



**TOWN OF WEST PARIS
55TH ANNUAL REPORT
2012**

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Of the Municipal Officers and Officials for the
year ended December 31, 2012

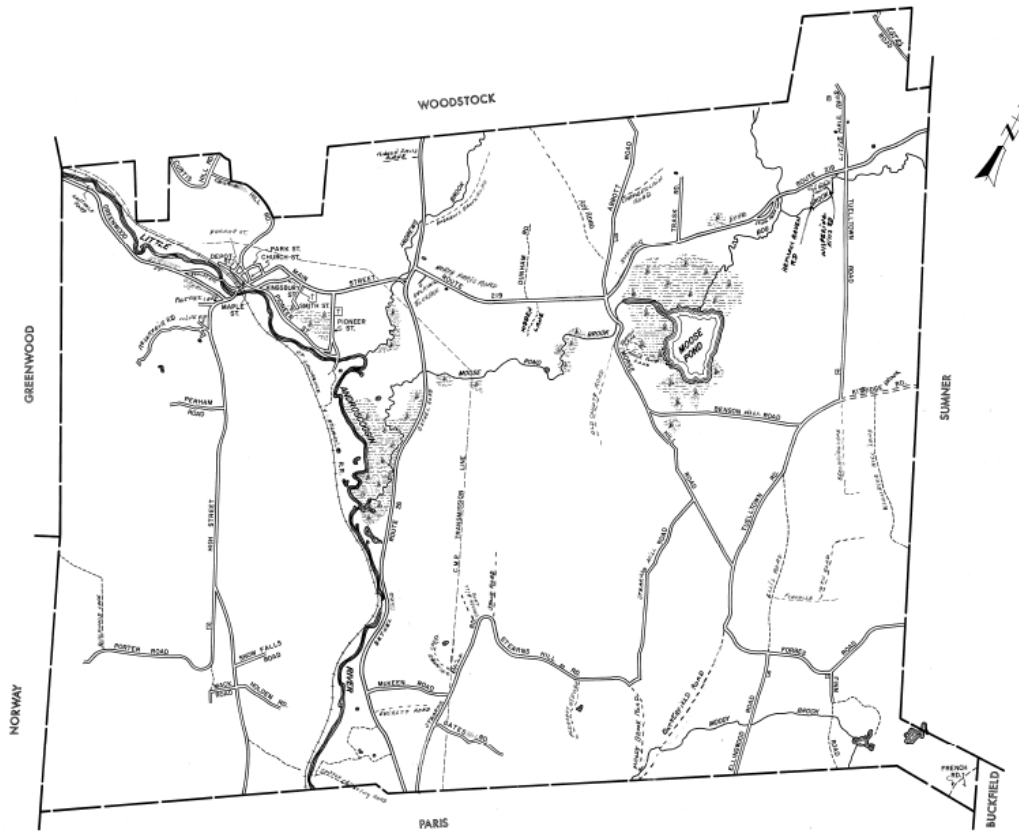


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2013 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Saturday, March 2, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.
 Agnes L. Gray School Gymnasium

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 West Paris, Maine 04289

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Office Hours

Monday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Tuesday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
 Friday 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

HANDY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Emergencies – Fire Police Rescue	911
Highway Department	674-2702
Animal Control	357-2818
Code Enforcement Officer	552-5559
Fire Station (Non-Emergency)	743-2288
Agnes L. Gray School	674-2332
U.S. Post Office	674-2951
Water District	674-2234

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETINGS

2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 5:00 p.m.
 Meetings are held in the Town Office

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
 Meetings are held in the Town Office

WEST PARIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

226 Main Street
 Telephone: (207) 674-2004

Library Hours

Monday 1:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday 1:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 Friday 1:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
 Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

TRANSFER STATION

117 Pioneer Street

Station Hours

Wednesday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

ELECTED OFFICIALS**SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR**

Randall Jones (2010-2013)
 Dennis Henderson (2011-2014)
 Wade Rainey (2012-2015)

WEST PARIS DIRECTORS FOR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT 17

Nicholas DiConzo (2010-2013)
 Toby Whitman – appointed (2012-2013)

WEST PARIS WATER DISTRICT TRUSTEES

Gregg Inman (2010-2013)
 Shane Poland (2011-2014)
 Philip Edmunds (2012-2015)

APPOINTED COMMITTEES**PLANNING BOARD**

Richard Swain (2010-2013)
 Christopher Cooper (2011-2014)
 Steven McCann (2011-2014)
 Kenneth Poland (2010-2015)
 Dian Rainey (2010-2015)
 Diane Holt-Alternate (2012-2015)

BOARD OF APPEALS

Clark Holt (2010-2013)
 Dale Piirainen (2011-2014)
 David Walton (2012-2015)
 Wendy Newmeyer (2012-2015)

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Bruce Downing (2010-2013)
 Kenneth Poland (2010-2013)
 Dale Piirainen (2011-2014)
 Lisa Henderson (2011-2014)
 Dian Rainey (2011-2014)
 George Twine (2012-2015)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Elaine Emery
 Leslie Pulsifer
 Terry Merrill
 Sandra Broberg
 Rodney Abbott
 David MacDowell
 Bruce Downing
 Marianne Walton
 Ann Holt Payne

OTHER OFFICIALS AND STAFF

TOWN MANAGER, TOWN CLERK, TAX COLLECTOR, ROAD COMMISSIONER
 John F. White

DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR, DEPUTY TREASURER, BOOKKEEPER, ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK
 Karen Wilson

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK, REGISTRAR OF VOTERS, COUNTER CLERK, MOTOR VEHICLE AGENT
 Donna DiConzo

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Norm St. Pierre, Chief
 Kevin Davis, Deputy Chief
 Jason Sciortino, Captain
 Clay Wilson, Firefighter 1
 Robert Massat, Lt. Firefighter 2
 Mike Henderson, Lt. Firefighter
 Doug Penley, Firefighter
 Moe Hart, Firefighter
 Bo Davis, Firefighter
 Travis Farrar, Firefighter
 Jeremy Stover, Firefighter
 Troy Billings, Firefighter 1
 Amanda Tierney, Firefighter Trainee
 Mark Neary, Firefighter
 Brandon Carey, Firefighter 1
 Cassandra Carey, Firefighter 2
 Josh Yates, Firefighter
 Tim Powers, Firefighter
 Erik Poland, Firefighter 2

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Willard Keach, Foreman
 Duane Ryerson, Equipment Operator (Retired)
 Kevin Davis, Equipment Operator (Resigned)
 Warren Packard, Equipment Operator

TRANSFER STATION

David Billings, Attendant
 Kevin Gibbs, Attendant

LIBRARY

Patricia Makley, Librarian
 Anne Toepker, Substitute Librarian

OTHER OFFICIALS

Osman Hart, Animal Control Officer
 Hartley Mowatt, Emergency Mgmt. Director
 Shane Poland, Code Enforcement Officer
 Sidney Abbott, Plumbing Inspector

TOWN MANAGER – ANNUAL REPORT – 2012

It is with great pleasure that I submit this, my fifth report as Town Manager. West Paris is a small yet active community. Community spirit as evidenced in attendance at Old Home Days and at various events at the Library is present in abundance.

In terms of finances West Paris continues to be in a good position. That said the economic issues of the past years continue to be felt. The balance of uncollected taxes at end of 2011 as compared to the end of 2012 rose by \$43,371 and it is apparent that more citizens are suffering the effects of the recession.

I note a few of the highlights of the year.

West Paris bid out its banking service needs. Three banks submitted proposals and the Selectmen selected Androscoggin Bank to service our accounts. With the assistance of Androscoggin Bank we were able to begin taking credit/debit cards for various transactions. At the same time we began to accept tax payments on line. The employees of the bank have been very supportive and responsive to our needs.

In the Town Office we now use the MOSES online system to issue licenses of Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. We plan to expand this service to include recreational vehicle and boat registrations. MOSES allows us to access licensing information without having to refer to our license archive files making the whole process faster.

The Local Roads Program of the Maine Department of Transportation recently issued updated computer software to inventory the condition of roads. The program provides budgetary scenarios for improvements, maintenance and reconstruction. We will conduct annual condition surveys to aid in planning the work of the Highway Department.

