



**Annual Report
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Starks, Maine**

Town of Starks Annual Report

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Starks Maine

Cover photograph: New Lemons Stream Bridge on Sawyers Mills Road.

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DEDICATION



Anita Reichenbach

Anita and family moved from Queens, New York in December 1969 after purchasing the Duley dairy farm on Locke Hill Road. They were guided by their good friend, Roy Hazzard, who founded the Sandy River Driving Range, and introduced them to the Duleys. Her husband, Lee, was an Electrical Design Engineer and like Anita had little knowledge of the dairy industry. The family remembers during that first month of a shopping trip to Farmington and returning home during one of the worst major snow storms on record. The four children, two boys and two girls hated not being able to find pizza and bagels like they had in New York. Then arriving home they had to crawl from Route 43. The roads had not been plowed and blowing winds made impossible drifts. They REALLY hated it.

The farm had 20 milkers, 18 heifers, and an attack rooster which had been given to them by a neighbor. They were so naïve! After losing many calves, the family slowly, over time, learned about the dairy business. The children remember missing a lot of school that first year as Leeann 15, Barbara 12, Robert 9, and Eric 5 had to work on the farm to help keep it going.

Like many parents, Anita was involved in school and local youth activities for over 25 years including serving on the SAD 59 School Board from 1987 to 1990. She was also active with youth groups at the Camp at the Eastward.

Anita served as an Elder for the Starks Presbyterian Church and was an active member of the Progressive Club.

Town government also played a role in Anita's give-back attitude. She was elected Selectman in 1995 and served as Chairman overseeing the town's Bi-Centennial celebration. In 1998 she was elected an Assessor and in 1999 became Town Treasurer. She served on the Budget Committee from 2001 to 2006 and on the Appeals board from 2005 to 2010. For many years as the closest Notary Public, she walked to the Town Office from her home on Locke Hill Road and notarized documents.

Anita's citizenship and service are exemplary. We thank her for all her contributions to our town and its citizens!

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS TERMS

Selectmen - 3 year

Paul Frederic 3-2013
Joseph Miller 3-2014
Sterling Doiron 3-2015

Assessors - 3 year

Kerry Hebert 3-2013
Joseph Hayden 3-2014
Cathleen Horner 3-2015

Tax Collector - 3 year

Jenn Zweig Hebert 3-2015

Town Clerk 3 yr.

Jenn Zweig Hebert 3-2013

Registrar of Voters - 2 year

Jenn Zweig Hebert 1-2015

Treasurer - 3 year

Erin Norton 3-2014

Planning Board - 5 year

Jamie Doiron 5-2013
Joe Hartigan 4-2014
Gwen Hilton 4-2015
Jeff Welcome 4-2015
Irene Fenalson 4-2016
Kerry Hebert 5-2017

CEO/Plumbing Inspector - 1 year

Leo Mayo 3-2013

Fire Chief - 1 year

Julie Costigan 3-2013

Town Fire Warden - 1 year

Julie Costigan 3-2013

Animal Control Officer - 1 year

Terrill Leonard 3-2013

Health Officer - 1 year

Tobin Carson 3-2013

Building Superintendent - 1 year

Bill Pressey 3-2013

Sexton - 1 year

Bill Pressey 3-2013

Warrant Officer - 3 year

Jerry Brackett 3-2015

RSU # 9 School Board Director - 3 year

Jenn Zweig Hebert 7-2015

Appeals Board - 5 year

Gary Van Tol 9-2013
Linwood Locke 9-2014
George Martikke 9-2015
Sara Brusila 9-2016
James Murphy 9-2017
Maryanne Gawlinski 9-2017
(Alternate)

Budget Committee – 1 year

Bob Clark 3-2013
Carol Coles 3-2013
Ernie Hilton 3-2013
Erin Norton 3-2013
Katrina Waite 3-2013

Water District - 3 year

Chris Gulnick 11-2013
AnnMarie Simone 11-2014
Robin Melancon-Quimby 11-2014
Ashley Hayden 11-2015

Annual Report to the Town of Starks

A Message from State Senator Rod Whittemore

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It is an honor to represent you in the Maine Senate for a second term, and I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me to work for the betterment of this community and our region.

Looking back at the results of the past two-year session, I am proud of the work accomplished by lawmakers during an extremely difficult fiscal climate. We increased state funding to local schools, brought solvency to the retiree pension system, created more transparency and accountability at state agencies, and paid back our local hospitals millions of dollars. We worked hard to deliver the changes we promised, and we succeeded. It is imperative that we do not roll back the steps taken during the 125th Legislature to set Maine on better financial footing and toward a brighter future.

Lawmakers have a great deal of work on their plates when the session kicks into full swing in January. The most daunting task will be addressing a \$120 million shortfall within the Department of Health and Human Services and its MaineCare program. We must also address a \$35 million revenue shortfall in the budget that ends June 30 and a projected \$880 million gap in the next two-year budget.

Maine continues to be hampered by high energy costs and an aging population. It is a priority of mine to find a way to lower energy costs to help preserve the jobs we have in our state and encourage new job growth. Maine has the oldest state population in the nation. We must work in Augusta to pass legislation that will help grow our economy so that our youth can find opportunities here at home to work and live. Until we address these issues, Maine will continue to lag behind other states.

During the 126th Legislature, I will serve as Republican Senate Lead on the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance. As the previous Senate Chair on this committee, I have strongly advocated for ensuring that Maine move towards more affordable health insurance, making it accessible to more Mainers. Last Session the Legislature enacted Public Law 90, which allows people to purchase health insurance across state lines, therefore increasing competition. PL 90 has already demonstrated its effectiveness in lowering the cost of health insurance for a majority of individuals and small group markets. As the cost of health care continues to increase at an unacceptable rate, PL 90 when fully implemented will lower deductibles and premiums, bringing more young people into the insurance market.

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

Sincerely,



Rod Whittemore
Maine State Senator



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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you for re-electing me to represent the people of Starks for a third term in the Maine House of Representatives. It is an honor to have your confidence and I am positive that the 126th Legislature will accomplish much to move Maine forward. Also, I will be returning to the Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development Committee.

One of our top priorities this year will be to balance the budget. Maintaining important programs while avoiding higher costs for the middle class has been a challenge. There continue to be Maine families in need of assistance and we must do what we can to make appropriate safety nets available. We must balance the budget by setting priorities and by spending where needed. My Democratic colleagues and I are committed to doing just that.

In addition to dealing with the budget, I am hoping to see the passage of three bills I have submitted.

The first bill would help prevent suicide among Maine youth. Suicide is the second leading cause of death among individuals under the age of 24.

The second would change the legal hours of alcohol sales. Currently, the sale of alcohol in Maine is prohibited between the hours of 1:00am and 6:00am. This bill would allow the sale of alcohol an hour earlier.

Also, I have entered a bill that would allow junior hunters to take any deer in their first hunt. This would allow the holder of a valid junior hunting license to take one antlerless deer without an antlerless deer permit. In subsequent years, that person would need to obtain the appropriate permit to take an antlerless deer.

In order to keep you informed, I send out an e-newsletter with the latest updates from Augusta and other helpful information for people in the district. If you would like to be included in my e-newsletter, please provide me with your e-mail address by contacting me at pegilbert@hotmail.com.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns related to state government. Best wishes in 2013.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Gilbert".

Paul Gilbert

State Representative

Town of Starks

Board of Selectmen

Annual Report 2012

Greetings to our fellow citizens. This has been another rewarding year for the Town of Starks. Many residents have contributed to making the community a better place.

This town report contains accounts from town officials and committees. Please read each to stay abreast of what is going on and request transparency in municipal government. Selectmen meet every Monday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center and all citizens are welcome.

Highlights of 2012 include:

- Financial – The town is doing well in financial matters. Strong growth in our tax base because of Central Maine Power Company (CMP) upgrades/construction and additional homes/home improvements plus savings by changing school districts made a 12.5 percent reduction in taxes possible. For the future, additional CMP construction and school savings will result in an even stronger position for 2013. The town will be in a position to address long neglected infrastructure projects.
- Roads and Bridges – Few road projects were undertaken this year, however, the Lemon Stream Bridge on Sawyers Mills Road was completed with the help of a 2010 \$100,000. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and our second \$100,000. CDBG grant for replacement of the Pelton Brook Bridge on the Mayhew Road is in phase II. We expect that to be completed in 2013. Our new Road Forman, Dennis Cotton, is working on plans to improve our roads. Road equipment milestones include paying off our grader and the purchase of a new truck with wing and plow.
- Comprehensive Plan – On November 6, 2012, voters accepted an updated comprehensive plan and there has already been occasions to use it as a guide in matters of roads and an agricultural commission. Chair, Gwen Hilton, and members of the committee are thanked.
- Schools – As noted above, Starks is now part of RSU #9 and saving \$80,000.-\$100,000. per year into the future.
- Safety – In the fall, the Maine Department of Labor (DOL) conducted site visits to our town garage, fire station and community center. Sixty-four safety violations were cited and the town has been working with the DOL to correct the problems. Starks town workplaces are safer than any time in the past. Special thanks to Dennis Cotton, Julie Costigan and Bill Pressey for their contribution in this project.
- Old Town Office – Joe Jr. and Ashley Hayden have leased the old town office and are operating the Starks General Store at the site.
- Voice of Starks – Jenn Hebert has led a great team in getting the *Voice of Starks* written and distributed. It's a excellent way of keeping people informed.
- Events – Many wonderful events took place in the Starks Community Center. Some that were community focused include the: Winter Kids program, Open House and Reunion, Summer Kids Program, Pumpkin Festival, expansion of the library and children's story hours/craft making, dinners, fund raisers, community garden, etc.

The Board of Selectmen thank all citizens for their input regarding town affairs. We look forward to working with you in 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Selectmen



Paul B. Frederic, Chairman



Joseph R. Miller



Sterling Doiron

FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN CLERK

It has been a pleasure to serve Starks as Town Clerk! As another busy year wraps up I am proud of our town!

2012 has proven to be quite a year of change for the Town of Starks. On July 1, 2012 we officially joined Mt. Blue Regional Schools/RSU #9. It was the result of 2 years of hard work by many citizens but especially the Withdrawal and Reorganization Committees. Members **Ernie Hilton, Paul Frederic, Diane Russo and Kerry Hebert** are owed a debt of gratitude as their work began a new chapter for Starks. The agreement negotiated by the committees allows the town's current students to attend either RSU #9 or RSU #59. Residents enrolled in RSU #59 schools on June 30, 2013 will be considered to be on the "Final List" and will have the right to continue until graduation in the RSU #59 system. Going forward, all students in Starks will attend the schools of RSU #9 (Mt. Blue). Exact details of the agreement are available at Town Office or can be emailed as requested.

The Starks Community Center (the former Starks School) had continued success throughout 2012. It is regularly rented for private events and many public events have also been held. As the clerk, my duties include scheduling, ensuring access, collecting fees and serving on the Building Committee. Owning and maintaining a Community Center is a big responsibility for our small town but it has been a successful endeavor! After the approval of a new position, Building Superintendent, at the March Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen hired **Bill Pressey**. Bill has been a HUGE ASSET to the town. His maintenance, care and cleaning of the building has resulted in a true showpiece! THANK YOU BILL for all your hard work! While staying within our limited budget Starks has a Community Center that is the envy of many surrounding communities. It has been satisfying to witness and be part of the pride and appreciation our citizens have for our town's centerpiece.

On October 31st, my husband Kerry Hebert was seriously injured. Less than a week before a Presidential Election (probably the biggest task a Town Clerk faces during his/her term) my family was in crisis. Former Town Clerk, **M McLaughlan** and former Tax Collector/Deputy Clerk **Nicole Nelson** graciously volunteered their time and with my deputy **Erin Norton** they pulled off a successful election. I cannot express the gratitude I feel toward them and the other election workers who allowed me to be with my husband and family without worrying about my Clerk's duties – **THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart!**

Thank you too to 1st Selectman **Paul Frederic** who made himself available continually throughout the year with advice and assistance on "just about everything". An *enormous* thank you also goes to my office mate **Erin Norton**, as my Deputy she has covered for me when I was out of the office. We share a similar pride in serving customers, her spirit of teamwork, upbeat attitude and friendship means so much to me!

A fabulous team of experienced Election Workers got me through several elections in 2012. I want to thank the following elections workers: **Maryanne Gawlinski, Ryan Hayden, Cathleen Horner, Billie Jo Krebs, Robyn Kremer, M McLaughlan, Nicole Nelson, Erin Norton, Tracy Quimby and Vicki Stevens.**

I also want to thank **Jerry Brackett**, Warrant Officer and **Denis Culley** and **Gwen Hilton** for serving as Moderators at the Annual and Special Town Meetings.

Vital records for 2012 were as follows:

<u>Births</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Marriages</u>
5	3	8

The town wide e-mail list continues to be a great way to communicate with citizens quickly and easily. If you haven't given me your e-mail address yet - consider being part of this effective way to be notified of the most current municipal happenings, public events and other important information. Your personal information will not be shared, the messages are sent with the recipient addresses blocked.

Town office hours continue to be **Mondays 10 am-2 pm, Wednesdays 3pm-7pm, and the first Saturday of the month 8 am -11 am.** I understand these limited hours can be frustrating for some – so I am willing to help folks (in a pinch) during off hours. Call me on my home phone (696-3756), cell phone (578-0341) or email me at mthunger@hciwireless.net and I will do my best to accommodate your needs.

