

# TOWN OF YORK

## 2007-2008

# Annual Town Report



Todd Hill

Town Warrant  
May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009

# TOWN OF YORK

## Municipal & State Telephone Numbers

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

<b>York Dispatch Center</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>York Police Department</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>York Volunteer Ambulance</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>York Fire Department</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>York Beach Fire Department</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>York Hospital</b>	<b>363-4321</b>

### MUNICIPAL BUSINESS TELEPHONE NUMBERS

#### TELEPHONE FAX

Dispatch Center	363-4444	363-1035
Police Department	363-1031	363-1035
Ambulance	363-4403	
York Village Fire Department	363-1015	363-1016
York Beach Fire Department	363-1014	351-2980
Town Manager / Selectmen	363-1000	363-1019
Planning Department	363-1007	363-1019
Code Enforcement /Building Department	363-1002	363-1009
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	363-1003	363-1009
Finance Department	363-1004	363-1019
Assessor's Office & Voter Registration	363-1005	363-1009
Public Works Department (Office/Garage)	363-1011	363-1012
Senior Citizens Center / General Assistance	363-1036	363-1032
Parks & Recreation Department	363-1040	351-2967
Animal Control	363-4444	363-1035
Water District	363-2265	
Sewer District	363-4232	
Library	363-2818	
Chamber of Commerce	363-4422	
State Police (Gray)	1-800-482-0730	
York County Sheriff's Office	1-800-492-0855	
Attorney General (Consumer Protection)	89-3661	
District Attorney's Office (10th District Court - York)	363-1230	
(Alfred Court)	324-8001	
York Community Services	363-5504	
York County Community Action	439-2699	
York County Emergency Management Agency	324-1578	
York County Registrar of Probate	324-1577	
York County Registry of Deeds	324-1576	
Waste Management ( <b>TRASH &amp; RECYCLING PICK-UP</b> )	<b>1-800-847-5303</b>	

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY DURING NON-OFFICE HOURS,  
CALL YORK DISPATCH CENTER.....363-4445**

### YORK SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Village Elementary	363-4870
Coastal Ridge Elementary	363-1800
Middle School (5-8)	363-4214
High School	363-3621
Food Service	363-5554
Superintendent's Office	363-3403

### SCHOOL CLOSINGS

<b>Radio Stations</b>	
<b>WCQL</b>	<b>95.3 FM</b>
<b>WHEB</b>	<b>100.1 FM</b>
<b>WOKQ</b>	<b>97.5 FM</b>
<b>WTSN</b>	<b>1270 AM</b>

# GENERAL INFORMATION

**POPULATION:** Approximately 14,000 year round residents

**LOCATION:** Longitude: between 70 deg. 35 mins. (Bald Head Cliff)  
and 70 deg. 45 mins. (western tip where Rte. 91 enters S. Berwick)

Latitude: between 43 deg. 16 mins. (northern tip, bordering  
Ogunquit) and 43 deg. 6 mins. (southern tip, at Brave Boat Harbor)

## **APPROXIMATE DISTANCE FROM:**

Boston, Massachusetts	60 miles
Portsmouth, New Hampshire	9 miles
Portland, Maine	45 miles
Alfred, Maine (County Seat for York County)	30 miles
Augusta, Maine (State Capitol)	105 miles

## TAX RATE

<u>1989-90</u> (18 month)	<u>1992</u> \$13.20	<u>1994</u> \$12.80	<u>1996</u> \$13.10	<u>1998</u> \$14.60	<u>2000</u> \$17.10	<u>2002</u> \$10.25	<u>2004</u> \$8.75	<u>2006</u> \$8.14
\$37.00	<u>1993</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2007</u>
<u>1990-91</u> (12 month)	\$12.90	\$13.10	\$14.10	\$15.70	\$19.00	\$9.70	\$8.46	\$8.10
\$28.00	<u>2008</u> \$8.26							

**The Town Hall is located at 186 York Street next to the First Parish Church.**  
**Office Hours: 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. – Monday –Wednesday – Thursday –Friday**  
**8:00 – 6:00 P.M. Tuesdays**  
**Closed Holidays**

### 1st Floor

Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office  
Assessor's Office  
Code Enforcement Office  
Community Development Office  
Planning Office

### 2nd Floor

Town Manager's Office  
Finance Office /Treasurer's Office  
Human Resource Office  
Shoreland Resource Office  
Building Inspector Office

**Recreation Department** is located in the Grant House at Goodrich Park, 200 US Route One, York, Maine.

**The Town Clerk's Office** collects Vehicle & Boat Excise, Real Estate, and Personal Property Taxes. The office also issues: Dog Licenses, Sporting Licenses, Clam Licenses, Marriage Licenses, Certified Copies of Birth, Death & Marriage Certificates, Town Maps, Vehicle, Boat and ATV Registrations, Recycling Bins, Beach Parking Permits and information pertaining to Local and State Ordinances.

**The Police Department** is located at 36 Main Street (Route 1A) in York Beach. Permits for the following are issued there: Guns and Yard Sale Permits.

**The Village Fire Department** is located on York Street.

**The York Beach Fire Department** is located on Railroad Avenue.

**York Hospital** is located off of Lindsay Road. A list of doctors and services is available upon request from the hospital (363-4321).

**Old York Historical Society** is located at 207 York Street, York Village (363-4974)

**York Public Library** is located at 15 Long Sands Road. Taxpayers and permanent residents are issued membership cards free of charge (363-2818).

**Library Hours:**

Monday	Closed
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday	10:00 -8:00 PM
Friday	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Close Sundays and Holidays	

### **VOTING REGULATIONS**

Any United States Citizen of at least 18 years of age is entitled to vote. To be eligible to vote, you must first register with the Registrar of Voters at Town Hall or at any Motor Vehicle Office. You may also register at the Polls with two forms of identification and proof of residency. In order to vote in a Primary Election, you must register as a member of one of the political parties. Absentee Ballots are obtained through the Town Clerk.

### **BEACHES**

Harbor Beach, Route 1A, York Harbor  
Long Sands Beach, Long Beach Avenue, York Beach  
Short Sands Beach, Ocean Avenue, York Beach  
Passaconaway (Cape Neddick) Beach, Shore Road, Cape Neddick

### **TOWN OFFICERS**

#### **SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR**

Michael L. Estes, Chair (2011)  
David F. Marshall, Vice Chair (2009)  
Catherine R. Goodwin (2011)  
Edward W. Little (2009)  
Kinley Gregg. (2010)

#### **TOWN MANAGER**

Robert G. Yandow Office: 363-1000

#### **TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR**

Mary-Anne Szeniawski (2009) Office: 363-1003

#### **ASSESSOR**

Richard E. Mace Office: 363-1005

#### **TOWN TREASURER**

Margaret M. McIntosh (2010) Office: 363-1004

**MODERATOR**

David Ott (2011)

**DEPARTMENTS**

**CODE ENFORCEMENT: 363-1002**

Timothy J. DeCoteau, Code Enforcement Officer

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING DEPARTMENT: 363-1007**

Stephen Burns, Community Development Director

Christine Grimando, Town Planner

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT 363-1004**

Elizabeth McCann, Finance Director

**FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

**York Village Fire Station**

Christopher Balentine, Chief

**York Beach Fire Station**

David Bridges, Chief

**FIRE INSPECTORS**

**York** – David Apgar 363-1015

**York Beach** - John F. Welch 363-1014

**FIRE WARDEN**

Christopher Balentine (Indefinite Term)

**POLICE DEPARTMENT Administration: 363-1031**

Douglas P. Bracy, Chief

**DISPATCH CENTER: 363-4444**

**ANIMAL CONTROL: 363-4444**

Thomas B. Porter, Animal Control Officer

Larry McAfee, Animal Control Officer

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: 363-1010/363-1011**

Dean Lessard, Director

**HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT: 363-1036**

Lori M. Nelson, Director

**PARKS & RECREATION: 363-1040**

Michael J. Sullivan, Director

**CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR: 363-1031**

Douglas P. Bracy, Chief of Police

**CLAM WARDEN: 363-2557**

David Webber, Warden

**HARBOR MASTER: 363-2557**

Don Day, Harbor Master

**YORK WATER DISTRICT**

Donald D. Neumann Jr., Superintendent

**TRUSTEES**

Marshall J Jarvis II (2010)                      Rosemarie Avery (2011)  
Frederick J. Ricker (2010)                      Frank Witham (2011)  
Lawrence McKenna (2009)

**YORK SEWER DISTRICT**

Timothy H. Haskell, Superintendent

**TRUSTEES**

Thomas E. Farnon (2008)                      Arthur A. Berger (2011)  
Robert A. Hoyt (2010)                      Frederick W. Boardman, Jr.(2010)  
Rodney Lucas (2009)

**SCHOOL DEPARTMENT: 363-3403**

Dr. Henry R. Scipione, Superintendent

**HIGH SCHOOL: 363-3621**

Robert E. Stephens, Principal  
Jeremie Sirois, Assistant Principal

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**Grades 5-8: 363-4214**

Stephen M. Bishop, Principal  
Kenneth Hawkins, Assistant Principal

**VILLAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: 363-4070**

Ruth Dealy, Principal

**COASTAL RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: 363-1800**

Sean Murphy, Principal

**ADULT EDUCATION: 363-7922**

Polly Stanwood, Director

## *EDITOR'S STATEMENT*

The Town Report includes documentation required by Maine State Statute - MRSA 30A §2801.

This collection of reports has been submitted by the Town Manager, Department Heads, School Officials, the Water and Sewer Districts, the Library, and from those who volunteer on our Boards, Committees and Commissions. You will also find the financial statements from the Town and School Department's Auditors.

Along with the required reports on the business of the Town, we have included informational pages for the convenience of our residents. Municipal telephone numbers and the Calendar of Meetings are located inside the front and back covers respectively.

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## *PHOTOGRAPHS*

The photographs in this years Town Report are courtesy of Gary Stevens and Todd Hill of the York Water District, Elena B. Fiske, and the York Police Department. We send our thanks to each of our very creative photographers for allowing us to use these photos through-out the booklet.

# MAINE LEGISLATORS

## STATE SENATOR: Senate District 1

### Peter B. Bowman

16 Old Ferry Lane  
Kittery, Maine 03909  
(207) 439 – 6481  
[peterbowman@comcast.net](mailto:peterbowman@comcast.net)

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3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333  
(207) 287-1515 Toll Free: 1(800)423-6900  
<http://www.mainestate.org/bowman/index.shtml>

## REPRESENTATIVES TO LEGISLATURE

### DISTRICT 149

#### Hon. Dawn Hill

124 Pine Hill Road  
Cape Neddick, ME 03902  
(207) 363-7594 (H)  
[RepDawn.Hill@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:RepDawn.Hill@legislature.maine.gov)

### DISTRICT 150

#### Hon. Windol Weaver

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York, ME 03909  
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State House Station 2  
Augusta, ME 04333-0002  
(207) 287-1400 (207) 287-4469 (TTY)

Year-Round Toll Free Message Center  
1(800) 423-2900

Maine Legislative Internet Web Site:

<http://janus.state.me.us/legis>

## MAINE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION SENATE

### Olympia J. Snowe

154 Russell Senate Office Bldg  
Washington, D.C. 20510-1902  
(202) 224-5344 FAX (202) 224-1946

#### District Office

227 Main Street  
Biddeford, ME 04005  
(207) 282 – 4144 Toll Free: 1(800) 432-1599

### Susan M. Collins

461 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510-1904  
(202) 224-2523 FAX (202) 224-2693

#### District Office

One City Center, Suite 100  
Portland, ME 04101  
(207) 780-3575

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### Chellie Pingree

1037 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515  
(202) 225-6116 FAX (202) 225-5590

#### District Office

57 Exchange Street  
Portland, ME 04101  
(207) 774-5019 FAX (207) 871 0720

## GOVERNOR

### JOHN ELIAS BALDACCI

#1 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0001  
207- 287-3531



Elena B. Fiske

# Reports From Our Legislators

Dear Friends,

As Maine's newest member of Congress, I'd like to extend my warmest greetings and my heartfelt appreciation for giving me the opportunity to represent you in Washington.

These are challenging times for our state and the nation: we are facing a deep economic recession, a global credit crisis, a continued dependence on imported oil and a health care system that is increasingly out of reach for more and more Maine families.

Despite these enormous challenges, we also have some tremendous opportunities, and I know that our ingenuity, creativity and hard work will allow us to meet these challenges.

I want you to know that I am working every day to help get our economy back on track, fix our broken health care system and promote the development of a clean energy economy that will provide good paying, sustainable jobs in Maine for generations to come.

Just six weeks after I was sworn in, we passed and President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Already, the effects of this economic recovery plan have been felt in Maine. For example, Maine is getting nearly \$70 million to help families weatherize their homes and help business become more energy efficient, reducing the average energy bill by over \$350. Local school districts are getting over \$100 million in direct aid to preserve teaching jobs and invest in education technology. Maine's bridges, roads and town water systems are in line to get \$175 million in assistance, putting people back to work and bringing critically needed improvements to our infrastructure.

And starting April 1<sup>st</sup>, nearly every Maine worker started to see the effects of the Making Work Pay tax cut which puts an extra \$400 in the pockets of nearly half a million people in Maine.

The stimulus package was just one part of what must be a comprehensive response to the challenges we face. Reforming our health care system so everyone has access to quality, affordable health care is an essential part of our economic recovery. And significant investment in renewable energy technology can help make Maine a leader in this growing industry.

Working together, I know we can meet the challenges we face and get our country back on track.

I was elected to Congress to serve the people of the First District. If there is ever anything I can do to help you, please feel free to call my office at 774-5019 or visit my website at [www.pingree.house.gov](http://www.pingree.house.gov). Looking forward to seeing you in Maine soon.

Sincerely

Chellie Pingree  
Member of Congress



## MESSAGE TO THE CITIZENS OF YORK

Dear Neighbors:

It is an honor to serve as your State Representative during the 124th session of the Maine State Legislature. I am your voice in Augusta and hope to hear input from many of you.

Maine faces a challenging year in 2009. Similar to many other states, Maine is facing significant budgetary revenue reductions due to the economic downturn. Today more than ever, it is important that we continue to make government as efficient as possible, while preserving services for those less fortunate. However, we must also invest wisely in education and job development so that our state's future remains bright.

Despite our many financial challenges, this year and next present many great opportunities. Federal economic stimulus dollars will give us the opportunity to make investments in areas including education and infrastructure. In addition to the two-year budget, we are also working on energy policy to increase building efficiency and alternative energy, while reducing our dependence on oil. We are also focusing on expanding access to affordable health care, improving education, growing jobs and reforming taxes.

I do not view my role as Representative to be one that is limited to Augusta. It is important to me to be present in the community and communicate with you directly.

Please do not ever hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns or if you need assistance with State Government. I can be reached by e-mail at [RepDawn.Hill@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:RepDawn.Hill@legislature.maine.gov) or by phone at 337-3689.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dawn Hill".

Dawn Hill  
State Representative

Dear Residents of York,

It is a privilege to continue to represent you in the State Senate. As your voice in the Senate, I am pursuing my second term with the same passion and tenacity as I did during my first.

As the Senate Chair of the Insurance and Financial Services Committee, I realize the strain that has been facing much of the state. The cost of health care alone can be enough to wreck a family's financial situation. Like many other states, Maine entered this year under the burden of a large budget shortfall due to the economic problems that are facing our nation. However, as we head into these challenging times I want all of our residents to know legislators from all sides are working together to balance and protect our state. Regardless of our issues it's important to realize that these challenges represent an exciting opportunity for our state that we must take advantage of.

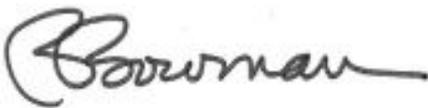
My fellow legislators and I have been working hard to reduce the weight of the time on us all with programs like the Maine "Circuit Breaker" refund which was available to nearly 200,000 Maine households. The program saved some Maine families up to \$2,000 dollars this tax season. We are also working to reduce Maine's income tax and make health care more affordable.

Even as gas prices fell from their historic high we pushed, and are continuing to push to expand our state's abundant natural resources. Focusing on the development of wind, solar, and tidal resources; just to name a few, will help bring Maine to a greener and less dependent future!

Our job is difficult, but not insurmountable. By working hard together, we can help set Maine's course for a prosperous future.

Thank you again for tasking me with the mission of representing you in the State Senate. I look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bowman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "B".

Peter B. Bowman  
Maine State Senator  
District 1



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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**Windol C. Weaver**

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February 2009

Dear Friends & Neighbors:

It is truly an honor to be writing to you again as State Representative for House District 150. Much has happened since last I wrote, including the election of a new president and the progressive decline of our state and national economy. We are witness to a historical transition, not only in the leadership of this nation, but also in how we conduct private business and implement public policy. No single factor can be pointed to as the cause of this turmoil. Nonetheless, commerce's and industry's growing weakness is the culmination of failures across the spectrum of financial management, government accountability, and balanced discourse. Our mettle is truly being tested at this moment in time, a test that we can assuredly transition through just as our parents and grandparents did during the 1930's.

On December 3, 2008 lawmakers were administered the oath of office to begin the 124<sup>th</sup> Legislature. Later that same month members received their respective assignments to one or more of the 17 joint standing committees. I am pleased that State House leadership appointed me to the Committee on Insurance and Financial Services, and also conferred upon me the responsibility of being the ranking minority member of the Committee on Marine Resources. My work on these panels will focus on banking, consumer credit, financial services, health care reform, workers' compensation insurance, commercial marine fisheries management, the sale of marine fish and shellfish, and aquaculture. These areas of jurisdiction will enable me to have direct input on some of the most pressing issues impacting our state and nation. As a contributing member of these working groups, my top priorities over the next two years will be to provide affordable health insurance to consumers, restore faith and credibility to our monetary system, and support the sustainability of our state's fishing industry.

To keep up-to-date on legislative activities, I would encourage you to visit the Legislature's Web site at [www.state.me.us/legis/homepage.htm](http://www.state.me.us/legis/homepage.htm). From here you are able to gather information about the House of Representatives and the Senate, monitor and listen to the legislative sessions and public hearings, view documents and research roll call votes.

Again, thank you for the confidence you have placed in me. As always, I welcome your thoughts and suggestions on those policy matters that will be scrutinized in Augusta over the coming weeks and months. With that being said, please feel free to contact me at home, 363-4641, or at the State House in Augusta, 287-1440. If you prefer writing, my mailing address is 4 Weavers Way, York, Maine 03909; and my e-mail address is [RepWindol.Weaver@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:RepWindol.Weaver@legislature.maine.gov).

Most graciously,

Windol C. Weaver, State Representative



Todd Hill

# Town of York Municipal Offices

## Independent Auditors' Report

**To the Selectboard  
Town of York  
York, Maine**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of York, Maine, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, 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's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these basic financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the York School Department's general fund, other governmental funds (special revenue funds and capital project funds) and fiduciary funds (agency funds). Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and in our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the general fund, other governmental funds and fiduciary funds, is based solely on the report of the other auditors.

We conducted our audit in accordance with United States generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. 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 opinion.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of the other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of York, Maine as of June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund, thereof and for the year then ended, in conformity with United States generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated April 8, 2009, on our consideration of the Town of York's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and important for assessing the results of our audit.

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

*Purdy Powers & Company*  
Professional Association

**Portland, Maine**  
**April 8, 2009**



# Town of York

186 York Street  
York, Maine 03909-1314

Town Manager/  
Selectmen  
(207)363-1000

Town Clerk/  
Tax Collector  
(207)363-1003

Finance/  
Treasurer  
(207)363-1004

Code Enforcement  
(207)363-1002

Planning  
(207)363-1007

Assessor  
(207)363-1005

Police Department  
(207)363-1031

Dispatch  
(207)363-2557

York Beach Fire  
Department  
(207)363-1014

York Village Fire  
Department  
(207)363-1015

Public Works/  
Harbor Master  
(207)363-1010

Senior Center/  
General Assistance  
(207)363-1036

Parks and  
Recreation  
(207)363-1040

Grant House  
(207)351-1204

Fax  
(207)363-1009  
(207)363-1019

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## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Our discussion and analysis of the Town of York's financial performance provides an overview of the Town's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2008. Please read it in conjunction with the Town's financial statements, which begin on page 4.

### USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities (on pages 4 and 5) provide information about the activities of the Town as a whole and present a longer-term view of the Town's finances. Fund financial statements start on page 6. For governmental activities, these statements tell how these services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the Town's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the Town's most significant funds. The remaining statements provide financial information about activities for which the Town acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of those outside of the government.

### REPORTING THE TOWN AS A WHOLE

#### The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities

Our analysis of the Town as a whole begins on page 3. One of the most important questions asked about the Town's finances is, "Is the Town as a whole, better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities report information about the Town as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer this question. These statements include *all* assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Town's net assets and changes in them. You can think of the Town's net assets - the difference between assets and liabilities - as one way to measure the Town's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the Town's net assets are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. You will need to consider other non-financial factors, however, such as changes in the Town's property tax base and the condition of the Town's infrastructure, to assess the overall health of the Town.

In the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities, we divide the Town into two kinds of activities:

**Governmental activities** - Most of the Town's basic services are reported here, including the police, fire, general administration, roads, parks, and beaches. Property taxes, auto excise taxes, franchise fees, fines, parking revenues, state revenue sharing and state and federal grants finance most of these activities.

**Business-type activities** - The Town charges a fee to customers to help it cover all or most of the cost of certain services it provides. The Town's Recreation, Sohier Park, Senior Transportation, Mt. Agamenticus, Goodrich Park, Printing Enterprise and Police Outside Duty activities are reported here.

## **REPORTING THE TOWN'S MOST SIGNIFICANT FUNDS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Our analysis of the Town's major funds begins on page 8. The fund financial statements begin on page 8 and provide detailed information about the most significant funds - not the Town as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by State law and by bond covenants. However, the Board of Selectmen establishes many other funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes.

- **Governmental funds** - Most of the Town's basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash.

The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Town's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Town's programs. We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds in the reconciliations on pages 7 and 9.

- **Proprietary funds**-When the Town charges customers for the services it provides, these services are generally reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds are reported in the same way that all activities are reported in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities. In fact, the Town's enterprise fund is the same as the business-type activities we report in the government-wide statements but provide more detail and additional information, such as cash flows.

### **Reporting the Town's Fiduciary Responsibilities**

We exclude these activities from the Town's other financial statements because the Town cannot use these assets to finance its operations. The Town is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purposes.

## THE TOWN AS A WHOLE

For the year ended June 30, 2008, net assets changed as follows:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-Type Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Current and other assets	\$ 13,340,206	13,158,580	\$ 82,998	\$ 95,569	\$ 13,423,204	\$ 13,254,149
Capital Assets	<u>54,599,730</u>	<u>54,046,239</u>			<u>54,599,730</u>	<u>54,046,239</u>
Total Assets	67,939,936	67,204,819	82,998	95,569	68,022,934	67,300,388
Long Term Liabilities	16,323,810	17,895,711			16,323,810	17,895,711
Other Liabilities	<u>2,753,901</u>	<u>2,861,344</u>	<u>45,694</u>	<u>26,077</u>	<u>2,799,595</u>	<u>2,887,421</u>
Total Liabilities	19,077,711	20,757,055	45,694	26,077	19,123,405	20,783,132
Net Assets:						
Invested in capital assets,						
Net of related debt	39,142,510	36,943,015			39,142,510	36,943,015
Restricted	21,125	21,450			21,125	21,450
Reserved for specific purposes						
Unrestricted	<u>9,698,590</u>	<u>9,483,299</u>	<u>37,304</u>	<u>69,492</u>	<u>9,735,894</u>	<u>9,552,791</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 48,862,225</u>	<u>\$ 46,447,764</u>	<u>\$ 37,304</u>	<u>\$ 69,492</u>	<u>\$ 48,899,529</u>	<u>\$ 46,517,256</u>

These numbers reflect an increase in net assets of 5.20 percent for governmental activities and 46.32 percent decrease for business-type activities (see page 3-10 for a detailed explanation). The Patriots' Day Storm of 2007 (a FEMA event) as well as taxpayer investment in paving (\$442,600) and other drainage projects resulted in over \$1.3M in infrastructure spending and an increase in net assets. The increase in liabilities for Business-Type activities is the result of the accrual of salaries and benefits which was not applicable in FY07.

### Governmental Activities

To aid in the understanding of the Statement of Activities some additional explanation is given. Of particular interest is the format that is significantly different than a typical Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Balance. You will notice that expenses are listed in the first column with revenues from that particular program reported to the right. The result is a Net (Expense)/Revenue. The reason for this kind of format is to highlight the relative financial burden of each of the functions on the Town's taxpayers. It also identifies how much each function draws from the general revenues or if it is self-financing through fees and grants. Some of the individual line item revenues reported for each function are:

General Government	Charges for photocopies, maps, plumbing permits, shoreland permits, cable TV franchise fees, gas tax refund, reimbursements, clerk fees, a portion of parking meter and permit receipts, parking ticket receipts.
Public Safety	Mooring receipts, police reports, dispatching services agreement with Ogunquit, PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) fees from other surrounding towns, COPS grants, other grants, dog license fees and an agreement with York Hospital to provide officers on a regular basis.
Public Works	Urban/Rural Initiative program, FEMA reimbursements, other state grants to improve certain street intersections.

Community Services	General Assistance state reimbursement and room rental fees.
Boards and Commissions	Shellfish licenses, Ellis Park/Short Sands funds (a trust fund set up early in the last century to oversee a park at Short Sands Beach).
Education	Food service, grants, state subsidy.

All other governmental revenues are reported as general. It is important to note that all taxes are classified as general revenue even if restricted for a specific purpose.

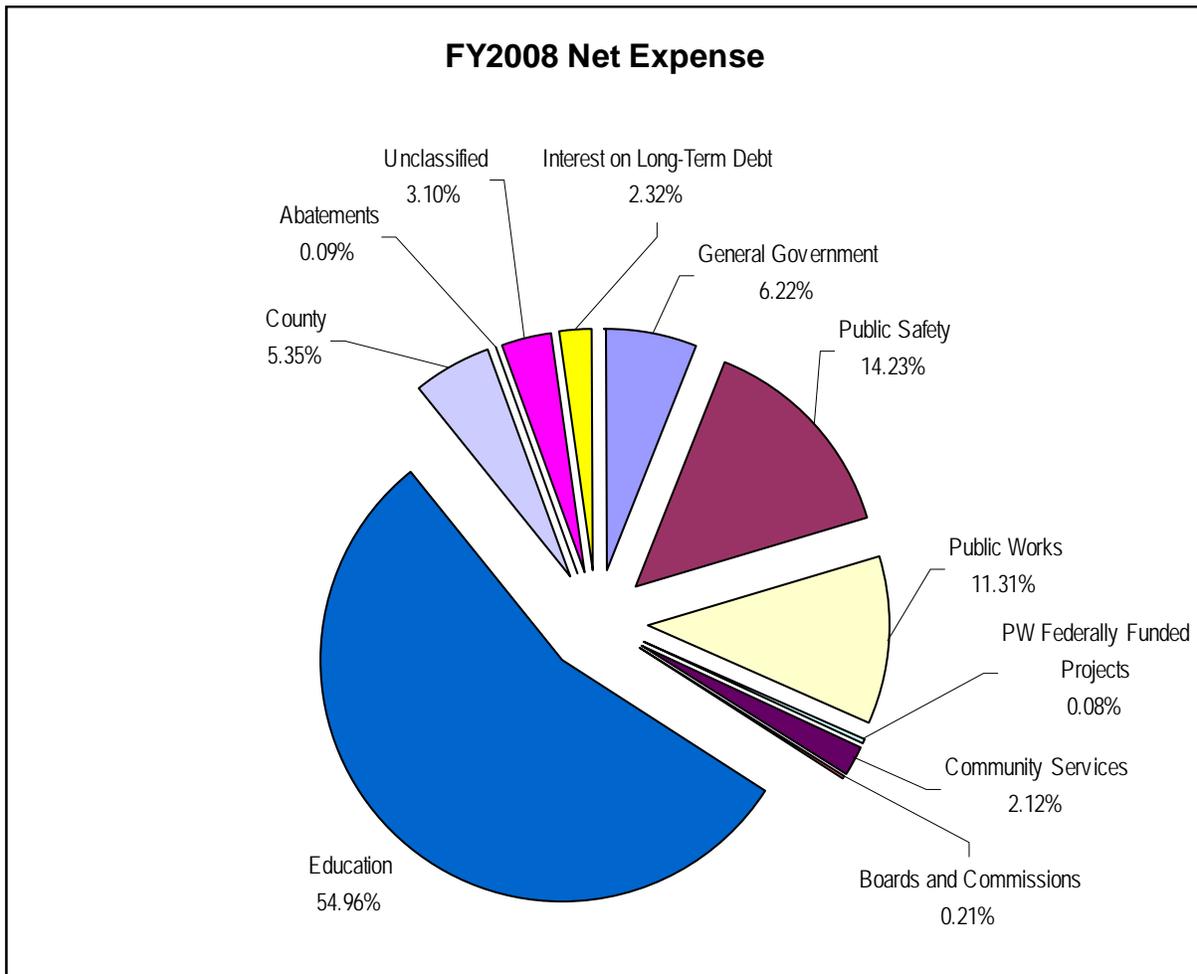
### Net Expense

The Net Expense is the financial burden that was placed on the taxpayers by each of these functions. Almost \$8.7 million dollars worth of activity was paid by grants, user fees, parking tickets and meter revenues and fees other than taxes. There is not a significant difference in allocation from FY2007 to FY2008. There is, however a significant reduction in receipts for federally funded projects. The largest portion of FEMA reimbursements was in prior years.

Function/ Program	Expenses		Revenues		Net Expense	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
General Government	\$ 2,503,438	\$ 2,165,060	\$ 374,603	\$ 339,511	\$ 2,128,835	\$ 1,825,549
Public Safety	5,259,644	5,066,276	393,846	493,720	4,865,798	4,572,556
Public Works	4,215,636	3,965,982	347,641	309,158	3,867,995	3,656,824
Public Works – federally funded projects	1,048,908	701,999	1,020,388	2,160,340	28,520	(1,458,341)
Community Services	734,735	731,256	9,063	5,839	725,672	725,417
Boards and Commissions	104,575	98,270	32,460	27,583	72,115	70,687
Education	22,614,171	23,492,990	3,816,699	3,590,707	18,797,472	19,902,283
Maine State Retirement on behalf payments	2,227,442	2,224,225	2,227,442	2,224,225		
County Tax	1,828,020	1,704,470			1,828,020	1,704,470
Abatements	30,458	33,480			30,458	33,480
Unclassified	1,777,407	755,660	717,590	797,615	1,059,817	(41,955)
Capital Outlay						
Interest on long-term debt	794,495	865,000			794,495	865,000
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 43,138,929</u>	<u>\$ 41,804,668</u>	<u>\$ 8,939,732</u>	<u>\$ 9,948,698</u>	<u>\$ 34,199,197</u>	<u>\$ 31,855,970</u>

Public Safety revenues derive from dispatching services provided to neighboring towns as well as patrol and security services for the local hospital in addition to COPS and other public safety grants. Rural roads subsidies make up the bulk of the Public Works revenues, in addition to reimbursements for some paving projects, mostly from the local water and sewer districts.

On Patriot's Day, April 18, 2007, the Town suffered another declared FEMA event which resulted in about \$2M in road, bridge and culvert damage. Emergency measures and minor repairs were performed by the prior year-end and the bulk of the work has been done in FY08. Much of the work has been completed in FY08, but as of June 30, 2008, a few projects remained to be completed in FY09.



Education's share of net expenses decreased a couple of percentage points (representing \$1.1M) due to the way debt service was expensed. The school capital projects account had accumulated over \$1M in interest over the last few years; it was determined after the budget referendum that debt service for FY08 would be funded from this interest accumulation rather than from tax appropriations, resulting in a lower net expense, a lower capital projects fund balance and a sizable increase in school fund balance.

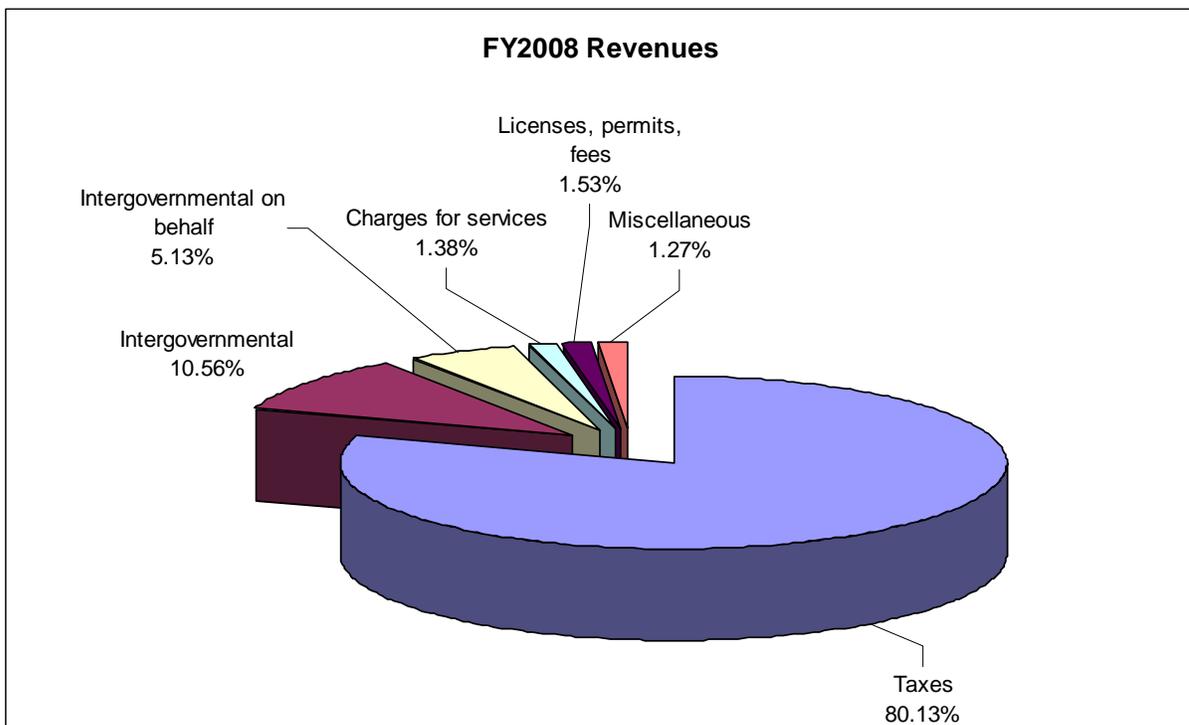
What is not evident from these presentations is that \$119,000 is collected in impact fees which are then transferred to the school budget and presented as revenues. Additionally, by ordinance, one-half of building permit fees are set aside to offset code enforcement efforts. To that end, \$145,070 in building permit fees fund substantial salaries, benefits and other costs of additional enforcement personnel with no taxpayer impact. The management has made great efforts to expand fee-based programs and support services. The other half of building permit fees are collected as special revenues to maintain the sizable GIS database and associated information.

## THE TOWN'S FUNDS

The following schedule presents a summary of General Fund revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 with a comparison to 2007:

<b><i>Revenues:</i></b>	<b><i>FY 2008 Amount</i></b>	<b><i>Percent of Total</i></b>	<b><i>FY2007 Amount</i></b>	<b><i>Percent of Total</i></b>
<i>Taxes</i>	\$ 34,915,825	80.13%	\$ 33,556,668	77.79%
<i>Intergovernmental</i>	4,584,303	10.56%	5,499,302	12.75%
<i>Intergovernmental on behalf payments</i>	2,227,442	5.13%	2,224,225	5.16%
<i>Charges for services</i>	599,374	1.38%	527,994	1.22%
<i>Licenses and permits</i>	665,899	1.53%	580,174	1.35%
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	549,368	1.27%	747,097	1.73%
<b><i>Total Revenues</i></b>	<b><u>\$ 43,422,878</u></b>	<b><u>100.00%</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 43,135,460</u></b>	<b><u>100.00%</u></b>

Revenues from all sources increased 0.66% from the previous year. For the second year in a row, excise tax collections decreased, 2.4% in Fy07 and 2.2% in Fy08. All revenues related to parking (beach parking stickers, meter collections and parking tickets) which are somewhat dependent on the summer weather and sufficient staffing to collect the revenues and monitor the parking, resulted in increased parking revenues of \$49,529 or almost 20%. Property taxes are up 4.2% or \$1,295,345 from the previous year and make up the large majority of revenues. State Revenue Sharing receipts increased 8.2% and investment interest income is down 29% compared to the prior year due to interest rate changes.



The following schedule presents a summary of expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008:

<b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2008</u></b>	<b><u>Percent</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2007</u></b>	<b><u>Percent</u></b>
	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>of Total</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>of Total</u></b>
<i>General Government</i>	\$ 2,507,554	5.93%	\$ 2,152,225	4.98%
<i>Public Safety</i>	5,037,637	11.92%	4,874,031	11.28%
<i>Public Works</i>	3,710,947	8.78%	3,307,635	7.65%
<i>Public Works federally funded</i>	1,048,908	2.48%	2,249,276	5.22%
<i>Community services</i>	761,083	1.80%	722,670	1.67%
<i>Boards and Commissions</i>	104,575	.25%	98,270	.22%
<i>Education</i>	22,405,285	53.01%	21,345,944	49.41%
<i>Maine State Retirement on behalf</i>	2,227,442	5.27%	2,224,225	5.15%
<i>County Tax</i>	1,828,020	4.33%	1,704,470	3.95%
<i>Abatements</i>	30,458	.07%	33,480	.07%
<i>Capital Outlays</i>	1,527,975	3.62%	2,006,360	4.64%
<i>Interest on Long-Term Debt</i>	813,608	1.92%	884,047	2.05%
<i>Principal Payment on Long-Term Debt</i>	260,281	.62%	1,602,142	3.71%
<b><u>Total Expenditures</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 42,263,773</u></b>	<b><u>100.00%</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 43,204,775</u></b>	<b><u>100.00%</u></b>

Overall expenditures decreased 2.23%, due in large part to the school portion of debt service being paid from a capital projects fund, in the amount of \$1,337,100. Capital outlays include the regular replacement of vehicles and road paving, but are substantially reduced from the prior year in which large items, including a street sweeper costing \$142,000 and a fire truck costing \$380,000 were purchased. General Government costs reflect an increase in staffing in Code Enforcement to be covered by permit fees. An especially costly winter with regards to overtime and the price of salt contributed to Public Works taking a larger piece of the pie than in prior years.

### **GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

Significant resources were devoted to the FEMA projects resulting from the April 2007 storm, diverting some resources from other Public Works projects. As a direct result of assessing damage from two FEMA events, five small drainage improvement projects involving culvert replacement and one large drainage project were approved by voters. Within the town boundaries of York is a mountain (Mt. Agamenticus), many rivers and streams that lead to the ocean continue to make drainage a major concern. Capital Improvement Planning schedules project into the foreseeable future the allocation of potentially millions of dollars in this effort to address the problem of flooding in various neighborhoods.

This year was the first year of the Community Development Department, which combined Code Enforcement, Planning and Geographic Information Services into one department to better coordinate activities. Building permit fees offset expenditures in this department to lessen taxpayer impact while providing improved and enhanced services to the citizens. FY08 is the first year of a \$40,000 appropriation to the York Ambulance Association to help that organization fund its operations.

The Maine Turnpike Authority is considering moving the current toll booth located in York to a location farther up the turnpike but also in York, which would disrupt a number of citizens. Foreseeing a potential legal battle, the Board of Selectmen saw fit to carry forward unspent legal funds for potential use in Fy2009.

Although a \$500,000 utilization of fund balance was approved by voters to reduce tax appropriations, only \$374,448 of funds authorized were used, bringing undesignated fund balance to \$5,128,049, keeping York in a very healthy fund balance position. Many unspent funds were authorized by the Board of Selectmen to be carried forward and expended in the next fiscal year. Public Safety, Public Works and the Parks department make good use of grant funds, leveraging them with matching tax appropriations. Every four years or so, the Town absorbs 53 pay weeks in the year, rather than 52. Such was the case in FY2008. In addition, gasoline prices spiked significantly, burdening the Public Works and Public Safety departments, moving the Board of Selectmen to use contingency to cover unforeseen fuel costs.

With taxes receivable of only \$877,255 on total tax bills of \$32.16 million, the Town of York enjoys a remarkable tax collection rate of 97.3%. The balance due on tax liens at year-end is only \$180,256, less than .6% of total taxes due. Along with a healthy fund balance and prudent investments, the Town's cash flow is managed well, and does not require any short-term borrowing. The Town's Standard and Poor's AA rating was upgraded to AA+.

## CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

### Capital Assets

At June 30, 2008, the Town had \$54.6 million invested in capital assets including substantial funding for paving and construction of town roads. The usual additions included police vehicles, pickup trucks, two servers, emergency management equipment, improvements to Cape Neddick Light Station, as well as various substantial repairs to other buildings, a cooling system for the Town Hall "technology room" (closet), mowers, solar trash compactors and repairs to the Town Dock.

