moser Properties on Main Street and a new 2,800 square foot building which will be used by Hughes Inc (arborist) on Route One South. In regards to residential projects, the Board approved plans for a 14-lot open space subdivision on Baker Road which resulted in the creation of about 27 acres of open space. The land was ultimately donated to the Town of Freeport and incorporated into the Town of Freeport's Florida Lake property. There are two other residential development proposals that are currently under review by the Board.

The Staff Review Board reviews small development proposals. This Board was created to help expedite the review and approval of smaller commercial expansions and new business proposals. In the past year, the Board reviewed a total of two projects; one for a change of use for a new dance studio and the other for a small addition at an existing business.

The Planning Board continued their work of implementing the Comprehensive Plan which was adopted by the Town Council in 2011. The Board reviewed the rules and regulations for the Route One North area and recommended changes with significant input from people living and owning businesses in the area. Sustain Southern Maine, a regional planning project, completed a pilot project on the Porters Landing Area. The Board reviewed and supported the 2014 Active Living Plan. Keith McBride, FEDC Executive Director made a presentation on that organization's VISION 2025.

A number of special projects were started and/or completed. For example, the first unit of the Habitat for Humanity 8-unit housing development on West Street became occupied. The Department worked with Portland METRO to establish bus service between Portland and Freeport. A planning process was started to engage the public on how the skating area at Leon Gorman Park should be reused. That discussion will continue into the next year. The town was awarded a grant from the Community Development Block Grant program to complete energy assessment and air sealing on 75 low income homes. The work will begin in upcoming fiscal year. The Town Planner served as the Vice-Chair of the Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation System (PACTS) and as such, is active in planning for regional transportation projects. A study that monitored Freeport clam flats was completed in the summer of 2013.

In the next fiscal year the Department will be engaging with residents and business owners in anticipation of the Portland METRO expansion to Freeport. The Department will continue to look for ways to decrease energy consumption and increase the use of renewable energy resources. The Department will also start evaluating town-owned open spaces, how they are used, what types of maintenance they need and what improvements are needed. As always, grants will be prepared as they become available.



**Donna Larson**  
AICP, Town Planner



**Caroline Pelletier**  
Assistant to the Town Planner

## BY THE NUMBERS

**Cost to the median taxpayer: \$14**

**Fact:** 498 acres of open space were preserved through subdivision projects since 2002

**Employees: 2 FTE**

# FREEPORT COMMUNITY LIBRARY

## BY THE NUMBERS

**Cost to the median taxpayer:** \$41

**Fact:** 121,910 items were borrowed this year

**Employees:** 9.3 FTE

Our library is a busy place. The summer reading program, sponsored by LL Bean, had over 400 children participating, reading over 5,300 books. The summer program helps children keep up their reading skills over the summer and expands their love of reading. Every week, new and accomplished readers come in to tally their reading charts. In addition to reading, Julie Yeo led three craft projects called Gnomes and Fairies, Crowns and Wands and Farm Animals. Other programs included Spark's Ark, therapy dogs who love being read to and a family movie series. Special thanks go to the Freeport Elders who sewed over 500 small bags for the program. They have been very loyal volunteers for many summers.

We have completed another year with SOLAR, the interlibrary loan system where a patron can get any book from around the state by making a request to a librarian at the library. This has increased our interlibrary loan circulation four times. In the coming year, we will be gaining entry into Minerva which will allow patrons to do their own requesting and having the materials delivered to our library for pickup without going through a librarian request. This transition has required us to re-barcode the entire collection of 53,000 items. We extend much appreciation to some very loyal volunteers for all their help in achieving this goal.

The library continues to host its own monthly reading group. Pam Blake has continued a writers group which has met during the summer allowing members to share their work to healthy criticism and support. Our afternoon movie series has been a great success showing classic and new releases twice a month.

We no longer have only one way to enjoy literature or gather information. Downloading content from our website, [www.freeportlibrary.com](http://www.freeportlibrary.com) to your e-reader, or computer is ever more popular and accessible. In some cases, people like to both listen and read. Our public computers and Wi-Fi have been upgraded giving everyone even better access to the internet.

All these new features haven't replaced our focus on being a center for adult students, young people after school, families, homeschoolers, people working online, genealogy researchers, visitors using the public computers and Wi-Fi, newspaper readers, people sending faxes, getting state and federal tax forms or copying documents as well as patrons circulating adult books, children's books, magazines, DVDs and audiobooks.

Our priority remains having our library be a welcoming place for everyone who walks through the doors, both real and virtual, seeking information of all kinds.



Front Row (l to r): Joanne Libby, Robin Lowell, Beth Edmonds (Director), Arlene Arris;  
Back Row (l to r): Belinda Stewart, Elaine Schmidt, Holly Elliott, Vicki Lowe, Mary Lehmer;  
Missing: Lynn Bower, Maryalyn Dennison, Kim McClelland, and Lisa Evans.

*"A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life."*

*~ Henry Ward Beecher*

# REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #5

Dear Citizens,

The communities of Durham, Freeport, and Pownal are deeply committed to developing effective schools that are a source of pride to parents and citizens. Teachers, staff members, children, parents, and volunteers work together to insure a strong academic program, one we are constantly striving to make even better. It is a pleasure to work with the RSU5 community and to submit this report to the citizens of Durham, Freeport, and Pownal for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

## *Our Mission*

To provide our students with a world-class education that will challenge minds, engage creativity, develop self-discipline, and advance inherent strengths.

Our schools are ready to embark on this mission with the support of our families and the larger community. We invite you to participate through volunteer efforts, attendance at school events, or by just joining us for lunch at one of our schools. Our mission will be accomplished only with your participation and support, so please find a way to be involved that fits your unique skills and schedule. I'm confident you will benefit as much as our students!

Each of the towns in RSU5 is fortunate to have concerned and involved citizens participating in shaping and governing the RSU. I am grateful to the elected officials, parents, and other involved citizens for their efforts this past year on behalf of all of our children. Our Board of Director members representing Durham are Candace Decsipkes, John Ricker (for the term ending April, 2014) and Michelle Ritcheson; members representing Freeport are Nelson Larkins, John Morang, Peter Murray, Beth Parker, Valeria Steverlynck and Karin VanNostrand; members representing Pownal are Kathryn Brown and Naomi Ledbetter. They work together as a strong team to set policies that promote the best and most cost effective educational program for our students. We are fortunate to have community members who are willing to commit the time and energy to move our schools forward.

The RSU also provides programs to serve the community through the Adult, Recreation and Community Education department. These initiatives are centered around both youth and adults. Programs include the Laugh and Learn Childcare Program, The PORT Teen Center, adult enrichment classes, and youth recreation programs.

I am also grateful to our parent groups, athletic boosters, other organizations, volunteers and community members whose efforts enhance the educational opportunities offered to our students. We have unlimited potential and I am pleased to be a part of RSU5's unique educational community.

Sincerely,

William J. Michaud  
RSU5 Superintendent of Schools

## BY THE NUMBERS

**Cost to the median taxpayer:** \$2,618

## Regional School Unit Principals

Morse Street School  
Tom Ambrose  
865-6361

Pownal Elementary School  
Lisa Demick  
688-4832

Mast Landing School  
Beth Willhoite  
865-4561

Durham Community School  
Will Pidden  
353-9333

Freeport Middle School  
Ray Grogan  
865-6051

Freeport High School  
Brian Campbell  
865-4706

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# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## BY THE NUMBERS

**Cost to the median taxpayer:** \$122  
(includes Public Safety reception/dispatch)

**Fact:** There were 10,293 calls for service this year

**Employees:** 16.8 FTE  
(not including Brunswick dispatch)

**Chief of Police**  
Gerald B. Schofield

**Lieutenant**  
Susan B. Nourse

**Sergeants**  
John D. Perrino  
Nathaniel Goodman

**Patrol Officers**  
Michael K. McManus  
Paul E. Chenevert  
Paul A. Powers  
Gino Bianchini  
Thomas V. Gabbard  
Matthew W. Moorhouse

Keith E. Norris  
Michael Raymond  
Nathan Leger

**Reserve Officers**  
Jason Bartlett  
Cheryl Dupuis

**Marine Warden**  
Tom Kay

**Receptionists**  
Amy O'Neil  
Terry Valcourt

**Secretary**  
Gabrielle N. Tilton

At the end of Fiscal Year 2013 the Police Department instituted its first K-9 program based upon local donations. In November 2014 Officer Matthew Moorhouse and K-9 "Cassie" successfully completed the first phase of their training. This first phase of the training certifies our K-9 Team to make criminal apprehensions, conduct building searches and locate missing persons. This spring the K-9 team began their second phase of training for locating illegal drugs.

During this fiscal period, the Police Department received various grants from the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety to conduct various programs to promote occupant and highway safety. The Department used these funds to conduct a series of seat belt enforcement details and speed enforcement details.

The Police Department also received other funds to prevent underage drinking. The Department used these funds to conduct compliance checks on our local retail stores and restaurants to assure they are properly checking ID's and not selling to underage people. Other portions of the funds were used to sponsor several educational programs.

During this fiscal year two officers left the department. Officer Brandon Paxton left our employment after five years to return to his home state of Missouri. Officer Jarod Verrill left our employment to join a neighboring police agency. I would like to thank both of these men for their service to the Freeport Police Department. We have hired two excellent officers to fill these vacancies. Officer Michael Raymond came to us with several years of police experience from the Farmington Police Department. Officer Nathan Leger joined us after serving eight years in the U.S. Coast Guard.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the citizens of the Town of Freeport, the business community, the town administrators and the elected officials for their continued support. We offer a wide variety of safety programs. Please contact us if you would like a member of the Department to speak with your organization. Also, if you have any comments on how we can better serve the community, please contact us.

Police Department Statistics	2014	2013	2012
Arrests	252	241	465
Accidents	316	278	303
Traffic Summons & Warnings	2493	2715	2550

NOTE: Developed using the fiscal calendar: July - June



(l to r): Tom Kay, Nathan Leger, Keith Norris, Thomas Gabbard, Paul Powers, Michael McManus, John Perrino, Gerald Schofield, Susan Nourse, Nathaniel Goodman, Paul Chenevert, Gino Bianchini, Matthew Moorhouse (with Canine Cassie), Michael Raymond, Rick Ray, and Jason Bartlett

# FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT

The Freeport Fire/Rescue Department is a combination department made up of career, per-diem, and call force personnel on duty 24 hours a day at the station, 7 days a week.

We responded to **2,790** calls for service this past fiscal year. These calls included motor vehicle accidents, emergency medical calls, non-emergency transfer calls, structure fires, alarm soundings at commercial locations, downed wires along with many other calls for service. This total gave us an average of 7.6 calls for service per day. Our community experienced a property loss of \$819,300 this year from emergency incidents.