Our new compactors have been installed at the Transfer Station and along with Zero-Sort recycling initiated in 2011 they have reduced our solid waste disposal expenditures.

We have had some personnel changes in 2012. Karen Wilson was hired to take the Town Office position formerly held by Holly Packard. Equipment Operator Duane Ryerson retired from the Highway Department in June. Duane worked for us for eight years and we wish him the best. Warren Packard was hired to take Duane's position. Your town has a very dedicated group of employees. I am very appreciative of work of Donna, Karen, Bill, Duane, Kevin D., Warren, Dave, and Kevin G. They make my job easier.

Respectfully,
John F. White
Town Manager



TREASURER - ANNUAL REPORT - 2012
Expense Summary Report
December 31, 2012

Account	Budget Net	Expended Net	Unexpended Balance
01 - General Government			
01 - Administration	265,212.00	248,022.84	17,189.16
05 - Assessing	18,830.00	18,767.15	62.85
10 - Planning & Appeals Board	1,100.00	1,063.54	36.46
20 - Code Officer	3,300.00	2,575.00	725.00
35 - Building	<u>10,720.00</u>	<u>9,978.10</u>	<u>741.90</u>
	299,162.00	280,406.63	18,755.37
10 - Public Safety			
01 - Fire Department	72,900.00	69,258.46	3,641.54
05 - Street Lights	12,000.00	11,811.80	188.20
10 - Hydrant Rental	35,560.00	35,407.00	153.00
15 - Emergency Management	1,560.00	1,397.36	162.64
20 - Animal Control	<u>5,400.00</u>	<u>7,919.57</u>	<u>-2,519.57</u>
	127,420.00	125,794.19	1,625.81
15 - Public Works			
01 - Cemeteries	2,800.00	2,586.48	213.52
05 - Veterans Memorial	250.00	250.00	0.00
10 - Transfer Station	<u>104,350.00</u>	<u>96,961.48</u>	<u>7,388.52</u>
	107,400.00	99,797.96	7,602.04
20 - Highway			
	305,213.00	278,729.00	26,484.00
40 - Community Services			
01 - Organizations	36,380.00	36,380.00	0.00
05 - Library	29,490.00	31,060.57	-1,570.57
10 - Old Home Day	4,600.00	4,600.00	0.00
25 - Athletic Association	5,600.00	2,183.23	3,416.77
30 - Swim Lessons	1,800.00	1,650.00	150.00
35 - Ballfield	<u>10,500.00</u>	<u>12,171.88</u>	<u>-1,671.88</u>
	88,370.00	88,045.68	324.32
45 - General Assistance			
	15,500.00	21,220.55	-5,720.55
55 - Capital Improvements			
01 - Equipment Purchases Reserve	75,000.00	75,000.00	0.00
02 - Highway Projects Reserve	<u>45,000.00</u>	<u>45,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	120,000.00	120,000.00	0.00
80 - Taxes Collected for Other Governmental Units			
01 - SAD # 17	678,364.00	678,364.00	0.00
05 - County Tax	<u>73,337.00</u>	<u>73,337.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	751,701.00	751,701.00	0.00
90 - Miscellaneous			
01 - Snowmobile Club	801.00	801.02	-0.02
Totals	1,815,567.00	1,766,496.03	49,070.97

Revenue Summary Report

December 31, 2012

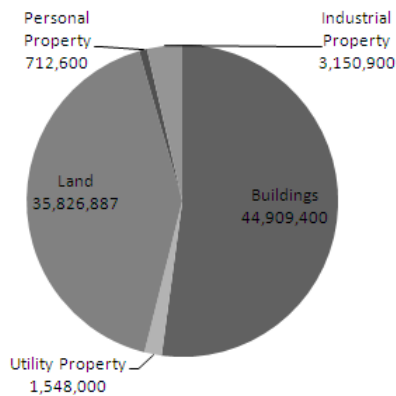
Account	Budget Net	Received Net	Balance (+Over/-Under)
<i>Tax Collections</i>			
01 - Property Taxes	1,309,446.36	1,309,446.36	0.00
02 - Discounts	0.00	-25,048.79	-25,048.79
03 - Abatements	0.00	-28.88	-28.88
04 - Supplementals	0.00	3,278.00	3,278.00
40 - Tax Interest	12,000.00	10,559.19	-1,440.81
45 - Lien Fees	0.00	-463.23	-463.23
46 - Gain on Sale of Tax Acquired Property	0.00	5,395.09	5,395.09
05 - Excise Tax - Motor Vehicles	215,000.00	224,550.54	9,550.54
06 - Excise Tax - Boats	<u>1,300.00</u>	<u>1,517.80</u>	<u>217.80</u>
	1,537,746.36	1,529,206.08	-8,540.28
<i>Received from the State of Maine</i>			
10 - State Revenue Sharing	108,000.00	107,085.62	-914.38
20 - State Local Road Assistance	35,124.00	35,124.00	0.00
30 - Bank Interest	1,500.00	808.04	-691.96
51 - Tree Growth Tax Reimbursement	6,000.00	6,106.89	106.89
52 - Veterans Exemption Tax Reimbursement	1,000.00	1,246.00	246.00
53 - Business Equipment Tax Exemption Refund	100.00	98.00	-2.00
87 - Homestead Exemption Tax Reimbursement	0.00	29,876.00	29,876.00
450101 - General Assistance Reimbursement	7,500.00	9,013.45	1,513.45
900101 - Snowmobile Excise Reimbursement	<u>801.00</u>	<u>801.02</u>	<u>0.02</u>
	160,025.00	190,159.02	30,134.02
<i>Other Revenues</i>			
50 - Administration Revenues	800.00	1,712.87	912.87
55 - Birth Certificate Copies	200.00	354.80	154.80
56 - Death Certificate Copies	1,000.00	871.60	-128.40
57 - Marriage Certificate Copies	200.00	275.00	75.00
58 - Marriage Intention Filings	400.00	540.00	140.00
59 - Burial Permit Fees	400.00	392.00	-8.00
75 - Agent Fees	6,500.00	7,017.75	517.75
86 - Permit Fees	0.00	1,598.62	1,598.62
89 - Workers Compensation Dividend	0.00	873.00	873.00
2501 - Voting List Sales	0.00	25.00	25.00
102001 - Dog Licensing Fees	1,500.00	1,268.50	-231.50
151001 - Solid Waste Disposal Fees	1,700.00	1,829.00	129.00
100101 - Insurance Claims Reimbursement	0.00	8,254.50	8,254.50
100101- Firefighting Reimbursement	0.00	1,261.00	1,261.00
100101 - Fire Insurance Reports	0.00	15.00	15.00
200501 - Sale of Assets	0.00	5,824.90	5,824.90
200501 - Street Signs Purchased	0.00	32.00	32.00
402501 - Baseball/Softball Registrations	0.00	1,290.00	1,290.00
402502 - Recreation Fundraising	0.00	1,984.89	1,984.89
403001 - Swim Lessons Registrations	<u>0.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
	12,700.00	35,920.43	23,220.43
Totals	1,710,471.36	1,755,285.53	44,814.17