	<b>Capital Assets</b>	<b>Accumulated Depreciation at June 30, 2008</b>	<b>Capital Assets Net of Depreciation</b>
Land	\$ 8,081,342	\$ -	\$ 8,081,342
Buildings & Improvements	36,176,159	13,307,694	22,868,465
Land Improvements	33,583,495	13,126,297	20,457,198
Equipment	3,121,487	1,745,164	1,376,323
Vehicles	5,572,218	3,755,816	1,816,402
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ <u>86,534,701</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>31,934,971</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>54,599,730</u></b>

This year's major additions included:

Harbor Beach Bathhouse	\$ 125,000
Harbormaster replacement boat	63,610
Heavy Plow Truck	105,491
Long Sands Beach Stairs	44,451
Grandstand/Bleachers at High School	192,227
Improvements to Cape Neddick Ligh Station	32,440
Photocopiers and Printers in all schools	154,257
Repaving and reconstructing town roads (FEMA)	1,343,863
Other Additions	558,840
	<b>\$ <u>2,620,179</u></b>

**Debt**

At year-end, the Town had \$16,323,810 in outstanding debt representing a net reduction of \$1,571,901:

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>		<b>Business-type Activities</b>		<b>Totals</b>	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
General Obligation Debt					\$	
	\$ 15,222,030	\$ 16,819,411	\$ -	\$ -	15,222,030	\$ 16,819,411
Capital Lease obligations	235,190	283,813			235,190	283,813
Compensated absences	866,590	792,487			866,590	792,487
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 16,323,810</b>	<b>\$ 17,895,711</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 16,323,810</b>	<b>\$ 17,895,711</b>

There was no new bonded debt issued in 2008. A citizen-initiative Tax Task Force committee recognizes the need for municipal buildings, some school renovations, drainage remediation and some other large projects that could lead to potential future bonding. The Budget Referendum of May, 2007, included \$7.67M for a new Town Hall, bleachers, a grant match and some drainage work, to be funded by a combination of bond proceeds and fund balance. The Town Hall warrant article was defeated, at almost \$6.6M. The drainage article passed but wasn't large enough to bond on its own, so will be added to future projects approved for FY09. The Five-Year Capital plan includes about \$8M per year in proposed projects and will need approval of the voters.

**Tax Increment Financing**

The voters approved an article that will designate a portion of 'downtown' York Beach as a TIF district. The TIF will provide funding for design, traffic studies and to fund public infrastructure improvements such as sidewalks and roadways within the boundaries of the TIF district. It is designed as a twenty-year program and could allocate significant resources to this area of Town known as York Beach.

## Business-type Activities

The Town operates a number of Enterprise Funds, designed to be mostly self-sustaining through user fees and grants. All funds are designed to maintain some activity or capital asset and are not intended to amass large fund balances.

	Recreation	Mt. Agamenti- cus	Sohier Park	Goodrich Park	Outside Duty	Printing	Senior Transport- ation
Charges for Services	\$ 376,352	\$ 44,947	\$ 152,262	\$ 9,250	\$ 159,919	\$ 0	\$ 9,435
Donations/Sponsorships	45,730		6,918				
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>422,082</b>	<b>44,947</b>	<b>159,180</b>	<b>9,250</b>	<b>159,919</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,435</b>
Salaries and Benefits	171,141	21,520	25,014		147,727		42,316
Cost of Goods Sold			76,824				
Contracts/Repairs	174,781	10,521	3,767	7,719	24,686		1,218
Supplies	58,655	6,904	2,401	1,320			13,828
Utilities	6,161	5,115	1,324				2,020
<b>Total Operating Exp</b>	<b>410,738</b>	<b>44,060</b>	<b>109,330</b>	<b>9,039</b>	<b>172,413</b>		<b>59,382</b>
<b>Operating Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>11,344</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>49,850</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>(12,494)</b>		<b>(49,947)</b>
Operating Transfers In	0						28,000
Operating Transfers Out	0	0	-60,039				
Total Other Financing Sources	0	0					28,000
<b>Net Increase(decrease)</b>	<b>11,344</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>(10,189)</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>(12,494)</b>		<b>(21,947)</b>
Beg Net Assets	7,917	276	6,310	771	12,494	(1,382)	43,106
<b>Ending Net Assets (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 19,261</b>	<b>\$ 1,163</b>	<b>\$ (3,879)</b>	<b>\$ 982</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ (1,382)</b>	<b>\$ 21,159</b>

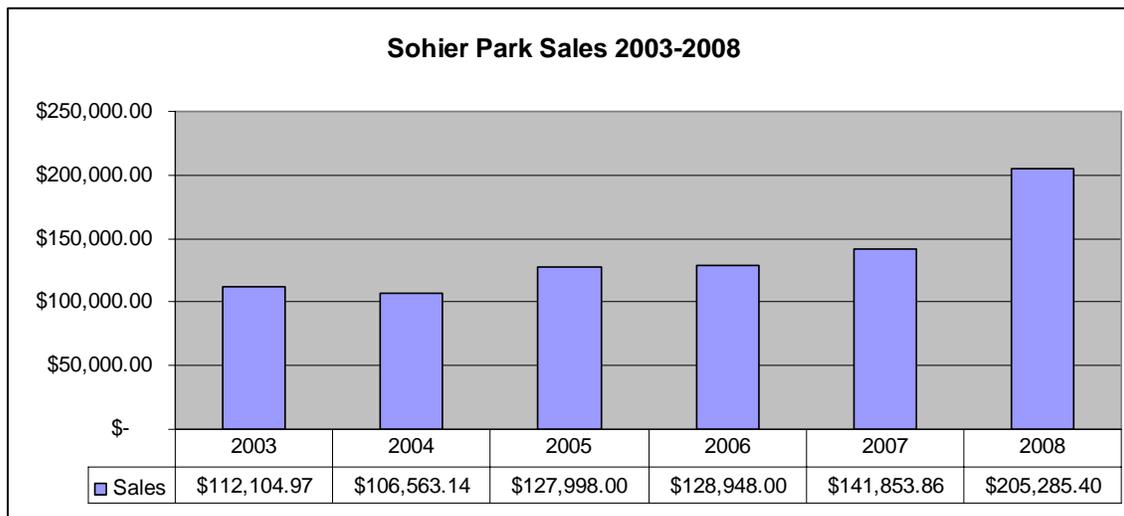
## The Town's Enterprise Funds

The **Recreation Enterprise** is funded primarily by user fees with a heavy participation by 'sponsors', local businesses who sponsor teams participating in the various programs. With the exception of the 1.5 full time positions that are funded by the General Fund, this program is self sustaining with respect to all the other costs such as instructors, coaches, supplies, and transportation. It is the goal of the administration to make programs as affordable and accessible to as many citizens as are interested, made possible, in part by some generous donors who sponsor 'scholarships'. The Recreation Department offers programs for all ages – children through senior citizens, including soccer, tai chi, photography, dance and everything in between.

The **Mt. Agamenticus Enterprise** was established to maintain the summit of Mt. Agamenticus which includes a lodge and other viewing areas, trails and grounds. Revenues are generated through tower rentals, the rental of the apartment in the lodge and viewer fees. The Town has re-negotiated with the businesses that use the communications towers and those negotiations have resulted in some additional revenues.

The **Sohier Park Enterprise** was established to maintain Sohier Park and the Cape Neddick Light Station viewable from the beaches (also known as the Nubble Lighthouse). The gift shop in the park sells trinkets and collectibles and generates sufficient revenue to maintain the park and make substantial repairs to the light station. The net income and beginning fund balance from the Gift Shop receipts (\$56,160) are transferred to a Sohier Park Maintenance Special Revenue fund which is responsible for the repairs and maintenance of the park and the Light Station. The new reporting will separate out the cost of operating of the gift shop and the net income derived from the gift shop from the costs to maintain the Park itself.

Management decided in 2008 to invest in more sophisticated staffing and was rewarded with increased sales and better management of inventory and all other aspects of the retail operation, which includes substantial volunteer involvement, as the Park and Lighthouse are icons to many. The increase in calendar year sales from 2007 to 2008 as depicted in the following table is 44.7%, which resulted in a higher net profit and increased funds available to maintain Sohier Park.



**The Grant House at Goodrich Park** is a wonderful community building restored by a volunteer group. It currently houses the Parks and Recreation offices and is used by community groups for meetings. The revenue from the upstairs apartment offsets some of the costs of maintaining the Grant House and Barn.

An account for **Outside Duty** was established to handle the demand for police services outside the normal patrol responsibilities. Outside entities such as the water and sewer districts might hire an officer to handle traffic around the job site. Billing rates are set to cover the costs of the officer, some administration of the program and the use of a cruiser, if necessary. The revenues generated by administration and cruiser usage are transferred to the public safety accounts, to offset those expenses.

**Printing Enterprise** was set up to cover the cost of printing ordinances and revenues are credited to this account as copies of the ordinances are sold. There were no sales of ordinance copies in this fiscal year.

**Senior Transportation** was established in 2004 in response to a need. There were significant fundraisers and donations early in the program to get it established. The taxpayers of York have generously funded a tax appropriation designed to cover a large part of the cost of the drivers' salaries and benefits. The user fees cover the cost of gas, oil, maintenance, repairs and insurance. The users of this program are being driven to doctors' appointments, therapies, shopping, and to the Senior Center and other activities. It has been quite successful and serves a very important need in the community. A new vehicle was purchased in 2008 with fund balance, shown in this table as a large supplies expense. The hours of the driver were increased to fulfill the need as demand increased, accounting for a 40% increase in salaries and benefits costs.

## ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

There has been concern expressed about a slowing economy. York is not as susceptible to fluctuations as are some communities, but nevertheless, high oil prices and other economic factors have an impact on the Town's citizens. Balancing that concern with the need for major building and infrastructure improvements tasks the Town's management to be creative and frugal in its budgeting and proposals. For several years the Town's 'Circuit Breaker' program, which mimics the State's Property Tax and Rent Refund Program, aids those citizens that perhaps can not absorb property tax increases. As a result of those two programs, some property owners pay no property taxes at all.

The Assessor continues to use his extensive resources to keep values within the 90-100% range as dictated by state statute. Property values continue to rise, with waterfront properties showing the largest percentage increases. Tourism still continues to be a major industry in the Town of York.

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Total Valuation</b>	<b>Valuation Increase</b>	<b>Total Tax Bills</b>	<b>Tax Bill Increase</b>	<b>Mil Rate</b>
2003	\$2,564,463,024		\$26,285,720		\$10.25
2004	\$2,805,191,350	9.39%	\$27,205,357	3.50%	\$ 9.70
2005	\$3,197,719,520	13.99%	\$27,980,046	2.85%	\$ 8.75
2006	\$3,503,231,200	9.55%	\$29,322,153	4.80%	\$ 8.46
2007	\$3,775,924,530	7.78%	\$30,736,026	4.82%	\$ 8.14
2008	\$3,970,382,710	5.14%	\$32,160,100	4.63%	\$ 8.10
2009	\$4,082,626,820	2.83%	\$33,722,497	4.86%	\$ 8.26

After six years of declining mil rates, York will see an increase of 16 cents per thousand dollars of value in FY2009. Those closest to the water see that property valuation translates to larger tax bills, yet there are segments of the population for which tax bills decrease each year. From FY2003 to FY2009 total valuation has increased 59.2% while total tax bills have only increased 28.29%, reflected in a **decrease** in the mil rate from \$10.25 to \$8.26 or 24.09%. The mean non-waterfront single family home has an assessed value of about \$470,000 with a tax bill of \$3,807 in FY2008.

## CONTACTING THE TOWN'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and creditors with a general overview of the Town's finances and to show the Town's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Town Manager's Office at 186 York Street, York, Maine, or by phone at (207)363-1000.

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances  
Governmental Funds**

**Town of York, Maine**

**For the Year Ended June 30, 2008**

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	<u>General</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>Revenues</b>			
Taxes	\$ 34,796,492	\$ -	\$ 34,796,492
Intergovernmental	4,584,303	667,959	5,252,262
Intergovernmental on-behalf payments	2,227,442	-	2,227,442
Charges for services	599,374	1,054,608	1,653,982
Licenses, permits, and fees	665,899	-	665,899
Miscellaneous	549,368	305,916	855,284
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>43,422,878</u>	<u>2,028,483</u>	<u>45,451,361</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Current			
General government	2,507,554	-	2,507,554
Public safety	5,037,637	-	5,037,637
Public works and sanitation	3,710,947	-	3,710,947
Public works - federally funded projects	1,048,908	-	1,048,908
Community services	761,083	-	761,083
Boards and commissions	104,575	-	104,575
Education	22,405,285	1,391,522	23,796,807
MSRS on-behalf payments	2,227,442	-	2,227,442
County tax	1,828,020	-	1,828,020
Abatements	30,458	-	30,458
Unclassified	-	452,029	452,029
Debt service - principal	260,281	1,337,100	1,597,381
- interest	813,608	-	813,608
Capital outlays	1,527,975	71,385	1,599,360
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>42,263,773</u>	<u>3,252,036</u>	<u>45,515,809</u>
<b>Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	1,159,105	(1,223,553)	(64,448)
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>			
Proceeds from capital lease obligation	183,032	-	183,032
Operating transfers in	264,070	352,357	616,427
Operating transfers out	(320,318)	(264,070)	(584,388)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<u>126,784</u>	<u>88,287</u>	<u>215,071</u>
<b>Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses</b>	1,285,889	(1,135,266)	150,623
Fund balances at beginning of year	7,460,344	2,565,934	10,026,278
<b>Fund Balances at End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 8,746,233</u>	<u>\$ 1,430,668</u>	<u>\$ 10,176,901</u>

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

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance  
Budget and Actual - General Fund (Budgetary Basis)**

**Town of York, Maine**

**For the Year Ended June 30, 2008**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with
	Original	Final	(Budgetary Basis)	Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<b>Revenues</b>				
Taxes	\$ 35,020,100	\$ 35,020,100	\$ 34,796,492	\$ (223,608)
Intergovernmental	3,363,459	4,409,700	4,584,303	174,603
Intergovernmental on-behalf payments	-	-	2,227,442	2,227,442
Charges for services	26,350	26,350	599,374	573,024
Licenses, permits, and fees	553,000	553,000	665,899	112,899
Miscellaneous	655,267	655,267	549,368	(105,899)
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>39,618,176</b>	<b>40,664,417</b>	<b>43,422,878</b>	<b>2,758,461</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current				
General government	2,581,067	2,726,137	2,507,554	218,583
Public safety	4,755,922	4,755,922	5,037,637	(281,715)
Public works and sanitation	3,589,995	3,589,995	3,710,947	(120,952)
Public works - federally funded projects	58,022	1,104,263	1,048,908	55,355
Community services	770,396	770,396	761,083	9,313
Boards and commissions	109,250	109,250	104,575	4,675
Education	22,639,126	22,639,126	22,405,285	233,841
MSRS on-behalf payments	-	-	2,227,442	(2,227,442)
County tax	1,828,020	1,828,020	1,828,020	-
Abatements	-	-	30,458	(30,458)
Debt service - principal	1,597,380	1,597,380	260,281	1,337,099
- interest	892,244	892,244	813,608	78,636
Capital outlays	2,205,734	2,205,734	1,527,975	677,759
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>41,027,156</b>	<b>42,218,467</b>	<b>42,263,773</b>	<b>(45,306)</b>
<b>Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	<b>(1,408,980)</b>	<b>(1,554,050)</b>	<b>1,159,105</b>	<b>2,713,155</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Proceeds from capital lease obligation	-	-	183,032	183,032
Operating transfer in	125,000	270,070	264,070	(6,000)
Operating transfers out	(247,741)	(247,741)	(320,318)	(72,577)
Utilization of designated surplus	1,086,135	1,086,135	-	(1,086,135)
Utilization of undesignated surplus	600,000	600,000	-	(600,000)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>1,563,394</b>	<b>1,708,464</b>	<b>126,784</b>	<b>(1,581,680)</b>
<b>Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses</b>	<b>\$ 154,414</b>	<b>\$ 154,414</b>	<b>1,285,889</b>	<b>\$ 1,131,475</b>
Fund balance at beginning of year			7,460,344	
<b>Fund Balance at End of Year</b>			<b>\$ 8,746,233</b>	

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

# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

*Submitted By: Michael L. Estes, Chairman*

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To the York Board of Selectmen:

As I sit down and try to reflect back on the year that has just passed the main event that sticks out in my mind is the fight with the MTA over the taking of land by eminent domain. The Board's great leadership, and with the help of the Think Again group have delayed this process, sent it back to the authorities for further study, and appropriated money for future battles that we are certain will come.

Work Force housing can now happen in York, as the voters were finally given a chance to vote on it. This comes after many considered ideas from as far back as the early 1990's.

York Beach zoning once again took center stage. This board, although sometimes split on the ideas were able to work out any differences and also put the subject before the voters for their approval.

Then we faced the downturn in our economy and had to take a hard look at the town budget. While working together with the Town Manager and Department Heads, the budget committee all felt your concerns and are very happy to give you a level funded budget for this year.

On a slightly more disappointing note we still have made no progress on our infrastructure needs. This will continue to be a priority as we move forward to next year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Estes, Chairman

# TOWN MANAGER

*Submitted by Robert G. Yandow, Town Manager*

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In my last two annual reports I made mention of storms that had severely impacted the Town of York. Unfortunately, as we are just now repairing all of the damage sustained during these storms we are, at the same time, dealing with damage from new storms. This time, these storms came during colder weather and it was ice, not flooding, that caused the damage. As we prepare to begin shoreline repairs at Sohier Park due to the Patriot's Day Storm we are in the process of cleaning debris left from the December ice storm. It seems that a FEMA Disaster Declaration has become an annual event in York.

While still dealing with the past we continue to move forward. The voters approved zoning amendments in York Beach, a growth ordinance "lottery" for long-time property owners, the expenditure of funds to help preserve Highland Farms and a green building ordinance that requires all future municipal buildings to be LEEDS certified. Improvements were made to the vehicle parking area on Route 103 enhancing pedestrian and vehicle safety and the Town plans repairs to the Lake Carolyn dam, also to enhance safety. The Town also joined forces with area towns in an effort to develop a Regional Development Authority; however the measure, which required enabling legislation, died in the legislature.

A significant event during the year was the decision by the Department of Education to exempt the York Schools from consolidation and to "stand alone". Unfortunately, an associated piece of the school consolidation effort, the Budget Validation requirement remains intact. This provision requires the Town of York to conduct

an open town meeting for voting on the school budget and subsequently a referendum to ratify or reject the budget approved at the open meeting.

Another significant event during the year was the effort by the Maine Turnpike Authority to relocate the York Toll Plaza to one of four other sites in York. The plaza relocation at any of these sites would result in the loss of homes. A citizen's group, *Think Again*, was quickly organized to oppose the MTA's effort and the Board of Selectmen voted to formally oppose the MTA action. The Board of Selectmen met with the Board of Directors of the MTA and requested that the MTA conduct a formal review of the option to rehabilitate the existing toll plaza. We are awaiting the results from that formal review.

I encourage each of you to get involved with your town. We routinely have openings on various boards and commissions and we are also looking for people committed to serving the Town of York. Please call me at 363-1000 or email me at [ryandow@yorkmaine.org](mailto:ryandow@yorkmaine.org) if I can be of any assistance to you.

## TOWN TREASURER

*Submitted by: Margaret M. McIntosh, Treasurer*

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The citizens of York elect their treasurer every three years. The active role of duties is to:

1. Monitor the annual budget keeping each town department expenditures in line and not overdrawn: 2007 - 2008 - \$40.6 million
2. Invest in short term bank obligations twice a year when we collect property taxes (Sept. & Feb) -- \$32.1 million for Annual taxes (Schools – 69% Town – 31%) and we gain over \$360,000 annually in interest revenue. These investments are backed by fully insured obligations as prescribed by state of Maine laws.
3. York County Budget continues to increase based on our total appraised value which has risen to \$ 3.9 billion. Our county tax is now \$1.8 million annually. We are the second most valuable municipality in the State of Maine.
4. We were upgraded to a top Standard & Poor credit rating of AA+. This saves thousands of dollars in interest payments on our current outstanding Bonds, which total \$15.2 million.
5. The auditing firm of Purdy, Powers & Co. of Portland will present pages of town figures for further perusal. We keep a reserve of some 12% of the annual budget in fund reserve to invest and maintain the cash flow.

The Finance Department works like a clock, however, we are in the computer era. Elizabeth “Jennie” McCann, our able Finance Director carries her laptop when she moves from Town Hall to various departments and to the York Library for the budget sessions. Gretchen Seaver and Robyn Porter ably fulfill their duties and it is my pleasure to work with our finance team.

Our Town of York continues to attract new residents, which requires an expanding demand on municipal services. Indeed I appreciate the opportunity to serve as treasurer in a town, which is financially sound. Feel free to call me at: 363-1004 if you have any questions or suggestions.

# FINANCE DEPARTMENT FY2008

*Submitted By: Elizabeth McCann, Director, Gretchen Seaver, Human Resources Director,  
Dana Moulton, Technology Coordinator, Robyn Porter, Finance Clerk*

For another year, the Finance Department coped with accounting for the activity brought on by the continuing rebuilding due to recent storms that were declared FEMA events. Voter-approved funds allowed the department to hire some contract accounting help which improved the reporting processes and assured compliance with government standards with respect to federal funds.

Dana Moulton was hired as Technology Coordinator late in the year which vastly improved technology delivery to our employees and ultimately to the citizens. We continue to enhance Town systems to the extent possible with limited funds. Technology has become an integral part of all Town processes so our mission is to make it reliable and fully functional and as advanced as we can afford, as many applications require a sophisticated infrastructure to function properly.

The financial reporting and activities can be found in the portion of the Town audit included in this report. The Town's financial position continues to remain strong.

The Town foreclosed on ten properties in 2008, one of which was 'Unknown Ownership'. Foreclosures automatically occur by state statute when taxes remained unpaid eighteen months after the property goes to lien, which means taxes have not been paid two years after the second due date. Several of those property owners have come to the Board of Selectmen to buy back their properties since the foreclosure.

The Town's version of the State's "Rent and Property Tax Refund" that we call the 'Circuit Breaker' program was very successful this year, with the Town rebating almost \$99,000 worth of property taxes and rent to 315 property owners and renters. It is the Town's attempt to counter some property tax increases that the state deems to be a burden by supplementing the state refund with up to \$500 from the Town.

## ASSESSOR

*Submitted By: Rick Mace, Assessor*

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**Office Staff:** Rick Mace, Assessor, Julie Schramm, Assistant Assessor, Luke Vigue, Lister/Appraiser, Rosie Avery, Administrative Assistant

The Assessor's Office is responsible for the valuation of all real property in York. The 2008/09 taxable valuation for the Town of York is \$4,082,626,820. This includes taxable real estate with a total of \$4,061,625,200 and taxable personal property with a total of \$21,001,620. The value of exempt property is \$189,294,966. There are currently 10,566 real estate accounts and 622 personal property accounts. York's 2009 State Valuation of \$4,124,050,000, which is the State's estimated 100% valuation, ranks second in the State of Maine. York's current tax rate is \$8.26 per thousand dollars of valuation.

The Town of York has a land area of 37,602 acres (58.75 square miles) and approximately 25 miles of ocean frontage. There are 8,928 land parcels, of which 7,487 are improved and 1,441 are vacant. We have 1,449 acres enrolled in the State of Maine tree growth program and 1,377 acres protected under the State of Maine Farm and Open Space program.

Annually, the Assessor's Office reviews valuations and makes adjustments to the valuations that include any additions and deletions. The department is also responsible for maintaining accurate records of property ownership. Part of the assessment process includes conducting an annual "ratio study", which compares the

actual selling price of property to assessments. The most recent study conducted for the state valuation purposes indicated the assessed values, on average, to be at approximately 100% of market value. The Assessor's Office is also responsible for processing homestead exemptions, of which there were 2756, and for veterans and veterans' widow's exemptions, of which there were 518.

In addition to these and other duties, the Assessor's Office also assists in the maintenance of the town's Geographic Information System. This is a computerized mapping program that allows us to produce a large variety of maps which include, but are not limited to: parcels, roads, buildings, wetlands, zoning, and utilities. The link to York's GIS is <http://www.yorkmaine.org/Default.aspx?tabid=59>

The Assessor's Office is a clearing house of information such as building and land records, monthly sales transactions, and assessment valuation information used by other town departments, the public, and their representatives (appraisers, brokers, attorneys, surveyors, title companies, etc.). Reports are often generated from the commitment file for use by various town departments. The office is also the source for administering all street naming and numbering issues. Valuation reports containing assessment and ownership information, as well as individual tax maps, can be purchased for a reasonable fee (free to the individual property owner).

One very frequent taxpayer question is in regard to resident versus non-resident property ownership. For the 2008/09 tax year, resident owned properties made up 60% of the real estate tax base, while non-resident property owners made up the remaining 40%. Another question that often arises is one comparing residential to commercial properties. In 2008/09, residential property valuation totaled \$3,676,718,405 (91%) and commercial property valuation totaled \$389,906,795 (9%). The average selling price for a single-family home in York is currently \$490,153.

For more information please visit the Town of York website at: <http://www.yorkmaine.org>

### **PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS & PROPERTY TAX RELIEF**

There are several forms of property tax relief available to **York residents**.

**STATE OF MAINE CIRCUIT BREAKER PROGRAM:** This is a tax relief program administered by the State to individuals whose property taxes exceed a certain amount of their income. Renters, as well as homeowners can take advantage of the circuit breaker program - a person does not need to own his or her home to be eligible. Applications for the property tax & rent relief program are available at the Town Hall or from Maine Revenue Services in Augusta from mid-August through May 31 (the filing deadline).

**TOWN OF YORK CIRCUIT BREAKER PROGRAM:** The Town of York enacted a property tax relief program similar to the State's Circuit Breaker program. Any **York resident** who qualifies under the State Program is eligible for the Town's program. York residents may apply to the Town Clerk for a benefit under this program.

**HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION:** The Homestead exemption reduces the property tax bill of all **York resident** homeowners who apply for the exemption by April 1st and who have owned and lived in their house for the prior 12 months. An exempt amount of \$13,000 is deducted from the property's total taxable value. Applications can be obtained in the Assessor's Office and must be filed on or before April 1st of the year it will go into effect.

**VETERAN'S EXEMPTION:** Any **York resident** who was in active service in the armed forces of the US during a federally recognized war campaign period and, if discharged or retired under honorable conditions, may be eligible for a \$6,000 reduction in valuation. The veteran must have reached age 62 **or** be receiving a pension or compensation from the US Military for total disability. Applications can be picked up in the Assessor's Office and must be filed with discharge documents on or before April 1st of the year it will go into effect.

**BLIND EXEMPTION:** Any York resident who is certified to be legally blind by their eye care professional is eligible for a \$4,000 reduction in valuation.

These exemptions will be adjusted annually by the community's ratio of valuation to actual market sales. Forms are available in the Assessor's Office, or download online from the Assessor's page at:

<http://www.yorkmaine.org>

## AVAILABLE PUBLICATIONS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

“Understanding Your Assessment”

“For the Property Owner Who Wants to Know”

Business Equipment Tax Rebate information

The Assessor's Office welcomes all taxpayers to visit or call with any questions pertaining to real estate assessments, or further information on any of the assistance programs.

To access the Assessor's database please visit the Vision Appraisal website at: <http://data.visionappraisal.com>

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

*Submitted By: Stephen Burns, Community Development Director*

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Despite the current lull in the economy, the Community Development Department has been and continues to be quite busy. There are 4 primary areas of responsibility: community development, planning, geographic information systems (GIS), and code enforcement. We deal with a full range of issues from conservation and preservation to growth and development. The Department has a staff of 1 part-time and 7 full-time employees.

There was significant progress in 2008 on a wide range of projects and issues. The Community Development Department has engaged in a second year of water quality testing along the Cape Neddick River looking to identify sources of pollution affecting the public beach. Our testing has shown the problems to be far more widespread than we had originally thought, and much work remains. Following a 2 year effort, the Town revised its shoreland zoning rules and is now in full compliance with new state requirements. Another project that was in the works even longer was the re-zoning of York Beach village. The Chamber's York Beach Renaissance Committee initiated this effort, engaging the Planning Board, Selectmen and town staff over the course of about 3 years. The zoning basics in the village center have been updated, and now attention is focused on creating design standards. Between this zoning work, the Storm Water Management Plan, and the Parking Study, York Beach has been a major focus of Town and Department resources. Another significant change for the Town this past year was enactment of the Board of Selectmen's proposal for Workforce Affordable Housing. This didn't require much staff time, but it marks a significant change in the policy landscape. It is the Town's first land use policy to specifically address affordable housing for working age families. The Town also benefited from the leadership of a couple York High School students who successfully advocated for green design and construction of new public buildings.

Worthy of separate mention is our work on affordable housing. At the request of the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board and Community Development Department are studying this issue and will soon be proposing new housing policies. Our primary means of research have been surveys of voters, businesses, and people who commute into York. Through these surveys and our follow-up presentations, we have reached out to hundreds

of people to expand our understanding of this issue. This is a new approach for us, and I am hopeful we can learn from this experience and use this technique again in the future as we take on other difficult problems.

Behind the scenes we continued to move forward on some very important work. We are struggling through the process of creating highly accurate mapping of surface water flows and watersheds. This is an essential step as we look to improve our ability to manage flooding and protect water quality in our streams and at our beaches. Initial work was good in the undeveloped areas of York, but in developed areas it failed to account for the extensive systems of storm water drainage infrastructure. We currently have a contract with a GIS consultant to demonstrate how to find or create, and then integrate, all necessary data. This is one of those jobs that is simple on its face but amazingly complex in its detail. An interesting spin-off of this work has been an effort to scan and geo-reference all public road plans we can find. Scanning the plans allows us to import them into our computer mapping system, and geo-referencing them allows us to drop them into place on a map with the proper orientation and scale. Our primary goal is to capture the storm water features on these plans, such as drainage ditches, culverts, manholes, and so forth. A secondary benefit may be use of these plans to greatly improve the accuracy of our tax maps, an approach used with great success in Sanford a few years ago.

Regarding challenges in the coming year, here are a few thoughts.

- Following up on our affordable housing surveys and research, the Community Development Department and Planning Board will be proposing changes to promote more affordable housing.
- Watch the horizon to see if small-scale wind power generation comes to York.
- Expect a community-wide evaluation of the directions of our Comprehensive Plan, and perhaps some visioning sessions if we find we need to alter our course.
- Depending on availability of funding, I anticipate a significant change to the way in which we deliver our GIS services to the public. The technology now exists to provide direct public access not only to mapping functions, but to analytical tools as well. What a wonderful way to inform and empower people.
- Finally, I continue to be hopeful that we will be able to simplify application procedures. Isn't there enough complexity in the World already?

## PARKS AND RECREATION

*Submitted By: Michael Sullivan, Parks and Recreation Director*

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The Parks and Recreation Department has a broad area of responsibility that includes the maintenance and operations of municipal buildings and grounds, public parks, ocean front beaches, school grounds and athletic fields and overseeing the community recreation program. The nature of the work we do puts us in contact with a large number of residents and seasonal visitors. That interaction is important to us and I encourage your comments and suggestions.

Community recreation programs were well attended this past year and enrollments were up by approximately 10%. The recreation program is funded through a combination of user fees charged to participants, sponsorships from the business community, fundraising activities and local tax dollars. Approximately 80% of the total recreation budget is supported through revenues generated by the department and 20% through taxation.

Speaking of the business community there are two businesses in particular that should be recognized for their outstanding contributions. York Hospital has for a long time partnered with the Parks and Recreation Department to help make quality, affordable programs available to York residents. Together we have created a very unique community partnership built on good will, trust and a genuine desire to make York a better place to live. I would like to publicly thank Jud Knox and the Board of Directors at York Hospital for their ongoing support.

The other business worthy of special recognition is Stonewall Kitchen. For the past two years Jonathan King and Jim Stott have contributed \$8,000 annually towards the department's scholarship program. The program is designed to insure that children of families in need have an equal opportunity to participate in community programs. On behalf of myself and all the families who benefited from this program I offer Jim and Jonathan a heartfelt thank you.

As I write this report I can't help but think about the year ahead, our uncertain economic future and the families who will struggle to maintain the quality of life they work so hard for. It is times like this that I realize the importance of what we do and the positive impact our programs can have on the children who participate. With that said, we at the Parks and Recreation Department are committed to delivering a quality program our citizens can enjoy and be proud of.

Sincerely  
 Michael Sullivan  
 Parks and Recreation Director

<b>YORK PARKS &amp; RECREATION DEPARTMENT PROGRAM ENROLLMENTS 2007/2008</b>			
<b>ADULT PROGRAMS</b>		<b>YOUTH ENRICHMENT</b>	
Color Creations - With Partner	20	American Girl Doll Tea & Cookie Swap	20
Day Trippin'	9	Art - All Things Autumn	7
Family Walks in York	12	Art - Batik	6
Glass Beaded Jewelry	7	Art - Boat Builders	11
Sports Outing - Red Sox/Yankees	46	Art - Holidays	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>94</b>	Art - Jewelry	24
<b>ADULT ATHLETICS</b>		Art - Keepsake Reindeer Plate	11
Basketball - Men's Over 30 - Open Gym	60	Art - Paper Crafts	5
Basketball - Women's Over 30 League	50	Art - Pottery	9
Golf - Women's League	16	Chess	10
Golf Lessons - Cape Neddick	8	Color Creations - Kids only	10
Golf Lessons - The Ledges	11	Computer - Fun & Games with Computers	5
Golf Lessons - York Golf & Tennis	21	Computer - I made my Website	4
Jacki's Dance Aerobics	61	Computer - Tee Shirts by Me	4
Kayaking	29	Cooking - Kids in Kitchen at Stonewall	20
Pilates	28	Cooking - Stolen Menu Café	15
Softball - Men's League	105	Cooking - Stonewall Kitchen	11
Sunrise Exercise Alfresco	6	Drama - Mystery, Murder & Mayhem	18
Surfing	7	Education - Cruising the Continents	6
Swim Aerobics - Fluid Fitness	5	Education - Digital Photography	8
Tai Chi	46	Education - Extreme Makeover	8
Tennis - Adult Lessons	14	Education - Get Ready for 5th Grade	46
Tennis - Adult Tennis Ladder	18	Education - Little Buds	13
Volleyball - Men's Open	42	Education - Me and My Dog	20
Women's Strength Circuit	10	Education - Middle Age Madness	13
Yoga - Adult Athletic Yoga	19	Education - Nature at it's Best	14
Yoga - Gentle Athletic Yoga	10	Education - Safe Sitters	16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>421</b>	Education - Study Our World	4
<b>CHILDREN ATHLETICS</b>		Education - Super Heroes	12
Baseball - T-Ball	177	Kid Spa	11
Basketball - Camps	152	Lego Camp	22
Basketball - Leagues	353	Music - Garage Band	8
Basketball - Travel Team	47	Music - Miss Laurie By the Sea	8
Cheerleading Camp	10	Music - Music & Movement	14
Day Camps - Junior Adventure	182	Music - Play and Vocal Performance	5

Day Camps - Little Hands	76	Music - Rock On	8
Day Camps - Outdoor Adventure	142	PED Kidz Fitness - Play Every Day	20
Field Hockey	68	Pre-School Spanish	14
Flag Football	27	Teen Spa	9
Golf - Children's League	51	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>481</b>
Golf - Lessons	91	<b>GRAND TOTAL OF ALL ENROLLMENTS</b>	<b>4233</b>
Horseback Riding Camps	28	<b>SPECIAL EVENTS</b>	
Karate	267	Annual Lighting of the Nubble - Christmas	1,500
Kayaking - Camps	76	Annual Lighting of the Nubble - July	2,000
Lacrosse	153	Basketball - Christmas Tournament	300
Skateboarding	10	Breakfast with Santa	200
Skiing - After School at Shawnee Peak	278	Children's Golf Tournament	37
Soccer - Fall L'il Tikes	67	Choose to be Healthy Fair	600
Soccer - Indoor	260	Festival of Lights Parade	500
Soccer - Major League Soccer Camps	19	Halloween Parade and Hop	300
Soccer - Seacoast United Soccer	85	York Days Fireworks	3,000
Soccer - Summer Leagues	202	York Days Roadrace	850
Surfing Camps	78	Four on the Fourth Roadrace	850
Swimming	181	York Days Sandcastle Contest	120
Tennis - Lessons	40	York Days Softball Tournament	120
Track & Field	102	School In-Service Activity Days	66
Volleyball	7	Polar Express	77
Wrestling	8	Sesame Street Live	38
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,237</b>	<b>ESTIMATED TOTAL SERVED</b>	<b>10,558</b>

## SENIOR CENTER

*Submitted By: Lori Nelson, Senior Center Director*

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As the Director of Operations for the Town of York Senior Center, it is my privilege to serve the needs of York's Senior Citizens. In 2008 we made many significant updates to our facility to be safety compliant as well as update and replace necessary equipment. With over 650+ members and growing, we can say with confidence and pride the York Senior Center is an important part of the community.

Membership dues for York Residents is only \$15.00 per year (with non-residents paying a higher fee). Here are a sampling of benefits for Senior Center members;

- Daily meal program for a nominal member price of \$3.00 per meal
- Health, exercise and nutritional programs (Swim program, Flu Clinic, Foot care...)
- Entertainment, crafts, music, art and fabulous trips!
- Informative programs: Senior Alliance, AARP, SALT (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) Medicare updates, Cell phone project, just to name a few.
- Monthly newsletter and mailings
- Hair cutting service, DVD and book library
- Tax preparation and so much more....

See for yourself what you're been missing and come join all the action! We are a premier senior facility on the Southern Maine Seacoast.

We have a Transportation service which can be utilized by any senior in York. In 2008 our rates for round trip rides (for members) to the Center was \$3.00 around York \$5.00, to Kittery \$10.00 to Portsmouth \$20.00. (Non-members, are charged a slightly higher rate.) Trips include but are not limited to; banking, pharmacy, doctor visits, dental, social & recreational, dialysis and more. We ask for at least a 24 hour notice to meet your

requests. Clients must be able to ambulate on their own. Transportation service area is a 15 mile radius from the Town of York. This service is held in high regard by passengers and members alike.

Our meal program continues to provide fresh, nutritious “home style” lunches. There are special holiday theme meals offered seasonally. A sampling includes: Chinese Food, Valentine dinner, Greek Day, Mardi Gras and cookout meals. In the summer months we feature a once per month evening meal and morning breakfasts. The lobster roll and corn chowder combo is a usually a sell out so make sure to place your order early. It's offered one time per month. “Seafood Friday’s” continue to be a crowd pleaser too. Call the day before and we’ll put you on our list!

We pride ourselves on offering you, the citizen, a clean, safe facility to come and meet friends Monday through Friday 8 am to 3 pm daily (Holidays exempt).

## GENERAL ASSISTANCE

*Submitted By: Lori Nelson, Senior Center Director*

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This year we have seen a substantial increase in requests for General Assistance.

Unemployment and poor overall economy have been the primary reasons people are coming in. Our clients have doubled from last year. I have changed my hours for appointments to accommodate the needs of the citizens of York.

The General Assistance program is a State mandated, municipally administered financial assistance program. It is designed as a program of “last resort” for town residents who are unable to provide for their basic needs. There is no “typical” G.A. recipient. A recipient may be a person who is temporarily out of work due to a layoff or illness, has a long term disability, or is employed and in an emergency situation. Applicants are required to take responsibility for themselves by endeavoring to become self-reliant. Information is available at the G.A. office to help applicants find other resources ranging from disability benefits to where to apply for Food Stamps and other social services.

The General Assistance office is located at the York Senior Center behind the York Police station. I accept applications on Tuesdays 3-6 pm, Wednesdays 1-3 pm and Thursdays 3-6 pm. People may call during regular hours, to make appointments. [Accommodations can be made for special circumstances.]

I wish to thank all local agencies and social service groups for assisting this year with fuel and heat programs. When we work together it truly makes a difference.

## YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY

*Submitted by Robert Waldman, Director*

In this challenging economic climate, when families are struggling and every penny counts, York’s citizens have increased their use of our Library’s *free public* services: access to books, magazines, movies, computers, DVDs, and activities and programs for adults and children. Staff members are helping more and more patrons search for jobs and prepare resumes. And many patrons are coming to the Library as a place for warmth and assistance while they read and learn. Local, state and national library use figures confirm this trend.

Growth in the use of our library services over the past three years has been staggering: interlibrary borrowing is up 302%; circulation increased almost 50%; public computer use rose 74% and computer website visits 91%.

The number of activities and programs for the public increased 98%. So far, the Library has accommodated this growth without adding full-time staff, but realized it can no longer sustain this. The Maine State Library Association ranks YPL as one of the least well-staffed libraries in towns of comparable size.

In January, the York Public Library proposed a warrant article for an additional staff position. Although library use continues to rise significantly, and we need additional staff now more than ever, the Board of Trustees recognized the continuing economic decline and our duty to show prudence. They felt it inappropriate to ask York taxpayers to fund the position at this time, withdrew the proposal, and confirmed the commitment of the Library to work within its regular budget to find innovative ways to deliver library services.

To continue to make our Library the center of reading and learning for York, we reinforce our appeal to the Budget Committee, Selectmen, and the voters for your support of the Library's regular annual budget and its mission to "Engage the Community in the Joy of Learning."

## PUBLIC SAFETY

*Respectfully Submitted By: Chief Douglas Bracy*

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There is no doubt that we have entered into a period of very demanding times for Public Safety. The uncertainty in our world with regards to financial woes, unstable fuel markets, security on the home front, and reductions in resources at all levels of government, have created many new challenges for all of us, the likes never seen before in this generation. The myriad of problems caused by this uncertainty and reduction in services has strained the systems we depend on to precarious levels. Nearly every one in our society is affected by this crisis and the negative consequences created by it will affect many more. Every level of government will be faced with novel challenges and substantially less resources to achieve the expectations that have become common place. The reductions in vital services related to mental health, substance abuse, the judicial system, the corrections systems, and other areas that directly affect Public Safety only serve to make our job far more difficult. These unforeseen circumstances will obviously change our plans and affect our ability to meet some goals and expectations of those we serve.

Although we did not attain all I had hoped to do this year, I am pleased to report we have met many of the challenges for this year's budget. I am particularly proud of the performance and accomplishments of each of the agencies which I represented. With increased pressures on our budgets from fuel costs to the increased cost of almost everything we use, we were able to meet our budget and have a reasonable surplus of approximately \$30,000 to be returned to the general fund. Every employee rallied to meet the goals and objectives of their respective departments and have worked very hard to insure that increased workloads were accomplished with the least amount of disruption to Public Safety and customer service. We also worked diligently, as always, to help relieve the need for tax dollars by securing alternative funding through grants and partnerships amounting to nearly \$70,000 for personnel costs and equipment. This money again helped bridge the gap between the need for services and the monies available to provide them. As always, we will work diligently to see every penny is well spent and that we keep any increases this year to a minimum.