All of our members spend their time responding to calls for service, and also received 2,929.50 hours training to maintain licenses and certifications, refreshed operations of all of our equipment and apparatus, as well as mandatory requirements.

Our staff is available and regularly provides EMS and Fire protection services at local events including road races, bike races, high school football games, fireworks, triathlons, large public events including concerts and dances. Please call our business office at **865-3421** to schedule well in advance if you need them for an event you are hosting. There are fees for many of these services.

The Department provides Fire Prevention Programs for the schools and daycares during fire prevention week, tours of the building and apparatus, fire extinguisher training and CPR classes to local businesses and residents at their location or here at the station. Please call our business office to schedule your event.

Freeport continues to be recognized as a **“HeartSafe Community”** as we are able to respond to cardiac calls with well trained emergency medical providers who determine the critical needs of chest pain patients and recommend a hospital for more advanced cardiac care. The Department continues to partner within our community by promoting the placement of Automatic External Defibrillators (AED’s) in public assemblies such as the YMCA and schools. Currently our fleet of ambulances and fire apparatus all have AED’s in place. Studies show the most important first care for a person who suffers from a cardiac arrest is to recognize the event and begin quality CPR and AED use. This has the most impact of success for a positive outcome. Our staff continues to increase their ability to provide specialized care with license upgrades. Currently we anticipate three members becoming paramedics by fall 2014, following completion of a yearlong program of study.

**The Public Safety building office hours are 8am to 4pm, seven days a week. Burning permits may be obtained and other related business may be conducted during these hours.** We continue to receive excellent dispatch services from the Brunswick Communication Center.

A tremendous need exists to increase call force personnel here at Freeport Fire Rescue. If you have an interest in serving our community, please stop by the station for an application or visit our website at [www.freeportfirerescue.com](http://www.freeportfirerescue.com) or **“Like” our facebook page Freeport Fire Rescue**

In closing I would like to thank our fire and rescue staff, both call and career, for providing excellent service to our community and surrounding areas. Feel free to stop by anytime and visit our station and see how we operate. We welcome the public any time!



**Darrel G. Fournier**  
Chief

## Deputy Chiefs

Paul Conley  
Raymond E. Smith (retired 1/1/14)  
Eric Sylvain

## Captains

Rick Pierce  
Karen Cassidy  
Jason Cass

## Lieutenants

Corey Sloat  
Ken Coslet  
Jeremiah Rumery  
Tom Bull  
Richard Hogue  
Alan Boucher  
Nick Jewett  
Jonas St John

## Maintenance

Brent Moon

## Office Staff

Sarah Cass  
Kelly Stowell  
Susan Campbell  
Amy O’Neil  
Tracy Hanna

## Career Firefighter Paramedics

Toni Seymour, Gary Lane and Steve Roy

## BY THE NUMBERS

**Cost to the median taxpayer: \$80**

**Fact:** 428 structure fire responses in Freeport and 1064 emergency EMS calls this year

**Employees:** 13.5 FTE emergency services / 11 FTE non-emergency services

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# GENERAL ASSISTANCE



**Johanna Hanselman**  
General Assistance  
Administrator

## Freeport Heating Assistance Fund

Donations can be made to:

Freeport Heating  
Assistance Fund  
30 Main Street  
Freeport, Maine 04032

## BY THE NUMBERS

**Cost to the median taxpayer:** \$10

**Fact:** 60 households were granted assistance from the Heating Assistance Fund

**Employees:** 1 FTE

The General Assistance Program is a State mandated, municipally administered financial assistance program. It was designed to be the program of “last resort” for residents of the community who are unable to provide for their basic needs (e.g. food, shelter, fuel, electricity). The Town of Freeport serves as the **Regional General Assistance Office** for residents from the towns of **Freeport and Yarmouth**. Appointments to apply for general assistance can be made by contacting the Freeport General Assistance Office (**865-4743 x120**).

This office continues to see many Freeport residents requesting assistance for the very first time. With some of the recent changes to the program, many in need are now over the income guidelines for the General Assistance Program, such as those on unemployment, social security or those reliant on minimum-wage incomes. In an effort to assist persons not qualifying for assistance but unable to afford the high cost of heating, the Town of Freeport established a **Heating Assistance Fund** which is funded through both public and private sources and administered through the General Assistance Office. Through the generosity of our local citizens and businesses, almost \$20,000.00 in emergency heating fuel was awarded. Donations continue to be accepted and will be used to assist people in need during the 2014-2015 and future heating seasons.

In addition to providing emergency financial assistance with heating fuel, the town has developed programs to help reduce the overall costs of heating homes from year to year. This office organized a public educational energy workshop –“ How to get through another Maine winter” which provided participants with practical information on how to improve the heating efficiency of homes and vehicles, as well as information on various financial incentive programs that help with weatherization, energy projects and where to get help if it is needed during the winter. Many local businesses and organizations contributed their time and resources to this event. In conjunction with Habitat for Humanity, the Town enabled two households to complete various weatherization projects to reduce heating costs. Additionally, the town applied and received a grant for an Energy Conservation Project which the Town Planner and General Assistance Director will implement beginning in August of 2014. The project’s goal is to improve the efficiency of 75 low/moderate single family homes by providing an energy audit with air sealing.

The Town is also fortunate to have the ability to provide financial assistance to Freeport residents with hospital expenses, prescription drugs, physician visits and dental emergencies through money generated from the **Gould and Davis Trust funds**. Over \$3,200 was awarded to 42 Freeport individuals for financial help with medical expenses during the past fiscal year. Applications for these funds are available through this office and Freeport residents are eligible based on financial need.

I am pleased to announce that this past year also saw the implementation of a new **Emergency Rental Assistance Program**. The Emergency Rental Assistance Fund is a collaboration between the Freeport Housing Trust (FHT) and the Town of Freeport to help prevent lower income renters from becoming homeless when a documented, non-preventable emergency has caused the applicant’s housing situation to be in jeopardy and all other assistance programs have been exhausted. FHT donated \$12,000 to establish this Fund to be administered by the Freeport General Assistance Office. This program is being done on a trial basis and will be reviewed mid-year. Two households which were on the verge of becoming homeless were assisted through this program during FY2014.

I would like to take this opportunity to express how fortunate Freeport is to have so many dedicated individuals, businesses and organizations which work together to offer services to Freeport residents, including Town employees, Freeport Community Services, Freeport Housing Trust, local clergy, school personnel, senior citizen representatives, and police personnel.

# HUMAN SERVICE AGENCIES

## BY THE NUMBERS

### Human Service Agencies which Received Municipal Funding in FY 2014

Cost to the median taxpayer: \$4

Agency Information	Services Offered	# Freeport Residents Served Annually	FY2014 Support
Freeport Community Services PO Box 119, Freeport 865-3985	Food Pantry; financial assistance (gas, heat, school supplies, camp scholarships, cmp, clothing) referral and information; transportation for medical appointments; free community lunch; community center with public meeting space, etc.	varies by program	\$21,000.00
Port Teen Center 17 West St, Freeport 865-6171	Teen center, special events, educational opportunities	231	\$7,500.00
Freeport Elders 53 Depot St, Freeport 865-3985 x 219	Senior center, fitness programs, information & education programs, community support, trips	500	\$5,000.00
Freeport Childcare PO Box 225, Freeport 865-3985 x215	Information & services to families seeking child care; training & support for child care providers; Read to succeed; LIHEAP applications	varies by program	\$4,000.00
Freeport Dental Program - Alta Dental 348 US Route One, Freeport 865-1900	Routine dental care, fluoride & sealants, restorative work for school age children	17	\$1,800.00
Home Health 15 Industrial Park Road, Saco 284-4769	Home health care visits, maternal & child health visits, community health & wellness clinics	86	\$1,000.00
Agency on Aging 136 US Route 1, Scarborough 396-6500	Meals on Wheels, Maine Senior Games, information and resources, health insurance counseling, etc.	190	\$500.00
American Red Cross 2401 Congress St, Portland 874-1192	Disaster relief (housing, food, clothing, medicine)	based on disasters	\$500.00
Family Crisis PO Box 704, Portland 767-4952	Prevention education; individual and court advocacy services	28	\$500.00
Regional Transportation 127 St. John St, Portland 774-2666	Transportation for elderly, disabled & low-income residents	55	\$500.00
Sexual Assault Response PO Box 1371, Portland 828-1035	24 hour crisis & support line, Sexual Assault Response team, support groups, education programs	9	\$500.00
Woodfords Family Services PO Box 1768, Portland 878-9663	Community case management for children & adults with developmental disabilities; education & training, peer support groups	8	\$400.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$43,200.00</b>

\* Please note: The above information was self-reported by the respective agencies during the budgeting process.

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# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

## BY THE NUMBERS

**Cost to the median taxpayer:** \$163

**Fact:** Total snow accumulation of approximately 91 inches

**Employees:** 11.67 FTE

## Did You Know:

During winter each resident is allowed two (2) 5-gallon buckets of sand per storm. The sand location for residents is at the Silver Bullet location on Hunter Road.

The Public Works Department would like to recognize the retirement of Douglass Moore this year. Doug served as a mechanic, then as equipment operator for a total of 30 years for the Town of Freeport. He was extremely dedicated to his job, always going the extra mile, and will certainly be missed by the crew and the Town. We wish Doug nothing but the best! Public Works would also like to welcome William (Kelly) Gorham as our new equipment operator. Kelly comes to us with significant experience working for public works. His skills will greatly enhance our department and we are happy to have him as part of our team.

**Capital Improvement Projects:** This year Public Works completed the final overlay of West Street. We also repaired the road drainage issues on Torrey Hill Range Road as part of the reconstruction and full depth pavement project on that road. Public Works installed a raised speed table on South Freeport Road at the Soule School. The roof on the Public Works salt shed was replaced as well as the deteriorated roof on the Pine Street Cemetery vault.

**Capital Equipment Purchased:** 2014 dump truck with plow, 2013 pickup truck with plow, and an additional sidewalk plow (2012).

**Road Paving Projects:** The following is a list of roads paved this fiscal year: Lambert Road, Desert Road and Old County Road (from Webster Road to the Yarmouth town line). We also began drainage rehab work on Beech Hill Road.

**Road and Street Cross Culvert Replacements:** The replacement and upgrade of driveway/drainage culverts is always an ongoing project for our department.

**Road and Street Maintenance:** Roadside mowing, seasonal striping, street sweeping and drainage maintenance of our town roads are tasks we complete on an annual basis.

**Winter Season:** The town had 41 snow storms this year. We used 1,920.15 yards of road salt, 1,573.75 yards of winter sand and 9,603.25 gallons of road surface treatment.