I am honored to be working as the Clerk for the Town of Starks. I hope to continue to serve you well. Feel free to be in touch with any suggestions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer A Zweig Hebert

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Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	1	Abbott, Brandi S.	266.39	0.00	266.39
	18	Ames, Peter E.	391.95	0.09	391.86
	19	Anger Jr., Robert K.	898.29	0.55	897.74
	711	Ashby, Deborah	169.85	0.00	169.85
**	25	Athenian, Gary	472.35	0.00	472.35
	26	Atwood and Twilight G. Meader, John	173.29	0.00	173.29
	14	Ayotte, Pierre	254.34	0.00	254.34
	496	Ayotte, Pierre	199.95	0.00	199.95
**	30	Baker, Michael L.	80.41	0.00	80.41
	35	Bashura, Gary J.	504.82	2.72	502.10
	36	Bastarche, Marie	182.75	0.00	182.75
	577	Bavolar, James R.	676.28	0.00	676.28
	629	Bellefleur, Eileen M.	692.30	0.00	692.30
	324	Bellefleur, Sarah	392.37	0.00	392.37
	46	Belmore, Thomas G.	305.73	0.00	305.73
	47	Belyea, Charles L.	522.24	0.00	522.24
	564	Belyea, Charles L.	213.49	0.00	213.49
	52	Benton, Jonathon A.	1,047.70	6.85	1,040.85
	74	Berto, Daniel A.	1,031.78	0.00	1,031.78
**	54	Bessey, Patty D.	349.16	0.00	349.16
	60	Boucher, Douglas A.	707.99	0.02	707.97
	479	Bucciano Daniel	338.20	0.00	338.20
**	644	Carle, Matthew F.	356.04	2.54	353.50
	293	Cesario, Sonja	332.17	0.00	332.17
	79	Cesario, Sonja P	1,272.80	0.00	1,272.80
	80	Chambers, James S.	900.85	3.44	897.41
	86	Christen, Pamela	2,094.75	0.00	2,094.75
	87	Churchill, Caleb	553.63	0.00	553.63
**	91	Clancy, Barbara M. & Janet M.	360.12	0.00	360.12
	416	Clark, Kelly D	439.67	0.00	439.67
	98	Colburn, Gary	1,172.18	0.00	1,172.18
	111	Costigan, Julie L.	683.70	0.00	683.70
	115	Cowan, Edward	1,003.83	0.00	1,003.83
	343	Cowell, Edward J.	547.17	0.00	547.17
	117	Cram, Robert & Norma	1,153.47	0.00	1,153.47
	118	Crockett, Stephen & Diane	717.24	0.00	717.24
	120	Curran, Thomas & Jennifer	280.58	0.00	280.58
	121	Curtis, Kevin C.	108.79	19.67	89.12
	136	Deming, Roi A.	595.98	0.00	595.98

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	138	Denis, Emanuel	293.04	0.00	293.04
	139	Denis, Emanuel T.	34.40	0.00	34.40
	141	Denis, Emanuel T.	280.58	0.00	280.58
	145	Denis, Emanuel T.	286.16	0.00	286.16
	146	Denis, Emanuel T.	31.60	0.00	31.60
	149	Denis, Emanuel T.	276.27	0.00	276.27
	150	Denis, Emanuel T.	284.66	0.00	284.66
*	151	Dennison, Linda E.	1,588.21	0.00	1,588.21
	152	Depetrillo III, Angelo	429.57	0.00	429.57
	266	DeRosa, Christopher	345.51	0.00	345.51
	29	Diethelm, Christian N	276.27	0.00	276.27
	455	Donovan, Gregory J.	481.17	0.00	481.17
	161	Dorr, David And Elizabeth	211.99	0.00	211.99
	162	Dorr, David G. & Elizabeth J.	120.62	0.00	120.62
	166	Drane & June Ann Mattos, Sandra	466.34	233.72	232.62
	167	Dube, Brad A	1,664.10	0.00	1,664.10
	171	Duley, Richard	403.12	0.00	403.12
	172	Duley, Richard	234.35	0.00	234.35
	173	Duley, Richard	456.87	0.00	456.87
	408	Durgin, James E.	348.73	0.99	347.74
	176	Dyke et Al, Darrell A.	1,045.97	520.26	525.71
	180	Elfahel, Katrina.	163.18	0.00	163.18
	181	Elfahel, Katrina.	685.64	0.00	685.64
**	749	Fields, Bruce W.	130.03	0.00	130.03
	687	Flynn, Cornelius	1,765.97	9.26	1,756.71
**	144	Ford, Jason	1,079.58	0.00	1,079.58
	201	Frederic, Joseph W.	1,689.47	0.00	1,689.47
	205	Friend, Tara M.	915.90	0.00	915.90
	209	Gaeta, Lorraine A.	671.88	0.00	671.88
	210	Gaeta, Lorraine Ann	408.50	0.00	408.50
	211	Gaeta, Lorraine Ann	2,410.15	0.00	2,410.15
**	147	Glidden, Errol R.	295.84	5.98	289.86
	231	Greenleaf, Scott	429.79	4.51	425.28
	561	Gulnick, Sandra L.	433.89	0.00	433.89
	238	Hall, Leslie E. & Suzanne T.	812.70	1.07	811.63
	240	Hamilton, Thomas H. & Laura J.	414.73	0.00	414.73
	241	Hand, Roger & Carolee	523.95	0.00	523.95

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	244	Harris, Adrian	583.29	0.00	583.29
	245	Harris, Nelson N	320.14	0.00	320.14
	746	Hartigan, David	615.97	1.77	614.20
	747	Hartigan, David	435.37	0.44	434.93
	249	Hartigan, Dennis P.	968.79	4.26	964.53
*	257	Hayden Family Trust	215.21	0.00	215.21
	703	Hayden, Joseph O.	1,379.55	162.00	1,217.55
	735	Hayden, Joseph P.O.	428.92	0.00	428.92
*	258	Hayden, Joseph Paul & Pauline	1,678.72	50.00	1,628.72
**	256	Hayden, Lorraine P.	1,175.83	0.03	1,175.80
	634	Henri, Allan	192.43	14.10	178.33
*	269	Hill, James. P	853.77	150.11	703.66
	280	Hogg, Mark E.	760.03	0.00	760.03
	281	Holmes, Eric G	314.54	4.65	309.89
	282	Hooker, Robert A. & Marilyn N.	463.33	395.00	68.33
	283	Hooker, Robert And Marilyn	1,261.83	4.16	1,257.67
	285	Horelick, Estate of, Walter	585.88	0.00	585.88
**	286	Horner, Joseph C. & Cathleen A	1,852.87	0.00	1,852.87
	294	Huettner, Barbara H.	627.58	0.00	627.58
	299	Irvine, Carl H Jr.	350.02	0.00	350.02
**	306	Johnson, Kenneth & Kathleen	1,353.17	0.00	1,353.17
	651	Johnson, Kyle W	805.18	0.00	805.18
	386	Johnson, Christopher	427.38	0.00	427.38
**	314	Karnowski, Douglas J.	157.60	0.00	157.60
	320	Kennedy, Justin M	435.37	0.10	435.27
	739	Kiger, Nathan A	2,036.27	0.00	2,036.27
	322	Kimball, Lemuel P. and Cynthia M.	1,159.02	0.00	1,159.02
	406	Kleppinger, Marie	192.43	0.00	192.43
	326	Kozielewicz, Edward & Marilyn	441.61	0.00	441.61
**	424	Lagin-Nasse, Julianna &	703.91	0.00	703.91
	377	Lamorelle, Rene F.	765.40	382.70	382.70
	157	Lane III, John A.	1,177.13	0.00	1,177.13
*	688	Leahy, Barry F	716.38	0.00	716.38
	345	Leal, Robert J. & Kathleen	288.96	1.15	287.81
	315	Lemay Trapper C.	2,569.55	0.00	2,569.55
	350	Lemay, George E. Jr. & Carlene A	1,137.07	0.00	1,137.07

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	351	Lemay, George E. Jr. & Carlene A	1,535.53	0.00	1,535.53
	319	Lewis, Jeremiah D.	445.91	0.00	445.91
	652	Lewis, Jeremiah D.	7.10	0.00	7.10
	717	Lewis, Jeremiah D.	489.12	0.00	489.12
	357	Libby, Kevin & Mary	405.06	0.00	405.06
	385	Libby, Timothy D,	391.52	0.00	391.52
**	358	Lickteig, John H.	493.42	5.43	487.99
	367	Locke Hill Road Realty Trust	913.10	1.07	912.03
	142	Locke, Linwood	279.07	0.00	279.07
	362	Locke, Linwood	2,012.51	0.00	2,012.51
	374	Luce, Norman	2,600.42	0.00	2,600.42
	34	Luce, Norman F.	707.14	63.72	643.42
*	378	Lundwall, Kathryn T.	788.06	100.00	688.06
	637	Lydon, William	1,424.72	3.12	1,421.60
	387	Mann, James N. & Donna G.	1,182.93	14.64	1,168.29
	368	Mansfield, John Michael	704.68	0.00	704.68
	715	Mansfield, Kelly Jayne	51.41	0.00	51.41
	389	Martikke, George & Rosalie	605.87	0.00	605.87
	390	Martikke, George F& Rosalie	1,041.03	0.00	1,041.03
	393	Mason, Carol	480.53	0.00	480.53
	396	Mccarten, Michael P. &	276.27	0.00	276.27
	404	McLaughlin, Chris	1,561.33	0.00	1,561.33
	405	McPherson, Wayne	205.11	0.00	205.11
	407	Meagher, Brian	3,347.77	0.00	3,347.77
	754	Melancon Inter Vivos Family Trust	356.36	0.00	356.36
	429	Newsom, John	482.24	0.00	482.24
	430	Newton, Kirt	1,209.16	0.00	1,209.16
	431	Nichols, Chrystal L. and Michael A.	546.96	2.29	544.67
	648	Nichols, Sam H.	745.45	0.00	745.45
**	433	Nickerson, David H. & Deborah	220.37	0.00	220.37
	434	Niemi, Jeffery L	1,588.63	0.00	1,588.63
	435	Noble, Debra J.	352.39	0.00	352.39
	436	Norton, David L.	178.45	0.00	178.45
	437	Norton, Dayle A.	428.92	0.00	428.92
*	690	Norton, Erin E.	2,999.90	320.00	2,679.90
*	565	Norton, Jared M	528.68	0.00	528.68
	81	O'Conner, Dennis P.	351.53	0.00	351.53
	439	O'Donald, Gale	281.01	0.00	281.01
	442	Olafson Sr., Anders N.	1,859.32	0.00	1,859.32

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Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	444	Oliver, Herbert E.	351.53	0.00	351.53
	456	Osgood, Wanda	1,147.07	0.00	1,147.07
	457	Ostrand, Carl V. Estate of	697.24	0.00	697.24
	458	Ouellette, Kenneth W	602.00	1.51	600.49
	459	Ouellette, Kenneth W.	730.79	243.00	487.79
	465	Patenaude, Alan	315.62	0.00	315.62
	466	Patenaude, Alan	206.40	0.00	206.40
	470	Patenaude, Marc	170.93	0.00	170.93
	471	Patenaude, Rachel A	294.98	0.00	294.98
**	480	Peppermint, Cary	542.77	0.00	542.77
	485	Peters, Bruce	370.87	0.00	370.87
	486	Peters, Bruce	489.12	0.00	489.12
*	724	Phillips, Steven A. & Teresa B.	157.49	0.50	156.99
**	542	Phoenix, Lolly	997.21	200.00	797.21
	492	Piche, Bradley M.	714.23	0.00	714.23
	732	Powers, Jessica	246.71	0.00	246.71
	733	Powers, Jessica	164.48	0.00	164.48
	499	Pressey, Robert & Mary	1,245.28	2.13	1,243.15
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	836.13	0.00	836.13
	502	Quimby, Clifton & Florence	1,953.06	0.00	1,953.06
	503	Quimby, Clifton B. Et Al	1,327.63	0.00	1,327.63
	510	Rackliff, Michael A.	658.11	0.00	658.11
*	512	Rackliff, Steve T. & Nellie L.	659.41	100.00	559.41
	511	Rackliff, Steven T.	468.05	0.00	468.05
	519	Rackliff, Steven	453.86	0.00	453.86
	517	Randall, Barbara J.	757.23	0.00	757.23
	520	Reitano Et Al, David	489.12	0.00	489.12
	529	Robbins, Gary L.	1,113.70	0.00	1,113.70
	530	Robinson, John	2,328.02	0.00	2,328.02
	535	Ross and Paula A. Day, Edward H.	2,480.24	0.00	2,480.24
	665	Russo, Diane M.	1,348.39	0.00	1,348.39
**	130	Sanville, Robert Sr	183.83	91.92	91.91
	221	Seamon, Daryl O.	307.64	0.00	307.64
	547	Seamon, Daryl O.	469.35	0.00	469.35
	548	Seamon, Daryl O.	1,161.65	0.00	1,161.65
	549	Seamon, Thomas J	253.92	0.00	253.92
	654	Seamon, Thomas J.	234.99	0.00	234.99
	707	Seeley, Donald	206.40	0.00	206.40
	463	Semas Joseph, J	1,047.70	0.00	1,047.70

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Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	555	Shaw, Kenneth	250.47	2.70	247.77
	556	Sheen, Albert & Jada F.	510.62	0.00	510.62
	558	Sherrer, Charles R.	1,035.22	0.00	1,035.22
	559	Sherrer, Christopher	244.24	0.00	244.24
	560	Sherrer, Earskin	248.33	0.00	248.33
	562	Sherrer, John	259.51	4.32	255.19
	563	Sherrer, Lucy Geneva	424.62	0.00	424.62
**	566	Simone, Michael R	628.23	1.47	626.76
**	731	Smedberg, Elizabeth	371.22	0.00	371.22
	570	Smith, Michael, A.	692.30	0.00	692.30
	708	Sours, Shane L.	192.43	0.00	192.43
	417	Sprague, Richard J.	329.66	0.00	329.66
	574	Stanley, Adam L	1,106.13	0.00	1,106.13
	579	Staph, Mike	1,028.77	0.00	1,028.77
	156	Stelmark, Brenda J.	1,284.11	0.00	1,284.11
	593	Sterry Earl R. Jr.	536.42	0.00	536.42
	590	Sterry, Troy	1,214.41	0.00	1,214.41
	691	Stevens, Charles L.	568.93	0.00	568.93
	722	Swisher, John R.	206.40	0.00	206.40
**	601	Talbot, Rosemarie	879.13	0.00	879.13
**	600	Talbot, Rosemarie	234.35	0.00	234.35
	604	Taylor, Darlene A.	1,606.05	0.00	1,606.05
	606	Taylor, Darlene A.	318.20	0.00	318.20
	605	Taylor, David E.	1,119.94	0.00	1,119.94
	611	Taylor, Linnie	906.87	0.00	906.87
	615	Thayer, Timothy	966.43	0.00	966.43
	617	Theberge, Andre & Patricia	2,868.96	0.00	2,868.96
	621	Thurston, Becky J.	244.89	0.00	244.89
	622	Toothaker, Nona L.	808.19	0.00	808.19
*	631	Tutt, Dawn	1,386.75	3.25	1,383.50
	635	Urquhart, Pearl J.	584.80	0.00	584.80
	636	Van Tol, Gary	253.05	0.00	253.05
	638	Vessella, David A	1,326.55	0.00	1,326.55
	639	Vincent, Edward B.	175.65	0.00	175.65
	337	Walker, Sonja and Susan Kennedy	293.69	0.00	293.69
	352	Webber, Archie L.	178.45	0.00	178.45
*	467	Whipple, Charles Bruce	1,424.37	0.00	1,424.37
	658	Whipple, Charles Bruce	129.00	0.00	129.00
	657	Whipple, Darrin	78.26	0.00	78.26

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Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	659	Whipple, Charles Bruce	1,161.69	0.00	1,161.69
**	660	White, Stephen	548.25	4.33	543.92
	662	Whittemore, Nicholas	290.25	0.00	290.25
	675	Wooster, James A.	872.53	0.00	872.53
	676	Worthley, Melinda	764.63	0.03	764.60
	677	Worthley, Melinda	160.39	0.67	159.72
	663	Wright, Albert	519.87	0.00	519.87
		Total for 238 Accounts:	168,751.03	4,281.19	164,469.84