I would like to thank everyone from employees, to citizens, to friends who have supported us during these challenging times. It is periods like these that draw us closer together in the common cause of making York a better place to work and live. Thank you also to many of you who have expressed kind words and gestures of appreciation to my employees. It means a lot to all of us in these most difficult times and serves to uplift and reaffirm the reason we chose to serve the public.

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

The workload of the York Police Department continues to increase which is not unexpected, especially in economic downturns like we are experiencing now. We are seeing some alarming trends developing that may cause some concerns in the year ahead. Unfortunately, difficult economic times tend to create a substantial increase in crimes against people and property. Crimes such as domestic violence, assaults, arsons, burglaries, larcenies, frauds, bad checks, and substance abuse are all on the increase. Domestic assaults have risen this year by 14%. Simple assaults have risen 12% and harassment complaints have risen by 31%. There is little doubt that the pressures created by these times are having a direct effect on these categories as people endure more upheaval and stress in their lives.

Along with this is an increase in the number of larcenies we are seeing. Last year they increased by 10% with thefts from motor vehicles making up the majority of these crimes. In the first two months of the New Year we have recorded nearly 40 such breaks-ins so far. We all need to be aware and take necessary precautions to secure our homes and vehicles to help prevent these types of crimes. Lock your vehicle's doors even when at home. Do not leave items such as wallets, pocketbooks, computers, MP3 players, cell phones, GPS devices, cash, change, or anything of value in plain view. Lastly, please be vigilant in keeping watch as you travel about the town and in your neighborhoods. If something or someone seems out of place, or someone is acting suspicious, or maybe you hear a disturbance outside at night, please take the time to call the department so we can check. An ounce of prevention can go a long way.

Another area categorized as larceny which we are seeing an increase in is scams where unsuspecting citizens are taken advantage of over the telephone or over the internet. If it sounds too good to be true – it most certainly is! No one is going to give you anything for free. These schemes seem to target both younger people and senior citizens. If you have any questions concerning possible scams please check with our department and we can help you verify whether they are legitimate or bogus. One difficulty in solving scams lies in the fact the perpetrators are hard to identify and often are found to have originated in foreign countries.

I would also like to caution our citizens and especially seniors in our community about unscrupulous contractors and vendors who either come to your door or sell out of their vehicles. Be very careful of any individuals selling goods or services door to door or out of their vehicles. The problem with tough economic times is that some individuals will do most any thing for money. We must be cautious and most importantly always be on guard to protect yourselves, your families and your neighbors. Our department is always willing to look into these matters and help to prosecute those who would take advantage of you.

I am proud to say that York is still a relatively safe place to live. We have made significant strides in our battle to prosecute those who would bring heroin, crack, and other dangerous drugs into our community over the last several years. Adult drug arrests are up 36%. We have also been able to lower our burglary and vandalism rates by 45% and 38% respectively. This is due to the dedication and thoroughness of our patrol force who watch over our town each and every day and to our detectives who doggedly pursue these crimes to successful conclusion and arrest(s).

We have also been very fortunate to receive a number of key grants to supplement our budget. These grants include Body Armor \$3,668, In Car Videos \$4,890, OUI Enforcement \$870, Seat Belt Enforcement \$2,000, Speed Enforcement \$5,000, Safety Equipment \$5,000, Pedestrian Safety \$5,000, Underage Drinking \$4,000, ATV Enforcement and Equipment \$10,000, Holiday Traffic Enforcement \$5,500. All of these grants are being used to help offset the expenses of the police department while improving the safety of our community at no cost to the tax payers.

As chief I like to recognize some of my staff for contributions that stands out during a particular year. This is always difficult as I believe everyone in my organization contributes on a daily basis to making us one of the best law enforcement agencies around. Our Law Enforcement Challenge Team made of Owen Davis, Matt

Calcina, Bryan Cantara and Kelly MacNeill took first place this year in the large PD category of the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety's Challenge program. The department's ultimate goal is to be nationally recognized for our work in occupant safety at the International Chief's Conference. This brought the agency some well deserved recognition as well as a \$4,500 free in car video car. Thanks to all for making this a great effort. Highway safety is one of the department's greatest priorities as it is by and far the most profound threat to all of us as we go about our daily lives. Although no one wants to be cited for traffic violations it is a necessary component of our over all master plan to keep everyone safe. Our fatalities and serious injuries from car accidents in York have declined steadily over the years. Any fatality is too many, yet we have come from years where we had as many as 10 in one year. Thanks to all the men and women of the patrol force who are diligent in trying to keep York's roads safe.

We continued to work closely with our schools throughout the year providing support and safety within our school system. We feel strongly about our commitment to community policing and feel that our High School and Middle School Resource Officers greatly benefit the schools and the community. This allows us to be more pro-active toward dealing with current school and juvenile related problems. It also is becoming a way to better assist and connect with the youth of this community before problems get out of hand.

Lastly, I would like to recognize John Lizanecz for his efforts on behalf of the department and seniors of this community and businesses. John has been a valuable asset to the department serving of the Town's SALT (Senior and Law Enforcement Together) committee whose mission is to serve our ever increasing senior population. This committee is dealing with many of the problems we see facing this group. With their help the "Good Mourning " program was designed to give seniors living at home the peace of mind that some one is watching over them each and every day. Seniors involved in the program call in to dispatch every day as a way of us knowing they are alright. If a call isn't received than an officer is dispatched to check in on that individual to see if there is a problem or emergency. The group is also responsible for providing donated cell phones to seniors as a way of them having technology to contact dispatch in case of an emergency. The group also is tackling the problem of no longer needed prescriptions in an effort to keep them out of the hands of people who shouldn't have them and to dispose of them in an environmentally friendly way. John also assists local businesses in safety and our alarm response protocols in the event there is a problem

I can assure you that we will remain diligent in trying to provide a safe and secure community for all of us to enjoy and prosper.



Gary Stevens

<b>Police Statistics Report 2008</b>				
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>Total Patrol Miles Driven</b>	<b>345,187</b>	<b>353,342</b>	<b>374,521</b>	<b>366,980</b>
<b>Total Calls For Service</b>	<b>32,880</b>	<b>29,152</b>	<b>22,733</b>	<b>23,455</b>
<b>Arrest Reports</b>	<b>1,144</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>639</b>
<b>Assists – Medical</b>	<b>1,648</b>	<b>1,478</b>	<b>1,114</b>	<b>1,049</b>
<b>Assists – Fire Department</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>1,439</b>
<b>Assists – Mutual Aid –other agency: out of town</b>	<b>2,669</b>	<b>2,502</b>	<b>2,032</b>	<b>1,828</b>
<b>Patrol Checks</b>	<b>8,285</b>	<b>4,255</b>	<b>2,239</b>	<b>3,650</b>
<b>Public Assists</b>	<b>1,194</b>	<b>1,365</b>	<b>1,016</b>	<b>2,911</b>
<b>Motor Vehicle Assists</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>476</b>
<b>Court Ordered Check Ins at PD</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>1,822</b>	<b>1,077</b>	<b>390</b>
<b>Residential &amp; Business Checks</b>	<b>8,285</b>	<b>3,335</b>	<b>9,991</b>	<b>3,678</b>
<b>Mental Health / Well Being Checks</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>128</b>
<b>Transient Persons / Homeless Persons Checks</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>Residential &amp; Business Alarms (Fire, Burg, Med)</b>	<b>1,318</b>	<b>1,661</b>	<b>1,238</b>	<b>743</b>
<b>Suspicious Activity / Prowler Complaints</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>418</b>
<b>Homicides</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Suicides &amp; Attempts</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Unattended Deaths</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Rapes</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Aggravated Assaults</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Simple Assaults</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>149</b>
<b>Domestic Complaints – Disturbances – Fights</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>99</b>
<b>Harassment – Verbal or Telephone</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>Child Pornography/Indecent Exposure / Sex Cases</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Sexual Offender Registrations * New category</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>Neglect – Abuse</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Arson</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Robberies</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Burglaries</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Criminal Trespass</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Larcenies</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>155</b>
<b>Vandalism</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>139</b>
<b>Bad Checks –</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Auto Theft – Including Motorcycles</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Adult Arrests</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>367</b>
<b>Juvenile Arrests</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>Violations of Bail Conditions * New category</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>Court Summons Issued</b>	<b>1,937</b>	<b>1456</b>	<b>1,560</b>	<b>1,477</b>
<b>Warnings Issued</b>	<b>6,622</b>	<b>9,405</b>	<b>4,910</b>	<b>4,299</b>
<b>Grand Jury Indictments / Felonies</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Adult Drug Offenses</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>185</b>
<b>Juvenile Drug Offenses</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Liquor Violations</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>Operating Under The Influence of Alcohol/Drug</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>115</b>
<b>Motor Vehicle Accidents</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>479</b>
<b>Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Personal Injury Motor Vehicle Accidents</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>Total Personal Injuries From MVAs</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>132</b>

# COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

The York Communications Center is the lifeline between the citizens of York and Ogunquit and their respective emergency services providers. The center continues to serve as the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for both communities receiving E 9-1-1 calls, dispatching the appropriate personnel and equipment to provide the emergency aid which is needed. The communications center also handles a whole host of other calls for assistance and information in an effort to better serve the needs of everyone, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

We continue to serve as a Regional PSAP center handling E 9-1-1 calls for the towns of South Berwick, Berwick, Kittery and Eliot. Our center received a total of 5,506 E 9-1-1 calls and 2,318 other calls over our E 9-1-1 phone lines in 2008. Even though we have seen an increase in our call volume, we have not needed to increase our staffing level as our current employees have stepped to the plate and handled the additional workload in an exemplary manner.

We are receptive to new ideas as we seek ways in which we can be more fiscally responsible. The town of Kennebunkport has signed a three year contract for us to handle E 9-1-1 calls for their community starting in July. We have also been approached by several other communities who are interested in having our PSAP center handle their E 9-1-1 calls as well. We will continue to explore any and all partnerships such as these that present themselves as we continue in our efforts to provide the best and most cost effective service to our citizens in York.

Our center was recently recertified as an Emergency Medical Dispatching Facility and each of our Communications Specialists were recertified as Emergency Medical Dispatchers as required by the state statutes. The certification process is an ongoing effort that requires a substantial amount of work. The recertification process for our Communications Specialist requires a great deal of effort on the part of our employees as it is necessary to recertify every two years. This emergency medical dispatch training is provided and funded by the State through the State 911 Bureau at no cost. Our Communications Specialists are currently in the process of being trained in a new Medical Dispatching Protocol as we transition from the Power Phone system to the new Priority Dispatch system. For those of you who don't know what medical dispatching is; it assists callers of medical emergencies to rendering proper first aid through information supplied by dispatchers answering the call. The system has been credited with saving many lives across the country. I know it is an investment that has served and will continue to serve York and our neighboring communities well in the future.

The final transition of our emergency phone system from Verizon to Fair Point has taken place with very few problems thus far. Fair Point continues to monitor and maintain their E 9-1-1 equipment and provides updates to their GIS Mapping program and customer information base on a regular basis.

As always, our top priority remains the service that we provide to you our customers. We are extremely proud of the exceptional level of service we have been able to provide to the citizens of York and Ogunquit. We consider it an honor to bring a portion of that service to the citizens of Kittery, Eliot, South Berwick, Berwick, and soon to be Kennebunkport in a fiscally responsible way. It remains our goal to maintain the high level of service that you deserve and have come to expect as we continue to be proactive in our search for solutions that will benefit us all.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to the men and women of our Communications Center. They continue to show that they are indeed the "best of the best" in everything they do and are committed to being not only "Professional Communications Specialists" but "Emergency Medical Dispatchers" as they are required to meet more and more demanding requirements and certifications to perform their jobs. I believe that they are the backbone of our emergency response services and without them our jobs would not only be more difficult, but nearly impossible.

Our center continues to be one of the finest, most advanced in the state offering the best, most up-to-date technology available. The advancements in technology give us the ability to be more cost effective and more efficient. As technology continues to advance, we will strive to keep pace in every aspect and in so doing we will continue to provide those we serve with the very best service possible.

As always, we are here to serve you. If anyone has a question regarding the communications center please feel free to call us at 363-4444 or email [rscamman@yorkpolice.org](mailto:rscamman@yorkpolice.org).

## ANIMAL CONTROL

As always, we would appreciate everyone's assistance ensuring their dogs are vaccinated for rabies and that their annual licensing is done in a timely fashion. In these tough economic times I am sure everyone wants to save money and this can be done by registering your dogs on time. The annual fee for licensing your dog is \$6.00 for neutered, \$11.00 for un-neutered if done by December 31<sup>st</sup>. The state then requires a \$15.00 mandatory late fee if not paid by February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. If your dog is not licensed by the annual signing of the town warrant for unlicensed dogs in March then an additional \$25.00 mandatory state fee plus the town fee of \$6.00 or \$11.00 per dog is charged. State statute directs after seven (7) days that a summons may be issued if the dogs are not licensed which then imposes a fine for the offense, a court fee plus state and town fees on top of it. We are utilizing our Reverse 911 interactive community calling system to notify owners of these requirements and consequences. All of these efforts are working to save time and money that our department expends trying to insure that all dogs are licensed.

I believe our present Animal Control Ordinance has provided solid long-term solutions to many of the problems that were identified several years ago and has raised awareness among dog owners that it is a privilege to use public properties for the enjoyment of their pets and they must be responsible for insuring it is not voted away. I would like to thank everyone who continues to assist our community in raising awareness of our animal control laws. I stated when we drafted the ordinance that I would rather see positive change through voluntary compliance than to have it dictated by court action. Owning a dog brings responsibilities and one of those is taking care of the waste from your dog when off your own property. Please be responsible and always carry bags to take care of those messes. It is the most common complaint I hear as chief

Wild animal issues continue to raise concerns for our town. We are taking proactive steps to handle some of these problems. We have seen an increase in the number of domestic animals that have been reported missing or killed across the town. Many of these losses are the result of wild fisher cats, coyotes, and other carnivorous animals that have adapted to growth in town by preying on our domestic animals as a source of food. In some cases these wild animals have become quite brazen and raise concerns for our small children in these areas. In these cases the town has worked several times with private wildlife control services to eliminate these problems and to safeguard our neighborhoods from these threats.

I would also like to recognize and thank the Town for supporting the Center for Wildlife. This organization provides the town with a place to take wild animals that have been injured or abandoned. Countless wild animals are cared for at their facility near Mount Agamenticus and rehabilitated through the services they offer free of charge. Many towns now contribute a donation to this organization for the countless animals they recover as they recognize the cost could be astronomical if these cases had to be referred to veterinarians. I would encourage all of you to learn more about this wonderful organization and consider making personal donations to see that their work continues. I can say there is no other organization like it in southern Maine that provides this invaluable resource to our wildlife.

I would again like to recognize and say thank you for the efforts of Tom Porter and Larry McAfee for their dedication and perseverance in addressing the many issues that come before them on a daily basis. I don't believe most of you understand that these gentlemen are part-time individuals who have "retired" from their

lifelong careers. I can assure you that these men give the town a full-time commitment. Both have had to endure personal and health issues this year, yet I never had to be concerned that the town would be covered. Thanks for everything guys!

We will continue to work to better serve your needs. If you have any questions or concerns regarding any animal related issues, please feel free to call us at 363-4444.

### ANIMAL CONTROL STATISTICS

<b>TYPE OF CONTACT</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>CONTACTS ON BEACH</b>	585	376	581	364	353
<b>MEET WITH CITIZENS</b>	700	545	710	685	730
<b>DOGS:</b>					
<b>BARKING DOGS</b>	59	24			
<b>PICKED UP</b>	204	221	233	209	293
<b>RETURNED TO OWNER</b>	184	189	187	165	242
<b>TO KITTERY C.C.</b>	20	32	63	44	51
<b>DOG BITES</b>	25	24	20	36	33
<b>DEAD DOGS</b>	4	2	4	2	6
<b>CATS:</b>					
<b>PICKED UP</b>	18	46	48	45	36
<b>RETURNED TO OWNER</b>	4	7	11	14	8
<b>TO KITTERY C.C.</b>	14	39	37	31	27
<b>CAT BITES</b>	4	8	1	9	6
<b>DEAD CATS</b>	9	7	3	10	12
<b>OTHER</b>		417	490	474	349
<b>TELEPHONE CALLS</b>	1065	1195	1510	1335	1242
<b>WARNINGS</b>	323	305	459	260	252
<b>SUMMONS</b>	12	16	38	17	8
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	36	29	54	49	34
<b>TRAINING HOURS</b>	88	68	132	150	167
<b>HOURS WORKED</b>	2586	2508	2321	1954	1917

## HARBOR MASTER

The 2008 season proved to be another eventful and successful season. Our staff, including Harbor Master John Bridges and Assistant Harbor Masters Don Day and Mike Hanlon, did an outstanding job in managing and seeing to the day to day needs of the harbor area. We continue to see increased use by both residents and tourists alike even in these tough times. Their strong commitment to serve every one who utilizes the harbor made last year a “great season” over all.

This past season saw the addition of more floats to our harbor system. The harbor masters also repaired and replaced several of the floats already in the harbor. Thanks to John and Don their ability and determination to repair and build these floats saved the tax payers thousands of dollars from what it would have cost to have them privately constructed and placed.

The arrival of the new harbor master boat has proven to be a great addition to the harbor. The boat allows for better service to boaters and kayakers outside of the river.

This past year also brought changes for our harbor masters as we experienced the retirement of Harbor Master John Bridges. John has been a true asset to the town and he will be missed as an everyday fixture in the harbor. We are proud to announce that Assistant Harbor Master Don Day will take over the duties as head harbor master. Don has been a valuable assistant to John for the past three years. We are looking forward to working with Don in the upcoming season.

This upcoming season will produce some new challenges with the replacement of the Route 103 bridges by the Maine Department of Transportation. The project will encompass the replacement of three bridges from Braveboat Harbor Road intersection to the river. These projects will start in the fall of 2009 and continue through the spring of 2011. The town will be working closely with the state to keep the harbor area operating in an orderly fashion through the project. We will also be working to see if the Fisherman's Walk can be extended under the bridge to enable walkers not to have to cross over RTE 103 which continues to be of great concern to me. Thanks the York Public Works and those individuals who contributed in the planning and rebuilding of the parking area south of the RTE 103 bridge. The new parking configuration has helped to enhanced the safety of this area 100%.

The harbor masters have asked me again to enlighten all of you to a concern they have on our waterways with the increased use by kayakers. They ask anyone kayaking in the river to be observant of safety and make it your priority. Always remember to wear safety vests at all times and be aware of the ever-changing weather conditions.

Another issue to consider is that there is limited parking at the marina area so please use those spaces wisely. We would like to thank everyone for their continued support and cooperation in utilizing the resources of our harbor and waterways. We look forward to another safe year on the waters of York for all.

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Town of York's Emergency Management and municipal services are fast becoming veterans in handling natural disasters of varying types. Again in 2008 we experienced flooding during July and August and a devastating ice storm in December. I guess Mother Nature has decided to make up for all those years we went without a disaster! Unlike the Mother Day and Patriots Day storms of 2006 & 2007, the flooding this summer came over a longer period of time and while it may not have been as noticeable, it did caused over \$110,000 of damage to our roads and infrastructure. In December we experienced what the weather service considered, the "Ice storm of the Century". It was unlike any thing experienced before. The storm left approximately 95% of the town out of power for up to 6 days and many roads were closed due to fallen trees, debris, and snapped utility poles. The initial costs for emergency operations during this event totaled over \$250,000 with the final total probably exceeding \$600,000 after all the debris is cleaned up this spring. These events continue to stretch our limited resources and personnel to their boundaries.

During the ice storm Central Maine Power crews were overwhelmed by the scope of the damage. To their credit their emergency plans brought in over 360 private electrical workers and over 100 tree crews in less than three days to assist in repairing their lines and substations throughout Maine. To give an example of the task

they faced, over 120 utility poles were broken during this storm in York County alone and had to be replaced before lines could be restored. The task was enormous but the partnership and spirit of cooperation among all involved was superb. Many thanks go out to our local CMP officials such as Ray Cressey, Gregg Cosby, and others who were on the ground in York from the day it occurred. These guys worked hand and hand with local Public Safety officials for countless hours coordinating out of state crews from MA, upstate NY, Detroit, MI, even Nova Scotia in an effort to clear our roads of lines, address emergencies as they occurred, and in a spirited effort to get every one's power back on as fast as they could. Initial estimates were that complete restoration of power it could take more than 1-2 weeks to complete. Fortunately, most of York's power was restored within 3-4 days. This was in great part due to the splendid job these individuals did and those others who came to assist them. They should be commended for there hard work and dedication. Please take the time to thank them when you have a chance.

I would like to also to a moment to recognize and thank our Public Safety and highway workers for all they have done during these difficult storms. The ice storm was especially dangerous yet our volunteer fire departments, ambulance service, police, communications, and highway employees gave their all and answered the many calls for help. Many of them risked their lives as trees, utility poles, and live wires came down under the tremendous weight of the ice. I can say it was one of those times where I feared for those working for us out in the field. Fortunately there were no serious injuries to our staff or to our citizens. I would also like to thank both Fire Departments and also York Hospital for providing shelter, warming stations, food and assistance to those who needed it for four long days and nights. It is nice to know we have a place to go when times are tough.

I think it is important to recognize the assistance provided by our county, state and federal governments as well. In a time when everyone is concerned about money it is important to show our gratitude to those who helped to lessen the tremendous burden on this community from the damage that has besieged us. These events brought two more federally declared disasters to York bringing the number to five in the last 4 years which is unprecedented in my lifetime here in York. Over the past four years, the Town of York and its citizens have benefited from receiving more than \$3,000,000 in aid from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and over \$4,550,000 in aid from the Federal Highway Administration, not to mention nearly \$900,000 in aid from State of Maine. These funds have been used to replace and upgrade our infrastructure damaged from these disasters. I would appreciate if everyone would remember to thank our congressional representatives and government officials at both the state and federal levels. It takes only a few minutes to pen a note or send an email to them. I know first- hand that they do read them.

As I stated last year the role of Emergency Management is ever evolving and we must stay abreast of changes to take advantage of the numerous funding opportunities that are available through the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Congratulations to the York Fire Department who successfully obtained a grant of over \$500,000 through the Fire Assistance Grant Program to purchase a sorely needed piece of firefighting apparatus. These are the fruits of hard work, good planning, and diligence in applying for these grants. I have included a list of the grants at the end of this report that public safety entities in York have been able to successfully achieve in hopes of letting all of you know how fortunate we have been over the last ten years.

I am hoping to have time this year to review a number of plans that involve other entities of the town such as the school department, the water district, the hospital, and our elderly care facilities. Plans and pre-planning are the essence of good emergency management.

I am proud to say we have initiated a collaborative search and rescue group with representatives of Public Safety from York PD, York Beach FD, South Berwick PD & FD as well as the Maine Wardens Service, York Water District, Kittery Water District, York Parks and Recreation and other interested parties. The effort is being spearheaded by Mt. A Trail Coordinator Robin Stanley and Mt. A Conservation volunteer Roger Clements. This effort is designed to compliment our current watershed resource program that provides

oversight and enforcement through partnerships with the Maine Warden Services and bordering Public Safety entities so that we may protect our public resources. This work will insure that we can quickly respond to an emergency with the right resources any where in the large wilderness area that encompasses Mt. Agamenticus and the watershed districts of Kittery and York.

After all these disasters we have weathered I would hope that most people would take these incidents with a little more seriousness. There is no denying the fact that the best safety way to insure your safety and those you love begins with each of you being prepared. Time and again we field calls from people who do not know the basics of how to handle things when basic services such as water, gas, electricity, telephones and other necessities are cut off or unavailable for an indeterminate length of time.

As we saw in December with the ice storm, local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster, but true emergencies mean many times that they can't serve everyone's needs immediately. There are 14,500 citizens in our community and we may have on a good day, 150 combined Public Safety workers and volunteers. We can't be everywhere when disaster strikes, so we urge you to educate yourselves so that you are prepared in emergency situations. Where will your family be when disaster strikes? They could be anywhere; at work, at school or in the car. How will you find each other if the phones aren't working? Will you know if your children are safe? Families can cope with disaster by preparing in advance and working together as a team. What supplies should we have available at our homes before a disaster strikes? Now is the time to think and prepare disaster, not after the storm has struck. Information on personal emergency planning can be found through FEMA's website at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov). Knowing what to do is your responsibility and is your best protection! If you're prepared then you can help some of those who may not be able to help themselves. Remember to think of neighbors helping neighbors. It sure does work.

**YORK PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT ASSISTANCE  
1998 – 2009**

DATE	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	REASON	CASH MATCH	MATCH	AMOUNT GIVEN
1998	Bureau of Highway Safety	York Police	2 Radars	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$2,000.00
1998	Bureau of Highway Safety	York Police	Traffic Enforcement - OT	\$0.00	\$2,250.00	\$9,000.00
1998	FEMA	York Police	Storm Reimbursement -OT & equipment replacement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,817.00
1998	Federal Highway Admin	York Beach Fire	Medical Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,797.00
1998	U.S. COPS	York Police	1 High School Resource Officer	\$17,417.00	\$0.00	\$125,000.00
1998	U.S. Dept. of Justice	York Police	Body Armor	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,259.00
1998	U.S. Dept. of Justice	York Police	Body Armor	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,302.50
1999	Bureau of Highway Safety	York Police	2 In Car Videos	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$6,900.00
1999	Bureau of Highway Safety	York Police	Traffic Enforcement/ Education-OT	\$0.00	\$3,800.00	\$20,000.00
1999	FEMA	York Fire Dept.	Forestry Radios	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00
2000	U.S. Dept. of Justice	York Police	Body Armor	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,859.92
2000	Bureau of Highway Safety	York Police	2 In Car Videos	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$7,578.00
2000	Maine Safety Coalition	York Police	Seat Belt Education - OT	\$0.00	\$2,875.00	\$10,000.00
2000	Justice Assistance Council	York Police	Sexual Assault Inv. - OT	\$0.00	\$7,621.00	\$36,819.00
2001	U.S. Dept. of Justice	York Police	Body Armor	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,908.61
2001	Bureau of Highway Safety	York Police	3 In Car Videos	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,747.00
2001	Bureau of Highway Safety	York Police	6 Radars	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,352.00
2001	Maine Criminal Justice Academy	York Police	Smoking Education - OT	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$4,305.00
2001	Bureau of Highway Safety	York Police	Seat Belt Education/ Enforcement - OT	\$0.00	\$1,890.00	\$9,970.00
2001	Bureau of Highway Safety	York Police	5 In Car Laptops	\$2,850.00	\$0.00	\$11,721.00
2001	Justice Assistance Council	York Police	3 In Car Laptops / Software	\$3,324.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00
2001	Bureau of Highway Safety	York Police	OUI Enforcement - OT	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	\$4,900.00
2001	Bureau of Highway Safety	York Police	Pedestrian Signs -OT & signs	\$1,967.00	\$0.00	\$4,820.00
2001	Maine Forestry Service	York Fire Depts.	Portable Radios	\$2,200.00	\$0.00	\$14,828.00
2001	FEMA	York Police	Storm Reimbursement - OT & equipment replacement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,345.00
2001	National Center for Missing and Exploited Children	York Police	Computer System	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,978.00
2001	York Hospital	York Police	Safety Enforcement -salaries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
2002	U.S. Dept. of Justice	York Police	Body Armor	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,919.00
2002		York Fire Dept.	Fire Prevention	\$0.00	\$5,309.00	\$47,781.00
2002	Bureau of Highway Safety	York Police	In Car Videos	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,890.00

2002	Bureau of Highway Safety	York Police	OUI Enforcement - OT	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	\$5,000.00
2002	Bureau of Highway Safety	York Police	Seat Belt Enforcement	\$0.00	\$1,679.00	\$10,000.00
2002	Maine Criminal Justice Academy	York Police	Smoking Education - OT	\$0.00	\$1,600.00	\$7,459.00
2002	COPS	York Police	1 Middle School Resource Officer	\$41,851.00	\$0.00	\$125,000.00
2002	Justice Assistance Council	York Police	911 Upgrade Community Network - OT	\$2,500.00	\$7,434.00	\$29,737.00
2002	Justice Assistance Council	York Police	Speed Enhanced Reduction Program - OT & speed trailer	\$4,000.00	\$4,875.00	\$29,956.00
2002	Justice Assistance Council	York Police	Jump Start Mentoring - OT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,662.00
2002	York Hospital	York Police	Safety Enforcement- salaries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
2002	U.S.COPS	York Police	2 Community policing grants ** over 4 years	\$77,239.00	\$0.00	\$150,000.00
2002	MCJA	York Police	Smoking grant	\$0.00	\$1,244.00	\$7,458.72
2002	U.S. Fire Administration	York Fire Dept.	Fire Prevention	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$47,781.00
2002	Bureau of Highway Safety	York Police	Pedestrian safety grant- OT & signs	\$0.00	\$1,636.00	\$4,380.00
2002	Bureau of Highway Safety	York Police	Seat Belt Enforcement-extension	\$0.00	\$629.57	\$2,000.00
2003	Bureau of Highway Safety	York Police	Pedestrian safety grant- OT & signs- -second phase	\$0.00	\$1,636.00	\$4,380.00
2003	U.S. Dept. of Justice	York Police	Body Armor	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,918.75
2003	U.S. COPS	York Police	Community policing grant ** over 4 years	\$64,671.00	\$0.00	\$75,000.00
2003	Homeland Security- U.S.COPS	York Police	Patrol overtime	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,765.00
2003	U.S. Fire Administration	York Fire Dept.	Fire Prevention	\$0.00	\$6,219.00	\$55,975.00
2003	Homeland Security- FEMA	York Public safety	Equipment/planning for public safety - all public safety	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$78,281.00
2003	Homeland Security- FEMA	York Public Safety - County Pool	Equipment/planning for public safety - all public safety -	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$46,100.24
2004	U.S. Dept. of Justice	York Police	Body Armor	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,609.12
2004	Homeland Security- FEMA	York Public safety	Equipment/planning for public safety - police	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$54,054.72
2004	Homeland Security- FEMA	York Public safety	Equipment/planning for public safety - all public safety entities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$91,166.02
2004	Homeland Security- FEMA	York Public safety	Mobile Feeding Unit	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$98,893.00
2004	Homeland Security- FEMA	York Public safety	3/4ton 4x4 vehcile and mass casualty trailer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$77,428.00
2004	Bureau of Highway Safety	York Police	Seat Belt Education & Enforcement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,995.00
2004	Bureau of Highway Safety	York Police	Radar Procurement Grant	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$5,400.00
2004	KEYS 4 Prevention	York Police	Alcohol Awareness Training	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
2004	Bureau of Highway Safety	York Police	OUI Enforcement - OT	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	\$3,700.00
2004	York Hospital	York Police	Cardiac Defibrillators for schools	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
2004	KEYS 4 Prevention	York Police	Drug Education/Safety Fair	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$80.00
2005	U.S. Dept. of Justice	York Police	Body Armor	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,839.16
2005	US Dept. of Health/York Hospital	York Fire Dept.	DECON Trailer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$32,000.00
2005	US Dept. of Justice	York Police	Jump Start	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00

2005	FEMA	York Fire Dept.	Assistance to Firefighters	\$2,480.00	\$0.00	\$47,120.00
2005	OJP	York Police	Underage Drinking	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,833.00
2005	Bureau of Highway Safety	York Police	OUI Enforcement - OT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,274.00
2005	Bureau of Highway Safety	York Police	Safety Belt Education & Enforcement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,974.00
2005	Inland Fisheries	York Police	ATV Enforcement	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$8,000.00
2006	U.S. Dept. of Justice	York Police	Body Armor	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,873.39
2006	Bureau of Highway Safety	York Police	Safety Belt Education & Enforcement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$493.00
2006	Bureau of Highway Safety	York Police	OUI Enforcement - OT	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$3,378.10
2006	Bureau of Highway Safety	York Police	Equipment/ 13 Mobile Data Terminals	\$16,900.00	\$0.00	\$37,033.75
2006	Inland Fisheries	York Police	ATV Enforcement	\$0.00	\$4,863.00	\$6,511.37
2007	U.S. Dept. of Justice	York Police	Body Armor	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,991.66
2007	Maine Municipal Association	York Fire Dept.	Screen & Projector	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
2007	Nat Transportation Safety Administration	York Police	Equipment/1 Video Camera Award	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,750.00
2007	Bureau of Highway Safety	York Police	Equipment/5 Video Cameras Match	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,750.00
2007	Inland Fisheries	York Police	ATV Enforcement	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
2007	Inland Fisheries	York Police	ATV Equipment (Rhino)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00
2007	Bureau of Highway Safety	York Police	Safety Belt Education & Enforcement	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,640.69
2007	Bureau of Highway Safety	York Police	OUI Enforcement - OT	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$3,500.00
2007	Maine Municipal Association	York Police	Safety Grant - Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$872.43
2008	U.S. Dept. of Justice	York Police	Body Armor	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,879.87
2008	Bureau of Highway Safety	York Police	Traffic Analyzer	\$1,475.00	\$0.00	\$2,950.00
2008	Bureau of Highway Safety	York Police	Safety Belt Education & Enforcement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
2008	Bureau of Highway Safety	York Police	OUI Enforcement - OT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
2008	Bureau of Highway Safety	York Police	Speed Enforcement	\$0.00	\$1,667.00	\$5,000.00
2008	Bureau of Highway Safety	York Police	Underage Drinking	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
2008	Inland Fisheries	York Police	ATV - Spring - General	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$3,000.00
2008	Inland Fisheries	York Police	ATV - Spring - Multi-Jurisdictional	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,873.91
2008	Inland Fisheries	York Police	ATV - Fall - General	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$3,000.00
2008	Inland Fisheries	York Police	ATV - Fall - Multi-Jurisdictional	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,040.00
2008	Bureau of Highway Safety	York Police	Holiday Enforcement	\$0.00	\$3,923.00	\$5,538.00
2009	FEMA	York Fire Dept.	Quint Fire Truck	\$54,500.00	\$0.00	\$475,000.00
2009	Bureau of Highway Safety	York Police	Pedestrian Safety	\$1,000.00	\$954.81	\$5,057.00
2009	Bureau of Highway Safety	York Police	OAS Grant	\$2,248.00	\$4,851.00	\$18,410.92
			<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$315,791.00</b>	<b>\$87,675.38</b>	<b>\$2,222,879.85</b>

## YORK BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT

*Submitted by: David K Bridges – Chief YBFD*

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Our entire organization would like to thank you for your continued support. We're proud to be here to assist our citizens during their time of need whether it's a fire, medical emergency or even using our station as a shelter during times of power loss.

This year we responded to 687 emergency calls with over ½ of the calls being medical rescue. The fire service is constantly adapting to the change. Trying to keep all our members safe while responding to these constantly changing calls is difficult, it takes constant training and changes in the method that we address the incident. This past year our members attended over 900 hours of training and 203 + hours of that was training outside of the fire station. The other issue that must be addressed is firefighter safety. Most every year 100+ firefighters are killed in the line of duty. A strong emphasis is being placed on the equipment that the firefighters are using during structural firefighting. The special bunker gear and breathing apparatus we use must be inspected and up-graded on a regular basis. These 2 pieces of equipment cost about \$7,500 per firefighter and must be repaired and inspected regularly.

We continue to provide our *child car seat* installation. State law requires ALL children up to 8 years of age to be in a car seat. York Hospital requires all new parents to have a child car seat installed before they bring home their new baby and we assist them in the proper installation. This year we assisted 41 new parents or grand parents with their installations. If you would like to have this service provided for you or someone you know, please feel free to call 363-1014 to set up a time to do the installation.

York Beach has 3 full time ( 1 per shift ) Firefighter/EMT's on duty 24 hours a day, but we still rely strongly on our volunteers to accomplish the tasks placed upon them. There are many tasks to be performed and you might be just the person to help fill that task. If you would like to hear more about what's involved or would like to join our volunteer force, please call 363-1014 or stop in anytime.

## YORK VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

*Submitted By: Christopher Balentine, Chief*

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It is with great pleasure that I submit this annual report to you, together with a summary of responses made by our department. The department responded to 1001 calls for service in the calendar year 2008.

The York Fire Department responded to several major incidents in 2008, including three major fires in York Harbor and a severe ice storm in December.

The York Water Rescue Team responded to a number distress calls over the summer months. They made several rescues, including a boater who was disoriented and experiencing a medical emergency. The team continues to work closely with the Coast Guard and water rescue teams in neighboring communities to ensure the continuing safety of our ocean going citizens.

We are pleased to announce the in January of 2009, York Fire Department received notification that it was selected to receive a Federal Emergency Management Grant in the amount of \$500,000 for the purchase of a new Ladder / Pumper Truck, also known as a Quint. This vehicle will replacing two nearly 40 year old pieces of equipment.

In May, the department will be asking the voters to approve a warrant article for the replacement of Squad 1, our lead rescue pump truck. The current Squad 1 has been experiencing many major mechanical failures, and is in need of immediate replacement.

The York Fire Department is always looking for additional volunteers. No experience is necessary. If anyone is interested, please come visit us at 1 Firehouse drive for an application, or visit our website [www.yorkvillagefire.com](http://www.yorkvillagefire.com) for more information.