I would like to compliment our Department for doing an outstanding job on our construction projects, maintenance projects and winter snow removal operations. This winter was another challenging one, with many back-to-back snow storms lasting 2-3 days. We certainly have a great staff! Many thanks also go out to the other departments, the Town Council and the citizens of Freeport for their continued support of the Public Works Department. Thank you!

Front: Earl Gibson (Superintendent of Public Works),  
Middle Row (l to r): William Gorham, Jeremiah Rumery,  
Robert Bradley, Tammy Morrissey & Connie Swartz Back  
Row (l to r): David Wormwood, Daniel Libby, Jeffrey  
Goldrup, David Osgood, Albert Presgraves  
(Town Engineer) & Howard Dyer.  
Missing: Douglass Moore, Peter Milliken.



# SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING

As many of you know, recycling saves money for the Town by avoiding disposal costs at ecomaine (the waste-to-energy facility in Portland where the Town's waste goes) which reduces disposal costs for taxpayers. To help make recycling easier for residents, there are five "Silver Bullet" containers placed around town (West Street, Wardtown Road, Hunter Road, South Freeport Road and the Recycling Center on Hedgehog Mountain Road). In addition to utilizing the drop-off locations, residents are encouraged to take their recyclables to the Recycling Center where corrugated cardboard, mixed paper, and #2 clear plastic are processed and sold to earn revenue for the Town.

In an effort to further reduce disposal costs, the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee focused its efforts on encouraging residents to engage in home composting. Organic waste is heavy due to its high moisture content, resulting in high disposal costs as fees are assessed by weight. This wet waste is also not a desirable fuel at ecomaine. Ideally, this type of waste is best kept out of the waste stream whenever possible, and home composting is the easiest way to achieve this. To help residents who are new to composting get started, 15 Earth Machine composters were given away to first time composters on a first come first served basis.

The annual **Spring Cleanup** was once again held for the whole month of June. As part of Spring Cleanup, the Recycling Center offered a one day only free electronics collection event hosted by e-Waste Solutions. Typically there is a charge for electronics even during Spring Cleanup but for this one day, residents who utilized their Spring Cleanup coupon could bring electronics to the Recycling Center at no charge. The collection event was extremely successful and resulted in 14,149 lbs of electronics being collected in one day. The total number of Spring Cleanup coupons redeemed increased again this year to 733 from 664 last year.



(l-r) Josh Harriman, Suzanne Duplissis, Brian Rumery

Throughout the year residents recycled 810.6 tons of material saving the Town \$57,149 in avoided costs and earning \$8,840.95 in revenue from the sale of the material brought to the Recycling Center.

The recycling rate improved slightly to 33.8% from 32.4% last year. It's worth noting that the Town's total annual residential waste disposal amount continues to be about 1,575 tons. There was a significant reduction in disposal cost this year when ecomaine lowered its tip fee from \$88.00 to \$70.50 per ton on July 1, 2013 as a result of its long term debt being paid off. This reduction saved taxpayers a total of \$27,702.

The Recycling Center staff and the Recycling and Solid Waste Committee appreciate resident's efforts to reduce waste, recycle, and compost. Every little bit helps. For more information on recycling, composting, and what the Recycling Center accepts (as well as a fee schedule), check out the Town's webpage [www.freeportmaine.com](http://www.freeportmaine.com) or call **865-3740**.

## BY THE NUMBERS

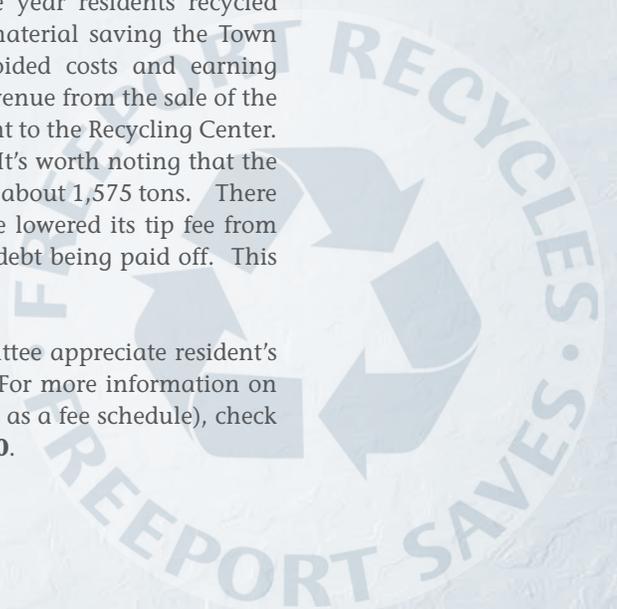
**Cost to the median taxpayer:** \$43

**Fact:** 73.38 tons of corrugated cardboard were brought to the Recycling Center

**Employees:** 2 FTE

## Did You Know:

The Town of Freeport now offers composting of food scraps free of charge! Visit the Town's website for more information.



# MARINE WARDEN

## BY THE NUMBERS

**Cost to the median taxpayer:** \$6

**Fact:** 88 of 200 recreational shellfish licenses were issued

**Employees:** 1 FTE



**Tom Kay**  
Marine Warden

According to the Maine Department of Marine Resources (DMR) preliminary numbers for Freeport clam landings were 840,653 pounds in 2013 down from 939,909 pounds in 2012 with a value of \$1,431,879 in 2013 compared to \$1,468,234 in 2012. The shellfish industry continues to be a vital yet fragile industry. During the past year the Shellfish Commission and harvesters have worked diligently to maintain open and productive flats. The Town has embarked on a scientific study to determine the factors contributing to the decline in the young clam population.

In addition to the efforts of the Shellfish Commission and the local harvesters, we must recognize and thank all the other groups and individuals that help support and protect this important resource. Among those are the local boat yards, the Harraseeket Yacht Club, the Harbormaster, Wolfe's Neck Farm, and all of the responsible dog owners.

There are many variables that influence the ability to maintain open harvesting and a healthy environment for the shellfish. To ensure protection of the quality of the water, Casco Bay has been designated a "no discharge zone" for all boats. The Shellfish Commission, along with the Harbormaster and personnel at the local boat yards, continues to educate boaters about the effects of overboard discharge and direct them to pump-out sites located at the two boat yards. Local boaters are surveyed on an annual basis about boat usage and discharge systems. In a joint effort the Marine Warden, Harbormaster, and the Department of Marine Resources maintain a year round water quality monitoring schedule of all tidal areas in the Town of Freeport. The water quality continues to test very well maintaining the ability to keep our flats open. The status of clam flats are monitored and revised continually by the State. Current conditions may be found on DMR's web site ([www.maine.gov/dmr/index.htm](http://www.maine.gov/dmr/index.htm)) or by calling the State Hotline, **1-800-532-9551**.

Access to the flats is limited, and without the cooperation of businesses and private land owners access would be even more difficult. On behalf of the Commercial and Recreational harvesters, thanks are extended to all who have made access possible.



*Steamer Dock at Sunset. Photo: Courtesy of Robert Boone.*

# HARBORMASTER

The Harbormaster's office deals with a wide range of waterfront issues.

The Harbormaster and Assistant Harbormaster assisted boats that were adrift, aground, had engine failure, had accidents, were overdue, lost in the fog, were stolen, sinking or sunk on the mooring, capsized, or boat voyage terminated for lack of safety equipment. We also separated boats hitting each other while on their moorings due to weather and tide conditions. We dealt with mooring inspections, jet skis, kayakers, canoeists, water skiers, waterfowl, marine mammals, rescued people and animals out of the water, provided medical aide, ice breaking, commercial marine salvage assistance, flare sightings, and launching and hauling boats at the Dunning Boat Yard and Winslow Park boat ramps. We enforce speed and no wake zones, give warnings for unsafe boating practices, and enforce the 30 minute tie up limits on the town floats. We investigate oil spills, vandalism, and lost and found boats. Our office assists in patrolling events like the Lobsterman Triathlon, Freeport Yacht Club sailing regattas and the Town of Yarmouth's Clam Festival Canoe Race. During this period, our office has seen and talked about safety issues with kayakers, paddle boarders and canoeists that launch off of the town float.

We assist the Freeport Marine Warden, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Marine Resources, Food and Drug Administration, Maine Forest Service, Marine Mammal Lifeline, Maine Marine Patrol, U.S. Army Corps Engineers, aquaculture ventures, Freeport Shellfish Commission, Freeport's islands and the towns in and around Casco Bay.

This office assists with water sampling of Freeport's coastal waters and helps with the monitoring of shellfish protection areas. We provide boaters with informational packets, explain to them that the Harraseeket River is a Shellfish Protection Zone, and inform them about what they need to do to comply. Casco Bay is a "no discharge area" as set forth by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

The Harbormaster and his assistant annually attend the State of Maine Harbormasters Association training session held at the Maine Maritime Academy in Castine, search and rescue forums and maritime security training put on by the U.S. Coast Guard.

The Coastal Waters Commission has been very busy dealing with waterfront issues in the Freeport's coastal waters, ordinance updates and changes, and many other issues. The Commission is always looking for new members and anyone interested in serving is encouraged to apply. Application forms for people interested in serving are available in the Town Clerk's Office at the Freeport Town Hall and on the Town's website.



**Jay Pinkham**  
Harbormaster

## BY THE NUMBERS

**Cost to the median taxpayer: \$6**

**Fact:** Coastal Waters Commission reviewed 5 wharfing out applications and 3 charter boat applications

**Employees: 1.15 FTE**



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# BUSTINS ISLAND

## BY THE NUMBERS

**Cost to the median taxpayer:** \$17

**Fact:** Approximately 60% of taxes paid are returned to the Island

**Total Assessed Value of Island Properties:** \$19,542,100

## For more information:

Visit our website at [www.bivc.net](http://www.bivc.net)

Greetings from Bustins Island,

Progress was made on many Island projects this past year. An ADA-compliant sanitary facility was constructed adjacent to the Community House. The Fire Barn received a new metal roof and we continued restoring our roads with the addition of new gravel and a lot of maintenance by the Superintendent. We have also engaged the services of CA White Associates to study the supply and quality of our water supply.

This summer we learned of the Firewise Communities USA Program administered by the Maine Forest Service. A State Forest Ranger conducted a fire assessment and determined Bustins was a candidate to be a Firewise Community. The program is intended for small communities and uses education and activities, such as chipping brush to reduce the threat of a forest fire. We are in the process of forming a Firewise Board and will apply to become a Firewise Community. Since burning brush on the Island ended several years ago, we have been searching for a solution to dispose of the brush. This program will be part of the solution.

We completed revising our Comprehensive Plan. It required a tremendous effort from the Island's Planning Board. Since its initial adoption in 2001, meeting the various new state requirements has caused the document to grow from thirteen pages to more than eighty pages. Once it is deemed compliant by the State, it will be available with our other official documents on the BIVC.net webpage.