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Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	711	Ashby, Deborah	255.34	0.00	255.34
	26	Atwood and Twilight G. Meader, John	259.49	0.00	259.49
	561	Bickford, Sandra L.	406.73	0.00	406.73
	87	Churchill, Caleb	716.27	0.00	716.27
	416	Clark, Kelly D	592.42	0.00	592.42
	117	Cram, Robert & Norma	1,443.38	0.00	1,443.38
	120	Curran, Thomas & Jennifer	359.96	0.00	359.96
	136	Deming, Roi A.	775.61	0.00	775.61
	29	Diethelm, Christian N	381.28	0.00	381.28
	455	Donovan, Gregory J.	636.95	0.00	636.95
	173	Duley, Troy	562.33	15.99	546.34
	180	Elfahel, Katrina.	244.68	0.00	244.68
	181	Elfahel, Katrina.	878.31	0.00	878.31
	205	Friend, Tara M.	123.63	0.00	123.63
	209	Gaeta, Lorraine A.	870.28	0.00	870.28
	210	Gaeta, Lorraine Ann	552.17	0.00	552.17
	211	Gaeta, Lorraine Ann	2,972.40	0.00	2,972.40
	241	Hand, Roger & Carolee	684.59	0.00	684.59
	285	Horelick, Estate of, Walter	755.22	0.00	755.22
	299	Irvine, Carl H Jr.	472.95	0.00	472.95
	386	Johnson, Christopher	563.79	0.00	563.79
	322	Kimball, Lemuel P. and Cynthia M.	1,591.86	0.00	1,591.86
	385	Libby, Timothy D,	523.07	0.00	523.07
	405	McPherson, Wayne	295.32	0.00	295.32
	430	Newton, Kirt	1,516.22	0.00	1,516.22
	444	Oliver, Herbert E.	474.77	0.00	474.77
	456	Osgood, Wanda	1,441.23	0.00	1,441.23
	457	Ostrand, Carl V. Estate of	889.74	0.00	889.74
	465	Patenaude, Alan	431.40	0.00	431.40
	466	Patenaude, Alan	296.88	0.00	296.88
	492	Piche, Bradley M.	910.25	0.00	910.25
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	1,060.08	0.00	1,060.08
	502	Quimby, Clifton & Florence	2,409.13	0.00	2,409.13
	503	Quimby, Clifton B. Et Al	850.99	0.00	850.99
	517	Randall, Barbara J.	964.78	0.00	964.78
	520	Reitano Et Al, David	643.96	0.00	643.96
	529	Robbins, Gary L.	1,392.74	0.00	1,392.74
	558	Sherrer, Charles R.	1,303.55	0.00	1,303.55
	570	Smith, Michael, b.	889.35	0.00	889.35

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Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	707	Sours, Shane	308.06	0.00	308.06
	708	Sours, Shane L.	280.01	0.00	280.01
	574	Stanley,Adam L	1,321.38	0.00	1,321.38
	593	Sterry Earl R. Jr.	698.09	0.00	698.09
	605	Taylor, David E.	975.35	0.00	975.35
	615	Thayer, Timothy	1,223.05	0.00	1,223.05
*	621	Thurston, Becky J.	348.95	87.29	261.66
	639	Vincent, Edward B.	259.75	0.00	259.75
	337	Walker, Sonja and Susan Kennedy	402.32	0.00	402.32
	659	Whipple,Charles Bruce	1,450.70	0.00	1,450.70
		Total for 49 Accounts:	39,660.76	103.28	39,557.48

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Tax Year: 2010

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Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	711	Ashby, Deborah	242.76	0.00	242.76
	26	Atwood, John and Meader, Twilight C	228.59	0.00	228.59
	87	Churchill, Caleb	682.45	413.85	268.60
	416	Clark, Kelly D	550.55	0.00	550.55
	136	Deming, Roi A.	730.63	322.76	407.87
	29	Diethelm, Christian N	362.90	0.00	362.90
	455	Donovan, Gregory J.	598.36	0.00	598.36
	180	Elfahel, Katrina.	232.61	165.71	66.90
	181	Elfahel, Katrina.	828.34	0.00	828.34
*	241	Hand, Roger & Carolee	666.29	163.08	503.21
	285	Horelick, Estate of, Walter	719.60	0.00	719.60
	299	Irvine, Carl H Jr.	441.67	25.87	415.80
	322	Kimball, Lemuel P. and Cynthia M.	1,508.99	0.00	1,508.99
**	385	Libby, Timothy D,	489.48	0.00	489.48
	405	McPherson, Wayne	280.90	0.00	280.90
	430	Newton, Kirt	1,437.11	0.00	1,437.11
	444	Oliver, Herbert E.	443.40	0.00	443.40
	456	Osgood, Wanda	1,365.57	124.51	1,241.06
	457	Ostrand II, Carl V.	588.56	0.00	588.56
	465	Patenaude, Alan	402.04	0.00	402.04
	466	Patenaude, Alan	282.39	0.00	282.39
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	1,001.74	0.00	1,001.74
**	517	Randall, Babara J.	910.83	713.03	197.80
	520	Reitano Et Al, David	381.77	0.00	381.77
	558	Sherrer, Charles R.	1,242.91	910.27	332.64
	570	Smith, Michael, b.	847.80	0.00	847.80
	707	Sours, Shane	293.57	0.00	293.57
	708	Sours, Shane L.	266.30	0.00	266.30
	574	Stanley, Adam L	1,049.79	0.00	1,049.79
	593	Sterry Earl R. Jr.	888.05	527.45	360.60
	605	Taylor, David E.	336.89	212.44	124.45
	639	Vincent, Edward B.	246.97	0.00	246.97
*	337	Walker, Sonja and Susan Kennedy	382.96	0.00	382.96
	659	Whipple, Charles Bruce	1,388.60	1,030.39	358.21
		Total for 34 Accounts:	22,321.37	4,609.36	17,712.01

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Tax Year: 2009

As of: December 31, 2012

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	29	Diethelm, Christian N	353.01	-18.54	371.55
	455	Donovan, Gregory J.	492.13	489.26	2.87
	181	Elfahel, Katrina.	753.89	630.19	123.70
	285	Horelick, Estate of, Walter	698.68	-18.54	717.22
	430	Newton, Kirt	1,343.94	1,191.96	151.98
	465	Patenaude, Alan	340.76	65.12	275.64
	466	Patenaude, Alan	274.99	145.09	129.90
	707	Sours, Shane	274.99	-24.08	299.07
	708	Sours, Shane L.	259.39	211.26	48.13
	639	Vincent, Edward B.	240.67	-18.54	259.21
		Total for 10 Accounts:	5,032.45	2,653.18	2,379.27

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Tax Year: 2008

As of: December 31, 2012

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	29	Diethelm, Christian N	129.77	-18.54	148.31
	285	Horelick, Estate of, Walter	623.98	369.17	254.81
*	707	Sours, Shane	251.62	-18.54	270.16
		Total for 3 Accounts:	1,005.37	332.09	673.28

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Town of Starks Treasurer's Report

2012 was a truly amazing year for our town! It was our first year with a real tax break after joining RSU #9, and we only experienced half the benefit. In addition, we saw an increase in CMP's taxes which also contributed to the savings. We will continue to see even more financial benefit from both in 2013.

In 2012 we had an unanticipated visit from the Maine Department of Labor. Subsequently we were surprised to find that we were largely out of compliance in all of our buildings, some more than others. There were associated costs with the findings, totaling over \$8000. All of the standards are required to be met by State and Federal laws.

There are a few overdrafts, mostly due to our need to meet the Department of Labor standards. Those can be found on my "2012 Expense Report" just a few pages down from this one.

Several cost areas have come in under budget this year. These unexpended balances listed as "undesignated" in the warrant articles, will help to lower our Town's commitment to taxes.

I successfully completed our 2012 audit with very few findings. We have established a great relationship with RHR Smith. They've just completed their 3rd audit for the Town of Starks. This year's audit cost the Town \$4,500. Nearly half, the \$8,500 we paid in 2008, to Purdy Powers.

Once again, it was necessary to take out a Tax Anticipated Note (TAN). I was able to negotiate an interest rate of 1.75%, slightly down from 1.85% in 2011. The cost to the town in interest was \$247.01, *our lowest yet for a TAN* (\$364.67 in 2011, \$456.16 in 2010).

We paid off the grader loan 3 months early due to a refinance in 2011, saving the Town some money in interest. At the August 15th Special Town Meeting we voted to purchase a new plow truck. \$30,000 from our Capital Improvement account was used as a down payment and the balance was financed as a 36 month loan. The monthly payments are \$3,236.61, at an interest rate of 2%.

I was elected to serve on the budget committee again this year, which I enjoyed very much. My work on that committee is important to me because I can contribute substantially with my knowledge of the town's finances. The group that I worked with was a great one! Thank you to **Bob Clark, Ernie Hilton, Katrina Waite, and Carol Coles**. Your commitment and contribution to your community is admirable. This group of people, along with your Selectbody has worked many late nights hashing out the budget set before you in the "Articles of Warrant" section of this report.

I'd also like to extend a HUGE & gracious thank you to **Jenn Zweig Hebert**, our Town Clerk and Tax Collector, for working as my deputy in the collection of delinquent taxes in my absence. She works hard for the Town at satisfying all the needs of the public. One of her greatest accomplishments, among many since taking office, is the Town wide e-mail list. This progressive form of communication has made a huge impact on our Town. We are truly lucky to have such a *gem*! She's a wonderful friend, and office pal, but really a sister to me, I can't thank her enough for all that she does.

The close of 2012 came quickly; it seems that each year comes more rapidly as they go. I no longer feel like a novice in my job as Treasurer, but rather quite seasoned after 5 full years in office. This position is one that evolves with time, and can sometimes require more attention from me at different points in the year. I enjoy the work and the people *very much* and hope to continue as the **Municipal Treasurer of Starks** for as many years as you'll have me. As always, I'm looking forward to the new year and its challenges.

Respectfully submitted,



Erin E Norton, Treasurer

TOWN OF STARKS EXPENSE SUMMARY 2012

Article #	Object	Budget	Expended	Balance	% Spent
14	Gen Administration	\$12,000.00	\$7,940.03	\$4,059.97	66.17%
14	Payroll Taxes	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$0.00	100.00%
14	Workman's Comp	\$5,993.00	\$5,993.00	\$0.00	100.00%
14	Cemetery Maintenance	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
14	Audit	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
14	Trio Software Reneal/upgrades	\$4,000.00	\$3,786.81	\$213.19	94.67%
14	Towns Legal Expenses	\$8,000.00	\$914.00	\$7,086.00	11.43%
14	Assessors Map Updates	\$2,300	\$0	\$2,300	0.00%
14	Town Report	\$1,000	\$788	\$213	78.75%
14	Xerox Lease	\$1,620.00	\$1,620.00	\$0.00	100.00%
14	Water Rent	\$3,700.00	\$3,679.70	\$20.30	99.45%
14	KVRWC	\$8,567.00	\$8,567.00	\$0.00	100.00%
14	Snowmobile Reimbursment	Fee Income	\$384.00	\$0.00	100.00%
14	MMA Property & Casualty	\$16,000.00	\$22,965.50	-\$6,965.50	143.53%
14	Health Officer	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	0.00%
14	Voice or Starks	\$500.00	\$378.00	\$122.00	75.60%
15	Former Town Hall	\$1,000.00	\$704.96	\$295.04	70.50%
16	CEO	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
17	CEO Legal	\$7,000.00	\$1,050.00	\$5,950.00	15.00%
18	Elections	\$3,900.00	\$4,740.00	-\$840.00	121.54%
19	Assessors	\$5,600.00	\$5,600.00	\$0.00	100.00%
20	Selectmen	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
21	Clerk	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
22	Tax Collector	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
23	Treasurer	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
24	Building Superintendant	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	100.00%
25	Sexton	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	100.00%

26	Appeals Board	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	0.00%
27	Planning Board	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	0.00%
28	Training of outgoing Officers	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	0.00%
29	Community Center	\$23,000.00	\$18,846.00	\$6.50	99.99%
30	Fire Department	\$28,150.00	\$23,262.78	\$4,887.22	82.64%
31	Fire Chief Salary	\$3,400.00	\$3,400.00	\$0.00	100.00%
32	Animal Control	\$1,000.00	\$821.28	\$178.72	82.13%
33	AMS Ambulance	\$9,600.00	\$9,600.00	\$0.00	100.00%
34	Road Signs	\$300.00	\$212.85	\$87.15	70.95%
35	Street Lights	\$1,200.00	\$1,096.28	\$103.72	91.36%
36	Equipment	\$55,000.00	\$39,345.50	\$15,654.50	71.54%
37	Garage	\$7,300.00	\$14,949.93	-\$7,649.93	204.79%
38	Summer Roads	\$35,000.00	\$39,972.48	\$27.52	99.98%
39	Winter Roads	\$67,000.00	\$58,001.00	\$8,999.59	86.57%
40	URIP	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
41	Town Dump Maintenance	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	100.00%
42	General Assistance	\$4,000.00	\$4,129.64	-\$129.64	103.24%
43	Recreation	\$1,000.00	\$164.54	\$835.46	16.45%
44	Grader	\$15,226.00	\$15,161.00	\$64.57	99.58%
45	Salt Shed	\$9,787.00	\$9,787.00	\$0.00	100.00%
46	First Park	\$2,904.90	\$3,541.49	-\$636.49	121.91%
47	Social Organizations	\$3,004.90	\$3,446.00	-\$191.00	105.87%
48	Capital Improvements	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
49	RSU #59 Buy Out	\$24,865.00	\$24,865.00	\$0.00	100.00%
50	Overdrafts	\$6,098.56	\$6,098.56	\$0.00	100.00%
Assessment	County Tax	\$80,979.71	\$80,979.71	\$0.00	100.00%
Assessment	RSU #59 RSU #9	\$292,072.08	\$292,072.08	\$0.00	100.00%
undetermined	Tax Note Interest	\$247.01	\$247.01	\$0.00	100.00%
Totals		\$814,415.16	\$777,910.63	\$37,991.39	91.36%

Prepared by Erin Norton

TOWN OF STARKS REVENUE SUMMARY 2012

Town Citizens Contribution

Vendor	Amount
Tax Principal	\$612,516.00
Tax Interest	\$7,588.72
Excise	\$68,606.00
Building Permits	\$550.00
Agent Fees	\$3,579.75
Building Rental Fees & Donation	\$2,639.00
Total	\$781,921.99

Intergovernmental/Outside Contributions

Vendor	Amount
First Park	\$1,306.81
General Assistance	\$411.19
Homestead Exemption	\$24,737.00
Revenue Sharing	\$58,969.16
Tree Growth	\$13,145.97
URIP	\$40,188.00
Veterans Exemption	\$375.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$2,737.29
Former Office/Store Lease	\$1,200.00
Total	\$139,983.65

Dedicated Use Accounts Interest & Balances

Account	Interest	Balance
Higgins Trust	\$6,290.19	\$167,812.89
URIP	\$324.11	\$156,352.91
Capital Improvements	\$22.22	\$10,257.78
Re-Valuation	\$48.42	\$41,171.51
Cap Improvement Building Fund	\$4.22	\$4,541.20
Total	\$6,689.16	\$380,136.29