### ***Response Summary***

Calendar 2008

Structure Fires	9	Outside Fires--Brush etc.	12
Aid to Other Fire Departments	39	Alarm Activations	109
Appliance/Furnace Fires	9	Hazmat Incidents	6
Power Lines Arcing	46	Smoke Investigations	49
Public Assists	32	Medical Assists	585
Vehicle Fires	9	Special Rescues (Water, etc.)	13
Motor Vehicle Accidents	83	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>1001</u></b>

# TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Submitted By: Mary-Anne Szeniawski, Town Clerk

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## STATISTICS July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008

### MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

PASSENGER CARS	10227
COMMERCIAL VEHICLES	471
MOTORCYCLES/MOPEDS	524
TRAILERS	933

### RECREATIONAL VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

BOATS	1104
ATVS	235
SNOWMOBILES	172

### DOG LICENSES

NON-NEUTERED	200
NEUTERED	1894
KENNELS	6

### VITAL RECORDS January 1, 2008 - December 31, 2008

BIRTHS	411
DEATHS	157
MARRIAGES	283

# TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Submitted by Mary-Anne Szeniaewski

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2007 UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES AS OF JUNE 30, 2008

123 LONG BEACH AVE LLC	13564.26	BRIGGS, MICHAEL & KERRY M.	1801.44
99 NUBBLE ROAD LLC	16185.42	BRILEY, DOUGLAS A.	187.71
ABRUZZISE, MICHAEL & LYNN	66.42	BRITT, ROSEMARY	1028.00
AFM TRUST	12798.81	BROOKS, PRISCILLA M.	75.65
AHERN, RICHARD & DEBRA	844.83	BROOKS, SANDRA	4381.29
ALLEN, JAMES & JERRY	72.90	BROOKSIDE VILLAS LLC	1459.62
AMES, MARY	228.42	BROWN, EDWIN R.	1631.34
ANDERSON, DONALD C & MARILYN	1793.34	BROWN, EDWIN R.	2658.42
ANDERSON, DOROTHEA	40.86	BROWN, EDWIN R & STELLA M. TRUSTEES	3981.96
ANDERSON, KIMBERLY	166.86	BROWN, STELLA ANN	1627.29
ANDERSON, KIMBERLY	164.43	BROWN, STELLA ANN	1602.99
ANDERSON, WILLIAM H. JR.	568.62	BROWN, STELLA ANN	3571.29
APPLE TRUST	28107.81	BUCKLEY, RICHARD	1935.90
ARCHIBALD, PAUL L. & DONNA H.	7571.07	BURKE, STEVEN E. TRUSTEE	1651.59
ARMILLOTTI, PEGGY	55.89	BURNS, BRYANT S. & ANN M. TRUSTEES	6616.08
ARMITAGE, JOHN D. & BARBARA	2050.62	BUSH, ALEECA L. & MARTIN L.	2049.99
ARSENAULT, ROSEMARIE & EDWARD	1720.44	BUSQUE, PEARL L.	2105.09
ASHLEY, ELIZABETH I HRS	1491.21	CAMPBELL, JOHN E.	2221.83
ASHLEY, PETER O	2074.41	CAPE NEDDICK VILLAGE LLC	1300.86
ASHLEY, SALLY W	2751.57	CAPE NEDDICK VILLAGE LLC	665.01
BALLOU-KNOWLES, KAREN	1489.59	CARR, VICTORIA L. & JEFFREY M.	4093.74
BALLOU-KNOWLES, KAREN	999.54	CARROLL, WILLIAM & KIM	56.70
BARTALOMY, JOSHUA F	1308.15	CHANLATTE, CESAR A.	2941.11
BARTLETT, RICHARD I & ARDITH	332.73	CHURCHILL, CHARON L.	1339.74
BASS, CATHERINE H.	2255.04	CIAMPA, JOSEPH R. & SUSAN	3504.06
BEAM, LAWRENCE	2225.07	CINCOTTA, MICHAEL & KATHRYN MULLINS	1936.71
BEAUCHEMIN, JOSEPH	61.50	CLARK, CURTIS W. JR.	1729.35
BEAULIEU, JULIEN & GEORGIA L.	2403.27	CLOUGH, JULIA S.	6978.96
BELLAVANCE, PAUL O.	3644.19	CLOUGH, JULIA S.	117.45
BELLAVANCE, PAUL O.	311.85	CLOUGH, JULIA S.	2084.94
BELLAVANCE, PAUL O.	1555.20	CLOUGH, JULIA S.	2153.79
BIANCUZZO, SAMUEL & KARYN A.	2603.34	CLOUGH, JULIA S.	2950.02
BLAISDELL, GEORGE A. TRUSTEE	2001.91	CLOUGH, JULIA S.	2307.69
BLUE RIDGE CORPORATION	178.20	CLOUGH, JULIA S.	2543.40
BOARDMAN, GREGORY & NANCY L	2391.93	CLOUGH, JULIA S.	2156.22
BOSSI, JOHN J. & D. MICHELLE	1129.88	CLOUGH, JULIA S.	2214.54
BOSTEELS, VICTOR & LYNN	59.94	CLOUTIER, BARBARA	68.85
BOURQUE, OSWALD J. JR. & MARLENE L.	3655.53	CLOUTIER, JANIS M.	1471.77
BOURQUE, OSWALD J. JR. & MARLENE L.	4069.44	COITE, JOANNE M.	2613.06
BRACY, GERALD A.	198.45	COLE FARM BARN LLC	1367.28
BRADLEY, EARLAND F. & REBECCA P	944.46	COLLIANDER, JOHN	294.03
BRAGDON, LYNNE M.	1919.29	COLLINS INVESTMENTS LLC	2254.37
BREEN, NANCY	191.16	COOKE, PAUL	41.31
BRIGGS, CRAIG	2257.47	COOLEY, TOM	52.65

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COUGHLIN, MARGARET A.	364.87	FLANAGAN, DENA R.	2221.83
COVIELLO, ANTHONY	85.05	FLEISCHMANN, ROBERT F.	3593.16
CUMMINGS, MARY	255.15	FORD, THOMAS H. JR.	7465.77
CURRIER, CHRISTOPHER	2596.05	FORESTER, JAMES & JANNE	208.17
CURRIER, RICHARD A. & LOUISE B.	380.19	FORREST, LEE W.	1084.18
CURTIN, JANICE A. & PETER T.	980.10	FOSTER, RICHARD S. & MARY H.	2914.38
DANIELS, DRUSCILLA F. REV TRUST	1074.87	FRAMBACH, RICHARD F. & MARY M.	107.57
DANIELSON, JASON & SHANNA	238.14	FRANKLIN, IRVING L., RICHARD & LINDA F.	2830.95
DAVIS, ELIZABETH BOWMAN	378.76	FRASER, ALLAN B. & MARY BETH	823.46
DAVIS, JAMES E. JR. & JUDITH A.	2244.51	FREEMAN, MARK	387.58
DAVIS, MURIEL J.	1568.16	FREEMAN, MARK E.	2326.32
DEALY, ANN M.	159.57	FREEMAN, PAUL W.	1456.38
DEBOER, VIRGINIA M.	497.34	FRITZ, BARRY A. & ROXANNE A.	3167.91
DEC, KENNETH & CATHERINE	39.69	FRITZ, ROXANNE	2093.04
DEMETRI, GEORGE A. & STELLA	2827.71	FULLAM, RICHARD & CLAIRE M.	541.42
DENNIS, GWENDOLYN E. M. TRUSTEE	1482.75	GAIGNARD, PRISCILLA R. & E. HYMELD	188.73
DENNIS, RICHARD B. JR.	1443.42	GANEM, JAKE P.	485.19
DIGGINS, THOMAS P. & CHRISTINE A.	2020.14	GANEM, STEPHEN	620.86
DIXON, C. CHRISTOPHER	2572.56	GANTER, MARCIA L.	3244.86
DIXON, CLYDE JR.	2518.29	GAVIN, MICHAEL J. & MARTY T. W.	387.18
DIXON, CLYDE N.	620.46	GAY, MARK W.	669.57
DIXON, CLYDE N. JR.	165.24	GENEWICZ, MICHAEL J.	792.99
DIXON, MARGARET W.	4160.97	GEORGE, MARY FRANCES	52.65
DIXON, MARGARET W.	756.54	GILLIBRAND, GEORGE T. & PAMELA D.	2390.31
DOMINGUEZ FAMILY TRUST	4808.56	GILMER, JOHN D. & LISA J.	2007.99
DOMINGUEZ, GARRY B. & JOSEPH T.	13821.16	GLANCY, ROBERT F. JR.	87.48
DOMINGUEZ, JOSEPH T. JR. & GARRY	3059.19	GMELCH, LINDA J.	990.22
DOWNEY, MARK J. & JEAN E.	2158.65	GOLEN, FRANCIS & CAROL	66.42
DOWNING, THOMASINA & MARA M. KHAVARI	1647.54	GOODALE, BRIAN R. & FERNANDE P.	2404.08
DREW, ROBERT C. & SHEILA I	2119.77	GREELEY, PETER D. & KAREN B.	11.26
DUNCAN, KATE, BRUCE B. & JEFFREY M.	1094.72	GREY, HARVEY A. & GERALDINE	1935.90
DYNICE, MARNI	26.32	GREY, HARVEY A. & GERALDINE	243.00
EARLE, LUELLA HRS.	834.30	GRIFFITH, CRAIG A.	974.43
EASTBROOK TIMBER CO INC.	194.40	GROVER, CHIUMON L.	1034.37
EASTBROOK TIMBER CO INC.	754.92	GROVER, DONALD E.	1142.91
EATON, MARK D. & SUZANNE L.	365.31	GROVER, DONALD E. & CHIUMON L.	1040.04
EMERALD HOUSE INC.	1705.86	GROVER, DONALD E. & CHIUMON L.	853.74
FARRELL, JANICE M. & JACQUELINE A. STACEY	2613.06	GROVER, DONALD E. & CHIUMON L.	142.56
FAY, THOMAS H. & DONNA M.	1715.98	GUARINO, PAUL F. & SUSAN J.	1494.45
FEELEY, SALLY E. TRUSTEE	12.24	GUILD, LUCILLE F.	2489.94
FERREIRA, MICHAEL A. & GAIL A.	1884.87	HACKETT, EVELYN G.	1221.48
FIRMIN, JONAS & FRANTZIE	907.80	HANCOCK, BETH	3323.43
FIRST STEP LAND DEVELOPMENT INC.	7833.51	HANCOCK, WILLIAM P. III & BETH S.	5841.72
FIRST STEP LAND DEVELOPMENT INC.	1370.52	HANLEY, CONSTANCE	476.68

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HANLON, KIERAN M. & LYNNE M.	2967.03	KOZLOWSKI, STEVEN B.	1352.70
HANNAN, RICHARD P. & MARION K.	1515.15	KWOK, LAI KUEN	1771.47
HARBOR PINES LLC	972.00	LACHANCE, JEFFREY & CAROLYN S.	5394.60
HARDY, TED & REBECCA	154.71	LAFRENIERE, STEPHEN M.	153.16
HARDY, TED & REBECCA	264.06	LAMBIAS, ROSE & JOE	229.23
HARGROVE, JAMES W. & LINDA J.	860.24	LAPERLE, EDWARD & CHARLENE	63.18
HARPSTER, JEFFREY D.	2131.11	LARSON, CHRISTINE M.	1560.06
HARRINGTON, TED	63.18	LARSON, GREGORY R.	645.51
HART, FREDERICK H. II & LINDA L.	2372.49	LARSON, GREGORY & CHRISTINE	86.67
HENNESSY, JULIANNE	1318.27	LARSON, GREGORY & CHRISTINE	89.91
HERNE, CHERIE	3587.49	LAVALLEE, TAMMY TRUSTEE	2647.89
HERPST, JOSEPH	247.86	LEAHY, STEPHEN & JEANETTE	5483.70
HEYLAND, ERIK, TRUSTEE	8521.60	LEEMAN, KIMBERLY SPARLING	3478.14
HILL, CATHERINE D.	3141.18	LEIGH & DOMINGUEZ FAMILY TRUST	6284.38
HILL, DANIEL G.	602.18	LEMAN, BRUCE C.	1108.08
HILL, JOANNE M.	1584.76	LEMIRE, EDWARD C.	966.33
HILL, JOANNE M.	557.28	LINEHAN, JOSHUA	675.54
HILL, SANDRA	1024.65	LIPTON, JAMES W. & SUSAN J.	2182.95
HIVLEY, KEN & ELAINE	57.51	LONG, CHRISTINE M. & KAREN E. WALSH	796.74
HOLBROOK, JAMES A. & MARY C. TRS.	1786.05	LONG, HELEN S.	1800.37
HOLLIS, CLAUDIA M.	6333.39	LYDSTON, JOHN A. TRUSTEE	1229.58
HORROCKS, WILLIAM E. & DEBORAH M.	2686.43	MACHUM, FRANCIS A.	1226.34
HUBBARD, TODD S.	25.63	MACKAY, JAMES	62.37
HUMINSKI, THOMAS P. & TERESA	1049.76	MACWILLIAMS, GLEN	682.02
HUNT, CLAUDIA	934.74	MAGUIRE, JOSEPH	34.83
HUTCH, BARRY	2199.96	MALTAIS, GLENN TRUSTEE	702.85
HUTCHINSON, PATRICIA	1389.55	MALVONE, ANTHONY R. HOLLY L.	38.96
INNAMORITI, RICHARD & PAT	63.18	MARCHAND, SALLY E. & KENNETH J.	2614.68
JENNISON, JEAN O.	3380.13	MARCHAND, SALLY E. & KENNETH J.	1516.32
JORDAN, JOSEPH D.	3792.42	MARCOUILLIER, WAYNE	59.94
KATZ, ROBERT	3521.07	MARCOULLIER, JOHN R. & JULIE	1732.36
KERSHAW, STEPHEN & NANCY	54.27	MARCURI, PETER D.	4426.65
KERTON, SHARON LEE CHASE	343.98	MARKS, FRANK & JUDY PARCHEM	53.46
KHAN, ABDUL & ZUBAIDA	1292.58	MARQUIS, RAYMOND & SANDRA	4463.10
KIGHTLEY, DAVID A. & GERTRUDE L.	4630.77	MARSHALL, NATHANIEL G. III & ASTRID	677.56
KILGORE, KEITH H.	783.67	MARSHALL, NATHANIEL G. III & ASTRID	1008.85
KNIGHT, MICHELLE D. & RICHARD S. JR	1537.78	MARTIN, JEFFREY E. & PAMELA N.	4241.16
KNIGHT, RICHARD S.	880.87	MASONE, MARC & JOANNE	62.37
KNIGHT, RICHARD S. JR. & MICHELLE	1718.41	MATSON, WALTER	55.08
KNIGHT, RICHARD S. JR. & MICHELLE	3445.13	MCCARRON, EDWARD	49.41
KNIGHT, RICHARD S. JR. & MICHELLE	1289.52	MCGURL, JEAN M.	1918.08
KNIGHT, RICHARD S. JR & MICHELLE D.	757.75	MCIVER, JOHN P. & ROSE F.	105.30

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MCLAUGHLIN, PAUL & MARGARET	30.37	PERKINS, TERESA	98.82
MCNEILL, RONALD C. TRUSTEE	8872.94	PERRY, SUSAN	771.93
MERCER, SCOTT N.	1018.17	PHILBRICK, ARTHUR B. & SHEILA T.	1590.03
MERCER, SCOTT N.	1967.49	POSEIDON PROPERTIES III LLC	4012.74
MEREDITH, WILLIAM H. & MILDRED A.	4633.20	POSEIDON PROPERTIES III LLC	1412.64
MILES, ROBERT & KELLIE	31.59	POWELL, WILLIAM H.	1706.67
MIRICK, RICHARD	277.83	POWERS, ESTHER A. TRUSTEE	131.22
MIRICK, RICHARD TRUSTEE	348.30	PURTY, MARK	3398.76
MIRICK, RICHARD TRUSTEE	402.57	RAINVILLE, ROBERT L. HRS.	1951.29
MIRICK, RICHARD TRUSTEE	1060.29	RAMSDELL, RONALD P.	3645.00
MISTKOWSKI, JAMES A. & PATRICIA A.	2411.37	RAMSDELL, RONALD P. & LINDA L.	1187.05
MORGAN HOLDINGS INC.	2371.58	RAYNES, ALAN W. & NANCY A.	3802.95
MORIN, MARK & MAUREEN	46.98	REILLY, FRANCIS III	36.20
MOULTON, BRADLEY S. & KAREN M.	1438.56	REILLY, FRANCIS X.	51.54
MOULTON, KAREN M.	98.41	REPPUCCI, RICHARD T.	561.95
MURRAY, JAMES C.	1572.21	ROBERGE, MICHAEL S.	1077.97
MURRAY, JAMES & DOROTHY	484.47	ROLL, SHEILA F.	780.43
MURRAY, JAMES & DOROTHY	484.47	ROSE LEATHER FASHIONS INC.	1866.10
NADER, ANN C., FREDERICK W. & ELLEN C.	805.14	ROSE, PATRICIA A.	1229.58
NASON, JOHN	2098.71	ROSS, EMMETT R.	254.36
NEAL, SEAN T. & KIMBERLY A.	2292.30	ROSS, RICHARD A. & STEPHEN CAMPBELL	2188.62
NEWCOMBE, PAMELA & BRIAN	1842.75	RUSSELL, CECELIA D.	1078.11
NEWFELL, BOB & TERRI	34.02	RUSSELL, CECELIA D. LIFE TENNANT	1301.67
NICHOLS, JAMES G. JR.	1804.68	RUSSELL J. GREGORY	3283.74
NOBLE, SEAN J.	2077.65	RUSSO, JOHN W.	942.03
NOWELL, MADELENE S.	337.13	RUSSO, JOHN W.	948.51
OBER, ROBERT A. & MARSHA E.	1297.98	RUST, LIBBY K. TRUSTEE	2431.62
OBRIEN, PAT	65.61	RUTHERFORD, JAMES R. III & JOANNE	1470.15
OBRIEN, PAUL K. & LORRI A.	1667.79	RUTHERFORD, JAMES R. JR. & JANE	2436.48
OLSON, KENNETH J.	980.10	RUTHERFORD, JANE	63.43
OMALLEY, MICHAEL A. & DEBORAH	1206.81	SACCHETTI, REBECCA W. TRUSTEE	5133.37
ONEIL, MATTHEW	117.45	SANTORO, STUART L. & MARCELLA L.	2165.13
ONEILL, NANCY	58.32	SANTOS, JOHN J. & DOUGLAS L. KANE	2583.09
ORTOLAZA, GLORIA & FAITH HARDING	392.72	SAVAGE, VALERIE	1451.49
OUHL, GREGORY J. & MICHELLE L.	3365.55	SAYWARD, DENNIS L. & DAWN A.	7.69
PAKKO RIDGE RENTAL PROPERTIES LLC	7749.27	SCHOFIELD, MICHAEL & KERRY	62.37
PALMER, RUTH C. TRUSTEE	647.83	SEA LATCH MOTOR INN LLC	12812.98
PARKER, LAWRENCE & DENISE TRUSTEES	6.25	SEASTRAND, MAUREEN	1684.80
PARSHLEY, GREGORY & MICHELLE	1273.09	SEEGERS, LAURENCE & DONA	1053.69
PATTERSON, LINDA J. & WAYNE	206.27	SELIG, MINNA G.	1265.62
PEBBLEDENE TRUST	488.80	SHAHEEN, WILLIAM H.	1175.31
PECK, DAVID	2383.02	SHUCH, SHEILA	8.00
PECK, JAMES	2590.38	SILSBY, GEORGE	92.34

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SIMONDS, HARRIET G.	166.70	TSAMPAS, CONSTANTIN & DEBRA A.	1507.41
SIMONDS, HARRIET G.	1075.07	TSAO, WU MING	337.91
SIMON-MACWILLIAMS, CARRIE	387.61	UBERTI, WILLIAM JR. & MARY	50.22
SIMPSON, THOMAS C.	4280.04	UNKNOWN OWNERSHIP	1481.49
SIRAGUSA, GERARD T.	2115.31	UNKNOWN OWNERSHIP	765.45
SMITH, BARRY R.	2129.49	UNKNOWN OWNERSHIP	864.27
SMITH, DONALD M. & MARJORIE	666.73	UNKNOWN OWNERSHIP	133.65
SMITH, THOMAS & M.J. PARADIS-SMITH	819.72	UNKNOWN OWNERSHIP	130.41
SOAR, DAVID B. & LAURA	17.60	VALLEY, BETH	157.14
SOBOZENSKI, GEORGE	1599.75	VANDERLINDEN, MARCEL A. & BARBARA	2024.19
SOBOZENSKI, GEORGE	1731.78	VARVARA, NICOLYN J.	971.19
SOLVAY, MARILYN	1900.26	VENTOLA, ANTHONY & LEE B.	643.95
SPELLACY, KATHRYN M.	2118.96	WALLEY, GELI P.	9832.59
SPINGLA, ADELINE D. & JENNIFER G.	7.85	WALSH FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	4368.33
STACK, REGINALD M. & LUCILLE B.	7871.58	WALSH FAMILY LTD PARTNERSHIP	4480.11
STACY, WALTER A.	1025.86	WALSH FAMILY LTD PARTNERSHIP	7055.91
STARKEY, GERMAINE	629.56	WALSH, SUSAN J. REVOCABLE TRUST	1464.07
STEINBERG, KATHLEEN	3764.20	WANG, ANDY	845.23
STEPHENS, MICHAEL S. & CARMENT I.	2008.88	WATTS, MICHAEL R. & ILONA	5453.73
STYLES LANE SOUTH HOMEOWNERS ASSOC.	300.51	WEARE, PETER	2842.29
SUCCI, KELLI J.	1986.93	WEARE, PETER	1921.32
SULLIVAN, PATRICK & SANDRA	5162.94	WEARE, PETER	2783.16
SULLIVAN, ROSE	259.20	WESTON, KEITH R. & MARJORIE G.	469.80
SUNRISE MOTEL LLC	4449.73	WILLARD, DANA G.	5.89
SWANSON, MILTON R. & O. EDNA	1506.60	WILLEY, LAWRENCE E.	1371.33
SWENSON, JON A. & JOYCE A.	2364.39	WILLEY, LAWRENCE E.	781.65
T ROZ INC.	1697.40	WILLEY, LAWRENCE E. & SON SUK	924.21
TARWATER, KATHRYN LYNN	978.48	WILLIS, DANA J. TRUSTEE	15244.20
TATNIC FOREST PRODUCTS	472.63	WILSON, EDWARD R. & JO	2949.21
TAYLOR, PATRICIA O.	2436.47	WING, LAWRENCE A.	1433.70
TAYLOR, PATRICIA O. TRUSTEE	2238.03	WING, LAWRENCE A.	1989.36
TAYLOR, ROBIN D. & NANCY J.	1463.67	WOODARD, DIANE M.	98.86
THOMPSON, JOANNE D.	1351.08	WOODS, WALTER O.	292.41
THOMPSON, PATRICIA G.	1196.37	WORLEY, ELIZABETH I.	571.74
THOMPSON, RICHARD A. & SHARON LEE	1593.27	WRIGHT, GORDON L. & ANNE E.	9907.92
THORNLEY, DORIS	53.46	YORK HARBOR MOTEL LLC	13060.44
TIBBETTS, STEVEN A. & VICTORIA M.	1753.65	YORK, ROBERT & PRISCILLA	37.26
TOMES, M. CAROLINE	1877.58	YORK SPORTS & HEALTH CENTER LLC	9844.74
TOWLE, RICHARD A.	1910.79	YOUNG, GLENN S. & MELODY L.	2464.02
TRACEY, MICHAEL	4050.81	YVBC UNIT 2 LLC	1409.80
TRAFTON, ELIZABETH H. TRUSTEE	322.38	ZAVATSKY, KATHERINE S.	<u>1735.02</u>
TRIDER, MATTHEW J. & KATHRYN A.	1152.63		
TRIDER, MATTHEW J. & KATHRYN A.	1576.26	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>835,823.53</b>

**1995 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AS OF JUNE 30, 2008**

SOWERBY, DAVID	<u>267.24</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>267.24</b>

**1996 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AS OF JUNE 30, 2008**

WHITE, RUSSELL B. ATTY	<u>9.42</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9.42</b>

**1997 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AS OF JUNE 30, 2008**

WHITE, RUSSELL B. ATTY	<u>40.89</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40.89</b>

**1998 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AS OF JUNE 30, 2008**

WHITE, RUSSELL B. ATTY	<u>19.71</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19.71</b>

**1999 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AS OF JUNE 30, 2008**

C & C CAR WASH INC	309.29
WHITE, RUSSELL B. ATTY	<u>42.39</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>351.68</b>

**2000 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AS OF JUNE 30, 2008**

APPLE COMMERCIAL CREDIT	59.50
WHITE, RUSSELL B. ATTY	<u>40.80</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.30</b>

**2001 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AS OF JUNE 30, 2008**

APPLE COMMERCIAL CREDIT	45.60
UNICYN FUNDING	119.70
WHITE, RUSSELL B. ATTY	45.60
YORK CORNER PRODUCE	<u>19.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>229.90</b>

**2002 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AS OF JUNE 30, 2008**

ADAMS PLUMBING & HEATING	69.19
ALL SEASON LAWN CARE	44.79
AMERICAN EXPRESS BUSINESS FINANCIAL CORP	1198.84
APPLE COMMERCIAL CREDIT	19.68
ATLANTIC ATM	66.63
BOYAN LANDSCAPE SVCS	44.79
CHRISTINE'S	10.25
COASTAL CHRISTMAS INC.	122.69
FRAMING MATTERS	6.56
GOLDEN EAGLE LEASING	25.32
LINE HOUSE RESTAURANT	45.51
MARCIA'S	52.12
MY PLACE ON THE BEACH	64.37
PAINTED PIECE THE	6.97
RUSSEL HUME MASONARY CONT	4.72
SUMMER TOUR	4.10
SUNSHINE LAWN CARE & LANDSCAPING	148.54
UNICYN FUNDING	58.12
YORK CORNER PRODUCE	<u>8.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2001.19</b>

**2003 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AS OF JUNE 30, 2008**

ALL SEASON LAWN CARE	42.39
APPLE COMMERCIAL CREDIT	18.62
BOYAN LANDSCAPE SVCS	42.39
CHRISTINE'S	19.40
COASTAL CHRISTMAS INC.	116.11
CURTIS FURNITURE GALLERY	5.38
DOG WASH THE	10.86
DONEGAL TOWN INC.	359.58
GOLDEN EAGLE LEASING	23.96
JEWELRY MINE THE	12.23
MARCIA'S MEXICAN CAFÉ	91.57
MY PLACE ON THE BEACH	121.83
PAINTED PIECE THE	6.60
PINE HILL OF OGUNQUIT	75.85
RUSSEL HUME MASONARY CONT	4.46
SUMMER TOUR	3.88
SUN OF A BEACH CAFÉ	12.32
SUNSHINE LAWN CARE & LANDSCAPING	140.55
UNICYN FUNDING	55.00
WILD JACKS	29.00
WILLOWS THE	15.28
YORK CORNER PRODUCE	<u>7.57</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1214.83</b>

**2004 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AS OF JUNE 30, 2008**

ALL SEASON LAWN CARE	33.69
ATLANTIC ATM	43.75
COASTLINE WASTE	8.31
CURTIS FURNITURE GALLERY	8.58
DOG WASH THE	8.93
DONEGAL TOWN INC.	229.69
FAMILY THERAPY ASSOC.	5.86
GOLDEN EAGLE LEASING	19.34
JEWELRY MINE THE	65.71
KATIE NUGENTS	10.33
ONE EARTH LAWN & LANDSCAPE	33.69
ORR-IGINALS	7.88
PINE HILL OF OGUNQUIT	58.80
POCKET PUBLISHING INC.	17.59
PRIVATEER REST	89.16
RUSSEL HUME MASONARY CONT.	3.50
SUNSHINE LAWN CARE & LANDSCAPING	86.89
UNICYN FUNDING	44.10
WHITE, RUSSELL B. ATTY	<u>27.30</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>803.10</b>

2005 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AS OF JUNE 30, 2008

AGNELLI, FRANK & LOU-ANN	59.98
ALL SEASON LAWN CARE	34.26
ATLANTIC ATM	33.84
B & B TRAP	57.61
BELCHER, JOYCE	43.06
BLANAR, EDWARD	17.77
BRITTON, WILLIAM	30.54
BURKE, WILLIAM	54.48
CHANLATTE, CAESAR	1.98
CLOUTIER, GERMAINE	39.42
COOMBS, DAVID W.	8.54
CROCKER, HELEN	12.01
DAVIDSON, JEREMY	45.94
DEATER, LARRY	85.87
EATON, RANDALL W.	25.30
ELY, THOMAS JR.	33.76
EMMONS, LISA	8.71
FAMILY THERAPY ASSOC.	5.25
FIRST STEP LAND DEVELOPMENT	24.03
FOOD & CO.	153.12
FRANKIE & JOHNNYS RESTAURANT	31.56
FREEMAN, MYRON	17.77
GILE, DAN	68.44
HAWTHORNE & NUGENT	13.37
HILBOURNE, ADAM	84.43
HILBOURNE, DALE	40.02
HUBBARD, TODD	225.04
JEWELRY MINE THE	62.43
KNOETTNER, JULIEANNA	45.05
MAGRI, EMILE & MARLENE	0.51
MAHONEY, PATRICK	225.04
MARSHALL, NATHANIEL III	71.06
MARTIN SHELLY & YVETTE BOWDEN	14.04
MASI, SCOTT	34.09
MOLDA, DR. CHRIS	239.46
MULLEN, RONALD	111.08
NEAL, SEAN	225.04
NORTHPOINT REALTY LLC	143.23
NOWELL, MATTHEW	61.46
OLOUGHLIN, WILLIAM	1.44
PECKHAM, SANA	26.23
RICHARD MIRICK	21.49
RUSSEL HUME MASONARY CONT.	3.13
SEACOAST BUSINESS MACHINE	4.74
SEWALL, MARK	225.04
STACY, CHARLES	225.04
SUNSHINE LAWN CARE & LANDSCAPING	71.91
THOMPSON, EVAN	68.38
UNICYN FUNDING	40.02
VALLEE, R. M.	9.98
WAGONER, STEPHEN A. MD	80.62
WHITE, RUSSELL B.	<u>23.69</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3290.30</b>

**2006 UNPAID PROPERTY TAXES AS OF JUNE 30, 2008**

AGNELLI, FRANK & LOU-ANN	64.06	SEACOAST BUSINESS MACHINE	4.23
ALL SEASON LAWN CARE	30.61	SEWALL, MARK	182.34
ANDREWS, DANIEL J.	40.70	SHAW, JOHN	30.12
ATLANTIC ATM	24.42	STACY, CHARLES	49.41
AYERS, DAVID & CHUCK LANDRY	28.57	SUNSHINE LAWN CARE & LANDSCAPING	72.61
B & B TRAP	59.58	THOMPSON, EVAN	71.23
BERRY, RICHARD C.	24.50	TOBEY, GARDNER S. JR.	598.72
BMRP LLC	272.53	UNICYN FUNDING	35.90
BRITTON, WILLIAM	30.85	WHITE, RUSSELL B. ATTY	<u>23.61</u>
BURKE, WILLIAM	55.76		
CHANLATTE, CAESAR	5.86	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3545.43</b>
CLOUTIER, GERMAINE	21.82		
CROCKER, HELEN	14.98		
DAVIDSON, JEREMY	39.89		
DEATER, LARRY	82.30		
DESISTO, RHONDA	15.06		
DUQUETTE, ROBERT	2.44		
EATON, RANDALL W.	24.66		
ELY, THOMAS JR.	27.35		
FAMILY THERAPY ASSOC.	8.30		
FREEMAN, MYRON	17.09		
FUCHS, STEVEN	29.96		
GILE, DAN	45.18		
GOLDEN EAGLE LEASING	15.87		
HILBOURNE, ADAM	68.38		
HILBOURNE, DALE	27.76		
HUBBARD, TODD	182.34		
INN BETWEEN THE BEACHES	151.65		
JAMAICAN JERK CENTER	68.38		
JEWELRY MINE THE	65.61		
KHANNA, ACHCA	17.75		
LONTINE LIFE & HEALTH	0.41		
MAGRI, EMILE & MARLENE	20.76		
MAHONEY, PATRICK	182.34		
MARSHALL, NATHANIEL III	68.38		
MARTIN, SHELLY & YVETTE BOWDEN	24.58		
MASI, SCOTT	28.98		
MIRICK, RICHARD	19.54		
MOLDA, CHRIS	147.37		
MULLEN, RONALD	91.17		
NAHILL, ANN	37.12		
NEAL, SEAN	182.34		
NOWELL, MATTHEW	99.72		

**2007 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AS OF JUNE 30, 2008**

ADT SECURITY SERVICE INC.	22.68	EFH INC.	307.47
AGNELLI, FRANK & LOU-ANN	62.21	EMMONS, LISA	11.02
ALBRIGHT, J. THOMAS MD PC	270.95	ESTY, TAMI/THEE PRIVILEGED PET	232.31
ALL SEASON LAWN CARE	28.19	FAMILY THERAPY ASSOC.	7.29
ANDERSON, HAROLD & JESSICA	171.32	FEUER, MARTIN & ARTHUR ANDERSON	7.61
ANDREWS, DANIEL J.	15.23	FINANCIAL PACIFIC LEASING LLC	6.68
APGAR, URSULA H.	13.45	FIRST STEP LAND DEVELOPMENT	25.84
ARSENEAULT, SYLVIE MA	523.42	FITZGERALD, TREVOR A.	7.09
ATLANTIC ATM	24.30	FREEMAN, MYRON	17.01
AYERS, DAVID & CHUCK LANDRY	28.03	FUCHS, STEVEN	24.22
B & B TRAP	58.81	GALLANT, JOHN	25.19
BAILEY, MARY-JANE A.	664.44	GE CAPITAL INFO TECH SOLUTIONS	103.92
BERRY, RICHARD C.	23.00	GENUINE PARTS CO.	82.98
BEVERSTOCK J. & B. KELLEHER	37.42	GILE, DAN	35.32
BLONDEAU, RAYMOND	58.72	GOULET, LESLIE A.	3.52
BMRP LLC	252.80	GRAY, DOUGLAS	99.14
BOUTHOT, DAVID	193.59	GRAZIANO, ANTHONY	212.70
BRITTON, WILLIAM	28.27	HAGER J., P. KIMBALL & J. CURTIS	32.89
BROWN, DAVID & JUDITH	114.21	HILBOURNE, ADAM	55.32
BURKE, WILLIAM	55.00	HILBOURNE, DALE	23.41
CAMPBELL, STEPHEN & RICHARD ROSS	9.23	HUBBARD, TODD	147.42
CARAMIHALIS, MICHAEL	30.00	HYEGU, CHO	367.90
CHANLATTE, CAESAR	5.67	INN BETWEEN THE BEACHES	149.28
CITIFINANCIAL INC.	281.47	IOTB LLC	128.14
CLIFF REALTY CORP.	203.74	JAMAICAN JERK CENTER	63.83
CLOUTIER, GERMAINE	20.90	JEWELRY MINE THE	34.59
COCHRAN, RICHARD	8.26	KELTY, ROBERT C.	60.02
COOMBS, DAVID W.	11.42	KOESTNER, DONNA & DONNA SMITH	4.70
COSTELLO, NANCY & RICHARD	68.28	LAMPERT, RICHARD	45.24
COUGHLIN, ROBERT A.	204.77	LAPOINTE, STEPHEN	83.03
COURTNEY, JOHN	21.38	LEIGH R. & G. & J. DOMINGUEZ	98.57
CROCKER, HELEN	14.50	LINN, AARON	44.26
CURLEY, MARGE	132.19	LONTINE INSURANCE INC.	51.19
CURRIER, DAVID	7.53	LONTINE LIFE & HEALTH	13.36
DAVIDSON, JEREMY	35.48	MACWILLIAMS GLEN ARCHITECT	10.53
DAVISON, RALPH & JAMES REDMOND	15.35	MAGRI, EMILE & MARLENE	20.57
DEATER, LARRY	81.57	MARSHALL, NATHANIEL III	68.04
DESISTO, RHONDA	12.56	MARTIN, SHELLY & YVETTE BOWDEN	22.03
DIMUZIO, EDDIE	3.32	MASI, SCOTT	28.43
DOMINGUEZ, GARRY & JOE	416.57	MIHAILOFF, VASSILY MD	34.67
DOMINGUEZ, GARRY & JOE	37.18	MIRICK, RICHARD	18.22
DONNELL, MATTHEW	59.54	MOLDA, CHRIS	121.78
DUQUETTE, ROBERT	0.93	MULLEN, RONALD	73.71

**2007 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AS OF JUNE 30, 2008**

NAVELSKI, LINDA F.	10.65
NEAL, SEAN	147.42
NOWELL, MATTHEW	85.05
PECKHAM, SANA	22.60
PELLETIER, SAMMY	293.54
PERRELLI, DEREK & BRENDA	31.63
REINERTSON TURF SPECIALIST LLC	211.89
RICOH AMERICAS CORPORATION	43.01
RUSSEL HUME MASONARY CONT	9.88
RUTHERFORD, JAMES	6.80
SCHUYLER, PRISCILLA	694.09
SEVERSON, KATHRYN M.	84.48
SEWALL, MARK	147.42
SHAW, JOHN	29.81
SHEA, ARLINE	99.87
SIMPSON, PATRICK	87.19
SIMPSON, TOM	18.63
SINCLAIR, MICHAEL	70.31
STACY, CHARLES	38.96
SUNSHINE LAWN CARE & LANDSCAPING	71.85
THOMPSON, EVAN	60.99
TOBEY, GARDNER S. JR.	775.90
TOMES, M. CAROLINE	6.23
UNICYN FUNDING	33.21
VILLAGER MOTEL	480.57
WANG, QING W.	41.35
WARMINGTON, THOMAS	13.36
WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NH	19.93
WEARE, KATHRYN M.	2769.02
WELCH, JOHN R.	14.01
WESTERMAN, GLORIA & TANYA GLIDDEN	23.24
WHITE, JEFFREY	68.04
WHITE, RUSSELL B. ATTY	20.57
WOODS, WALTER	26.49
YORKE, KENNETH	<u>21.70</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13972.69</b>



Elena B. Fiske

# York School Department



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

York School Committee  
York School Department  
York, Maine

We have audited the accompanying fund financial statements of each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of York School Department, a department of the Town of York, Maine, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, as listed in the table of contents. These fund financial statements are the responsibility of York School Department's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these fund 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.

As described in the notes, the fund financial statements present only the York School Department's Governmental and Fiduciary Funds and are not intended to present fairly the financial position, and results of operations for the Town of York in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The York School Department is a department of the Town of York and is not considered a separate entity. Therefore, the York School Department financial statements do not include the entity-wide Statement of Net Assets, Statement of Activities, or Management Discussion and Analysis as required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of each major fund and the and the aggregate remaining fund information of York School Department for the year ended June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparison for the School General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the fund financial statements taken as a whole. The additional information included, Exhibits 1-1 through 3-2 and Schedules 1 through 6, are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the fund financial statements of York School Department. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the fund financial statements taken as a whole.

*Berry Talbot Royer*

Certified Public Accountants  
November 25, 2008

**YORK SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**JUNE 30, 2008**

	General Fund	Middle School Renovations	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS:</b>				
Cash/Investments	\$ 6,477	\$ 0	\$ 21,822	\$ 28,298
Equity in Treasurer's Cash	3,413,003	54,757	103,703	3,571,463
Accounts Receivable	221,464	0	141,812	363,276
Prepaid Expenses	267,020	0	0	267,020
Inventory	0	0	15,515	15,515
Due from Other Funds	207,899	0	0	207,899
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 4,115,863</u>	<u>\$ 54,757</u>	<u>\$ 282,852</u>	<u>\$ 4,453,472</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:</b>				
Liabilities:				
Accounts Payable	\$ 281,993	\$ 0	\$ 27,613	\$ 309,606
Accrued Wages	1,316,324	0	0	1,316,324
Security Deposits	2,097	0	0	2,097
Due to Student Group	0	0	8,513	8,513
Due to Other Funds	0	0	207,897	207,897
Total Liabilities	<u>1,600,414</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>244,024</u>	<u>1,844,438</u>
Fund Balances:				
Reserved:				
For Specific Purposes	131,480	0	0	131,480
Unreserved, reported in:				
General Fund	2,383,972	0	0	2,383,972
Special Revenue Funds	0	0	27,851	27,851
Capital Projects Funds	0	54,757	10,977	65,734
Total Fund Balances	<u>2,515,452</u>	<u>54,757</u>	<u>38,828</u>	<u>2,609,037</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>\$ 4,115,866</u>	<u>\$ 54,757</u>	<u>\$ 282,852</u>	<u>\$ 4,453,475</u>

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**YORK SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

	General Fund	Middle School Renovations	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
Taxes	\$ 22,278,425	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 22,278,425
Intergovernmental	2,451,001	0	652,589	3,103,590
Charges for Services	214,069	0	534,795	748,864
Intergovernmental on Behalf Payments	2,227,442	0	0	2,227,442
Miscellaneous	1,453	32,963	83,944	118,360
Total Revenues	<u>27,172,390</u>	<u>32,963</u>	<u>1,271,328</u>	<u>28,476,681</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Instructions	13,421,018	0	605,585	14,026,603
Student Support Services	1,674,331	0	0	1,674,331
Instructional Staff Support Services	1,231,056	0	0	1,231,056
General Administration	820,432	0	0	820,432
School Administration	1,305,142	0	0	1,305,142
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	2,345,603	0	0	2,345,603
Student Transportation	1,068,292	0	0	1,068,292
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	437,545	0	0	437,545
Community Services Programs	65,072	0	0	65,072
Debt Service	906,462	1,337,100	0	2,243,562
Contingency	46,613	0	0	46,613
Program Expenditures	0	0	785,939	785,939
Maine State Retirement on Behalf Payments	2,227,442	0	0	2,227,442
Total Expenditures	<u>25,549,007</u>	<u>1,337,100</u>	<u>1,391,523</u>	<u>28,277,630</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER)</b>				
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>1,623,383</u>	<u>(1,304,137)</u>	<u>(120,195)</u>	<u>199,051</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:</b>				
Transfers In	0	0	179,751	179,751
Transfers Out	(179,751)	0	0	(179,751)
	<u>(179,751)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>179,751</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	1,443,632	(1,304,137)	59,556	199,051
<b>FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT) - JULY 1</b>	<u>1,071,820</u>	<u>1,358,894</u>	<u>(20,728)</u>	<u>2,409,986</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30</b>	<u>\$ 2,515,452</u>	<u>\$ 54,757</u>	<u>\$ 38,828</u>	<u>\$ 2,609,037</u>

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**YORK SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND - BUDGETARY BASIS**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

	<u>Original and Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Positive (Negative)</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Taxes	\$ 22,278,425	\$ 22,278,425	\$ 0
Intergovernmental	2,364,830	2,451,001	86,171
Other Revenues	<u>217,066</u>	<u>215,522</u>	<u>(1,544)</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>24,860,321</u>	<u>24,944,948</u>	<u>84,627</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES - BY FUNCTIONS</b>			
Instructions	13,622,187	13,421,018	201,169
Student Support Services	1,649,869	1,674,331	(24,462)
Instructional Staff Support Services	1,253,704	1,231,056	22,648
General Administration	788,702	820,432	(31,730)
School Administration	1,297,929	1,305,142	(7,213)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	2,322,666	2,345,603	(22,937)
Student Transportation	1,104,201	1,068,292	35,909
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	476,520	437,545	38,975
Community Services Programs	73,348	65,072	8,277
Debt Service	2,243,562	906,462	1,337,100
Contingency	<u>50,000</u>	<u>46,613</u>	<u>3,387</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>24,882,688</u>	<u>23,321,565</u>	<u>1,561,123</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	(22,367)	1,623,383	1,645,750
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>			
Transfers Out	<u>(179,741)</u>	<u>(179,751)</u>	<u>(10)</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES</b>	(202,108)	1,443,632	1,645,740
<b>FUND BALANCE, JULY 1</b>	<u>1,071,820</u>	<u>1,071,820</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30</b>	<u>\$ 869,712</u>	<u>\$ 2,515,452</u>	<u>\$ 1,645,740</u>

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# SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

*Submitted by: Dr. Henry R. Scipione*

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide this annual report of the York School Department. This past year has been marked with many positive accomplishments for the students and staff of our schools as well as challenges for our school system as a whole. Our four schools currently serve 1913 students in kindergarten through grade 12. Our student enrollment is expected to remain close to this level over the next several years. The status of the current economy and the availability of housing for young families have influenced the enrollment in our schools. We continue to monitor this change carefully while we recognize the decline in student enrollment has not been as significant as predicted.

During these challenging economic times it is especially important that the School Department be proactive with our planning and vision for the future. To this end, we are committed to the design set forth in our Educational Strategic Plan. Our Strategic Plan establishes the future direction of our schools and identifies actions we will consider to achieve our goals. Each year the progress toward achieving the targets in our Strategic Plan is evaluated and the plan is reviewed and revised. The York School Committee takes action on approving the revised Strategic Plan each September, thus making the plan a dynamic, working planning document. Please review our Educational Strategic Plan at [www.yorkschoools.org](http://www.yorkschoools.org).

## **Student Performance**

The performance of York students continues to rank among the top of all students in the state of Maine. We are proud of the accomplishments of our students and we strive to continue with our goal of success for every student. The following are highlights of accomplishments:

- 98% of the Class of 2008 successfully completed diploma requirements, in contrast to the state average of 84%, and the national average of 70%.
- 88% of York students in the Class of 2008 have enrolled in post-secondary education, a consistent increase each year since 2001.
- York students collectively met or exceeded the state average in all subject areas on the Maine Educational Assessments (MEAs).
- York students in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9 participated in computer-based assessments in Reading, English Language Usage, and Mathematics in 2007 – 2008. On these Measures of Academic Progress assessments, York students' average scores exceeded the national average in all subject areas tested at all grade levels.
- York students in Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 11 take the MEA assessments and all grade levels tested met the Annual Yearly Progress targets as defined by (No Child Left Behind) NCLB for the 2007 – 2008 school year. These include scores based on whole school population including grouping by ethnicity, students with identified disabilities, students with limited English proficiency, and economically disadvantaged students.
- *US News and World Report* has identified York High School as one of the top performing high schools in the state and nation.