Last year we commented that an unusually large amount of Island properties were on the market. While four cottages have since sold, a few beautiful ones are still available.

Another fine dinner meeting was enjoyed between Bustins and Freeport officials in August. The Island continues to appreciate the cooperation and assistance of many Freeport officials and looks forward to continuing to foster a strong relationship.

We encourage you to climb aboard the Lilly B and visit one of Freeport's jewels.

Board of Overseers  
Bustins Island Village Corporation



*(l to r): Overseer Roger Leland, Superintendent Candy & Crawford Taisey of Straight Edge Construction, Secretary Linda Sweatt, Overseer Ken Barrows, Clerk Sue Spalding, Overseer Bill Cooper, vice-chair, Chair of the Boat Advisory Committee Tanya Sweatt, Overseer Rob Boone, Chair  
Missing from photo: Overseer Pat LaFleur and Treasurer Tony DeBruyn*

# WINSLOW PARK

July saw a great start to the summer season with the completion of a new half court basketball court which proved to be popular with campers and local visitors alike. The concert series, featuring local bands, drew in large crowds of campers, tourists and local day users as well. July also saw the return of Camp Seaside, a day camp for children ages 7-10. The program is organized and run by Freeport Community Education.

The summer of 2013 once again was a busy one at the park with many campers, tourists and local day users. Day usage at the park was on the rise again with 484 seasons passes sold (up from 460 in 2012). Free passes were given to anyone over the age of 62. It is estimated that over 50,000 day users visited Winslow Park. Total campsite occupancy throughout the season remained steady at 65%. July and August weekends were consistently fully booked in the campground. Harb Cottage, as usual, was reserved for all 18 weeks of the summer season. Over 150 families submitted lottery applications for a chance to rent the cottage. Winslow Park once again donated a one week stay in October to Freeport Community Services to auction off at their annual fund raiser. The cottage was rented during the winter from November 1st through May 31st on a monthly basis.

The Park hosted a variety of events throughout July, August and September including weddings, family and class reunions, company picnics and fundraisers. The Park hosted the Lobsterman Triathlon in September with over 800 competitors participating.

October 6th saw the end of the camping season at Winslow Park and the return of our many fall and winter day users. Patrons utilized the parks playground and walking trails as well as taking advantage of the heavy snow falls for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

After a few years of major improvement and building projects, the maintenance staff saw the first in a few where they could focus on general upkeep and repairs. This allowed for time to repaint structures, upgrade our septic and water filtration systems and improve wiring and lighting at our bathhouses. Late April into early May saw the return of many of the Winslow Park staff readying the gatehouse, turning on the water, and cleaning facilities and campsites in anticipation of another busy season.

Winslow Park was home to a number of early season events including campouts for the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts as well as a number of local school outing clubs. May 5th saw the early morning opening of the gatehouse to start taking reservations. This year over 40 campers lined up to reserve their favorite sites for the summer.

The fourteenth annual Family Fun Day and Close to the Coast Race was put on by Winslow Park and the Freeport Rotary Club on June 22nd. The day featured 5K and 10k races as well as a fun run. Free chips, drinks, hot dogs, ice cream, burgers and pulled pork sandwiches for visitors were once again donated by Bow Street Market, Ben and Jerry's, Bucks Naked BBQ, Linda Bean's, and Gritty McDuff's. Live music by Tricky Britches and Golden Oak topped off the day. Park admission was, as always, free on this day.

June at Winslow Park was home to events hosted by all of the Freeport schools. Kids, parents and teachers came for graduation celebrations, field days and picnics to celebrate the end of another school year. The last week in June also saw the first of the three free weeks of camping for Freeport residents (the other two are set in September). Over 200 nights of camping were used free of charge during these weeks.

Overall Winslow Park usage for the past year was on par with our recent surge in use over the past 5 years. The Winslow Park staff and Commission want to thank the residents of Freeport and the surrounding communities for supporting and utilizing this wonderful asset. We hope that all of your experiences at Winslow Park continue to be memorable and enjoyable on each of your future visits.



**Neil Lyman**  
Park Manager

## Did You Know:

To reserve a campsite or shelter space, contact 207.865.4198 (between May and October).

## BY THE NUMBERS

**Fact:** Supported Entirely by User Fees

**Employees:** 4.75 FTE

# HUNTER ROAD FIELDS

## BY THE NUMBERS

**Cost to the median taxpayer:** \$12

**Fact:** Over 40 teams used the fields this year

**Employees:** Services are contracted

## Did You Know:

To reserve the facilities, email [hunterfields@freeportmaine.com](mailto:hunterfields@freeportmaine.com)

This was the first full fiscal year of operation for the completed Hunter Road Field facilities. The fields themselves were completed in 2012 and the building opened for use at the end of the fiscal year in 2013.

In the summer and fall of 2013, the fields were used regularly by New England Revolution Soccer Camp, Freeport United Soccer Club, Freeport Recreation and Community Education Soccer, RSU 5 Soccer, and Merriconeag Soccer. The Soccer Maine end of season festival was hosted at Hunter Road Fields with several Freeport teams advancing, and one team winning their state championship. The field usage was so busy that the baseball outfields were used for some soccer practice schedules. In the following spring, the fields were used by Freeport Pownal Little League,

Freeport United Soccer Club, Freeport Recreation and Community Education Lacrosse, and the Little League All-Stars. Over the full year, the facility hosted over 40 teams, 600 kids, and 200+ games.



The Hunter Road Fields Advisory Committee met throughout the year to deal with a number of issues. One of the biggest items for discussion was the condition of the fields due to a combination of high use, their relatively recent construction, and organic management restrictions. To address these issues, the RSU 5 Maintenance Manager recommended a program of deep tine aeration and using some limited non-organic treatments to control grubs and weeds. In February, the Committee approved these recommendations and they were implemented in 2014.

These efforts improved the fields to an excellent condition in 2014. Operationally, trash was not the problem that it had been previously.

The Field House first opened in 2013, and it has been appreciated by all the field users. The building was even used by the Town Council for a meeting and District 4 workshop in December, 2013. In early 2014, the Freeport United Soccer Club completed the concession build out, with the donation of cabinets, a sink, and a second refrigerator. There were a few instances of plumbing problems that resulted in building closures, but hopefully this can be prevented in the future.

Overall, the Hunter Road Recreation Facility is a big improvement for the active youth in our community. The Hunter Road Fields Advisory Committee is pleased with this success, and we enjoy our work to help keep it going.

If you or your organization is interested in reserving our facilities for use, please contact the Hunter Road Fields Committee at [hunterfields@freeportmaine.com](mailto:hunterfields@freeportmaine.com). Additional information about facility use, policies, rules and fees are available on the Town's website at [www.freeportmaine.com](http://www.freeportmaine.com)

# FREEPORT TRAIN & INFORMATION CENTER

The Freeport Train & Information Center is located at 23 Depot Street in the Hose Tower Building adjacent to the Downeaster Platform. The Center serves as the Freeport Downeaster train station and as a visitor information center. The Center is open 7 days a week and its hours are: Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. until 6:15 p.m. and on Sunday from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. and from 5 p.m. until 6:15 p.m. The staff's mission at the Freeport Train & Information Center is to provide information and assistance to all visitors to Freeport. Our goal is to give whatever assistance we can to make their visit an enjoyable experience.

Freeport has had Downeaster train service since November 1, 2012 and has two round trip trains to Boston each day. From the start of service through calendar year 2013, the cumulative ridership for all trips totaled 20,089. During this same period the staff at the Center assisted 11,957 non- train passengers visitors. For the first 6 months of calendar year 2014 the Center has served 6,252 train passengers and 3,442 non-train visitors.

Passengers departing Freeport on the Downeaster are a mix of riders taking the train to Boston and other Downeaster destinations for pleasure, medical appointments, or to continue travel to other parts of the United States or foreign countries. There are also some riders that work in Boston during the week and commute leaving on Sunday night or Monday morning returning Friday night. Arriving trains carry a mix of day shoppers, extended stay visitors and area travelers returning from vacation or business travel. School, civic and family groups also travel from Freeport to Boston on the Downeaster for day trips and sporting events. During the summer months a large number of visitors from all over the world use the Downeaster to come to Freeport.

Train Center staff assists Downeaster passengers with ticket purchases, information on train schedules, arrival and departure status, ticket pricing, Downeaster travel packages and trip planning for the entire Amtrak System. Staff at the Center welcome train and non-train visitors to Freeport by providing them with FreeportUSA maps and guides, coupons, brochures on Freeport stores, restaurants, hotels, bed and breakfast accommodations and attractions in the area. Staff also provides visitors with driving directions to other destinations in Maine along with State of Maine Maps.



**Ed Bonney**  
Train and Information  
Center Manager

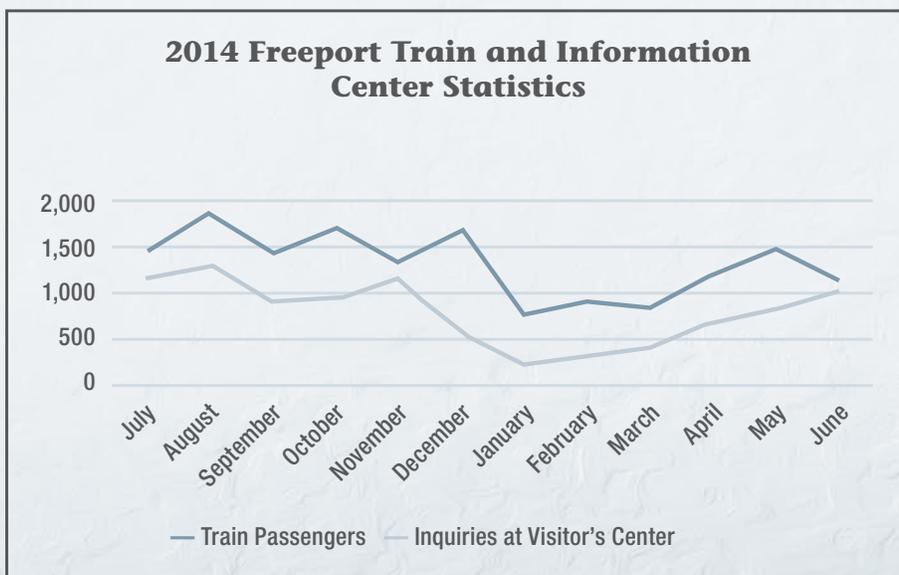
## BY THE NUMBERS

**Cost to the median taxpayer:** \$10

**Fact:** FY totals of 15,820 train passengers and 9,466 information requests

**Employees:** 1.8 FTE

For more information on train service to and from Freeport, visit [www.amtrakdowneaster.com](http://www.amtrakdowneaster.com)



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# FREEPORT CABLE TV 3



**Rick Simard**  
Cable Director

The Video on Demand (VOD) service offered by FCTV3 has become a regular stop for anyone wanting to catch up on a recent meeting or view past recordings. Presently we are recording and archiving Town Council, Project Review Board, Planning Board, and a few other special meetings dating back to July of 2011. It's quick and easy to find your meeting online and often times you can go straight to the agenda item in the video and not have to search or watch an entire meeting.