Prepared by Erin Norton

Cemetery Trust Balance December 31st 2012

\$10,033.14

Frederic Cemetery

	Total Trust	% of Trust	2011 Interest
John W. Higgins	\$5,000.00	79%	\$16.76
Frederic Cemetery Trust	\$157.10	2%	\$0.42
Alice Frederic Fields Trust Fund	\$180.27	3%	\$0.64
Sawyer and Trask Fund	\$334.74	5%	\$1.06
M.D. Frederic Trust Fund	\$100.00	2%	\$0.42
Bertha Waugh Smith-Georgia & Clifford Brann Lot	\$59.37	1%	\$0.21
Glen Frederic Trust Fund	\$500.00	8%	\$1.70
Total	\$6,331.48	64%	\$21.21

Locke Cemetery

Bertha Waugh Smith-Sampson & Mary Duley Lot	\$59.38	6%	\$0.23
Clarence Norton	\$100.00	9%	\$0.35
Calvin Bryant Fish & Herietta Fish Lot	\$200.00	17%	\$0.68
Arthur Morse Trust Fund	\$350.00	30%	\$1.19
David J. Taylor-Milia Taylor Trust Fund	\$100.00	9%	\$0.35
Artthur Buffington Fund-William Gillis Lot	\$40.00	4%	\$0.16
Robert R Bichols & George Nichols Lot	\$100.00	9%	\$0.35
Frank Sterry Fund- Williamson Lot	\$200.00	17%	\$0.67
Total	\$1,149.38	12%	\$3.98

Tupper or Williamson Cemetery

Captian Stevenson & George Williamson Lots	\$95.88	18%	\$0.30
Emma J. Frederic Trust Fund	\$139.81	27%	\$0.45
Betsy Wook Trust Fund	\$59.93	11%	\$0.18
Betsy Smith Cemetery Lot Trust Fund	\$79.17	15%	\$0.25
William P. True Fund Lot	\$150.00	29%	\$0.48
Total	\$524.79	5%	\$1.66

Brake Hill Cemetery

Arthur and Susie Morse Lot	\$200.00	22%	\$0.65
Brake Hill Cemetery Lot	\$608.02	67%	\$2.00
Maude Rankin & Anne Ederly Fund-Lovell Lot	\$100.00	11%	\$0.33
Total	\$908.02	9%	\$2.98

Churchill Cemetery

Arlin L. & Lucinda Chapman			
Justin O. & Sarah T. Chapman	\$1,000.00	10.00%	\$3.31
Total Trust	\$10,000.00	100.00%	

Issued to Ferderic Cemetery			\$21.21
Issued to Locke Cemetery			\$3.98
Issued to Town of Starks			\$7.95
Transferred to the General Fund on January 16th 2013			\$33.14

Prepared by Erin Norton

Town of Starks Payroll 2012

Selectmen	Total	\$9,000.00
Joe Miller	\$3,000.00	
Paul Frederic	\$3,000.00	
Sterling Doiron	\$3,000.00	
Elections	Total	\$4,741.00
Nicole Nelson	\$100.00	
M McLauchlan	\$100.00	
Jerry Brackett	\$450.00	
Catherine Cole	\$63.00	
Denis Culley	\$175.00	
MaryAnn Gawlinski	\$50.00	
Erin Norton	\$465.00	
Vicki Stevens	\$375.00	
Robin Kremer	\$600.00	
Jennifer Zweig Hebert	\$500.00	
Cathleen Horner	\$500.00	
Billie Jo Krebs	\$538.00	
Tracy Quimby	\$675.00	
Ryan Hayden	\$150.00	
Assessors	Total	\$5,600.00
Kerry Hebert	\$2,000.00	
Joseph Hayden	\$1,800.00	
Cynthia Kimball	\$1,800.00	
Town Clerk	Total	\$7,000.00
Jennifer Zweig Hebert	\$7,000.00	
Tax Collector	Total	\$7,000.00
Jennifer Zweig Hebert	\$7,000.00	
Treasurer	Total	\$7,000.00
Erin Norton	\$7,000.00	
Building Superintendant	Total	\$3,500.00
William Pressey	\$3,500.00	
Sexton	Total	\$1,500.00
William Pressey	\$1,500.00	

Maintenance/Janitor	Total	\$208.00
Tracy Quimby	\$208.00	
Health Officer	Total	\$0.00
Tobin Carson	\$0.00	
Fire Department Training	Total	\$2,080.00
Carl Irvine	\$96.00	
Truman Tracy	\$80.00	
Julie Costigan	\$432.00	
Gary Vantol	\$16.00	
Dennis Cotton	\$64.00	
Charles Stevens	\$176.00	
Deborah Ashby	\$16.00	
Larry Ashby	\$16.00	
Guy Stevens	\$176.00	
Adam Ward	\$176.00	
Scott Sanville	\$832.00	
Fire Chief	Total	\$3,400.00
Julie Costigan	\$3,400.00	
Assistant Fire Chief	Total	\$699.00
Truman Tracy	\$233.00	
Charles Stevens	\$233.00	
Chip Irvine	\$233.00	
Fire Department Calls	Total	\$2,904.00
Carl Irvine	\$528.00	
Truman Tracy	\$464.00	
Julie Costigan	\$688.00	
Deborah Ashby	\$56.00	
Gary Vantol	\$296.00	
Charles Stevens	\$216.00	
Larry Ashby	\$88.00	
Guy Stevens	\$144.00	
Adam Ward	\$264.00	
Scott Sanville	\$160.00	
Animal Control	Total	\$402.00
Terry Leonard	\$402.00	

Code Enforcement Officer	Total	\$3,000.00
Leo Mayo	\$3,000.00	
Plumbing Fees	Total	\$2,257.50
Leo Mayo	\$2,257.50	
Equipment	Total	\$9,860.00
Terry Davis	\$1,927.50	
Dennis Cotton	\$5,172.50	
Joseph Bennett	\$525.00	
William Pressey	\$636.00	
Fredrick Vogel	\$1,599.00	
Summer Roads	Total	\$25,565.10
Terry Davis	\$3,660.85	
Kevin Libby	\$100.00	
Dennis Cotton	\$11,916.75	
Joseph Bennett	\$8,182.50	
William Pressey	\$444.00	
Fredrick Vogel	\$1,079.00	
Ronald Giguere	\$182.00	
Winter Roads	Total	\$23,422.75
Terry Davis	\$7,016.25	
Kevin Libby	\$286.00	
Duane Locke	\$149.50	
Dennis Cotton	\$11,475.25	
Clint Quimby	\$169.00	
Joseph Bennett	\$637.50	
William Pressey	\$72.00	
Frederick Vogel	\$2,470.00	
Ronald Giguere	\$1,017.25	
Daniel Shaw	\$130.00	
Garage	Total	\$4,198.50
Terry Davis	\$315.00	
Dennis Cotton	\$2,531.00	
Joseph Bennett	\$30.00	
William Pressey	\$276.00	
Fredrick Vogel	\$1,046.50	

Prepared by Erin Norton

BOARD OF ASSESSORS ANNUAL REPORT for 2012

The Town of Starks Board of Assessors meets weekly at 7 P.M. on Mondays at the Starks Municipal Office. Meetings are open and the public is welcome to attend. Any questions on assessment or incorrect taxation, or problems with the tax maps should be brought before the board of assessors. If you had problems with your address, or your valuation, please bring these problems to the attention of the board of assessors.

At our March Town Meeting of 2012, the town elected a new member to our board, Cathleen Horner. Cathleen's background as a real estate broker has been a valuable asset to the board.

We did not do any further factoring to the land or building valuations this year, and are still keeping well within the state requirements of at least a 70% certified ratio. Our certified ratio for 2012 increased to 83% from the previous level of 82%. The number of new structures being built has continued to be only a fraction of what it was a few years ago.

The Mil rate decreased from 24.6 in 2011 to 21.5 mils for 2012, a reduction of about 14%. This decrease was made possible by the savings realized by joining with the Mt. Blue School District (approximately \$45,000), and an increase in taxes assessed to Central Maine Power due to partial valuation of the new switching station that has been built along Rt. 43, near the Anson Town Line (another \$50,000). Most of the valuation of the switching station will be assessed starting in 2013, and we should realize an additional \$45,000 in savings from the move to RSU 9. Additional new residential buildings were also noted, assessed and added to the tax roles in 2012, but the CMP project represents the majority of the new taxable valuation.

These two issues will continue to have a very positive impact on the financial future of the Town of Starks, but there are some other issues that may negate much of these savings. Governor LePage has proposed several changes in state funding which could have devastating consequences to our local tax rate. First, he has proposed to eliminate funding for the Homestead Exemption program. Starks currently receives about \$22-24,000 per year for this program. Secondly, he intends to eliminate State Revenue Sharing. Revenue Sharing is a state law which dedicates a percentage of the sales tax, along with a portion of the state income tax, towards reducing the tax burden for municipalities. The Town of Starks received about \$56,000 in Revenue Sharing last year.

Lastly, the Governor is attempting to seize all excise tax payments on commercial vehicles. For the town of Starks, this adds up to about \$6,000 per year.

Taken together, all of the governor's proposals represent a reduction in funding of about \$80,000 to the Town of Starks.

Hopefully we will have a clearer idea of the status of these proposals by the time of our March Town Meeting, and will be able to more accurately predict which of these proposals may become reality. Had these changes not been proposed, our taxes could have continued to decrease at approximately the same rate as they did for 2012.

We would like to remind all residents that the Homestead Exemption is still available, and is expected to continue to be a valid program, even if state funding is not received. Residents who qualified in past years will be automatically carried forwards for this year. The only people who need to apply this year are new residents, or others who didn't participate last year. If you are eligible for a veteran's exemption or are disabled, please talk to us about the appropriate exemption.

We spent a great deal of time updating our tax maps so that they would be current as of April 1st, 2012. We have also secured participation in a federal grant project through Sebago Technics, a surveying company based in Lewiston, for the digitizing of our tax maps. This will ultimately make our tax maps available as digital PDF files, and make them available on our own web site, or on the State of Maine MEGIS web site, or printed out on the town's printer at 11X17 inch size. For full sized copies at 24X24 inch, we will incur only printing costs. It also makes future tax map updating cheaper because it can be done digitally without the need of hiring a contractor to make laborious changes on mylar.

We are also working on doing a thorough update of all of the property tax cards, and changing to an updated filing system so that information is more easily accessible.

Thank you for your co-operation in working with us to correct problems in the records over the past few years.

Respectfully submitted

Kerry Hebert Chair



Cathleen Horner



Joe Hayden



Starks Board of Assessors

Breakdown of Municipal Valuation Data for 2012

Total taxable valuation = \$28,229,243

Assessments	
County Tax	\$ 80,979.71
Municipal Appropriation	\$441,366.56
Local Education Appropriation	\$292,071.00
Overlay	\$ 24,889.46
TOTAL ASSESSMENTS	\$839,306.73

Deductions	
State Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$ 56,000.00
Homestead Reimbursement	\$ 22,299.80
Other Revenue	\$154,078.21
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	\$232,378.01

NET ASSESSMENT FOR COMMITMENT = \$ 606,928.72 at a mil rate of 21.5 mils

PLANNING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

The Starks Planning Board is scheduled to meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 7 PM at the Town Hall, although some meetings have been cancelled if there is no business on the agenda. Meetings are open and the public is encouraged to attend. Any additional meetings, such as work meetings and public hearings are posted as required by law, and notice is placed in one or more local papers.

2012 Subdivisions and Site Review Permits:

A Site Review Permit was granted to Joe and Ashley Hayden for a change of use from Municipal use to Commercial Use for the establishment of a General Store at the site of the old town office building on Locke Hill Road.

A Site Review Permit was granted to Todd Colburn for a change of use from residential to Commercial Use for a Auto Repair Garage at his home on the New Sharon Road.

2012 Shoreland Zoning Permits

No Shoreland Zoning Permits were requested during 2012.

2012 Mass Gathering Permits:

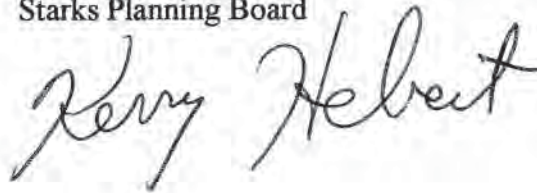
No Mass Gathering Application Permits were requested during 2012

2012 Ordinance Updates:

No changes were made to Town Ordinances during 2012.

Respectfully submitted

Kerry Hebert Chairman
Starks Planning Board



The Starks Board of Appeals enjoyed a fairly quiet year in 2012.

There were five letters sent out for code violations but none were appealed.

The current officers are:

- George Martikke, Chair
- Woody Locke, Vice Chair
- Jim Murphy, Secretary
- Sara Brusila, Alternate
- Maryanne Gawlinski, Alternate

Education of the Board was enhanced as members Sara Brusila and Jim Murphy attended a day of training for Planning and Appeals Boards given by the MMA (Maine Municipal Association) on Feb. 29, 2012. Topics included Legal Establishment of Boards; Variances and Appeals; Verifying Jurisdiction; The Decision-Making Process; Maine's 'Right-to-Know' Law; and Proper Meeting and Conflict of Interest Procedures. Many past "Undue Hardship" appeals were studied, because "Undue hardship without variance" is a common claim by persons seeking relief from set-back or lot size restrictions, especially in cases involving building additions or accessory structures. Conversions of seasonal into year-round homes are other situations where owners may contend that undue hardship will be imposed on them unless a variance is granted. Also, sources for further information were presented that covered many other often-encountered appellate issues and rulings in Maine's municipalities.

The annual meeting for the Board of Appeals will take place sometime shortly after the Town Meeting. Actual date, place and time will be announced later and the proper advance notice will be given.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Murphy

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT

As Starks Animal Control Officer I went on 17 calls. Some required more than one visit but most were accomplished in one trip. I took three dogs and 14 cats to the Franklin County Shelter. I had one bite report but it turned out to be a scratch from the dog's toenail. I had three complaints about dogs on the loose. After speaking with the owners I have not received any more reports on those dogs. There were two issues dealing with horses but both were being dealt with by the time I arrived and there were no more problems with them.

The few calls I had when I was not available were handled by Pam Graf. Pam and I are working on getting local ACOs set up to do multiple towns so there will always be someone who can handle a call when needed. Of the 110 dogs that were licensed in Starks last year only 13 still need to be licensed. Unfortunately for the owners they will now have to pay a \$25 late fee. This is Maine State Law and the town has to charge the late fee. They cannot waive it.

Starks Animal Control Officer
Terry Leonard.

Public Works Department

Annual Report

Last year we cut brush on several roads. We replaced two culverts and did a little ditching. The Lemon Stream Bridge was replaced. We did a little work on the Emery Road. We did some ditching and replaced a culvert. We added a new truck to our fleet in October.