## **School Consolidation**

I am pleased to report that the Alternative Plan to School Consolidation submitted by the York School Department has been approved, allowing the York Schools to remain a municipal school department under the governance of the York School Committee. After an 18-month process of exploring the viability of having York consolidate with neighboring school districts, the School Committee determined that York should proceed with an Alternative Plan that would allow York to remain a separate school department.

The reorganization law allows exceptions to the State's minimum enrollment requirement of 2500 students and includes guidelines for the development of Alternative Plans for school systems wishing to maintain their current configuration. The York School Department successfully argued that there were two criteria that established eligibility for York as an exception to the student enrollment requirement.

York's Alternative Plan identified the significant financial burden that the mandated reorganization would place on the community. The School Department provided evidence that it would cost York taxpayers more money to educate York's students in a consolidated school district than in the current one-community configuration. In addition, York's Alternative Plan identified that the York Schools are high performing and efficient under the current system. These two exceptions were validated by the Maine Department of Education, enabling York to proceed as a single school unit.

### **Budget Approval Process**

The school consolidation law requires that school districts comply with the conditions for budget approval set forth in this new law. In summary, the law requires that all school districts in Maine approve their school budget using identical procedures. This requires that a school budget meeting must be conducted in a traditional town meeting venue in each community. Voters must come to a single community location to discuss and vote on a school budget as presented by the School Committee. Within 14 days of the budget meeting a town wide referendum must be held when all voters in the town will have the opportunity to validate the budget approved at the budget meeting. The voters will respond to one question at the referendum. The referendum question will, in essence, ask the voters if they approve or disapprove the school budget that had been voted at the budget meeting. This is the known as the budget validation vote.

The procedure required by the new school consolidation law is substantially different from the York Charter procedure used in the past to approve the school budget. Because the new budget approval process is part of the school consolidation law, it will prevail over the York Charter, leaving York legally obligated to comply with these requirements.

The school consolidation law places the responsibility of presenting the proposed budget with the School Committee. Because of this law, the final authority over the budget presented to the voters will no longer rest with the Budget Committee as it has in the past under the York Charter. The School Committee and the Budget Committee have met to discuss this change and have recognized the importance of the Budget Committee in review of the school budget. The process of Budget Committee review and scrutiny of the school budget will continue under this change. As in the past, the School Department will present the budget to the Budget Committee and will go through the same process of review. The difference will be that the School Committee, not the Budget Committee, will have the authority to determine the budget that will be presented to the voters. The School Committee will consider all recommendations of the Budget Committee in making final budget decisions. Maintaining the Budget Committee's role in the public review process will provide greater transparency in the school budget than is required by the new law.

This is a substantial change to the process we have used in the past for approving the school budget. Although the process is new, the long-standing commitment to present a budget that is inclusive, transparent and developed with integrity remains constant. We will pledge to present a responsible school budget that meets the needs of our students and is sensitive to the community's ability to support our schools. This change will go into effect for the FY10 school budget approval.

### **School Accreditation**

The York Schools have continued with the commitment to have all of our schools accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). At the present time York High School and Village Elementary School have received full accreditation. Coastal Ridge Elementary School and York Middle School are currently engaged in the accreditation process. The NEASC accreditation team will visit Coastal Ridge in

Spring 2009. York Middle School is presently developing its comprehensive self-assessment and will host a visiting team from NEASC in 2010.

### **Music Instructional Space**

In May 2008 the voters of York approved construction of music instructional space at York High School. The School Committee created the School Building Committee and defined its responsibility to provide the oversight of the entire building project. The Building Committee is working with our architectural and construction management firms in the planning and construction of this important space. This project is being designed in such a way as to eventually accommodate a new, larger auditorium on the site of the existing York High School auditorium. The music instructional space will house the York High School band and choral programs and provide much needed practice and storage spaces. We anticipate student occupancy in the fall of 2009.

### **Technology**

The York School Department has initiated the implementation of our Long-Range Technology Plan, following approval by the Maine Department of Education last June. The plan examines the needs of York students and staff and identifies goals to move the system forward. Covering a wide range of topics, the plan sets direction by articulating action steps in 14 categories. The categories range from *Vision* to *Professional Development* to *Community and Parental Involvement*. The entire plan can be found at <http://www.yorkschoools.org/technology/techplan08/>

As we progress through the first year of the three-year plan, we are concentrating on Professional Development with an emphasis on the National Educational Technology Standards for Teachers. More and more teachers are investing in online resources and developing a web presence for use by their students and students' parents. Effective technology integration has also been identified as a goal for all staff.

The acquisition of technology resources is an important goal as well. Interactive whiteboards (SMARTBoards) have been installed in 25 classrooms and continue to be a priority. We are also exploring the possibility of creating 21st Century Classrooms as a pilot program, which can be examined, studied and used as a model for our classrooms of the future.

### **Economy**

The status of the current economy has had a significant impact on the resources available to the York Schools. A reduction for FY10 of \$1 million to York is anticipated in state aid to education. This reduction is due to the loss of revenue at the state level, which has reduced the amount of funding schools receive under general-purpose state aid. As a result, the School Committee has carefully scrutinized the budget and has proposed an operating budget that reflects a 2.5% increase in spending. This budget retains the integrity of the educational program but excludes any new programs or initiatives. This budget reflects a reduction in staff and administration. This budget will honor the commitment of the collective bargaining process with teachers and staff while establishing reductions that either level fund or decrease from the FY09 budget. The School Committee has put this budget forward for review by the Budget Committee and the budget will ultimately be forwarded to the voters for approval.

As indicated above, the achievement of York students remains strong and we are among the top performing school districts in Maine and the nation. We are proud of the success of our students and we recognize that the staff of the York School Department continues to be our greatest asset. We are fortunate to have professionals with exceptional credentials and, equally important, a commitment to the success of every student. Our staff is devoted to challenging, supporting and caring for each student. We are focused on providing an educational experience for every student that will be engaging, rigorous and successful. We thank

you, the parents and community of York, for partnering with us to make the York Schools dynamic places of learning for all students.

## YORK HIGH SCHOOL

*Submitted by: Robert E. Stevens*

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To the Superintendent of Schools, the School Committee, and the citizens of York I herewith submit my thirty-first annual report.

Student enrollment numbers did not drop as expected this year. The forecast in last years' report was that our enrollment would dip to 590 students. This fall we opened with 612 students. Twenty-two students moved into York and more are still coming. With a small graduating class exiting and a large eighth grade moving up, our student body will increase to 640 students next year. This will mean an increase over anticipated enrollment of 50 students or an 8.5% bump. As enrollment declined we reduced teachers. Our challenge will be to meet the needs of a larger student body with fewer professional staff.

Academically this has been a truly outstanding year for York High School. Since we fully embraced the philosophy, ***Personalization, Academic Rigor, and Success for Every Student***, good things have happened. We have received recognition from the New England Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges as one of twelve "Model Showcase High Schools." NEASC is the organization that accredits schools in New England and International schools around the globe. York High School was also chosen by *US News and World Report* as one of the best high schools in Maine. Internally, we have been monitoring a series of indicators to measure our success. 71% of the class of 2008 attended a 4-year college campus this fall. 16% went to a 2-year college, 2% are in the military, 7% are employed, and 4% are unknown at this time. Our dropout rate is quite small with only 2 students leaving this year. We had 7 National Merit Scholarship Semi-finalists, two of which have become Finalist. York High School now offers Advanced Placement Courses in Chemistry, Physics, Statistics, Calculus, Biology, English Language Arts, English Composition, Modern European History, US History, and Studio Art. We also have exciting news from Chris Cassidy, Class of 1988 and US Astronaut, that he is scheduled for a space launch on May 17<sup>th</sup>. When he goes into space he will carry a varsity "Y", symbolic of York High School, and then return it to us for permanent display.

Our core maintenance projects have been scaled back a bit because of the energy invested in the construction of a new Music Wing. We did a significant amount of paving with a new walkway and refurbished front parking lot. The last of the original roofs have been redone. The gymnasium and auditorium exteriors have been re-painted. A new Macintosh lab has been constructed in the old shop area. Irrigation has been added to our primary athletic field and the main hall in the World Language Area has been re-carpeted. YHS suffered significant water damage over the holidays because of broken water lines. Special Education, 2 computer labs, a conference room, 2 English rooms, 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the library, and a hallway have all been refurbished without losing any instructional time. Our front lobby now houses a gorgeous student display case in memory of Gertrude Butler and constructed with funds donated by friends and family. We hope to break ground late this spring for the new music wing made possible by the generosity of the voters last year.

Robert Butler, Jr. retired as Guidance Director. Susan Randolph-Carey - Social Studies, Don Harman - Science and Don Watters - Science also retired. Newly hired this year are Lyndsay Nichols and Tony Robinson in Science, and Brittany Brown in part-time Art. We did not replace Mr. Butler's or Mrs. Randolph-Carey's positions.

Here is the Top 10% and the colleges they are attending:

Kayla M. Peard – University of Maine Honors College, Katherine Rasche – Skidmore College, Allison Bailey – University of Connecticut, Cara Nicole Cavalieri – University of Southern Maine, Alex Hymanson – Colby College, Michael Hymanson - Deerfield Academy, Natalie Kaknes – University of Vermont, Jessica Kofman – University of Maine Orono, Kevin Maran – Bentley College, Katherine McGuigan – Colgate University, Ryan

Means – University of Maine Orono, Emily Morin – Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Brittany Lynne Morley – University of New England, Lindsay Putnam – Colby College, Bridget McDermott Rhinehart – Smith College, Kylie Morgan Vallee – Bentley College, Kenneth Weigel – University of Rhode Island.

In closing, I would like to sincerely thank faculty, students, parents, and the citizens of York for their continued commitment to quality education. It is an honor to work for a town that throughout my long tenure deeply cares about our students.

## YORK MIDDLE SCHOOL

*Submitted by: Stephen Bishop, Principal*

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I am pleased to report on the continuing improvements taking place at York Middle School. The students, staff, parents, administration, and many community volunteers who work together create an excellent environment for learning, growth and achievement for our students in grades five through eight. The collaborative efforts of those involved help create a learning community that facilitates social, emotional, and intellectual growth during a crucial time in our students' young lives.

Student enrollment at York Middle School currently stands at 630. Students are divided into a total of 30 homerooms among grades 5,6,7, and 8. We have seen an increase of about 15 more students than was forecast last year. We are planning for our population to decrease by roughly 19 students next year. We will experience a decrease in staffing of two part-time educational technicians next fall. Staffing assignments will be adjusted as student numbers in each grade change this coming fall.

York Middle School has begun a self-study with the assistance of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Staff work groups have embarked on data collection as well as creating a new mission statement. We will use this data and our new statement to examine, reflect and report on all aspects of our school's operation and programming. This work will help us identify effective educational practices and programs as well as focus on areas for continual improvement. This study will continue through the remainder of this school year and culminate in the spring of next year with a visit from a NEASC accreditation committee. Upon completion and acceptance of our work, we will join the list of accredited middle schools throughout New England.

An adjoining piece to our accreditation study is to create behavioral expectations for our students. We have been working with the Center for the Prevention of Hate Violence over the last three years to train students to promote tolerance and to recognize and deal with student harassment and bullying. We are adding another component to this work with the help of author and guidance counselor Stan Davis who has shared effective protocols for creating schools where all students belong. After completing these standards for student behavior, we will continue to explore practices that create a safe and effective culture for learning.

Academic achievement continues to be a focus at York Middle School. Our staff has worked hard to continually improve the effectiveness of classroom instruction by participating in many areas of professional development. Language arts teachers have worked to tie together models of language arts instruction. The implementation of reading and writing workshops will help students read, analyze and understand written information as well as communicate effectively through their writing. Teachers are also examining the transition from the Every Day Math Program in grade five to the Connected Math program in grade six. Both math programs have resulted in high scores for our students on state standardized tests.

We are also working to create a model of intervention designed to help students who struggle in math and language arts. Response to Intervention (RtI) helps teachers use data to monitor student progress and create an individualized learning program that will support academic improvement for those identified students. We are working with the data from a variety of assessments to help us initially identify those students who need intervention. Further assessment data will let us know whether a particular intervention has led to academic improvement. Our RtI team will be working with staff to conduct a pilot for the upcoming school year.

Technology use by students and staff is increasing as we move through the school year. Our students are using laptops, SMARTBoards, iPods, and digital cameras to research, report, interpret data and create presentations. We have also found software that assists with practice and remediation in mathematics. The MLTI laptops and district provided hardware and software continue to allow us to help students become more technology proficient while also helping them realize that technology is one of many tools to improve learning experiences. Students are not only learning how to use the vast resources of information that are available, they are also becoming knowledgeable consumers of information. All members of our school are advancing on the big learning curve presented by technology with the goal of effectively supporting student learning.

We have had many students extend their learning through their participation in extra-curricular programs. Large numbers of students participate in all of our after school activities. Not only do students learn about teamwork and cooperation through our many middle school sports, but they also find positive experiences in our writing, music, and theatrical performance offerings as well. A new addition to our after school enrichment has been our Green Team. The Green Team's goal is to improve the ecological practices at York Middle School. We have seen a marked increase in recycling paper and milk cartons that has resulted in a noticeable decrease in our school's waste stream. This environmental awareness has led to other forms of recycling such as juice containers, battery recycling and classroom composting. These initiatives not only help students feel more connected to the school by performing a community service, they make us all aware of our impact on the environment.

We continue to work closely with parents and community to strengthen many programs at our school. Our parent group has continued its fundraising efforts with a redesign of our school store, and has also sponsored informational events for parents. Our adult and high school volunteers continue to provide a listening ear to many of our students through our community mentor and student listener programs. The numerous parent volunteers who work with us daily help with everything from alternative recess to enrichment opportunities in the classroom. The benefits of their volunteer work have been invaluable to staff and students.

There has been a renewed focus on the maintenance and upkeep of our facility with the arrival of our new district Director of Facilities. We have worked to coordinate needed repairs as our seven-year old facility is beginning to show signs of wear. The coordination of district-wide maintenance and service contracts has also resulted in cost savings and improved service. In the coming year we look forward to improving our outdoor play field as well as continuing improved coordination and cost savings in the areas of maintenance and repair.

I would like to thank staff, parents and volunteers for their efforts in making our school a great place to learn. I would also like to thank the Town of York for its support of the children at York Middle School. Our collective efforts will help our students learn, grow and prepare for the future.

## VILLAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*Submitted by Ruth Dealy, Principal*

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I am pleased to report that in September 2008, the Trustees of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) accredited Village Elementary School and, with this distinction, Village joined a small cohort of eleven elementary schools in Maine who have also achieved this status. Accreditation followed an eighteen month rigorous process of self study by the full school community. Staff measured the school against seven standards for school excellence that include *Mission and Expectations, Leadership and Organization, Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment, School Resources* and *Community Resources* and then developed a comprehensive document that identified our strengths and needs. The self study was then reviewed by a team of educators from various New England states who visited Village and interviewed school and district staff,

students, parents and community members. Given this peer assessment, the credibility of our self-study was validated and commendations and recommendations were issued.

We are pleased to report the conclusions of the visiting accreditation team. They affirm that Village Elementary School *provides an excellent atmosphere for teaching and learning, a success to be shared by staff, administration and parents, each of whom contributed tremendously to it.* NEASC also acknowledged *the strong sense of pride and a spirit of commitment prevalent within the building among all constituencies.* They applaud our *dedication to curriculum development, improvement, revision and alignment* and the quality of our instruction that *encourages students to be active learners who reflect on and assess their own learning.* Lastly, they recognize the *strong support among parents and community for the school and its programs - it is **this** collaboration that will enable Village to continue to be an exemplary school.* As staff reflected on the work of our self study and the response by the NEASC visiting team, we found direction in the following areas to ensure that we continue to *identify and implement explicit expectations that guide teaching and learning for all students.*

In a primary school, literacy and numeracy are the core curricula and Village is no exception. As Village was commended for *implementing a literacy model that addresses the needs of all children and providing resources to support that model,* it was also noted that we need to *investigate options for implementing a comparable plan for math support.* Students at Village Elementary School do enjoy the benefit of an extensive K-2 literacy program that includes scientifically based curricula and instruction and is *supported by comprehensive library services that not only meet the needs of students' interests, but also the K-2 curriculum.* Notably, our literacy curriculum was enhanced by the inclusion of the full day kindergarten in the 2007-2008 school year and the level of literacy development currently demonstrated by this year's first graders confirms the success of the full day kindergarten program. We are also fortunate to be able to continue to support first grade students who are at risk for reading difficulties through specialized instruction from Reading Recovery teachers, and this year, as we had the opportunity to train additional staff in Reading Recovery, we were able to maintain the current level for literacy support and re-direct interventionists to mathematics. To this end, we are presently developing a functional intervention plan in first and second grades that is aligned with the Everyday Math program and will provide additional instructional support in the area of numeracy. Because accountability is critical to what we do on behalf of all the students at Village Elementary School, we recognize our responsibility to expand and improve our model of mathematical support in order to better evaluate students' numeracy progress and to inform our mathematics instruction *with the same creativity and enthusiasm that has resulted in substantial literacy support for the school.*

Given the integration of technology with education and the resulting paradigm shift, we are now beginning to view students in the context of a 21<sup>st</sup> century classroom. It is essential that Village *develop and implement a plan to provide appropriate support for teachers so that they integrate technology consistently.* In a primary school, teachers are responsible for the instruction of all content areas, and balancing the need for staff to be technologically skilled **and** maintain their focus on multiple curricula is challenging indeed. Nevertheless, the staff at Village Elementary School who are highly qualified teachers are also becoming highly technological. Through professional development opportunities, they are increasing their level of expertise and becoming more skilled at teaching content through technology integration. At the same time, they are also becoming more proficient with their use of the tools of technology and Smartboards are being requested by classroom teachers as well as extended curricula and literacy teachers. Given these efforts to facilitate teachers' understanding of technology and their implementation of technology enhanced curricula and instruction, our primary age students are experiencing learning that is not only meaningful and strong in content, but also strengthened by technology and therefore aligned with the needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Lastly, we strive not only to support the mission of Village Elementary School, but also to lay the foundation for students to realize the mission of the York School Department. As we have *created and maintain a positive, respectful and safe educational climate that supports an effective vision for early childhood education,* we look to the implementation of our social skills program, Village CARES, and how we can best

translate our expectations for students into positive social goals that ensure that they will become ethical citizens who will be responsive to and responsible for the well-being of society and the world. This year, Village Elementary School has embraced the concept of the *green school*. The *green school* initiative involves a conscious attempt to not only address sustainability, but also to use safe and environmentally friendly cleaning products, actively recycle and to incorporate and model the use of technology for communication therefore reducing our dependence on paper. As a result, students are learning how to care for themselves and their school environment in a way that is proactive and responsible and respects our need to use resources wisely. By providing opportunities for students to participate in service learning activities, we promote an awareness of stewardship and social consciousness that will prompt them to make appropriate changes that will positively affect their world.

As Village Elementary School was commended for *the dedication of the community to support our school, our needs* and, consequently, our efforts to achieve accreditation, on behalf of the Village School community, I thank the Town of York for your continued support and cordially invite all residents to visit

## COASTAL RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Coastal Ridge Elementary School currently serves 342 students and we did not experience the expected drop in enrollment from last year's 347. We expect consistent enrollments for the 2009-2010 school year and will offer three sections of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 7 sections of 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 7 sections of 4<sup>th</sup> grade. A myriad of factors determine the climate of an elementary school, and I thank the staff who serve the students, the families who work alongside us, and the residents of York for your considerable support. The positive culture at CRES provides students with the means of receiving an excellent education, and our students' performance on state tests demonstrates this. Our 4<sup>th</sup> graders scored top in the state in science last year and excelled in math and reading; however, test scores do not ensure a balanced education. Activities such as our 4<sup>th</sup> graders' weekly visits to Sentry Hill afford children the opportunities to become responsible youth, and there are several similar opportunities that round out our students' experiences.

During these difficult economic times, we are cognizant of the hardships that exist and have curtailed many programs and features of the budget in an effort to offset increases in certain fixed costs. For example, while the district has identified a complimentary writing program to address a need for improvement, we have cut back in teaching supplies. We have used email lists for communication to reduce paper costs, reduced field trip transportation costs, cut some activity positions, and have reduced the number of professional development opportunities to staff while maintaining a commitment to improvement of professional practices.

Congratulations are in order for Patty Raitto, a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher who became a National Board Certified Teacher this year! Additionally, Susan Albertini and Michele Freitag are completing work towards advanced degrees, and numerous other faculty members are continually honing their repertoire through professional development. We congratulate Sharon Prosser on her extensive teaching career as she begins another phase of her life in retirement, and we thank her for nurturing children for the past 36 years!

The town supported renovation projects this year that included a new gym roof and new tiles to replace original materials from 1991. Next year, CRES hopes to house a more efficient, supplemental boiler in the existing structure and complete the tile renovation in the cafeteria.

The York Education Foundation graciously granted CRES two opportunities this past year. YEF has funded a part time scientist-in-residence to support and train teachers in the delivery of science instruction, and it sponsored a new digital video camera that the school has used for live broadcasts, student projects, and recording instruction for self reflection. We appreciate YEF for its ongoing support in supplementing the school budget.

This May, CRES will host a visiting accreditation committee from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). This will be the centerpiece of a three-year effort on the part of the staff to develop a self-study of the school and to formulate a school improvement plan. We continue to develop partnerships that facilitate learning, and we are thankful for the many parent volunteers and community members who have given their time and energy for the children of CRES. We appreciate all you do to work with us in engaging the students and inspiring them to excel.

We extend special thanks to all the voters of York for approving the school's current budget and playing a direct role in supporting our school with talented personnel, sufficient teaching supplies, modern technology, and a safe environment. We work hard to make Coastal Ridge Elementary School a valuable asset to the community of York, and we will continue to do so with pride.

## YORK ADULT & COMMUNITY EDUCATION

*Submitted by Polly Stanwood, Director*

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Did you know that York Adult and Community Education (YACE) provides educational programs not only in enrichment, but also in the areas of high school completion, English Language Learner (ELL) and improving one's vocational skills? The outcomes of this education last a lifetime. Outcomes like getting one's GED so a young man or woman can join the military and serve our country, or the English Language Learner who becomes more proficient with their comprehension skills by taking one of our beginning to intermediate ELL classes. Our vocational education courses in the areas of technology and allied health provide people the resources, training and skills they need to find employment or enhance their employability skills. These programs are the heart and soul of YACE and have a positive impact in the student's life and the livelihood of our community.

This year, we continued the career and college readiness program thanks to the support of the MELMAC Education Foundation. Through this initiative we offer advising in career exploration and college searching for all YACE students in their transitions from secondary to post secondary educational experience.

YACE again brought the New Books, New Readers program to our Adult Basic Education (ABE) students. This program is made possible with a grant from the Maine Humanities Council. The funding from the Maine Humanities Council provides a facilitator and free award-winning books to discuss and then share with their families at home.

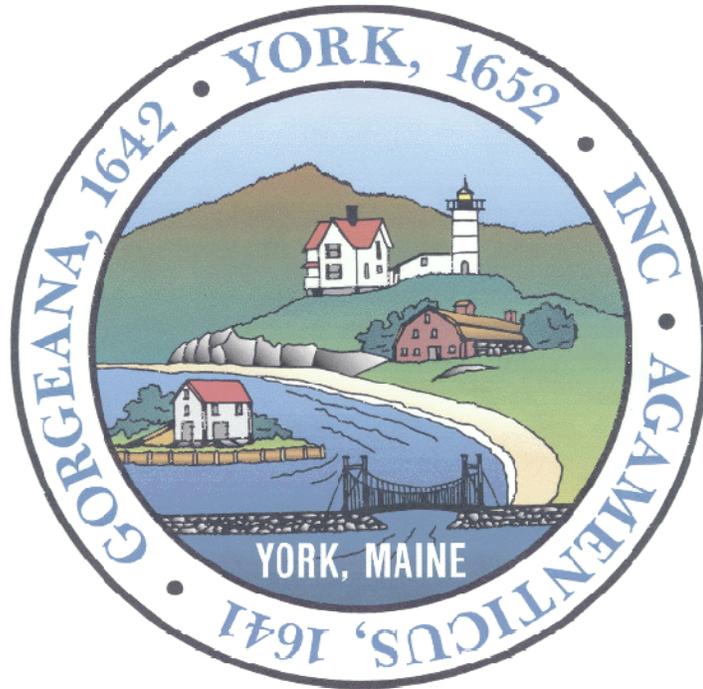
On January 4<sup>th</sup> YACE became part of the new state adult education web portal [www.maineadulteducation.org](http://www.maineadulteducation.org). Each adult education center in Maine and their course listings are found on the website. This resource provides Maine's local adult education programs with a convenient and affordable way to have a powerful presence on the web, while offering those seeking courses one-stop shopping for them.

The York Reads program has become an integral part of the YACE course offerings. Working with other York Reads committee members we are able to offer lively book discussions and special programs related to the book. Community members participate in book discussions and special programs related to the book. This year's book, Three Cups of Tea, is especially meaningful as it tells the true story of how one man makes a difference. It was inspiring to hear of the many York residents who have made a difference in far away countries and right here in our own community.

I would be amiss if I didn't mention our graduation on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 held at First Parish Church Hall. The room was filled to capacity as over 100 friends and family members gathered to watch 14 G.E.D. students, 27 C.N.As, and 5 high school diploma students receive their certificates. We were honored to have Frank Wallace as the keynote speaker. Representative Dawn Hill was also in attendance to wish our graduates success.

A huge thank you to all our volunteer tutors, staff and teachers who continue to support our students by providing transportation, one-on-one tutoring and much, much more. Their professionalism and dedication to meeting the needs of all our students is truly amazing.

Lastly, I want to thank the community for your continued support and encouragement. I invite all of you to join YACE and continue exploring new learning adventures.





Elena B. Fiske

# Town of York Public Utilities

# REPORT OF THE YORK WATER DISTRICT

*By Donald D Neumann Jr., Superintendent*

**Trustees: Frederick Ricker, President; Lawrence C. McKenna, Treasurer;  
Rosie Avery, Clerk; Frank Witham and Marshall N. Jarvis II**

To the Citizens of the Town of York and Customers of the District:

## **ORGANIZATION**

The York Water District was created by an act of the State of Maine Legislature under the Private and Special Laws in 1929, Chapter 8, and as spelled out in our Charter. The District is administered by an elected board of five Trustees. One Trustee is elected each year at the Town of York's annual Town Meeting for a term of five years. Regular Trustee meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. Meeting notices for regular and any special meetings are posted in: York Town Hall, York Post Offices and at the District office.

The District is further regulated by Rules and Regulations of the Maine Public Utilities Commission and the Maine Department of Health & Human Services Drinking Water Program. The District prepares an Annual Report for the Public Utilities Commission on special forms supplied by them, and an Audited Financial Report filed with the Town's Treasurer. Both of these reports are based on the calendar year and available for review at the Districts office, and the Town Hall.

## **SOURCE**

The District's only source of supply is Chase's Pond, with a watershed of 3.26 square miles and a safe yield of 2.05 million gallons per day. Available storage capacity of the pond is approximately 480 million gallons, average daily use in 2007 was of .98 million gallons and .94 million gallons in 2008.

## **FUNCTION**

The District's purpose and function as stated in our Charter is to supply the Town of York, its inhabitants and others located in the District with pure water for domestic, sanitary, commercial, manufacturing, industrial, agricultural, and municipal use.

## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

The District's fiscal year begins January 1<sup>st</sup> and ends December 31<sup>st</sup>. Each year in November the Board of Trustees vote and approve an Operating Budget. The Budget for 2009 is as follows: Operations and Maintenance \$2,601,824. Capital Improvements \$551,324. Debt Service of \$798,980. Anticipated Total Operational Revenue of \$3,402,416. The District filed rates that became effective, March 31, 2008. The number of Districts accounts as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008 is 5,653

## ***MAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED IN 2008***

The District completed the rehabilitation of its 3 million gallon storage tank on Simpson's Hill.

**This elevated, steel, standpipe water storage tank was built in 1982. The tank coating prevents corrosion of the steel and extends the life of the tank so the coating must be maintained.**

On the South end of Town, the Emergency Interconnection pump station is 90% complete. This has been a joint project with the Kittery Water District. We expect 100% completion spring 2009

## **MAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED FOR 2009**

The District has scheduled to replace the Sodium Hydroxide (Caustic Soda) Chemical Storage Tank. Located in the lower level of Treatment Plant. This large tank was installed when the plant was built and has met its design

life, and is showing significant wear. Over the years we have had several problems with this tank. It will be replaced with two redundant smaller tanks for better safety and operational flexibility. In our Distribution System we plan to continue our meter change out program. We are in the process of replacing all meters with a radio read style meter that will increase efficiencies. Maine DOT has scheduled to replace 4 bridges in town. We plan to focus our attention on replacing our existing water mains attached to their structures. We also are in the process of completing a 10-year update to the District's Watershed Management Plan that address's Water Quality, Forestry Management and Recreation issues.

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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE YORK SEWER DISTRICT**

Since the early 1950's the collection and treatment of wastewater has been under the guidance of the York Sewer District. The District currently operates and maintains over 30 miles of collection system piping and twelve large pump stations. Some of the pump stations operated by the District are capable of pumping millions of gallons of wastewater per day and almost 100% of the Town's wastewater must eventually be pumped to the wastewater treatment facility.

In 1985 special legislation was passed to revise and modernize the District Charter essentially to mirror state law governing sewer districts. Through the years only two other changes have occurred modifying the Charter, the most recent happening just over a year ago. Copies of the Charter are available at the District Office.

**IMPACT FEE BY-LAWS FOR SEWER CONNECTIONS**

Prior to 1990 the Sewer District recognized that significant capital improvements needed to take place involving the wastewater treatment plant and the necessity to increase capacity due to increased development.

With this thought in mind, the District developed a set of Impact By-Laws with a fee structure aimed at putting the financial burden of increasing capacity on new development. The District's intention was to minimize the impact of plant expansion on existing customers since it was the increasing demand for new service which would make it necessary for a \$7,500,000.00 dollar investment to increase capacity.

**YORK SEWER DISTRICT**  
**BY - LAWS TO ESTABLISH A SEWER IMPACT FEE**  
**FOR DISTRICT SEWER CONNECTIONS**

**Section 1. Purpose and Intent.**

The York Sewer District determines and declares that:

- (a) Increased residential and commercial property development within the Town of York has created a need to undertake capital improvements to the existing capacity of the District's sewage treatment facility in order to accommodate and treat the increased sewage flow directly produced and generated by this increased development.
- (b) There now exists a need to create a method whereby the costs of the capital improvements to the existing sewage treatment facility made necessary by this increased development can be allocated evenly, fairly and equitably among those persons, firms or corporations creating this demand for capital improvements to the sewage facilities capacity.
- (c) To address this need for capital improvements to the treatment facility, the District hereby intends to create and establish a Sewer Impact Fee to be paid into a separate and distinct fund to be known as the "Sewer Impact Fee Fund" with the proceeds in this fund being applied solely towards the overall capital costs of financing the necessary capital improvements to the sewage treatment facility to increase and enlarge the sewage capacity required by the increased development demands.
- (d) The purpose of these by-laws is to assure that new development bears a proportionate share of the cost of capital expenditures necessary to provide sewer facilities in York.
- (e) The York Sewer District hereby ordains the following by-laws, which is intended to assist in the implementation of the Town of York Comprehensive Plan and the York Sewer District's Facilities Planning.

**Section 2. Sewer Impact Fee**

- (a) Use of Funds: Funds collected for Sewer Impact Fees shall be used solely for the purpose of acquiring, equipping and/or making capital improvements, along with all costs related thereto, including but not limited to engineering, legal and financing costs, to the sewage treatment facility under the jurisdiction of the York Sewer District.
- (b) Time Payable: A Sewer Impact Fee shall be due and payable by the property owner and a permit must be issued by the District prior to: the connection of any sewer line to the sewage collection system, upon the issuance of any plumbing permit for additional plumbing fixtures, any change in use or intensity of use of any property already connected to the sewage collection system, or when water consumption records show a property exceeding the flow established and permitted for that property. Said Sewer Impact Fee is to be determined as provided in Subsection (c) below.
- (c) Calculation of Fee: The Impact Fee is based on the volume of flow generated by the average dwelling unit, which has been determined to be 175 gallons per day. The by-law uses this amount as the basic unit for determining the amount of the fee. As a unit of measure the equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) allows comparison of residential and non-residential uses so that all categories of projects can be consistently and uniformly assessed their fair share of the cost of sanitary sewer facilities to serve growth.

Development is viewed as falling into one of two categories: residential or non-residential development. For both residential and non-residential, the amount of the Impact Fee will be based on the number of the EDU's proposed for the property. An amount of \$2,500 per EDU or fraction thereof has been established by the York Sewer District.

**Residential Development**

For residential development, each living/dwelling unit will be considered an EDU. A single family home will equal one EDU, for a multiple family property, each living unit shall constitute an EDU. The amount of the Impact Fee is then calculated by multiplying the number of living units by \$2,500 to equal the total fee.

For single family, multi-family, including condominiums that are already tied to the sewer system and plan on increasing their flow by adding plumbing fixtures, a fee of \$100 per added fixture will be charged.

#### Non-residential Development

Application for permit to change use, intensify use, or connect to District facilities requires that the applicant present engineering design data satisfactory to the District projecting the amount of wastewater flow to be generated by the proposed project. The District will also use the Design Flow Table from the Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules as listed in the Maine State Plumbing Code, other related manuals and materials, water use records of like uses, the District's professional engineers estimate of flow, or other reasonable means to determine the flow for a particular use or project. When there are multiple uses within a structure, each use shall be subject to a separate Impact Fee.

Impact of the proposed development is calculated by dividing the projected flow by 175 gallons per day (EDU); this will provide the number of EDU's. The Impact Fee will then be calculated by multiplying the number of EDU's times \$2,500 (1 EDU) to arrive at the final amount to be paid. Properties will be permitted for the above calculated flow amount. Should future use records indicate an increase over that amount an additional Impact Fee shall be calculated as the difference between the permitted amount and the amount of flow over the permitted flow.

### **Section 3. Sewer Impact Fee Fund**

(a) A Sewer Impact Fee Fund is hereby established and shall be the depository for all Sewer Impact Fees collected by the Enforcing Officer under the terms of these by-laws. Said Fund shall be segregated by the District from general revenues and shall be used solely and exclusively for the purposes set out in Section 2 (a). All monies so accumulated in this Fund except to finance a debt for improvement under Section 2 (a) shall be expended by the District for the specific purposes stated herein within ten (10) years of their collection and deposit therein. Monies accumulated to finance a debt for an improvement under Section 2 (a), need not be expended within ten years, but must be expended before retirement of the debt.

(b) The proceeds in this Fund may be expended in concert with other revenues and planned expenditures or capital improvement funds or Town funds but only for capital improvements to the sewage treatment facility as distinct from expenses for the maintenance and repair to the existing sewage treatment facility. Funds shall be expended in the order in which they are collected.

(c) In the event that bonds or similar debt instruments are issued for advanced provision of capital facilities for which sewer impact fees may be expended, impact fees may be used to pay debt service on such bonds or similar debt instruments to the extent that the facilities provided are of the type described in Section 1.

(d) Funds may be used to provide refunds as described in Section 4.

### **Section 4. Refunds of Fees Paid**

Any funds not expended or encumbered by the end of the calendar quarter immediately following the term defined in Section 3 (a) from the date the sewage treatment facility impact fee was paid, except funds accumulated to finance debt for improvement under Section 2 (a), shall, upon application of the then current landowner, be returned to such landowner with interest at the then current rate per annum, provided that the landowner submits an application for a refund to the District within 180 days of the expiration of the period in Section 3 (a). The landowner may also waive their right to the refund if so desired.

## **Section 5. Existing Connected Structures, Exemptions and Credits**

(a) The Sewer Impact Fee required by the provisions of these by-laws shall not apply to any building, structure or dwelling already connected to the sewerage system as of the effective date of these by-laws, except, that any change in the use, intensity of use, character or site of any such building, structure or dwelling after the effective date of these by-laws which results in additional sewage flow shall not be exempt from the Sewer Impact Fee. For purposes of this provision, additional flow shall be defined as any increase in the number of fixture units over that existing as of the effective date of these by-laws or any change in the use or intensity of use of nonresidential property resulting in an increase in the wastewater discharge over that existing or reasonably estimated to have existed as of the effective date of these by-laws or by issuance of a permit to add flow to the District's facilities.

(b) The following shall be exempt from payment of the impact fee:

(1) Alterations or expansion of an existing building where no additional sewage flow occurs and no change in use occurs.

(2) The replacement of a building or structure with a new building or structure of the same size and use where no additional sewage flow occurs.

(3) The installation of a replacement mobile home on a lot or other such site when a sewer impact fee for such mobile home site has previously been paid pursuant to these by-laws where no additional sewage flow occurs, or where a mobile home legally existed on such site on or prior to the effective date of these by-laws.

## **Section 6. Enforcing Officer**

These by-laws shall be enforced by the York Sewer District's Superintendent or his duly authorized deputy or agent or any other person duly authorized by the District's Trustees to enforce these by-law.

## **Section 7. Severability**

If any section, phrase, sentence or portion of these by-laws is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, provision, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

## **Section 8. Effective Date**

These by-laws shall take effect on January 11, 1990.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED THIS 11 Th DAY OF January, 1990.

Amended January 24, 2002 to increase the fee from \$2000 to \$2,500 per EDU.

By-Law language amended January 5, 2006.

By-Law language amended May 3, 2007

## **YORK SEWER DISTRICT OBJECTIVES**

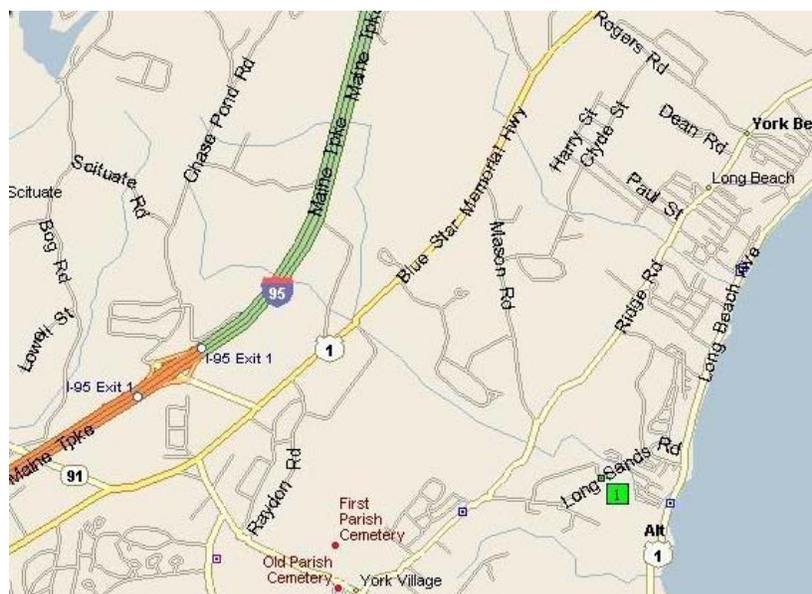
The primary objective of the York Sewer District is to protect the public health and environment from sources of pollution due to wastewater generation. The District works closely with municipal planners to prioritize areas in need of public sewer and by following the requirements of the Comprehensive Plan. Following the direction of the Comprehensive Plan, the District has expanded the collection system into numerous areas of York.

The most recently completed project involved high priority areas to provide public sewer for the protection of public health, welfare, and benefit of its inhabitants. The project also afforded the Town an opportunity to fully reconstruct roadways, make large scale drainage improvements, and make roadway modifications to increase public safety. This was all made possible by the District making extremely low interest financing available to the Town over an extended period of time. The project area encompassed Cow Beach, Long Sands Road, and York Heights.

Due to technology advances and cost saving measures used on the project, the District and a representative of F.R. Mahoney were recently selected to present a paper on the project to the New England Water Environment Association at its annual conference. A copy of the paper is reprinted here.

### **The Community of York, Maine Reaps the Benefits of Low-Pressure Sewer Technology** **NEW ENGLAND** **WATER AND WASTEWATER NEWS** **LEAD ARTICLE FEBRUARY 2007** **January 24, 2006** **By Henry Albro and Tim Haskell**

The Community of York, located on the southern coast of Maine enjoys a steady year round population as well as a great deal of tourism. York is known for its beautiful coastal scenery, historical background and proximity to outlet stores. Many visitors to Maine make York their first stop along the way and stop to visit popular locations such as the York Harbor and York Beach.



<sup>1</sup>Officially named York in 1642 after the fall of the loyalists, York has transformed and grown to become a very wonderful community. The Town's historical records state that the first sidewalks and public sewers were constructed in York Beach Village. The evolution of the governmental structure of York has seen the development of sub-towns incorporated under separate governmental entities. The maintenance of separate services and the passage of time have resulted in a combined Town Government incorporating these previously separate communities within the present day York.

The York Sewer District, established in 1951, operates the public sewer collection system and wastewater treatment facilities. The YSD operates a system of gravity collection systems with lift stations that have been constructed and expanded over the years. York has developed comprehensive plans for growth and the expansion of services, including public sewers.

In 1999 the YSD began to look at two new sewer service areas known as Long Sands and Cow Beach. The combined project areas service 262 homes and an elementary school.

### **Design Approach**

The project areas were placed under design review and cost evaluation. The Cow Beach area was commissioned to the local engineering firm of Anderson-Livingston. The Long Sands project was commissioned to the engineering firm of Weston & Sampson.

### **Cow Beach**

The YSD originally requested designs showing a conventional gravity approach with a central pump station for the Cow Beach area. Due to the proximity of existing structures and the topography, it was necessary to locate the pumping station in a "Shore land Zone" near environmentally sensitive areas and near a beach area that was prone to flooding. During the planning stages the Planning Board and Zoning Board rejected this location. The gravity sewer designs also presented another set of issues. Several deep cuts of 18-20 feet in solid ledge would be required to maintain gravity flow over 600 linear feet. Due to these factors design costs alone were over \$50,000 dollars. This seasonal community would be severely affected by this type of construction. It became clear that the current approach was far too costly and many design and construction obstacles remained to be settled. The project budget of \$1.8M was clearly unreasonable and another alternative had to be found.