Just go to [fctv3.pegcentral.com](http://fctv3.pegcentral.com) or click the QR code with your smartphone, and start watching.



If you have an idea for a TV show, be it an ongoing series, or a single production we are ready to help. There is always room for locally produced programming on FCTV 3 using our equipment. There is no charge for its use, and we can offer training for those unfamiliar with producing television programming. Available for use are high definition cameras, tripods, many different types of microphones (both wired and wireless), lighting, and of course editing equipment allowing your footage to become a program ready to cablecast on local cable TV channel 3.

I would like to thank the many volunteers and members of our community for their contributions. Through your efforts we can continue to offer television programming through FCTV 3.

### Facts and figures of FCTV

28 Town Council meetings were recorded  
 12 Project Review Board meetings were recorded  
 9 Planning Board meetings were recorded  
 5 Other Town meetings recorded

2,706 programs were cablecast on FCTV 3  
 Number of times meetings were viewed on VOD: 719 (Town Council - 546 times / Project Review Board - 142 times)

## BY THE NUMBERS

**Cost to the median taxpayer: \$8**

**Fact:** 54 meetings were televised this year

**Employees:** 1.3 FTE



# CUMBERLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

142 Federal Street, Suite 102 Portland, ME 04101 207-871-838 [www.cumberlandcounty.org](http://www.cumberlandcounty.org)

## BY THE NUMBERS

**Cost to the median taxpayer: \$157**

	2014 County Tax	Percent Tax Change Municipality Budget	Percent of Total
Freeport	\$858,284	2.42 %	3.56%

The County tax accounts for 3.56% of the total municipality budget for the Town of Freeport. For this amount, Cumberland County provides the Town of Freeport services such as Cumberland County Jail, Sheriff, District Attorney, Probate Office, Registry of Deeds, Regional Communications Center, and Emergency Management Agency. In 2014, Commissioner Mark D. Grover represented District 3, which includes the Town of Freeport, as a chief elected official of the County.

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



## **SARA GIDEON**

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Freeport, ME 04032  
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Sara.Gideon@legislature.maine.gov

2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0002  
(207) 287-1400  
TTY: (207) 287-4469

Dear Freeport Neighbors,

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you again in the House of Representatives during the 127th Maine Legislature.

Looking ahead, I want you to know that my priority is to work with my colleagues to improve the lives of all Maine people, which we can achieve by working together to create jobs for today while paving the way for the jobs of tomorrow. At the end of every week, hardworking Maine people should not only be able to pay for their homes and their food but also have a little left over to save for a rainy day or even have some fun.

Part of any plan to build this more prosperous future must include educating our children to prepare them for the global and competitive world they are entering, as well as protecting the environment we all love so dearly.

The challenges before us are sizeable. We have much to do to catch up with the job creation rate of our New England neighbors. We lead the country with our aging population and lag with our shrinking population of youth. Our high energy costs need to be addressed while planning for a clean energy future and the economic opportunity that will come with it.

We have a bright future ahead of us, but we will only reach it with planning, intention, compromise and the welcoming of great ideas. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have, or if you need assistance with any aspect of state government.

You can reach me by phone at 865-9593. You can also sign up to receive my email newsletter or contact me by emailing [sara.gideon@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:sara.gideon@legislature.maine.gov). It is truly an honor to serve as your state representative.



With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Sara Gideon'.

Sara Gideon  
State Representative

# SENATE OF MAINE



125th Legislature  
Senate District 10  
Senator Stan Gerzofsky

3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0003  
(207) 287-1515

3 Federal Street  
Brunswick, ME 04011  
Home: (207) 373-1328

Dear Residents of Freeport,

It is my great honor to serve as your State Senator during the 126<sup>th</sup> Maine State Legislature.

Maine faces serious challenges, and overcoming them will require hard work and a spirit of collaboration. We need to do more to bring good paying jobs to Maine, address our healthcare costs, and we must continue to help our most vulnerable friends, family members, and neighbors through difficult times. Relevant to our local communities, I am continuing to work on policies that strengthen our fishing industries and working waterfronts.

I was proud to fight to restore municipal revenue sharing funds for the Town of Freeport. While the towns in my district did not receive enough, we got much more than we would have had we accepted Governor LePage's proposal to eliminate revenue sharing to towns completely.

As your State Senator, I am here to listen to your legislative needs and concerns, as well as act as a liaison between you and the State government. I can be reached by phone at the State House at 287-1515. I also am continuing to hold my public office hours at Bow Street Market in Freeport on the fourth Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to noon.

Please feel free to contact me with your questions or concerns.

I am honored and grateful for the opportunity to serve you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stan Gerzofsky".

Senator Stan Gerzofsky  
Maine Senate District 10 - Brunswick, Freeport, Harpswell, and Pownal

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# EXCERPTS FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Statement 1 FY2014

**TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE**  
**Statement of Net Position**  
**June 30, 2014**

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	Component Unit FEDC
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 13,348,587	-	13,348,587	39,431
Investments	6,095,819	-	6,095,819	23,991
Receivables:				
Accounts, net	201,074	215,326	416,400	6,500
Taxes receivable	619,517	-	619,517	-
Tax liens	292,789	-	292,789	-
Prepaid items	-	8,537	8,537	-
Internal balances	13,156	(13,156)	-	-
Inventory	28,831	-	28,831	-
Receivable - RSU #5 debt service payments	3,310,568	-	3,310,568	-
Capital assets, not being depreciated	2,579,828	-	2,579,828	-
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	17,331,119	83,581	17,414,700	-
Total assets	43,821,288	294,288	44,115,576	69,922
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	577,546	274	577,820	2,927
Accrued wages and benefits payable	147,509	14,760	162,269	2,609
Accrued interest	32,491	-	32,491	-
Noncurrent liabilities:				
Other long-term liabilities	807,225	-	807,225	-
Other postemployment benefits liability	510,365	-	510,365	-
Bonds due within one year	715,000	-	715,000	-
Bonds due in more than one year	3,915,000	-	3,915,000	-
Total liabilities	6,705,136	15,034	6,720,170	5,536
<b>NET POSITION</b>				
Net investment in capital assets	15,280,947	83,581	15,364,528	-
Restricted for:				
Grants and other programs	1,446,938	-	1,446,938	-
Nonexpendable trust principal	1,330,273	-	1,330,273	-
Expendable trust - income portion	37,959	-	37,959	-
Unrestricted	19,020,035	195,673	19,215,708	64,386
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$ 37,116,152</b>	<b>279,254</b>	<b>37,395,406</b>	<b>64,386</b>

*See accompanying notes to financial statements.*

# EXCERPTS FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Statement 2 FY2014

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE  
Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

Functions/programs	Net (expense) revenue and changes							Component Unit
	Program Revenues			in net position		Total	Component Unit	
	Expenses	Charges for services	Operating grants and contributions	Capital grants and contributions	Governmental activities			
Primary government:								
Governmental activities:								
General government	\$ 1,944,512	1,038,936	-	-	(905,576)	-	(905,576)	-
Public safety	3,209,289	130,594	44,736	-	(3,033,959)	-	(3,033,959)	-
Public works	3,137,243	212,754	141,628	-	(2,782,861)	-	(2,782,861)	-
Community services	1,158,068	105,415	4,202	-	(1,048,451)	-	(1,048,451)	-
Education	14,116,053	-	-	-	(14,116,053)	-	(14,116,053)	-
County tax	858,284	-	-	-	(858,284)	-	(858,284)	-
Unclassified	2,344,341	277,983	-	-	(2,066,358)	-	(2,066,358)	-
Interest on debt	151,759	-	-	-	(151,759)	-	(151,759)	-
Total governmental activities	26,919,549	1,765,682	190,566	-	(24,963,301)	-	(24,963,301)	-
Business-type activities:								
Nonemergency Transportation	558,903	571,385	-	-	-	12,482	12,482	-
Total business-type activities	558,903	571,385	-	-	-	12,482	12,482	-
<b>Total primary government</b>	<b>\$ 27,478,452</b>	<b>2,337,067</b>	<b>190,566</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(24,963,301)</b>	<b>12,482</b>	<b>(24,950,819)</b>	<b>-</b>
Component Unit:								
Freeport Economic Development Corporation	90,168	-	105,002	-	-	-	-	14,834
General revenues:								
Property taxes, levied for general purposes				\$	21,943,346	-	21,943,346	-
Motor vehicle excise taxes					1,523,164	-	1,523,164	-
Interest and lien costs					55,101	-	55,101	-
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs:								
Homestead exemption					143,580	-	143,580	-
Other State aid					449,393	-	449,393	-
State Revenue Sharing					366,761	-	366,761	-
Unrestricted investment earnings (losses)					644,184	-	644,184	-
Gain (loss) on disposals					(7,430)	-	(7,430)	-
Miscellaneous revenues					689,354	-	689,354	-
Transfers in/out					(19,208)	19,208	-	-
Total general revenues					25,788,245	19,208	25,807,453	-
Change in net position					824,944	31,690	856,634	14,834
Net position - beginning					36,291,208	247,564	36,538,772	49,552
Net position - ending					<b>37,116,152</b>	<b>279,254</b>	<b>37,395,406</b>	<b>64,386</b>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# EXCERPTS FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Statement 3 FY2014

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE  
Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
June 30, 2014