I spent some time with the Board of Selectmen as they searched for a new Road Foreman. We concluded the search and hired someone for a time, but things did not work out. In the end, I decided, with the encouragement of the Board of Selectmen, to take on the position of Road Foreman myself in late September. Now we had to start looking for another Assistant Road Foreman. We ended up hiring a local; Fred Vogel, who came onto the force in October.

The Town of Starks was visited by the Maine Department of Labor. There were many facets of the Public Works Department that were not in compliance. It took the road crew several months to make sure all the errors were fixed. I could not have done it without the support of Paul Fredrick. We are looking forward to a busy and productive year as we move forward into 2013.

Projects for 2013

- Dill Road – Cut brush, ditch, and gravel.
- Chicken Street and River Road - Patch pot holes.
- Locke Hill Road – Replace culverts, ditching, and gravel.
- Spring mud issues all over town.

Starks Fire Department Report for the year 2012

Starks Fire responded to a total of 41 calls in the year 2012.

1055-Car accidents-7

Standby for Madison/Anson fire-10

Structure fires in Starks-2

Assist AMS- 6

Down power lines/trees-3

Assist Anson Fire-1

Assist Madison Fire-1

Chimney fire- 4

All call fire alarm-3

Woods fire-1

Car fire-2

Arson Investigation-1

This year the department came in under budget, due to not having to purchase large amounts of gear and equipment. Our runs were down so fuel costs were lower. But on another note there was much more dropped on the department in the line of paperwork and trainings this is to be expected as the fire world is always changing, mostly due to safety issues. In

August the Town was inspected by The Department of Labor. The Fire Department received citations for various things, mostly what we call “The paper trail”. The department had what was required of us to do, but we didn’t have a plan to showing how to do this so thus “The paper trail”. I spent many hours doing up plans for what we had just gone ahead and did. Now we have all our plans in writing.

I find the fire service and ever lasting learning experience. I have attended many meetings and trainings this past year and always bring back something from everything I attend.

As always when a new year starts, starts a new year of many new and old trainings. These trainings are very important to help grow a strong and knowledgeable department .

As always the fire service has many changes going on and we anticipate this year will be no different. I Thank you for your support in OUR Fire Dept. and look forward to a new and exciting year.

Thank You,

Julie Costigan

Starks Fire Chief

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Costigan". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the right of the printed name.

KENNEBEC VALLEY REGIONAL WASTE CORPORATION

Annual Report for 2012

The withdrawal of Bingham, Moscow, and Pleasant Ridge from the recycling program did not produce any serious negative consequences as might have been feared. The withdrawal of Pleasant Ridge and the decision of the Town of Bingham to place a property tax on our facility in Bingham hurt, but the impact will not be fatal to the two remaining Towns (Anson and Starks).

The rate of participation in the recycling program is still increasing in both Anson and Starks which shows in the tonnage amounts for the year 2012. Anson produced nearly 164 tons and Starks over 59 tons. In both towns an increase in recycling reduces the amounts that would end up in the solid waste landfill, and in savings for either the taxpayers or the rate payers. Anson residents save by reducing the cost of taxpayers paying the tipping fees. Last year alone resulted in a savings of nearly \$12,000.00. Starks residents save on the amount that rate-payers would pay to their trash hauler. The greater the participation, the greater the savings would be. It simply makes sense to participate in the K. V. R. W. C. Recycling Program.

Add the fact that the market value of recycled materials has increased so much that the return of money further helps to support the cost of operating the program, thereby reducing the strain on the taxpayers of the two communities. Each year the good sense of operating recycling programs is also becoming more and more obvious to the taxpayers and rate payers of our two communities. Any questions concerning the program can be answered by calling 696-3124. The following is the budget and revenue stream for the year 2012

Expenditures

	<u>2012 actual</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
1. Contract operations	\$42,000.00	Anson--\$38,311.00
2. Supplies	214.64	Starks--\$8,567.00
3. Insurance	5,298.00	P. Ridge--625.00
4. Utilities	733.27	S.A.D 13--1,100.00
5. Fuel	8,763.45	Fuel Rebate--969.24
6 prof. Dues	575.00	Sales--6,236.39
7. Maint./repairs	3,711.76	carryover--26,038.02
8. Rent/mileage	550.20	
9. Taxes to Bingham	949.81	
!0 Audit	1,500.00	
Totals	\$64,296.13	\$81,846.65

2013

KVRWC CURBSIDE RECYCLING CALENDAR

Route designations

Route 1---North Anson, done on the 1st and 3rd Mondays

Route 2---Anson Village, done on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Route 3---Starks and Southwest Anson, done on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays

<u>Month</u>	<u>Rt. 1</u>	<u>Rt. 2</u>	<u>Rt. 3</u>
Jan	7 & 21	8 & 22	10 & 24
Feb.	4 & 18	12 & 26	14 & 28
Mar.	4 & 18	12 & 26	14 & 28
Apr.	1 & 15	9 & 23	11 & 25
May	6 & 20	14 & 28	9 & 23
Jun.	3 & 17	11 & 25	13 & 27
July	1 & 15	9 & 23	11 & 25
Aug.	5 & 19	13 & 27	8 & 22
Sep.	2 & 16	10 & 24	12 & 26
Oct.	7 & 21	8 & 22	10 & 24
Nov.	4 & 18	12 & 26	14 & 25*
Dec.	2 & 16	10 & 24	12 & 26

NOTE

*Make up day for Thanksgiving.

Cancellations due to weather cannot be made up. Call 696-3124 for information on Routes and cancellations.

Recyclable Materials Sorting and Preparation

Please follow the instructions below when preparing and separating recyclable materials. Protect your materials from the rain, wind, and snow. Place materials curbside by 8:00am on your scheduled collection day.

PLASTIC

ALLOWED: #1 PET & #2 HDPE plastic bottles and jugs, except no petroleum (oil, etc) containers.

NOT ALLOWED: No other type of plastic. No plastic bags or film. NO caps, lids, bowls or trays (even if #1 or #2)

PREPARATION: Rinse containers clean, remove and discard caps and lids.

NEWSPAPERS & MAGAZINES

ALLOWED: Newspapers with inserts, phone books, magazines and catalogs.

NOT ALLOWED: No mixed paper, no brown envelopes, no junk mail.

PREPARATION: Bag or bundle, keep clean and dry and please keep separate from mixed paper.

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

ALLOWED: Corrugated cardboard and paper grocery bags.

NOT ALLOWED: No mixed paper and no waxed cardboard.

PREPARATION: Please flatten all boxes. Keep clean and dry. Bundle large quantities.

MIXED PAPER

ALLOWED: Boxboard/paperboard (cereal/cracker boxes, paper towel tubes, shoe boxes and similar items, foreign cardboard, paper egg cartons, all types of office/school paper, brown envelopes, paper feed and seed bags, mail (including "junk mail") and any similar paper product.

NOT ALLOWED: No paper layered with plastic, waxed paper or corrugated cardboard. No paper towels/napkins or wet/soiled paper.

PREPARATION: Please keep clean and dry. Flatten boxes. Must be bagged and separated from cardboard and newspaper/magazines.

GLASS

ALLOWED: All glass jars, separated by color.

NOT ALLOWED: No dishware, window glass, ceramics or light bulbs.

PREPARATION: Rinse clean, recycle metal lids with cans and discard plastic lids. Do not break.

CANS

ALLOWED: All metal cans, pie tins, foil and metal jar lids.

NOT ALLOWED: No fuel containers, propane tanks, aerosol cans or heavy steel.

PREPARATION: Rinse clean.

UNIVERSAL WASTE

UNIVERSAL WASTE: fluorescent light tubes, TVs, computers, monitors and peripherals, and mercury-containing devices may be recycled. These materials cannot be collected curbside and arrangements must be made for delivery to the KVRWC facility in Bingham. **There will be a charge for the recycling of universal waste.**

Questions, Comments, or Concerns

Kennebec Valley Regional Waste Corporation

c/o Three Rivers Disposal & Recycling
P.O. Box 31
Anson, Me. 04911

(207) 696-3124

Please properly prepare and separate your materials. This is your municipal recycling program. Help make it work.

ANSON/MADISON & STARKS EMERGENCY SERVICES

aka AMS AMBULANCE SERVICE

AMS enjoyed another successful year under the leadership of George Demchek, Director. The total number of calls/runs for the fiscal year was 1,633. Calls/runs by town were:

Madison 668 or 41%
 Skowhegan 389 or 24%
 Anson 286 or 17.5%
 Emden 93 or 5.5%
 Starks 43 or 2.6%
 All others 153 or 9.4%

Staff turnover has been minimal. Training is ongoing as another EMT has passed classes to become a full paramedic. The goal is to have a qualified paramedic for each ambulance emergency run.

Other by-the-numbers information includes: busiest days, Wednesday – 265; Friday – 255; Thursday – 234. The fewest number of runs is over the weekends. Busiest time of day: noon to 1500 hrs. – 19.6%; late afternoon 1500 to 1800 hrs. – 17.94%. Early morning hours were the highest.

All residents are again being asked to ensure your house numbers are easily visible from the road.

SIX MONTH FINANCIAL STATEMENT

DECEMBER 31, 20012

ASSETS

Current Assets:	
Cash Checking Account	\$39,483.00
Payroll Account.....	3,630.00
Cash-S.A.M.....	96,430.00
Accounts Receivable.....	207,013.00
Less: Allowance for Bad Debt.....	(151,202.00)
Total Current Assets:	\$195,354.00
Total Land, Buildings, & Equipment:	\$226,315.00
(Net of Depreciation)	
Total Assets:	\$421,668.00

LIABILITIES

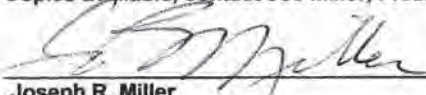
Current Liabilities:	\$10,007.00
Long Term Liabilities (2011 Ambulance):	90,601.00
Total Liabilities:	\$100,608.00
Total Net Worth:	\$321,060.00
Total Liabilities & Net Worth:	\$421,668.00

Key Ratios:

Current Ratio: 19.52 to 1
 Total Debt to Current Assets: 1.94 to 1

Most recent audit as of June 30, 2012 by Hollingsworth & Assoc. CPA, PA reflected in part financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities and net worth of AMS.

Copies available, contact Joe Miller, President, AMS Emergency Services at 696-8203.



 Joseph R. Miller

AMS Ambulance Service

2012 by the numbers

Total number of calls: 1633 181 less than 2011 10% less

ALS and PIFT Runs: Total 849 / 52% 2011 / 53%

Reasons for Dispatch: Transfers 22.23% Other 9.86% Breathing problems 9.43% Falls 9.19% Chest pain 6.18% Traffic accidents 6.25%

Runs by gender: Male 783 / 48% Female 850 / 52%

Age of patients: 75-84= 19.9% 55-64= 14.64% 65-74= 14.57% 45-54= 14.33% 85 plus = 13.84% Average pt age of all runs= 62 yrs

Runs by originating calls: Madison 668/41%, Skowhegan 389/24%, Anson 286/17.5%, Embden 93/5.75%, Starks 43/2.6%

Busiest day of the week by number of runs: W=265, Fri=255, Th=234, Tu=232, M=227, Su=209, Sat=206

Busiest time of day: Noon-1500=19.6%, 1500-1800=17.94%, 1800-2100=15.19%, 0901-noon=14.45%, 0601-0900=11.08%

Most runs by Paramedic: Dana 390 runs, Tina 350 runs, George 261 runs

Most runs by others: Donna 371 runs, Mark 354 runs, Jan 251 runs

Starks Food Cupboard

A program of East Parish Housing Ministry, Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT

2012 was another successful year for our Food Cupboard. We had about 9 new residents added to our families. We was able to make 48 Thanksgiving baskets this year. We would like to thank all of the local gardeners and people that gave us produce, donations and the citizens of Starks at Town Meeting for their continued support and selfless generosity, It really is a help and greatly appreciated. Although the Federal surplus is getting smaller with each quarterly delivery we were still able to meet the needs of the Towns people. We would like to extend a Big Thank You to the volunteers, for there much needed time they spend each month helping to make boxes, unloading trucks and stocking shelves after deliveries,

The Starks Food Cupboard is open on the 1st and 3rd Wed. of each month from 10AM to 12Noon unless school is canceled than we are not opened. In response to emergency requests. Please call Call 696-4337. or cell phone 399-8275.

Thank you for your continued support,
Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Kimball, Coordinator

	<u>Income</u>	
<u>Beginning Balance</u>		<u>\$ 496.45</u>
<u>Town of Starks</u>		<u>\$ 900.00</u>
<u>Fema</u>		<u>\$ 0</u>
<u>Miscellaneous donations</u>		<u>\$ 400.00</u>
<u>Total Income</u>		<u>\$ 1,796.45</u>

	<u>Expenses</u>	
<u>Good Shepard Food Bank</u>		<u>\$ 174.00</u>
<u>Hannaford</u>		<u>\$ 359.00</u>
<u>Save-A-Lot</u>		<u>\$ 159.00</u>
<u>Bobs' cash fuel</u>		<u>\$ 635.00</u>

Balance Ending \$469.45

FIRST PARK 2012 Report

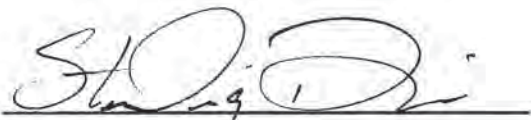
The Kennebec Regional Development Authority, operating under the business name of FIRST PARK, continues to have very limited slow growth due to the poor business climate in our state and throughout the nation.

Starks assessment for the year 2011-2012 was \$3,541.00. Starks receives about 50% of these funds back from income based on FIRST PARK's annual operations. Our town continues to be the smallest participant in the Authority.

In November 2009 Diana Rafuse was hired as Executive Director of FIRST PARK. She began reorganizing many functions and operations including a fully functional website and Facebook page. She attended numerous meetings and trade shows and local community/civic meetings promoting FIRST PARK. After three years of employment, Diana has resigned stating that only a small part of her job was devoted to financial analysis which she enjoys and where her background was strongest. The work of the Director, which is the only paid position, will be performed by various board members until a replacement can be found. Diana went to work for Belgrade's Gagne and Sons and has split her time between the two entities. For 2013-2014 a strategic shift to seeking smaller businesses instead of large out-of-state companies will be the goal of the new Executive Director.



Joseph R. Miller, Representative to FIRST PARK



Sterling Doiron, Alternate

Budget Committee Annual Report for 2012

The Budget Committee met regularly throughout the year working with the Board of Selectmen on a variety of issues and expenditures.

This five-member committee is advisory only and is not charged with final decisions. All such decisions are the responsibility of the Board of Selectmen.

Members of the Budget Committee:

- Ernest Hilton
- Erin Norton
- Katrina Waite
- Carol Coles
- Bob Clark

Some of the issues/expenditures that were under discussion in our meetings with the Board of Selectmen were the need to plan for bridge replacements, working on the criteria to be used as the town planned its purchase of a town truck, as well as consideration of the positive impact of the CMP improvements as well as the impact on reductions in state aid and how best to plan for these and other fiscal issues facing the town.