TOWN PAYROLL FOR 2012

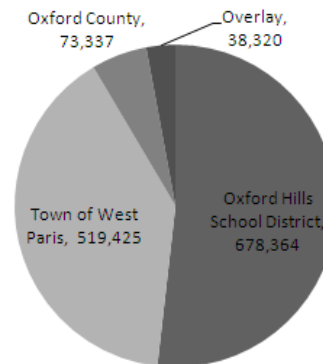
Employee	Pay	Employee	Pay	Employee	Pay
Lianne Bedard	628.32	Michael Henderson	1,082.26	Kenneth Poland	110.00
David Billings	16,684.88	Dennis Henderson	1,710.00	Shane Poland	2,500.00
Troy Billings	98.00	Diane Holt	240.00	Timothy Powers	482.63
Charles Blaquiere	187.00	Cynthia Johnson	2,200.00	Dian Rainey	100.00
Brandon Cary	545.64	Randall Jones	1,038.00	Wade Rainey	2,568.00
Cassandra Cary	508.39	Willard Keach	41,759.98	Duane Ryerson	16,968.43
Christopher Cooper	60.00	Ernest Labbe	47.19	Christopher Sciortino	4,125.38
Robert Davis	222.75	Robert Larrabee	47.19	Norman St. Pierre	6,899.89
Kevin Davis	30,388.57	Patricia Makley	10,703.00	Jeremy Stover	1,105.39
Donna DiConzo	17,847.76	Robert Massat	1,519.01	Richard Swain	110.00
Travis Farrar	74.25	Steven McCann	120.00	Amanda Tierney	16.50
Kevin Gibbs	12,880.77	Nathan Meserve	22.50	Anne Toepker	1,355.75
Brenda Gould	1,058.77	Mark Neary	462.50	John White	47,522.08
Toby Guilford	258.00	Larry Noyes	80.00	Clayton Wilson	617.76
John Hammel	45.38	Holly Packard	522.24	Karen Wilson	21,809.43
Maurice Hart	781.63	Warren Packard	14,278.02	Joshua Yates	<u>379.50</u>
Osman Hart	3,000.00	Douglas Penley	610.51	Total Payroll	268,383.25

ASSESSORS – ANNUAL REPORT – 2012

The Town's assessed valuation as of April 1, 2012 was \$86,147,787 which is an increase of \$713,875 from 2011. The local assessed valuation was certified to be 100% of the State valuation which is determined by an annual analysis of sales of real estate in the Town. The tax commitment for 2012 was \$1,309,446 up \$45,024 from 2011, and the tax rate was \$15.20 per \$1,000 of value.



2012 Assessed Values



2012 Taxes Assessed by Governmental Unit

Donna Hays, CMA, the Agent is in the office twice a month. If you have any assessment questions please feel free to call the Town Office. Remember all new applications for Veteran's exemption, Homestead exemption or Tree Growth must be filed prior to April 1st.



Veterans and Veterans Widows Exemptions Granted



We express our sincere appreciation to all those who have served our nation in the Armed Forces.

AKERS, ROGER & CLAIRE	FARR, RAYMOND, JR. ET AL	PENLEY, CHARMAINE C
ALLEN, SYLVIA	FLYNN, KEVIN J. & MICHELLE Y.	PENLEY, WAYNE F. & NANCY F.
ANDREWS, GARY & WAYNGELYN	FOSTER, WILLIAM L.	PERHAM, FRANK C. & MARY E.
ASHLEY, LUCILLE	GLINES, BRUCE D. & SUSAN H.	PIERCE, ALTA
BABBIDGE, JONATHAN & DORIS	HAMMOND, CORRINNE	PIIRAINEN, DALE W. & LORAIN
BEAN, RICHARD A., SR.	HATHAWAY, ELLSWORTH C. & JOYCE	PIIRAINEN, VEIKKO
BELSKIS, CAROL A.	HERRICK, MARK R. & DEBORAH L.	PULSIFER, LESLIE & PRICILLA
BOUTILIER, JUDY & RONALD	KENNISON, KENNETH J. & DONNA J.	RAINEY, DIAN P. & WADE E.
BROWN, MARY ANN	LAMB, JOYCE	RECORD, LLOYD E. & LINDA C.
CHAMBERLAIN, GRAYDON & RUTH	LESCAULT, MAURICE & CECILE Y.	ROBBINS, BARBARA
CHURCH, DON L & YVONNE	LIIMATTA, MICHAEL W. & LINDA B.	SELLERS, ROBERT J. & JUDITH A.
CORRIVEAU, ROBERT R. & CAROL L.	MALESKI, JOHN M. & CAROL A.	SMITH, RICHARD
CROUCH JR, JOHN	MCLAUGHLIN, SHERIDAN L. & ESTHER	STANLEY, BETTY B.
CUMMINGS ELIZABETH Y.	MCMORROW, MARCIA E.	STIMSON, ROBERT L.
DOUGHTY, HERMAN & JOLENE	MCNULTY, JAMES T. & VIRGINIA R.	THEOFRASTOU, WAYNE C. & PEGGY
DOWNING, BRUCE A.	MINARD, ROGER J.	TIKANDER, NEIL O. & CHARLENE R.
DUBE, PAUL & NANCY	NEWMAYER, JOHN JR. & WENDY	TODD, JAMES E. & DIANE
EMENS, ROBERT M.	OJA, BERYL	WALTON, DAVID L. & MARIANNE
EMERY, GLENN	PAWLOWSKI, WALTER E. & FRANCES	WILSON, MELVIN C. & CLARA J.
EMERY, JOHN W. & DORISE J.		
EMERY, WARREN W. & MARY B.		

WEST PARIS FIRE DEPARTMENT – ANNUAL REPORT – 2012

I would like to start off my report with a thank you to all the members and families of the West Paris Fire Department. The dedication of the firefighters along with the support of their immediate families is key to keeping our fire department going. The firefighters are required to attend multiple trainings, meetings, as well as respond for emergency calls. The hours spent here with the fire department infringes on their personal family time, and causes loved ones to worry about their individual safety while fighting fires. Kudos to all of them for a job well done!

Our call volume is comparative to last year with 73 calls.

Structure fires	16	Motor Vehicle accidents	14	False Alarms	12
Illegal Burning	8	Electrical / lines down	6	Medical Assists	6
Vehicle fires	3	Smoke / odor reports	2	Water rescue	2
Roadway debris	2	Brush / Grass fires	1	Public Service	1

We would also like to thank the townspeople for their support, and our auxiliary for their fundraising efforts over the years.

Sincerely,
Norm St Pierre, Fire Chief

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – ANNUAL REPORT – 2012

Last year was relatively easy, as there was not a lot of snow, and spring came early. We had at least four different people helping with snow plowing because at times, part of the regular crew was not available to work. With spring coming early, the gravel roads got soft and even muddy in a few spots. We hauled in crushed rock to stiffen those areas up. Heavy Load Limited signs were put up in February because the roads thawed out early. As the snow melted, we were able to sweep the sidewalks and get ready for street sweeping the first week of April.

Summer road work included cutting brush and wood on Tuelltown Road, Finn Road, Porter Road, Stearns Hill Road, and McKeen Road. Some of the brush was chipped and some was hauled to the town pit. We would cut the brush in an area, clean it up, change any culverts, ditch and shape up the slopes. We replaced culverts on Stearns Hill Road, Morse Hill Road, and Tuelltown Road. The drainage ditch by the fire station was reshaped and rip rapped. We reshaped the drainage ditch at the transfer station and ditched and rip rapped an area on Perham Road. After changing all the culverts, we used what is called cold mix to patch and shim some of the town roads. Some of the areas came out better than others because of the weather. The hotter it was the better the cold mix sticks to the road, and the better it spreads. All of that type of material is sensitive to temperature.

All of our equipment is working well now. The 2005 Sterling had the most work done on it. A new windshield, clutch, injector pump and injectors were new parts added. The 2000 Sterling has a new clutch and brake pedal mount. The 1994 Ford was replaced with a new 2011 Kenworth. The dealer in Concord, New Hampshire had the truck built to their specifications and took it to truck shows during the year. We had to retrofit only a few things to make it to our liking. This is a very heavy duty truck and should serve the town well.

If it seems like we are a little slow getting around plowing and sanding this winter, there has been only two of us since the first of November. We will be hiring a new operator after the first of the year.

It has been an interesting year.
Willard Keach, Highway Foreman

WEST PARIS PUBLIC LIBRARY ARTHUR L. MANN MEMORIAL LIBRARY TRUSTEES – ANNUAL REPORT – 2012

Our library has continued to attract new patrons and has provided space for several well-attended events. The steps from the parking lot to the new entrance have been completed. They are well lighted and have significantly reduced the danger of someone's falling while approaching the library. We have received many positive comments from our patrons about these new steps. We thank Dan and Emily Brown, our next-door neighbors, for their cooperation in allowing this project to be completed.

We experienced some difficulty with the lamp post lights leading from the library to the parking lot, but that has been taken care of. Our next project is to have a permanent desk for the librarian. Phil Merrill and Warren Emery will be in charge of that. We are very grateful to them for all their work for the library.