Sewer Superintendent, Tim Haskell had formerly operated Low-pressure sewer systems in Amesbury, MA and saw this technology as a possible way to make sewer service affordable for these projects. The District clearly wanted to explore and verify the cost options of gravity sewers and low-pressure sewers. A requirement of the SRF funding was that alternative methods be evaluated to provide the best cost alternative.

The YSD requested the designers modify the existing plans to show a low-pressure sewer alternative. The low-pressure sewer utilizes smaller diameter pipelines that are installed below the frost depth. The wastewater is transported through these lines by individual household grinder pumps. It was believed that the LPS technology would provide a substantial cost savings.

The added cost to revise the engineering plans was approximately \$9,000. The District supported this cost and was the only engineering amount added to the assessments. The original gravity sewer design cost was not placed on the resident's assessments. Local review by the Planning Board and Zoning Board were not required

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<sup>1</sup> York, ME historical information collected from the official York Maine website [www.yorkmaine.org](http://www.yorkmaine.org).

on the LPS system, as the individual house pump stations were not considered structures, since only the top few inches are exposed. All piping for the project was in the right of way and again did not require any in depth review. Now the District had a viable project with no more environmental or planning issues to solve.

### **Long Sands**

Complete “conventional” sewerage for this area was expected to require pumping in some areas. The low-pressure sewer technology was deemed to be the most effective means to accomplish this. Cost comparisons were made with (4) four lift stations as an alternative in order to provide full gravity sewer service to the homes. At an estimated cost of \$85,000 each, pumping stations were quickly ruled out. The YSD chose to continue with their plans to use LPS and gravity as their design approach. Therefore the design of this project was based on a hybrid approach with gravity sewers utilized in areas of higher lot density and where standard construction methods could be used. Areas that were more difficult to service with gravity sewer were designed with low-pressure sewer technology. Approximately 80 of the 200 properties to be serviced in this area would be serviced by grinder pumps.

### **Construction Planning**

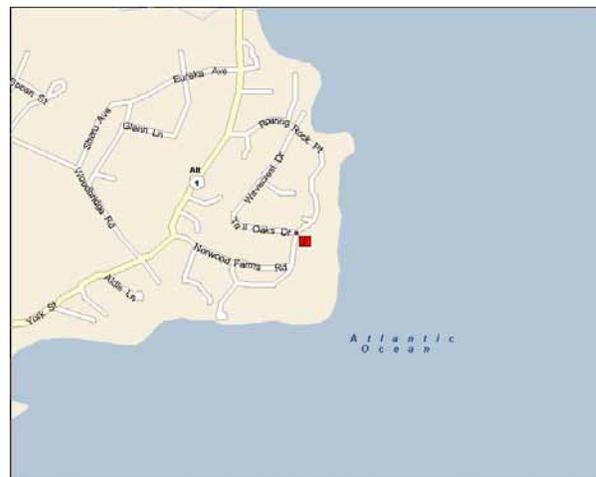
The YSD developed a public notification plan to review the alternatives and to provide public education to the citizens. In the fall of 2001 the District began scheduling a series of public meetings to discuss the sewerage options with the residents. Presentation of the LPS technology to the residents began in January of 2002. A citizen advisory committee inspected several existing LPS systems to evaluate the long term performance and reliability of this technology. After review of the project cost benefits and evaluation of the reliability of existing systems the York Sewer District moved forward with establishment of its first LPS system.

While low-pressure sewers have a long and well documented history, the YSD was embarking on something new. The YSD had to make some decisions regarding the scope of involvement and how this system would be managed and operated. It was decided to have the YSD manage the selection, installation and maintenance of grinder pumps within the service areas. The District reviewed the performance history of LPS systems.

The YSD decided to standardize the low-pressure system's grinder pumps to one manufacturer and developed bidding specifications to meet their needs. The YSD was approved to utilize a sole source purchasing by the Maine DEP in order to achieve this goal. A two-year contract was awarded to Environment One Corporation through the local representation of F. R. Mahony & Associates, Inc. The contract included the delivery of 160 grinder pumps to the District. The sewer construction was modified to meet the new design.

### **Cow Beach**

The Cow Beach Project included 62 grinder pumps and 6,381 feet of LPS mainline and 7,165 feet of LPS service lines. The total construction cost for this project including the installation of the pumps was \$868,607.50. The District saw a noticeable savings as the engineer's original estimate for this



project was \$1,875,000. The average cost per foot of LPS main and service lines was \$51.60 per foot. The pump installation cost per home was \$2,650.00. The Cow Beach area was completed in a 5 month timeframe under a compressed seasonal construction plan.

**<sup>2</sup>Cow Beach Unit Costs for Mainline Work**

3-Inch LPS Main	1602 LF	\$20.00
3-Inch LPS in Ledge	1600 LF	\$49.00
2-Inch LPS Main	1882 LF	\$17.75
2-Inch LPS in Ledge	1279 LF	\$47.00

**Cow Beach Unit Costs for Service Line Work**

1-1/2- Inch Service	3,770 LF	\$19.75
1-1/2-Inch Service in Ledge	2,815 LF	\$41.50
2-1/2-Inch LPS Service	0 LF	\$16.755
2-1/2 Inch LPS Service in Ledge	580 LF	\$48.00

**Cow Beach Unit Costs for LPS Appurtenances**

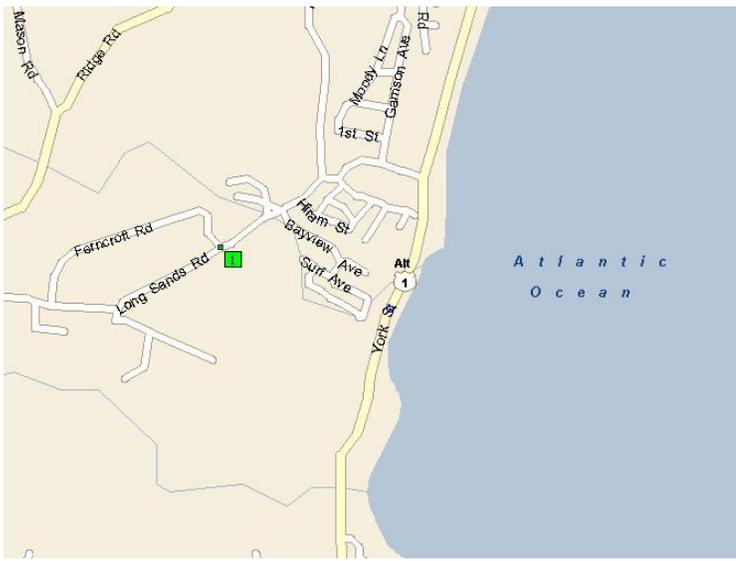
Flushing Manhole	8 Each	\$350
Flushing Manholes in Ledge	15 Each	\$475

<sup>1</sup> Bid tabulations from Payment Requisition Form

Other unit pricing included items such as paving restoration, loam and seed work, test pits and other typical construction pay items.

**Long Sands**

The Long Sands project area was found to be more conducive to a hybrid combination of gravity and low-pressure sewers.



The terrain and higher lot density in the Long Sands area made it easier to serve portions of this area with gravity sewers.

This area was served by a mix of 8 and 10-inch gravity sewers and 2 and 3-inch PVC LPS mains. 113 gravity sewer services and 81 household grinder pump installations were included in the final scope of supply. The Long Sands project also included several Public Works improvements that were included in the construction contract. The YSD included road improvements, water line

improvements and replacement of box culverts that accounted for \$300,000 of the total project cost.

**<sup>3</sup>Long Sands Unit Costs for LPS Mainline Work**

3-Inch LPS Main	1800 LF	\$18.00
3-Inch LPS in Ledge	1675 LF	\$44.00
2-Inch LPS Main	1500 LF	\$16.00
2-Inch LPS in Ledge	2700 LF	\$43.00

**Long Sands Unit Costs for Gravity Mainline Work**

8-Inch PVC 0-12 feet	3,600	\$38.00
8-Inch PVC 0-12 feet in ledge	4,250	\$60.00
10-Inch PVC 0-12 feet	1,100	\$40.00
10-Inch PVC 0-12 in ledge	1,250	\$65.50
10-Inch PVC >12' in ledge	1,030	\$77.50

There were again several other key bid items that are standard with sewer construction and are too numerous to list here. These included such items as, 590 sewer manholes, 900 feet of 6-inch forcemain, roadway restoration items, etc. The total project cost of \$2,038,833.84 resulted in an overall average cost per pipeline foot of less than \$71.

**Grinder Pumps**

During construction, the staff of the York Sewer District was provided with installation and service training at their Bay Haven Road Wastewater Treatment facility. The staff of the YSD took an active role in the oversight of pump installation and start up. Pumps were delivered to the WWTF in bulk deliveries and taken to resident's homes for installation by the general contractor. Each pump start up was controlled by the YSD and verified by service staff of F. R. Mahony & Associates.

It should be noted that the low-pressure sewer portions of each project included the installation of the grinder pump and service for each property.

**Conclusion**

The project enjoyed an overall success. In the words of Tim Haskell "this was a textbook case for low-pressure sewers". The greatest obstacles faced by the District were the work of private property installations. Defining the scope of bidding for each property clearly made for a difficult task. The wide range of landscaping from home to home proved to be a challenge. While intended as a means to provide uniform costs to each resident and to gain the lowest installation cost, it was hard to satisfy all of the resident's expectations of lawn and yard restoration. The District will most likely look at this policy with greater scrutiny for future projects.

The York Sewer District is quite pleased with the project results and the cost savings to the system's users. The project was completed on time and under budget. The resultant average cost per home was \$14,500 including the installation of main lines, service laterals, and pump installation on the Cow Beach Project.

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<sup>3</sup> Bid tabulations from Payment Requisition Form.

The average per property cost on the Long Sands Project was approximately \$11,000 dollars, mainly due to the higher density of homes to share the costs.

Henry Albro is an associate of F.R. Mahony & Associates, 273 Weymouth Street, Rockland, MA. He has over 25 years of previous experience as wastewater and collections systems Operator and Superintendent.

Tim Haskell is the Sewer Superintendent of the York Sewer District, 21 Bay Haven Road, York Beach, ME and has previously served as DPW Director in the Town of Amesbury, MA and has 24 years of construction and operating experience.

### **MAIN STREET/SHORE ROAD SEWER EXTENSION**

The Main Street and Shore Road Project was officially terminated during the Summer of 2007 due to high costs and lack of support for the project.

### **LONG BEACH PUMP STATION UPGRADE**

The District has planned and is currently upgrading the Long Beach Pump Station. This station dates back to the early 1970's and pumps approximately 90% of the total wastewater flow of the Town. All internal mechanical equipment will be replaced to current standards and additional pumping capacity will be added. The overall investment in this upgrade is expected to be just under one million dollars and will be completed in April of 2009.

### **CAPE NEDDICK RIVER TESTING**

The District has always strived to maintain strict control over our treatment process and to treat discharge waters as thoroughly as possible. In fact, some of the wastewater discharge limits are more restrictive than drinking water standards for water entering your home.

Our receiving waters are a primary concern of the District and over the last few years we have developed a partnership with the Town and the Cape Neddick River Association. Our goal has first been to educate everyone on our process and controls associated with the treatment and discharge of water and then to work together on the improvement of water quality.

The Cape Neddick River Association has donated countless hours of volunteer time to collect samples and perform water testing in our lab. The District has contributed staff time, equipment, and financial support for the testing programs. The Association had also worked with local boy scouts to perform a river assessment, looking along the banks of the River for indicators of probable sources of pollution. Out of this testing program it was determined that e-coli bacteria was being found in higher concentrations in some areas; however, since e-coli is found in all warm blooded animals and birds, it was difficult to determine the actual source.

The District contributed financial support to hire Dr. Stephen Jones of the University of New Hampshire, to further test samples to make positive identification of the e-coli and determine if the source were human, animal, or foul. The testing was done by examining DNA fragments of the e-coli collected in the watershed. Results of the study and assessment of the watershed all pointed to the need of educating watershed property owners of the affects of water runoff from properties, and the need to hire an additional code enforcement officer to enforce existing Town rules, ordinances, and laws pertaining to buffer areas and septic pumping, etc. To those ends the Town hired a new CEO/Shoreland enforcement officer in 2007. The District continues to support and contribute to the improvement of the quality of the water in and around the Cape Neddick River.

### **OUTFALL DIFFUSER PROJECT**

The District discharges treated water into the mouth of the Cape Neddick River. A device that mixes the flow from the discharge with the water in the river and ocean is referred to as a diffuser. The original diffuser

designed in 1974 for the District's discharge or outfall pipe, was very simple and provides for minimal mixing. Of course at that time the goal was to eliminate raw sewerage from being discharged as was the norm for communities along coastal areas and rivers.

Due to various storm events etc. some damage has occurred to the end of the outfall. Since work was being considered on the pipe the District approached the Department of Environmental Protection and requested that a new design be considered which would greatly increase the efficiency and mixing capacity of the diffuser. Since the District is always working hard to maintain the health of the river and ocean, when DEP indicated that a new diffuser design would indeed increase mixing many times over the current design, the decision was an easy one to make.

The final design and permits are in place for replacing the existing designed diffuser with the new design late this spring. The District has invest approximately \$250,000.00 dollars in this effort to help protect the health of the river.

Replacement of the diffuser was completed late Spring of 2007.

### **TREATMENT PLANT OPERATION**

The District operates and maintains a system of piping to collect wastewater and pump stations to transport this water to a treatment facility located in York Beach. The treatment facility uses a biological process to naturally remove various components in the wastewater. Biosolids removed during the treatment process are recycled and put to environmental use such as compost material. A description of the process utilized and the plant expansion of the early 1990's follows.

## **YORK SEWER DISTRICT WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY UPGRADE**



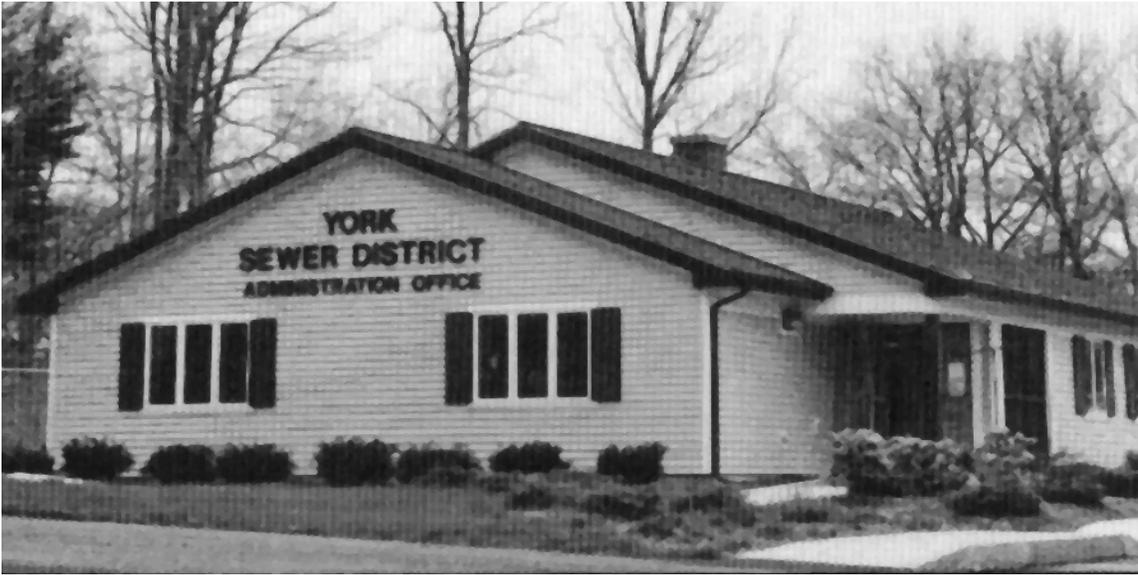
### **Background**

The Town of York has been a summer resort area for many years, and has seen moderate growth in both the year-round and seasonal populations. Since the mid-1980's these populations have increased substantially.

The original secondary treatment plant was constructed at the current site in 1975. It was designed to treat an average daily flow of 1.6 million gallons per day (mgd) and a peak flow of 4.5 mgd. The current treatment

facility was designed to serve York for approximately 20 years; however, due to the increased population growth of the 1980's, flows to the facility had reached design levels by 1990.

In 1990, the York Sewer District, which owns and operates the treatment facility, obtained the services of Wright-Pierce Engineers to design an upgraded facility at the existing site. In 1994, the new facility went on line, providing treatment for an average flow of 3.0 mgd and a peak flow of 7.5 mgd.



## **PROCESS FLOW**

### **A. Headworks**

In the headworks wastewater receives preliminary treatment by mechanical screening and grit removal prior to flowing to the aeration basins. Preliminary treatment is provided to protect downstream piping and equipment from damage and plugging, and to reduce the quantity of grit collected in the aeration basins.

### **B. Aeration Basins**

From the headworks wastewater flows to the existing aeration basins where bacteria provide secondary treatment by breaking down wastes and converting it to cell mass (sludge), water, and CO<sub>2</sub>. This biological treatment requires air which is introduced into the aeration tanks by aeration blowers and fine bubble ceramic diffusers.

### **C. Clarifiers**

From the aeration basins the wastewater flows to two new 70 foot diameter clarifiers each covered by an aluminum dome. In the clarifiers, sludge settles to the bottom of the tank and clarifier wastewater flows out to the chlorine contact tank for disinfection. A portion of the settled sludge is pumped back to the aeration tanks to maintain the bacterial population and a portion is wasted to the sludge holding tanks.

### **D. Disinfection System**

From the clarifiers, treated wastewater (effluent) flows to the chlorine contact tanks where liquid chlorine is introduced to disinfect the effluent. Before the disinfected effluent is discharged to the ocean

in Cape Neddick, sodium bisulfite is added to remove any residual chlorine that was not used during the disinfection stage.

### **E. Sludge Pumps**

The return sludge pumps return activated sludge from the clarifiers to the aeration basins. The sludge can be returned to the headworks, the aeration splitter box or directly to the aeration tanks.

### **F. Waste Pumps**

The waste sludge pumps, waste excess sludge generated during the biological treatment of the wastewater and pump the sludge to the sludge holding tanks.

### **G. Belt Filter Press Feed Pumps**

The belt filter press feed pumps feed the sludge stored in the sludge holding tanks to the belt filter press which dewateres the sludge prior to disposal.

### **H. Dewatering System**

The dewatering system is comprised of a two meter belt filter press, polymer feed and lime stabilization system. This system reduces the volume of sludge that must be disposed of.

### **I. Plant Water System**

The plant water system provides washwater to the belt filter press, to hydrants located around the treatment plant and to a foam control system located in the aeration tanks.

### **J. Influent Pumps**

The majority of the wastewater flow coming to the treatment facility is pumped to the plant by the Long Beach Pump Station. The gravity portion of the flow enters the treatment facility at the influent pump station where it is pumped to the headworks. In addition, belt filter press filtrate and spray wash water flows to the influent pump station.

### **K. Sludge Holding System**

Excess sludge generated during the biological treatment of the wastewater is wasted to the sludge holding tanks where the sludge is stored until it is dewatered by the belt filter press. The sludge is aerated while it is stored to prevent odors and to further stabilize the sludge.



York Police Department

**YORK SEWER DISTRICT**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**AND**  
**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

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## Management's Discussion and Analysis

This discussion and analysis of the York Sewer District's (the "District") financial condition provides an overview of the District's financial operations for the year ended June 30, 2008.

### Audited Financial Statements

These audited financial statements are comprised of the following:

- Independent Auditors' Report – This report is issued by the District's independent auditors. In it, the auditors explain that they audited the District's financial statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. It also expresses that, in the opinion of the auditors, the District's financial statements present fairly the District's financial position and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended June 30, 2008 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- Balance Sheet – The balance sheet presents the assets, liabilities and fund net assets of the District as of June 30, 2008.
- Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets – This statement reports the operating revenues and expenses and non-operating revenues and expenses of the District for the year ended June 30, 2008. It also shows how the District's revenues and expenses for the year affected the fund net assets of the District.
- Statement of Cash Flows – The statement of cash flows reports the sources and uses of the District's cash from operating activities, investing activities and capital and related financing activities. Sources and uses of cash are netted on the statement to show the District's net increase or decrease in cash for the year ended June 30, 2008.
- Notes to Financial Statements – The notes to the financial statements provide information about the District, its accounting policies, and additional information on amounts reported in other parts of the financial statements.
- Additional Information – This portion of the District's financial statements includes additional financial information that is not required to be included in the District's basic financial statements. The information is presented in the form of various schedules and is meant to assist readers by providing additional information that the District's Trustees and management believe would be useful to the readers of the financial statements. As with the basic financial statements, the District's auditors have also issued a report on this additional information. Their report states that the additional information is fairly stated in relation to the basic financial statements.

Other Reports

As explained in the independent auditors' report on the basic financial statements, the District's auditors have also issued a "Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*". This report is not a part of the basic financial statements but is considered an integral part of the audit of the District's financial statements in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with the auditors' report on the basic financial statements.

Summary of Financial Information

The District's financial condition as of June 30, 2008 and 2007 and the results of its operations for the years then ended are summarized below. Amounts reported are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.

**FINANCIAL CONDITION  
JUNE 30,**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Current assets	\$ 1,543	\$ 1,654
Restricted assets	1,551	1,661
Capital assets	17,382	17,624
Other assets	<u>2,227</u>	<u>2,468</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 22,703</u>	<u>\$ 23,407</u>
Current liabilities	\$ 1,074	\$ 1,186
Long-term liabilities	<u>5,242</u>	<u>6,151</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>6,317</u>	<u>7,338</u>
Fund Net Assets:		
Invested in capital assets net of related debt	11,537	10,975
Restricted	1,208	1,196
Unrestricted	<u>3,641</u>	<u>3,898</u>
Total Fund Net Assets	<u>16,386</u>	<u>16,070</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Net Assets	<u>\$ 22,703</u>	<u>\$ 23,407</u>

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS  
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30,**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Operating revenues	\$ 2,019	\$ 1,923
Operating expenses	<u>1,969</u>	<u>1,871</u>
Income (loss) from operations	50	52
Non-operating revenues	107	115
Non-operating expenses	146	170
Capital contributions	<u>305</u>	<u>225</u>
Change in Fund Net Assets	<u>\$ 317</u>	<u>\$ 221</u>

- At June 30, 2008 and 2007, the District had total assets of \$22,703,000 and \$23,407,000, respectively, of which \$17,382,000 and \$17,624,000 consisted of capital assets, respectively. Capital assets are comprised of the District's fixed assets such as property, plant, equipment and furnishings, and construction in progress. It also includes sewer lines and pump stations.

- At June 30, 2008 and 2007, the District's liabilities totaled \$6,317,000 and \$7,338,000, respectively. Of this amount, \$1,074,000 and \$1,187,000, respectively, represented amounts due in the short-term (twelve months or less) and \$5,243,000 and \$6,151,000, respectively, represented amounts due in the long-term.
- Debt activity for the year ended June 30, 2008 was as follows:

	Debt at Face Value	Premiums	Total
Beginning balance – July 01, 2007	\$ 6,906,000	\$ 164,000	\$ 7,070,000
Additions	-	-	-
Subtractions	<u>889,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>919,000</u>
Ending balance – June 30, 2008	\$ <u>6,017,000</u>	\$ <u>134,000</u>	\$ <u>6,151,000</u>

- For the year ended June 30, 2008, the District's net assets increased by \$317,000 to \$16,386,000. Of this amount, \$11,537,000 was invested in capital assets net of related debt and \$1,208,000 was restricted to pay debt. For the year June 30, 2007, net assets increased by \$177,000 to \$16,069,000. Of this amount \$10,975,000 was invested in capital assets net of related debt and \$1,196,000 was restricted to pay debt.
- The District's operating revenues consists principally of sewer service charges. For the year ended June 30, 2008, total operating revenues were \$2,019,000. This represents an increase of \$96,000 over total operating revenues of \$1,923,000 generated in the previous year.
- The District classifies its operating expenses into plant expenses, general and administrative expenses, and depreciation expense. The District's total operating expenses were \$1,969,000 in 2008 and \$1,871,000 in 2007 and consisted of the following:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Plant expenses	\$ 913,000	\$ 814,000
General and administrative expenses	450,000	459,000
Depreciation	<u>606,000</u>	<u>598,000</u>
Total operating expenses	\$ <u>1,969,000</u>	\$ <u>1,871,000</u>

- The District also received non-operating income of \$107,000 in 2008. This non-operating income consisted of \$89,000 in interest income and \$18,000 from the sale of assets. In 2007, non-operating income consisted of \$115,000 in interest income.
- The District's non-operating expenses for the years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 totaled \$146,000 and \$214,000, respectively, and consisted of the following:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Amortization	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
Interest on bonds and notes payable	139,000	164,000
Loss on abandoned projects	-	<u>44,000</u>
	\$ <u>145,000</u>	\$ <u>214,000</u>

- In the year ended June 30, 2007 the Main Street Sewer project was abandoned due to lack of interest by the residents along the line. The total project costs expensed as non-operating expenses as of June 30, 2007 were \$44,000. There were no additional expenses associated with this abandoned project incurred for the year ended June 30, 2008.

- In addition to sewer service charges, the District receives capital contributions from sewer assessments and impact fees. Sewer assessments are fees charged to customers in a certain area to pay for the extension of the common sewer in that area. The amount of the assessment is based on the cost of the sewer extension project. Impact fees are fees charged to customers to connect to the sewer system. Impact fees are used to improve, enlarge or expand the District's sewer treatment system, including interest and debt incurred for such purposes. Income from assessments and impact fees are reported as capital contributions in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets. The District may also accept sewer line extensions constructed by private contractors. These sewer lines are only accepted by the District if they meet certain standards and are formally accepted by a majority vote of the District's Board of Trustees. When a sewer line is accepted, it is recorded as a capital contribution based on the fair market value of the sewer line which approximates the cost to construct the sewer line. A summary of income from assessments, impact fees and capital contributions of sewer lines for the years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 is as follows:

<u>Project</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Capital contribution - sewer line	\$ -	\$ 73,000
Impact fees	<u>305,000</u>	<u>151,000</u>
Total Capital Contributions	\$ <u>305,000</u>	\$ <u>224,000</u>

- During the years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, the District made capital asset purchases totaling \$363,000 and \$482,000, respectively. These capital asset purchases are as follows:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Sewer extension projects	\$ 89,000	\$ 308,000
Buildings	22,000	151,000
Vehicles, equipment and furniture	<u>252,000</u>	<u>23,000</u>
Total Capital Asset Purchases	\$ <u>363,000</u>	\$ <u>482,000</u>

- During the year ended June 30, 2008, the District disposed of a vehicle. The vehicle had no book value and the proceeds from the disposal resulted in a gain of \$18,000. During the year ended June 30, 2007, the District disposed of capital assets relating to the abandonment of the Main street project. The book value of the assets was \$3,900. There were no proceeds from the disposal resulting in a loss of \$3,900.
- In May 2003, the Maine Municipal Bond Bank initiated a refunding issue. Included in this refunding issue were bonds issued by the District through the Bond Bank in 1992 and 1996. As a result of the Bond Bank's reissue, the District received refunds of approximately \$292,000. The refunds were received by the District in July 2003 and were used to pay down debt. The refunds have been capitalized and are being amortized over the remaining lives of the bonds to which they relate. The effect of this amortization is to reduce current and future interest expense.
- In February 2005, the Maine Municipal Bond Bank approved a reduction in the MMBB loan servicing fee charged to borrowers under the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund Program. The fee was reduced from 3% to 1.5% of annual debt service payable. The savings from this fee reduction will be passed through to the customers of the Long Sands project, which include the Long Sands and Tall Oaks customers who were assessed during fiscal 2006 and 2005.

Summary of System Expansions Effecting Financial Operations for the Year Ended June 30, 2008 and Future Years

The mission of the District is two fold:

- To collect, treat, and dispose of wastewater collected within the boundaries of the District through the overall operation and maintenance of a collection system.
- To plan expansions and construct new collection systems within the boundaries of the District that, for various reasons, would be best served by public sewer for the protection of public health, welfare, and benefit of its inhabitants as expressed by the District's Charter and State Law.

During the years ended June 30, 2006 and 2005, the Long Sands and Cow Beach Projects were completed and the customers were fully assessed. After disbursement of funds for the project, approximately \$700,000 dollars remained in unexpended funds. These funds were subsequently encumbered on two new projects. The first project was due to be completed in November of 2006, but due to weather conditions and permitting constraints the project wasn't completed until June of 2007. The project entailed the replacement of the existing diffuser on the end of an outfall pipe with a new design and more effective diffuser. The addition of this diffuser will reduce costs for permit testing requirements as a result of the new design. The project was anticipated to cost approximately \$200,000. The final cost of the project was \$246,514 due to problems encountered with the existing outfall pipe.

The second project will use the balance of funds remaining combined with a new borrowing, and will be used to upgrade the existing Long Beach Pump Station. This station has always been a duplex pump station; however, the original design allowed for a triplex station upgrade. This station has been in operation since the mid 1970's and has gone through minor upgrades since that time. The upgrade will consist of replacing all existing machinery and equipment, providing for a complete electrical upgrade, and a new standby generator outside the building, along with the addition of the third pump. This project will be under construction in the Fall of 2008 and completed in early 2009.

The District examined the extension of sewer to the Main Street/Shore Road area. This area had been previously studied for sewer extension and was overwhelmingly supported by the neighborhood for proceeding with the engineering design. Engineering began in 2006 and the project was to be decided in the winter of 2006, but due to engineering delays the project wasn't presented to the neighborhood until June of 2007. The estimated cost for the project was rather high, resulting in a significant reduction in the support for the project, and it was canceled in July 2007. The project would have entailed installation of over 6,000 feet of gravity sewer, 2 major lift stations, and several smaller low pressure pumps and force mains.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

**CUMMINGS  
LAROIT  
& McNAMEE, P.A.**

November 4, 2008

To the Board of Trustees  
YORK SEWER DISTRICT  
York, Maine

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of YORK SEWER DISTRICT as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008 as listed in the table of contents. These basic financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these basic financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. 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 basic financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall basic financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of YORK SEWER DISTRICT as of June 30, 2008 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 4, 2008 on our consideration of the YORK SEWER DISTRICT'S internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis on pages 1 through 5 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.

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YORK SEWER DISTRICT

BALANCE SHEET

JUNE 30, 2008

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash	\$ 1,208,373
Sewer assessments receivable, current portion	297,000
Accounts receivable, users	33,387
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	<u>3,816</u>

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS 1,542,576

RESTRICTED ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	1,208,086
Bond proceeds held in escrow	<u>343,063</u>

TOTAL RESTRICTED ASSETS 1,551,149

CAPITAL ASSETS

Land and easements	15,335
Plant, sewer lines, and pump stations	18,206,236
Plant upgrade	7,431,490
Equipment	994,976
Office furnishings	61,916
Vehicles	86,549
Construction in progress	<u>22,523</u>

26,819,025

Less accumulated depreciation 9,437,345

TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS 17,381,680

OTHER ASSETS

Deferred bond issue expense	24,539
Sewer assessments receivable, long-term portion	<u>2,202,767</u>

TOTAL NONCURRENT ASSETS 2,227,306

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 22,702,711

*See auditors' report and accompanying notes to financial statements*

YORK SEWER DISTRICT

BALANCE SHEET

JUNE 30, 2008

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 113,085
Accrued interest payable	36,235
Current maturities of bonds payable	909,061
Deposits	<u>15,930</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>1,074,311</u>
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES	
Bonds payable	6,151,315
less current maturities	<u>909,061</u>
TOTAL NONCURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>5,242,254</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>6,316,565</u>
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	11,537,193
Restricted for debt service	1,208,086
Unrestricted	<u>3,640,867</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>16,386,146</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 22,702,711</u>

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**YORK SEWER DISTRICT**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS**

**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

OPERATING REVENUES	
Sewer service charges	\$ 1,972,371
Septic service	42,883
Other charges	<u>3,839</u>
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	<u>2,019,093</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Plant expenses	913,247
General and administrative expenses	450,227
Depreciation	<u>605,451</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>1,968,925</u>
INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS	<u>50,168</u>
NON-OPERATING REVENUES	
Interest income	88,775
Gain on sale of assets	<u>18,500</u>
TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUES	<u>107,275</u>
NON-OPERATING EXPENSES	
Amortization of bond issue expenses	6,235
Interest on bonds payable	<u>139,608</u>
TOTAL NON-OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>145,843</u>
CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS	<u>305,002</u>
CHANGE IN FUND NET ASSETS	316,602
FUND NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>16,069,544</u>
FUND NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 16,386,146</u>

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**YORK SEWER DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>	
Cash received from customers	\$ 1,991,196
Cash paid to employees	(453,232)
Cash paid to suppliers of goods and services	<u>(976,900)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>561,064</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>	
Principal paid on capital debt	(888,608)
Interest paid	(177,072)
Assessments and impact fees received	<u>642,733</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) capital and related financing activities	<u>(422,947)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>	
Interest income	88,775
Gain on sale of assets	18,500
Purchases of capital assets	<u>(363,178)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>(255,903)</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(117,786)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>2,877,308</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 2,759,522</u></u>
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:	
Income (loss) from operations	<u>\$ 50,168</u>
Adjustments to reconcile income (loss) from operations to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:	
Accounts receivable, users	901
Customer deposits	(28,798)
Prepaid expenses	(296)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(66,362)
Depreciation	<u>605,451</u>
Total adjustments	<u>510,896</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u><u>\$ 561,064</u></u>

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**YORK SEWER DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

	<u>2008</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS:	
Cash	\$ 1,208,373
Cash and cash equivalents-restricted	<u>1,551,149</u>
TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	<u>\$ 2,759,522</u>

*See auditors' report and accompanying notes to financial statements*

**YORK SEWER DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

**Note 1 - The Nature of Operations**

The YORK SEWER DISTRICT (the "District") is a quasi-municipal corporation organized under the Statutes of the State of Maine for the purpose of providing sewer facilities for the Town of York. It is managed by five trustees elected for staggered five year terms by the voters of the Town.

Reporting Entity - In evaluating how to define the District for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include a potential component unit in the reporting entity was made by applying the criteria set forth under generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The basic, but not the only, criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is the governing body's ability to exercise oversight responsibility. The most significant manifestation of this ability is financial interdependency. Other manifestations of the ability to exercise oversight responsibility include, but are not limited to, the selection of governing authority, the designation of management, and the ability to significantly influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters. The other criterion used to evaluate potential component units for inclusion or exclusion from the reporting entity is the existence of special financing relationships, regardless of whether the District is able to exercise oversight responsibilities.

The financial statements presented do not include agencies which have been formed under applicable state laws or separate and distinct units of government apart from the District.

The financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The District applies all GASB pronouncements as well as the Financial Accounting Standards Board pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

In June 1999, the GASB unanimously approved Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments* (the Statement). Certain of the significant changes in the Statement include a Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section providing an analysis of the District's overall financial position and results of operations, modifications to the equity section of the balance sheet, and additional disclosures of certain information in the notes to the financial statements. These and other changes are reflected in the accompanying financial statements and notes.

In conjunction with the implementation of GASB Statement No. 34, the District is also required to implement GASB Statement No. 33, *Accounting for Financial Reporting of Nonexchange Transactions*. The effect of Statement No. 33 on the District's financial statements is that assessments and impact fees are included in income in the District's Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets.

**Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The accounting records of the District are maintained, and the accompanying financial statements have been prepared, on the accrual basis of accounting. Its revenues are recognized when earned and expenses recognized when incurred. Other significant accounting policies of the District are as follows:

Accounts Receivable, Users - Accounts receivable, users is comprised of liens and accrued fees and interest on unpaid sewer assessments. An allowance for doubtful accounts is not considered necessary.

Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**YORK SEWER DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

**Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – (continued)**

Consulting and Professional Fees - Consulting, engineering and legal fees associated with capital additions are capitalized as part of the cost of development and construction of the physical plant facilities.

Operating and Non-operating Revenues – Operating revenues consist of user fees and other charges for services. Non-operating revenues consist of impact fees and assessments which are restricted or designated to cover the costs of capital additions such as sewer line extensions or improvements to the treatment plant, or to pay debt incurred for capital additions. Non-operating income also includes capital contributions of sewer lines constructed by private contractors and ownership of which is transferred to and accepted by the District.

Capitalized Interest Expense - Interest expense on construction debt is capitalized during the period of construction as an additional cost of construction.

Property and Equipment - Property and equipment are carried at cost. Major additions and improvements are capitalized while maintenance and repairs, which do not materially improve or extend the life of the assets, are expensed currently. Contributions of property and equipment are recorded at fair market value as of the date of acceptance of the property by the District.

Depreciation - Depreciation is computed by the straight-line method on all classes of property and equipment over their estimated useful lives. See Note 5.

Deferred Bond Issue Expense - Deferred bond issue expense consists of legal fees and points paid relating to the issuance of the bonds payable described in Note 6. These costs are being amortized on a straight-line basis over the terms of the related bonds.

Capital Contributions - Funds provided by grants from the Town of York, state and federal governments, and customers which are restricted to the construction and improvement of the District's property and equipment are recorded as income from capital contributions. Capital contributions also include the fair market value of property transferred to and accepted by the District.

Restricted Resources - When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available, the District's policy is to first use available restricted resources to pay for the expense. The District's principal restricted resources come from impact fees and quarterly assessments restricted for debt service.

Cash and Cash Equivalents - For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the District considers all highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. As of June 30, 2008, the District's cash equivalents totaled \$2,223,446.

Unrestricted Fund Net Assets - Unrestricted Fund Net Assets represents the cumulative changes in fund net assets of the District from inception which is not otherwise restricted for debt service and retirement.

Compensated Absences – Under certain circumstances and according to personnel policies, employees of the District are allowed to accumulate annual vacation and sick time. This amount is included as a liability in the balance sheet of the financial statements.

**YORK SEWER DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

**Note 3 - Cash and Short-Term Investments**

At June 30, cash and short-term cash investments consisted of:

	<u>Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Bank Balance</u>
Petty Cash	\$ 75	\$ -
Checking and savings accounts	<u>2,413,055</u>	<u>2,487,662</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,413,130</u>	<u>\$ 2,487,662</u>

The difference between the Carrying Amount and the Bank Balance is due primarily to deposits in transit and outstanding checks.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2008, \$2,487,662 of the District's bank balance was exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

Amount insured by FDIC	\$ 104,567
Uninsured and collateralized by a FHLM held by a pledging financial institution in the amount of \$2,500,000	2,383,095
Uninsured and uncollateralized	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 2,487,662</u>

Maine statutes authorize the District to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury and U.S. agencies, repurchase agreements and certain corporate stocks and bonds. The District had no investments at June 30, 2008.

**Note 4 - Restricted and Designated Assets**

The District has various restrictions placed over certain revenue sources. The District's Board of Trustees has also designated certain funds to be used for certain purposes. Restricted and designated assets at June 30, 2008 are comprised of the following:

Restricted assets:

Sewer impact fee receipts collected for the purpose of making principal and interest payments on debt issued to fund the sewage treatment plant expansion	\$ 232,794
Debt service portion of sewer assessment receipts collected for the purpose of making principal and interest payments on all debt	975,292
Bond proceeds held in escrow to pay for sewer extension projects	<u>343,063</u>
Total restricted cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 1,551,149</u>

**YORK SEWER DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

**Note 4 - Restricted and Designated Assets (continued)**

The District's Board of Trustees has designated portions of its cash and cash equivalents for the following purposes:

Plant replacement	\$ 309,286
Sewer assessment – designated for debt reduction	539,992
Capital expenditures	<u>166,082</u>
Total designated cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 1,015,360</u>

Accounts Receivable, Sewer Assessments - The construction costs of sewer extensions are billed to the District's customers whose property is adjacent to the new sewer line. The District's customers may elect payment plans of up to fifteen years in which to pay the assessment. Accordingly, sewer assessments receivable have been discounted based on the expected future payment period at a rate of 1.1% which approximates the District's borrowing rate on debt issued to finance the sewer extension projects. Accounts receivable, sewer assessments totaled \$2,499,767 at June 30, 2008.