In our work with the Board of Selectmen we often referred to the just completed revision to our town's Comprehensive Plan to best align our work with its recommendations.

These are interesting and sometimes challenging times for our town. We, as a committee, hope that our input has been of use.

We also hope that more young Starks residents will consider becoming involved with the Budget Committee and/or other committees and boards.

Respectively submitted,

Bob Clark, Chairman
Starks Budget Committee

COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE

The School Building Committee would like to thank the volunteers, selectmen, road crew, building superintendent, and the ladies in the town office. Without you the upkeep and management of this building could not be possible.

One of the biggest tasks the SBC has taken on is maintaining the structural and cosmetic integrity of the school building. We believe as a group we need to move forward with replacing the roof, painting the siding and replacing the tiles in the gym floor. Contracting businesses were contacted and several bids were received for all three mentioned issues. A storage building was purchased and placed outback to store the lawn mower in the summer and the snow blower in the winter as well as the tools needed for maintenance.

Over all use of the building is up. There were 44 events this past year as well as numerous town events. Local, county and state police agencies used the building as training last fall, as well as the Madison, Anson and Starks fire departments for communications training. The building, rooms, gym, and kitchen can be rented through the town office for all kinds of events. There is a calendar just left of the town office room inside the building. If you are interested in renting space check the date you are interested in and get required paperwork from the office.

The SBC meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 pm. We welcome anyone who would like to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Stevens, Chair
School Building Committee

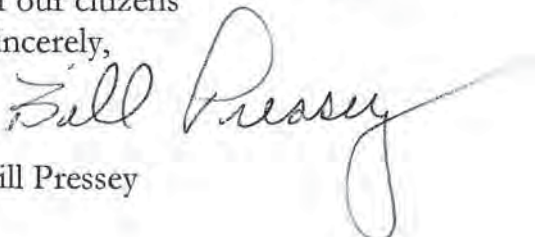
COMMUNITY CENTER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Greetings;

I would like to start by saying how good it seems to me to see the amount of activity at our Community Center. Having grown up in Starks, it is wonderful to see all the different functions that are made possible by having this building for our use. It seems a long way from the days of Bijah Hill Ski Tow; hanging the boards over the windows of the old town hall to play basketball; visiting Madge and Glenn's house to borrow a book from the library; or the summer ball games on the town green. All of that was great, but to have this central place for all our community; young and old alike; to gather, is great to see and be a part of. Besides housing our town office and community library, the Community Center is a meeting place for many functions both public and private. All the great work done, and events put on, by volunteers too numerous to mention, have made this Community Center more than the building that encompasses it. It is a place that you can be proud of as a citizen of Starks. Some of the changes made this past year were the purchase of a lawnmower, grass trimmer, snow blower, and a building to house them. The new building also provides storage for other groups to utilize. The flagpole was moved to the front of the building adjacent to the veteran's monument. The new sign out front is being used as a reminder of events and messages to the townsfolk. A grant has allowed updates to, and expansion of, the library. The garden was bountiful and helped with meals served in celebration and meals served at fundraisers for citizens in need. I hope that you take time to read the reports from all the groups that are part of our community so that you may learn of all the great things happening here. Better yet, stop by and observe or become a part of the activity. I must put out a thanks to all the people, too numerous to mention, that have helped make your Community Center a clean, comfortable, functioning, and fun place to visit. It is these folks that make it such a success.

A special thanks to Jenn, Erin, Paul, Linda, MaryAnn, Raynie, Colin, Earl, Danielle, and Jada for their guidance and help. A very special thanks to Charlene for the countless volunteer hours put into cleaning and all around help. I look forward to finishing out this appointment as your building superintendent, and at your pleasure, continuing on, as the Community Center moves forward in becoming a bigger and better asset to all of our citizens

Sincerely,



Bill Pressey

STATE OF MAINE

Legislative Delegation of Somerset County

Is Proud to Recognize the

Starks Community Center

Congratulations to the people of Starks for their most successful endeavor to convert the Starks Community School into the Starks Community Center. Members of this rural Somerset County town came together to the benefit of their neighbors. Through the leadership, foresight and efforts of many residents, the center has become the heart of the community. Today, the town of Starks has a community center that houses the town office, municipal committee rooms, a library, a gym and a facility for public and private functions. The members of the Maine Legislature applaud your success at promoting life in rural Maine.

 <small>Dean A. Eddy, State Representative</small>	 <small>Philip A. Gault, State Representative</small>	 <small>Larry C. Dupont, State Representative</small>
 <small>Jeffrey A. Fink, State Representative</small>	 <small>Peter B. Johnson, State Representative</small>	 <small>Jeff M. McCune, State Representative</small>
 <small>John J. Poirault, State Representative</small>	 <small>Raymond A. Wallace, State Representative</small>	 <small>Thomas H. Moran, State Senator</small>
 <small>Thomas B. Sullivan, State Senator</small>	 <small>Douglas Thomas, State Senator</small>	 <small>Rodney L. Worricombe, State Senator</small>

May 16, 2017

STARKS TOWN LIBRARY

2012 was a busy year for the Starks Town Library Committee. With the help of a grant from Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation, the Library Committee was able to purchase two computers/monitors, one for the use by the Library staff and one for use by the public; a printer; shelving for the library and annex; a display board; book carts; a scanner; and a cabinet for crafts.

For a minimal lifetime charge, we joined "LibraryThing", an online service, which helps us to electronically keep track of our library books and their categories. As of the end of 2012, we have catalogued all the adult books and are now working to catalogue the children's and young adults' books

Library hours follow the Town Office hours - Monday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.; and the first Saturday of the month, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. We have a reading session/storytime from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. during the first Saturday of the month. Town residents are encouraged to visit the library and check out books. Browse through the shelves, select your book(s) and sign them out on the sheet located on the library's desk. Each month two of the current best selling books will be available for the public to check out on a first come basis.

During the year, the Library Committee has worked with many others to sponsor an Open House, the SummerKids! program, a Halloween celebration, and the annual Christmas celebration.

Starks Community Center *Open House/Starks Elementary School Reunion* was held on June 2nd and drew over 125 adults and children. We displayed memories from the past; people toured the library; and finished off with music and a community dinner sponsored by SEEds.

With another small grant from "Move More Kids" area children had the opportunity to participate in the *Starks SummerKids! program*. The program helps children foster lifelong literacy enjoyment, physical fitness, healthy eating, and involvement in creative, fun activities. Books related to healthy eating, nutrition and exercise were read to and by children in the library.

At the *Halloween* celebration, the library was decorated with ghost, pumpkins and goblins. Over 30 kids visited the library dressed in costumes and received a bag of nutritious snacks and a book.

And, to happily end the year, with many community organizations and volunteers, the *Starks Community Christmas Celebration* was held at the Starks Community Center on Friday, December 21, 2012. The celebration focused on children and Christmas music. The library was used as a gathering place to plan and prep for the celebration with kids joining us on Wednesdays to make the Christmas decorations for the tree and gym. Free books were available at the event for kids to take for their enjoyment and add to their own personal library at home.

In addition to all the Library Committee accomplished during 2012, we also started a Book Club in October 2012 with 5 to 6 participants. The Book Club meets monthly to discuss book(s) on a selected topic. Instead of all members reading the same book, the group decided to pick a theme for each month with members choosing their own books based on that theme. So far themes have included Forgiveness, the Era from 1960-1975, Native Americans, and Travel. The choices and descriptions of books have been interesting and discussions about the themes lively and enjoyable.

Committee Members: Chair, Maryanne Gawlinski; Liz Frederic, Melissa Frederic, Jon Hull, Nancy Lagin, Linda Larose and Tracy Quimby

Starks Historical Society

The Historical Society engaged in a number of activities of local interest. We arranged a tour of an archaeological dig this past summer on one of the Millers fields- it was one of the so-called Tracy Farm archaeological sites just north of the confluence of the Sandy and Kennebec Rivers. As many of you know, this area on the west side of the Kennebec River was the site of a Native Abnaki settlement for some thousands of years until about 1695 when they were persuaded to move their village over to the east side of the Kennebec in what is now the Old Point area of Madison. At the time, the west side of the Kennebec was English North America and the east side was French North America, and this area of what would become Starks was in a way a focal point in the international geopolitics of the European conflict between England and France.

We also convened a dessert soiree for members of all the historical societies of the area from Farmington to Embden, Norridgewock to Smithfield and all those in between, numbering 8 or 10 in all, which was well-attended.

We have not had regular meetings for a year or so, but do meet on occasion when the need arises. Over the course of the last few years we have digitized all of the town's official records back to the founding of the town in 1795. One project we have discussed is assisting either the Town or SEEdS in funding the development of a web site so we could make available to the community these digitized records as well as photos, etc. Our treasury currently stands at about \$5,800 all from sales of the *People & Places of Starks*.

Ernie Hilton, President

School Reorganization Committee- Final Report

This will be the final report to the Town of the efforts by which we withdrew from the Madison-based SAD 59 school district, and reorganized into the Farmington-based RSU 9 Mt. Blue district. Thus far, it appears to be going quite well. As you recall, we raised about \$25,000 last year in a single lump-sum payment to SAD 59 to buy out of the then-remaining ten years of bond payments on the new Madison Elementary School, and to also pay our share of the balance of the Superintendent's contract. On the other side of the reorganization, because of the timing, the Town of Starks is exempt from making any contribution, now or in the future, to payment for the new Mt. Blue High School or other current expansions and renovations. This is on top of achieving \$45,000 in first year savings on education and \$90,000 this coming year due to the differences in budgeting between SAD 59 and RSU 9.

This school year, 2012/13, the first year of the reorganization has seen 33 students from Starks attending Mt. Blue schools and about 30 continuing at Madison. The number continuing at Madison will drop over coming years as students graduate and as all new and incoming students are required to enroll into Mt. Blue schools. Starting with the 2013/14 school year, students will no longer have the right to shift from one district to the other, and no students will be allowed to transfer absent Superintendent's agreements.

Parents need to be aware, in accordance with the Withdrawal Agreement, the "Final List" of students allowed by right to continue at Madison will be established as of June 30, 2013. No transfers can take place after that without a Superintendents' Agreement.

This is a recent newspaper article regarding the new Mt. Blue High School which will open Fall, 2013:
<http://www.onlinesentinel.com/news/Mt-Blue-high-school-complex-nears-end-of-60-million-expansion-renovation.html?searchterm=Mt.+Blue+High+School>

Ernie Hilton, Chair
Starks Withdrawal Committee, and
Mt. Blue RSU No. 9 Reorganization Committee

Mt. Blue Regional School District

(RSU #9)

In April of 2012, the Town of Starks and the towns of Mt. Blue Regional School District voted to have Starks join their district. On July 1, 2012, it became official. The apportionment of the Board of Directors allows for Starks to have one representative on the board. On July 24, 2012, the citizens of Starks elected me to a three year term. The transition to the new school district has gone smoothly and I have been impressed by the dedication and commitment shown by district staff. Some highlights of the Board/District's 2012-2013 year include:

- Continued construction of the Mt. Blue Regional High School/Foster Career and Technical Education Center campus. Currently the campus is about 2/3 finished and is on track to be fully completed by next fall. The \$60 million expansion is impressive – our children will have the option of attending a beautiful new high school.
- Long time Superintendent Dr. Michael Cormier will retire at the end of this school year. Currently the Board is in the process of selecting a new superintendent.
- This spring's budget season will be a challenge. Proposed state funding for school districts indicate there will be deep cuts. I am a member of the Budget Subcommittee and will do my best to help present a budget that retains quality educational programs while being mindful of its effect on our tax bills.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our town and school district. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or ideas.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer A Zweig Hebert

Scholarship For Starks Citizens

Starks Enrichment and Education Society (SEEdS)

Two \$200. Scholarships for students graduating from high school who attended Starks Elementary School.

Contact: Jenn Hebert, Chair of SEEdS Scholarship Committee, 696-3756

Progressive Club

\$100. for Starks student graduating from Madison High School.

Contact: Madison High School Guidance Department, 696-3395

Helen Reed – Traditional

\$200. for a Starks student graduating from Madison High School or Mount Blue High School.

Contact: Paul Frederic, Chair of Helen Reed Scholarship Committee, 696-8339

Helen Reed – Non-Traditional

\$200. for a non-traditional Starks student.

Contact: Paul Frederic, Chair of Helen Reed Scholarship Committee, 696-8339

John W. and Florence S. Higgins Endowment Fund – Bowdoin College

This is assigned to a Starks student. If there is no student from Starks, the support goes to someone from Skowhegan or Somerset County.

Contact: Office of Student Aid, Bowdoin College, (207) 725-3144

Memorial Day

Each Memorial Day, an event to honor Veterans of all wars is held at 2:00 p.m. at the Town Office (Community Center) in Starks. A Madison/Anson honor guard conducts the program.



2012 SEEdS Report

Greetings from the Starks Enrichment and Education Society. Our mission is to provide enrichment through encouragement of the visual and performing arts, environmental awareness, development and operation of a library, support of a historical society, and development of health and exercise related programs, and such other means as generally support the education, enrichment and health of the adults and children of Starks and the surrounding areas.

In January, we applied for and were granted 501(c)(3) Tax Deductible Non-Profit Status to the IRS. This could not have been possible without the assistance and dedication of Ernie Hilton. Thank you Ernie! This will create even more opportunities for the whole town, as it makes us eligible to accept grants and tax deductible donations from businesses.

2012 was another successful year! It was our third year of the Fedco seeds fundraiser which is offered to non-profit educational groups by Fedco Seeds Cooperative in Clinton, Maine. 2013 seed packing is well under way and new packets are available for sale now! We also have 2011 and 2012 seed packets (still viable) available now at a discounted price of \$1.00 per packet. (Come see our table at the March 9th Town Meeting!) Special thanks go to the Fedco Cooperative for a wonderful opportunity to raise funds as well as to raise awareness about local food and healthy ecology!

The Starks Community Garden was launched last year and was the scene of much activity during the growing season. Thanks to all who helped, particularly the core team of Jim, Elizabeth, Melissa, Nancy, and Linda. We engaged at least 20 kids (age 3-15 years) in a number of events such as garden tours and demos, composting and raised beds, making a scare crow, and furnishing food for the Pumpkin Festival. Many adults too were given tours that explained the low-cost methods employed. We used leftover seed from the SEEdS packets, were awarded a \$250 grant for tools by the New Balance Foundation, donated at least 250 lb. of food to the Starks Food Pantry, engaged several Burdock Gatherers in a Work-for-Food exchange, gave away more food to kids and parents, and even sold some produce! We also planted about a dozen each of blueberry and elderberry bushes, two Liberty apple trees and two flowering crabapples. We composted kitchen and table scraps from Kerry's benefit dinner and hope to make that recycling a regular practice. Overall, a great start for a garden that can be easily expanded or adapted for many future years of productivity. And we'd love to have new folks of all ages join us in 2013 to help plan and share the fun!