	General	Capital Projects Funds	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and equivalents	\$ 10,354,851	2,405,039	588,697	13,348,587
Investments	359,976	4,367,201	1,368,642	6,095,819
Receivables:				
Accounts net of allowance	87,296	113,778	-	201,074
Taxes receivable	619,517	-	-	619,517
Tax liens	292,789	-	-	292,789
Interfund loans receivable	799,881	3,413,166	2,076,493	6,289,540
Inventory	28,831	-	-	28,831
Receivable - RSU #5 debt service payments	3,310,568	-	-	3,310,568
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 15,853,709</b>	<b>10,299,184</b>	<b>4,033,832</b>	<b>30,186,725</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts payable	319,467	114,275	54,544	488,286
Accrued wages and benefits	147,509	-	-	147,509
Interfund loans	5,532,953	618,820	124,611	6,276,384
Development escrows	84,886	-	-	84,886
Other unearned revenues	4,374	-	-	4,374
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>6,089,189</b>	<b>733,095</b>	<b>179,155</b>	<b>7,001,439</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	659,164	-	-	659,164
Unavailable revenue - ambulance receivables	-	37,438	-	37,438
Unavailable revenue - RSU #5 debt service payments	3,310,568	-	-	3,310,568
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>3,969,732</b>	<b>37,438</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,007,170</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>				
Nonspendable	28,831	-	1,330,273	1,359,104
Restricted	-	-	1,484,897	1,484,897
Committed	1,411,225	3,299,359	1,065,245	5,775,829
Committed Reserves	496,671	6,229,292	-	6,725,963
Assigned	675,000	-	-	675,000
Unassigned	3,183,061	-	(25,738)	3,157,323
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<b>5,794,788</b>	<b>9,528,651</b>	<b>3,854,677</b>	<b>19,178,116</b>
<b>Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances</b>	<b>\$ 15,853,709</b>	<b>10,299,184</b>	<b>4,033,832</b>	

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	19,910,947
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.	
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	659,164
Unavailable revenue - ambulance billings	37,438
Unavailable revenue - RSU #5 debt service payments	3,310,568
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	(5,980,081)

**Net position of governmental activities** **\$ 37,116,152**

*See accompanying notes to financial statements.*

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## Statement 4 FY2014

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances  
Governmental Funds  
For the year ended June 30, 2014

	General	Capital Projects Funds	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 21,937,371	-	1,540,240	23,477,611
Licenses, permits and fees	274,869	-	-	274,869
Intergovernmental	1,150,300	-	86,340	1,236,640
Charges for services	232,849	323,932	876,417	1,433,198
Fees and fines	112,014	-	-	112,014
Unclassified	45,689	291,445	174,043	511,177
Investment earnings	45,764	401,807	196,613	644,184
Total revenues	23,798,856	1,017,184	2,873,653	27,689,693
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	1,391,628	-	-	1,391,628
Public safety	2,352,331	-	-	2,352,331
Public works	2,305,614	-	-	2,305,614
Community services	763,365	-	-	763,365
Education	14,291,054	-	-	14,291,054
Insurance and fringe benefits	1,323,625	-	-	1,323,625
County tax	858,284	-	-	858,284
Unclassified	216,800	-	1,725,824	1,942,624
Capital outlay	-	993,737	263,257	1,256,994
Debt service	293,220	-	143,650	436,870
Total expenditures	23,795,921	993,737	2,132,731	26,922,389
Excess of revenues over expenditures	2,935	23,447	740,922	767,304
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers from other funds	567,468	672,608	-	1,240,076
Transfers to other funds	(660,000)	-	(599,284)	(1,259,284)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(92,532)	672,608	(599,284)	(19,208)
Net change in fund balances	(89,597)	696,055	141,638	748,096
Fund balances, beginning of year	5,884,385	8,832,596	3,713,039	18,430,020
<b>Fund balances, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 5,794,788</b>	<b>9,528,651</b>	<b>3,854,677</b>	<b>19,178,116</b>

*See accompanying notes to financial statements.*

# EXCERPTS FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Statement 5 FY2014

**TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE**  
**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,**  
**and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds**  
**to the Statement of Activities**  
**For the year ended June 30, 2014**

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Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (from Statement 4) \$ 748,096

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (Statement 2) are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation and the loss from disposal of capital assets in the current period. (331,182)

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. 81,438

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds. (127,954)

Bond proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. This is the amount by which repayments exceeded proceeds. 715,000

The Town has bonds that were originally issued for School purposes. These amounts will be funded by Regional School Unit #5 when the debt service payments are due. The Town has recorded a long-term receivable for the amount that will be paid by the School Unit for these bonds. The amount of the receivable at year end was \$3,310,568 with principal amounts paid off during the year totaling \$260,454. (260,454)

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**Change in net position of governmental activities (see Statement 2) \$ 824,944**

*See accompanying notes to financial statements.*

# EXCERPTS FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Statement 6 FY2014

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances  
Budget and Actual - All Budgeted Governmental Fund Types  
General Fund  
For the year ended June 30, 2014

	Budgeted amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 21,307,346	21,307,346	21,937,371	630,025
Licenses, permits and fees	235,040	235,040	274,869	39,829
Intergovernmental	1,207,103	1,067,103	1,150,300	83,197
Charges for services	175,000	175,000	232,849	57,849
Fees and fines	92,900	92,900	112,014	19,114
Unclassified	33,400	33,400	40,357	6,957
Investment earnings	35,000	35,000	15,877	(19,123)
Total revenues	23,085,789	22,945,789	23,763,637	817,848
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	1,493,655	1,493,655	1,391,628	102,027
Public safety	2,316,593	2,316,593	2,352,331	(35,738)
Public works	2,319,956	2,319,956	2,305,614	14,342
Community services	817,861	817,861	763,365	54,496
Education	14,291,054	14,291,054	14,291,054	-
Insurance and fringe benefits	1,506,400	1,506,400	1,323,625	182,775
County tax	858,284	858,284	858,284	-
Unclassified	230,550	230,550	215,027	15,523
Debt service	293,220	293,220	293,220	-
Total expenditures	24,127,573	24,127,573	23,794,148	333,425
Deficiency of revenues under expenditures	(1,041,784)	(1,181,784)	(30,511)	1,151,273
Other financing sources (uses):				
Use of unassigned fund balance	500,000	640,000	-	(640,000)
Transfers from other funds	541,784	541,784	567,468	25,684
Transfers to other funds	-	-	(660,000)	(660,000)
Total other financing sources (uses)	1,041,784	1,181,784	(92,532)	(1,274,316)
Net change in fund balance - budgetary basis	-	-	(123,043)	(123,043)
Fund balance, beginning of year - budgetary basis			5,421,160	
Fund balance, end of year - budgetary basis			5,298,117	
Reconciliation to GAAP basis:				
Committed reserve funds fund balance			496,671	
<b>Fund balance, end of year - GAAP basis</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>5,794,788</b>	

*See accompanying notes to financial statements.*

# EXCERPTS FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Exhibit A-1 FY2014

### TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE Comparative Balance Sheets - General Fund - Budgetary Basis June 30, 2014 and 2013

	2014	2013
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,163,094	9,544,435
Investments	11,772	16,442
Accounts receivable	87,296	290,255
Taxes receivable	619,517	612,759
Tax liens	292,789	299,950
Inventory	28,831	19,511
Interfund loans receivable	799,881	666,376
Receivable - RSU #5 debt service payments	3,310,568	3,571,022
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 15,313,748</b>	<b>15,020,750</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable	319,467	205,322
Accrued wages and benefits	147,509	126,849
Interfund loans payable	5,489,663	4,918,798
Development escrows	84,886	162,435
Other unearned revenues	4,374	-
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>6,045,899</b>	<b>5,413,404</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	659,164	615,164
Unavailable revenue - RSU #5 debt service payments	3,310,568	3,571,022
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>3,969,732</b>	<b>4,186,186</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>		
Nonspendable	28,831	19,511
Committed - Stabilization Fund	1,000,000	1,000,000
Committed - other	411,225	359,666
Assigned	675,000	668,877
Unassigned	3,183,061	3,373,106
<b>Total fund balance</b>	<b>5,298,117</b>	<b>5,421,160</b>
<b>Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances</b>	<b>\$ 15,313,748</b>	<b>15,020,750</b>

# EXCERPTS FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Exhibit A-2 FY2014

**TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE**  
**General Fund**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes**  
**in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual**  
**Year ended June 30, 2014**  
**(with comparative actual amounts for the year ended June 30, 2013)**

	2014		Variance positive (negative)	2013 Actual
	Budget	Actual		
Revenues:				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	\$ 20,001,046	20,359,106	358,060	19,836,808
Excise taxes and registration fees	1,241,300	1,523,164	281,864	1,420,825
Interest and lien costs	65,000	55,101	(9,899)	73,633
Total taxes	21,307,346	21,937,371	630,025	21,331,266
Licenses, permits and fees:				
Building, plumbing and electrical permits	92,000	108,065	16,065	123,927
Town clerk licenses and fees	27,900	40,334	12,434	29,599
Moorings and other harbor fees	75,000	77,924	2,924	69,644
Solid waste permits	2,640	2,475	(165)	4,646
Shellfish licenses	12,500	12,591	91	13,113
Alarm permits	25,000	33,480	8,480	30,760
Total licenses, permits and fees	235,040	274,869	39,829	271,689
Intergovernmental:				
State tree growth reimbursement	70,000	67,007	(2,993)	72,743
State general assistance	15,000	4,202	(10,798)	2,507
State revenue sharing	360,000	366,761	6,761	529,360
State homestead exemption reimbursement	142,000	143,580	1,580	141,056
State road assistance	125,000	141,628	16,628	138,228
Public safety contributions	44,603	44,736	133	42,176
Other intergovernmental	310,500	382,386	71,886	389,817
Total intergovernmental	1,067,103	1,150,300	83,197	1,315,887
Charges for services:				
Planning	8,500	14,120	5,620	8,442
Transfer station and recycling	120,000	160,887	40,887	156,351
Parking lot	37,500	37,501	1	37,500
Vehicle maintenance	5,000	5,431	431	6,288
Engineering	4,000	6,460	2,460	5,808
Hunter Road Fields	-	8,450	8,450	1,500
Total charges for services	175,000	232,849	57,849	215,889
Fees and fines:				
Police parking and other fines	80,000	90,404	10,404	84,352
Library fines and fees	10,000	14,900	4,900	16,569
Alarm and other fire fees	2,900	6,710	3,810	5,865
Total fees and fines	92,900	112,014	19,114	106,786

# EXCERPTS FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Exhibit A-2, Cont. FY2014

### TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - General Fund, Continued

	2014		Variance positive (negative)	2013 Actual
	Budget	Actual		
Revenues, continued:				
Unclassified	\$ 33,400	40,357	6,957	288,087
Investment earnings	35,000	15,877	(19,123)	13,569
Total revenues	22,945,789	23,763,637	817,848	23,543,173
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government:				
Town council	130,135	96,421	33,714	117,042
Town manager	108,500	103,659	4,841	125,901
Finance and treasury	341,828	342,983	(1,155)	345,425
Assessing	160,145	149,826	10,319	139,440
Code enforcement	78,069	79,077	(1,008)	76,815
Town clerk and elections	104,837	97,605	7,232	95,697
General administration	161,978	140,806	21,172	113,379
Municipal buildings	268,325	252,604	15,721	319,274
Planning	139,838	128,647	11,191	129,390
Total general government	1,493,655	1,391,628	102,027	1,462,363
Public Safety:				
Police department	1,056,401	1,116,308	(59,907)	1,058,175
Special enforcement	55,076	53,260	1,816	52,765
Fire department	475,736	485,020	(9,284)	467,939
Rescue	333,493	321,160	12,333	339,054
Reception	180,887	176,863	4,024	170,046
Hydrant rental	170,000	153,425	16,575	156,681
Street lights	45,000	46,295	(1,295)	40,264
Total public safety	2,316,593	2,352,331	(35,738)	2,284,924
Public Works:				
General road operations	759,270	758,348	922	736,501
Summer roads	718,500	761,930	(43,430)	447,780
Winter roads	153,000	154,880	(1,880)	134,867
Tree program	15,500	9,532	5,968	5,927
Solid waste	437,490	389,215	48,275	387,508
Engineering	117,939	121,661	(3,722)	115,417
Hunter Road Fields Maintenance	118,257	110,048	8,209	-
Total public works	2,319,956	2,305,614	14,342	1,828,000