The trustees are led by Terry Merrill and Bruce Downing, who co-chair the group. Our secretary is Elaine Emery. Our treasurer is Sandra Broberg. Other members of the board are Marianne Walton, David MacDowell, Les Pulsifer, Ann Holt Payne, and Rodney Abbott.

Our Friends of the Library group enthusiastically contributes to the well being of the library. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to attend meetings on the second Wednesday of the month, at 6:30 in the library conference room.

Our new Saturday librarian is Brenda Lynn Gould, who recently replaced Anne Toepker. We thank Anne for the many contributions she has made to library. The trustees hope the townspeople will continue to use the services provided by the library and thank everyone for their support.

LIBRARIAN – ANNUAL REPORT – 2012

This has been a very lively year at the library. During the 203 days the library was open, 6,143 people entered the building for many reasons. Of these people, 824 adults & 709 children used one of the 8 public computers. 101 new membership cards were issued. The combined number of books, movies, and magazines borrowed was 6,726.

Special programs were enjoyed by approximately 20% of the people who visited the library. Rodney Abbott's poetry group, and story time for the first graders, continued throughout the year. In the winter, the Finnish American Heritage Center displayed Finnish textile art and many other items, including photographs of the Finns who settled in West Paris. Sheridan McLaughlin displayed his oil and watercolor paintings and drawings in the spring, and also gave an entertaining evening gallery talk; Milton Inman's show of his photography and paintings began with a celebratory opening in July. We also were pleased to display art done by the Agnes Gray students.

Children enjoyed holiday programs such as decorating Valentine cookies, the Easter Egg Hunt, and trick-or-treating at the library. Guest presenters at children's programs were Pat Gott, reading from her book, *Horse Tails by Famous Fred*, to the third and fourth grades, and Mary Christine Hargreaves, who sang for the first grade's farewell visit. Later in the summer, Monarch butterflies emerged from their chrysalises and were released, a program that awed all ages, and was mentored by Sandra Hamlin and George Cassidy.

Pam Burke tutored from 4 to 10 children in math and reading on Wed. afternoons, and Anne Toepker helped adults with computers, all part of the literacy grant program. Clara Lamers came several evenings in April, teaching the European art of paper cutting. Also in April, Jude Lamb offered a theatrical event, "*Women were Pioneers, Too.*" During Old Home Days, contributing authors from *Maine Feuds & Feldspar*, Jan Brownstein and John Davis, spoke of gem mining in our area. Transition Oxford Hills showed a movie and held a panel discussion on how to raise chickens. The December Castle Lighting party was the grand finalé of our year. Jim Burke played piano for carols, the After School Explorers presented a skit, and the Star Gazer Farm gave horse drawn wagon rides. The Friends and Trustee groups sponsor all of these wonderful programs.

Also, Priscilla Pulsifer and Sandra Broberg take books to the Ledgeview residential care wing. The Friends held a summer and fall book sale, to benefit the community and the library. Brenda Lynn Gould, Priscilla Pulsifer, Beverly Stevens, Esther McLaughlin, Jessica Mercer, and Haley Young have contributed as weekly volunteers. And finally, thank YOU for the many ways you support our library.



New Library Addition

OLD HOME DAYS – ANNUAL REPORT – 2012

Old Home Days was held June 1st and 2nd with the theme of “Re-Discover West Paris, the Gem of Western Maine”. This was also the same weekend that the West Paris alumni gather.

Jim Bennett opened the festivities with the flag ceremony and some signing of patriotic music. The turnout was fabulous on Friday night; hundreds were in attendance to enjoy the night’s entertainment with Hurricane Mountain, Rides with Summit Adventures, a GREAT fireworks show and new events such as the He-Man Contest.

Despite the rain on Saturday, the parade was still held, with many turning out for the soggy event. Great Falls Railroad had an incredible display during the day on Saturday. Magician Show, “The Magic of Steelgraves”, never disappoints. Most of the evening’s events were cancelled due to weather. Even though the weekend events were shortened, Old Home Days was still a huge success. There were many positive comments received from the weekend events.

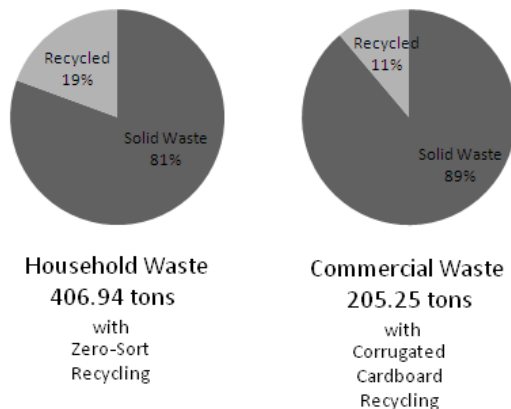
This years Old Home Days will be held on May 31st and June 1st, 2013. It will be a patriotic theme. Fireworks, Summit Adventures, bands on Friday and Saturday evening, and the petting zoo, are some of the returning events. Hope to see you there!

Respectfully,
 Karen Birney
 Chair, Old Home Days Committee

TRANSFER STATION – ANNUAL REPORT – 2012

The Transfer Station is ending its first year with the Zero-Sort™ recycling program and operation of the new compactors. We are very happy with these changes. The costs for the disposal of household waste have been reduced by 23%. Our commercial partner Pine Tree Waste has been very helpful and supportive of our operation during the transition. Much thanks goes to Dave and Kevin our attendants and their hard work at the site.

The charts below show the percentage of recycling of the municipal and commercial solid waste disposed of from our community



Other Disposal Statistics

Bulky Waste and Demolition Debris	92.98 tons
Recycled Clean Wood	10.70 tons
Universal Waste Collected	1358 items
Household Hazardous Waste	21 units
Tires	325 tires

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – ANNUAL REPORT – 2012

These are challenging times for your School District. Maine's economy is recovering more slowly from the recession than previously expected. The State is unable to meet its share of the mandated 55% of education costs and the local taxpayer has shouldered a greater share of education costs. Your School Board worked hard to lessen the local impact of these increases. In fact, your School District is spending 10% less locally than required under the State's funding formula. SAD 17's per pupil spending is now 17.51% below State costs per pupil.

SAD 17 has been able to maintain Agnes Gray School staffing at a level that allows for small class sizes in Grades K-4. Students in Grades 5 and 6 continue to attend school at Paris Elementary where they have greater access to technology and science labs. The Agnes Gray School students continue to make adequate yearly progress under the No Child Left Behind legislation. The School is fortunate to have a collaborative relationship with the West Paris Library and strong parent support expressed through an active PTO.

The Oxford Hills Middle School continues to seek new ways to promote student engagement. The Experiential Learning Alternative Program was expanded to include 62 students. The School Board recognizes the limitations of our existing Middle School facility and its impact on programs. Half of the student body is housed in temporary space that has reached the end of its useful life. Addressing the facilities needs of the Middle School is a priority for the Board's Facilities Committee.

At OHCHS there are many new academic initiatives being implemented for the 2013/2014 school year. First is the continuation of the one to one computing for all students at OHCHS. In these economic times, the importance of having students who are technologically savvy is necessary for success. Many of our juniors and seniors are taking college courses at the Western Maine University and Community College Center. The budget also supports our ability to offer multiple Advance Placement courses. Students are able to earn college credits through these courses. The Vocational Board started a Hospitality, Travel, and Tourism Management program in the school. This is only the second such hospitality program in Maine. These opportunities will better prepare our students for post secondary success. With these new initiatives and those initiatives implemented in previous years such as Double Block Math, SAT Prep imbedded in the curriculum, learning labs and the literacy focus, we believe students will have the skills to be successful beyond high school.

SAD 17 is very fortunate to be part of the West Paris community. Without the support of our towns, PTOs, families, and town businesses, we would not be able to accomplish all that we do. We appreciate all the time, energy, and resources everyone donates to help keep the school running efficiently.