SEEdS proudly provided scholarships worth \$200 each to two worthy graduating seniors. Congratulations to the 2012 recipients, Samantha McLaughlin and Brooke Freeman! We wish you the best in all your endeavors!

Last year, fundraising proceeds funded (or helped fund), WinterKids, a trip to the Bangor Children's Museum, an Open House/Reunion at the former Starks School, a trip to the Waterville Public Pool, SummerKids, the Third Annual Pumpkin Festival, a town Christmas party, and the purchase of a PA (Public Address) system for the community center.

We hope this year will be as successful as last year! New members and volunteers are always welcome. Your level of involvement is completely flexible. It would be great to have additional help packing the seeds, organizing the events, helping out at Pumpkin Festival or with the community garden.....anything at all! Our activities and events are open to ANYONE interested; you do not need to be a Starks resident. SEEdS meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Library. ALL are always welcome!

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer A. Zweig Hebert".

Jennifer A Zweig Hebert, 2012 SEEdS. Chair

P.S. LIKE S.E.Ed.S. on Facebook to stay updated on our activities!!



Annual Report: Starks Comprehensive Plan: Focusing on the Future

The Starks Comprehensive Plan was overwhelmingly adopted by the townspeople on November 6, 2012: the vote was 233 yes, 70 no and 18 not voting.

The Comprehensive Plan contains recommendations for the next ten years – recommendations that are based on citizen input through a public opinion survey, a visioning forum and other public meetings. The Plan confirms community support for many of the activities the town is currently engaged in and also proposes many new initiatives.

The Plan's recommendations promote the town's Vision for 2022 which is summarized in the black box.

Examples of specific recommendations currently underway include:

- Improvements to the Community Center, including the Library and the grounds
- Activation of an Agricultural Commission
- An inventory of town roads to identify needs
- Replacement of bridges
- Computerization of the town's tax maps

2013 will entail continuation of all of the above, as well as other activities, such as comprehensive update of the town's land use regulations.

Copies of the Comprehensive Plan are available at the Town Office and Library.

The Comprehensive Plan is just a blueprint for the future; improving the town through implementation of its recommendations will require ongoing work on the part of town officials and citizens. Please contact the Selectmen or other community groups to participate in making Starks a great place to live!

The Vision for 2022...

- Year-round population of about 700. More people working in town (home and local businesses)
- Enhanced rural character with extensive farms and forests
- Appreciation for history and archaeology
- Economic activity, esp. farms, local foods and goods, with notable collaboration and integration
- Unique natural features and exceptional vistas valued, protected, and promoted
- A vibrant Village with services, businesses, town activities, recreation, and scenic locations
- A thriving local culture – arts, learning, volunteerism, and community spirit
- A great community for families, children, and elders to live and thrive

STARKS AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

As 2012 closed, the Starks Agricultural Commission was taking shape. Briefly stated, its aims are to preserve and protect the Ag and forestry we have now and to help those pursuits become more successful and multiply. This was an outgrowth of the Comprehensive Plan's Visioning Forum, where townspeople resoundingly called for more farms, more local foods, and more incentives for agriculture. An Ag Commission was seen as a key way to carry this out. As the first city or town in Maine to create such a group, we have proceeded in a measured, deliberative manner, with citizen input and research at every stage. The new Starks Comprehensive Plan had addressed some guidelines and listed enough relevant activities to keep us busy for years. Background information came from the ME Farmland Trust, the ME Assn. of Conservation Com-missions, and the MA Dept. of Ag Resources, which assists the 150 MA towns with AgComs. Several individual town commissions were also consulted.

Fifteen hardy souls came to our Steering Committee meeting to consider, compare and propose what the bylaws should contain. These were assembled into a document and submitted to the Selectmen for their review. Upon their approval the Steering Committee dissolves and the Selectmen name the Ag. Committee members after a two-week open application period. The first meeting will be announced, at which officers will be elected and a plan for our first few projects will be worked out.

Many exciting activities are in view to promote farming on all scales in Starks. Meetings will always be open to the public and joining the Ag Commission in its work is enthusiastically encouraged. An active record of the AgCom's meetings, agendas, and minutes will be maintained in the Starks Library so that everyone can see what we're working on and keep up to date.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Murphy, Chair

Ag Commission Steering Committee

The Starks General Store

At the March 2012 Town Meeting the residents voted to allow us to lease the former Town Office at 10 Locke Hill Road, and open it as a store. After months of planning, and lease negotiations, The Starks General Store opened for its first day of business on July 17th 2012.

The store employs 4 part time positions, and is open Monday-Saturday 6am-8pm and Sunday 10am-6pm. Besides the usual items, we offer **local** produce, art work, and other goodies on a regular basis. This spring we hope to feature organic beef from Moon Shadow Farm right here in Starks!

What we've been up to:

- **Gift Card Give away!** People entered a drawing for 4 \$100 CN Brown gift cards just before the heating season. Congratulations to the winners: **Becky Rackliff, George Yodice, Billie Jo Seavey and George Martikee.**

- **Coats for Kids Drive.** This fall we collected coats from several people and organizations. Most were donated to Starks kids but the remaining coats were donated to Catholic Charities in Fairfield.

- **Santa's Village.** Each weekend in December, we welcomed children of all ages to stop by for Photo with Santa, a gift and a treat. 26 kids visited, 18 from Starks, and 8 from surrounding towns.

- **Catering.** We've catered 4 parties here in town and several luncheons for the United in Christ Church.

In January we donated all the bottles collected at the store, to the Starks Library; and starting this spring, we'll offer soft serve ice cream.

We encountered a few obstacles in the beginning, as with any new small business, but have our feet under us now. We love working as together as a family. We hope to eventually purchase the building, as well as expand. With the support of the people in town we'll be open for many years to come. Stop by and see us for all your convenience store needs, or to just say "Hi"!

We'd like to extend a big ***"Thank you"*** to the residents in Town for allowing our family this wonderful opportunity!



Respectfully,

Joe, Ashley, Joey and Emma

Live free or die; death is not the worst of evils.

~General John Stark 1809

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KVCOG, established in 1967, is owned and operated by its current 52 member municipalities in Kennebec, Somerset County, and western Waldo Counties.

KVCOG is the Regional Planning and Development expert technical assistance arm of its member municipalities. The members use KVCOG to build and maintain a critical mass of expert technical assistance at a fraction of the cost of hiring this sort of help on an *ad hoc* basis.

KVCOG expertise supports and supplements the work of councilors, selectmen, managers, planning boards, solid waste committees, economic developers, and other municipal boards, committees, and commissions. KVCOG's staff includes 3 planners, a loan officer, a Business Development Specialist, a "Certified" CDBG Specialist, and the Executive Director. Together they bring more than 35 years of experience and expertise to the job.

KVCOG membership affords its member municipalities access to a wide range of both **direct** services delivered locally including land use (Planning, Code Enforcement) and solid waste technical assistance (recycling and HHW), and **regional** services that benefit all members including infrastructure investments (EDA, USDA, CDBG), business finance and business counseling, and regional business attraction marketing and job retention assistance.

KVCOG provides member municipalities and their citizens and business firms with the following services:

- **Planning** – Land use, environment, solid waste, transportation, economic development, and technical assistance to keep Maine livable and to preserve our unique environment.
- **Community Development Block Grants** – Training and technical assistance, application preparation and support, and CDBG grant administration that improves the quality of community life and supports economic development.
- **Economic Development** – Economic development infrastructure investments, planning, business counseling and education, job retention and business attraction marketing, economic development coordination, workforce development, affordable housing, downtown revitalization, joint purchasing, and agricultural expansion.
- **Economic Development Finance** – Revolving Loan Fund \$4.5 million loan pool, \$1+ million available to lend to businesses in the region in partnership with local banks and other lenders designed to expand jobs and economic opportunity. KVCOG also provides free Maine Small Business Development Center business counseling services.

Articles of Warrant

Greetings, in the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Starks, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Starks Community Center, 57 Anson Road, in the said Town of Starks on Friday, March 8th, 2013, from 12pm until 8pm. The Annual Town Meeting will be held the following day, Saturday, March 9th, 2013 beginning at 9 am at the Starks Community Center, 57 Anson Road in said Town of Starks.

Article #1

To choose a moderator at said meeting.

Article #2

To choose by Australian ballot all Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article #3

To see if the Town will vote to apply available excise taxes, interest, and lien charges toward the 2013 budget.

Article #4

To elect five budget committee members from the floor.

Article #5

To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the annual budget in each budget category of the 2014 annual budget during the period from January 1st, 2014 to the 2014 Annual Town Meeting.

Article #6

To see if the Town will vote to make taxes due and payable upon the date of commitment

Article #7

To set the rate of interest to be charged on unpaid taxes, after the date set in the preceding article. Interest 7.00%; accrual to begin 60 days from the date of commitment.

Article #8

To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of 2013 taxes from January 1st, 2013 to the 2013 date of commitment.

Article #9

To see if the Town, in accordance with MRSA section 506, will vote that if a taxpayer pays an amount in excess of their final assessment it shall be refunded in the amount of the overpayment.

Article #10

To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real-estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes. Thereon advertise and accept by sealed bid only; and to execute the appropriate deeds for such property.

Article #11

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to apply for a tax anticipation note, for operating expenses only, if necessary.

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget committee.

Article #12

To see if the Town will vote to apply lien cost revenue to the lien cost expense account.

Article #13

To see if the Town will vote to apply overlay to cover abatements.

Article #14

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend up to \$3,000 from surplus, to pay for unanticipated expenses and emergencies.

Article #15

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated funds \$9,890.64 and raise and appropriate from taxation \$72,996.36 for General Administration and additional administrative expenses for the ensuing year.

Object	Undesignated	Taxation/Requested	Total
Payroll Taxes	\$0	\$9,000	\$9,000
Workman's Comp	\$0	\$600	\$600
Mileage	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
Training Workshops	\$345	\$455	\$800
Unemployment	\$0	\$1,300	\$1,300
Annual Drug Testing Fee	\$0	\$50	\$50
Postage	\$590.18	\$909.82	\$1,500
Books & Subscriptions	\$200	\$0	\$200
Dues	\$243	\$2,057	\$2,300
Office	\$0	\$100	\$100
Miscellaneous	\$3,963.46	1,036.54	\$5,000
Audit	\$0	\$4,500	\$4,500
Trio Renewal/Upgrades	\$213	\$3,787	\$4,000
Legal	\$914	\$7,086	\$8,000
Assessors Map Updates	\$2,300	\$0	\$2,300
Town Report	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Ads	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500
Xerox Lease	\$0	\$1,620	\$1,620
Water Rent	\$0	\$3,700	\$3,700
KVRWC	\$0	\$8,567	\$8,567
Large Item Pickup	\$0	\$6,000	\$6,000
Cemetery Maintenance	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
MMA Insurance	\$0	\$17,000	\$17,000
TAN Interest	\$0	\$350	\$350
Voice of Starks	\$122	\$378	\$500
Totals	\$9,890.64	\$72,996.36	\$82,887

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #14 Total recommended from taxation \$72,996.36

Article #16

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate from undesignated funds \$704.96 and raise and appropriate \$295.04 for Town Hall operating expenses at the former Town Hall Building AKA Starks General Store.

Object	Undesignated	Taxation/Requested	Total
Town Hall	\$704.96	\$295.04	\$1,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #17

To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate from taxation to pay the Code Enforcement Officer and allow the LPI to retain his portion of the collected fees for plumbing permits in the Town's name.

Object	Taxation/Requested	Total
CEO	\$3,000	\$3,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #18

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated funds \$5,950 and raise and appropriate from taxation \$1,050 for the legal expenses of Code Enforcement.

Undesignated Funds	Taxation/Requested	Total
\$5,950	\$1,050	\$7,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #19

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation for elections for the ensuing year.

2012 Budget	Taxation/Requested	Total
\$3,900	\$3,900	\$3,900

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #20

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Assessor's salaries for the ensuing year.

Object	2012 Budget	Taxation/Requested	Total
Assessor Chair	\$2,000	\$2,200	\$2,200
Assessor	\$1,800	\$2,000	\$2,000
Assessor	\$1,800	\$2,000	\$2,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #21

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Selectmen's salaries for the ensuing year.

Object	2012 Budget	Taxation/Requested	Total
Selectman Chair	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Selectman	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Selectman	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #22

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Clerk's salary for the ensuing year.

Object	2012 Budget	Taxation/Requested	Total
Town Clerk	\$7,000	\$7,000	7,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #23

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Tax Collector's salary for the ensuing year.

Object	2012 Budget	Taxation/Requested	Total
Tax Collector	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #24

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Treasurer's salary for the ensuing year.

Object	2012 Budget	Taxation/Requested	Total
Treasurer	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #25

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Building Superintendent's salary for the ensuing year.

Object	2012 Budget	Taxation/Requested	Total
Building Superintendent	\$3,500	\$5,000	\$5,000

Recommended by Selectmen, Budget Committee and Building Committee

Article #26

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Health Officer's salary and expenses for the ensuing Year.

Object	2012 Budget	Undesignated	Total
Health Officer	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #27

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Sexton's salary for the ensuing Year.

Object	2012 Budget	Taxation/Requested	Total
Sexton	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #28

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated funds \$500.00 for the Appeals Board

Object	Undesignated	Total
Appeals Board	\$500	\$500

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #29

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated funds \$500.00 for the Planning Board

Object	Undesignated	Total
Planning Board	\$500	\$500

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #30

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated funds \$500 for the training of an incoming elected official by the outgoing officer. This applies only to Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Treasurer's positions.

Object	Undesignated	Total
Training of Officers	\$500	\$500

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #31

To see if the Town will appropriate from undesignated \$6.50 and to see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate from taxation for operating expenses of the Community Center including Town Office, Fireproof + other cabinets, and the kitchen suppression maintenance.

Object	Undesignated	Taxation/Requested	Total
Community Center	\$6.50	\$19,993.50	\$20,000
Fireproof + Cabinets	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
Kitchen Suppression Maintenance	\$0	\$525	\$525

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #32

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated \$4,887.22 and to raise and appropriate \$23,112.78 from taxation for the Starks Fire Department for the ensuing year.

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Object	Undesignated	Taxation/Requested	Total
Fire Department	\$4,887.22	\$23,112.78	\$28,000

Article #33

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Chief's Salary for the ensuing Year.

Object	2012 Budget	Taxation/Requested	Total
Fire Chief	\$3,400	\$3400	\$3,400

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #34

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated funds \$178.72 and raise and appropriate from taxation \$821.28 for the Animal Control Officer and expenses for the ensuing year.

Object	Undesignated	Taxation/Requested	Total
Animal Control	\$178.72	\$821.28	\$1,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #35

To see if the Town will vote raise and appropriate from taxation \$9,600 for the Anson Madison Starks Ambulance Service for the ensuing Year.

Organization	Undesignated	Taxation/Requested	Total
AMS Ambulance	\$0	\$9,600	\$9,600

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #36

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated funds \$87.15 and raise and appropriate from taxation \$212.85 for road Signs.