**Note 5 - Property and Equipment**

Depreciation is computed by the straight-line method using the following useful lives:

	<u>Useful Life in Years</u>
Plant, sewer lines and pump stations	20-50
Equipment and office furnishings	7-10
Vehicles	5

The following is a reconciliation of property and equipment and accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2008:

	<u>Property and Equipment</u>	<u>Accumulated Depreciation</u>
Beginning balance – July 01, 2007	\$ 26,491,686	\$ 8,867,734
Acquisitions and construction of property and equipment	363,179	-
Depreciation expense	<u>-</u>	<u>605,451</u>
Subtotal	26,854,865	9,473,185
Less: retirements/sales of property and equipment	<u>35,840</u>	<u>35,840</u>
Ending balance – June 30, 2008	<u>\$ 26,819,025</u>	<u>\$ 9,437,345</u>

**YORK SEWER DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

**Note 6 - Long-Term Debt**

Long-term debt at June 30, 2008 consisted of the following:

<p>\$607,500 (including unamortized bond premium of \$4,847 in 2008) Maine Municipal Bond Bank issue dated March 21, 1991, principal repayments, ranging from \$14,778 in 1992 to \$53,684 in 2011, are due annually on November 1, commencing November 1, 1992 through November 1, 2011. Interest at 7.025% is payable semi-annually on May 1 and November 1</p>	<p>\$ 199,350</p>
<p>\$420,017 Maine Municipal Bond Bank issue dated November 1, 1991, payable in annual principal installments of \$21,001, commencing November 1, 1992 through November 1, 2011. There is no interest payable.</p>	<p><u>84,003</u></p>
<p>Total debt with a combined annual interest rate of 4.9%</p>	<p>283,353</p>
<p>\$3,520,357 (including unamortized net bond premium of \$129,766 in 2008) Maine Municipal Bond Bank issue dated November 25, 1992, principal repayments, ranging from \$91,728 in 1993 to \$297,750 in 2012 are due annually on October 1, commencing October 1, 1993 through October 1, 2012. Interest at 6.393% is payable semiannually on April 1 and October 1.</p>	<p>1,450,031</p>
<p>\$2,879,643 Maine Municipal Bond Bank issue dated November 25, 1992, payable in annual principal installments of \$143,982, commencing October 1, 1993 through October 1, 2012. There is no interest payable.</p>	<p><u>719,911</u></p>
<p>Total debt with a combined annual interest rate of 4.24%</p>	<p>2,169,942</p>
<p>\$720,000 Maine Municipal Bond Bank issue dated September 12, 1996, payable in annual principal installments of \$36,000, commencing November 1, 1997 through November 1, 2016. Interest ranges from 5.183% to 5.733% and is payable semi-annually on May 1 and November 1.</p>	<p>324,000</p>
<p>\$4,200,000 Maine Municipal Bond Bank issue dated April 1, 2003, principal repayments, ranging from \$282,922 in 2004 to \$320,084 in 2017 are due annually on October 1, commencing October 1, 2003 through October 1, 2017. Interest at 3.82% is payable semi-annually on October 1 and April 1.</p>	<p>3,064,024</p>
<p>\$638,000 Maine Municipal Bond Bank issue dated June 28, 2002, principal repayments, ranging from \$59,132 in 2004 to \$68,680 in 2012, are due annually on April 1, commencing April 1, 2003 through April 1, 2012. Interest at 1% is payable semi-annually on October 1 and April 1.</p>	<p>267,996</p>
<p>\$210,000 Fleet Bank of Maine issue dated April 21, 2004, principal repayments of \$42,000, due annually on April 21, commencing April 21, 2005. Interest is at 4.0%, payable annually on April 21.</p>	<p><u>42,000</u></p>
<p>Total Debt</p>	<p><u>\$ 6,151,315</u></p>

**YORK SEWER DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

**Note 6 - Long-Term Debt (continued)**

Principal and interest requirements to retire the District's long-term debt are as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest and Fees</u>	<u>Total</u>
2009	\$ 909,061	\$ 122,389	\$1,031,450
2010	888,570	97,005	985,575
2011	911,358	72,339	983,697
2012	934,371	47,071	981,442
2013	795,814	34,443	830,257
2014-2018	<u>1,712,141</u>	<u>82,247</u>	<u>1,794,388</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 6,151,315</u>	<u>\$ 455,494</u>	<u>\$6,606,809</u>

The following is a reconciliation of additional borrowings and payments for the year ended June 30, 2008:

Beginning balance, long-term debt, including unamortized bond premium of \$165,163	\$ 7,070,471
Less: principal paid on long-term borrowings	888,608
Add: amortization of bond discount	1,697
Less: amortization of bond premium	<u>32,245</u>
Ending balance, long-term debt, including unamortized bond premium of \$134,613	<u>\$ 6,151,315</u>

Total interest paid on debt in fiscal 2008 before amortization of bond premiums of \$30,548 was \$170,156. No interest was capitalized during the year.

**Note 7 - Retirement Plan**

The District is a participating district in the Consolidated Plan for Participating Local Districts in the Maine State Retirement System ("System"), which provides retirement benefits for all eligible employees who elect to participate in the Plan. The District's contribution rate for the plan is 2.8% of compensation for those employees who participate under the Plan plus an additional contribution to fund the District's share of the retirement plan's initial unpooled, unfunded actuarial liability. The District's total cost under this plan for the year ended June 30, 2008 was \$8,114.

Total payroll of the District for the year ended June 30, 2008 was \$453,232 of which \$214,681 was covered by the Maine State Retirement System Plan. Employees who participate in the plan are required to contribute 6.5% of compensation to the Plan. Employee contributions totaled \$13,654.

**Plan Description**

The Maine State Retirement System provides retirement and disability benefits, cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. The authority to establish and amend benefit provisions rests with the State Legislature. The Maine State Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes all financial statements and required supplementary information for the Consolidated Plan. That report may be obtained by writing to Maine State Retirement System, 46 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0046 or by calling 1-800-451-9800.

**YORK SEWER DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

**Note 8 – Commitments**

As of June 30, 2008, the District had awarded a construction contract and an engineering contract to two companies to upgrade the Long Beach Pump Station. The amount of the contracts for the upgrade and the engineering is approximately \$833,000.

**Note 9 – Subsequent Events**

Subsequent to year end, the District applied for and was granted funds by the Maine Municipal Bond Bank from the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund Program in the amount of \$669,393. These funds are intended to be used for the Long Beach Pump Station upgrade.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT  
ON ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

November 4, 2008

To the Board of Trustees  
YORK SEWER DISTRICT  
York, Maine

Our report on our audit of the basic financial statements of YORK SEWER DISTRICT for the year ended June 30, 2008 appears on Page 6. This audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The schedules of plant expenses, general and administrative expenses, tax lien receivables, and assessments and receivables are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. This information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits 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.

*Cummings, Lawson & McNamee, P.A.*  
Certified Public Accountants  
Portsmouth, New Hampshire

**YORK SEWER DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF PLANT EXPENSES**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

Superintendent's wages	\$ 80,190
Mechanic's wages	60,400
Plant Operator Assistant's wages	49,692
Outside Foreman's wages	47,149
Forman Assistant's wages	43,286
Overtime wages	31,163
Temporary employee	8,454
Plant Operator's wages	5,336
Sludge removal	127,737
Electric - variable	115,020
Sewer and manhole maintenance	83,845
Telephone and alarms - fixed	26,420
Building maintenance and supplies	23,974
Odor control	23,938
Equipment repairs	20,193
Chemicals	19,810
Long Beach Pump Station - variable	18,227
Heat - variable	15,934
Building repairs	14,224
Plan review and consultants	12,975
Equipment maintenance	12,129
Janitorial supply and subcontractors	9,918
Barrell Mills Pump Station - variable	9,394
Laboratory supplies	9,369
Oraganug - variable	6,041
Long Beach Pump Station - fixed	5,749
Short Sands Pump Station - variable	5,528
Outside work	4,078
Nubble Light - fixed	3,412
Richards Pump Station - fixed	3,379
Richards Pump Station - variable	2,981
Laboratory equipment	2,381
Water - variable	2,342
Stonewall - variable	1,766
Nubble Light - variable	1,226
Barrell Mills Pump Station - fixed	1,014
Spring Pond - variable	606
Nubble Pump Station - variable	603
Lobster Cove - variable	567
Hydrant costs	508
Electric - fixed	502
Short Sands Pump Station - fixed	401
Oraganug - fixed	286
Stonewall - fixed	223
Brickyard - fixed	205
Lobster Cove - fixed	197
Brickyard - variable	185
Spring Pond - fixed	145
Nubble Pump Station - fixed	145
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Total Plant Expenses	<u>\$ 913,247</u>

*See independent auditors' report on page 19*

**YORK SEWER DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

Office wages	\$ 119,312
Trustees wages	8,250
Employee benefits - health insurance	134,280
Insurance	42,461
Employee taxes	34,505
Legal and accounting	28,149
Administrative costs	14,339
Office expenses	13,552
Water meter reading costs	13,500
Truck and equipment, gas and oil	10,486
Miscellaneous	9,258
Employee benefits - retirements	8,114
Employee benefits - uniforms	5,607
Employee benefits - dental	4,033
Truck and equipment, repairs	2,792
Truck and equipment, other	<u>1,589</u>
 Total Plant Expenses	 <u><u>\$ 450,227</u></u>

*See independent auditors' report on page 19*

**YORK SEWER DISTRICT**  
**ANALYSIS - TAX LIENS RECEIVABLE**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BALANCE JUNE 30, 2007</u>	<u>TRANSFERRED TO LIENS DURING YEAR</u>	<u>COLLECTED</u>	<u>ABATED</u>	<u>BALANCE JUNE 30, 2008</u>
1991 - 2007	\$ 27,832	\$ -	\$ 18,927	\$ -	\$ 8,905
2008	<u>-</u>	<u>18,608</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,608</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 27,832</u>	<u>\$ 18,608</u>	<u>\$ 18,927</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 27,513</u>

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**YORK SEWER DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENTS AND RECEIVABLES**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

<u>COMMITMENT</u>	<u>1st QUARTER</u>	<u>2nd QUARTER</u>	<u>3rd QUARTER</u>	<u>4th QUARTER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Operation and Maintenance	\$ 325,024	\$ 324,707	\$ 326,272	\$ 327,340	\$ 1,303,343
Debt	112,380	111,704	112,705	113,219	450,008
Variable	54,951	54,937	54,880	54,869	219,637
	<u>492,355</u>	<u>491,348</u>	<u>493,857</u>	<u>495,428</u>	<u>1,972,988</u>
Interest	-	618	867	1,492	2,977
Total	<u>\$ 492,355</u>	<u>\$ 491,966</u>	<u>\$ 494,724</u>	<u>\$ 496,920</u>	<u>\$ 1,975,965</u>

	<u>TOTAL ASSESSED</u>	<u>COLLECTED</u>	<u>ABATED</u>	<u>TRANSFERRED TO TAX LIENS</u>	<u>BALANCE END OF YEAR</u>
COMMITMENT, SUPPLEMENT & INTEREST	<u>\$ 1,975,965</u>	<u>\$ 1,956,509</u>	<u>\$ 848</u>	<u>\$ 18,608</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

*See independent auditors' report on Page 19*



Todd Hill

# Town of York Board and Committees

# TOWN OF YORK

## BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS

*We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all of our Volunteers who dedicate many hours to the town through service on Boards and Committees. You make York the wonderful community that it is.*

### Appeals Board

Michael W. Swant (2009)	Joseph Carr (2010)	Leon Moulton (2010)
John M. O'Brien (2011)	Robert Lascelles (2011)	Elizabeth Bardwell (2011)
John D. Kraus (2010)		

### Assessment Review Board

Leon Moulton (2007)	Robert Lovo (2007)
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### Budget Committee

Dawn Sevigny (2011)	Michael Quinn (2009)	Gregory Filias (2009)
Stephen Samborski (2010)	Robert E. Palmer (2011)	David Lincoln (2009)
Charles Steedman (2009)		

### Cable TV Regulatory Commission

Ralph M. Davison (2010)	Jeanne Gamage (2009)
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### Conservation Commission

David Tibbetts (2010)	Ana Gray (2009)	Harry Kluger (2010)
Linda Scotland (2010)	Janet Schaffer (2011)	Dr. Charles Ott (2011)

### Harbor Board

Steven Roberts (2009)	Richard Mirick (2010)	Joseph Donnelly (2009)
Davis Gittins (2011)	Jeffrey A. Donnell (2010)	David P. Webber (2010)
William Cone (2008)		

### Historic District Commission

Gary Glynn (2011)	Lawrence F. Peters (2009)	Richard Schoff (2010)
Peter Moore (2009)	Robert Cutts (2010)	
Associate Member: Tom Johnson (OYHS)		

### Historic Markers Committee

Barrie Munro,	Stephen O'Shaughnessy	Alan D. Junkins	Betty A. Ford
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### Municipal Building Committee

David Marshall	Michael Estes	Sue Little	Peter Smith
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### Municipal Social Service Review Board

Ala Reid (2009)	Diane Kleist (2010)	Maureen Byrne (2009)
Alyssa Brown (2010)	James Smith (2011)	Karen Wight (2010)
Katherine Henderson (2011)		

### Open Space Committee

Mark Simonds (2009)	Leon Moulton (2008)	Doreen McGillis
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**Parking Committee**

Joseph Lipton  
Sarah Finigan

John H. Spear  
Lorri O'Brien

Diane C. Spear

**Parks & Recreation Board**

Brenda S. Knapp (2009)  
Ron McAllister (2010)

Freddie W. Joye Jr. (2011)  
Heidi Hayes (2010)

Robert Knapp (2009)

**Athletic Fields Committee**

Eric Lusty  
Salvatore Sala  
James Dunn

Gordon Lewis  
Troy Harrison  
David Klein

Kevin Sweeney  
Michael Ehrenborg

**Planning Board**

Barrie Munro (2010)  
Tom Manzi (2009)

Lewis Stowe (2010)  
David Woods (2010)

Glen MacWilliams (2009)  
Todd Frederick (2010)

**School Committee**

Laurie Coffenberry (2010)  
Marilyn Zotos (2011)

Timothy Fitzgerald (2009)  
Mary Jane Merrill (2010)

John D'Aquila (2009)

**Senior Citizens Advisory Board**

Bonnie Bemis (2010)  
Bruce Rennie (2011)  
Marjorie Edkins (2010)  
Fern Dondero (2012)

Rita Alaimo (2008)  
Eileen Gmelch (2009)  
Edith Sissa (2010)  
Jeanne-Marie Porter (2012)

Sidney Boardman (2009)  
Carolyn Lindsay (2009)  
Jeannette McGrath (2012)  
Jutta Brulek (2012)

**Shellfish Conservation Commission**

Stephen Pelletier (2007)  
David Webber (Ex-Officio)

Rod Donnell (2009)  
Stanley Zajechowski (2011)

Timothy Sheehan (2009)  
Joseph E. Foote (2011)

**Sohier Park Committee**

Frank Kalwell (2010)  
Brenda Knapp (2009)  
Brian Ross (2012)

Lorraine Moulton (2009)  
Sally MacGorman (2010)  
Evelyn Lipka (2009)

Edith Sissa (2008)  
Edward MacGorman (2010)

**Tax Task Force Committee**

Thomas Carnicelli (2009)  
Harold O'Rourke (2008)  
Ex Officio Members: Margaret McIntosh, Treasurer

Edwin Frasier (2010)  
Sheila Chaney (2009)

Leonard V. Dorrian (2010)  
Cliff Estes (2011)

**TV Station Crew**

Bill Ferin      Fred Knox      Peter Blanchard      Arthur Miner

Steve Ratigan

**York Beach Ball Park Committee**

John Welch

**York Harbor Site Design Review Board**

Joseph Dominguez (2009)  
Representative (2009)

Ron Hayes (2008)

Glen MacWilliams, Planning Board

**York Housing Authority**

Jud Knox (2010)  
Ellen Baldwin (2010)  
Mary Andrews (2009)

Jane Morris (2008)  
Robert Palmer (2010)  
Sarah Newick (2009)

James Gambrill (2011)  
Ed Benway (2009)  
Tina Johnson (2011)

**Resident Members:**

Rosemary Poulin (2010)  
Louis Spagnolo (2009)

Gloria Oppici (2010)  
Nina Hollingworth (2009)

Paul Brouker (2010)  
Eileen Gmelch (2009)



Gary Stevens

# PLANNING BOARD

*Submitted By: Tom Manzi, Chairman*

This has been my first year as Chair of York's Planning Board, the most challenging volunteer governance assignment I've had so far. We meet twice a month to review requests for permits and to continually review and update the Comprehensive Plan, the Zoning Ordinance, and the Subdivision Regulations with changing conditions. We meet jointly with the Board of Selectmen for guidance and direction, conduct site walk visits to prepare for reviews, and hold multiple public hearings. All of this is intended to preserve and create the quality of life York citizens have requested in the above documents.

This past year's workload showed some strong trends:

No new residential subdivision lots were approved by the Planning Board in 2007 or 2008, reflecting the downturn in housing in this economy. However, the creation of building lots continues apace at the growth permit rate. The Planning Board sees only the tip of the lot creation iceberg because of state law restricts our jurisdiction, excluding family subdivisions and certain other lot splits from Planning Board review. These loopholes mean we can't oversee the adequacy of the infrastructure to support this growth despite it being so ubiquitous. This un-regulated aspect of development may well contain hidden issues for the Town to grapple with in the future – septic, traffic and storm water drainage to name a few.

The Board continues to support York Beach planning through our York Beach Subcommittee. Current emphasis is on traffic patterns, streetscapes and design standards.

York's shoreland zoning regulations received full state approval and strengthened our oversight capability. In addition, stormwater management requirements have been strengthened through extensive ordinance and site plan amendments.

The Selectmen's assignment to study and recommend policy on Affordable Housing has led to York's first widespread voter research to assess citizen's attitudes towards action. There will be public sharing of the results in the spring, and proposals to change the Comprehensive Plan and ordinances for the fall warrant.

Build-out of the Route 1/Route 91 corner by commercial development continues apace. Apparently the national drug store/retail chains have discovered York's demographics and its high consumption of prescription drugs, leading to a swarm of competitors seeking the high traffic corner. As always drainage, design standards, traffic and abutters concerns are dominant. We also see the continuing trend of medical office space growth as an adjunct to the commercial sales growth.

Responding to the national concerns about energy supply and conservation, a new municipal and residential wind power generation ordinance will be ready for the fall warrant. Additional power generation provisions for commercial buildings are under discussion.

This year our Town's Comprehensive Plan is 10 years old, and much of its content was originally prepared 20 years ago. Although incremental changes have been made continually, it is time to think about re-evaluating our overall goals. As we approach build-out in density and governance capacity, what do we want for York in the 2020/2030 era? We have envisioned a Renaissance at York Beach – now is time for a similar long-range common vision for our Town as a whole.

As the Planning Board prepares for the future of York, citizen involvement is critical. We are developing opinion research methodologies to determine your wishes. Please come to our public hearings and tell us what you want your future to be like, learn about process, and about how you can get actively involved. We are *your* Board, and these are *your* plans, too!

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

*Submitted By: David Tibbetts, Chairman*

The Conservation Commission has been dedicated to protecting and preserving the environment and the quality of our natural resources. We are active in our capacity as advisors to the Town Boards in addressing the issues that will impact the natural resources, wildlife, and the biodiversity within our community. In addition to the Town Boards we provided letters of support to the York Police Dept. and York Land Trust for their successful procurement or grants that are being used to protect and preserve open-space lands in York.

We completed a mailing of an informational brochure for septic system care and maintenance to all residents with septic systems in York. Working with the Maine Association of Conservation Commissions we were able to post the brochure on the association's website to provide this information to other communities in Maine.

The brochure can be viewed on line at:

<http://www.meacc.net/resources/DEP-York%20Septic%20System%20Brochure.pdf>

For more information about the proper use and care of a septic system you can also visit the American Society of Home Inspectors website at:

[http://www.wehomeinspect.com/septic\\_systems.htm](http://www.wehomeinspect.com/septic_systems.htm)

The purple loosestrife control program continued this past year with more releases of *Galerucella* beetles. We have been working with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge for 8 years now as a conservation partner to reduce these invasive plants that degrade our wetland habitats. Studies continue to show reductions in the number and density of these plants and the slowing of their spread in our area. For information about this beetle program visit the web link through the Spruce Creek Association at:

[http://www.sprucecreekassociation.org/Beetle\\_rearing\\_protocol.pdf](http://www.sprucecreekassociation.org/Beetle_rearing_protocol.pdf)

Garlic mustard is an invasive plant that is now recognized as begging to spread in Maine. We worked on four sites in York this year to hand remove and work with landowners to provide them information and assistance with controlling this species. For more information about the invasive garlic mustard go to:

<http://www.nps.gov/plants/alien/fact/alpe1.htm>

Thanks to a grant from the Maine Corporate Wetland Restoration Partnership and help from the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve, the Wheeler Marsh was monitored this past summer to evaluate the habitat recovery progress of the 2005 improvement work.

Keeping a healthy environment will insure sustainable resources such as air, water, food, building materials and recreation. Our local economy as well as our personal health depends on it.

# HARBOR BOARD

*Submitted By: Steven Roberts, Chairman*

Last year the Harbor Board recognized the need to expand Town Dock #1 do to age and increased demands from our fishing community. The engineering for this project is still underway while the Harbor Board, lighting engineers and our Code Enforcement office continue to work together towards improving the lighting on the dock for our fleet and the surrounding neighbors.

Last spring the York Police Department and Harbor Board worked closely to purchase a new Harbormaster boat. The 19' Boston Whaler is equipped with marine and public safety equipment to assist with open water rescues, patrolling the Cape Neddick Harbor Brave Boat Harbor as well as Long and Short Sands beaches.

The Harbor Board reviewed many pier applications for property owners along the York River, reassigned several moorings from the waiting list and continued with Phase Two of the South Basin reorganization. Approximately 100 feet of new floats are on Strawberry Island awaiting the spring return of our Harbormaster to be placed in the basin. The floats continue to draw considerable interest from mooring holders as an alternative to the obsolete Bow & Stern mooring placed in the 1980's.

Speaking of the Harbormaster, December, 2008 saw the retirement of Harbormaster John Bridges at a gala event hosted at The Barn on Route 1. Surrounded by many friends and family, John was recognized by the York Police with several plaques and the dedication of the Harbormaster shack at Town Dock #2 by the Harbor Board. Seeing all the smiles and hearing all the laughs that night assured everyone there John was given a "proper" send-off. Thank you again John for all of your hard work and dedication. The process of finding a new Harbormaster is complete with the hiring of Assistant Harbormaster Don Day. Don has been working with John for several years bringing with him that wealth of information on the inner working of the harbormasters office. We look forward to a seamless transition this spring.

# MUNICIPAL SOCIAL SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

*Submitted By: Ala Reid & Kate Henderson, Co-Chairmen*

The Municipal Social Services Review Board reviews applications for financial support from social service agencies that provide services to local residents and work cooperatively with town departments. The Social Services Review Board makes recommendations to the Board of Selectmen.

In the fall of 2007, eleven eligible agencies requested \$34,587. After review and discussion the Board recommended a total of \$35,850 for these eleven agencies, plus \$4,000 to York Community Services for fuel assistance for York residents.

Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee approved a warrant article for May 2008 that was overwhelmingly approved by the voters.

# BOARD OF APPEALS

*Submitted By: Michael Swant, Chairman*

The Board of Appeals had another busy year hearing our citizens' requests for relief from decisions made by town officials and boards. The Board heard a variety of Administrative Appeals, Variance requests, and Special Exceptions. Some of the Appellants went away happy and some were not so pleased as one would expect. The job of this Board is not to make policy, but to interpret the written Statutes and Ordinances of the State and Town and apply the specific facts of each individual appeal made to the Board in the context of those regulations. In most instances, the Board has very little latitude to apply what some call "common sense" to those situations. In order to grant a Variance, for example, the Board must find that there is "undue hardship" to the individual and the definition for undue hardship set by State and local ordinance contains four specific, difficult to meet criteria, all of which must be met.

The end of 2008 and beginning of 2009 was an especially trying time for the Board of Appeals. We were shocked and dismayed at the sudden death of our fellow Board member Kevin Brown. Kevin had been an Associate Member for the last few years and was known for his dedication to fairness to both the appellant and the interests of the Town. And then, just a short while later, we were greatly saddened at the passing of Board member Peter O'Connor. Peter had served previously on the Board as a Regular member and had returned recently to serve as an Associate member. His main concern always was that all those involved in the appeals process understood how we got to the point of making our decisions and he did so by asking questions (lots of them!) to assure that all information presented was being thoroughly considered. We will miss both of these men, for their friendship, the care and compassion they expressed, and for their considered opinions which were an essential part of many Board decisions.

On the brighter side of the events, the Selectmen were finally able to fill a long time Regular member vacancy that had been held open for a person residing in the York Beach area. We welcomed John O'Brien as the "Beach" person and put him to work immediately voting on each matter. We were also pleased to welcome Elizabeth Bardwell back as an Associate member of the Board. Elizabeth had been on the Board for a number of years until she resigned at the time that her husband Dwight was elected to the Board of Selectmen.

As of this date, we still have an open Associate Member position. If you have an interest in serving the community, please consider applying to join the Board of Appeals. We would welcome your assistance.

## SHELLFISH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

*Respectfully submitted by: David P. Webber, Shellfish Warden*

The 2008/2009 clamming season got off to a great start with the fourth annual "Clam Flats Clean-Up Day". The Shellfish Conservation Commission held this event on opening day, November 16, 2008. Over 25 diggers, each filled up a large trash bag full of debris found on the flats. In return these diggers were able to purchase their clamming licenses at Town Dock 2 on opening day. The participants were also given, a "Happy as a Clam" tee shirt, compliments of the Shellfish Conservation Commission. The day was quite a success for both the diggers and the York River.

Licenses are selling at a moderate pace with almost 75% of available licenses sold to date. Licenses are used primarily as a conservation tool. By limiting the number of diggers, we can ease harvesting pressure on the flats, and we can ensure a healthy clam population for the future. Other conservation methods include: closing specific areas for reseeded and natural regeneration, limiting each digger's daily harvest to one peck, and limiting open days to Sundays only.

The Shellfish Conservation Commission, with the approval of the State of Maine Division of Marine Resources, re-opened the Seabury Gut clam flats. This area has been closed since 2004 for reseeded. Recent surveys of this area show a large rebound from natural regeneration and promising results from the reseeded program.

The York clam flats are a natural resource to be enjoyed by both residents and non-residents, young and old, and anyone with the desire to gather dinner with their own hands. If you are a first-time digger or are interested in learning more about how to dig clams, please contact me and I will be happy to show you how and where to find the clams.

Thank you for your continued support.

## TAX TASK FORCE

*Submitted By: Len Dorrian, Chairman*

The primary purpose of our committee is to assess annually the impact of the Town and School's proposed budget on York taxpayers. We do not focus on individual budget items. Nor do we examine other sources of Town and School funding. Our sole concentration is aggregate moneys York taxpayers will be asked to support by their real estate taxes. This total directly impacts individual tax bills.

The guide we offer Town and School officials relates the funds they request from real estate taxes compared to the prior year. Since our committee was formed in 2005, this guide or cap 1 (or ceiling in requested funds to support operations) has decreased each successive year. It was 5.5% in FY07 and 4.7% in FY09. The FY09 request was approximately \$32 million or \$7 million more than six years ago, FY04. For this coming year (FY10) our proposed limit is 4.5%, a \$1.6 Million increase over the prior year.

This past year we also recommended an aggregate limit be placed on new capital items being proposed each year - \$7 Million funded in equal payments over twenty years. The cap 2 is approximately a 2% increase over prior year's aggregate request for taxpayer funds.

The Tax Task Force guide we recommend Town and School voluntary follow is a maximum increase they will request from taxpayers. We anticipate that not all funding requests will receive voter approval, the result less than the proposed ceiling. None the less, our approach is a basis for a predictable, rationale process that taxpayers can have faith in when they choose to approve or disapprove Town and School annual real estate tax funding requests.

## HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

*Submitted By: Robert Cutts, Chairman*

York is a historic town. A short drive through the town will show homes and buildings from many architectural periods through out town. In the past, we have had to rely on the generosity of others to preserve our common history. Through their generosity, past generations have given us many of the old buildings that today we take

granted. The Old Goal (pronounced “jail”), John Hancock Warehouse, Wilcox House, and Elizabeth Perkins House are just a few of the most familiar to us today.

The Town of York can no longer merely rely on the efforts of private groups to preserve its landmark homes and buildings. As a result of these efforts the Historic District Commission was formed in the 1980’s and since then the HDC has worked to identify and present to the voters areas in town that warrant a historic district designation. Areas of town that have these designations require a review process by the HDC if a home owner is proposing to do any work that might alter the exterior of the building. These reviews are put in place in order to work with home owners to maintain the historic significance of the buildings and homes that York takes great pride in.

Over the years the HDC has worked to protect the historic districts in Town and in the process have come to realize that although we have designated historic areas buildings in those districts are not automatically protected. Unfortunately we saw the loss of two homes in the last two years, both which had been relatively untouched examples of their time periods.

Since that time the voters have approved a Demolition Delay Ordinance brought forth by the Historic District Commission in order to prevent the destruction of historic buildings worthy of protection. Unfortunately there is still much work to be done in the area of protecting our historic buildings. Currently building codes do not make it easy to restore older buildings, making tear downs a much more viable option.

The Historic District Commission would like to thank the town and the voters for their support of preservation initiatives such as the Demolition Delay Ordinance and hope that future endeavors towards preserving more of York’s remaining homes and buildings will face the same support

## ENERGY EFFICENCY COMMITTEE

*Submitted By: Eric Hopkins, Chairman*

This past year, as global energy prices spiked and then retreated, York took a number of steps to become a more energy efficient municipality.

In May, voters overwhelmingly approved a measure requiring all new municipal construction projects over 5,000 square/ft to be built according to LEED standards. As the town weighs building a new town hall, police station or public safety building, this measure will insure that the structure is built to high energy efficiency standards, saving energy and taxpayer's money over the long term.

In September, the Board of Selectmen unanimously agreed to sign onto the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement - becoming the 12th town in Maine to do so. The non-binding agreement set out goals for the town to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions over time.

Following the signing of the agreement, Board of Selectmen agreed to join a non-profit consortium of municipalities called "ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability". This gave the town access to special software which will allow for the creation of a greenhouse gas inventory of municipal operations. Once the inventory is completed, it will create a baseline to measure progress on energy efficiency made in future years.

In the Spring of 2009, the Selectmen agreed to appoint an official Town Energy Committee. This seven member board will be made up of one representative from the Selectmen, one representative from the schools, and 5 representatives from the general public. The mission of the new Town Energy Committee will be to oversee the GHG inventory, develop new ordinances to promote energy efficiency, and make recommendations on budget measures that would improve the energy efficiency of town buildings and vehicles.

As the town looks forward to the May 2009 Budget Referendum, voters will have the opportunity to weigh in on a wind ordinance that will govern small wind turbines on residential and municipal properties. They will also have the opportunity to approve of a \$100,000 budget item to improve the energy efficiency of town buildings.

All in all, FY2009 was a productive period of time for energy efficiency in the town of York and with the recent availability of federal stimulus monies, FY2010 looks like it could be an exciting time as well



Gary Stevens



Elena B. Fiske

**May 29th, 2009**  
**Budget Referendum and Special General**  
**Referendum Warrants**

**TOWN OF YORK  
BUDGET REFERENDUM WARRANT  
ARTICLES TO BE ACTED UPON AT THE  
BUDGET REFERENDUM  
YORK, MAINE                      MAY 29th, 2009**

TO: Douglas P. Bracy, Constable of the Town of York, Maine

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of York, in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Robert E. Butler Gymnasium at York High School between the hours of 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon and 8:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on Articles One through Fifty-Four said articles being set out below to wit:

**ONE: To elect the following:**

**Town Clerk/ Tax Collector-Three Year Term**

**Two (2) Selectman and Overseer of the Poor – Three Year Terms**

**Three (3) Members Budget Committee - Three-Year Terms**

**Two (2) Member Superintending School Committee - Three-Year Terms**

**One (1) Trustee for York Water District - Five-Year Term**

**One (1) Trustee for York Sewer District - Five-Year Term**

**TWO:** Shall the Town vote to require the first payment of taxes (1/2 of taxes) to be paid not later than forty-five days from date of mailing; second payment (1/2 of taxes) to be paid on February 5, 2010. Taxes not paid by these dates shall be charged interest at the rate of 9% per annum.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**THREE:** Shall the Town set an interest rate of 5% per annum to reimburse taxpayers for taxes determined in FY 2010 to have been overpaid or abated?

Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**MUNICIPAL OPERATING BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2010**

Preface: The Municipal Operating Budget presented here has been approved by the Budget Committee and reviewed by the Board of Selectmen. Their recommendations are shown separately under each article.

**IF THE MAJORITY OF VOTERS VOTE IN THE NEGATIVE ON AN ARTICLE, THE BUDGET AMOUNT WILL REVERT TO THE FY-2009 APPROPRIATION OR \$0.**

**FOUR:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$2,023,396 for the Town Manager's Department, Finance Department, Assessor's Department, Community Development, Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Department, Elections, Town Hall Operations and Maintenance, Printing and Records Management, Earned Account, Circuit Breaker, and Contingency and furthermore shall the Board of Selectmen adopt this line item of the Town Budget, as proposed by the Budget Committee?

<u>Department</u>	<u>FY-2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>
Town Manager's Department	\$ 230,055.	\$ 232,910.
Finance Department	\$ 404,125.	\$ 413,802.
Assessor's Department	\$ 315,145.	\$ 271,849.
Community Development	\$ 373,710.	\$ 320,083.
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$ 301,505.	\$ 323,237.
Elections	\$ 33,655.	\$ 43,600.
Town Hall Operations/Maintenance	\$ 225,425.	\$ 237,915.
Printing/Records Mgmt.	\$ 10,000.	\$ 10,000.
Earned Account	\$ 20,000.	\$ 20,000.
Circuit Breaker	\$ 125,000.	\$ 100,000.
Contingency	<u>\$ 50,000.</u>	<u>\$ 50,000.</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,088,620.</b>	<b>\$2,023,396</b>

Budget Committee recommends approval (6-1).

Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

A **YES** vote authorizes an expenditure of **\$2,023,396.**

A **NO** vote authorizes the previous year's appropriation of **\$2,088,620.**

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**FIVE:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$700 for Beach Profile Monitoring and furthermore shall the Board of Selectmen adopt this line item of the Town Budget, as proposed by the Budget Committee?

**Statement of Fact:** This is the Town's contribution to the ongoing Southern Maine Beach Profile Monitoring program. Ogunquit, Wells, Saco and Scarborough also participate in and benefit from this program.

Budget Committee recommends approval (7-0).

Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

A **YES** vote authorizes an expenditure of **\$700.**

A **NO** vote authorizes the previous year's appropriation of **\$0.**

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

A **NO** vote authorizes the previous year's appropriation of **\$350,000**.

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**SIX:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$301,102 for Debt Service** and furthermore shall the Board of Selectmen adopt this line item of the Town Budget, as proposed by the Budget Committee?

**Statement of Fact:** The increase in the debt service request is to cover principal and interest payments for approved capital bonded articles from the FY09 budget referendum.

Budget Committee recommends approval (7-0).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

A **YES** vote authorizes an expenditure of **\$301,102**.  
A **NO** vote authorizes the previous year's appropriation of **\$158,120**.

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**SEVEN:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$20,000 for Rental of Office Space** and furthermore shall the Board of Selectmen adopt this line item of the Town Budget, as proposed by the Budget Committee?

**Statement of Fact:** This warrant article would allow for the leasing of off-site office space to alleviate congestion in Town Hall.

Budget Committee recommends approval (6-1).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (4-1).

A **YES** vote authorizes an expenditure of **\$20,000**.  
A **NO** vote authorizes the previous year's appropriation of **\$0**.

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**EIGHT:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$5,000 for Unemployment Costs** and furthermore shall the Board of Selectmen adopt this line item of the Town Budget, as proposed by the Budget Committee?

**Statement of Fact:** The Town is self-insured and has exhausted the fund that was set up years ago for purposes of covering unemployment claims. Any unspent funds from this account should be carried forward to future years because expenditures are unpredictable.

Budget Committee recommends approval (7-0).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

A **YES** vote authorizes an expenditure of **\$5,000**.  
A **NO** vote authorizes the previous year's appropriation of **\$0**.

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**NINE:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$394,000 for Property, Health, Liability and Workers' Compensation Insurance** and furthermore shall the Board of Selectmen adopt this line item of the Town Budget, as proposed by the Budget Committee?

Budget Committee recommends approval (7-0).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

A **YES** vote authorizes an expenditure of **\$394,000**.

**TEN:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$3,463,599 for the Police Department, Communications, Animal Control and Harbor Management and to authorize the Selectmen to expend any revenues received for dispatching and other Public Safety services** and furthermore shall the Board of Selectmen adopt this line item of the Town Budget, as proposed by the Budget Committee?

<u>Department</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>
Police	\$ 2,742,035.	\$2,848,540.
Communications	\$ 517,085.	\$ 524,938.
Animal Control	\$ 44,465.	\$ 36,000.
Harbor Management	<u>\$ 50,690.</u>	<u>\$ 54,121.</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,354,275.</b>	<b>\$3,463,599</b>

**Statement of Fact:** The Town of York provides dispatching services for the Town of Ogunquit and PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) E911 service for several surrounding towns, for which the Town will receive approximately \$272,823. In addition, the Police Department provides private contract services for which it expects to receive approximately \$115,680 in revenues and additionally \$18,000 in COPS grant money to apply to this budget. These revenues are in addition to the budget request shown in this article.

Budget Committee recommends approval (7-0).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

A **YES** vote authorizes an expenditure of **\$3,463,599**.  
A **NO** vote authorizes the previous year's appropriation of **\$3,354,275**.

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**ELEVEN:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$85,700 for the Vehicle Replacement Account for Police Vehicles, Academic Reimbursement and Cable Access TV** and furthermore shall the Board of Selectmen adopt this line item of the Town Budget, as proposed by the Budget Committee?

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

Budget Item	FY2009	FY2010
Police Vehicles	\$ 78,000.	\$ 78,000.
Academic Reimbursement	\$ 2,000.	\$ 2,000.
Cable Access TV	\$ 5,700.	\$ 5,700.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 85,700.</b>	<b>\$ 85,700.</b>

**Statement of Fact:** This warrant article groups requests that are the same dollar amounts year-to-year in an effort to reduce the number of warrant articles. It includes the regular replacement of police vehicles, a reserve account for reimbursing certain educational expenses, stipends for cameramen and broadcast equipment repair.

Budget Committee recommends approval (6-1).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

A **YES** vote authorizes an expenditure of **\$85,700**.  
A **NO** vote authorizes the previous year's appropriation of **\$85,700**.

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**TWELVE:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$875,928 for the York Village and York Beach Fire Departments and for Volunteer Firefighter Training** and furthermore shall the Board of Selectmen adopt this line item of the Town Budget, as proposed by the Budget Committee?

<u>Department</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>
Village Fire Dept.	\$ 424,040.	\$ 440,061.
York Beach Fire Dept.	\$ 402,100.	\$ 416,067.
Volunteer Firefighter Training	\$ 19,800.	\$ 19,800.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 845,940</b>	<b>\$ 875,928</b>

Budget Committee recommends approval (7-0).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

A **YES** vote authorizes an expenditure of **\$875,928**.  
A **NO** vote authorizes the previous year's appropriation of **\$845,940**.

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**THIRTEEN:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$853,500 for Hydrants for Fire Protection** and furthermore shall the Board of Selectmen adopt this line item of the Town Budget, as proposed by the Budget Committee?

Budget Committee recommends approval (7-0).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

A **YES** vote authorizes an expenditure of **\$853,500**.  
A **NO** vote authorizes the previous year's appropriation of **\$797,095**.

**FOURTEEN:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$40,000 for a one-year contract with the York Ambulance Association** and furthermore shall the Board of Selectmen adopt this line item of the Town Budget, as proposed by the Budget Committee?

**Statement of Fact:** This is the third year of this request for funding. The Board of Directors of the York Ambulance Association has contracted with the Town to provide emergency services to offset operating expenses.

Budget Committee recommends approval (7-0).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

A **YES** vote authorizes an expenditure of **\$40,000**.  
A **NO** vote authorizes the previous year's appropriation of **\$40,000**.

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**FIFTEEN:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$2,566,410 for General Maintenance of Town Roads and Bridges, Tree Care & Planting, Streetlights and Signals, Traffic Lights, White Goods Disposal, Solid Waste Disposal, and Household Hazardous Waste Disposal and expend any revenues received** and furthermore shall the Board of Selectmen adopt this line item of the Town Budget, as proposed by the Budget Committee?

<u>Department</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>
Gen. Maintenance Town Roads & Bridges	\$1,080,496	\$1,137,440
Tree Care & Planting	\$ 31,070	\$ 26,910
Streetlights and Signals	\$ 132,700	\$ 127,715
Traffic Lights	\$ 1,710	\$ 1,800
White Goods Disposal	\$ 66,975	\$ 71,945
Solid Waste Disposal	\$1,073,600	\$ 1,173,600
Household Hazardous Waste Disposal	\$ 27,000	\$ 27,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,413,551</b>	<b>\$ 2,566,410</b>

Budget Committee recommends approval (7-0).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

A **YES** vote authorizes an expenditure of **\$ 2,566,410**.  
A **NO** vote authorizes the previous year's appropriation of **\$2,413,551**.

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**SIXTEEN:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$1,104,645 for FY10 Winter Maintenance and Snow Removal and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Treasurer to transfer an amount not to exceed \$100,000 from the unappropriated Fund Balance any additional amounts necessary in the event winter weather conditions necessitate an over-expenditure of budgeted funds for the purpose of winter maintenance** and furthermore shall the Board of Selectmen adopt this line item of the Town Budget, as proposed by the Budget Committee?

Budget Committee recommends approval (7-0).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

A **YES** vote authorizes an expenditure of **\$1,104,645**.  
A **NO** vote authorizes the previous year's appropriation of **\$970,180**.

YES \_\_\_\_ NO

**SEVENTEEN:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$117,700 for a Heavy Duty Plow Truck** and furthermore shall the Board of Selectmen adopt this line item of the Town Budget, as proposed by the Budget Committee?

**Statement of Fact:** This is a scheduled replacement of a 1996 International 4900 Heavy Duty Plow Truck/Dump Truck used year-round by the Public Works Department.

Budget Committee recommends approval (6-1).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

A **YES** vote authorizes an expenditure of **\$117,700**.  
A **NO** vote authorizes an appropriation of **\$0**.

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**EIGHTEEN:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$24,000 for a Parks 4WD Pickup Truck** and furthermore shall the Board of Selectmen adopt this line item of the Town Budget, as proposed by the Budget Committee?

**Statement of Fact:** This replaces a 2000 Dodge Ram Pickup Truck.

Budget Committee recommends approval (5-2).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

A **YES** vote authorizes an expenditure of **\$24,000**.  
A **NO** vote authorizes an appropriation of **\$0**.

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**NINETEEN:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$25,000 for the continuing construction and paving of Bell Marsh Road** and furthermore shall the Board of Selectmen adopt this line item of the Town Budget, as proposed by the Budget Committee?

Budget Committee recommends approval (7-0).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

A **YES** vote authorizes an expenditure of **\$25,000**.  
A **NO** vote authorizes the previous year's appropriation of **\$25,000**.