Sincerely,
Richard Colpitts
Superintendent of Schools



TOWN CLERK - VITAL STATISTICS - 2012

Records Recorded

Marriages	14
Births	15
Deaths	<u>39</u>
	68

Deaths Recorded

Name	Date of Death	Age	Location of Death
ANDREWS	ARDEN	February 25, 2012	75 West Paris
BARNES	PRISCILLA	September 29, 2012	81 West Paris
BILLINGS	SCOTT	March 5, 2012	70 Norway
CARLOW	ALTON	February 23, 2012	82 Norway
COOPER	LORELEI	November 1, 2012	70 West Paris
CORRIVEAU	CAROL	May 19, 2012	67 West Paris
CROSS	NORMA	November 10, 2012	84 West Paris
DAM	LOGAN	January 7, 2012	19 West Paris
DAMM	ROBERT	January 2, 2012	79 Norway
DUGUAY	PEARLEY	March 13, 2012	79 West Paris
DUPEE	MARTIN	October 8, 2012	71 Lewiston
FREEMAN	MADGE	July 31, 2012	92 West Paris
GIBSON	FRANK	January 25, 2012	83 West Paris
HALL	LAURA	February 12, 2012	82 West Paris
HATHAWAY	ELLSWORTH	September 21, 2012	87 Norway
HEATH	FORREST	July 2, 2012	87 Auburn
JOHNSON	HENRICK	January 19, 2012	90 Norway
LABAY	RAMONA	February 10, 2012	73 West Paris
LAUZIER	MADELINE	November 21, 2012	89 West Paris
MASON	REBECCA	January 7, 2012	16 West Paris
MCCARTHY	BEATRICE	February 23, 2012	87 West Paris
MORSE	MARJORIE	October 16, 2012	70 West Paris
PEARE	ALYCE	August 11, 2012	89 West Paris
PELLETIER	PHYLLIS	April 18, 2012	79 West Paris
POWELL	IRENE	October 18, 2012	86 West Paris
PURINGTON	AMANDA	February 3, 2012	33 Auburn
ROY	BERTRAND	September 21, 2012	80 West Paris
ROZELLE	BARBARA	April 15, 2012	89 West Paris
SCOTT	CARROLL	April 28, 2012	69 West Paris
SICOTTE	MARGARET	July 16, 2012	89 West Paris
SMITH	KIRK	March 19, 2012	67 West Paris
SVENDBERG	WAYNE	February 11, 2012	73 West Paris
SWEETSER	BARBARA	November 14, 2012	85 West Paris
TOTH	ZOLTAN	February 22, 2012	85 West Paris
VALENTINE	MARY	February 19, 2012	86 West Paris
WALKER	JOANN	January 16, 2012	61 West Paris
WESTLEIGH	GEORGE	September 24, 2012	75 West Bethel

2011 UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES				
ALLEN, JESSICA & FREDERICK	\$ 658.35		BAKER, DAVID & MICHELLE	\$ 1,477.44 *
ANGEVINE, LAUREL B.	\$ 1,211.68		BALDRIDGE, DONNIER. & STELLA J.	\$ 1,787.96
BALDRIDGE, DONNIER. & STELLA J.	\$ 1,829.33 *		BALDRIDGE, DONNIER. & STELLA J.	\$ 285.21
BALDRIDGE, DONNIER. & STELLA J.	\$ 306.93		BALDRIDGE, DONNIER. & STELLA J.	\$ 282.15
BALDRIDGE, DONNIER. & STELLA J.	\$ 303.85		BALDRIDGE, DONNIER. & STELLA J.	\$ 288.28
BALDRIDGE, DONNIER. & STELLA J.	\$ 310.02		BALDRIDGE, DONNIER. & STELLA J.	\$ 294.41
BALDRIDGE, DONNIER. & STELLA J.	\$ 316.18		BEAN, RICHARD A., SR.	\$ 795.84
BEAULIEU-DOW, MARGUERITE C.	\$ 922.33		BEAULIEU-DOW, MARGUERITE C.	\$ 897.04
CAMPBELL, SHIRLEY R. & WALTER J.	\$ 381.33		BELL, LESTER E. & PATRICIA D.	\$ 876.04 **
CAREY, ROBERT A.	\$ 1,143.11		BETH A. COFFIN IRR LIV TRUST	\$ 1,450.61
CHAMBERLAIN, GRAYDON & RUTH	\$ 967.64		BROWN, GLEAN	\$ 1,366.27
COBBLEVIEW PROPERTIES	\$ 132.77		CAREY, ROBERT A.	\$ 1,148.52
COBBLEVIEW PROPERTIES, INC.	\$ 126.60		CAYOUILLE, PAMELA KNOX	\$ 2,378.80 **
COBBLEVIEW PROPERTIES, INC.	\$ 3,297.07		CHAMBERLAIN, GRAYDON & RUTH	\$ 1,091.79
CONNELL, KENNETH P.	\$ 272.22		CLEGG, ERNEST	\$ 275.68
COTE, WILLIAM & CLARISSA	\$ 222.58		COBBLEVIEW PROPERTIES	\$ 111.94
DANIELS, DANNYA. & KRISTA M.	\$ 4,836.84 *		COBBLEVIEW PROPERTIES, INC.	\$ 105.81
DANIELS, DANNY D. & KRISTA M.	\$ 579.75 **		COBBLEVIEW PROPERTIES, INC.	\$ 3,260.03
DAVIS, CORRINE (ABBOTT)	\$ 1,671.41		COFFIN FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST- 1999	\$ 1,249.73
DUBE, ROGER	\$ 2,181.16		COLLETTE, BARRY M. & KATHLEEN J.	\$ 345.33
EMERY, DANIEL K.	\$ 389.04		CONLEY, HAROLD D.	\$ 296.72
FANTONI, PHILIP	\$ 1,026.72		CONNELL, KENNETH P.	\$ 772.84
FARRAR, JUANITA M. (BRAGG)	\$ 475.35		COOPER, CAMERON A.	\$ 1,341.73
FOX, ROBERT & ANNE	\$ 805.19		COPITHORNE, RICHARD	\$ 1,294.20
GAMMON, STEVEN M.	\$ 908.46		CORNISH, PAUL A. & HEDY	\$ 578.10
GOULD, KATHERINE M. & MICHAEL A.	\$ 780.12		CORNISH, PAUL A. & HEDY	\$ 103.02
GUY, WILLIAM F., JR. & MARYA.	\$ 365.50		COTE, ANTHONY RICHARD, TRINA ANN	\$ 599.91 *
HADLEY, DALE SCOTT	\$ 951.20		COTE, WILLIAM & CLARISSA	\$ 207.01
HADLEY, ERLON C., SR. &	\$ 766.66		COTE, WILLIAM B. & CLARISSA	\$ 631.76
HADLEY, KEITH ALLEN	\$ 671.10		CROCKER, JAMES T.	\$ 889.38
HALL, LAURA (LIFE ESTATE)	\$ 706.55 *		CROCKETT, GERARD	\$ 1,174.96 **
HEATH, MELISSA B.	\$ 669.14		DANIELS, DANNYA. & KRISTA M.	\$ 4,785.77
HENDERSON, ROBERT & MICHELLE	\$ 219.49		DANIELS, DANNY D. & KRISTA M.	\$ 556.63
HOLDEN, KATHRYN & MICHAEL	\$ 259.57		DAVIS, CORRINE (ABBOTT)	\$ 1,648.42
HUTCHINSON, GRETCHEN S.	\$ 626.40		DAVIS, CORRINE (ABBOTT)	\$ 1,220.59
HUTCHINSON, GRETCHEN S.	\$ 1,031.35		DEHAAS, BERTHA H.W.	\$ 590.36
JOHNSON, ERICA L. & LABAY, RICHARD M. JR.	\$ 2,202.33		DILLINGHAM, KEVIN & STACY	\$ 932.31
JORDAN & WAINWRIGHT, LLC.	\$ 2,428.78		DOBSON, STEPHEN W.	\$ 628.70
LANG, CHARLES D.	\$ 564.75		DUBE, ROGER	\$ 2,149.84
LANG, MERLES R (HEIRS OF)	\$ 838.68		E.D. BESSEY & SON	\$ 61.34
LAVINE, SHARON	\$ 1,056.59		EMERY, DANIEL K.	\$ 372.62
LELAND, TAMMY	\$ 562.79		FAHEY, DAVID T.	\$ 1,142.39
LEUPOLD, GREGORY M.	\$ 1,258.34		FARNUM, KEVIN J. & AMYM.	\$ 1,470.54
LITTLEHALE, DANIEL R. & JANE E.	\$ 298.10		FARRAR, JUANITA M. (BRAGG)	\$ 452.36
MARSTON, RANDY & MARY KAY	\$ 1,203.56		FOX, ROBERT & ANNE	\$ 786.64
MASON, KALVIN B. & CATHY	\$ 2,137.59		FRAZER, FREDERICK	\$ 484.56
MOWATT, HARTLEY H., JR.	\$ 683.43		FROTHINGHAM, TAMSYN YOUNG	\$ 2,030.23
NORTON, ANTHONY &	\$ 1,084.17		GAMMON, STEVEN M.	\$ 883.24
PAGE, KAREN	\$ 1,179.31		GENEVA VENTURES LLC	\$ 389.49
PAGE, KARENA.	\$ 242.61		GENEVA VENTURES LLC	\$ 369.55
PALMER, ELEANOR & MARY ANN	\$ 664.93		GIBBS, KEVIN	\$ 772.84
PAUL, JEFFREY & MARIA	\$ 476.48		GIBSON, ELLEN S.	\$ 1,835.73
POLAND, WELDON E. & CHARLES E.	\$ 706.03		GOULD, KATHERINE M. & MICHAEL A.	\$ 755.97
RAINEY, MARC	\$ 755.45		GRAHAM, ERIN RAE HATCH	\$ 1,368.00 **
RAY, JOSHUA T.	\$ 1,219.39		GRAIVER, HALYNEL.	\$ 588.83
RICE, NICOLE	\$ 188.67		GRAIVER, HALYNEL.	\$ 121.14
ROBERT, MICHELLE	\$ 116.23		GRAIVER, WILLIAM F.	\$ 4,688.76
ROBERTS, JOHN & SUSAN	\$ 1,047.84		GREENE, LORRAINE	\$ 364.95
ROBINSON, BEVERLY A.	\$ 1,245.18		GROVER, RONI & JEANNE	\$ 1,445.23
SANBORN, TAMMY	\$ 934.25		GUILFORD, TODD C. &	\$ 1,536.48
SANDE, JESIAH E. & SANDRA P.	\$ 661.43		GUY, WILLIAM F., JR. & MARYA.	\$ 671.63
SEAMS, STEVEN L.	\$ 684.97		HADLEY, DALE SCOTT	\$ 926.18
SISSON, JACK DAVID	\$ 803.65		HADLEY, ERLON	\$ 122.67
SPENCER, MICHAEL & SANDY	\$ 1,466.00		HADLEY, ERLON C., SR. &	\$ 748.30
TIKANDER, NEIL O. & CHARLENER.	\$ 2,590.30		HADLEY, KEITH ALLEN	\$ 653.23
WESTLEIGH, ANNI	\$ 592.79		HADLEY, SHARON (BEAUDET)	\$ 1,110.19
WHITNEY, SCOT & REGINA A.	\$ 755.87		HALL, LAURA (LIFE ESTATE)	\$ 688.50
WILLIS, TODD & LAURIE	\$ 53.03		HARLOW, GINA L. & CHRISTOPHER J. (JT)	\$ 786.64
WORMELL, CHARLOT	\$ 747.95		HEATH, MELISSA B.	\$ 792.77
YOUNG, DANA E & GLENN W.	\$ 1,008.23		HENDERSON, DENNIS H.JR. & LISA M.	\$ 1,286.53
YOUNG, DANA E. & LINDA	\$ 381.33		HENDERSON, ROBERT & MICHELLE	\$ 203.94
YOUNG, JAMES L.	\$ 256.07		HERRICK, JUDITH & LEWIS	\$ 372.62
YOUNG, JAMES L.	\$ 609.45		HOFF, JOE & HEATHER	\$ 32.20
ZEEGERS, MARK E. & BETTYS.	\$ 469.19		HOLDEN, KATHRYN & MICHAEL	\$ 243.81
	\$ 66,498.73		HUTCHINSON, GRETCHEN S.	\$ 608.76
			HUTCHINSON, GRETCHEN S.	\$ 999.78
			INMAN, GREGG & DIXIE	\$ 27.60 **
			JACOBSON, THEODORE	\$ 43.21
2012 UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES			JOHNSON, ERICA L.	\$ 1,199.13
ABBOTT, CLAY	\$ 1,301.12 **		JORDAN, DEBRA L.	\$ 1,191.46
ABBOTT, CLAYA.	\$ 1,519.61		JOSEPH E. REIDY, TRUSTEE	\$ 815.77
ABBOTT, SIDNEY M. & GERALDINE B.	\$ 1,833.96		KENNISON, JAMES WALTER	\$ 686.97
AKERS, TIM & DANIELLE	\$ 1,045.79		KING, LESLEY HELEN	\$ 432.42
ALLEN, JESSICA & FREDERICK	\$ 628.70		KNOX, EDWARD	\$ 2,005.70
ANDREWS, MARK	\$ 1,441.40		LABAY, RAMONA	\$ 1,605.48
ANGEVINE, LAUREL B.	\$ 1,179.19		LANDERS, CHARLES, JR.	\$ 1,010.52
BABBIDGE, JONATHAN & DORIS	\$ 446.22			