Object	undesignated	Taxation/Requested	Total
Road Signs	\$87.15	212.85	\$300

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #37

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated funds \$103.72 and raise and appropriate from taxation \$1,096.28 for the Town's Street Lights.

Object	Undesignated Funds	Taxation/Requested	Total
Street Lights	\$103.72	\$1,096.28	\$1,200

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #38

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$15,654.50 from undesignated, and raise and appropriate from taxation \$39,345.50 for Equipment Maintenance in the ensuing year.

Object	Undesignated	Taxation/Requested	Total
Equipment	\$15,654.50	\$39,345.50	\$55,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #39

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation \$10,000 for the Town Garage in the ensuing year.

Object	Taxation/Requested	Total
Garage	\$10,000	10,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #40

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated \$27.52 and raise and appropriate from taxation \$39,972.48 for Summer Roads in the ensuing year.

Object	Undesignated	Taxation/Requested	Total
Summer Roads	\$27.52	\$39,972.48	\$40,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #41

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated funds \$8,999.59 and raise and appropriate from taxation \$58,000.41 for Winter Roads in the ensuing year.

Object	Undesignated Funds	Taxation/Requested	Total
Winter Roads	\$8,999.59	\$58,000.41	\$67,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #42

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$300 for the maintenance of the Starks Town Dump.

Object	Taxation Requested	Total
Town Dump	\$300	\$300

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #43

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate from taxation \$4,500 for General Assistance, and to apply all GA reimbursements from the State to the GA account.

Object	Taxation/Requested	Total
General Assistance	\$4,500	\$4,500

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #44

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated funds \$835.46 and raise and appropriate from taxation \$164.54 for Recreation.

Object	Undesignated Funds	Taxation/Requested	Total
Recreation	\$835.46	164.54	\$1,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #45

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$42,076 for the Plow Truck as a Capital Expense in the ensuing year.

Object	Taxation/Requested	Total
Plow Truck	\$42,076	\$42,076

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #46

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation \$9,787 for the Salt Shed as a Capital Expense in the ensuing year.

Object	Taxation/Requested	Total
Salt Shed	\$9,787	\$9,787

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #47

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,542 for First Park.

Object	Taxation/Requested	Total
First Park	\$3,542	\$3,542

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #48

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Social Organizations.

Organization	Requested	Taxation/Recommended
Starks Food Cupboard	\$900	\$900
Franklin County Animal Shelter	\$1,152	\$1,152
KVCAP Transportation	\$200	\$200
Family Violence	\$400	\$400
Memorial Day Fund	\$100	\$100
Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$500	\$400
Madison Public Library	\$350	\$350
KVCAP Head Start	\$200	\$100
Spectrum Generations	\$328	\$0
Maine Public Broadcasting Network	\$100	\$100
Life Flight Foundation	Donation	\$0
Total	\$4,230+	\$3,702

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #49

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation \$6,000 for the Capital Improvement Fund.

Object	Taxation/Requested	Total
Capital Improvements	\$6,000	\$6,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Capital Improvement Account Balance December 31 st , 2012	\$10,257.78
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Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #50

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation \$60,000 for an additional Capital Improvement fund for anticipated expenses in the near future.

Object	Taxation/Requested	Total
Capital Improvements	\$60,000	\$60,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #51

To see if the Town will vote to authorize income acquired from the sale of surplus and salvage in the Public Works Department, to be applied to the Capital Improvement account.

Recommended by Selectmen and Road Foreman

Article #52

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation \$16,412.07 to cover the overdrafts in the 2012 budget.

Object	Taxation/Requested
Property & Casualty Pool	\$6,965.50
Elections	\$840
Garage	\$7,649.93
GA	129.64
FCAS	\$191
First Park	\$636.49
Total	\$16,412.07

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #53

To see if the Town will vote to accept the category of State Funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature and apply the funds to lower the commitment.

Maine Municipal Revenue Sharing
State Aid to Education (including federal pass through funds and property tax relief)
Public Library State Aid
Tree Growth Reimbursements
General Assistance Funds
Veterans Exemption Funds
Homestead Exemption Funds
FEMA Reimbursements
Civil Emergency Funds (Emergency Management Assistance)
State and Federal Grants
Any Other Funds or Gifts

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article #54

To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Starks by State law to the extent statutorily allowed, in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit. (LD1)

Article #55

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of assets with an estimated value of \$500 or less without having to place legal ads, the details of these assets will be emailed to the town’s email list and posted inside and outside the Town Office for bids. This does not include tax acquired property.

Article #56

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to meet on the first and third Monday of each month to conduct Town business and complete Accounts Payable Warrants. Payroll will continue to be processed weekly.

Article #57

To see if the Town will vote to close the books on December 31, 2013.

Article #58

To see if the Town wishes to hold the next Annual Town Meeting on March 7th and 8th 2014.

Given under our hands at the Starks Town Office this 4th day of February 2012

Paul Frederic, Selectman Chair

Joseph Miller, Selectman

Sterling Doiron, Selectman

A true copy of the warrant

Attest:

Jennifer A Zweig Hebert, Clerk of Starks

Warrant Officer's Return:

By virtue of the herein warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Starks to be assembled at the time and place, and for the purpose therein named by posting attested copies of the warrant in four (4) conspicuous places within said town, the 4th day of February, 2013. The Starks Town Office inside and out, the Starks General Store and the Food Cupboard,

Jerry Brackett, Warrant Officer



Proven Expertise and Integrity

January 9, 2013

Board of Selectmen
Town of Starks
Starks, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Starks, Maine and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Starks, Maine as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012. The following schedules have been excerpted from the 2012 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town. Included herein are:

Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds	Statement C
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds	Statement E
Budgetary Comparison Schedule Budgetary Basis – Budget and Actual General Fund	Schedule 1
Schedule of Departmental Operations – General Fund	Schedule A
Combining Balance Sheet – Non-major Governmental Funds	Schedule B
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Non-major Governmental Funds	Schedule C

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STATEMENT C

TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2012

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds	
			2012	2011
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 181,872	\$ 238,262	\$ 420,134	\$ 373,588
Investments	-	10,034	10,034	10,055
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles):				
Taxes	163,969	-	163,969	187,462
Liens	48,815	-	48,815	46,501
Other	127	-	127	451
Tax acquired property	7,075	-	7,075	6,937
Due from other funds	27,481	19,377	46,858	24,014
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 429,339	\$ 267,673	\$ 697,012	\$ 649,008
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,129
Prepaid taxes	144	-	144	63
Accrued expenses	6,162	-	6,162	4,713
Deferred tax revenues	144,638	-	144,638	139,934
Due to other governments	3,908	-	3,908	1,671
Due to other funds	19,377	27,481	46,858	24,014
TOTAL LIABILITIES	174,229	27,481	201,710	171,524
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	7,075	-	7,075	6,937
Restricted	-	222,880	222,880	175,141
Committed	-	17,312	17,312	41,290
Assigned	-	-	-	41,123
Unassigned	248,035	-	248,035	212,993
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	255,110	240,192	495,302	477,484
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 429,339	\$ 267,673	\$ 697,012	\$ 649,008

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Totals Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Property taxes	\$ 612,516	\$ -	\$ 612,516
Excise taxes	68,606	-	68,606
Intergovernmental revenues	98,022	-	98,022
Charges for services	9,377	-	9,377
Miscellaneous revenues	22,755	146,270	169,025
TOTAL REVENUES	811,276	146,270	957,546
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	118,262	-	118,262
Public safety	40,311	-	40,311
Public works	290,550	-	290,550
Community service	26,791	-	26,791
Education	316,938	-	316,938
County tax	80,980	-	80,980
Unclassified	11,509	13,236	24,745
Capital outlay	-	126,380	126,380
Debt service			
Principal	24,448	-	24,448
Interest	3,323	-	3,323
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	913,112	139,616	1,052,728
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(101,836)	6,654	(95,182)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Bond proceeds	113,000	-	113,000
Operating transfers in	30,016	43,162	73,178
Operating transfers (out)	(6,000)	(67,178)	(73,178)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	137,016	(24,016)	113,000
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER (USES)	35,180	(17,362)	17,818
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	219,930	257,554	477,484
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 255,110	\$ 240,192	\$ 495,302

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TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1	\$ 219,930	\$ 219,930	\$ 219,930	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	615,090	615,090	612,516	(2,574)
Excise taxes	68,000	68,000	68,606	606
Intergovernmental revenues:				
State revenue sharing	56,000	56,000	58,969	2,969
Homestead exemption	22,300	22,300	24,737	2,437
Tree growth	13,800	13,800	13,146	(654)
Other Income	384	384	1,170	786
Interest income	6,290	6,290	6,294	4
Charges for services	-	2,205	9,377	7,172
Miscellaneous revenues	10,411	12,499	16,461	3,962
Bond proceeds	-	113,000	113,000	-
Transfers from other funds	-	30,000	30,016	16
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>1,012,205</u>	<u>1,159,498</u>	<u>1,174,222</u>	<u>14,724</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
Current:				
General government	132,030	134,235	118,262	15,973
Public safety	45,568	45,568	40,311	5,257
Public works	168,016	307,377	290,550	16,827
Community service	28,000	28,000	26,791	1,209
Education	316,956	316,956	316,938	18
County tax	80,980	80,980	80,980	-
Unclassified	37,148	39,236	11,509	27,727
Debt service				
Principal	21,400	24,448	24,448	-
Interest	3,613	4,204	3,323	881
Transfers to other funds	6,000	6,000	6,000	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>839,711</u>	<u>987,004</u>	<u>919,112</u>	<u>67,892</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 172,494</u>	<u>\$ 172,494</u>	<u>\$ 255,110</u>	<u>\$ 82,616</u>
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	\$ 47,436	\$ 47,436	\$ -	\$ (47,436)
Utilization of assigned fund balance	-	-	-	-
	<u>\$ 47,436</u>	<u>\$ 47,436</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (47,436)</u>

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TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Balance Positive (Negative)
General Government -					
Administration	\$ 75,030	-	\$ 75,030	\$ 65,751	\$ 9,279
Town Hall operating	1,000	-	1,000	705	295
Code enforcement officer	10,000	-	10,000	4,208	5,792
Elections	3,900	-	3,900	4,740	(840)
Plumbing inspector	-	2,205	2,205	2,258	(53)
Assessors	5,600	-	5,600	5,600	-
Selectmen	9,000	-	9,000	9,000	-
Town clerk	7,000	-	7,000	7,000	-
Tax collector	7,000	-	7,000	7,000	-
Treasurer	7,000	-	7,000	7,000	-
Janitor	3,500	-	3,500	3,500	-
Sexton	1,500	-	1,500	1,500	-
Appeals board	500	-	500	-	500
Planning board	500	-	500	-	500
Outgoing officer to train incoming	500	-	500	-	500
	<u>132,030</u>	<u>2,205</u>	<u>134,235</u>	<u>118,262</u>	<u>15,973</u>
Public safety -					
Fire department	28,150	-	28,150	23,263	4,887
Fire chief	3,400	-	3,400	3,400	-
Animal control	1,000	-	1,000	821	179
AMS service	9,600	-	9,600	9,600	-
Road signs	300	-	300	213	87
Street lights	1,200	-	1,200	1,096	104
Workers compensation	1,918	-	1,918	1,918	-
	<u>45,568</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,568</u>	<u>40,311</u>	<u>5,257</u>
Public works -					
Equipment	55,000	-	55,000	39,346	15,654
Garage	7,300	-	7,300	14,950	(7,650)
Summer roads	35,000	-	35,000	35,177	(177)
Winter roads	67,000	-	67,000	58,000	9,000
Plow truck	-	139,361	139,361	139,361	-
Closure of the Starks dump	300	-	300	300	-
Workers compensation	3,416	-	3,416	3,416	-
	<u>168,016</u>	<u>139,361</u>	<u>307,377</u>	<u>290,550</u>	<u>16,827</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Balance Positive (Negative)
Community service -					
General assistance	4,000	-	4,000	4,130	(130)
Community center	23,000	-	23,000	22,497	503
Madison recreation	1,000	-	1,000	164	836
	<u>28,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,000</u>	<u>26,791</u>	<u>1,209</u>
Debt service -					
Principal	21,400	3,048	24,448	24,448	-
Interest	3,613	591	4,204	3,323	881
	<u>25,013</u>	<u>3,639</u>	<u>28,652</u>	<u>27,771</u>	<u>881</u>
County Tax	80,980	-	80,980	80,980	-
Education -					
RSU #59	170,921	-	170,921	170,903	18
RSU #9	121,150	-	121,150	121,150	-
Buy out to leave RSU #59	24,885	-	24,885	24,885	-
	<u>316,956</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>316,956</u>	<u>316,938</u>	<u>18</u>
Unclassified -					
First Park	2,905	-	2,905	3,541	(636)
Social services	3,255	-	3,255	3,446	(191)
Overlay	24,889	-	24,889	2,434	22,455
Lien costs	-	2,088	2,088	2,088	-
Overdrafts	6,099	-	6,099	-	6,099
	<u>37,148</u>	<u>2,088</u>	<u>39,236</u>	<u>11,509</u>	<u>27,727</u>
Transfers out					
Capital projects	6,000	-	6,000	6,000	-
	<u>6,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS	\$ 839,711	\$ 147,293	\$ 987,004	\$ 919,112	\$ 67,892

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SCHEDULE B

TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2012

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Project Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 41,171	\$ 197,091	\$ -	\$ 238,262
Investments	-	-	10,034	10,034
Due from other funds	12,323	7,054	-	19,377
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 53,494	\$ 204,145	\$ 10,034	\$ 267,673
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due to other funds	-	27,481	-	27,481
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	27,481	-	27,481
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-
Restricted	53,494	159,352	10,034	222,880
Committed	-	17,312	-	17,312
Assigned	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	53,494	176,664	10,034	240,192
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 53,494	\$ 204,145	\$ 10,034	\$ 267,673

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TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Project Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Interest	\$ 1,025	\$ 346	\$ 34	\$ 1,405
Intergovernmental	89,677	40,188	-	129,865
Other	15,000	-	-	15,000
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>105,702</u>	<u>40,534</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>146,270</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Capital outlay	126,380	-	-	126,380
Other	12,831	366	39	13,236
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>139,211</u>	<u>366</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>139,616</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(33,509)</u>	<u>40,168</u>	<u>(5)</u>	<u>6,654</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Operating Transfer In	37,162	6,000	-	43,162
Operating Transfers (Out)	-	(67,162)	(16)	(67,178)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>37,162</u>	<u>(61,162)</u>	<u>(16)</u>	<u>(24,016)</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER (USES)	3,653	(20,994)	(21)	(17,362)
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	<u>49,841</u>	<u>197,658</u>	<u>10,055</u>	<u>257,554</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 53,494</u>	<u>\$ 176,664</u>	<u>\$ 10,034</u>	<u>\$ 240,192</u>

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