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**TWENTY:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$492,600 for the paving of Town Roads** and furthermore shall the Board of Selectmen adopt this line item of the Town Budget, as proposed by the Budget Committee?

Budget Committee recommends approval (7-0).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

A **YES** vote authorizes an expenditure of **\$492,600**.  
A **NO** vote authorizes the previous year's appropriation of **\$492,600**.

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**TWENTY-ONE:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$117,840 for the Maintenance of School Grounds and Athletic Fields** and furthermore shall the Board of Selectmen adopt this line item of the Town Budget, as proposed by the Budget Committee?

Budget Committee recommends approval (7-0).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

A **YES** vote authorizes an expenditure of **\$117,840**.  
A **NO** vote authorizes the previous year's appropriation of **\$113,385**.

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**TWENTY-TWO:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$544,799 for the Maintenance of Town Buildings, Grounds and Beaches** and furthermore shall the Board of Selectmen adopt this line item of the Town Budget, as proposed by the Budget Committee?

Budget Committee recommends approval (6-1).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

A **YES** vote authorizes an expenditure of **\$544,799**.  
A **NO** vote authorizes the previous year's appropriation of **\$525,150**.

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**TWENTY-THREE:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$25,250 for the Mt. A Conservation Coordinator** and furthermore shall the Board of Selectmen adopt this line item of the Town Budget, as proposed by the Budget Committee?

**Statement of Fact:** The Mt. A Conservation Coordinator is responsible for grant development and management, overall supervision of the Mt. A trails system, planning trail management, and directing trail remediation crews. In addition, this position coordinates support and donations in the amount of \$35,760 from regional environmental groups, the York Water District and the town of South Berwick to cover the total cost of the position, which is \$61,010.

Budget Committee recommends approval (7-0).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

A **YES** vote authorizes an expenditure of **\$25,250**.  
A **NO** vote authorizes the previous year's appropriation of **\$25,000**.

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**TWENTY-FOUR:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$37,077 for Maintenance of the Short Sands Park Bathhouse** and furthermore shall the Board of Selectmen adopt this line item of the Town Budget, as proposed by the Budget Committee?

Budget Committee recommends approval (7-0).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

A **YES** vote authorizes an expenditure of **\$37,077**.  
A **NO** vote authorizes the previous year's appropriation of **\$35,915**.

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**TWENTY-FIVE:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$428,793 for the Operation of the Library** and furthermore shall the Board of Selectmen adopt this line item of the Town Budget, as proposed by the Budget Committee?

**Statement of Fact:** The library is continuing to increase offerings to the community in the form of programs, additions to the collection, wireless use, and inter-library borrowing, and York citizens continue to increase their use of the library's free programs and services.

Budget Committee recommends approval (7-0).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (4-0-1).

A **YES** vote authorizes an expenditure of **\$428,793**.  
A **NO** vote authorizes the previous year's appropriation of **\$412,321**.

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**TWENTY-SIX:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$251,194 for the Senior Citizens' Center and General Assistance Program** and furthermore shall the Board of Selectmen adopt this line item of the Town Budget, as proposed by the Budget Committee?

Budget Committee recommends approval (6-1).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

A **YES** vote authorizes an expenditure of **\$ 251,194**.  
A **NO** vote authorizes the previous year's appropriation of **\$235,465**.

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**TWENTY-SEVEN:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$30,000 for Senior Citizen Transportation** and furthermore shall the Board of Selectmen adopt this line item of the Town Budget, as proposed by the Budget Committee?

**Statement of Fact:** This article provides partial funding for the salary and benefits for the driver in the program. The other costs are covered by fees collected from those who use the transportation service and by donations which together are estimated to total \$10,500.

Budget Committee recommends approval (7-0).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

A **YES** vote: 1) authorizes a tax appropriation of **\$30,000** as proposed by the Budget Committee and 2) authorizes the expenditure of all revenues generated by the Senior Citizen Transportation Program in FY 2010, which are estimated to be **\$10,500**.

A **NO** vote: 1) authorizes the previous year's tax appropriation of **\$28,000** and 2) authorizes the expenditure of all FY 2009 revenues generated by the Senior Citizen Transportation Program, which were estimated to be **\$11,500**.

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**TWENTY-EIGHT:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$35,050 for Social Services and authorize the Board of Selectmen to reduce this amount if recommended by the Social Services Committee** and furthermore shall the Board of Selectmen adopt this line item of the Town Budget, as proposed by the Budget Committee?

<u>Agency</u>	Amount Recommended by the Social Services Committee
Aids Response Seacoast	\$ 1,500.
American Red Cross	\$ 2,800.
Caring Unlimited	\$ 3,000.
Child Abuse Prevention Council	\$ 750.
Crossroads House	\$ 1,500.
Home Health/Visiting Nurse of So. Maine	\$ 3,500.
Hospice of York	\$ 1,200.
Southern Maine Agency on Aging (Note: Includes Southern Y.C. Meals on Wheels)	\$ 8,500.
Southern Maine Parent Awareness	\$ 1,000.
York County Community Action Corp.	\$ 5,000.
York County Shelters, Inc.	\$ 3,000.
Counseling Services	\$ 2,800.
Ethel's Tree of Life, Inc	\$ 500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 35,050.</b>

**Statement of Fact:** The Board of Selectmen appointed a Social Services Committee that reviews all of the Social Service requests from agencies serving York residents. This list is a compilation of the committee's recommendations.

Budget Committee recommends approval (7-0).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (4-1).

A **YES** vote authorizes an expenditure of **\$35,050**.  
A **NO** vote authorizes an appropriation of **\$0**.

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**TWENTY-NINE:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$42,160 for the Board of Selectmen, Veterans' Graves, Cemetery, Cable TV Regulatory Commission, Conservation Commission, Historic District Commission, Recycling Committee, Shellfish Commission, Appeals Board, Budget Committee, and Planning Board** and furthermore shall the Board of Selectmen adopt this line item of the Town Budget, as proposed by the Budget Committee?

<u>Committee:</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2010</u>
Board of Selectmen	\$ 12,730.	\$ 12,730.
Veterans' Graves	\$ 3,000.	\$ 3,000.
Cemetery	\$ 4,000.	\$ 4,000.
Cable TV Regulatory Comm.	\$ 400.	\$ 400.
Conservation Commission	\$ 2,830.	\$ 2,830.
Historic District Commission	\$ 1,040.	\$ 1,040.
Recycling Committee	\$ 1,000.	\$ 1,000.
Shellfish Commission	\$ 1,725.	\$ 1,725.
Appeals Board	\$ 6,535.	\$ 6,535.
Budget Committee	\$ 100.	\$ 100.
Planning Board	\$ 8,800.	\$ 8,800.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 42,160.</b>	<b>\$ 42,160.</b>

Budget Committee recommends approval (7-0).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

A **YES** vote authorizes an expenditure of **\$42,160**.  
A **NO** vote authorizes the previous year's appropriation of **\$ 42,160**.

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**THIRTY:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$122,402 for the Recreation Department and authorize the Selectmen to expend all revenues generated by the Recreation Programs** and furthermore shall the Board of Selectmen adopt this line item of the Town Budget, as proposed by the Budget Committee?

**Statement of Fact:** This Article represents that portion of the Recreation Department budget supported by tax appropriation which funds the 1.5 full-time positions necessary for administration of the program.

Budget Committee recommends approval (7-0).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

A **YES** vote: 1) authorizes a tax appropriation of **\$122,402** as proposed by the Budget Committee and 2) authorizes the expenditure of all revenues generated by the Recreation Programs in FY 2010, which are estimated to be **\$415,835**.

A **NO** vote: 1) authorizes the previous year's tax appropriation of **\$116,005** and 2) authorizes the expenditure of all FY 2009 revenues generated by the Recreation Programs, which were estimated to be **\$383,820**.

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**THIRTY-ONE:** Shall the Town vote to appropriate **all revenues generated by the Grant House at Goodrich Park, Mount Agamenticus, and Sohier Park, which are estimated to be \$262,200, for the operation and maintenance of the aforementioned properties** and furthermore shall the Board of Selectmen adopt this line item of the Town Budget, as proposed by the Budget Committee?

**Statement of Fact:** This request represents no expenditure of tax dollars.

Budget Committee recommends approval (7-0).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

A **YES** vote authorizes the expenditure of all revenues generated in FY 2010, which are estimated to be **\$262,200**.

A **NO** vote authorizes the previous year's appropriation of all revenues, which were estimated to be **\$199,100**.

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**THIRTY-TWO:** Shall the Town vote to appropriate **4% of the revenues from parking meters, parking fines and parking permit stickers, to pay the cost of cleaning and maintaining the bathhouse at Harbor Beach** and furthermore shall the Board of Selectmen adopt this line item of the Town Budget, as proposed by the Budget Committee?

**Statement of Fact:** The Town maintains the bathhouse at the Harbor Beach and this Article allows those costs to be covered by beach revenues rather than by tax appropriation.

Budget Committee recommends approval (7-0).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

A **YES** vote authorizes the expenditure of 4% of the revenues generated by parking meters, parking fines and parking permit stickers in FY2010, which are estimated to be **\$14,135**.

A **NO** vote authorizes the previous year's appropriation of **\$14,135**.

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**THIRTY-THREE:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$65,000 for the purpose of conducting a Mosquito Control Program for FY2010** and furthermore shall the Board of Selectmen adopt this line item of the Town Budget as proposed by the Budget Committee?

**Statement of Fact:** The previously adopted Mosquito Control Program has been enhanced to include tick-borne diseases. This is a community-based program designed to minimize human risk by utilizing various prevention strategies.

Budget Committee recommends approval (7-0).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

A **YES** vote authorizes an expenditure of **\$65,000**.

A **NO** vote authorizes the previous year's appropriation of **\$65,000**.

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**THIRTY-FOUR:** Shall the Town vote to appropriate up to **\$100,000 from the Town's Fund Balance for the Supplementary Contingency Account if deemed necessary by the Board of Selectmen** and furthermore shall the Board of Selectmen adopt this line item of the Town Budget, as proposed by the Budget Committee?

**Statement of Fact:** If approved by voters, up to \$100,000 from the Town's fund balance will be available by majority vote of the Board of Selectmen to be used only for emergencies and opportunities which are unknown to the Board at the time of budget preparation, and which are recognized as Town responsibilities or are deemed by the Board to be in conformity with the Comprehensive Plan or latest Capital Plan.

Examples include (but are not limited to):

- A down payment or earnest money for securing unusual buying opportunities for parcels of land, buildings, or significant capital assets; to hold such potential purchase under contract until the next viable opportunity to offer the choice to the voters in a referendum;
- Unforeseen and therefore unbudgeted environmental or weather related repairs or precautions;

- Unusual or unpredicted spikes in the costs of materials or goods regularly purchased by the Town and declared essential by the Board.

In an uneventful year, it would be expected that none of the available money would be expended.

Budget Committee recommends approval (7-0).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

A **YES** vote authorizes an appropriation from the fund balance of up to **\$100,000** if necessary to cover supplementary contingencies.

A **NO** vote authorizes the previous year's appropriation from the fund balance of **\$100,000** if necessary to cover supplementary contingencies.

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**THIRTY-FIVE:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum estimated to be **\$4,628,950** consisting of the estimated revenues listed below for FY2010 and apply such funds to the **FY 2010 Tax Commitment?**

Auto Excise	\$2,600,000.
Boat Excise	\$ 28,000.
R/E Interest	\$ 110,000.
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 95,000.
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 60,000.
Plumbing Inspection Fees	\$ 30,000.
Appeals Board Fees	\$ 3,500.
Lien Administrative Fees	\$ 2,000.
Ordinance Fines	\$ 2,000.
Meter Collections	\$ 195,000.
Tickets/Meter Fines	\$ 90,000.
Parking Stickers	\$ 60,000.
Bad Check Charges	\$ 700.
Ellis Park	\$ 31,000.
Revenue Sharing	\$ 590,000.
Gas Tax Refund	\$ 12,000.
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$ 9,000.
Investment Interest	\$ 350,000.
Cable TV Franchise Fees	\$ 160,000.
Map Sales	\$ 250.
Photocopies	\$ 500.
Local Roads Subsidy	\$ 200,000.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,628,950.</b>

Budget Committee recommends approval (7-0).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

A **YES** vote authorizes the use of **\$4,628,950** to reduce the tax commitment.

A **NO** vote authorizes the use of the previous year's appropriation of **\$4,937,450** to reduce the tax commitment.

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**THIRTY-SIX:** Shall the Town vote to **appropriate \$790,000 from the Fund Balance** and apply these funds to the FY2010 Tax Commitment **as a reduction in the amount to be raised from taxation**, as proposed by the Board of Selectmen?

Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

Budget Committee recommends approval (7-0).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (4-1).

A **YES** vote authorizes an appropriation from the fund balance of **\$790,000** to reduce the tax commitment.

A **NO** vote authorizes the previous year's appropriation from the fund balance of **\$550,000**.

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**THIRTY-SEVEN:** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to **accept grants, donations and aid from State and Federal Agencies, as well as private sources, such as Foundations, Trusts and Individuals** and furthermore shall the Board of Selectmen adopt this line item of the Town Budget, as proposed by the Budget Committee?

Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**THIRTY-EIGHT:** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to **make one of the following decisions for each Tax Lien Acquired Property:**

1. To dispose of the property by allowing the immediate former owner, one generation, to buy back title to the property from the Town. Buy-back of the property shall require: payment of all taxes due plus interest and lien costs; payment of all other costs; and an amount determined by the Selectmen of up to ten (10%) percent of the then current assessed valuation as set by the Tax Assessor; and satisfaction of all other conditions established by the Selectmen.
2. To dispose of the property by public sealed bid auction or other public process.
3. To dispose of the property by conducting a limited public sale among the parties who own property that directly abuts this property.
4. To hold Town title to the property.

The decision of the Selectmen to use any of the above options shall adhere to the Selectmen Procedural Policy for the Disposition of Foreclosed Property.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**THIRTY-NINE:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to **waive foreclosure of any tax lien during the 2009 and 2010 calendar years**, said waiver, requiring approval of the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen shall grant said approval only in circumstances where foreclosures would prove injurious to the Town of York, such as, but not limited to, the presence of hazardous waste upon the property, or the presence on the property of one or more substandard structure(s) for which the cost of removal or repair would exceed the value of the property.

**MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL CAPITAL PLAN**

**FORTY:** Shall the Town (1) **approve the acquisition of land for a new Public Safety Building** (the "Project") (2) appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$2,000,000** for the costs of the Project; and (3) to fund this appropriation (a) authorize the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue, at one time or from time to time, general obligation securities of the Town of York, Maine, including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed **\$2,000,000** with the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), denomination(s), interest rate(s), place(s) of payment, call(s) for redemption, form(s), and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery of said securities against payment therefore, and to provide for the sale thereof, to be delegated to the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen?

Project Summary and Description: Approval of this article will allow the Board of Selectmen to enter into negotiations with the intent to purchase land suitable for a new Public Safety building. No bonds will be issued under this article until a proposed site is selected and the public is advised of the location.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Total Town Indebtedness:

A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid	\$ 16,894,000
B. Bonds authorized and un-issued	\$ 0
C. Bonds to be issued if the Article is approved	<u>\$ 2,000,000</u>
Total	\$ 18,894,000

Costs:  
At an estimated maximum interest rate of 4.50% for a twenty (20) year maturity, the estimated interest costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal	\$2,000,000
Interest	<u>\$ 945,000</u>
Total Debt Service	\$2,945,000

Total estimated project costs including debt service: \$2,945,000.

Validity: The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Margaret McIntosh  
Town Treasurer

Budget Committee recommends approval (6-1)  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0)

s/Margaret M. McIntosh  
Town Treasurer

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**FORTY-ONE:** Shall the Town (1) approve **the design and construction of the Short Sands Beach Drainage Enhancement Project**; (2) appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$800,000** for the costs of the project; and (3) to fund this appropriation and authorize the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue, at one time or from time to time, general obligation securities of the Town of York, Maine, including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed **\$800,000** with the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), denomination(s), interest rate(s), place(s) of payment, call(s) for redemption, form(s), and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery of said securities against payment therefore, and to provide for the sale thereof, to be delegated to the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen?

Project Summary and Description: This Project will replace old failing and undersized underground road drainage pipes and catch basins on Main Street, Bay Street, Franklin Street, Hawk Avenue, Railroad Avenue and Ocean Avenue in York Beach.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Total Town Indebtedness:

A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid	\$16,894,000
B. Bonds authorized and unissued	\$ 0
C. Bonds to be issued if the Article is approved	<u>\$ 800,000</u>
Total	\$17,694,000

Costs:  
At an estimated maximum interest rate of 4.50% for a twenty (20) year maturity, the estimated interest costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal	\$ 800,000
Interest	<u>\$ 378,000</u>
Total Debt Service	\$1,178,000

Total estimated project costs including debt service: \$1,178,000

Validity: The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Margaret McIntosh  
Town Treasurer

Budget Committee recommends approval (7-0)  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0)

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**FORTY-TWO:** Shall the Town (1) approve **the design and construction of the Long Sands Beach Drainage Enhancement Project**; (2) appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$400,000** for the costs of the project; and (3) to fund this appropriation and authorize the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue, at one time or from time to time, general obligation securities of the Town of York, Maine, including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed **\$400,000** with the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), denomination(s), interest rate(s), place(s) of payment, call(s) for redemption, form(s), and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery of said securities against payment therefore, and to provide for the sale thereof, to be delegated to the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen?

Project Summary and Description: This project involves constructing new more efficient water courses, cleaning out 2,800 feet of existing drainage ditches along Railroad Avenue Extension and adjacent to Long Beach Tennis Club, the removal and replacement of failing culverts, underground drainage pipes and culverts as well as installation of new culverts and catch basins along Long Beach Avenue.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Total Town Indebtedness:

A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid	\$16,894,000
B. Bonds authorized and unissued	\$ 0
C. Bonds to be issued if the Article is approved	<u>\$ 400,000</u>
Total	\$17,294,000

Costs:  
At an estimated maximum interest rate of 4.50% for a twenty (20) year maturity, the estimated interest costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal	\$ 400,000
Interest	<u>\$ 189,000</u>
Total Debt Service	\$ 589,000

Total estimated project costs including debt service: \$ 589,000

Validity: The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Margaret McIntosh  
Town Treasurer

Budget Committee recommends approval (7-0)  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0)

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**FORTY-THREE:** Shall the Town (1) approve **the purchase of a York Fire Department Squad 1 replacement fire truck**; (2) appropriate the sum of **\$426,000** to fund the acquisition costs of this purchase; and (3) to fund this appropriation, authorize the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue, at one time or from time to time, general obligation securities of the Town of York, Maine, including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed **\$426,000** with the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), denomination(s), interest rate(s), place(s) of payment, call(s) for redemption, form(s), and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery of said securities against payment therefore, and to provide for the sale thereof, to be delegated to the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen?

**Statement of Fact:** Squad 1 is the primary Fire Attack Engine for all fires in the York Village District, and also carries medical equipment, vehicle extrication tools (Jaws of Life), hazardous materials equipment and technical rescue gear. It is intended to replace a 1986 Mack 'Rescue-Pumper'.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Total Town Indebtedness:

A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid	\$ 16,894,000
B. Bonds authorized and unissued	\$ 0
C. Bonds to be issued if the Article is approved	<u>\$ 426,000</u>
Total	\$ 17,320,000

Costs:  
At an estimated interest rate of 4.50% for a twenty (20) year maturity, the estimated cost of the bond issue will be:

Principal	\$ 426,000
Interest	<u>\$ 197,190</u>
Total Debt Service	\$ 623,190

Total estimated project costs including debt service: \$ 623,190

Validity: The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

s/ Margaret M. McIntosh  
Town Treasurer

Budget Committee recommends approval (7-0).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**FORTY-FOUR:** Shall the Town (1) approve **the Rehabilitation of Town Dock #1**; (2) **appropriate the sum of \$950,000 to fund the construction costs of this project**; and (3) to fund this appropriation, authorize the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue, at one time or from time to time, general obligation securities of the Town of York, Maine, including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed **\$950,000** with the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), denomination(s), interest rate(s), place(s) of payment, call(s) for redemption, form(s), and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery of said securities against payment therefore, and to provide for the sale thereof, to be delegated to the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen?

**Statement of Fact:** Town Dock #1 is an extremely important Town facility supporting year-round activities of lobster boats, fishing boats and recreational boaters. Built in the mid-1950's, it has structural deficiencies and is functionally obsolete. The Harbor Board will be searching for other sources of funds to potentially offset the cost of this project.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Total Town Indebtedness:

A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid	\$ 16,894,000
B. Bonds authorized and unissued	\$ 0
C. Bonds to be issued if the Article is approved	<u>\$ 950,000</u>
Total	\$ 17,844,000

Costs:

At an estimated interest rate of 4.50% for a twenty (20) year maturity, the estimated cost of the bond issue will be:

Principal	\$ 950,000
Interest	<u>437,625</u>
Total Debt Service	\$ 1,387,625

Total estimated project costs including debt service: \$ 1,387,625

Validity: The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

s/Margaret M. McIntosh  
Town Treasurer

Budget Committee recommends approval (7-0).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**FORTY-FIVE:** Shall the Town (1) approve **the lease/purchase of financial software to replace multiple software applications**; (2) raise and appropriate the sum of **\$38,500 for the first year cost of this lease-purchase**?

**Statement of Fact:** The existing multiple software packages used to track the financial activities of the Town are no longer adequate or efficient. One package would eliminate multiple applications used for budgeting, receipts, disbursements, permitting, dog registration and add functionality and better data management. The cost of the software package is \$156,000; a five-year lease/purchase is proposed at \$38,500 per year totaling \$192,500 over five years.

A **YES** vote authorizes an expenditure of **\$38,500**.

A **NO** vote authorizes an appropriation of **\$0**.

Budget Committee recommends approval (7-0).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**FORTY-SIX:** Shall the Town (1) approve **the design and construction of Repairs to the Dam at Lake Carolyn**; (2) **appropriate the sum of \$110,000** to fund the construction costs of this project; and (3) to fund this appropriation, authorize the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue, at one time or from time to time, general obligation securities of the Town of York, Maine, including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed **\$110,000** with the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), denomination(s), interest rate(s), place(s) of payment, call(s) for redemption, form(s), and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery of said securities against payment therefore, and to provide for the sale thereof, to be delegated to the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen?

**Statement of Fact:** The Town owns Lake Carolyn and is liable for the structural integrity of the dam which is in need of major repair.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Total Town Indebtedness:

A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid	\$ 16,894,000
B. Bonds authorized and unissued	\$ 0
C. Bonds to be issued if the Article is approved	<u>\$ 110,000</u>
Total	\$ 17,004,000

Costs:

At an estimated interest rate of 4.50% for a twenty (20) year maturity, the estimated cost of the bond issue will be:

Principal	\$ 110,000
Interest	<u>\$ 49,725</u>
Total Debt Service	\$ 159,725

Total estimated project costs including debt service \$ 159,725

Validity: The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

s/Margaret M. McIntosh  
Town Treasurer

Budget Committee recommends approval (7-0).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**FORTY-SEVEN:** Shall the Town (1) **approve the design, construction and equipping of renovations to the existing Town Hall at 186 York Street**; (2) appropriate the sum of **\$95,000** to fund the costs of this project; and (3) to fund this appropriation, authorize the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue, at one time or from time to time, general obligation securities of the Town of York, Maine, including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed **\$95,000** with the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies),

denomination(s), interest rate(s), place(s) of payment, call(s) for redemption, form(s), and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery of said securities against payment therefore, and to provide for the sale thereof, to be delegated to the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen?

**Statement of Fact:** The Town Hall is in need of extensive repairs to address the deterioration of the exterior of the structure; improve safety features with the installation of a functional fire escape, fire-resistant ceiling panels, an enhanced electrical panel; improve the stairway; increase energy efficiency and improve access to the structure through both the front and rear entrances.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Total Town Indebtedness:

A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid	\$ 16,894,000
B. Bonds authorized and unissued	\$ 0
C. Bonds to be issued if the Article is approved	<u>\$ 95,000</u>
Total	\$ 16,989,000

Costs:

At an estimated interest rate of 3.50% for a five (5) year maturity, the estimated cost of the bond issue will be:

Principal	\$ 95,000
Interest	<u>\$ 9,625</u>
Total Debt Service	\$ 104,625

Total estimated project costs including debt service: \$ 104,625

Validity: The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Margaret McIntosh  
Town Treasurer

Budget Committee recommends approval (7-0)  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0)

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**FORTY-EIGHT:** Shall the Town approve the lease/purchase of a **York Police Department replacement phone system (2)** raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,732** for the first-year cost of this lease-purchase?

**Statement of Fact:** The York Police Department houses the York Communications Center which handles all the police, fire and ambulance calls for the towns of York and Ogunquit, as well as the E911 calls for York, Ogunquit, Kittery, Eliot, South Berwick and Berwick. The current system is over 20 years old. Replacement would meet current needs as well as those for the foreseeable future and could be moved into a new facility if one becomes available. The proposed system costs \$31,000; a five-year lease/purchase is proposed at \$6,732 per year totaling \$33,660 over five years

A **YES** vote authorizes an expenditure of **\$6,732**.  
A **NO** vote authorizes an appropriation of **\$0**.

Budget Committee recommends approval (7-0)  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0)

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**FORTY-NINE:** Shall the Town (1) approve the **design and construction of improvements to the intersection at Ridge Road and Old Post Road**; (2) appropriate the sum of **\$95,000** to fund the Town's share of construction costs of this project; and (3) to fund this appropriation, authorize the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue, at one time or from time to time, general obligation securities of the Town of York, Maine, including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed **\$95,000** with the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), denomination(s), interest rate(s), place(s) of payment, call(s) for redemption, form(s), and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery of said securities against payment therefore, and to provide for the sale thereof, to be delegated to the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen?

**Statement of Fact:** The total cost of the intersection improvement is estimated to be \$319,000. \$197,077 of this cost will be paid from federal funds, the state will contribute \$26,819 and the Town will be responsible for the remaining \$95,000.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Total Town Indebtedness:

A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid	\$ 16,894,000
B. Bonds authorized and unissued	\$ 0
C. Bonds to be issued if the Article is approved	<u>\$ 95,000</u>
Total	\$ 16,989,000

Costs:

At an estimated interest rate of 3.50% for a five (5) year maturity, the estimated cost of the bond issue will be

Principal	\$ 95,000
Interest	<u>\$ 9,625</u>
Total Debt Service	\$ 104,625

Total estimated project costs including debt service: \$ 104,625

Validity: The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Margaret McIntosh  
Town Treasurer

Budget Committee recommends approval (7-0)  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0)

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**FIFTY:** Shall the Town (1) approve a plan to develop **alternative energy solutions for the Town and to create energy conservation projects to help achieve our energy efficiency and conservation goals**; (2) appropriate the sum of **\$100,000** to fund the costs of these projects; and (3) to fund this appropriation, authorize the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue, at one time or from time to time, general obligation securities of the Town of York, Maine, including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed **\$100,000** with the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), denomination(s), interest rate(s), place(s) of payment, call(s) for redemption, form(s), and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery of said securities against payment therefore, and to provide for the sale thereof, to be delegated to the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen?

**Statement of Fact:** An energy steering committee has been formed to look into various ways to conserve energy within the Town as well as to determine the feasibility of alternative energy solutions and projects to accomplish these goals. Approval of this article would provide funds for the cost of these efforts.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Total Town Indebtedness:

A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid	\$ 16,894,000
B. Bonds authorized and unissued	\$ 0
C. Bonds to be issued if the Article is approved	<u>\$ 100,000</u>
Total	\$ 16,989,000

Costs:

At an estimated interest rate of 3.50% for a five (5) year maturity, the estimated cost of the bond issue will be

Principal	\$ 100,000
Interest	<u>\$ 10,500</u>
Total Debt Service	\$ 110,500

Total estimated project costs including debt service: \$ 110,500

Validity: The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Margaret McIntosh  
Town Treasurer

Budget Committee recommends approval (7-0)  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0)

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**FIFTY-ONE:** Shall the Town (1) **approve the design and construction of York Beach Infrastructure Improvements;** (2) appropriate the sum of **\$100,000** to fund the costs of these projects; and (3) to fund this appropriation, authorize the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue, at one time or from time to time, general obligation securities of the Town of York, Maine, including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed **\$100,000** with the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), denomination(s), interest rate(s), place(s) of payment, call(s) for redemption, form(s), and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery of said securities against payment therefore, and to provide for the sale thereof, to be delegated to the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen?

**Statement of Fact:** The Board of Selectmen, Planning Board and the York Beach Sub-Committee have discussed the utility of performing certain infrastructure improvements in York Beach while the area is under construction for the approved drainage projects. The improvements would include underground utility location for street lighting, sidewalk improvements and the improvement of handicapped accessibility.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Total Town Indebtedness:

A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid	\$ 16,894,000
B. Bonds authorized and unissued	\$ 0
C. Bonds to be issued if the Article is approved	<u>\$ 100,000</u>
Total	\$ 16,989,000

Costs:

At an estimated interest rate of 3.50% for a five (5) year maturity, the estimated cost of the bond issue will be

Principal	\$ 100,000
Interest	<u>\$ 10,500</u>
Total Debt Service	\$ 110,500

Total estimated project costs including debt service: \$ 110,500

Validity: The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

s/Margaret M. McIntosh  
Town Treasurer

Budget Committee recommends approval (7-0)  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0)

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**FIFTY-TWO:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$28,000 for Bond Financing Costs** and furthermore shall the Board of Selectmen adopt this line item of the Town Budget, as proposed by the Budget Committee?

**Statement of Fact:** The issuance of bonds carries with it substantial costs of approximately \$28,000. With multiple proposed bondable projects it is not feasible to spread the cost over the various articles, as approval of all articles is not guaranteed and there would not be sufficient funds to cover these costs. If the funds are not needed they would revert to the general fund balance.

Budget Committee recommends approval (5-0).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

A **YES** vote authorizes an expenditure of **\$28,000**.  
A **NO** vote authorizes an appropriation of **\$0**.

YES \_\_\_\_ NO

**FIFTY-THREE:** Shall the Town vote to adopt the **Five (5) Year Capital Improvements Plan** as proposed by the Board of Selectmen?

**Statement of Fact:** The Town Charter requires the Board of Selectmen to adopt a Five Year Capital Improvements Plan. A Capital Improvements item is generally defined as something costing in excess of \$10,000. Approval of this Article does not authorize any expenditure.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**FIFTY-FOUR:** Do you favor raising the levy limit of the Town of York municipal budget for the purpose of funding all of the preceding articles of the municipal budget approved by the voters hereunder?

**Statement of Fact:** The state law known as LD 1 requires an affirmative vote to allow a municipality to raise the property tax limit higher than allowed under LD 1. Under LD 1 the maximum property tax levy for the Town of York municipal budget is \$8,687,959. If all articles contained herein concerning the municipal budget are approved, the amount appropriated will be \$8,747,126.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

A **YES** vote will allow the appropriation of all voter-approved articles.

A **NO** vote may result in an appropriation less than what has been approved.

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

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**SPECIAL GENERAL REFERENDUM WARRANT  
ARTICLES TO BE ACTED UPON AT THE  
SPECIAL GENERAL REFERENDUM  
YORK, MAINE MAY 29, 2009**

TO: Douglas Bracy, Constable of the Town of York, York, Maine

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of York, in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the **York High School Robert E. Butler Gymnasium in said Town on Friday, the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009**, between the hours of 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon and 8:00 o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on Articles One through Ten, said Articles being set out below to wit:

**ONE:** The Town hereby ordains amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, altering the definition of Variance, specifically amending: Article Two, Definitions, and Article Eighteen, Administration.

**Statement of Fact:** Passage of this amendment amends the current definition of Variance, which currently contains regulatory language rather than a precise definition. The amendment also adds the ability to receive a Minor Variance on frontage requirements, which is consistent with the Maine Revised Statutes definition of a Variance. This amendment is generally consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. It is expected to have no fiscal impact on Town administration.

Planning Board recommends approval (5-0)  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**TWO:** The Town hereby ordains amendments to the General Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance, specifically amending: Section C. 13.

**Statement of Fact:** Passage of this amendment removes the prohibition of General Accessory Dwelling Units on non-conforming lots of record east of Route One that are not served by Town sewer and water. The goal of the amendment is to provide greater opportunity for the creation of a variety of housing opportunities, consistent with the Ordinance's Purpose Statement. Comprehensive Plan Town Goal 4.2.7 recommends allowing one bedroom accessory apartments in residential areas as a way to help provide affordable housing. Though it suggests that water and sewer be required, this amendment is consistent with the intent of Town Goal 4.2, which recommends providing the opportunity to develop an adequate and affordable supply of housing, and with the intent of 4.2.7 specifically. It is expected to have no fiscal impact on Town administration.

Planning Board recommends approval (4-1)  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (4-1).

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**THREE:** The Town hereby ordains amendments to the General Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance, specifically amending: Section C. 5.

**Statement of Fact:** Passage of this amendment increases the maximum total gross floor area allowed for a General Accessory

Dwelling Unit, from 750 square feet to 900 square feet. The goal of the amendment is to provide greater flexibility for those wishing to build an Accessory Dwelling Unit. This amendment is generally consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. It is expected to have no fiscal impact on Town administration.

Planning Board recommends approval (4-1)  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (4-1).

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**FOUR:** The Town hereby ordains amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to allow the installation of Small Windmills, specifically amending: Article Two, Definitions, Article Eighteen, Administration, and creating Article Nine-A, Small Wind.

**Statement of Fact:** The goal of the amendment is to allow the installation of small windmills for renewable energy generation. Recognizing the importance of allowing citizens to invest in harnessing this abundant and renewable energy source, this amendment establishes a new accessory use of Small Windmills, and establishes the requirements for their installation and operation. This proposal is consistent with current State of Maine energy policy, such as the currently offered tax rebate program for Small Wind projects, and the development of a model wind ordinance for Maine communities. Article Two, Definitions, will be amended to include 4 new definitions. The performance standards of Article 9-A aim to allow this alternative energy source while protecting the surrounding environment in terms of noise, light, visual impact, and safety. Though the Comprehensive Plan does not specifically address alternative energy sources at this time, in its emphasis on conservation of natural resources and efficient delivery of services, this amendment is generally consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. It is not expected to have a significant impact on Town administration.

Planning Board recommends approval (5-0)  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**FIVE:** The Town hereby ordains amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to allow yard sale signs without requiring a permit, specifically amending: Article 16, Sign Standards.

**Statement of Fact:** The purpose of this amendment is to add an additional Sign Standard to Article Sixteen to address Yard Sale Signs. This amendment will result in Yard Sales, as a private, residential, short-term event, not being subject to the same permitting requirements as commercial signs, but still subject to Code Enforcement in regard to quantity, size, location, safety, and length of posting. The amendment is generally consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, and is expected to have no fiscal impact on Town administration.

Planning Board recommends approval (5-0).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

**SIX:** The Town hereby ordains amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to prevent issuance of permits or approvals when a lot has been found to have a violation, specifically amending: Article 19, Enforcement and Violations.

**Statement of Fact:** The purpose of this amendment is to enhance the ability of the Town to enforce the Zoning Ordinance. If passed, this amendment would prohibit new permits or approvals from being granted when there is an existing, unresolved violation which has been cited by the Code Enforcement Officer. Currently there is no policy which allows existing violations to be considered. The amendment is generally consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, and is expected to have no fiscal impact on Town administration.

Planning Board recommends approval (5-0).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**SEVEN:** The Town hereby ordains amendments to the Supplemental Plumbing Ordinance, specifically amending: the definition of a Controlled System.

**Statement of Fact:** The purpose of this amendment is to ease the requirements for the replacement of some subsurface disposal systems. Adding the language below provides an exemption to the controlled system requirements for certain replacement systems. The reason for this exception is that we have found some situations where the controlled system requirements cause an unnecessary burden on an owner who is trying to replace their system, therefore providing a disincentive for replacement. We want to encourage the timely replacement of subsurface disposal systems. This is generally consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. It is expected to have no fiscal impact on Town administration.

Planning Board recommends approval (5-0).  
Board of Selectmen recommend approval (5-0).

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**EIGHT:** The Town hereby ordains amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to edit the Shoreland Overlay District, specifically amending: Article 3, Establishment of Zoning Districts, and Article 8, Shoreland Overlay District.

**Statement of Fact:** This amendment is to correct two errors in the comprehensive changes to the administrative and substantive standards of the Shoreland Overlay District made in November 2008. The first is an error in the Shoreland Overlay District Maps. A small section in the vicinity of Little River was represented as part of the Mixed-Use Subdistrict on the final posting of map edits, when it should have been presented as remaining unchanged in the Limited Residential Subdistrict. The second correction is the addition of a clarifying first sentence to §8.3.9.1, dealing with Subsurface Sewage Disposal Standards. The changes are generally consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, and are consistent with State law. It is expected to have no fiscal impact on Town administration.

Planning Board recommends approval (5-0).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**NINE:** The Town hereby ordains amendments to the Wireless Communications Facilities (WCF) Ordinance and the Zoning Ordinance to allow the water and sewer districts which serve York to

utilize small antennas without requiring excessive permitting, specifically amending: WCF Ordinance Section 1.4, Applicability; and Zoning Ordinance Article 18, Administration.

**Statement of Fact:** The purpose of this amendment is to allow the water and sewer districts to utilize small antennas to communicate with their remote pump stations. The districts run complex distribution and collection systems, utilizing a central control system to manage everything, including remote facilities. They need an inexpensive, efficient, and reliable means of communication. Currently these small antennas are regulated in the same manner as a new commercial cell tower. This amendment would exempt the districts from the lengthy permitting requirements imposed on commercial carriers. This amendment is generally consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. It is expected to have no fiscal impact on Town administration.

Planning Board recommends approval (5-0).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**TEN:** The Town hereby ordains amendments to the Residential Growth Ordinance to create a provision to alter the pattern of permit issuance in this time of economic difficulty without increasing the overall number of permits issued, and to provide more flexibility for people to use or delay use of their existing permits; specifically amending Section 8, Administration, and inserting a new Section 16, Safety Valve for 2009.

**Statement of Fact:** This amendment would afford greater flexibility for people choosing to defer the issuance of their growth permit and would create a new administrative framework to accomplish this. This amendment provides a safety valve which will allow a more concentrated allotment of growth permits to be issued during a time of economic stress. This amendment also allows a greater amount of time to finish a house for those who have taken permits before they were ready in order to preserve their position prior to this change. It is expected to have no fiscal impact on Town administration.

Planning Board recommends approval (5-0).  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval (5-0).

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**TOWN OF YORK**

**WARRANT**  
**SCHOOL BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM**  
**(20-A M.R.S.A § § 1486 and 2307)**  
**YORK, MAINE                      MAY 29th, 2009**

TO: Douglas P. Bracy, Constable of the Town of York, Maine

Greetings:

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the voters of the Town of York, of the referendum meeting described in this warrant.

**TO THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF YORK:**

You are hereby notified that a school budget validation referendum town meeting will be held at the Robert E. Butler Gymnasium at York High School on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009 for the purpose of determining the following articles:

One: Do you favor approving the York School budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest school budget meeting? M.R.S.A. 20-A Sec. 1486(3)(F)

YES

NO

# CALENDAR OF MEETINGS & OTHER INFORMATION

## REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF TOWN BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

*Meeting times and dates are subject to change. Please check Cable Channel 3or call the Town Hall at 363-1000 to confirm*

<b>Appeals Board</b>	2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 7:00 PM at York Library
<b>Budget Com.</b>	3rd Thursday each month at 7:00 PM at York Library
<b>Conservation Com</b>	As Scheduled at 7:00 PM
<b>Harbor Board</b>	1st Wednesday each month at 7:00 PM at the Senior Center
<b>Historic District Com</b>	1st Wednesday each month at 5:00 PM at Grant House
<b>Municipal Bldg. Com</b>	As Scheduled
<b>Open Space Com.</b>	As Scheduled
<b>Parks &amp; Rec. Board</b>	2nd Thursday each month at 6:00 PM at Parks & Recreation Office, Grant House, 200 US Route One, York
<b>Planning Board</b>	2nd & 4th Thursday at 7:00 PM at York Library
<b>School Com.</b>	1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 PM at York Library
<b>Selectmen</b>	<b>Regular Meetings:</b> 2nd & 4th Mondays at 7:00 P.M at York Library <b>Work Sessions:</b> As Scheduled - Mondays at 7:00 P.M. at York Library
<b>Senior Citizens Advisory Board</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the months of Jan/April/July/Oct at 10:00 AM at the Senior Center
<b>Sohier Park Com.</b>	4th Tuesday each month at 6:00 P.M. at the Senior Center
<b>Tax Task Force</b>	Fridays as Scheduled at 1:00 PM at Town Hall
<b>York Housing Authority</b>	2nd Wednesday each month at 9:00 A.M. at the Baldwin Center

### Other Information

**Recycling & Composting Facility:** The Recycling facility on Witchtrot Road is open for the disposal of white goods (metals only), yard waste, waste oil and anti-freeze on **Wednesdays and Saturdays** from **9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.** The facility also has a new Universal Waste Collection Center where universal waste is collected, open the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month except in July and January where it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Materials collected at this center are as follows: Computers/Electronics: monitors, televisions, desktop & floor copiers, printers, scanners, fax machines, CPU's, laptops and other related computer items; Batteries, Ballasts and Mercury containing devices as well as fluorescent light bulbs. Please call the Public Works office to check on any item you may be bringing to the facility at 363-1011.

**Rubbish & Recycling Pick-up: Household** rubbish and recycling are collected Monday - Friday depending on where you live in York. (Recycling is picked up every other week only). There is no rubbish or recycling collection on Thanksgiving Day or Christmas Day. If collection is cancelled due to weather, the day that was missed will be picked up on Saturday, all other collection days will remain the same. For questions on rubbish or recycling pick-up, call the Public Works Office at 363-1010.