# EXCERPTS FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Exhibit A-2, Cont. FY2014

### TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - General Fund, Continued

	2014		Variance positive (negative)	2013 Actual
	Budget	Actual		
Expenditures, continued:				
Current, continued:				
Community services:				
Human services agencies	\$ 43,200	42,300	900	41,000
Public library	412,926	384,428	28,498	346,547
Cable TV	76,863	72,554	4,309	72,997
Promotions	5,350	4,337	1,013	7,581
General assistance	100,757	75,317	25,440	83,180
Coastal waters	64,490	76,108	(11,618)	58,303
Shellfish commission	4,100	1,092	3,008	4,690
Amtrak station operations	105,450	104,323	1,127	-
Other	4,725	2,906	1,819	2,016
Total community services	817,861	763,365	54,496	616,314
Education	14,291,054	14,291,054	-	13,631,935
Insurance and fringe benefits:				
Employee benefits	1,401,400	1,230,191	171,209	1,302,604
Insurances	105,000	93,434	11,566	90,789
Total insurance and fringe benefits	1,506,400	1,323,625	182,775	1,393,393
County tax	858,284	858,284	-	831,619
Unclassified:				
Bustin's Island Corporation	172,000	170,665	1,335	167,749
Miscellaneous and contingency	33,550	33,078	472	21,761
Abatements	25,000	11,284	13,716	33,136
Total unclassified	230,550	215,027	15,523	222,646
Debt service	293,220	293,220	-	493,208
Total expenditures	24,127,573	23,794,148	333,425	22,764,402
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(1,181,784)	(30,511)	1,151,273	778,771

# EXCERPTS FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Exhibit A-2, Cont. FY2014

### TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - General Fund, Continued

	2014			2013 Actual
	Budget	Actual	Variance positive (negative)	
Other financing sources (uses):				
Budgeted utilization of surplus	\$ 640,000	-	(640,000)	-
Transfers in	541,784	567,468	25,684	323,000
Transfers out	-	(660,000)	(660,000)	(681,086)
Total other financing sources (uses)	1,181,784	(92,532)	(1,274,316)	(358,086)
Net change in fund balance - budgetary basis	-	(123,043)	(123,043)	420,685
Fund balance, beginning of year - budgetary basis		5,421,160		5,000,475
Fund balance, end of year - budgetary basis		5,298,117		5,421,160
Reconciliation of fund balance to GAAP basis:				
Committed reserve funds fund balance		496,671		463,225
<b>Fund Balance, end of year - GAAP Basis</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,794,788</b>		<b>5,884,385</b>

# EXCERPTS FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Exhibit C-3 FY2014

Exhibit C-3

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE  
Special Revenue Funds  
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Individual Funds  
Year ended June 30, 2014

	Fund Balance June 30, 2013	Revenues		Expenditures	Revenues over (under) expenditures	Other sources and (uses)	Fund Balance June 30, 2014
		Inter- governmental	Other				
Winslow Park Fund	\$ 417,280	-	284,006	224,526	59,480	-	476,760
Tax Incremental Financing Funds:							
TIF II - Desert Road phase II	56,389	-	1,192,939	1,192,940	(1)	-	56,388
TIF IV - Destination TIF	170,891	-	269,450	323,637	(54,187)	-	116,704
TIF V - Hotel TIF	-	-	66,750	66,750	-	-	-
TIF VI - Housing TIF	-	-	11,101	11,101	-	-	-
Total TIF funds	227,280	-	1,540,240	1,594,428	(54,188)	-	173,092
Bartol Building Lease Fund	497,444	-	362,577	35,039	327,538	(350,000)	474,982
Tower Lease Fund	332,078	-	235,857	-	235,857	(175,000)	392,935

# EXCERPTS FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Exhibit C-3, Cont. FY2014

**TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE**  
**Special Revenue Funds**  
**Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Individual Funds**  
**Year ended June 30, 2014**

	Fund Balance		Revenues			Expenditures	Revenues over (under) expenditures	Other sources and (uses)	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2014
	June 30, 2013 (deficit)	June 30, 2014	Inter-governmental	Other	Other				
Town Grants and Programs:									
Jump start program	\$ 306	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	306
FEMA	65,431	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65,431
Regional Efficiency grant	1,249	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,249
CDBG-Elders Bus	150	15,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	150
CDBG-Habitat for Humanity	78,696	68,241	-	-	(68,241)	-	-	-	10,455
Maine Arts Commission	1,907	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,907
Shellfish Water Testing	16,782	-	2,325	-	925	-	-	-	17,707
Shellfish Grant-State of Maine	521	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	521
Green Crab Eradication Grant-State of Maine	10,000	15,000	-	-	(10,130)	-	-	-	(130)
Winslow Park-State of Maine	535	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	535
Fuel Assistance Fund-Freeport	16,749	14,573	-	-	(7,030)	-	10,000	-	19,719
Fuel Assistance Fund-Yarmouth	14,497	11,677	-	-	(9,225)	-	-	-	5,272
Freeport Housing Trust Rental Assistance Grant	-	12,000	-	-	1,921	-	-	-	10,079
Library Donations	36,152	9,066	-	-	-	-	(17,784)	-	27,434
Road Impact Fees	329,411	61,500	-	-	61,500	-	(100,000)	-	290,911
Stormwater Connection Fees	52,286	1,678	-	-	1,678	-	(7,000)	-	46,964
Village Open Spaces	12,457	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,457
Fire and Rescue Donations	24,157	10,003	-	-	669	-	-	-	33,491
Sandy Beach Stairs/SHIP Grant	1,606	35,242	-	-	41,274	-	33,500	-	29,074
Project Canopy Grant	1,485	7,556	-	-	7,384	-	7,000	-	8,657
Fire Department Annual Appeal Donations	5,534	-	-	-	2,425	-	(2,425)	-	3,109
Police Donations	658	-	600	-	-	-	600	-	1,258
Rescue Donations	1,169	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,169
Library Book Donations	8,201	13,959	-	-	10,939	-	3,020	-	11,221
Public Works Donations	2,791	1,381	-	-	1,995	-	(614)	-	2,177
Police K-9 Program Donations	3,041	84	-	-	2,166	-	(2,082)	-	959
Dollars for Scholars	1,779	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,779
Soule School Lease	98,112	21,443	-	-	-	-	21,443	-	119,555
Dunning Boat Yard Lease	70,600	7,173	-	-	-	-	7,173	-	77,773
Police Speed Enforcement/Seat Belt	9,743	-	1,972	-	-	-	1,972	-	11,715
Other	30,755	11,570	-	4,372	13,391	-	2,551	-	33,306
Total Town Grants and Projects	896,760	86,340	171,834	234,440	23,734	(74,284)	589,030	(599,284)	2,512,183
Leon Gorman Park	151,595	-	9,998	13,389	(3,391)	-	-	-	148,204
<b>Total special revenue funds</b>	<b>\$ 2,522,437</b>	<b>86,340</b>	<b>2,604,512</b>	<b>2,101,822</b>	<b>589,030</b>	<b>(599,284)</b>	<b>2,512,183</b>		

# EXCERPTS FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Exhibit D-3 FY2014

**TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE**  
**Capital Project Funds**  
**Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Individual Funds**  
**Year ended June 30, 2014**

	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2013	Revenues and Other Sources				Expenditures	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2014
		Inter- governmental	Other Revenues	Bond Proceeds	Transfers		
<b>Fire Department Capital Project Funds:</b>							
Protective clothing	\$ 19,282	-	-	-	-	10,416	8,866
Engine Five	19,110	-	-	-	-	-	19,110
Engine Three repair	(4,827)	-	-	-	-	-	(4,827)
Air packs & compressor	(474)	-	-	-	-	-	(474)
Communication upgrade	(1,393)	-	-	-	50,000	-	48,607
Service vehicle	(1,846)	-	-	-	-	-	(1,846)
<b>Total fire department</b>	<b>29,852</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>10,416</b>	<b>69,436</b>
<b>Rescue Department Capital Project Funds:</b>							
Protective clothing	15,724	-	-	-	-	16,488	(764)
Ambulance replacement	14,209	-	-	-	186,000	2,730	197,479
Communication upgrade	16,919	-	-	-	-	18,613	(1,694)
Rescue equipment	164,362	-	-	-	(64,209)	104,949	(4,796)
Other-SCBA Replacement	-	-	-	-	28,000	-	28,000
<b>Total rescue department</b>	<b>211,214</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>149,791</b>	<b>142,780</b>	<b>218,225</b>
<b>Public Works Capital Project Funds:</b>							
Grader repair	11,286	-	-	-	-	8,707	2,579
Dump truck replacement, sander & plow	171,341	-	-	-	(50,000)	93,909	27,432
Sidewalk plow-Shared with TIF	27,500	-	-	-	30,000	55,433	2,067
Fuel depot	1,792	-	-	-	-	-	1,792
Pick-up truck replacement	16,737	-	-	-	-	-	16,737
One Ton Truck Replacement	-	-	-	-	45,000	-	45,000
Dump truck body sand blast and paint	3,269	-	-	-	-	3,325	(56)
<b>Total public works</b>	<b>231,925</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>161,374</b>	<b>95,551</b>
<b>Police Department Capital Project Funds:</b>							
Communication upgrade	20,278	-	-	-	50,000	833	69,445
Bullet proof vests	(2,001)	-	-	-	8,000	-	5,999
In-Car cameras	457	-	-	-	-	-	457
Mobile data terminals	25,000	-	-	-	-	24,975	25
Boat and motor replacement	(755)	-	-	-	-	-	(755)
Vehicle Replacement	2,410	-	-	-	70,000	-	72,410
<b>Total police department</b>	<b>45,389</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>128,000</b>	<b>25,808</b>	<b>147,581</b>

# EXCERPTS FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Exhibit D-3, Cont. FY2014

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE  
Capital Project Funds  
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Individual Funds  
Year ended June 30, 2014