Town of West Paris

Excerpts from the
Financial Statements

For the year ended December 31, 2012

A complete set of statements are available for review
at the Town Office

Hoisington & Bean, P.A.
A Professional Association
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of
Selectmen
Town of West Paris,
Maine

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities of the Town of West Paris, Maine as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of West Paris, Maine's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities of the Town of West Paris, Maine, as of December 31, 2012, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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The management's discussion and analysis and the budgetary comparison information, as listed in the table of contents, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of West Paris, Maine's basic financial statements. The combining and individual non-major fund financial statements, listed in the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The supplementary information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Hoisington & Bean, P.A.

Hoisington & Bean, P.A.
Certified Public Accountants

Norway, Maine
January 19, 2013

TOWN OF WEST PARIS, MAINE				
BALANCE SHEET				
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS				
DECEMBER 31, 2012				
	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			
	<u>General</u>	<u>Road Construction Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
ASSETS				
Cash, including time deposits	912,951	92,808	63,332	1,069,091
Investments	-	134	108,735	108,869
Uncollected taxes	195,732	-	-	195,732
Tax liens	63,095	-	-	63,095
Tax acquired property	9,188	-	-	9,188
Other receivables	3,823	-	-	3,823
Interfund balances	<u>(318,643)</u>	<u>199,908</u>	<u>118,735</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>866,146</u>	<u>292,850</u>	<u>290,802</u>	<u>1,449,798</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	12,085	-	-	12,085
Deferred tax revenues	<u>226,158</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>226,158</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>238,243</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>238,243</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable: Permanent fund	-	-	60,488	60,488
Unassigned: General fund	580,992	-	-	580,992
Assigned: General fund	46,911	-	-	46,911
Committed:				-
Capital projects fund	-	292,850	183,019	475,869
Permanent fund	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,295</u>	<u>47,295</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>627,903</u>	<u>292,850</u>	<u>290,802</u>	<u>1,211,555</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>866,146</u>	<u>292,850</u>	<u>290,802</u>	
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets are different because:				
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds, net of accumulated depreciation of \$1,642,643				3,429,354
Deferred tax revenues are not recognized in the statement of net assets				<u>226,158</u>
Net assets of governmental activities				<u>4,867,067</u>