	Fund Balance June 30, 2013	Revenues and Other Sources				Transfers	Expenditures	Fund Balance June 30, 2014
		Inter- governmental	Other Revenues	Charges for Services	Bond Proceeds			
Recycling Capital Project Funds:								
Landfill closing	\$ 116,436	-	-	-	-	-	-	116,436
Paving	1,758	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,758
Other	80,555	-	-	-	-	12,000	341	92,214
Total recycling capital projects	198,749	-	-	-	-	12,000	341	210,408
Comprehensive Town Improvement Funds:								
Dennison Avenue Drainage	-	-	-	-	-	50,000	-	50,000
Wardtown Road Reconstruction and Shoulders	-	-	-	-	-	800,000	195	799,805
Public Works paving	11,330	-	-	-	-	-	10,400	930
Main St. paving and drainage match	29,874	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,874
Flying Point Road-2011 reconstruction	23,044	-	-	-	-	-	-	23,044
Flying Point Road-Pleasant Hill to Wolfe's Neck	19,531	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,531
North Main Street sidewalks	(10,690)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(10,690)
Upper Mast Landing partial reconstruction	(6,232)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(6,232)
Hedgehog Mountain Sight Improvements	1,774	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,774
South Street project	165,635	110,576	-	-	-	-	96,269	179,942
Desert Road match	23,000	-	-	-	-	-	3,607	19,393
Burnett Road Bridge	11,048	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,048
US Route 1 North (PACTS)	151,607	-	-	-	-	-	16,616	134,991
Prout Road culvert	34,230	-	-	-	-	-	-	34,230
West Street-Depot Street to South Street reconstruction	154,209	-	-	-	-	-	137,102	17,107
Desert Road Business Park	235,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	235,000
Torrey Hill Range Road reconstruction	150,000	-	-	-	-	-	100,912	49,088
Freeport Fields and Trails Project	59,000	-	-	-	-	138,000	5,484	191,516
Freeport Fields and Trails Project maintenance	60,667	-	-	-	-	(59,683)	984	-
Active Living	24,000	-	-	-	-	-	19,125	4,875
Other	14,536	-	-	-	-	-	3,385	11,151
Total Comprehensive Town Improvement	1,151,563	110,576	-	-	-	928,317	394,079	1,796,377
Municipal Buildings and Other Improvement Funds:								
Computer system upgrade/Connectivity Town-wide	138,713	-	4,190	-	-	64,000	69,509	137,394
Dunning boat yard	26,445	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,445
Cable TV	61,258	-	-	-	-	54,370	39,107	76,521
Valuation update	39,003	-	-	-	-	10,000	5,440	43,563
Building winterization	55,881	-	-	-	-	-	491	55,390
Public Safety renovation (Sallyport, Flooring, etc.)	19,225	-	-	-	-	-	18,760	465
Town Hall exterior	41,393	-	-	-	-	(1,393)	-	40,000
Public Works Roofing Projects	28,000	-	-	-	-	-	17,652	10,348
Cemetery vault roofing projects	18,000	-	-	-	-	-	12,635	5,365
Copier replacement	16,439	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,439
Library building exterior	10,000	-	-	-	-	10,000	-	20,000
Vehicle Replacement	22,420	-	-	-	-	-	3,579	18,841
Other	38,725	-	-	-	-	147,654	3,445	182,934
Total municipal buildings and other	515,502	-	4,190	-	-	284,631	170,618	633,705
Boards and Committees Improvement Funds:								
Recreation fund	5,131	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,131
Harbor fund	24,531	-	-	-	-	-	-	24,531
Citizens Survey & performance measures	1,298	-	-	-	-	(10)	-	1,288
Historic Society Archiving	-	-	-	-	-	16,000	-	16,000
Village Parking Study	269	-	-	-	-	(95)	-	174
Quiet Zone Study	5,108	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,108
Hedgehog Mountain Bridge Replacement	25,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,000
Shellfish Commission Habitat Improvement	122,901	-	-	-	-	(64,006)	58,895	-
Train Station Renovation	(106)	-	-	-	-	106	-	-
Withdrawal Committee	-	-	-	-	-	59,500	12,528	46,972
Other	372	-	-	-	-	3,500	-	3,872
Total boards and committees	184,504	-	-	-	-	14,995	71,423	128,076
Capital Reserves - See Exhibit F for Details	6,263,898	-	578,486	323,932	-	(920,126)	16,898	6,229,292
Total capital project funds	8,832,596	110,576	582,676	323,932	-	672,608	993,737	9,528,651



# EXCERPTS FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Exhibit F-1 FY2014

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE  
Reserve Funds  
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Individual Funds  
Year ended June 30, 2014

	Fund Balance			Revenues		Expenditures	Revenues over (under) expenditures	Other sources and (uses)	Fund Balance June 30, 2014
	June 30, 2013	Inter-governmental	Charges for Services	Other	Other				
<b>Town Reserve Funds:</b>									
<b>Capital Projects Reserve Funds</b>									
Ambulance equipment	\$ 498,758	-	323,932	58,119	592	381,459	(319,000)	561,217	
General administration	178,390	-	-	5,108	151	4,957	82,238	265,585	
Police equipment	290,175	-	-	13,797	288	13,509	22,000	325,684	
Public infrastructure	1,985,851	-	-	146,144	2,370	143,774	(970,000)	1,159,625	
Land Trust	20,719	-	-	1,342	23	1,319	-	22,038	
Public works equipment	702,865	-	-	41,580	761	40,819	25,000	768,684	
Building maintenance	552,996	-	-	34,327	611	33,716	132,500	719,212	
Fire equipment	863,581	-	-	55,323	967	54,356	150,000	1,067,937	
Recycling equipment	144,933	-	-	10,584	172	10,412	88,000	243,345	
Municipal parking lot	348,552	-	-	52,264	10,356	41,908	-	390,460	
Hedgehog mountain	17,839	-	-	1,155	20	1,135	-	18,974	
Cable TV equipment	425,536	-	-	150,073	463	149,610	(119,370)	455,776	
Boards and Commissions	69,732	-	-	7,352	100	7,252	(11,494)	65,490	
Land Purchase	142,168	-	-	40	40	40	-	142,208	
Energy Savings	21,803	-	-	1,278	24	1,254	-	23,057	
<b>General Fund Reserve Funds</b>									
Unemployment compensation fund	375,192	-	-	29,519	1,674	27,845	-	403,037	
Other	88,033	-	-	5,700	99	5,601	-	93,634	
<b>Total Town Reserve Funds</b>	<b>6,727,123</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>323,932</b>	<b>613,705</b>	<b>18,671</b>	<b>918,966</b>	<b>(920,126)</b>	<b>6,725,963</b>	
<b>Totals by Fund</b>									
Capital Projects reserve funds	6,263,898	-	323,932	578,486	16,898	885,520	(920,126)	6,229,292	
General Fund reserve funds	463,225	-	-	35,219	1,773	33,446	-	496,671	
<b>Total Reserve Funds</b>	<b>\$ 6,727,123</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>323,932</b>	<b>613,705</b>	<b>18,671</b>	<b>918,966</b>	<b>(920,126)</b>	<b>6,725,963</b>	

# MUNICIPAL PHONE DIRECTORY

ANIMAL CONTROL .....	Freeport Police	865-4800
CABLE TV DIRECTOR .....	Rick Simard	865-4743 x114
CODES ENFORCEMENT .....	Fred Reeder	865-4743 x102
FINANCE DIRECTOR .....	Jessica Maloy	865-4743 x115
FIRE/RESCUE CHIEF & EMERGENCY PREP .....	Darrel Fournier	865-3421
FREEPORT COMMUNITY LIBRARY .....	Beth Edmonds	865-3307
FREEPORT TRAIN AND INFORMATION CENTER .....	Ed Bonney	869-5310
GENERAL ASSISTANCE .....	Johanna Hanselman	865-4743 x120
HARBORMASTER .....	Jay Pinkham	865-4546
MARINE WARDEN .....		865-4800
POLICE CHIEF .....	Jerry Schofield	865-4800
PUBLIC WORKS .....	Earl Gibson	865-4461
RECYCLING FACILITY .....	Suzanne Duplissis	865-3740
RSU #5 SUPERINTENDENT .....		865-0928
TAX ASSESSOR .....	Robert Konczal	865-4743 x140
TOWN CLERK & REGISTRAR OF VOTERS .....		865-4743 x123
TOWN ENGINEER .....	Albert Presgraves	865-4743 x106
TOWN MANAGER .....	Peter Joseph	865-4743 x121
TOWN PLANNER .....	Donna Larson	865-4743 x103
WINSLOW PARK MANAGER .....	Neil Lyman	865-4198





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## SPECIAL NOTICES

**Town of Freeport Volunteers Needed:** Interested in becoming involved in your community? The Town of Freeport is in need of residents interested in serving on the Town's many important Boards or Committees. If you are interested in serving on a committee, applications are available at the Town Hall (30 Main Street, Freeport) and on the Town's Website [www.freeportmaine.com](http://www.freeportmaine.com).

**We Now Accept Credit Cards at Town Hall:** Cards accepted include Visa, Master Card, American Express, and Discover. There is a \$1.00 fee for credit card usage under \$40 and a 2.5% fee on charges equal to or over \$40.00. (The municipality is required to assess these fees to the user as set by the credit processing agency.)

**Prescription Drug Take Back Program Now Everyday:** The Freeport Police Department has installed a secured permanent drug drop-off box in the lobby of the Public Safety Building. Residents can now drop off expired, unwanted or outdated drugs during their normal business hours (Sunday thru Saturday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.). No sharps please (e.g. needles). The Police Department will also continue to take part in the semi-annual drug take back program each fall.

**Municipal Bulletin:** The Town publishes a Municipal Bulletin which contains information on town activities, events, as well as the Town Manager's report. The Bulletin is produced once or twice a month, generally in conjunction with the Town Council Meeting schedule. This Bulletin is posted on the Town's website under "Quick Links". There is also the option to subscribe to receive the Bulletin via email.

## Freeport Community Library

10 Library Drive (off Main Street)

Mon. & Wed. 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Tue. & Thur. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Fri. 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

*(Labor Day to Memorial Day)*

*(No Saturday hours on a holiday weekend)*

## Freeport Recycling Facility

100 Hedgehog Mountain Rd. (off Pownal Road)

Wed., Thur., & Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## Town Hall

30 Main Street

Mon. - Thur. 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Friday: Closed

## “Online Services”

[www.freeportmaine.com](http://www.freeportmaine.com)

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Car/ATV/Trailer/Snowmobile

Hunting/Fishing/Dog Licenses

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Online Tax Viewing

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Winter in Town

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