TOWN OF WEST PARIS, MAINE				
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES				
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS				
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012				
	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Road Construction Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
REVENUES				
Taxes	1,538,748	-	-	1,538,748
Intergovernmental	189,447	-	-	189,447
Charges for services	23,047	-	-	23,047
Other fees and reimbursements	24,131	-	-	24,131
Capital grants and contributions	-	-	-	-
Interest income	12,286	1,906	3,594	17,786
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>1,787,659</u>	<u>1,906</u>	<u>3,594</u>	<u>1,793,159</u>
EXPENDITURES				
General government	323,574	-	-	323,574
Protection	129,208	-	-	129,208
Health and welfare	154,562	-	-	154,562
Highways and bridges	278,729	-	-	278,729
Support of schools	678,364	-	-	678,364
County tax	73,337	-	-	73,337
Unclassified	62,034	-	87	62,121
Capital outlay	-	-	240,678	240,678
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>1,699,808</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>240,765</u>	<u>1,940,573</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Interfund transfers	(135,274)	-	135,274	-
Realized and unrealized gains	-	2,554	3,419	5,973
Net change in fund balances	(47,423)	4,460	(98,478)	(141,441)
Fund balances - beginning	<u>675,326</u>	<u>288,390</u>	<u>389,280</u>	<u>1,352,996</u>
Fund balances - ending	<u>627,903</u>	<u>292,850</u>	<u>290,802</u>	<u>1,211,555</u>
Reconciliation of the change in fund balances - total governmental funds				
to the change in net assets of governmental activities:				
Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds				<u>(141,441)</u>
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities				
are different because:				
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures while				
governmental activities report depreciation expense to allocate				
those expenditures over the life of assets:				
Capital asset purchases capitalized				240,678
Depreciation expense				<u>(221,866)</u>
				<u>18,812</u>
Government funds report changes in deferred taxes as revenues				
while governmental activities do not report changes in deferred taxes				
				<u>13,100</u>
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities				
				<u>(109,529)</u>

**BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS
for the 2013 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Article	Appropriation	2012 Budget	2013 Requests	Budget Committee Recommend	Selectmen Recommend
8	Discounts	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
9	Abatement Interest	50	50	50	50
11	Personnel Benefits	92,581	102,822	102,822	102,822
12	Administration	135,263	134,140	134,140	134,140
13	Insurance Premiums	32,981	30,691	30,691	30,691
14	Annual Dues	4,387	4,852	4,852	4,852
15	Fire Department	72,900	70,142	70,142	70,142
16	Transfer Station	104,350	101,089	101,089	101,089
17	Snowmobile Club	801	444	444	444
18	Planning Board/Appeals Board	1,100	1,200	1,200	1,200
19	Building Operations	10,720	12,345	12,345	12,345
20	Assessing	18,830	19,770	19,770	19,770
21	Street Lighting	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
22	Hydrant Rental	35,560	35,407	35,407	35,407
23	Emergency Management	1,560	1,560	1,560	1,560
24	Code Enforcement	3,300	2,800	2,800	2,800
25	Animal Control	5,400	6,672	6,672	6,672
26	Cemeteries	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800
27	Highway	305,213	309,684	309,684	309,684
28	Capital Equipment Reserve	75,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
29	Library	29,490	31,365	30,490 *	30,490 *
30	Ambulance	27,180	27,180	27,180	27,180
31	Highway Capital Reserve	45,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
32	Non-Profits	6,700	6,443	6,443	6,443
33	General Assistance	15,500	19,500	19,500	19,500
34	Recreation	17,900	15,400	15,400	15,400
35	West Paris Explorers	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
36	Veterans Monument	250	250	250	250
37	Old Home Days	<u>4,600</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>4,600</u> *	<u>4,600</u> *
		1,088,916	1,101,106	1,099,831	1,099,831
38	Offsetting Revenues	<u>537,759</u>	<u>515,898</u>	<u>515,898</u>	<u>515,898</u>
	Resulting Tax Levy	551,157	585,208	583,933	583,933

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING
MARCH 2, 2013

To: Willard Keach, a citizen of the Town of West Paris,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters in the Town of West Paris, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Agnes L. Gray School Gymnasium, on Saturday, **March 2, 2013**, at 10:00 a.m., to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside over the meeting.

Article 2. To choose the following officers:

- one (1) Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor (for a three year term)
- one (1) Water District Director (for a three year term)
- one (1) School Director for M.S.A.D. #17 (for a two year balance of a three year term)
- one (1) School Director for M.S.A.D. #17 (for a three year term)

Article 3. To see if the citizens will vote to authorize the Selectmen to expend such money, as necessary, from each budget category of the annual budget during the period January 1, **2014** to March 1, **2014** in order to insure the continuous operation of the town government.

Article 4. To see if the citizens will vote to apply any overlay allocated to the miscellaneous account.

Article 5. To see if the citizens will vote to authorize the Selectmen to carry forward balances or deficits at the end of the fiscal year, if they deem it advisable.

Article 6. To see if the citizens will vote to have taxes due and payable at the date of commitment with interest charged at the rate of **seven** percent (**7%**) per annum on all taxes not paid on or before November **15, 2013**.

Article 7. To see if the citizens will vote to accept payment of taxes before commitment.

Article 8. To see if the citizens will vote to authorize a three percent (**3%**) discount on **2013** real estate and personal property taxes for the first thirty (30) days from the date of commitment and **2013** real estate and personal property taxes paid in full prior, and to appropriate **\$25,000** for discounts.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **approval**.*

Article 9. To see if the citizens will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at **three** percent (**3%**), and to appropriate **\$50** for abatement interest.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **approval**.*

Article 10. To see if the citizens will vote to authorize the Selectmen to assign, release, sell and convey all interest in real estate acquired by the Town by virtue of tax liens and to execute property instruments of conveyance, to authorize the Selectmen to, at their sole discretion to sell back the property to the original owner upon terms they may deem in the best interests of the Town, and that sale to any other by sealed bid..

Article 11. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate **\$102,822** for personnel benefits.

Health/Major Medical Insurance **\$80,681**

FICA and Medicare Match \$22,141
 \$102,822

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **approval**.*

Article 12. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate **\$134,140** for Town Administration.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **approval**.*

Article 13. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate **\$30,691** for Insurance Premiums.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **approval**.*

Article 14. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate **\$4,852** for annual membership Dues for the Maine Municipal Association, Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments and various professional organizations.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **approval**.*

Article 15. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate **\$70,142** for Fire Department operations.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **approval**.*

Article 16. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate **\$101,089** for the disposal of solid waste, recycling program, and the operation of the Transfer Station.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **approval**.*

Article 17. To see if the citizens will vote to appropriate **\$443.54** for the construction and maintenance of snowmobile trails, to be open to the use of the public at all times. All funds to be paid to the Mollycokett Sportsman's Club.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **approval**.*

Article 18. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,200** for Planning Board/Board of Appeals expenses and salaries.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **approval**.*

Article 19. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate **\$12,345** for utilities, general repair and maintenance of Municipal Buildings.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **approval**.*

Article 20. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate **\$19,770** for Assessing.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **approval**.*

Article 21. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate **\$12,000** for Street Lighting.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **approval**.*

Article 22. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate **\$35,407** for Hydrant Rental.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **approval**.*

Article 23. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,560** for Emergency Management.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **approval**.*

Article 24. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate **\$2,800** for Code Enforcement.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **approval**.*

Article 25. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate **\$6,672** for Animal Control.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **approval**.*

Article 26. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate **\$2,800** for Cemeteries.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **approval**.*

Article 27. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate **\$309,684** for Highway Department operations.

Garage Operations/Equip. Maint.	\$54,800
Winter Operations	\$114,994
Summer Operations	\$139,890
	\$309,684

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **approval**.*

Article 28. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate **\$50,000** for the Capital Equipment Reserve account. Current balance of the account is **\$0**.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **approval**.*

Article 29. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate **\$31,365** for the West Paris Library.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **appropriating \$30,490**.*

Article 30. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate **\$27,180** for Ambulance & Rescue services.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **approval**.*

Article 31. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate **\$70,000** to be added to the Highway Improvement Capital Reserve account. Current balance of the account is **\$235,606.58**.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **approval**.*

Article 32. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for social service agencies.

Contributions as recommended by the Budget Committee

Tri-County Mental Health Services	\$1,200
Community Concepts	\$1,750
R.E.A.C.H.	\$450

SeniorsPlus	\$993
Androscoggin Home Health & Hospice	\$1,500
Western Maine Transportation	<u>\$550</u>
	\$6,443

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **approval**.*

Article 33. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate **\$19,500** for General Assistance.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **approval**.*

Article 34. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate **\$15,400** for Recreation including the swim instruction program and maintenance of the athletic complex.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **approval**.*

Article 35. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate **\$2,500** for the West Paris Explorers After-School Program.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **approval**.*

Article 36. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate **\$250** for the maintenance and updating of the Veterans Monuments. Current balance of the reserve is \$2,078.83.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **approval**.*

Article 37. To see if the citizens will vote to raise and appropriate **\$5,000** for Old Home Days.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **appropriating \$4,600**.*

Article 38. To see if the citizens will vote to appropriate the following sums of money to reduce the **2013** tax commitment.

Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$107,000.00
Urban Rural Initiative Program	\$35,124.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$6,000.00
Veteran Exemption Reimbursement	\$1,000.00
BETE Reimbursement	\$80.00
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$9,750.00
Snowmobile Excise	443.54
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$222,000.00
Boat Excise Tax	\$1,400.00
Interest on Deposits	\$800.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	\$10,000.00
Office Receipts	\$800.00
Vital Records Receipts	\$2,300.00
Agent Fees	\$7,000.00
Transfer Station Fees	\$1,000.00
Animal Control Revenue	\$1,200.00
Undesignated Fund Balance	<u>\$110,000.00</u>
	\$515,897.54

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend **approval**.*

Article 39. To see if the citizens will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of **\$643,631** established for West Paris by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that limit.

Article 40. Shall an ordinance entitled Town of West Paris Property Maintenance Ordinance be enacted?

Article 41. Shall the Selectmen be authorized to transfer a triangle of land bounded by Kingsbury Street and property owned by Red Elephant L.L.C. to Red Elephant L.L.C. with the grantee to pay all legal fees (including those incurred by the Town), filing fees and transfer taxes.

The Registrar of Voters hereby gives notice that she will be in the Town Office on Thursday, February 28, 2013, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., for additions or corrections to the Voting List.

Given under our hands this **14th** day of February, **2013**

Randall Jones
Dennis Henderson
Wade Rainey
Board of Selectmen, Town of West Paris

Attest, a true copy: John F. White, Town Clerk

(PROPOSED) **Town of West Paris Property Maintenance Ordinance**

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to set a minimum standard for the maintenance of the grounds of property in order to protect public health, public safety, property values, and to prevent nuisance conditions.

Section 2. Authority

This ordinance is enacted pursuant to State law, Title 30-A Section 3001.

Section 3. Required Maintenance

All grounds or parts thereof shall be maintained to prevent unsafe, unsanitary and/or nuisance conditions (according to the nuisance definition found in State law Title 17, Section 2802 and as shown in the Appendix) and to avoid any adverse affect on the value of adjoining properties.

Section 4. Grounds Maintenance Standards

The grounds of any property shall be kept in good repair and free of unsafe or unsanitary conditions. Examples of items which may create such conditions include: refuse, household trash, human waste and any item that may cause a health and/or safety concern.

Section 5. Placement of Fill

Fill that consists of non-natural materials including hazardous materials, metals, plastics, batteries, solid waste, garbage, tires, appliances, furniture or any other materials that are not included in the definition of clean fill shall be prohibited. The placement of any prohibited fill shall be deemed a violation of this Ordinance and shall be removed from the site under the directions of the CEO.

Section 6. Responsibilities

Owners, operators, managers and occupants of properties in violation of this ordinance shall be jointly and severally liable for violations and for corrective actions required.

Section 7. Enforcement & Penalties

The Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) of the Town of West Paris shall enforce the provisions of this ordinance. As with other matters, the CEO shall first seek voluntary cooperation from the violator, allowing no more than 30 days for the completion of corrective action.

In the event of a lack of voluntary cooperation, the CEO shall notify the violator, serving a written notice by certified mail or hand delivery. Said notice shall explain the nature of the violation and required corrective action within 30 calendar days from the date of the receipt of the notice to correct the violation.

If a violation is not corrected within the time allowed the Town shall pursue all remedies and relief available at law and/or in equity for land use ordinances, including without limitation the remedies and relief provided in Title 30-A Section 4452. The Town shall retain all penalties set forth in the ordinance. The CEO may represent the Town in District Court, pursuant to Rule 80-K. However, should the services of the Town Attorney be required, in litigation in a higher court of law for example, the CEO shall first review the case with the Board of Selectmen.

The CEO may offer one (1) special extension per person/per incident of up to 180 days to violators of this ordinance under certain hardship or extenuating circumstances. If a violation is discovered during the winter months (November 1 – April 1) and if winter weather prevents the correction of the violation, an extension may be given. Cases of disability or financial hardship shall also be grounds for the consideration of an extension. Violators requesting an extension for financial hardship shall be required to prove hardship through financial documentation. These extensions for seasonal, disability, or financial hardship shall be at the discretion of the CEO.

Section 8. Severability

If any section, subsection, clause, paragraph, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portions shall be deemed to be a separate, distinct, and

independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 9. Effective Date

The ordinance shall be effective upon adoption by the Town and may be amended in accordance with Town requirements for amending ordinances.

Appendix: Definitions

Casualty – Any unforeseeable, unintended accident affecting a property.

Cause or Contract – For this ordinance, “cause or contract” as it appears in Section 6 includes the initiation of an insurance claim (as opposed to resolution), the contracting of a construction/repair business, or the substantial preparation for self-repair work.

Clean Fill – Clean fill means soil material, including soil from road ditching and sand from winter sand cleanup; stone and rock; bricks; crushed clean glass or porcelain; and cured concrete; that are not mixed with other solid or liquid waste, and are not derived from an ore mining material.

Grounds – The part of the property not covered by structures, including driveways, pathways, flowers, trees, and lawn.

Nuisance Condition – This term has been defined by Title 17 MRSA Section 2802. It reads as follows: “The erection, continuance or use of any building or place for the exercise of a trade, employment or manufacture that, by noxious exhalations, offensive smells or other annoyances, becomes injurious and dangerous to the health, comfort or property of individuals or of the public; causing or permitting abandoned wells or tin mining shafts to remain unfilled or uncovered to the injury or prejudice of others; causing or suffering any offal, filth or noisome substance to collect or to remain in any place to the prejudice of others; obstructing or impeding, without legal authority, the passage of any navigable river, harbor or collection of water; corrupting or rendering unwholesome or impure the water of a river, stream, pond or aquifer; imprudent operation of a watercraft as defined in Title 12, section 13068-A, subsection 8; unlawfully diverting the water of a river, stream, pond or aquifer from its natural course or state to the injury or prejudice of others; and the obstructing or encumbering by fences, buildings or otherwise of highways, private ways, streets, alleys, commons, common landing places or burying grounds are nuisances within the limitations and exceptions mentioned. Any places where one or more old, discarded, worn-out or junked motor vehicles as defined in Title 29-A, section 101, subsection 42, or parts thereof, are gathered together, kept, deposited or allowed to accumulate, in such manner or in such location or situation either within or without the limits of any highway, as to be unsightly, detracting from the natural scenery or injurious to the comfort and happiness of individuals and the public, and injurious to property rights, are public nuisances.”

Occupant – Any person living, sleeping, or having actual possession of a dwelling unit or rooming unit.

Operator – Any person who has charge, care or control of a dwelling or property, or part thereof, whether with or without the knowledge and consent of the owner.

Owner – Any person who, alone or jointly or severally with each other, shall have legal or equitable title to any property, with or without accompanying actual possession thereof, or shall have charge or control of any dwelling unit as owner or agent of the owner or as fiduciary including but not limited to executor, administrator, trustee, receiver or guardian of the estate or as a mortgagee in possession, regardless of how much such possession was obtained.

Property – For this ordinance the term shall be defined as any lot, plot, or parcel of land.

Structure – Anything built or constructed and permanently affixed on a property that cannot be considered grounds, landscaping. It especially includes residential, commercial or industrial buildings with useable interior space. It also refers to auxiliary buildings such as storage sheds or garages.

Tradespeople – For this ordinance the term shall mean a person(s) engaged in trade when ninety five (95) percent of their items are within and sold from a shop or store.

Unserviceable – For the purposes of this ordinance the Town will rely on a Maine Supreme Court decision which included the following: “unserviceable means not ready for use or presently useable” as opposed to “incapable of being serviced.”

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